

Isaiah 63:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

Analysis

'Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?' The stained garments prompt a question. Grape-treading produced red-stained clothes - here the stain is enemy blood. The color red (adom) connects verbally with Edom (Edom).

Historical Context

Wine-treading was common agricultural experience. This familiar imagery takes a startling turn as the 'wine' becomes the blood of enemies. Revelation 14:19-20 and 19:13-15 develop this imagery.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the wine-press imagery communicate the thoroughness of divine judgment?
2. What does this vision teach about God's wrath against persistent evil?

Interlinear Text

וְגַדְלֵךְ יְהֹוָה בְּלֹבֶשׂ בְּמַדְעָה
H4069 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel and thy garments
H122 H3830 H899

כַּדְךְ כַּאֲתָה
like him that treadeth in the winefat
H1869 H1660

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.

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