

Old Testament Survey - **Isaiah**

Author: Isaiah (Unity in authorship. Difference between sections due to the subject matter)

Date: Ministry period about 740-680 (from the end of Uzziah's reign through Jotham, Ahaz & Hezekiah's reigns. He died during early part of Manasseh's reign - Talmud tradition says by being sawn in two - cf. Hebrews 11:37)

Theme: Salvation: Judgment & Hope - *God's punishment of the wicked, preservation of the godly, and promised salvation through Messiah.*

Outline:

- I. Prophecies of Judgment (1-35) [Condemnation]
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Key People: Isaiah

Key Chapters & Verses

- 1:18** Redemption - *"Though your sins be as scarlet, They shall be as white as snow"*
- 6** Isaiah's call & commissioning
- 7:14** The virgin birth of Immanuel *"Therefore, the LORD himself will give a sign. Behold, a virgin will be with child & bear a son, & she will call His name Immanuel."*
- 9:6** The birth & reign of the "prince of peace" *"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulders; And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*
- 11:1-5** The righteous reign of the Branch from Jesse
- 24** Judgment of the Earth in Tribulation
- 36-37** Historical interlude - Hezekiah & Sennacherib
- 40** Comfort to Israel - The voice calling in the wilderness - The greatness of God - Strength for those that wait on the Lord
- 44:6** The LORD says, 'I am the first & I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.'
- 48:16** Trinity in the O.T. *"... Now the Lord God has set Me, and His Spirit"*
- 53** The suffering servant (Messiah)
- 55:1-3** "Ho! Everyone who thirst, come...buy without money...incline - to me... And I will make an everlasting covenant with you..."
- 64:6** Total depravity of man - our "righteous deeds are like filthy garments"
- 66** Zion's future, the consummation of history.

Contemporaries: Amos, Jonah, Hosea, Micah.

Prophecies in Isaiah:

Isaiah is full of prophecies concerning Jesus, both His first and second Advents including the following:

First Advent: **7:14** (Matt. 1:22-23); **9:1-2** (Matt. 4:12-16); **9:6** (Luke 2:11; Eph. 2:14-18); **11:1** (Luke 3:23; 32; Acts 13:122-23); **42:1-4** (Matt. 12:15-21); **42:6** (Luke 2:29-32); **50:6** (Matt. 26:67; 27:26, 30); **52:14** (Phil. 2:7-11); **53:3** (Luke 23:18; Jn 1:11; 7:5); **53:4-5** (Rom. 5:6,8); **53:7** (Matt. 27:12-14; John 1:29; 1 Pet. 1:18-19); **53:9** (Matt. 27:57-60); **53:12** (Mark 15:28); **61:1** (Luke 4:17-19, 21).

Second Advent: 4:2; 11:2-6, 10; 32:1-8; 49:7; 52:13, 15; 59:20-21; 60:1-3; 61:2-3.

Isaiah is extensively quoted in the New Testament. He is referenced by name 21 times and Isaiah 53 is quoted or alluded to at least 85 times. Here is a listing of direct quotes (LXX = quote from the Septuagint). **1:9** (Rom. 9:29); **6:9** (Luke 8:10); **6:9-10** (Matt. 13:14-15; Mark 4:12; Acts 28:26-27); **6:10** (Jn 12:40); **7:14** (Matt. 1:23); **8:8,10LXX** (Matt. 1:23); **8:12-13** (1 Pet. 3:14-15); **8:14** (Rom. 9:23; 1 Pet. 2:18); **8:17LXX** (Heb. 2:13); **8:18** (Heb. 2:13); **9:1,2** (Matt. 4:15-16); **11:10** (Rom. 15:12); **22:13** (1 Cor. 15:32); **25:8** (1 Cor. 15:54); **26:20** (Heb. 10:37); **28:11-12** (1 Cor. 14:21); **28:16** (Rom. 9:23; 10:11; 1 Pet. 2:6); **29:10** (Rom. 11:8); **29:13LXX** (Matt. 15:8-9; Mark 7:6,7); **29:14** (1 Cor. 1:19); **40:3** (Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:3; John 1:23); **40:6-8** (1 Pet. 1:24-25); **42:1-4** (Matt. 12:18-21); **43:20** (1 Pet. 2:9); **43:21** (1 Pet. 2:9); **45:21** (Mark 12:32); **45:23** (Rom. 14:11); **49:6** (Acts 13:47); **49:8** (2 Cor. 6:2); **52:5** (Rom. 10:15); **52:11** (2 Cor. 6:17); **52:15** (Rom. 15:21); **53:1** (John 12:38; Rom. 10:16); **53:4** (Matt. 8:17); **53:7-8LXX** (Acts 8:32-33); **53:9** (1 Pet. 2:22); **53:12** (Luke 22:37); **54:1** (Gal. 4:27); **54:13** (John 6:45); **55:3LXX** (Acts 13:34); **56:7** (Matt. 21:13; Mark 11:17; Luke 19:46); **59:7-8** (Rom. 3:15-17); **59:20-21** (Rom. 11:26-27); **61:1-2** (Luke 4:18-19); **61:6** (1 Pet. 2:9); **62:11** (Matt. 21:5); **64:4** (1 Cor. 2:9); **65:1** (Rom. 10:20); **65:2** (Rom. 10:21); **66:1-2** (Acts 7:49-50).

