

ISAIAH: JUDGMENT & REDEMPTION

ISA-02 “ISAIAH: Yahweh Has Saved”

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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In our previous Lesson we established the importance of ISAIAH in the NEW TESTAMENT writings. It is quoted time and again in the GOSPELS, used by JESUS, presented as a foundation for the **Doctrines of Salvation**, and used as evidence of GOD’s eternal plan.

As such, we must view each passage as a foundation for the life and growth of the Believer. Paul establishes the importance of ALL of Scripture... for these “words” are “God-breathed”. Therefore, we must look in each passage for some insight or teaching, some warning to the unbeliever, or correction necessary to fulfill the life GOD has purposed for the Christian.

ISAIAH 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 – to show or present the “right way” ...
- Training... – “Paideia” – Education regarding personal 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]
[Having been completed... he may be able to complete...]
- Every good work... – So as to be able to be productive in every divinely good activity...

ISAIAH: THE MAN OF GOD

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Historian and Church Father JEROME said of ISAIAH, “In many ways he was more of an Evangelist than a Prophet, because he presented the mysteries of the CHURCH OF CHRIST so vividly.” In ISAIAH 53, he brings us a clear presentation of Jesus as the Savior and the Crucified One. John Wesley concluded, “Undoubtedly he was

the prince of all the prophets.”

About the **BOOK OF ISAIAH** Wesley wrote, “*He so evidently and fully describes the person, the offices, the sufferings, and the Kingdom of Christ, that some of the ancients called him the Fifth Evangelist.*”

JOHN 12:41 The Apostle John writes, “*Isaiah said these things because he had seen and experienced the splendor of Jesus and prophesied about him.*”

Surely, the **PROPHET ISAIAH** was heavy on **PETER’S** mind when he wrote:

1 PETER 1:10-12 *Concerning this salvation, the Prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, 11) inquiring what person or time the SPIRIT OF CHRIST in them was indicating when they predicted the sufferings of the CHRIST and the subsequent glories. 12) It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the HOLY SPIRIT sent from heaven, things into which Angels long to look. [Peter quoted ISAIAH 6x’s]*

ISAIAH: PROPHET... TEACHER... EVANGELIST... INTERCESSOR...

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:*

ISAIAH 1:1 *“The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem...*

A VOICE TO KINGS... NATIONS... AND HEARTS...

We know a little about the man ISAIAH. However, what we do know assists us in understanding the man ISAIAH and the context in which he prophesied. **But it is the message, not the man, God wants us to notice.**

➤ **ISAIAH THE MAN:**

- He was of the City of JERUSALEM. As far as we can tell, he lived all of his life in JERUSALEM.
- His ministry covered over fifty years — from **~750 B.C. to ~700 B.C.** ISAIAH’S references are always from the standpoint of one living in JERUSALEM.
- He was a member of the extended **Royal Family**, he was recognized as the **Court Prophet**, and was the **Tutor** for the **Kings Children**. Those children included: JOTHAM, AHAZ, HEZEKIAH, and MANESSA.
- Tradition says that his father, AMOZ, was a brother to AMAZIAH, the King, who was a father to UZZIAH, the King.
- ISAIAH always seemed at home in the King’s court. He moved easily in and out among the leaders.
- He grew up in a day of influence and prosperity.
 - KING UZZIAH of Judah and JEROBOAM of Israel (*Northern Kingdom*) brought the people to the greatest heights of power and prosperity since the United Kingdoms of DAVID & SOLOMON.
 - **However: Accompanying these came the vices that follow: *Paganism & Idolatry; Greed; Lust; Sexual Deviance; and the Abandonment of The Law and the Sacrifices to Yahweh.***

➤ **ISAIAH’S MESSAGE**

- ISAIAH was a powerful, bold, and eloquent speaker... a perfectionist with his words whether oral or written. His figures of speech, and elegant poetic words are all by the inspiration of the Lord.
- The word “**vision**” used in ISAIAH does not just refer only to something which is “**seen**”. His visions are not like “**picture / movies**” of an event(s). They are mostly “**Words that become pictures.**” Often the phrase “**The word that Isaiah ... saw...**” is used at the beginning of a message. It was as if **what God was speaking was “illustrated” before him.**

