Treasure Hunt

- How does 62:4-5 comfort us when God spanks us?
- How can Zion's "sons" "marry" her (62:5)?
- What is the responsibility of "watchmen"?
- What is the responsibility of "ye that make mention of the Lord"?
- Who are these "watchmen" and "mention-makers"?

Overview of Isaiah 58-66

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62:5 "so shall thy sons marry thee"--Oedipus??

Marry = בעל (verb): 16x, mostly "marry," but:

- 1Ch 4:22 And Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had the dominion בעל in Moab, and Jashubilehem. And these are ancient things.
- Isa 26:13 O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion בעל over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

בעל (noun): 164x, only 15x "husband"

- Name of Canaanite gods "Baal" = "Lord, master"
- Isa 1:3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

As description of marriage, בעל emphasizes

- Not sexual relationship
- But authority and responsibility
- → After years of being ruled by foreigners, the land of Zion will belong to her sons.

Luk 21:24 Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, **until** the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

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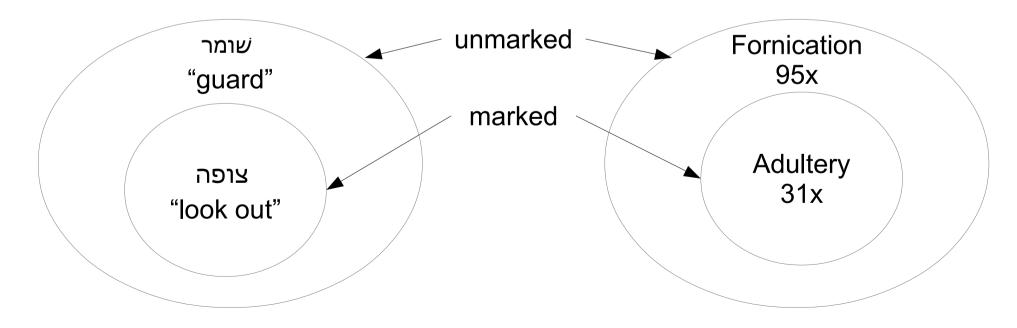
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Zion's Watchmen

שומרים upon thy walls, O Jerusalem 52:8 Thy watchmen צופים shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

Ref	Root	Context	Count
62:6	שמר to guard, protect	"night and day"	107x
52:8	צפה to peer, gaze intently	external events	24x



Who is "The One who Makes Mention" המזכר ?

2Sa 8:15 And David reigned over all Israel; ... 16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was **recorder**; 17 And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were the priests; and Seraiah was the scribe; 18 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.

2Sa 20:23 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites: 24 And Adoram was over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was **recorder**: 25 And Sheva was scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests: 26 And Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

1Ki 4:1 So king Solomon was king over all Israel. 2 And these *were* the princes which he had; Azariah the son of Zadok the priest, 3 Elihoreph and Ahiah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the **recorder**. 4 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests: 5 And Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers: and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's friend: 6 And Ahishar *was* over the household: and Adoniram the son of Abda *was* over the tribute.

2Ki 18:37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the **recorder**, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

2Ch 34:8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when [Josiah] had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the **recorder**, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

The Heavenly Court

1Ki 22:19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. ...

Assistant Intercessors, 62:1, 6-7

v. 1, The Redeemer Leads	vv. 6-7, The Angels Follow
Isa 62:1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace חשׁה,	Isa 62:6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace חשׁה day nor night:
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest שקט [be silent],	Isa 62:6-7 ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence דמי, 7 And give him no rest ,
until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.	till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.