

# THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

## ISAIAH CHAPTER 8:1-22

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“IN GOD WE TRUST”**

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Through The Grace of God

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Introduction to the Text;

**Isaiah 8:1-22**

Trust – Heb. batach, baw-takh’;

To hide into for refuge. To be confident, safe, secure, bold, careless

**IN GOD WE TRUST**

**1.) Because He is the LORD**

**vs. 1-4**

### Isaiah 8:1-4

Moreover the **LORD** said to me, “Take a large scroll, and write on it with a man’s pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz. **2** And I will take for Myself faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jebera-chiah.” **3** Then I went to the prophetess (Isaiah’s wife), and she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, “Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz **4** for before the child shall have knowledge to cry ‘My father’ and ‘My mother,’ the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be taken away before the king of Assyria.”

Isaiah was married and had two sons, (1) **Shear-Jashub (“the remnant shall return”)**, and (2) **Ma-her-Shala-Haz-Baz (“quick to plunder. Swift to the spoil”)** whose names also symbolized his message.

**If you remember back in chapter 5 & 6 - the prophecy**

**was given to Isaiah / to the kingdom of Judah - - that the king of Assyria would join ranks with the northern kingdom of Israel to attack Judah and take its riches and land. But (behind the scenes) God was at work, (1) the discipline of His people because of their national sins that they had committed against God.**

Deuteronomy 28:1-49 NLT

“If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. **2** You will experience all these blessings if you obey the LORD your God: **3** **(A)** Your towns and your fields will be blessed. **4** Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. **5** **(B)** Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. **6** Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed. **7** “The LORD will conquer your enemies when they attack you. They will attack you from one direction, but they will scatter from you in seven! **8** **(C)** “The LORD will guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. **9** “If you obey the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways, the LORD will establish you as his holy people as he swore he would do. **10** Then all the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the LORD, and they will stand in awe of you. **11** “The LORD will give you prosperity in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you, blessing you with many children, numerous livestock, and abundant crops. **12** The LORD will send rain at the proper time from his rich treasury in the heavens and will bless all the work you do. You will lend to many nations, but you will never need to borrow money from them. **13** If you listen to these commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today, and if you carefully obey them, the LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you will always be on top

and never at the bottom. 14 You must not turn away from any of the commands I am giving you today, nor follow after other gods and worship them. :15 “But if you refuse to listen to the LORD your God and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come and overwhelm you: :16 Your towns and your fields will be cursed (violent). 17 (A) Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be cursed. 18 Your children and your crops will be cursed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be cursed. 19 Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be cursed. :20 “The LORD himself will send on you **curses, confusion, and frustration** in everything you do, (B) until at last you are completely destroyed **for doing evil and abandoning me**. 21 The LORD will afflict you with diseases until none of you are left in the land you are about to enter and occupy. 22 The LORD will strike you with wasting diseases, fever, and inflammation, (C) with scorching heat **and drought, and with blight and mildew**. These disasters will pursue you until you die. 23 The skies above will be as unyielding as bronze, (rainless) and **the earth beneath will be as hard as iron**. 24 The LORD will change the rain that falls on your land into powder, and dust will pour down from the sky until you are destroyed. :25 “The LORD will cause you to be defeated by your enemies. You will attack your enemies from one direction, but you will RETREAT from them in seven! You will be an object of horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 Your corpses will be food for all the scavenging birds and wild animals, and no one will be there to chase them away. :27 “The LORD will afflict you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors, scurvy, and the itch, from which you cannot be cured. 28 The LORD will strike you with madness, blindness, and panic. 29 You will grope around in broad daylight like a blind person groping in the darkness, but you will not find your way. You will be **oppressed and robbed continually**, and no one will come to save you. :30 “You will be engaged to a woman, but another man will have sex with her. You will build a house, but someone else will move into it. You will plant a vineyard, but you will never enjoy its fruit. 31 Your ox will be butchered before your eyes, but you will not eat a single bite of the meat. Your donkey will be taken from you, never to be returned. Your sheep and goats will be given to your enemies, and no one will be there to help you. 32 You will watch as your sons and daughters are taken away as slaves. Your heart will break for them, but you won’t be able to help them. 33 A foreign nation you have never heard about will eat the crops you worked so hard to grow. You will suffer under constant oppression and harsh treatment. 34 You will go mad because of all the tragedy you see around you. 35 The LORD will cover your knees and legs with incurable boils. In fact, you will be covered from head to foot. :36 “The LORD will exile you and your king to a nation unknown to you and your ancestors. There in exile you will worship gods of wood and stone! 37 You will become an object of horror, ridicule, and mockery among all the nations to which the LORD sends you. :38 “You will plant much but harvest little, locusts will eat your crops. 39 You will plant vineyards and care for them, but you will not drink the wine or eat the grapes, for worms will destroy the vines. 40 You will grow olive trees throughout your land, but you will never use the olive oil, for the fruit will drop before it ripens. 41 You will have sons and daughters, but you will lose them, for they will be led away into captivity. 42 Swarms of insects will destroy your trees and crops. :43 **“The foreigners living among you will become stronger and stronger, while you become weaker and weaker.** 44 They will lend money to you, but you will not lend to them. They will be the head, and you will be the tail! :45 **“If you refuse to listen to the LORD your God and to obey the commands and decrees he has given you, all these curses will pursue and overtake you until you are destroyed.** 46 These horrors will serve as a sign and warning among you and your descendants forever. 47 **If you do not serve the LORD your God with joy and enthusiasm for the abundant benefits you have received,** 48 **you will serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you.** You will be left hungry, thirsty, naked, and lacking in everything. The LORD will put an iron yoke on your neck, oppressing you harshly until he has destroyed you. :49 “The LORD will bring a distant nation against you from the end of the earth, and it will swoop down on you like a vulture. It is a nation whose language you do not understand,

## God uses nations as His tools.

When Israel would go astray God would send them warnings through His Prophets. If the people heeded the warning, then God would bring them restoration. If the people rejected the warning He would send them His discipline and punishment - by allowing an enemy nation to attack.

