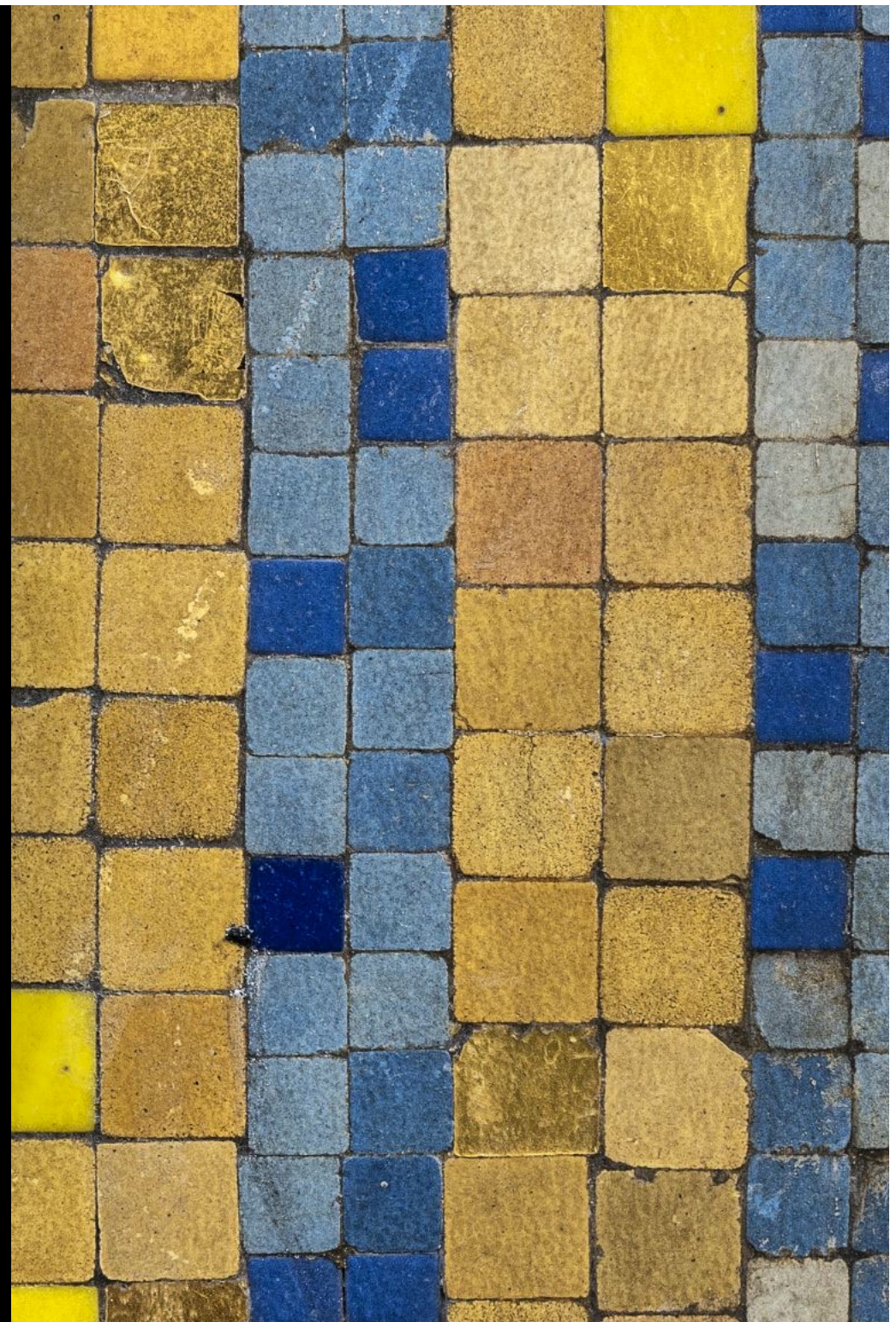


**Living
from the future
to the present**

Isaiah 61:10–62:5

Two situations

- The time of the prophet
 - after return from Babylonian exile, c. 530 BC
 - Jerusalem still in ruins
- Today, as Christians
 - waiting for the return of Jesus



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‘Let us **not become weary in doing good**,
for at the proper time we will reap a
harvest if we do not give up.’

Galatians 6:9

‘Consider him who endured such
opposition from sinners, **so that you will
not grow weary and lose heart.**’

Hebrews 12:3

‘You have persevered and have endured
hardships for my name, and **have not
grown weary.**’

Revelation 2:3



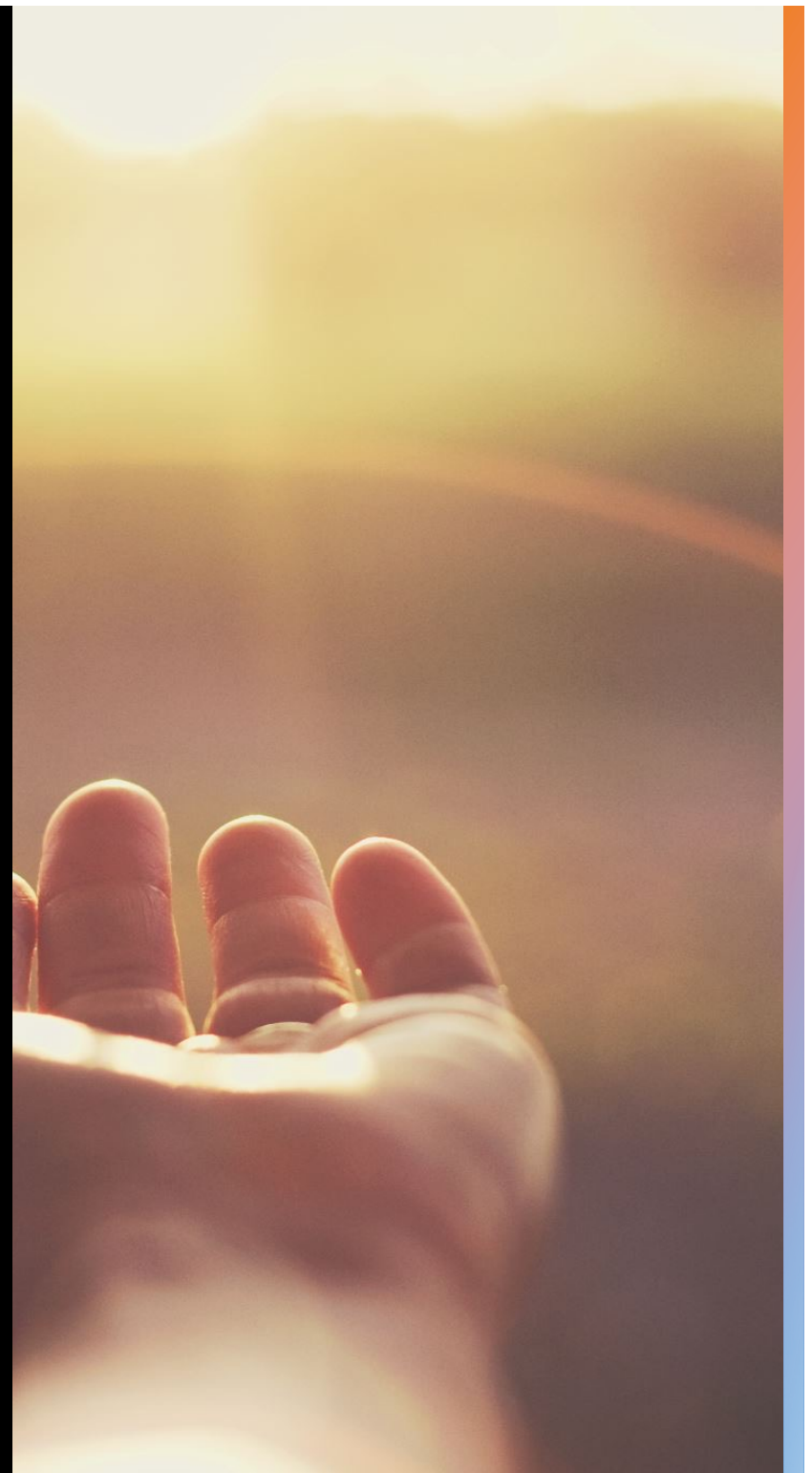
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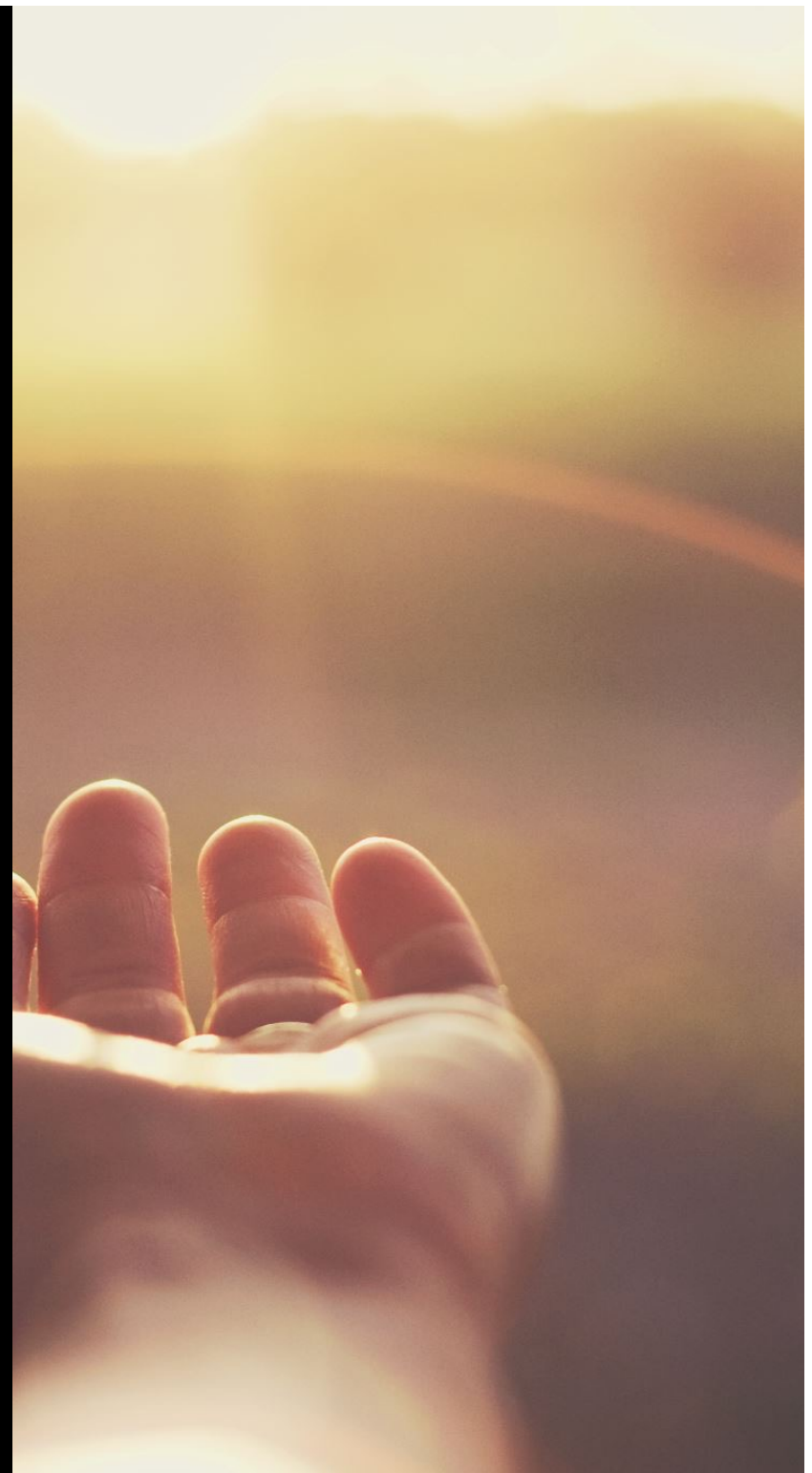
- **Hephzibah** = I delight in her
 - 'the Lord will take delight in you' v 4
 - 'as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you' v 5
- **Beulah** = married
 - 'your land will be married' v 4
 - God the (re-)builder marrying Jerusalem v 5

'I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.**'

Revelation 21:2

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 - God has a close relationship with his people 62:3





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Revelation 1:16



‘whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death **until he comes.**’

1 Corinthians 11:26

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