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# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. ISAIAH

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## CHAPTERS 40-66

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### Lesson 11: Isaiah 62:1-64:12 - The LORD Speaks; Isaiah Laments

#### Introduction

As a child, what did you do if a promise your parent had made had not yet been fulfilled?

#### Lesson Goal: To learn to lament properly

#### The LORD speaks (62:1-12)

Part of this gospel section is that they would receive a new name. (v. 2) Being renamed is significant in the Old Testament. Who were some Old Testament figures who were renamed?

The name change imagery is used further in verse 4. Perhaps, a good illustration for this verse is Cinderella.

What is God asking believers to do when he says, “Do not give him rest until he establishes Jerusalem.” (v. 7)

How confident can we be about something when God swears by himself? (v. 8)

Consider the significance of the new names give:

Holy people -

The Redeemed of the LORD -

Sought After -

A City Not Abandoned -

## **The Servant speaks (63:1-6)**

Who are the two speakers in this section?

With a partner, read Revelation 19:11-16. Then, answer the following questions.  
What similarities do you see between these sections of Scripture?

Who is the focus of both sections?

## **Isaiah responds (63:7-64:12)**

### **Reminisce (63:7-11a)**

How can Isaiah transition so seamlessly from the strong law in verse 6 to this gospel proclamation in verse 7?

What specific action of God is Isaiah recalling? (v. 11)

### **Petition (63:11b-64:9)**

Isaiah is asking a string of questions in this section. What is the underlying thought behind his questions? (vv. 63:11b, 15, 17, 64:5)

As Isaiah asks these questions, based on what he says about God in 64:1-8, what can we tell is in his heart?

### **Plead (64:9-12)**

What is the basis of Isaiah's request that the Lord not be angry without limit? (v.9)

Isaiah ends this section by lamenting, "How can you remain silent and afflict us without limit?" How can it be proper for believers to say such a thing to God?

## **Conclusion**

How can we learn from Isaiah's lament for times of difficulty?

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