Isaiah "The **Evangelical** Prophet"

IX. **Isaiah's** *Disclosure* of **Conditions** and **Events Preceding** the **Kingdom** (60:1-66:1-24)

- A. The *Dawning* of Israel's Future Glory (60:1-22)
- B. The *Description* of Messiah's <u>Ministry</u> of Restoration (61:1-11)
- C. The *Depiction* of a <u>Jerusalem</u> Restored to Glory (62:1-12)

D. The *Day* of God's <u>Vengeance</u> (63:1-6)

63 Who is this who comes from Edom, with garments of glowing colors from Bozrah,

this <u>One</u> who is *majestic* in **His apparel**, marching in the *greatness* of **His strength**?

"It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

² Why is Your apparel <u>red</u>, and Your garments like the one who treads in the <u>wine press</u>?

³ "I have **trodden** the **wine trough** alone, and from the peoples there was **no man** with **Me**.

I also **trod them** in **My anger** and **trampled them** in **My wrath**; and their <u>lifeblood</u> is **sprinkled** on <u>My garments</u>, and I **stained** all **My raiment**.

⁴ "For the <u>day of vengeance</u> was in **My heart**, and **My year of** redemption has come.

⁵ "I looked, and there was **no one** to *help*, and I was **astonished** and there was **no one** to *uphold*;

So My own arm brought <u>salvation</u> to Me, and My wrath *upheld* Me.

6 "I trod down the peoples in My anger and made them drunk in My wrath, and I poured out their <u>lifeblood</u> on the earth."

New Testament *Portrayal*

¹⁴ Then I (John) looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to <u>Him</u> who sat on the cloud, "Put in your *sickle* and *reap*, for the hour to reap has come, because the *harvest* of the earth is ripe."

¹⁶ Then **He** who sat on the **cloud** swung **His** *sickle* over the **earth**, and the **earth** was **reaped**...

¹⁸ Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying,

"Put in your **sharp sickle** and **gather** the **clusters** from the **vine** of the **earth**, because her **grapes** are **ripe.**"

¹⁹ So the *angel* swung his sickle to the earth and gathered the *clusters* from the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

²⁰ And the **wine press** was **trodden** *outside* the **city**, and **blood** came out from the **wine press**, up to the **horses' bridles**, for a distance of **two hundred miles**. (Revelation 14:14-20)

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war...

¹³ He is clothed with a <u>robe</u> dipped in <u>blood</u>, and His name is called The Word of God.

¹⁴ And the **armies** which are **in heaven**, clothed in **fine linen**, white **and** clean, were **following Him** on white horses.

¹⁵ From **His mouth** comes a **sharp sword**, so that with it **He** may **strike down** the **nations**, and **He** will **rule them** with a **rod of iron**; and **He treads the <u>wine press</u>** of the fierce <u>wrath</u> **of God**, **the Almighty**.

¹⁶ And on **His robe** and on **His thigh He** has a **name** *written*, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." (Revelation 19:11,13-16)

Personal Application

Maintaining *Hope* as **Believers**, **Knowing** a "**Day of Vengeance**" is **Coming**

A. The *Hope* of God's Strengthening <u>Presence</u>

My flesh and my heart may fail,

But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (Psalm 73:26)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will <u>not fear</u>, though the **earth** should <u>change</u> and though the **mountains** slip into the heart of the sea;

Though its *waters* roar *and* foam, though the *mountains* quake at its swelling pride. (Psalm 46:1-3)

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is <u>faithful</u>, who will <u>not</u> allow you to be tempted *beyond* what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of <u>escape</u> also, so that you will be able to *endure it*. (I Corinthians 10:13)

At my first defense <u>no one</u> supported me (Paul), but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.

But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. (II Timothy 4:16-17)

B. The *Hope* of our <u>Deliverance</u>, our <u>Salvation</u>

But we do not want you to be **uninformed**, **brethren**, about those who are **asleep**, so that you will **not grieve** as do the rest who have **no hope**.

For if we <u>believe</u> that **Jesus died** and **rose again**, even so **God** will **bring with Him** those who have **fallen asleep** in **Jesus**.

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that <u>we</u> who are <u>alive</u> and <u>remain</u> until the coming of the Lord, will not *precede* those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Messiah will rise first.

Then we who are alive and remain will be <u>caught up</u> together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

and so we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore comfort one another with these words. (I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

For **God** has <u>not</u> destined us for <u>wrath</u>, but for obtaining <u>salvation</u> through our **Lord Jesus** the **Messiah**,.. (I Thessalonians 5:9)

C. The *Hope* of **Immortality**

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not <u>all</u> sleep, but we will <u>all</u> be *changed*,

in a **moment**, in the **twinkling** of **an eye**, at the **last** *trumpet*; for the *trumpet* will **sound**, and the **dead** will **be raised** *imperishable*, and **we will be** *changed*.

For this *perishable* must *put on* the *imperishable*, and this <u>mortal</u> must *put on* <u>immortality</u>. (I Corinthians 15:51-53)

D. The *Hope* of Glory

Therefore **we** (believers) do not **lose heart**, but though our *outer* man is *decaying*, yet our *inner* man is being *renewed* day by day.

For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

while we **look not** at the things which **are seen**,
but at the things which are **not seen**;
for the things which are **seen** are **temporal**,
but the things which are **not seen** are **eternal**. (II Corinthians 4:16-18)

For those whom **He foreknew**, **He** also **predestined** *to become* **conformed** to the **image** of **His Son**, so that **He** would be the **firstborn** among **many brethren**;

and these whom **He predestined**, **He** also **called**; and these whom **He called**, **He** also **justified**; and these whom **He justified**, **He** also **glorified**. (Romans 8:29-30)

Closing Comments