

Satan is in the world they cannot be perfectly fulfilled. Their complete application awaits the time when Jesus Christ will rule on Mt. Zion and all the earth will obey His dictates.

B. A Banner is Raised and a Redeemer Comes to Zion 62:10-12.

This section is strikingly parallel to Isaiah 59:19b-21. We have seen that there the emphasis was on the raising of the standard against the enemy and the establishment of the Redeemer's covenant in the hearts of His people when He comes to Zion. That section was in a fitting place, introducing the following millennial passage, for the apostle Paul quotes Isaiah 59:20-21 in Romans 11:26f. as proof that all Israel will turn to Christ before the Millennium. Our present passage vividly describes the coming of the Messiah to His people, calls upon them to prepare the highway and lift up the standard, and shows that His salvation is certain. It stresses the relation of God to His people and the blessings He will bring them.

A. God's Sovereign Interposition to Overthrow His Adversaries 63:1-6.

The six verses which complete this section of the book are strikingly parallel to those with which it began (59:15b-19a). It is an interesting fact that the great section which tells so much about the wonderful blessings God is preparing for His people and reaches its climax in the Redeemer's own description of His work should begin and end with a description of His work of judgment against evil.

All the world desires the peace and joy which Christianity can bring. Many, however, seek to receive these blessings without any recognition of God's hatred of evil and His determination that sin must receive its just deserts. In the tabernacle the brazen altar, which represented the sacrifice of Christ for sin, stood at the very entrance, and the vessels which represented prayer and sanctification came later. It is characteristic of the false cults of our day that they attempt to secure the blessings and joys of the Christian life without passing through the experience of turning away from sin and