

ISAIAH: JUDGMENT & REDEMPTION

ISA-01 “ISAIAH: It’s Complicated”

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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ISA 6:8-9 “And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” 9) And he said, “**Go, and say to this people...**”

This study will take us through the Writings of the **PROPHET ISAIAH**. These “*prophecies*” were collected and placed among the **Sacred Scrolls** of the Jews... which we call, **THE OLD TESTAMENT**. Although no **BOOK OF SCRIPTURE** is of more importance than the others, **ISAIAH** has a unique and significant place.

- It is the 2nd most-often **OLD TESTAMENT** (OT) Book quoted in the **NEW TESTAMENT** (NT).
- **ISAIAH** is quoted (or alluded to) **62 x’s** in the **NT**; **21 x’s** in the **GOSPELS**; **25 x’s** in **PAUL’S LETTERS**; **6 x’s** in **1 PETER**; **5 x’s** in **ACTS**; **4 x’s** in **REVELATION**; and *once* in **HEBREWS**.
- It is the longest of the OT Prophetic Books: **66 Chapters** (like the **66 Books in the Bible**); **39** “pre-redemptive” (like the **39 Books of the OT**) and **27** “post-redemptive” (like the **27 Books of the NT**).

Because of the enormity of the Book and its applications to so much of Redemptive History, we cannot look at every passage in detail. I will present this study in 3 ways:

- **By Section** – Sometimes taking a collection of Chapters that fit into a theme or follow upon one another;
- **By Chapter** – There are certain Chapters that have great significance to the overall message of the Book, and of God’s plan of redemption;
- **By Verse** – Some of the Chapters or segments must be considered in-depth in order to realize the great impact of Isaiah’s visions and revelations to the message of Jesus as Messiah, and God’s Sovereign Rule.

Here is an outline track of how we will progress through this incredible book of **ISAIAH**:

- **ISAIAH’S Vision of THE LORD’S indictment of Judah and Jerusalem: [1:1–5:30]**
- **ISAIAH’S Vision and his Prophetic Call: [6:1–13]**
- **THE LORD’S Signs of Judgment, and Promise of Deliverance: [7:1–12:6]**
- **THE LORDS’ Righteous Judgments of the Nations: [13:1–23:18]**
- **THE LORD’S Proclamation of His Ultimate Victory Over the Nations: [24:1–27:13]**
- **The False Hope of Placing Trust in the Strength of Nations: [28:1–33:24]**
- **THE LORD’S Victory Over His Enemies and the Promise of The Redemption of His People: [34:1–35:10]**
- **The Review of KING HEZEKIAH’S Victories and Failures: [36:1–39:8]**
- **THE LORD’S Promise of Comfort and Redemption Through HIS CHOSEN SERVANT: [40:1–45:28]**
- **THE LORD’S humiliation of the gods Babylon, and the Glory of HIS CHOSEN SERVANT: [46:1–48:26]**
- **THE LORD’S proclamation concerning HIS Promised Redemption and Restoration: [49:1–55:13]**
- **The Failures of ISRAEL overcome by the Faithfulness of THE LORD: [56:1–59:21]**
- **THE LORD Our GREAT JUDGE and GLORIOUS REDEEMER: [60:1–66:24]**

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

It is easy to acknowledge that there are passages from the **BOOK OF ISAIAH** that are truly significant to the subject of Redemption. But... **why study the whole Book?** It's full of History to the Old Testament Nations of Israel, Judah, and the Kingdoms of Assyria and Babylon. **What has that got to do with us?** There are Chapters that are filled with Judgment for forsaking **THE LAW**. But... **aren't we free from THE LAW?**

Why do we need to know these things?

Anyone who has read through the **BOOK OF ISAIAH** has probably had these questions and many others. Yes, it is long; it speaks of Nations that we don't know and most that don't even exist today. In places it seems repetitive (*one curse after another*); and we're not sure to whom God is speaking, and whether it applies to us. Yes... It's complicated!

- The **OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS** were the **SCRIPTURES** that **JESUS** learned as He was growing, and the ones from which he taught as He ministered...

