

Isaiah 61:9-11 + 62:5-12

God's revelation to Abimelech about who Abraham as Sarah are, and His deliverance of Sarah from her situation, is reflected in the first verse. Abimelech is the stand-in for "all nations."

Isaiah 61:9 - "And their seed shall be known (renowned, honourably recognised) among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed."

Isaiah 61:10 - "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."

Righteousness as a garment

Righteousness is given to us, accredited or reckoned to us by faith, we don't earn it - but we must put it on by acknowledging him in agreement.

Job 29:14 - "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban."

Isaiah 59:17 - "For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation."

Galatians 3:27 - "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Ephesians 4:24 - "And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

The garment of righteousness is reflected in our actions - but the works follow us, they don't "precede" us in our consciousness. (See **Matthew 25:31-46** - "When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?")

Romans 13:14 - "Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."

Colossians 3:9-10 - "Do not lie to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices, and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."

Colossians 3:12 - "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."

Isaiah 62 extends the promise of rescue and return to Jerusalem and her inhabitants as they return from captivity. But it also looks forward to the New Jerusalem and the inhabitants of Mt. Zion and all the believers in the church universal.

The emphasis on bride and bridegroom and preparing the way makes a good comparison between Israel freed from Babylonian captivity and returning to the land and Sarah freed from the household of Abimelech and returning to Abraham.

Not to mention the Church called out of the world and delivered by the Messiah.

Hebrews 12:22-23 - "Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to myriads of angels in joyful assembly, to the congregation of the firstborn, enrolled in heaven. You have come to God the judge of all men, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect"