

# 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 Ministry of **Restoration** (61:1-11)
- C. The *Depiction* of a Jerusalem Restored to **Glory** (62:1-12)
- D. The *Day* of God’s Vengeance (63:1-6)

### E. The *Declaration* of a **Repentant Israel** (63:7-64:12)

#### 1. A *Proclamation* of Praise and Thanksgiving (63:7-9)

<sup>7</sup> I shall make mention of the *lovingkindnesses* of the LORD,  
the praises of the LORD,  
according to all that the LORD has *granted us*,  
and the **great goodness** toward the **house of Israel**,

which **He** has **granted them** according to **His compassion**  
and according to the abundance of **His lovingkindnesses**.

<sup>8</sup> For **He** said, “Surely, they are **My people**,  
**sons** who will *not deal falsely*.”  
so **He** became **their Savior**.

<sup>9</sup> In all their **affliction He** was **afflicted**,  
and the **angel of His presence saved** them;

in **His love** and in **His mercy He redeemed** them,  
and **He lifted** them and *carried* them all the **days of old**.

#### 2. A *Powerful Redeemer Remembered* (63:10-14)

<sup>10</sup> But they rebelled and *grieved* His Holy Spirit;  
therefore **He turned Himself** to become their **enemy**,  
**He fought against them**.

<sup>11</sup> Then **His people remembered** the **days of old**, of *Moses*.

**Where** is **He** who **brought them up out of the sea**  
with the **shepherds of His flock?**

**Where** is **He** who put **His Holy Spirit** in the *midst* of them,

<sup>12</sup> **Who** caused **His glorious arm** to go at the *right hand of Moses*,  
**Who divided the waters** before them to make for **Himself** an **everlasting name**,  
<sup>13</sup> **Who led them** through the *depths*?

Like the **horse** in the **wilderness**, they did *not* **stumble**;  
<sup>14</sup> as the **cattle** which **go down** into the **valley**,  
the **Spirit of the LORD** gave them *rest*.

So **You led Your people**, to make for **Yourself** a **glorious name**.

3. A *Plea* for **God** to *again embrace* **Israel** (63:15-19)

<sup>15</sup> **Look down** from **heaven** and **see** from **Your holy** and **glorious habitation**;  
**where** are **Your zeal** and **Your mighty deeds**?

The **stirrings of Your heart** and **Your compassion** are restrained toward me.

<sup>16</sup> For **You** are **our Father**, though **Abraham** does *not* **know us**  
and **Israel** does *not* **recognize us**.

**You, O LORD**, are **our Father**,  
our **Redeemer** from *of old* is **Your name**.

<sup>17</sup> **Why, O LORD**, do **You cause us** to **stray** from **Your ways**  
and **harden our heart** from **fearing You**?

Return for the sake of **Your servants**, the **tribes of Your heritage**.

<sup>18</sup> **Your holy people** *possessed* **Your sanctuary** for a little while,  
our **adversaries** have **trodden it down**.

<sup>19</sup> **We** have become *like those* over whom **You** have never ruled,  
*like those* who were not called by **Your name**.

## Message Summary

1. A *Proclamation* of Praise and Thanksgiving to **God** (63:7-9)

a. *For His lovingkindnesses* towards **Israel** (63:7a,d)

b. *For* all that **He** has “**granted**” **Israel** (63:7b)

c. *For His great goodness* toward the **house of Israel** (63:7c)

- d. For His personal embrace of the people of Israel (63:8-9)
  - 1) *Declaring them* to be **His people** (63:8a)
  - 2) *Describing them* as “sons” who will **not deal falsely** (63:8b)
  - 3) *Devoting Himself* to be their **Savior** (63:8c)
  - 4) *Displaying personal empathy* in their affliction (63:9a)
- e. For His personal deliverance of the people of Israel
  - 1) *Saving them* by the “angel of His presence” (63:9b)
  - 2) *Redeeming them* in his love and mercy (63:9b)
  - 3) *Lifting and carrying them* from “days of old” (63:9c)

2. A **Powerful Redeemer** (and His works) Remembered (63:10-14)

- a. *Who* became Israel’s “enemy” when they **rebelled** and **grieved His Spirit** (63:10)
- b. *Who brought Israel* and her **shepherds up out** of the sea (63:11a)
- c. *Who* put His **Holy Spirit** in the **midst** of Israel (63:11b)
- d. *Who* caused His glorious **arm** to go at the **right hand of Moses** (63:12a)
- e. *Who divided* the waters (**Red Sea**) before them— making for **Himself** an everlasting **name** (63:12b)
- f. *Who led Israel* through the **depths** (63:13a)
- g. *Who*, like a horse on an **open plain**, caused Israel *not* to **stumble** (63:13b)
- h. *Who*, like **cattle** in the *valley*, gave Israel **rest** (63:13b-14a)
- i. *Who*, by *leading Israel*, made for **Himself** a **glorious name** (63:14b)

3. A **Plea** for God to *again embrace* Israel (63:15-19)

- a. *Pleading to God* to “look down” from **heaven** (63:15a)
- b. *Questioning* the absence of God’s **zeal** and **mighty deeds** (63:15b)
- c. *Claiming* that God’s **heart** and **compassion** have been “restrained” towards **him** (63:15c)
- d. *Declaring the Lord* to be **their Father** and **Redeemer of old** (63:16)

- e. **Questioning** as to *why* **God** has **not intervened** on their behalf (63:17a-b)
  - 1) **having allowed them** to **stray** from **His ways** (63:17a)
  - 2) **having allowed** their **hearts** to **harden**, and **no longer fear Him** (63:17b)
- f. **Appealing** to **God** to **return** for the **sake** of the **tribes of His inheritance** (63:17c)
- g. **Bemoaning** that **God's sanctuary** has been **trodden** down by their **enemies** (63:18)
- h. **Declaring** their **present condition** to be like **those** who had **never been ruled by God**, or called **His people** (63:19)

## Personal Application

**Isaiah's Declaration of a *Repentant* Israel, describes the Path of a *Repentant* Heart**

- A. A **Path** that **Proclaims Praise** and **Thanksgiving** to **God** (63:7-9)
- B. A **Path** that **Remembers** “**days of old,**” as well as times **more recent**, when **God powerfully Redeemed** and **Saved** **His people** (63:10-14)
- C. A **Path** that **Pleads** with **God** to “**look down,**” and **intervene mightily** once **again** on behalf of the **people** who are ***called*** by **His name** (63:15-19)

## Closing Comments