

Isaiah 63:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

Analysis

A dramatic vision opens: 'Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?' The returning warrior's clothes are stained. He is 'glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength.' The response: 'I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.' The Hebrew 'rav' (great) and 'yasha' (save) combine power with redemption.

Historical Context

Edom (descendant of Esau) represents persistent hostility toward Israel. Bozrah was Edom's capital. This judgment on Edom pictures God's judgment on all His enemies.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the divine warrior imagery balance with God's mercy?
2. What does 'mighty to save' mean when connected to judgment?

Interlinear Text

מִי	זֶה הוּא	בֶּא	מֵאֶדֶן	חֵם וַיֵּץ	בְּגָדִים
H4310	H2088				
	Who is this that cometh	from Edom	with dyed	garments	
		H935	H123	H2556	H899
מִבְּצֶרֶת הַ	זֶה הוּא	הַדּוֹר	בְּלִבוּשׁוֹ	צֶעֱ	בְּרָב
H1224	H2088	H1921	H3830	H6808	H7230
from Bozrah	this that is glorious	in his apparel	travelling	in the greatness	
כֹּחַ	אֲנִי	מְדַבֵּר	בְּצִדְקָה	כֹּחַ	לְהוֹשִׁיעַ:
H3581	H589	H1696	H6666	H7227	H3467
of his strength	I that speak	in righteousness	mighty	to save	

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 19:13 (Parallel theme): And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Psalms 137:7 (Parallel theme): Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

Numbers 23:19 (Parallel theme): God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Matthew 21:10 (Parallel theme): And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

Song of Solomon 8:5: Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth that bare thee.

