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STAINED GARMENTS

Isaiah 63

INTRODUCTION:

We are confronted today with a most bewildering yet glorious prophecy from Isaiah.

He has foretold judgements, offered promises, now nothing remains but for the promise to be fulfilled.

When you read about one with his garments stained with wine, you question whether this is sensational language. Who could this be and where did the stains come from?

No one doubts the reports that our world is being stained by sin, or by human blood in wars. Proof of this is not only in print but is portrayed in pictures for all to see.

Is the Prophet giving a dialogue between himself and a great warrior returning from battle?

We search for the answer.

OUTLINE:

- I. Surprising Advent - V. 1-6.
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I. Surprising Advent - V. 1-6.

- V. 1 - Questions - Who - A. From Edom with stained garments?
B. One of great strength?

Answer - One mighty to save.

Judgment on Edom - great slaughter in the land.

Bzrah - Cap. of Edom.

Mighty one comes with his garments stained with blood. Trodden down his foes.

World Powers: Alexander - wept - cut his out fire to a city & died in same of failure.
Hannibal - filled 3 bushels with gold rings - Slughtered Knights - died of lion when
Caesar - Conquered Edom - killed - Stabbed by his friend in unknown land.
Napoleon - Scourged all Europe - Died in Banishment - Wicked shall be cut off.

Edom: Represents world powers - evil nations - world as opposed to righteous. cut off.

Old enemies of Israel - Gen. 27:41.

Jacob and Esau - Old enmity.

Edom: Form of Adam - Stands for Adam's race governed by the carnal mind - enmity against God.

Who is this that cometh? - Messiah.

Mighty to save - we have no weakness but he has strength to off - no sin, but pardon - no sorrow, but comfort, no broken heart, but balm to heal.

Suddenly he comes from Edom with dyed garments - colored with gore.

What is this? He is glorious in his apparel. Blood stained - conqueror - As he travels in strength.

Nah. 2:3.

Rev. 19:13.

Victory obtained by the grave of God over all spiritual enemies - garments dipped in blood.

Types of this Prophecy.

Psa. 24 - speaks of wine press - precious.

"Who is this King of Glory - The Lord strong and mighty. The Lord mighty in battle".

Marching warrior advancing from Edom - from a victory.

This could be the last day of judgment - human affairs will be closed out - our Lord comes in Glory.

Joel 3:12 - Tell of that last judgment taking place in the "Valley of Jehoshaphat" (The Judgment of Jehovah) just East of Jerusalem.

This seems to determine the site of that last battlefield - to be in the vicinity of Jerusalem, in land of Edom near the city of Bozrah. This last stand being made in Edom, from which we see the divine conqueror returning with evidence of his victory - His stained apparel! (He go on to Olivet).

Rev. 6:15, 16.

Rev. 16:16. Not do away with Megiddo north of Har Mageddon.

Warrior - Marching with dignity - coming to inflict judgment.

Not advocating you make a literal interpretation symbolic picture - raiment dipped in blood - here is a judgment.

Note - take your place in Jer. Look eastward from Jer. See one advancing - Nearer he comes you observe splendid apparel is deeply blood stained. He comes in majesty - you do not seem to recognize him and he speaks and tells you I am the mighty to save! Who then would you say this was?

V. 2 - Prophet - Questions - How were your garments stained? Did you tread the wine press? What did this redness come from.

Grapes were trodden with the feet, from which the juice would flow off into wine-vats. Rev. 14:19-20.

Rev. 19:15.

Country around Bozrah abounded in grapes.

Final blow delivered to the enemy by the Messiah. Rev. 19:13-15. Decided his claim to the Kingdom and put down Satan.

Day of Judgment is coming - hostile Gentiles and unbelieving Jews.

V. 3 - Warrior Answers - Reply to Prophets Question.

I have been "treading a wine press" one of fury and trampled down enemies. Stains on my garments not wine but blood. Joel. 3:13; Lam. 1:15.

Alone, in my own power.

Prophecy of the future - God carried this on without the help of any one.

Many of the people took the side of Edom and stood with the enemy. They too were put in the wine press and crushed. Their life blood - life sap - helped stain his apparel.

In this wine press, quilty men have taken the place of grapes - their blood - stained his raiment.

Terrible picture - last day - judgment - wine press, refers to judgment.

This is why his garments are stained - trodden the wine press.

Alone - Col. 2:15.

Powers of darkness - disciples forsook him - none to help!

V. 4 - Day Set - A Year.

Reason why he will destroy. Zeph. 3:8.

Clue for sinner and saint.

Day of vengeance.

Year of redemption.

History bears this out. → Noah - Day before Deluge - Men laughed - Arche off for Fire word - Day of J. came.

Release from Babylon. Dan. 9:2.

Deliverance from Egypt - Ex. 12:41.

Time Christ will come destroy the works of the Devil.

Time Christ will come deliver the church - redeemed people.

Day Set.

V. 5 - One sided battle - Messiah marches with his band of willing people cross

Jordan enter New Jerusalem.

None took his side - would expect some nations to join.

Own arm - nothing more is needed - when he rises against sin in judgment, nothing else is necessary! General Howard - Told of Gen. Grant on Death Bed - Told to him of Victories - great service to Country - His Courage - Grant said "Howard, Tell Me About God". All men think of Judgment when Death comes.

