21 Prayers for Israel and the Isaiah 62 Fast (May 7-28, 2023)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Join several million who will pray for Israel for at least 1 hour a day for 21 days (May 7-28) see <u>Isaiah62Fast.com</u> for details. *NOTE*: I will record a 2 minute prayer for each of these 21 prayers on Mike Bickle App (see the section on the app that has my EPs called "Growing in Prayer").
- B. We pray that the Lord will raise up 100 million intercessors for Israel. God promised to appoint those who will not be silent until Jesus returns; this speaks directly of those who would be born in the generation that He returns! These intercessors will "remind the Lord" of His promises for Jerusalem as prophetically declared in many places throughout the Old Testament.
 - ⁶On your walls, O Jerusalem, <u>I have appointed</u> watchmen; <u>all day and all night</u> they will never keep silent. <u>You who remind the LORD</u> [of His promises], take no rest for yourselves; ⁷And give Him no rest <u>until</u> He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth [which occurs at Jesus' return]. (Isa. 62:6-7, NAS)
- C. The Lord loves Jerusalem and is very zealous for Jerusalem.
 - ²Thus says the LORD..."I am zealous for Zion with great zeal...³I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called <u>The City of Truth</u>..." (Zech. 8:2-3)
 - ²The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. (Ps. 87:2)
 - ³⁵[Jesus said] "... Jerusalem...is the city of the great King." (Mt. 5:35)
- D. Pray apostolic prayers for messianic congregations. See my series on "*Apostolic Prayers that Shift History*." https://mikebickle.org/series/apostolic-prayers-prayers-that-shift-history-2020/
 - ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "<u>May they prosper who love you</u>..." ⁸I will now say, "Peace be within you." ⁹<u>Because of the house of the LORD</u> our God <u>I will seek your good</u>. (Ps. 122:6-9)
 - 10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem...all you who love her; rejoice...with her, all you who mourn for her... 11 that you may drink deeply and be delighted with the abundance of her glory." (Isa. 66:10-11)
 - ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over...For with the <u>same measure</u> that you use, it will be measured back to you. (Lk. 6:38)
- E. Prophecies concerning Israel and the nations often have two fulfillments. First, a partial fulfillment in history. Second, a complete fulfillment at the end of the age.
- F. Speaking to God "about Israel" is an important aspect of "comforting Jerusalem" (Isa. 40:1-2). It leads to speaking to the nations "about Israel," and gives us authority to speak to Israel "about Israel." It is not best for Gentiles to stand in proxy for Israel in repenting. We seek to avoid prayers for Israel that are can be interpreted as coming from condescending Gentile voices.
 - 1"...Comfort My people!" says your God. 2"Speak comfort to Jerusalem..." (Isa. 40:1-2)
- G. We pray for all Jewish people—those living in the Promise Land and in the nations (the Diaspora).

II. 21 PRAYERS

- A. Prayer #1 (Num. 6:23-26): God instructed the priests on how to bless Israel.
 - ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, '<u>This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel</u>. Say to them: ²⁴ "The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."" (Num. 6:23-26)
- B. Prayer #2 (Isa. 60:2 with Isa. 62:1-11): that God's glory shall be openly manifested in Jerusalem.
 - ²"...darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the <u>LORD will arise over you</u>, and <u>His glory will be seen upon you</u>. ³The Gentiles shall come to your light...⁵Then you shall see and become radiant...the <u>wealth</u> of the Gentiles shall come to you. (Isa. 60:2-5)
 - ¹For Zion's sake <u>I will not hold My peace</u>, and for Jerusalem's sake <u>I will not rest</u>, <u>until</u> her righteousness goes forth as brightness...²The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory...⁴You shall be called <u>Hephzibah</u>, and your land <u>Beulah</u>; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

 ⁶I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, ⁷And give Him no rest...till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth...¹¹The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming...and His work before Him.'" (Isa. 62:1-11)
- C. Prayer #3 (Dan. 9:4-19 with Ps. 102:13-21): that God's face would shine on Jerusalem.
 - ⁴I prayed...and said, "Great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him...⁷O Lord, righteousness belongs to You...¹⁷cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary...¹⁸Incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name...<u>because of Your great mercies</u>. ¹⁹O Lord, <u>hear</u>! O Lord, <u>forgive</u>! O Lord, <u>listen and act</u>! Do not delay...for <u>Your city</u> and Your people are called by Your name." (Dan. 9:4-19)
 - ¹³You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come...

