

Session 17

God's Promise to Set Watchmen on the Walls of Jerusalem

A. Introduction

1. Isaiah 62:6–7 is a Biblical prophecy that will come to pass in fullness at the End of the Age. The prophet Isaiah prophesied about an End-Time movement that would continue in 24/7 prayer for Israel until Jerusalem is established as the praise of nations.
2. The watchmen of Isaiah 62:6–7 are those who would stand in the gap for Jerusalem at the place of prayer, intercession, and the prophetic, and give God no rest in prayer. Understanding the roles of these spiritual “watchmen” requires understanding the roles of actual watchmen in ancient Israel.
 - a. Historically, Jerusalem was surrounded by thick and high walls where watchmen would stand guard to watch over the city round the clock. They were responsible for keeping a lookout for attacks from Israel’s enemies and other potential dangers beyond the walls. They were also responsible for warning the inhabitants of the city if such dangers became present.
 - b. The watchmen would blow trumpets to sound the alarm of impending danger in order to awaken and warn the people of Jerusalem (Ezek. 33:3–6, Joel 2:1), and to call them to prepare for war.
 - c. It was a role that held much responsibility as the lives of those within the city were in the hands of the watchman. If they failed to watch and warn the people, Jerusalem could easily fall.
3. Thus, one of the major things that God is presently doing is stirring the hearts of many Gentile believers to stand on the walls of Jerusalem as watchmen — positioning themselves at the place of worship and intercession for the fullness that God has for Israel.

B. The Certainty of Isaiah 62:6–7

1. The language of Isaiah 62:1–7 underscores the certainty that God’s promise in those verses will come to pass. It is His assurance that He will watch over His word to fulfil it and ensure that it will happen regardless of whatever opposition.
2. In Isaiah 62:1, God reveals His zeal for Jerusalem’s fullness and for her righteousness and salvation to go forth. He mentions “*I WILL*” twice because of His zeal for Zion and Jerusalem. This reveals that He is unequivocal about what He will do.

3. Isaiah 62:2–3 tell us that Jesus is coming back as the Bridegroom God who is zealous for Israel. Upon His Second Coming, Jerusalem will walk in her fullness and be a “crown of glory” and a “royal diadem” that belongs to Yeshua her Messiah.
4. Isaiah 62:4–5 reveal Israel’s future identity and destiny in Yeshua, who is a Bridegroom who rejoices over His bride. Israel will no longer be forsaken or desolate but will be redeemed and restored by God upon His return to Jerusalem. She will be delighted in by God (Hephzibah) and her land shall be married (Beulah) to Him.
5. Isaiah 62:6–7 reveals God’s resolve to establish and the coming certainty of night-and-day worship and intercession for Jerusalem. The fact that God used the past tense to prophetically say, “*I have set watchmen...*” proclaims the definite accomplishment of this promise in the future.
6. Today, God has already begun to stir the hearts of His Gentile Church to pray for Israel. Many are setting themselves up on the walls of Jerusalem to pray for the salvation of Israel and the fulfilment of the Great Commission (i.e. when Jerusalem will be a praise in the earth).

C. The Holy Spirit’s Emphasis and Move in this Hour

1. The Holy Spirit is the One setting watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem in this hour. He is orchestrating a global prayer movement in the End Times, especially for Israel, that will far eclipse any other prayer movement in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ. It will be a prayer movement that combines worship, intercession, and the prophetic.
2. A prophetic word was given (by a prophetic person named Bob Jones) in the 1980s regarding a youth movement of singers and musicians who will be used in power evangelism and mobilise prayer for Israel.
 - a. There were less than 25 prayer houses in 1984 and that number has increased to more than 10,000 houses of prayer worldwide today. The International House of Prayer in Kansas City began 24/7 prayer in 1999 and God has since birthed forth many houses of prayer across the nations.
 - b. Many are set up to pray specifically for Israel, while others are beginning to awaken to the necessity to pray for Israel. This is something that cannot be orchestrated by man but is the sovereign divine work of the Holy Spirit.
 - c. As we approach an escalation of End-Time events before Jesus returns, there will be a global acceleration of watchmen who will stand on Jerusalem’s walls as God’s burden for Israel is released upon His people globally.

