

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

ISAIAH CHAPTERS 1-66 OVERVIEW

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GOD'S GREAT COMMISSION

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Through The Grace of God

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Introduction to the Text;

Isaiah 1-66 Introduction

Isaiah 1:1

The **vision** of Isaiah the son of **Amoz**, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of **Uzziah**, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

"In the days of these Kings" puts Isaiah's ministry beginning at 740bc. And ending in 680bc.

Uzziah, (a good king. Brilliant, he disobeyed and was a leper for it) **Jotham** (co-regent with Uzziah) , **Ahaz** (wicked, pagan) and **Hezekiah** (good king, close friend to Isaiah. He was a reformer, back to the word of God)

**In The North, was the Kingdom of Israel.
Backslidden and Rebellious – Assyria was about to Attack.**

**The Place and Ministry of the Prophet
in the Old Testament:**

**there was no greater commissioning in the Bible.
Greater than kings, greater than any government on earth
was the Prophet of God. – why?**

**Because they spoke what God had given them to speak,
And the outcome of what they had to say was irrelevant to them.**

Most Often Mocked / Rejected / Persecuted / Martyred

Matthew 23:37-39

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! **38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; **39** for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!" "**

The Prophets of the Bible had Varying Ministry -

Jonah never spoke about the future sense / **Ezekiel** spoke both into the contemporary of his day and far out into the future. / **Elijah** said nothing prophetic.

Background & Insight

Isaiah the man

His name means “**The LORD is Salvation**”. We know nothing about his upbringing other than in some way, he ascended into the graces of King Uzziah. Isaiah’s fathers’ name was Amoz but we know nothing about his dad.

He had direct access to the high priest. His style of language and Hebrew word usage is “High-Hebrew” or classic Hebrew.

He was married and had two sons, **Shear-Jashub** (“*the remnant shall return*”), and **Ma-her-Shala-Haz-Baz** (“*quick to plunder. Swift to the spoil*”) whose names also symbolized his message.

According to Tradition and Extra-Biblical Accounts,

Isaiah was later captured by the wicked king **Manasseh**, tortured and then pulled thru a hollowed log and then sawn in half.

Hebrews 11:35-37

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. **36** Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. **37** They were stoned, they were sawn in two,

The Books of the Prophets in the Bible.

5 books are called “**The Major Prophets**” meaning “large in volume”

and **12 books** are called “**The Minor Prophets**” meaning “lesser in volume”

Isaiah is the Longest of the Books of the Prophets

(**66** chapters broken up into **2** sections **39** chapters on sin, judgment and the future then **27** chapters on restoration, forgiveness and the future)

(it’s a mirror of the entire bible = **66** books, **39** OT and **27** NT)

The Times in Which He Lived

At that time the nation of Israel was divided, Judah was in the south and in the north was Israel. The nation as a whole had departed far from God. **Paganism** / Corruption / **Decline** = they were being surrounded by hostile nations.

The World He Lived In and His Nation

Israel and Judah then was and is geographically identical to the Nation of Israel today – except that it was larger than it is today.

The **Assyrian** Empire was on the rise, **Persia** was threatening, **Babylon** was stirring, **Egypt** was preparing for war - The Same nations today are waking. (**Syria, Iran, Iraq, Egypt**)

His Contemporaries in Ministry

Hosea and **Amos** were sent by God to the Northern Kingdom of **Israel**
While **Isaiah** and **Micah** were called to the Southern Kingdom **Judah**.

The Great Commission of Isaiah The Prophet

Isaiah's calling as a prophet was primarily to the nation of Judah (the southern kingdom) and to the city of Jerusalem, He urged the people **to repent** from their sins and **to return to God**. He also foretold the coming of the Messiah and the salvation of the Lord and the End of days events..

Over 25 times Isaiah calls God "The Holy One of Israel"

Isaiah 43:3

For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, **YOUR** Savior;

(But the Bible says Jesus Christ Is man's Savior) and so does Isaiah

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a **Child** is born, Unto us a **Son** is given; And the government will be upon **His** shoulder. And **His** name will be called **Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. **7** Of the increase of **His** government and peace There will be no end, Upon the **throne of David** and over **His** kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the **Lord** of hosts will perform this.

God had called Isaiah to speak to His people because the nation had departed from the "living with God and from knowing God personally".

#1

he speaks to his own generation – **that's what we're to be doing !**

#2

he speaks to them about their sin - **that's what we're to be doing !**

#3

he speaks to them about the future - **that's what we're to be doing !**

I Need to Mention "The Isaiah Controversy"

Who wrote the book of Isaiah ?

(The Deutero-Isaiah Hypothesis)

Everyone believed that Isaiah wrote the book of Isaiah up until about 300 years ago. The German theologian Coppe suggested that there were at least two Isaiah's because of the different styles and topics found in the book. This man-generated-debate has led some people to doubt the book of Isaiah and their entire Bible and some have even been shipwrecked.

There Is No Substitute For The Bible.

Let it speak to you simply and plainly.

Basically, the argument is that there was one Isaiah who wrote the earlier chapters, **1 to 39** and a different Isaiah who wrote the later chapters, **40 to 66**.

John 12:37-41

:37 But although He had done so many miracles before them, they did not believe in Him, :38 that the word 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?**" (Isaiah 53:1) :39 Therefore they could not believe, because **Isaiah** **said again**: **40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them."** (Isaiah 6:10) **41** These things **Isaiah** said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

We are about to embark upon an awesome journey together.

>>>> **you will be surprised** <<<<

to learn that what you believe about God, creation, salvation, hell, Satan, the antichrist, the rapture, Israel, eternity, the second coming, the millennium, heaven...

are doctrines revealed in Isaiah and then later expounded upon in the New Testament.

God interrupts our time and space
through the ministry of His prophets.

>>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<<

End of Study

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