

the ARM OF THE LORD

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"Who has believed our report? And to whom is the **Arm of the LORD** revealed? For **He** (Jesus) shall grow up before **Him** (the Father) as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. **He** has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see **Him**, there is no beauty that we should desire **Him**. He is despised and rejected of men; a **Man of Sorrows**, and **acquainted with grief**." (Isaiah 53:1-3)

"My soul is now troubled; and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour.' **but for this purpose came I unto this hour**. Father, glorify Your name.' Then there came a voice from heaven, saying, 'I have both glorified it, **and will glorify it again**.' The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered. Others said, an angel spoke to Him. But Jesus answered and said, 'This voice came not for Me, but for your sakes.' Now judgment is upon this world; and now the prince of this world shall be cast out. And I, **if I be lifted up from the earth, shall draw all men unto Myself**.' This He said, **signifying what kind of death He should die**. But the people answered Him, 'We have heard out of the law that Christ shall abide forever, so why do You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up? who is this Son of Man?' Then Jesus said unto them, 'Yet a little while is **the Light** with you. Walk while you have **the Light** lest darkness come upon you: for he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have **the Light** believe in **the Light**, that you may be the children of **the Light**. These things spoke Jesus, and then He departed, and hid Himself from them. However, even though He had done so many miracles before them, nevertheless they did not believe on Him; so that the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, 'Lord, who has believed our report? and to whom has the **Arm of the Lord** been revealed?' Therefore they could not believe, because of what Isaiah said again, 'He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; so that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.' These things spoke Isaiah, when he saw His glory, and spoke of Him." (John 12:35-41)

Arm: from the Hebrew word ***uzerosa*** which means: arm, or shoulder, or strength, or power, or might. God's arm - as instrument of deliverance and judgment. Also from the Greek word ***brachion*** which means: the arm, or strength.

LORD: From the Hebrew word ***Yhvh*** - which means, or is: the proper name of the God of Israel. (pronounced Yahweh, or Jehovah). The self-Existent-one, or Eternal-one. From ***eh-yeh*** (from ***hayah***: to fall out, come to pass, to become, to be, to come into being, to arise, to appear, to come; to exist.) Also from the Greek word ***Kurios*** meaning: supreme in authority; by implication, Master; as a respectful title - lord, master,

The context, in Isaiah, of this prophetic title of Jesus, the Arm of the LORD, begins with the question. 'Who has believed our report;' or perhaps "Who will believe this prophetic revelation concerning the sufferings of the promised Messiah!" The context continues, in Isaiah, by describing in detail the sufferings and sorrows, and griefs that our Lord Jesus Christ would experience during the time of His first coming.

The context, in the Gospel John, concerning this prophetic title of Jesus, the Arm of the LORD, is that of imminent fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, as Jesus said, "My soul is now troubled; and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour.' **but for this purpose came I unto this hour**. Father, glorify Your name." This was the hour, or time to fulfill the purpose of His first coming: His crucifixion on the Cross of Calvary for the forgiveness of sin, and the eternal salvation for all persons who put their faith in Jesus.

But grief upon sorrows awaited the first coming of the The Arm Of The LORD!

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Consider again what the Apostle John wrote:

"However, even though He had done so many miracles before them, nevertheless **they did not believe on Him**; so that the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, '**Lord, who has believed our report?** and to whom has the **Arm of the Lord** been revealed?' Therefore they could not believe, because of what Isaiah said again, '**He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; so that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.**' (John 12:37-40)

Unbelief was certainly one of the chief sorrows that brought grief to His soul. But all was not lost; for what does it say:

"...let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith; **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the Right Hand (the Right Arm) of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

In the midst of unbelief; amongst all the harden hearts towards Jesus, there are those on the narrow road that leads to eternal life in Christ Jesus, believers, who have put their trust and their faith in the Tender Plant – who is the Arm and Strength of our Father in Heaven.

Consider what Mary, the mother of Jesus, and a true believer, had to say:

"My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. For He has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done to me great things; and Holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. **He has showed strength with His Arm**; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted those of low degree. He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy; as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to His seed forever." (Luke: 1:46-55)

Consider also this passage from Isaiah:

"O Zion, that brings good tidings, go up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that brings good tidings, lift up your voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord GOD will come with a strong hand, and **His Arm shall rule for Him**: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. He shall feed His flock like a Shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His Arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young." (Isaiah 40:9-11)

JESUS is ...

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**The strong-one, the mighty-one,
who shall rule for His Father!**

**But first Lord Jesus You endured the sorrows, and the sufferings, and the agony;
and You endured the pains of the cross in our place – Why?
You did it for the Joy set before You! And because of the Father's great love for Us!**