

Isaiah 59:14-20

14 So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter.

15 Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice.

16 He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him.

17 He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

18 According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due.

19 From the west, people will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory.

For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along.

20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins," declares the LORD.

Isaiah 63:1-6

1 Who is this coming from Edom, from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? "It is I, proclaiming victory, mighty to save."

2 Why are your garments red, like those of one treading the winepress?

3 "I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me.

I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing.

4 It was for me the day of vengeance; the year for me to redeem had come.

5 I looked, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that no one gave support; so my own arm achieved salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me.

6 I trampled the nations in my anger; in my wrath I made them drunk and poured their blood on the ground."

Isaiah 61:1-3

1 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

Revelation 19:11-16

11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter."^[a] He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The Conquering Warrior

Isaiah 59-63



Chapters 1-37: the Messianic King
Chapters 38-55: the Suffering Servant
Chapters 56-66: the Conquering Warrior

- the world is a mess
- we long for a hero

The Day of the LORD's Vengeance

- the divine warrior prepares (59:14-20)

- the divine warrior comes (63:1-6) ¹

The Year of the LORD's Favour

- the Spirit-anointed proclaimer (61:1) ²

- the Year of Jubilee (61:2-3) ³

? *How does it make you feel, knowing that the Day of God's vengeance is coming and the year of God's favour is now here?*

¹ **Revelation 14:19-20; 19:11-21**

² In Isaiah's 3 main sections (chs. 1-37; 38-55; 56-66), each major portrait of the Messiah includes his anointing with God's Spirit: as King (**11:2**), as Servant (**42:1**), and as Warrior (**61:1**); Jesus speaks of himself as fulfilling **Isaiah 61:1-3** in **Luke 4:16-21**.

³ **Leviticus 25:8-55**