Think of America’s history when it comes to us being attacked

## IN GOD WE TRUST

2.) **Because He is our peace**

vs. 5-10

### Isaiah 8:5-10

The LORD also spoke to me again, saying: 6 **“Inasmuch as these people (Israel in the north) refused The waters of Shiloah that flow softly, And (instead) rejoice in Rezin and in Remaliah’s son; 7 Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up over them The waters of the River, strong and mighty - The king of Assyria and all his glory; He will go up over all his channels And go over all his banks. 8 He will pass through Judah, He will overflow and pass over, He will reach up to the neck; And the stretching out of his wings will fill the breadth of Your land, O Immanuel. (Ma-her-Shala-Haz-Baz is not Immanuel nor was his mother a virgin, he had an older brother, Shear-Jashub**

Do you remember the images I showed you of Saddleback Mountain and how I spoke about the near and far fulfillment of Bible prophecy?

## Be careful students of the Bible

**Choose His Gentle Waters (Shiloh) – Not the Flood of the World.**

**The world is coming at us with a fire hose of evil.**

The movies / the books / the educational system / our elected officials  
( please – will one of you invent a black-out button for the tv remote )

### John 4:13-14

Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, **14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

### John 7:37-39a

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. **38** He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” **39** But this He spoke concerning the Holy Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive;

**Not by a Fire Hose - - but - - By Gentle, Slow Infusion.**  
( Meditate / Ponder / Be Still / Think on These Things )

**Just ask Him for a Drink, not the world.**

### Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit (Holy) and the bride (Church) say, “**Come!**” **And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.**

**9** “Be shattered, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Give ear, all you from far countries. Gird yourselves, **but** be broken in pieces; Gird yourselves, **but** be broken in pieces. **10** Take counsel together, **but** it will come to nothing; Speak the word, **but** it will not stand, For God is with us.”

Christian, never lean on the world to deliver you from trouble. Couple, never look to the world for marital advice. California, never lean on Sacramento to solve your problems.

### Psalm 33:12a

Blessed (Happy) is the nation whose God is the LORD.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/religion/god-in-america/in-god-we-trust-reaffirmed-as-national-motto-again/>

## IN GOD WE TRUST

**3.) Because He will take care of us vs. 11-18**

### Isaiah 8:11-18

**For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people,** saying: **12** “Do not say, (1) ‘A conspiracy,’ Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, (do not trust in treaty or deal or alliances with Iran or with Russia) (2) Nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. **13** (3) **The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, And let Him be your dread.** Do not revere or be ever-mindful of those things that man does)

### Matthew 6:30-34

Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? :31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,

14 (4) He (the LORD) will be as a sanctuary, (5) But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, As a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many among them shall stumble; They shall fall and be broken, Be snared and taken." 16 Bind up the testimony, Seal the law among my disciples. 17 And I will wait on the LORD, Who hides His face from the house of Jacob; And I will hope in Him. 18 Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! (Isaiah and his family have been called by God) We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.

I personally believe this for **me** and my family.  
I personally believe this for **you** and your family  
I personally believe this for every one of **us** who are Christians.

### Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man brings a snare, But **whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.**

### Verses 14

(4) He will be as a sanctuary, (5) But a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense

### 1 Peter 2:6-8

Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." :7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

### Matthew 21:42a-44

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone... :44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.'"

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### 4.) Because He is the Truth

vs. 19-20

### Isaiah 8:19-20

And **when they say** to you, "**Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,**"

### Verses 19a

**"Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,"**

Séance, Fortune Tellers, Horoscopes and Tarot Cards and Psychics

( It' s a Sign of a National Crisis – That God' s Word is not Sought After )

### Verses 19b

should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the law and to the testimony! **If they do not speak according to this word,** it is **because there is no light in them.**

## UCLA "LET THERE BE LIGHT"

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### Verses 20

**To the law and to the testimony!** (BACK TO THE BIBLE) If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

False Christians / False Prophets / False Teachers /

#### 1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Holy Spirit expressly says that in latter times **some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,**

( can you identify anyone who answers to this warning? )

#### Matthew 24:23-25

"Then if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Christ!" or "There!" do not believe it. **24** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. **25** See, I have told you beforehand.

( can you identify anyone who answers to this warning? )

#### 2 Timothy 4:3-5a

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound doctrine/teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate/gather for themselves teachers to suit/approve their own passions, **4** and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **5** As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering,

( can you identify anyone who answers to this warning? )

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### 5.) Because He alone is God vs. 21-22

#### Isaiah 8:21-22

They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward. **22** Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they will be driven into darkness.

### When the Disaster Comes Upon Them

Because of the Stupid Decisions that they have made – They will blame Me for all their troubles.

## Foolish Decisions Abound

#### Jeremiah 2:13

"For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns - broken cisterns that can hold no water.

*End of Study*

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