

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

THE GOD OF OUR SALVATION

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“GOD KNOWS”

Discovering the Salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Prophecies of Isaiah

Part 2

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Introduction to the Text:

Isaiah 48:1-22

Of all the writings in recorded human history,
Nothing compares to the perfection and inerrancy of the Bible.
But why is this true and how is it possible?

The authorship of the Bible spans a nearly 2,000 year
period of time of historical records, real-time happenings and future events.

66 independent, stand-alone books, penned by 40 different
authors from 3 separate continents (African, Asian, and European) – all
speaking about one single God with one single message.

Hebrews 1:1-2a

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers
by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

Luke 24:25-27

Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that
the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these
things and to enter into His glory?” 27 And beginning at Moses and all the
Prophets, He expounded to them in **all the Scriptures the things
concerning Himself.**

All this and more adds to The High View of Scripture
The Importance of the Old Testament is Unparalleled

It's because of the Old Testament that:

- (1) We have the Creation account or the "How" account.
- (2) We have in the Old Testament the "why account" of Creation.
- (3) We have the vision/purpose for the Creation of mankind.
 - (4) We have God inventing nations.
- (5) We have God revealing Himself to mankind.
 - (6) We have the Redemption account.
 - (7) We have the Bible in advance...

All this - to bring us under the Authority of God and His Word to us.

Psalms 119:104-105

Through Your precepts (God's instruction) I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way. 105 Your word (all of it) is a lamp
to my feet And a light to my path.

Paul repeats this in the New Testament

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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1.) What is in the confession

vs. 1-2

1 "Hear this, O house of **Jacob**, who are **called** by the name of **Israel**, and have come forth from the wellsprings of **Judah**; who **swear** by the name of the **LORD**, and make **mention** of the God of **Israel**, but not in truth or in righteousness; **2** for they call themselves after the holy city, and lean on the God of **Israel**; The **LORD** of hosts is His name:

Isaiah 29:13

Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me,

Jesus Quotes Isaiah in Matthew 15:7-9a

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

8 "These people draw near to Me with their mouth,
And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.

9 And in vain they **worship** Me,

When Faith becomes “Religious”
Is when we descend down into “The Going Through the Motions”

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2.) What is in the heart

vs. 3-8

3 “I have declared the former things from the beginning; they went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.

“I have declared the former things from the beginning.”

Again, The God of the Bible stresses the fact
that He alone is God because only God can know the future in advance.

4 Because I knew that you were obstinate, and your neck was an iron sinew, and your brow bronze, **5** even from the beginning I have declared it to you; before it came to pass I proclaimed it to you...

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3.) What He must do

vs. 9-11

9 “For My name’s sake I will defer My anger, and for My praise I will restrain it from you, So that I do not cut you off.

10 Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. **11** For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it; for how should My name be profaned? and I will not give My glory to another.

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4.) What the future holds

vs. 12-15

12 “Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called:
I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.

(13c) They stand up together.

The word means to arise “suddenly”. Creation “jumped” to attention.
to come into being at the sound of the word.

In Genesis 1:3 God said; “**Let there be light**”
More accurately it reads “**Light be**” and “**Light was**”
We see in Gen. 1:6 Then God said, “Let there be a “**Firmament**”

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5.) What we need the most

vs. 16-19

Scholars have scratched their heads over this verse for 2,000 years
and I love the fact that this passage causes an itch.
(It is **Christ-centric in its language and meaning**)

16 “Come near to Me, (to take the face in hand) **hear this:** (to clear out or open up the ear)
I have not spoken in secret from the beginning;
from the time that it was, **I was there.**
And now the Lord **GOD** and His **Spirit** have sent **Me.**”

a radical declaration of deity

v. 16a = “Come near to Me,

Matthew 11:28

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

v. 16 = “Hear this: I have not spoken in secret”

John 18:20

Jesus answered him, “I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in
synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and **in secret I**
have said nothing.

v. 16 = “From the beginning; from the time that it was, I was there.”

