

# Isaiah 46:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

## Analysis

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The declaration 'I bring near my righteousness' reveals that salvation comes by God's approaching initiative, not human ascent. The parallel 'my salvation shall not tarry' assures that God's timing, though mysterious, is never truly delayed. The promise to 'place salvation in Zion' ultimately points to Christ as God's righteousness given to believers (1 Corinthians 1:30).

## Historical Context

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This immediate fulfillment came through Cyrus's decree, but ultimate fulfillment awaited Christ. The 'salvation in Zion' began with post-exilic restoration but consummates in New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2).

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does understanding that God 'brings near' righteousness humble your approach to salvation?
2. What does it mean that Christ Himself is God's 'salvation placed in Zion' for you?

## Interlinear Text

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I bring near	my righteousness	H3808	it shall not be far off	and my salvation	H3808
H7126	H6666		H7368	H8668	
תֵּאֲחֹזֵר	וְנָתַתִּי	בְּצִיּוֹן	תְּשׁוּעָה	לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	תִּפְאָרְתִּי
shall not tarry	and I will place	in Zion	and my salvation	for Israel	my glory
H309	H5414	H6726	H8668	H3478	H8597

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 61:3** (Righteousness): To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

**Isaiah 62:11** (Salvation): 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.

**Isaiah 12:2** (Salvation): Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

**Isaiah 51:5** (Salvation): My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

**Isaiah 44:23** (Glory): Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.

**Isaiah 43:7** (Glory): Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

**Isaiah 61:11** (Righteousness): For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

**Joel 3:17** (Parallel theme): So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

**Habakkuk 2:3** (Parallel theme): For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

**1 Peter 2:6** (Parallel theme): Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.