 ¹⁵So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD... ¹⁶For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory... ¹⁸This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD. ¹⁹For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary... the LORD viewed the earth, ²⁰to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to release those appointed to death, ²¹to declare the name of the LORD...and His praise in Jerusalem... (Ps. 102:13-21)
- D. Prayer #4 (Isa. 11:11-16): The Lord promised to restore the remnant of Israel to God and from the land Isaiah described areas to the north (Assyria), south (Cush), the east (Elam) and west (islands)
 - 11...in that day that the LORD shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria [Jordan, Syria, Iraq] and Egypt, from Pathros [Upper Egypt] and Cush [Ethiopia], from Elam [Iran] and Shinar [Iraq], from Hamath [Syria] and the islands of the sea [Mediterranean]. 12He will set up a banner...and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth... (Isa. 11:11-12)

- E. Prayer #5 (Isa. 24:14-16 with Isa. 27:2-6): The Lord will inspire new songs for and from Jerusalem.
 - ¹⁴...they shall sing; for the majesty of the LORD they shall cry aloud...¹⁵glorify the LORD in the dawning light...¹⁶From the <u>ends of the earth</u> we have heard <u>songs</u>: "Glory to the righteous!" (Isa. 24:14-16)
 - ²In that day <u>sing to her</u>, ³"...I, the LORD, keep [her], I water [her] every moment... ⁴Fury is not in Me... ⁵Or let him take hold of My strength, That he may make peace with Me; And he shall make peace with Me." ⁶Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world with fruit. (Isa. 27:1-6)
- F. Prayer #6 (Isa. 30:18-30): that He will release His grace on the people and land of Israel.
 - 18Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him. 19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem...He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you... 20 your eyes shall see your teachers. 21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left... 23 Then He will give the rain for your seed which you sow the ground... your cattle will feed In large pastures... 29 You shall have a song... and gladness of heart... to come... to the Mighty One of Israel. 30 The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and show the descent of His arm... (Isa. 30:18-30)
- G. Prayer #7 (Isa. 33:2-6, 17): that He will impart wisdom and reveal His beauty.
 - ²O LORD, be gracious to us; we have waited for You. <u>Be their arm every morning</u>, our salvation in the time of trouble...³When You lift Yourself up, the nations shall be scattered...⁵The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice...⁶Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation; the fear of the LORD is His treasure...

 ¹⁰"Now I will rise," says the LORD...¹⁷Your eyes will see the King in His beauty. (Isa. 33:2-6, 17)
- H. Prayer #8 (Isa. 35:1-10): that the glory of God will be openly manifest in the midst of weak people.

 ¹The wilderness...and the desert shall rejoice and blossom...²even with joy and singing...
 they shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands,
 and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear!
 Behold, your God...will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the
 ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the
 dumb sing... ⁸A highway shall be there...it shall be called the Highway of Holiness...

 ¹⁰The ransomed of the LORD shall...come to Zion with singing..." (Isa. 35:1-10)
- I. Prayer #9 (Isa. 54:5-17): that God's redemption will be witnessed by all the nations.
 - ⁵For <u>your Maker is your husband</u>, The LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth...¹⁰"My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed...¹³All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of <u>your children</u>... ¹⁵whoever assembles against you shall fall...¹⁷No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD..." (Isa. 54:5-17)

- J. Prayer #10 (Isa. 45:17-24 with Isa. 52:6-10): that Israel's salvation will impact all the nations.
 - ¹⁷Israel shall be saved by the LORD...¹⁸Thus says the LORD...who formed the earth..."I am the LORD...¹⁹I have not spoken in secret...I, the LORD, speak righteousness, I declare things that are right...²²Look to Me, and be saved, <u>all you ends of the earth</u>...²³I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness...that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath. ²⁴He shall say, 'Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength.'" (Isa. 45:17-24)
 - 6"...My people shall know My name...they shall know in that day that I am He who speaks..."

 7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news...who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" 8 Your watchmen shall lift up their voices...they shall sing together; they shall see eye to eye when the LORD brings back Zion... 10 The LORD has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isa. 52:6-10)
- K. Prayer #11 (Isa. 43:1-4 with Zeph. 3:12-17): that God will reveal His love for His people.
 - ¹But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned... ³I am... your Savior... ⁴Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and <u>I have loved you</u>..." (Isa. 43:1-4)
 - ¹²"I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people...¹³The <u>remnant of Israel</u> shall do no unrighteousness..." ¹⁴Sing...rejoice...O daughter of Jerusalem!...¹⁵He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel...is in your midst...¹⁷"The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save...<u>He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."</u> (Zeph. 3:12-17)
- L. Prayer #12 (Isa. 63:7-64:2): that the Lord would rend the heavens and come down to help Israel.
 - ⁷I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD...the great goodness toward the house of Israel ...¹⁵Look down...see from Your habitation, holy and glorious. Where are [the manifestations] Your zeal and Your strength, the yearning of Your heart and Your mercies...are they restrained? ¹⁶You, O LORD, are our Father; our Redeemer...^{64:1}Oh, that You would rend the heavens ...[and] come down that the mountains might shake at Your presence...²make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!... (Isa. 63:7-64:2)
- M. Prayer #13 (Hab. 3:2 with Mic. 7:14-20): that He would revive His work and release great miracles.