3. This End-Time prayer movement will bring about historic breakthroughs in the following areas:
 - a. Unprecedented Power and Divine Revelation
 - i. It is at the place of prayer and intercession that God will reveal His heart to us and pour out His Spirit upon us. In Acts 2, the 120 disciples gathered in the Upper Room and prayed unceasingly until the Spirit was poured out on them.
 - ii. Scripture prophesies that there will be an End-Time outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will result in great signs, wonders, and miracles for His glory to be shown (Acts 2:17 – 21; Jer. 31:9; 23:20; 30:24; Dan. 11:32 – 35; 12:3, 10; Isa. 26:9; 29:24; Rev. 11:3 – 6; 18:20; Matt. 17:11; Mal. 4:6; John 14:12). The fullness of this will be seen in the Middle Eastern region unto the salvation of Israel.
 - b. The Great Harvest of Souls
 - i. Jesus prophesied that His return would follow the preaching of the Gospel as a witness to all nations. This would be done through those in the mission field and the prayer room (Matt. 24:14; 28:19; Rev. 7:9; 5:9; 14:6; 15:4; Dan. 7:14, 27).
 - ii. Several respected figures in the missions movement have stated that the Great Commission will not work without 24/7 prayer. Thus, missions and prayer go hand-in-hand, and this will also include the salvation of the nation of Israel.
 - c. Divine Judgement
 - i. The Book of Revelation prophesies about the End-Time shakings and judgements that God will release upon the earth as a result of the prayers of the saints (Rev. 5:8; 6; 8 – 9; 15 – 16).
 - ii. Revelation 8:1–5 tell us that the prayers of the saints will release End-Time judgements. Thus, the End-Time worship and prayer movement will play a pivotal role in God's End-Time plan and purposes over the earth.
4. One Hundred Million Intercessors from Asia
 - a. The nucleus of the End-Time prayer movement is shifting from the West to Asia. Throughout Asia, houses of prayer have emerged in places like Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, China, Southeast Asia, and also Central Asia.
 - b. A few leaders in the Body of Christ have been stirred by the Lord to believe and pray for 100 million intercessors to be raised to pray for Israel, especially in China. This vision has been embraced by many who are pressing in for this reality.

- c. Throughout Asia and especially in China, many in the Body of Christ are awakening to His call for watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem.
 - i. The main call for the Church in China is to bring the Gospel “Back to Jerusalem”, which is a call to bring the Gospel to nations in the region between China and Israel on the route “back to Jerusalem” from China. This includes nations in central Asia and the Middle East.
 - ii. This call will be fulfilled starting from the place of unceasing prayer.
- d. God gave a prophetic down payment of this when on May 28 2023, 100 million intercessors across 5,000 prayer networks worldwide took part in praying and interceding for the nation of Israel.
- e. God is taking the initiative to gather an army of Gentile intercessors who will engage in serious intercession for the Jewish people. He is establishing His elect all across the nations, who will cry out day and night at the place of prayer and intercession for Israel (Isa. 62:6–7; Isa. 42:10–13; Lk. 18:7–8).

D. The Set Time to Favour Zion (Ps. 102:13)

- 1. Psalm 102:13 sets the context for the hour that we are living in. This is the time where the Lord will show favour to Zion and He is doing so by raising up many Gentile believers to embrace Israel and to stand with her in alignment with His heart and plans for her.
- 2. God is calling the Gentile Church to arise as the Ruths and Esthers of today and share in His burden for His people.
 - a. Ruth was a Gentile who chose to be identified with the God of Israel and the nation of Israel.
 - i. She told Naomi, “*Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.*” (Ruth 1:16). Jesus is inviting His Gentile believers to do the same — to embrace His people as our own family.
 - ii. This is not about becoming Jewish or moving to Jerusalem, but about embracing the Jewish people as family and embracing God’s heart for them. We feel how God feels and we love them the way that God loves them.
 - b. Esther was strategically positioned by God to stand in the gap for the Jewish people, which resulted in their deliverance from annihilation.
 - i. Esther arose to intercede for the Jewish people when they were under persecution from Haman. She chose to risk her life to stand before the king for the sake of the Jewish people.

- ii. This generation of Gentile believers has also come into God's Kingdom for such a time as this (Est. 4:14). He is looking for those who will arise to stand in the gap for Israel in her greatest hour of crisis.

E. Conclusion

1. Isaiah 62:6–7 is a biblical promise that is coming to pass before our very eyes.
2. For the Gentile Church, this is the time to climb on the walls of Jerusalem to give God no rest until He makes Jerusalem a praise on the earth.
3. The invitation is given to all, and may many of us choose to obey, respond, and arise to partner with Him at the place of prayer and intercession.