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word
was God. **2** He was **in the beginning** with God. **3** All things were made through
Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

v. 16 = And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit have sent Me.”

Luke 1:26-35

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel **was sent by God** to a city of Galilee
named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of
the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. **28** And having come in, the

angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, **the Lord** is with you; blessed are you among women!" :29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with **God**. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a **Son**, and shall call His name **JESUS**. 32 He will be great, and will be called **the Son of the Highest**; and the **Lord God** will give **Him** the throne of His father **David**. 33 And He will reign over **the house of Jacob forever**, and of His kingdom **there will be no end.**" :34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" :35 And the angel answered and said to her, "**The Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the power of **the Highest** will overshadow you; therefore, also, that **Holy One** who is to be born will be called **the Son of God**."

**God The Highest (Father) The Holy Spirit (Spirit)
and The Son of God (Jesus) - - deity ascribed to all three.**

This is God and His painful lament

17 Thus says the **LORD**, your Redeemer, The Holy One of **Israel**: "I am the **LORD** your God, Who (a) teaches you to **profit**, who (b) leads you by the way you should **go**. **18** Oh, that you (c) had heeded My commandments! Then (d) **your peace would have been** like a river, and (e) your **righteousness** like the waves of the sea.

**"Oh, that you had heeded My commandments!"
the cry of every parent's heart for their child.**

We are called to **maintain a right heart toward God** throughout the hard times and trying times...

"Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home."
(John Newton)

**Only you can prevent a cold-dead-faith.
Only you can maintain a right-heart-toward God**

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty,

lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

18 Oh, that you (c) had heeded My commandments! Then (d) **your peace would have been** like a river, and (e) your **righteousness** like the waves of the sea.

“your peace would have been like a river”

Luke 19:37-42

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, **38** saying: “ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!’ Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” :**39** And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” :**40** But He answered and said to them, “I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out.” :**41** Now as He drew near, **He saw the city and wept over it, 42** saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

His concern continues...

19 Your descendants also would have been like the sand, and the offspring of your body like the grains of sand; His name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me.”

Disobedience always, - always, always leads to pain, sorrow and regret.
Disobedience never, - never, never turns out well for the offender.

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6.) What the end is all about

vs. 20-22

20 Go forth from (come out from) Babylon! (rev. 18:4) Flee from the Chaldeans! (150 years yet ahead) With a voice of singing, declare, proclaim this, utter it to the end of the earth; Say, “The **LORD** has redeemed His servant **Jacob!**” **21** and they did not thirst when He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow from the rock for them; He also split the rock, and the waters gushed out.
22 “There is no peace,” says the **LORD**, “for the **wicked.**”

wicked heb: rasha (raw-shaw) the (absolute) **morally** wrong. the (absolute) **bad** person. the (absolute) **condemned**, the (absolute) **guilty**, the (absolute) **ungodly**, the man or woman that does (absolute) **sin**.

This could be a reference to “Israel” still being like the “Jacob of Old”

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

So what are we supposed to do ?

Galatians 5:16-21

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. (here's the warning) **:19**

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, **20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, **21** envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Jude 1:20-21

But you, beloved, building (layer upon layer. i.e. composite) yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying (+/-) in the Holy Spirit, **21** keep (do everything possible to stay rooted like a tree) yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, no idolaters, no adulterers, no homosexuals, no sodomites, **10** no thieves, no covetous, no drunkards, no revilers, no extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** **Such were some of you.** But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Jeremiah 29:11-12

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

**In a real “prophetic” sense,
God has chosen you in His mercy and grace.**

John 15:16b

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you
that you should go and bear fruit,

In a real “prophetic” sense,

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is
the gift of God, **9 not of works**, lest anyone should boast. **10** For we are His
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God **prepared
beforehand** that we should **walk in them**.

Let's all Consider the Cross Tonight.
Let's all Pray Tonight for His Filling & Renewal.

End of Study

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