- ISAIAH often speaks directly as THE VOICE OF THE LORD. At other times he writes or speaks with the bold authority the words the LORD has given to him.
- Isaiah is the greatest of the **MESSIANIC PROPHETS** of the **OLD TESTAMENT**.
 - ISAIAH talks about the **LORD** as though **CHRIST** was there with him. He talks about the virgin birth, the virgin-born Savior, and the crucifixion 750+ Years before it happened.
- In his great “**SERVANT**” prophecies, **THE MESSIAH** is: **THE SERVANT OF THE LORD... THE CHOSEN SERVANT... THE REDEEMING SERVANT... THE SUFFERING SERVANT...** [See: [ISA 42:1](#); [42:19](#); [43:10](#); [50:10](#); [52:13](#); [53:11](#)]
- None of these “**fit**” with the imagery of the Jewish Leaders, neither at ISAIAH’S time, nor in the future time when they will be realized.

➤ **ISAIAH’S FAMILY**

- ISAIAH’S wife was referred to as a “**prophetess**” (see [ISAIAH 8:3](#)) and he was the father of **two sons**. His 1st son was named **Shear-Jashub** (see [ISAIAH 7:3](#)), which means “**a Remnant shall return.**” His 2nd son was named **Majer-shalal-hash-baz**, which means “**Hasten to the plunder... Quick to the spoil**” - a reference to the aggressive and fearful nature of the **ASSYRIANS** as they descend upon **SYRIA & ISRAEL**. [Referred to in [ISAIAH 7](#) & [36-37](#)]

➤ **THE NAME ISAIAH**

- It is interesting to notice the names mentioned in [ISA 1:1](#).

[ISA 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.**”

- [ISAIAH](#) means “**Yahweh has Saved.**” [AMOZ](#) means “**to be made strong or courageous.**” [JUDAH](#) means “**the giving of praise.**” [JERUSALEM](#) means “**founded on peace.**”
- [ISAIAH](#) prophesied during the reign of [UZZIAH](#) (“**the strength of Yahweh**”), [JOTHAM](#) (“**the one Yahweh makes perfect**”), [AHAZ](#) (“**possessor**”), and [HEZEKIAH](#) (“**strengthened by Yahweh**”).

➤ **THE BOOK OF ISAIAH**

- ISAIAH bears every evidence of being preserved in its divinely arranged order, with one singular Author.
- Some Commentaries and Teachers attempt to divide into as many “4” sections with different Authors. However, would be a denial of Divine Inspiration to destroy the true prophetic character of the Messianic prophecy.
- Often, we pay little attention to the words and writings of the **OT PROPHETS**. But we must not neglect such a major portion of the **HOLY SCRIPTURES**.
- The real value of **OT PROPHECY** is that it occupies us with a **PERSON**, not merely with events. That **PERSON** is the **LORD JESUS CHRIST: THE MESSIAH**, who came once to suffer and is coming again to reign.
- More than any other **OT PROPHET**, ISAIAH presents, in a more plain and complete way, both **ADVENTS** of the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**.
 - 1st in his birth, life, ministry, suffering, death, resurrection, and glorification.
 - 2nd in His arrival to judge and destroy ALL those who have not committed their lives to Him, in His arrival to reward ALL who have accepted Him as **MESSIAH**, in His arrival to establish **HIS MILLENNIAL KINGDOM** upon the Earth.
- Like other prophets, ISAIAH wrote at the command of the **LORD**, and then searched the **SCRIPTURES** available to him, “**as to what manner of time the SPIRIT OF CHRIST that was in him did prophesy when he testified beforehand concerning the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow.**”
- The portions of his Prophecy that deal with the sufferings of **CHRIST**, **which took place at His first Advent**, have become amazingly clear in the light of the **NEW TESTAMENT GOSPELS**.

Map 8: ASSYRIAN AND BABYLONIAN EMPIRES

