

# A Trek Through Isaiah 85 - 62:8 - 63:6

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<b><u>The Work Accomplished 59:14 - 63:6</u></b>
Situation and remedy: the promised Conqueror 59:14-21
The universal city 60:1-22
The Anointed One and His transforming work 61:1-11
The Anointed One and His gathered people 62:1-12
Consummation of the work 63:1-6

- In the book of the Conqueror (56 - 66)
  - Question: How will God's people fulfill their promise?
  - Three areas of emphasis
    - The contrast between the ideal community and the actual community
    - God's glorious promises for the faithful.
    - A Conqueror: the third messianic figure who accomplishes God's purpose and fulfills His promises.
- The Work Accomplished 59:14 - 63:6
  - God's purposes accomplished.
- Today:
  - The Savior and His gathered people (part 2) 62:8-12
  - Consummation of the work 63:1-6

- 62:1-12 The Savior and His gathered people
  - 62:1 Second testimony of the Anointed One: commitment to the work

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,

- 62:2-3 Glorious outcome

2 The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory,

- 62:4-5 Joy in transformed Zion

4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married...

- 62:6-7 A company of intercessors

6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent.

- 62:8-12 The Lord's oath, summons, and proclamation
  - Elaboration of 61:10 - 62:7
    - A picture of security and assured enjoyment
    - Both Zion and the nations are involved.
    - A proclamation that for Zion, forsaken and desolate, salvation has come.

- V8-9 **Oath**

8 The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; 9 but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."

- The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:
  - Commitment of the LORD's power to the rescue of Zion.
- I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored;
  - Secure possession of the harvest
  - In contrast with times when God allowed Israel's enemies to steal the harvest
  - A picture of peace and security.
- but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary."
  - Praise. Proper response to God's blessings
  - In the courts of my sanctuary.
    - Lit: "in the courts of My holiness"
    - Full acceptance by God
    - Full fellowship with God

■ V10 Summons to **pilgrimage**

10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples.

- Double imperatives.
  - Used in moments of high drama.
  - As Is 40:1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God...
- Coming of pilgrims from all nations to Zion. As Is 35:8-10 And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
- Go through, go through the gates.
  - May mean to leave through the gates of their cities
  - May mean to enter the gates of Zion
- prepare the way for the people;
  - The way of pilgrimage
- build up, build up the highway;
  - High and unmistakable
- clear it of stones
  - All obstacles gone.
- lift up a signal over the peoples.
  - A worldwide people summoned

## ■ V11-12 **Proclamation**

11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." 12 And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

- Behold. 3x
- Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth:
  - Spoken with the Lord's authority
  - Content of the proclamation is what follows
- Behold, your salvation comes
  - The universal salvation promised, now imminent.
  - Parallel with Is 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
    - Their salvation = the Lord
    - As Eph 2:14 For he himself is our peace...
- behold, his reward is with him,
  - The Anointed One's reward.
  - The holy people that He has gathered and the city that He has restored.
- And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord;
  - Here is the ideal realized.
  - The Holy People. Separated into the Lord.
  - The Redeemed. Made next-of-kin and rescued by the Redeemer.
- you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken
  - Zion finally perfected.
  - As Is 60:15 Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age.

- 63:1-6 The consummation of the work

- Structure

- In 62:11 Zion was told to watch for her salvation, which was manifested in the arrival of the One who had completed the saving work.
- Now we are with the watchmen on Zion's walls to hear the proclamation of the completion of vengeance, redemption, and salvation.
- Here is how Zion can be glorified in the presence of implacable enemies; the Anointed One alone has destroyed them.
- V1 A figure appears in the distance.

1 Who is this who comes from Edom, in crimsoned garments from Bozrah, he who is splendid in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, speaking in righteousness, mighty to save."

- Question: Who is this?

- Comes from Edom...from Bozrah,
  - Bozrah is Edom's Capital
  - Edom descended from Esau
  - Israel's continual enemy.
  - Defeated by David 2 Sam 7:13-14
  - Represents all who oppose the Lord.
- in crimsoned garments
  - Sharp and vivid color
- he who is splendid in his apparel
  - Not a bedraggled one fleeing from defeat
  - As 61:10 garment of salvation; robe of righteousness.
- marching in the greatness of his strength
  - Striding purposefully
  - Abundant strength
  - No weakness or weariness

Answer: It is I.

