

ISAIAH 59 vs 1

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The book of Isaiah has two great divisions; **first:** chapters 1–39; God's Criticism of both rebel houses **Israel** and **Judah**, thereby affecting all the local neighbors in the hood; and **second:** chapters 40–66; God's Consolation to both houses who have separate histories. The great Isaiah scroll found in the Qumran caves, dated from the 2nd century BC has put to rest many wild speculations about prophet Isaiah.



In this chapter we have sin appearing exceedingly sinful, and grace appearing exceedingly gracious. What is here said of sin is applied to the general corruption of mankind during the evil leadership of Manasseh; what is said of a Redeemer is applied to the Christ.

Now the Lord shows us what is characteristics of mankind when the final generation has arrived; when the Lord prepares to come in power and great glory. -- **3 last days shadows of things to come**; fulfilled by the Messiah. The mark of mankind in those days will be lawlessness and rebellion – Matthew Henry.

Evil and Oppression,

¹ Indeed, the LORD'S hand is not too short that it cannot save; nor His ear too deaf to hear:

² but your crimes greatly separate you and your God; and your sins cause His face to hide from you, that He does **not hear.**

³ For your hands are defiled with **blood, and your fingers stained with crime, your lips spoke lies, your tongue mutters what is perverse** / with the most minute, detailed and intricate criminality; malicious insinuations; and twisted misrepresentations of others; spoken pretending kindness when they intend the greatest harm; when they could not speak their malice aloud, or dared not for fear of being disproved, they muttered it secretly.

⁴ No one calls for justice, no one pleads for truth, instead they trust in empty pleas, and speak lies; they conceive great harm, and give birth to crime / no one goes to law justly: but with inequality, inequity and injustice. Their justice is not blind; they apply different standards; one for those who are above the law; another for those they can smell at Walmart.

⁵ They hatch venomous eggs, and weave the spider's web: the one who eats of their eggs dies, and from what is crushed a viper is hatched.

⁶ Their webs will **not clothe them, they will expose themselves with their works: their works are works of crime, the act of **violence** is in their hands** / **hamas**, cleverly they are like the pre-diluvian world – worthy of annihilation, as in the days of Noah.

7 Their feet run to evil, and they hurry to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are always thoughts of crime; devastation and destruction are in their paths / all their members are actively engaged in their crime; their feet, their hands, their fingers, their tongue, are swift to run to the next...their projects and designs are continually evil; contriving some great harm or other inequity; like fake reporters and news; their twisted thoughts are plugged into their GPS already.

8 The way of peace they do **not know; there is **no** justice in their paths: they made crooked paths: whoever travels their twisted way will **not** know peace.**

Until this verse, they spoke in the 3rd person. Now the nation indicts itself: The Confession of Jacob,

9 So, justice is far from us, and to do right does **not overtake us: we hope for light, but see only darkness; for illumination, but we only walk in gloom.**

10 We grope along the wall like the blind, we grope like we had no eyes: we stumble at noon as if it was twilight; among those who are vigorous, we are like dead men / when we look for relief, there is no easing of the onslaught of evil.

11 We all growl like bears, and moan sadly like doves: we look for justice, but there is none; for **salvation / **Yeshua**, for **Jesus**, but it is far from us.**

12 For our rebellions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us: for our rebellions are with us; and we know our crimes / our inequities, our inequalities;

13 stepping over the line and denying the LORD, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and voicing from the heart, words of fiction / by word and deed; passively and willfully; speaking fraud, deceit; and lies.

The judgment and blotting of Jacob's sins,

14 And justice is turned backward, and doing right stands far off: for truth stumbled in the street, and uprightness cannot enter / justice, truth and decency are barred from our courts.

15 Yes, truth fails, and the one who departs from evil makes himself a victim / truth is nowhere to be found; / the one who does not join the prevailing evil, will become their target; truth-seekers will not be popular:

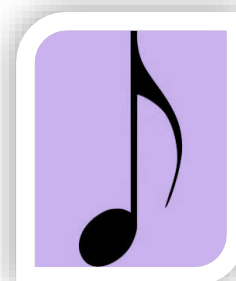
and the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was **no justice.**

16 And He saw there was **no man – He was amazed there was **no** intercessor; so His own arm **saved** him, and His own rightness, sustained him** / not one of Adam's race could save. So His own arm, His own army (of One) saved the scoundrel and sustained him.

17 For He put on righteousness as a body armor, and a helmet of **salvation – of **Yeshua** of **Jesus** upon His head; and He put on the garments of wrath as clothing, and wrapped Himself in zeal as a cloak** / the Messiah protecting His heart and His clear thinking; His regalia is very similar to ours -- with one exception, He only is clothed in vengeance; vengeance is His, not ours. He is suiting up in battle gear, armed at all points; getting ready for the big fight.

18 According to their deeds, He will repay, wrath to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; **to the islands He will repay** / He will make appropriate reward to His own in the isles, according as their deeds demand; were they awake and on His side; or had they been snoozing?

19 So they will fear the name of the LORD from **the west; and His glory from the rising of the sun / **to the east**; we know the islands of the East will continue to sing His praise to the end; for the last 100 + years they have been practicing their part... **from the uttermost part of the earth, we have heard their songs** – **Isaiah 24**; fulfilling their prophecy; to the majesty of our Lord, to the greatness of His Name.**



When the enemy comes like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

20 And the Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from rebellion in **Jacob says the LORD** / when Messiah comes in power and great glory with all His saints -- where the sheep gather; it will be a glorious day; notice a country is not mentioned, since **Israel** = the faithful remnant, **ruled by God**.

In this chapter, Jacob the scoundrel, the charlatan is in focus; representative of the 5 churches of the Revelation: from Ephesus who lost their first love – to Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, and Laodicea who left the Lord standing outside their door; Smyrna and Philadelphia will both be gone.

21 As for me, this is My covenant with them, says the LORD;

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My Spirit is upon you, and My words that I put in your mouth, will **not depart from your mouth, or from the mouth of your children, nor from the mouth of your children's children, says the LORD, from this time forward and forever.**

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