

I Have Trodden the Winepress Alone

Isaiah 63:1-6

- A** - Who is this that cometh from **Edom**, with **dyed garments** from Bozrah? 1st Coming of Christ
- B** - **This glorious in His apparel**, travelling in the greatness of His strength 2nd Coming of Christ
- C** - Christ speaks in righteousness /mighty to **save**. (vs.1)
- D** - **Red apparel** / Thy **garments** like him treadeth in the winefat (1st Coming of Christ
- E** - **I have trodden the winepress alone** **GETHEMANE**
E - **and of the people none with me** (vs.3) **& CALVARY**
- D** - **Blood** sprinkled upon my **garments** / **stain** all my **raiment** 1st Coming of Christ
(Plural singularity)
For I will tread /trample them in my anger and fury. (vs.3b)
- C** - For the Day of Vengeance is in mine **heart**, 2nd Coming of Christ
(Singular plurality)
And year of my **redeemed is come**. (vs.4)
- B** - Christ's own arm brought **salvation** /His fury upheld Him.*
(strength) (righteousness) (vs.5)
- A** - I will tread down the people and make them drunk in My fury. (vs.6) 3rd Coming of Christ
(final destruction of lost)

This is a very fascinating depiction of Christ's sufferings and victory over sin. It reveals much about His character love, His righteousness and power to save. How He punished sin in Himself, but how He also will punish sin in those who reject Him (ref to 'day of vengeance' at the "year of my redeemed" which will come during the time of trouble, such as never was (cf. Dan 12:1). It also alludes to a final destruction of the lost at His 3rd Coming.

In this Chiasm we find double internal evidence as elaborated below:

In the A statements we note this envelop construction: righteousness >> salvation ~ salvation >> righteousness
In the B statements, the same pattern occurs: Apparel >> garments ~ garments >> raiment
The focal point: Christ's sufferings in Gethsemane and on the Cross.

* fury = righteousness (cf Isa 59:16)

Additional evidence not mentioned above, but recorded in vs. 1 tied to vs. 2:

Dyed garments >> glorious apparel ~ red apparel >> garments treadeth in winefat