

Isaiah 40:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

Analysis

This verse presents the paradox of God's coming: He comes with strong authority ('his arm shall rule') yet with tender care (verse 11). The Hebrew 'chazaq' (strong) emphasizes His invincible power to accomplish redemption. His reward and work accompany Him—He brings both justice and blessing, having earned the right through His mighty acts.

Historical Context

This prophetically describes both Cyrus's decree (God's arm moving him to free Israel) and ultimately Christ's first coming in humility and second coming in power.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's combination of strength and tenderness inform your understanding of His character?

2. In what areas of your life do you need to trust God's strong arm to rule and bring change?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Revelation 22:12 (Parallel theme): And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Isaiah 62:11 (References Lord): Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

Revelation 17:14 (References Lord): These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Matthew 28:18 (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Isaiah 49:4 (References God): Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

Psalms 110:6 (Parallel theme): He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

1 John 3:8 (References God): He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

John 12:15 (Parallel theme): Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

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