

Isaiah 62:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.' Four new names summarize Zion's identity: 'holy people' (set apart), 'redeemed of the LORD' (purchased/delivered), 'sought out' (pursued with love), and 'not forsaken' (never abandoned). Identity is completely transformed.

Historical Context

These names apply to the church as well - we are holy, redeemed, sought, and never forsaken. Peter echoes this: 'a holy nation, a peculiar people' (1 Peter 2:9).

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. Which of these four names most speaks to your current need?
2. How does being 'sought out' describe God's initiative toward you?

Interlinear Text

יִקְרָא	לָהֶם	עַם	הַקֹּדֶשׁ	גְּאוּלֵּי	יְהוָה
And they shall call	H1992	people	them The holy	The redeemed	of the LORD
H7121		H5971	H6944	H1350	H3068
וְלָהֶם	יִקְרָא	דְּרוּשׁ	עִיר	לֹא	נִשְׁכָּחָה:
H0	And they shall call	Sought out	A city	H3808	not forsaken
	H7121	H1875	H5892		H5800

Additional Cross-References

1 Peter 2:9 (Holy): But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Isaiah 62:4 (References Lord): Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

Deuteronomy 26:19 (Holy): And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

Isaiah 35:9 (Redemption): No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there:

Deuteronomy 28:9 (Holy): The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

Deuteronomy 7:6 (Holy): For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

Hebrews 13:5 (Parallel theme): Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Isaiah 42:16 (Parallel theme): And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

Psalms 107:2 (Redemption): Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

Matthew 16:18 (Parallel theme): And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.