 ²O LORD, I have heard Your speech and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy... (Hab. 3:2)
 - ¹⁴Shepherd Your people...the flock of Your heritage. ¹⁵"As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, <u>I will show them wonders</u>." ¹⁶The nations shall...be ashamed of their might... ¹⁷They shall be afraid of the LORD...and shall fear because of You. ¹⁸Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?... <u>He delights in mercy</u>. ¹⁹He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities... ²⁰You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham [the children of Israel]... (Mic. 7:14-20)

- N. Prayer #14 (Jer. 32:37-42): that Israel will be unified and filled with the fear of God.
 - ³⁷"<u>I will gather them</u> out of all countries where I have driven them...<u>I will bring them back</u> to this place...³⁹<u>I will give them one heart</u> and one way, that they may fear Me forever...

 ⁴⁰I will make an everlasting covenant with them...<u>I will put My fear in their hearts</u> so that they will not depart from Me. ⁴¹Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly <u>plant them in this land, with all My heart</u>...⁴²I will bring on them all the good that I promised them." (Jer. 32:37-42)
- O. Prayer #15 (Ps. 80:1-19): that the Lord would restore Israel.
 - ¹Give ear, <u>O Shepherd of Israel</u>...²stir up Your strength, and come and save us! ³Restore us... cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!...¹⁴Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit ¹⁵the vineyard [Israel] which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself...¹⁸Revive us, and we will call upon Your name. ¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved! (Ps. 80:1-19)
- P. Prayer #16 (Ezek. 20:34-41): that the Lord would plead His case with Israel.
 - 34"I will bring you from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm...³⁵I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face...³⁷I will bring you into the bond of the covenant... ⁴⁰For on My holy mountain...there all the house of Israel...shall serve Me; there I will accept them...⁴¹I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles." (Ezek. 20:34-41)
- Q. Prayer #17 (Ezek. 34:11-31 with Jer. 3:14-18): that the Lord would shepherd Israel with great blessing.

 11... "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep... 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock...so I will seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered... 13 I will bring them to their land... 16 I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick... 26 I will make them... a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase..." (Ezek. 34:11-27)
 - ¹⁴"Return, O backsliding children...for I am married to you...I will bring you to Zion.

 ¹⁵I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding...¹⁸In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel..." (Jer. 3:14-18)
- R. Prayer #18 (Amos 9:11-15): that the Lord would restore the tabernacle of David.
 - ¹¹"On that day <u>I will raise up the tabernacle of David</u>, which has fallen down...I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it...¹²that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and <u>all the Gentiles</u> who are called by My name," says the LORD who does this thing...¹⁴"<u>I will bring back the captives</u> of My people Israel; they shall <u>build the waste cities</u>...they shall <u>plant vineyards</u> and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. ¹⁵I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them"... (Amos 9:11-15)

- S. Prayer #19 (Ezek. 34:11-31): that the Lord would glorify His name through Israel.
 - ²³"I will sanctify My great name...and the nations shall know that I am the LORD...when <u>I am hallowed in you</u> [Israel] before their eyes. ²⁴For I will take you from among the nations...bring you into your own land. ²⁵Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean... ²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you...²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes...³⁰I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields...³⁵So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the...ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' ³⁶Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it...³⁷I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men...the ruined cities be filled with...men." (Ezek. 36:23-37)
- T. Prayer #20 (Ezek. 37:1-14)
 - ⁴Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and <u>say to them</u>, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD... ⁵surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live..." ⁹Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath...<u>say to the breath</u>, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live""...¹¹He said to me, "...these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed <u>say</u>, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people... ¹⁴I will put My Spirit in you,...and I will place you in your own land."" (Ezek. 37:4-14)
- U. Prayer #21 (Joel 2:15-32):
 - ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶Gather the people...

 ¹⁷Let the priests...weep between the porch and the altar; let them say, "Spare Your people,

 O LORD..." ²⁸"It shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;

 your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men
 shall see visions... ³⁰I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth... ³¹The sun shall be
 turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day
 of the LORD... ³²whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and
 in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance... among the remnant whom the Lord calls."
 (Joel 2:15-32)