

Isaiah 51

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Salvation for Zion

- ¹ Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.
 - ² Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.
 - ³ For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.
 - ⁴ Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.
 - ⁵ 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.
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- ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.
 - ⁷ Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.
 - ⁸ For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

- 9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon?
- 10 Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?
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- 11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.
- 12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;
- 13 And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?
- 14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.
- 15 But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name.
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- 16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.
- 17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.
- 18 There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up.

- 19** These two things are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee?
- 20** Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.
- 21** Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:
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- 22** Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:
- 23** But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.
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HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Judgment — מִשְׁפָּט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָּט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Law — תּוֹרָה (Torah)

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

Lord — אֲדֹנָי / יְהוָה (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Repent — שׁוּב / נָחַם (Shuv / Nacham)

To turn back, relent

The Hebrew **shuv** (שׁוּב) means to turn or return—a physical turning that represents spiritual redirection back to God. **Nacham** (נָחַם) conveys grief or relenting, often used of God 'repenting' of judgment.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַדִּיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צֶדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES
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Righteousness: Isaiah 45:19; 51:7; Psalms 94:15; Proverbs 15:9; 21:21; 2 Timothy 2:22.

References Lord: Amos 5:6; Hebrews 12:14. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 48:12; Romans 14:19

Isaiah 51:2 **References Abraham:** Isaiah 29:22; Joshua 24:3; Ezekiel 33:24. **Blessing:**

Genesis 22:17; 24:1; 24:35

Isaiah 51:3 **References Lord:** Isaiah 49:13; 52:9; Genesis 13:10. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah

31:25; Joel 2:3; 1 Peter 1:8

Isaiah 51:4

Word: Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:2; 1 Corinthians 9:21. **Light:** Isaiah 42:6; 49:6; 1 Peter 2:9

Isaiah 51:5 **Salvation:** Isaiah 46:13; 56:1; 63:5. **Judgment:** Isaiah 42:4; Romans 2:16; 2 Corinthians 5:10. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 40:10; 49:1; 60:9. **Righteousness:** Acts 17:31

Isaiah 51:6 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 13:13; 34:4; 40:26; Deuteronomy 4:19; Matthew 24:35; Hebrews 9:15; Revelation 20:11. **Salvation:** Isaiah 45:17; 51:8. **Righteousness:** Daniel 9:24

Isaiah 51:7 **Word:** Psalms 37:31; 40:8; Ezekiel 2:6. **Evil:** Matthew 5:11; 1 Peter 4:4; 4:14. **Righteousness:** Isaiah 51:1. **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 1:17; Acts 5:41; 2 Corinthians 3:3

Isaiah 51:8 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 50:9; 66:24; Job 4:19; Hosea 5:12; Luke 1:50. **Salvation:** Isaiah 51:6

Isaiah 51:9 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 30:7; 52:1; Job 26:12; Psalms 44:1; 89:10. **References Lord:** Isaiah 27:1; 51:17; 62:8; Psalms 7:6; Ezekiel 29:3

Isaiah 51:10 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 43:16. **Redemption:** Isaiah 50:2; Exodus 15:13

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Isaiah 51:12 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 2:22; 43:25; 51:3; 66:13; Psalms 92:7; 118:6; 146:4; Matthew 10:28; John 14:18; 1 Peter 1:24

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Parallel theme: Isaiah 17:10; 40:22; 45:12; 48:13; Job 9:8; Psalms 104:2; Daniel 3:19. **References Lord:** Isaiah 44:24

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Isaiah 51:16 **Word:** Isaiah 49:2; 50:4; 59:21; Deuteronomy 18:18; Jeremiah 31:33; John 17:8. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 48:13; 66:22; Zechariah 13:9; 2 Peter 3:13

Isaiah 51:17 **References Jerusalem:** Isaiah 52:1. **Parallel theme:** Job 21:20; Psalms 11:6; 60:3; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Ephesians 5:14; Revelation 14:10; 18:6. **References Lord:** Isaiah 51:9; Psalms 75:8

Isaiah 51:18 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 41:13; 45:1; 49:21; Psalms 88:18; 142:4; Matthew 9:36; 15:14; Mark 8:23

Isaiah 51:19 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 47:9; Amos 7:2

Isaiah 51:22 **References Lord:** Isaiah 49:25; 51:17; 62:8; 1 Samuel 25:39; Psalms 35:1; Proverbs 22:23; Jeremiah 50:34; Micah 7:9. **Parallel theme:** Joel 3:2

Isaiah 51:23 **Parallel theme:** Joshua 10:24; Zechariah 12:2

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