

Isaiah 59:20-21 (1-21)

- 1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not so short
That it cannot save;
Nor is His ear so dull
That it cannot hear.
- 2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,
And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.
- 3 For your hands are defiled with blood
And your fingers with iniquity;
Your lips have spoken falsehood,
Your tongue mutters wickedness.
- 4 No one sues righteously and no one pleads honestly.
They trust in confusion and speak lies;
They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.
- 5 They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web;
He who eats of their eggs dies,
And *from* that which is crushed a snake breaks forth.
- 6 Their webs will not become clothing,
Nor will they cover themselves with their works;
Their works are works of iniquity,
And an act of violence is in their hands.
- 7 Their feet run to evil,
And they hasten to shed innocent blood;
Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity,
Devastation and destruction are in their highways.
- 8 They do not know the way of peace,
And there is no justice in their tracks;
They have made their paths crooked,
Whoever treads on them does not know peace.
- 9 Therefore justice is far from us,
And righteousness does not overtake us;
We hope for light, but behold, darkness,
For brightness, but we walk in gloom.
- 10 We grope along the wall like blind men,
We grope like those who have no eyes;
We stumble at midday as in the twilight,
Among those who are vigorous *we are* like dead men.
- 11 All of us growl like bears,
And moan sadly like doves;
We hope for justice, but there is none,
For salvation, *but* it is far from us.
- 12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You,
And our sins testify against us;
For our transgressions are with us,
And we know our iniquities:
- 13 Transgressing and denying the LORD,
And turning away from our God,

- Speaking oppression and revolt,
Conceiving *in* and uttering from the heart lying words.
- 14 Justice is turned back,
And righteousness stands far away;
For truth has stumbled in the street,
And uprightness cannot enter.
- 15 Yes, truth is lacking;
And he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey.
Now the LORD saw,
And it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice.
- 16 And He saw that there was no man,
And was astonished that there was no one to intercede;
Then His own arm brought salvation to Him,
And His righteousness upheld Him.
- 17 He put on righteousness like a breastplate,
And a helmet of salvation on His head;
And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing
And wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle.
- 18 According to *their* deeds, so He will repay,
Wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies;
To the coastlands He will make recompense.
- 19 So they will 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 "A Redeemer will come to Zion,
And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," declares the LORD.
- 21 "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit which is upon you,
and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from
the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the
LORD, "from now and forever."

Ezekiel 37:21-28

- 21 "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among
the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them
into their own land;
- 22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be
king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into
two kingdoms.
- 23 "They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or
with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in
which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be
their God.
- 24 "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they
will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them.
- 25 "They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and
they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant
will be their prince forever.
- 26 "I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them.
And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.

- 27 “My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
28 “And the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.” ’ ”

Zechariah 13:8-9; 14:1-11

- 8 “It will come about in all the land,”
Declares the LORD,
“That two parts in it will be cut off *and* perish;
But the third will be left in it.
9 “And I will bring the third part through the fire,
Refine them as silver is refined,
And test them as gold is tested.
They will call on My name,
And I will answer them;
I will say, ‘They are My people,’
And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”

Zechariah 14:1-11

- 1 Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.
2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.
3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.
4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.
5 You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, *and* all the holy ones with Him!
6 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle.
7 For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.
8 And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.
9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be *the only* one, and His name *the only* one.
10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin’s Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king’s wine presses.
11 People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.