

Isa 48:11 Who is this that conceals

It is dif. to form a conception of the
Christ. If I was introduced into this
world. & placed where I could have
a commanding view of its forces
I think the most astonishing thing
would be Christianity, as I see a
force that works for righteousness
transformed, souls filled
with holy comfort. I asked what
it was that brought it all about,
they would tell me J.C. I think
I should ask tell me about
him. And there was an utter
total explanation - how he came
an incarnation &c &c. - How now
in an inf. spirit he was pushing
upon all hearts in this world to
be good &c. I think I would
find it dif. to get any real
conception of him, and yet
before me are great boundless
results. I must recognize
him, but how conceiving of his

How much more diff for the prophets
of old. We have been schooled in the
thought of him from our childhood
and our conception of him has
gradually took on form & enlarged,
and though our conception may
not be very comprehensive or
complete, yet how much more than
perfect them would of been possi-
ble to have given, to man by any
simple utterance or vision,
And yet the Lord did give to the
prophets some idea of the Christ
of these later ages. Especially
heard words about him, & saw
visions representing him
which when the light of these
ages is turned upon them
aford upon to us of him
that are very precious.

My leave him here set forth
under the figure of a mighty
warrior, a Conqueror - marching
on to conquest, yet with weapons so
spiritual & motives so holy, & ends so heavenly &c.

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He stands out before the eyes of the Prophet
as a mighty conquering warrior. One fresh
& blood stained from the field of conquest
and pressing on to victory. It is evident
by the Christ from Calvary, going forth
as the Christ of Pentecost. His blood
stained robes. His died garments are
simply the proclamation, the evidence
of conflicts fought. It is very clear
what it refers to. "I have trodden the
winepress alone." &c. This can only
refer to the awful conflict that was
about & centered in the Cross of Calvary
of this great battle fought out to the
finish on the Cross, by our Redeemer
the L. J. C. I attempt no description.
It evidently was not only the battle of all
time - around which more & more the
conflicts of earth gather, but it was the
battle of the eternal ages. The Covenants
& provisions for this conquest were
from the foundations of the earth.
And when Christ was manifested
he came to destroy the works of the
devil. That conflict was first of all
a sacrifice. Before Satan could be smitten
there rescued from his power, eternal justice must
be satisfied. The sword that hung over man, must be with

It must be possible for man to be forgiven
and rec. &c. The first thing was unto the
Father - &c. It was upon Jesus making
this attainment that the powers of
darkness were hurled. To crush him
with persecution, to cast him down
with suffering, to overwhelm
him with agony. In his weakness
& thirst & faintness, to utterly dis-
troy him. His first work was
the making of attainment
but in doing that he was
contending with the powers
of darkness. Satan gathered
his mercenaries. Hell poured forth
her legions. The heavens were
black with the forces of darkness.
The earth trembled under the tread of the mighty ^{host} ~~host~~ ^{host}
that wounded, bleeding hand
that dying heart held them at
bay. For six dreadful hours
the billows of the forces of the
enemy broke over him.
The mighty warrior cried out in the
conflict, but it was the cry of faintness &c
Again - but the cry of despatching &c

But the warrior⁵ lifts his eye at last
& looking out into the darkness beyond
says "it is finished" & ^{of the darkest} ~~darkness~~
when the cloud of ^{the} darkness ^{dis-}
appears, there waves above the cross
in holy triumph the banner of
salvation. As the darkness passes
away, and the golden light of the
resurrection dawns, how that
banner waves & glows. & how the
streams of heavenly light & human
hope go out from it. Our gospel is
soaked in the blood of the Lamb.
It is the manifest truth of God
made crimson with atoning
blood. Christ Jesus on this earth
is the warrior who has dyed all
his garments, & Christ of moral
influence, of example - simply is
of no avail. Nothing else than a
Christ of atoning blood, who has
opened up a fountain for
sin and uncleanness &c
The cry of this warrior is, sin destroyed
the destruction of the work of the devil
it cleans through the blood - the blood of J.C. cleanseth

He has not shed his blood to leave
men in sin, but that they may
have remission of sins & inheritance
So when prophetic eyes saw Jesus
emerge from into this world he was
a blood stained, conquering warrior
going on to conquest.

But the place where the prophet saw
him, where the glory of his appearance
& the tread of his triumphant march
seemed to stand out most vividly
before him, is of special interest.
Who is this that cometh from Edom
with dyed garments from Bozrah.

This statement is not accidental,
a prophetic image of such marvelous
cut & coloring as this, would be true
to its great spiritual facts & teachings.
Edom was the land of Esau. Bozrah
was probably its capital. Edom was
the closest relation to Israel, & perhaps
her bitterest foe. It was Edom who
when Esau came out of Egypt would make us
compromise with them. How let them
pass through this land &c. I think
these blood relation enemies represent
the deep radical enmity to God & man
the carnal mind, which is not subject to