- It is I.
  - Announcing Himself
- Speaking in righteousness
  - Proclaiming.
  - In the sphere of righteousness.
  - As Is 61:2 ...to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;
- Mighty to save
  - Effective salvation
  - As Is 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
  - Righteousness manifested.
  - Ro 3:23-26 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
  - This is the Anointed One

■ V2-3 **What** He did

2 Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? 3 “I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel.

- The figure comes near so that He can be addressed.
- What draws the watchman’s attention is the color of His garments. They are stained as if treading in a wine press.
- I have trodden the winepress alone,
  - The figure takes up the simile.
  - Wine press. Where grapes are crushed and broken.
  - Have trodden. Action completed in the past, expressed in the present
- and from the peoples no one was with me;
  - Stress on solitariness: all the work of judgment and salvation is His.
  - As Is 44:24, 26 Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you from the womb: “I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself...who says of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be inhabited,’ and of the cities of Judah, ‘They shall be built, and I will raise up their ruins...’
  - The recipients of the benefit of His victory have no part in it.
- I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel.
  - A dramatic scene: the speaker comes to Jerusalem proclaiming His victory, with the blood of the slain staining His garments.
  - Trod...trampled. Vigorous action from intense anger and wrath
  - Lifeblood spattered. Spurting blood
  - Vengeance described in Is 34 For the LORD is enraged against all the nations, and furious against all their host; he has devoted them to destruction, has given them over for slaughter. 3 Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. ... 5 For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom, upon the people I have devoted to destruction. 6 ... For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, a great slaughter in the land of Edom. 7 ... the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion. 9 And the streams of Edom shall be turned into pitch, and her soil into sulfur; her land shall become burning pitch. 10 Night and day it shall not be quenched; its smoke shall go up forever.

■ V4 **Why** He did it

4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come.

- The time had come for Him to act.
- For the day of vengeance was in my heart
  - For His enemies
  - Not sinful vengeance
  - An exact repayment for their sins
- my year of redemption had come.
  - The loving act of the Kinsman-Redeemer to rescue those He delights in.
- As Is 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me... to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God;
  - Three divisions of history
    - The year of the Lord's favor. The age of grace; the church age.
    - The day of vengeance. The great Tribulation.
    - The year of redemption. The kingdom



○ V5-6 **Solitary** action

5 I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. 6 I trampled down the peoples in my anger; I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

- I looked, but there was no one to help; I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold; :
  - I looked...I was appalled. An appalling situation: God’s purpose not achieved, deserved judgment not executed, desired salvation not accomplished.
  - No one to help Him set it right.
- so my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me.
  - His willingness to act
  - His capability to act
  - His purpose achieved: salvation for His people, judgment for His enemies.
  - As Is 59:15-16 ...The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. 16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.
    - The Anointed One does what the Lord undertook.
- I made them drunk in my wrath
  - Repeating the judgment.
  - Drunk.
    - On the cup of wrath.
    - As Is 51:17, 22-23 Wake yourself, wake yourself, stand up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the Lord the cup of his wrath, who have drunk to the dregs the bowl, the cup of staggering. 22 .... Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering; the bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more; 23 and I will put it into the hand of your tormentors...
- I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”
  - His work of wrath completely finished.

## **Discussion**

We will break into three groups for discussion. The questions are

- 1. Proclamation 62:11-12**
  - a. **Your salvation comes**
  - b. **They shall be called The Holy People**
  - c. **2 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**
- 2. It is I. 63:1**
  - a. **Who is this that comes from Edom?**
  - b. **Marching in the greatness of His strength**
  - c. **Speaking in righteousness**
  - d. **Mighty to save**
- 3. Vengeance and redemption 63:4-6**
  - a. **The day of vengeance was in My heart**
  - b. **My year of redemption had come**
  - c. **My own arm brought me salvation**

Remember to worship the Lord: (1) See (2) Know (3) Respond

For next week:

- The watcher praying (part 1) 63:7-19

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