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Correction!

What does it mean to "Go Through the Gates?" Isaiah 62: 10

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For those of you who already read this newsletter you may have noticed an odd word! During consultation with Tech support for Constant Contact about the unusual text entry problems, I noticed the Hebrew word for "gate" was somehow entered as "shagbark"??? The correct word, as transliterated in English, is "sha'ar. You will have much more success verifying *this* word in Strongs than you would using "shagbark"! (I really don't think I could have made that up if I had tried. :-) BLK

Greetings everyone!

In September we provided information on managing meaningful conversation. Have you had a volley of good conversation since then?

Today we turn our attention back toward Scripture.

Our SAM
community has been
considering
Isaiah 62: 10 lately:

***Go through!
Go through the gates!
Prepare the way for the
people.***

***Cast Up, cast up the
highway;
gather out the stones;
lift up a standard for
the people. KJV***

There is a wonderful
worship song
by Barry and Batya
Siegel based
on this verse. It always
is a stirring
reminder of our God's
call to us
whenever we include it in
our
worship time.

As we see such turmoil
all around us in personal
and societal matters:
down turn of the
economy, family
crucibles and so forth, it
is a comfort to be
reminded that our

Messiah has a future planned for us that has hope! He is the Way and He has laid out a way for us to go.

Through His prophet, Isaiah, He urged us to take action. Strongs number 5674 is the word for "Go Through" ***abar*** This word is from a primitive root meaning ***to cross over, to convey, to deliver, to order.*** It is ***widely used for any transition, whether it be literal or figurative.*** It is the same root for the word Hebrew. We know Abraham was called by our God to leave his family and his land and to cross over as God led him. It means not only a physical action we take but also refers to lifestyle transitions. Whenever something is repeated in Hebrew it is for emphasis as there is no superlative form in Hebrew as we have in English. i.e. good better best. So in the most straightforward literal manner, we are being urged to move forward, to go through or cross over just as our father Abraham received the call.



Don't just hear the call--go through! Do it!

And where are we to go? The next word, *gate*, is Strong's # 8179, ***shagbark*** which means a ***door, an opening, a gate, a city port***. The first impression I have is that this refers to the gates of a city, probably Jerusalem if I consider it in context. Biblically, gates represent many concepts. Here are a few: A city was considered shamed if they didn't have a strong wall and a gate so it represents going through to a place of safety. The gates of the city were an important meeting place where decisions were made. Matters between two people were settled by the judge sitting there, which means presiding there. Gates often had messengers who would convey messages from the people to the king and from the king to the people. The simple, literal meaning; calling ***pshat*** in Hebrew, then means to enter in through a gate. If you have read Revelation, you know that we will ultimately enter in to one of the twelve gates of the New Jerusalem: each one named for the Tribes of Israel, or Jacob's Sons, with Manassah and Ephraim representing Joseph.

In a spiritual sense, like our Father Abraham, *entering in* often means leaving behind other things or a lifestyle, as we listen and learn from our God as He teaches us how to honor Him and how to live. For those whose past included obvious behaviors such as frequent intoxication, or sexual immorality or perhaps loud, loose, common language, entering through these gates can well lead to very obvious transition to a new behavior and lifestyle. For those who were not in these habits, the transition may be less obvious on the outside but will still be a challenge as our Father from Whom nothing is hidden searches our hearts.

Have you gone through the gates of faith and fully entered in to all that our Messiah has for you? Have you left behind the things of the world that would ensnare you? All through the Word, from Genesis to Revelation, the call is heard to be separate, be set apart, from the things of the world. Enter in more and more fully to our Messiah's plans for you.

Marilyn and I are here to walk with you through any transitions you are called to make and we would be honored to prayerfully do so.

If you'd like to hear these concepts discussed, please check out this link to our [October For Women Only Teleconference](#) in which we discussed this Isaiah verse. In the hour conference, we moved all the way from the simple, literal meaning to the more prophetic level of understanding. November's teleconference is scheduled for the last Sunday morning in November if you'd like to join in on the discussion as we cover the second part of this verse about preparing the way for the people.

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