V. 6 - The Destruction is overwhelming - absolute - They will not recover.

Rev. 7:2.

When he begins he will make an end - complete victory - fury - drunk with their own blood. Rev. 17:6. He will bring them down!

Dramatic advent of Christ prophesied. Human Description of Divine Event.

Hungarian King - sent for his Paro. - "I am great sinner of Fear to meet God. What shall I do in Judgment?" - Bro. laughed, joke. King wanted help. Custom: if executioner at any hour sounds a trumpet before a man's door. it was a signal he was to take execution. King sent one to his Paro. To King on knees, begging - if Human Ex - so terrible - that face

II. Scanning The Record - V.7-14.

Turns from predicting the future. Looks back in retrospect! Section a meditation

of praising God.

V. 7 - Re-Counts mercies of the Lord.

Review - recognition of God's dealing with his people.

Suggest, this is a fine thing for the church to do often.

Prophet tells what he sees there of the many, many, many mercies.

Eph. 2:11 "Remember what ye were in times past".

Help Christian in reaching his goal, sin, deliverance, steps upward.
Language implies, even by repetition inadequate to express full extent God's goodness.

What is it about God that they delight in? Goodness - loving kindness.

Every man can speak of this - trace good things in your life to God. His care - compassion and love for all.

V. 8 - He choosing them - their Saviour - They will be true to him.

My people - in Egypt - surely they will not fall away from me, they will be faithful to me and not worship idols.

Acts 3:25.

Something of the expectation of God. He had done every thing that a human father could do for his children.

V. 9 - Is there anything here for us?

His dealings with Israel!

In all their afflictions - he was afflicted.

Showed forth his love and concern.

Paul road met the light "Saul, Saul why persecutest thou me?"

Troubles of the saints - touch him.

New King after death of Joseph - intense oppression. Ex. 1:8.

Afflictions were for their benefit.

Afflictions were not utterly over whelming affliction.

Angel of his presence saved them. He came and redeemed them. Bare them - carried safely through. As a Father carries a child in his arms!

V. 10 - Rebelled - Things looked good - revolted allegiance to God and took up arms against him.

Sinai - set up (golden calf.)

Num. 20:24.

Num. 25:6.

Jeroboam - 2 K. 17:23.

Ask for a King.

Vexation of His Holy Spirit.

Grieved.

Acts 7:51.

Eph. 4:30.

Heb. 3:10-17.

Ezek. 16:43.

Gave them over to enemies.

V. 11 - Days of Old - ~~Sea~~ - ~~Shepherd~~ - ~~Spirit~~.

Real distinction between God's people and their enemies. Memory of grief,
but remembrance of his ways.

He brought them up out of the sea,

His Shepherd Moses led them,

He put his Spirit in their hearts to follow!

Blessed memories. His good Spirit to instruct them.

Think back - where is the God who made a covenant. Divine power - good experiences.

V. 12 - History of Moses - Rod in hand - parted the sea. Great miracle - Dark time - Strong wind. God at work!

Divided the water before them.

Neh. 9:11.

Memory ought to take us back to Gethsemane - Cross.

V. 13 - Crossing - No stumbling - Deep sea but the footing was sure.

Ground was firm the Prophet describes it as a horse galloping over the pasture - wilderness. Runs freely unhindered - Not change his course nor danger of stumbling.

V. 14 - Crossing - Cattle going into rich pasture to graze and rest with ease.

God's Spirit caused Israel to experience these things.

III. Supplication - V. 15-19.

Praising God led him to prayer. This prayer is continued in the next chapter.

V. 15 - Appeal to God to have pity on his people. He has blessed them in the past with benefits. Deut. 26:15.

2 Chr. 30:27.

Real feeling - Group of God's people, weeping and looking heavenward, with tears streaming down - look down once more from Heaven. The Temple no doubt was closed and downtrodden.

They knew that God sees.

Behold from Heaven.

This is an encouragement to all people to pray.

V. 16 - Our Father - not just creation but adoption. Some rested on their descent from Abraham and Jacob. Matt. 3:9 - John 8:39.

They renounce this to trust in the Heavenly Father alone.

Abraham - took pride in that name.

Thy name from everlasting - Reason why he should help.

This prayer is made in Thy Name.

V. 17 - Confession - Have erred, strayed from God's way. Hardened their hearts.

Why did he permit that? Like wayward children.

Seems as a complaint - not putting their blame upon God for their sin.

Accusing God.

Their own fault - God gave them over. They made the choice.

Conscience - for a return of fellowship with God. Tribes - not only servants but tenants.

V. 18 - Israel; God's people had held Palestine but for a little while - now the heathen nations have taken it over.

Thy sanctuary - argument why God should help them.

V. 19 - We have lost our privileges - we no better than the heathen. Forgotten people.

Trampled - abandoned - despised.

Application of His Needs to be Made to America - 8.

Nation of great privileges → Trampled These → despised
The good - Punishment being sent!

Need Confusion -

Spurgeon - Told of a man traveling - stops at an
inn - orders food - a bed -
soon a Bill is paid coming - "el man thought
of that - surprised - man thought of -
Enter fall or a cow -
Man thought of reckoning - man have to
settle -
Men live like this - forget - inevitable -
Deeds - Sins - bring us into judgment