

What You Can Learn as the Bride of Christ

In Isaiah 62:1-12, God prophetically reveals certain aspects of “New Jerusalem,” the capital city of the new creation that is yet to come. In verse four, the name Hephzibah is given to the city and to the bride represented by the city:

“You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married” (Isa. 62:4, NKJV).

Proof That New Jerusalem Is a Symbol of the Bride Of Christ

“Then one of the seven angels ... talked with me, saying, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.’ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God” (Rev. 21:9-10).

“[New Jerusalem] shall also be *a crown of glory* in the hand of the Lord” (Isa. 62:3a, author’s emphasis).

Crowns speak of victory, authority, dominion, strength and power.

God will crown Himself with His bride (see Prov. 12:4).

God will crown the new world with His bride (see Zech. 9:16-17).

Three Important Things:

1. Hephzibah was King Hezekiah’s wife, the queen (see 2 Kings 21:1).
2. God delights in you now if you are married to Him.
3. “Eden” means “delight.”

So to be a part of Hephzibah is to return to the delightful relationship God had with Adam and Eve in the beginning.

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