

Isaiah's Prophecy to Judah—The Messiah Announces God's Favor (c. 689 BC)

Isaiah 61

The Messiah's First Coming

- 1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
Because the LORD has anointed me
To bring good news to the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners;
- 2a To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD [[Luke 4:16–21](#)]

The Messiah's Second Coming

- 2b And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
3 To grant those who mourn *in* Zion,
Giving them a garland instead of ashes,
The oil of gladness instead of mourning,
The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.
So they will be called oaks of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.
- 4 Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins,
They will raise up the former devastations;
And they will repair the ruined cities,
The desolations of many generations.
- 5 Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks,
And foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.
- 6 But you will be called the priests of the LORD;
You will be spoken of *as* ministers of our God.
You will eat the wealth of nations,
And in their riches you will boast.
- 7 Instead of your shame *you will have a double portion*,
And *instead of* humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion.
Therefore they will possess a double *portion* in their land,
Everlasting joy will be theirs.
- 8 For I, the LORD, love justice,
I hate robbery in the burnt offering;
And I will faithfully give them their recompense
And make an everlasting covenant with them.
- 9 Then their offspring will be known among the nations,
And their descendants in the midst of the peoples.
All who see them will recognize them
Because they are the offspring *whom* the LORD has blessed.
- 10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD,
My soul will exult in my God;
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,
He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

- 11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up,
So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
To spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah's Prophecy to Judah—Transformation of Zion (c. 689 BC)

Isaiah 62

- 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet,
Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness,
And her salvation like a torch that is burning.
- 2 The nations will see your righteousness,
And all kings your glory;
And you will be called by a new name
Which the mouth of the LORD will designate.
- 3 You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
And a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- 4 It will no longer be said to you, "Forsaken,"
Nor to your land will it any longer be said, "Desolate";
But you will be called, "My delight is in her,"
And your land, "Married";
For the LORD delights in you,
And *to Him* your land will be married.
- 5 For *as* a young man marries a virgin,
So your sons will marry you;
And *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
So your God will rejoice over you.
- 6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen;
All day and all night they will never keep silent.
You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves;
- 7 And give Him no rest until He establishes
And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
- 8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm,
"I will never again give your grain *as* food for your enemies;
Nor will foreigners drink your new wine for which you have labored."
- 9 But those who garner it will eat it and praise the LORD;
And those who gather it will drink it in the courts of My sanctuary.
- 10 Go through, go through the gates,
Clear the way for the people;
Build up, build up the highway,
Remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples.
- 11 Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth,
Say to the daughter of Zion, "Lo, your salvation comes;
Behold His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him."
- 12 And they will call them, "The holy people,
The redeemed of the LORD";
And you will be called, "Sought out, a city not forsaken."

Isaiah's Prophecy to Judah—Edom: God's Judgment in Miniature (c. 689 BC)

Isaiah 63:1–6

- 1 Who is this who comes from Edom,
With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah,
This One 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 red,
And Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press?
- 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 lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments,
And I stained all My raiment.
- 4 “For the day of vengeance 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 salvation 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 lifeblood on the earth.”

Isaiah's Prophecy to Judah—God's Mercy Remembered (c. 689 BC)

Isaiah 63:7–14

- 7 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.
- 8 For He said, “Surely, they are My people,
Sons who will not deal falsely.”
So He became their Savior.
- 9 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.
- 10 But they rebelled
And grieved His Holy Spirit;
Therefore He turned Himself to become their enemy,
He fought against them.
- 11 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,
- 12 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,

- 13 Who led them through the depths?
Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble;
- 14 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.

Isaiah's Prophecy to Judah—Isaiah's Prayer of Penitence (c. 689 BC)

Isaiah 63:15–64:12

- 63:15 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 Your holy people possessed Your sanctuary for a little while,
Our adversaries have trodden *it* down.
- 19 We have become *like* those over whom You have never ruled,
Like those who were not called by Your name.
- 64:1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens *and* come down,
That the mountains might quake at Your presence—
- 2 As fire kindles the brushwood, *as* fire causes water to boil—
To make Your name known to Your adversaries,
That the nations may tremble at Your presence!
- 3 When You did awesome things which we did not expect,
You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.
- 4 For from days of old they have not heard or perceived by ear,
Nor has the eye seen a God besides You,
Who acts in behalf of the one who waits for Him.
- 5 You meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness,
Who remembers You in Your ways.
Behold, You were angry, for we sinned,
We continued in them a long time;
And shall we be saved?
- 6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;
And all of us wither like a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- 7 There is no one who calls on Your name,
Who arouses himself to take hold of You;
For You have hidden Your face from us
And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities.
- 8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father,
We are the clay, and You our potter;

- And all of us are the work of Your hand.
- 9 Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD,
Nor remember iniquity forever;
Behold, look now, all of us are Your people.
- 10 Your holy cities have become a wilderness,
Zion has become a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
- 11 Our holy and beautiful house,
Where our fathers praised You,
Has been burned *by* fire;
And all our precious things have become a ruin.
- 12 Will You restrain Yourself at these things, O LORD?
Will You keep silent and afflict us beyond measure?

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