

Isaiah 59:15b-20

¹⁵ Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. 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. ¹⁷ He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. ¹⁸ According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment. ¹⁹ So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives. ²⁰ "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

Isaiah 63:1-6

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." ² Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the wine press? ³ "I have trodden the wine press 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. ⁴ For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. 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."

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'God is a Warrior'

Isaiah 59-63

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

Ch.1-37: *the King*

Ch.38-55: *the Servant*

Ch.56-66: *the Conqueror*

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 (61:1-3)

- the Spirit-anointed proclaimer ²

- the Year of Jubilee ³

¹ Revelation 14:19-20; 19:11-21

² Luke 4:16-21

³ Leviticus 25:10

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.



Coffee question

? how does it make you feel, knowing that the day of God's vengeance is coming and the year of God's favour is here?