

### **The situation**

The nation was at a low ebb. Rescue had not come (prob Cyrus', 2 Chron.36.20-23). Why hadn't their prayers been answered (58 v.2&3, 59 v.1)?

**Outline of chapter.** The pronouns (you, they we, He, I) show the stages in the message.

**1-3** (Isaiah speaking) Your sins have kept God's rescue away.

**4-8** (God speaking) Their lives are shot through with evil

**9-15a** (Isaiah speaking) We've turned our backs on God and the casualties are righteousness, justice and truth

**15b-19** (Isaiah speaking) God is going to intervene. God, represented as a warrior, undertakes the work of salvation and judgement.

**20, 21** (God speaking) I'll send a redeemer and my Spirit, and you'll never stop repeating the words I'll give you.

### **Main lessons for us**

- The ungodliness, pervasiveness and universality of sin
- The willingness and power of God to save.

### **Conclusion**

Making this Saviour our Saviour. The AAA of guilt removal

- Acknowledgment
- Atonement
- Authority

And keeping short accounts. "Jesus keep me near the Cross"