Salvation is also a central theme in Isaiah with the word “salvation” appearing 26 times compared to only 7 times in all the other prophets combined. Isaiah 52:13-53:12 is the central passage dealing with salvation in Messiah and it parallels the sacrificial system: 52:13-15 - His wholehearted sacrifice (burnt offering); 53:1-3 - His perfect character (meal offering); 53:4-6 - His atonement bringing peace with God (peace offering); 53:7-9 - His payment for transgressions (sin offering); 53:10-12 - His death for the effects of sin (trespass offering).

Isaiah 1-35 details the sin of Judah in and eleven of the surrounding nations and pronounces God’s judgment upon them.

Isaiah 36-39 details the historical Assyrian invasion of Judah in 701 B.C. and anticipates the coming Babylonian invasion of Judah.

Isaiah 40-66 details God’s promises of hope and restoration to Judah in the future.

Detailed Outline of Isaiah

- I. Prophecies of Judgment (1-35) [Condemnation]
 - A. Prophecies against Judah (1-12)
 - 1. Judgment of Judah (1)
 - 2. The Day of the Lord (2-4)
 - 3. The Parable of the Vineyard (5)
 - 4. The Commission of Isaiah (6)
 - 5. The Destruction of Israel by Assyria (7:1-10:4)
 - a. The Sign of Immanuel (7)
 - b. The Sign of Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (8)
 - c. Prophecy of Messiah's Birth (9:1-7)
 - d. Judgment of Ephraim (9:8-10:4)
 - 6. The Destruction of Assyria by God (10:5-12:6)
 - a. Judgment of Assyria (10:5-19)
 - b. Israel's Remnant Returns (10:20-34)
 - c. Righteous Reign of the Messiah (11)
 - d. Thanksgiving (12)
 - B. Prophecies against Other Nations (13-23)
 - 1. The Oracle about Babylon (13:1-14:23)

2. Prophecies Against Assyria (14:24-27)
3. Prophecies Against Philistia (14:28-32)
4. The Oracle about Moab (15-16)
5. The Oracle about Damascus (17)
6. Prophecies Against Ethiopia (18)
7. The Oracle about Egypt (19 & 20)
8. The Oracle about the Wilderness of the Sea (21:1-10)
9. The Oracle about Edom (21:11-12)
10. Prophecies Against Arabia (21:13-17)
11. The Oracle about the Valley of Vision (22)
12. The Oracle about Tyre (23)

C. Prophecies of the Day of the LORD (24-27)

1. Judgment of the Tribulation (24)
2. Triumphs of the Kingdom (25-27)
 - a. Israel's Praise for God's Favor (25)
 - b. Israel's Song of Trust in God (26)
 - c. Israel's Deliverance (27)

D. Prophecies of Judgment & Blessing (28-35)

1. Woe to Ephraim (28)
2. Woe to Ariel (Jerusalem) (29)
3. Woe to Egyptian Alliance (30-31)
4. Behold the Coming King (32)

5. Woe to the Destroyer (Assyria) (33)

6. Woe to the Nations (34)

7. The Future of the Redeemed (35)

II. Historical Parenthesis (36-39)

A. Assyria Challenges God (36)

B. God Destroys Assyria (37)

C. Hezekiah's Salvation from Sickness (38)

D. Hezekiah's Foolishness Pride (39)

III. Prophecies of Hope (40-66) [Consolation]

A. Prophecies of Israel's deliverance (40-48)

1. Comfort because of God's Greatness (40-41)

2. Comfort because of God's Servant (42)

3. Comfort because of Israel's Redemption (43-44)

4. Comfort because of God's Use of Cyrus (45)

5. Comfort because of Babylon's Destruction (46-48)

a. Destruction of Babylon's Idols (46)

b. Lament for Babylon's (47)

c. Declaration of Judah's Chastening (48)

B. Prophecies of Israel's deliverer (49-57)

1. The Messiah's Mission (49)

2. The Messiah's Obedience (50)

3. The Messiah's Encouragement to Israel (51:1-52:12)

4. The Messiah's Atonement (52:13-53:12)

5. The Messiah's Promise of Israel's Restoration (54)

6. The Messiah's Invitation (55:1-56:8)

7. The Messiah's Rebuke (56:9-57:21)

C. Prophecies of Israel's destiny (58-66)

A. Blessings of True Worship (58)

B. Israel's Sins (59)

C. Zion's Future Glory (60)

D. Advents of the Messiah (61)

E. Jerusalem's Future (62)

F. God's Vengeance (63:1-6)

G. The Remnant's Prayer (63:7-64:12)

H. The Lord's Answer to the Remnant (65)

I. The Consummation of History (66)