LUKE 4:17-19 *"And the Scroll of the **PROPHET ISAIAH** was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written..."*

¹⁸ *"The **SPIRIT OF THE LORD** is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of **THE LORD'S** favor."* [ISA 61:1-2]

MATT 8:16-17 *That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the **PROPHET ISAIAH**...*

"He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." [ISA 53:4]

LUKE 24:44-47 *Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in **THE LAW OF MOSES** and **THE PROPHETS** and **THE PSALMS** must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand **THE SCRIPTURES**, ⁴⁶ and said to them, **Thus it is written**...*

*"...that **THE CHRIST** should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in **HIS NAME** to all nations..."*

- It was one of the **BOOKS** **PETER** and **PAUL** used when preaching the **GOSPEL OF SALVATION**, first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles.

ACTS 2:16 *But this is what was uttered through the **PROPHET JOEL**...*

*"And in **THE LAST DAYS** it shall be, **GOD** declares, that I will pour out **MY SPIRIT** on all flesh..."*
[JOEL 2:28-32...]

ACTS 17:2-3 *And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three **SABBATH** days he reasoned with them from **THE SCRIPTURES**, ³ explaining and proving that it was necessary for **THE CHRIST** to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This **JESUS**, whom I proclaim to you, is **THE CHRIST**."*

*Paul used the **OT SCRIPTURES** (with which they were familiar) to challenge the understanding and interpretation used by the Jews. He proved to them that the passages were about the **PROMISED MESSIAH**. **THIS MESSIAH** (the **CHRIST**) was shown to be none other than **JESUS** (OF NAZARETH) whom He and Silas presented to them.*

- **ISAIAH** was used by PAUL to support and explain the message of Salvation.

ACTS 13:38-41 *"Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,"³⁹ and by HIM everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by THE LAW OF MOSES.⁴⁰ Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the PROPHETS should come about:*

⁴¹ *"Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you."* [HAB 1:5 (also alluded to in) ISA 29:14]

ACTS 13:47 *"For so THE LORD has commanded us, saying...*

'I have made you a Light for the GENTILES, that you may bring SALVATION to the ends of the earth.'" [ISA 49:6]

ROM 10:15 *"And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written..."*

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach THE GOOD NEWS!" [ISA 52:7]

1 COR 2:9 *"But, as it is written..."*

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what GOD has prepared for those who love him" [ISA 64:4]

1 COR 15:54-55 *When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:*

"Death is swallowed up in victory." [ISA 25:8]

2 COR 6:2 *"For HE says...*

"In a Favorable Time, I listened to you, and in a Day of Salvation, I have helped you."
Behold, now is the Favorable Time; behold, now is the Day of Salvation. [ISA 49:8]

- It is **"THE WORD OF GOD"**

2 TIM 3:15 (To TIMOTHY) *"and how from childhood you have been acquainted with THE SACRED WRITINGS, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in CHRIST JESUS."*

2 TIM 3:16 *"ALL SCRIPTURE is breathed out by GOD and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,"¹⁷ that the man of GOD may be complete, equipped for every good work."*

- ALL Scripture... - **"Pasa"** - The meaning used here would best be rendered *"Every one of... / each one"*
- Breathed-out by God... - **"Theopneustos"** - a new word **"Specific to Paul"** - no other way to say it...
- Profitable... - **"Ophelimos"** *Helpful / Profitable* - that which produces a beneficial /useful outcome...
- Teaching [Doctrine]... - **"Didaskalia"** - *Instruction as presented logically...*
- Reproof... - **"Elegchos"** - *Conviction / Evidence presented to show someone their error...*
- Correction... - **"Epanorthosis"** - *to set upright / set straight - show or present the right way...*
- Training... - **"Paideia"** - *Education regarding behavior and attitude*
 - In righteousness - *That which leads to a life of righteousness before God and the World...*
- May be complete... - **"(h)Artios"** [Subj] - *qualified so that they might serve their determined purpose...*
- Equipped... - **"Exartizo"** - [PresPerf] *Having been made completely qualified... [only thru the Scripture]*
- Every good work... - *So as to be able to be productive in every divinely good activity...*