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STUDIES IN ISAIAH

(Continued)

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ISAIAH 62.

In previous articles of this series we have noticed that the great section of the book of Isaiah which runs from Isaiah 56:9 to 63:6 ends with a long passage of blessing (59:15b-63:6). We observed that this passage has what might be called ^{an} envelope structure. Its first part corresponds to its last part, ^{its} the second to the second from the end, and so on. It may be outlined as follows:

A. God's sovereign interposition to overthrow His adversaries. 59:15b-19a.

B. A banner is raised and a Redeemer comes to Zion. 59:19b-21.

C. Millennial blessing. 60:1-22.

D. The Redeemer describes His work. 61:1-62:1a.

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B. A banner is raised and a Redeemer comes to Zion. 62:10-12.

A. God's sovereign interposition to overthrow His adversaries. 63:1-6.

The passage from Isaiah 61:1 to 62:1a is the high point of this section. In it the Redeemer Himself speaks and points out the great work which He has come to fulfill. This passage moves into the next, where the theme of millennial blessing is again prominent, without any sharp break of thought. The change actually takes place in the middle of verse 1 of chapter 62. In the first part of this verse the Redeemer is still speaking and declaring His determination to carry His work to completion. The last half of the verse, together with the following eight verses, gives a description of the coming millennium, which has already been described in considerable detail in Chapter 60.

In verse 1b-2 the emphasis is upon the wide influence which is to go out from Jerusalem. All the world is to recognize the prominence of the city and to see the splendor of its righteousness. The fiery excellence of the salvation