

Bible Study – Outline

ISAIAH

<u>Time Period</u>	Chapters 1 – 39	700 BC
	Chapters 40 – 66	681 BC
	During the reigns of the kings of Judah. Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, and Manasseh	
	Contemporary prophets – Amos, Hosea, and Micah	
<u>Setting</u>	Jerusalem	

Major Theme(s)

RETURN – REPENT – BE RENEWED – REDEMPTION - REJOICE

The prophetic messages pointing to Jesus Christ, written seven centuries before Christ was born.

- Chapters 1 – 39 Words of Judgment
- Chapters 40 - 66 Words of Comfort

An interesting comparison

Number of chapters in Isaiah	66	Number of books in the Bible	66
Chapters on Judgment	39	Books in the Old Testament	39
Chapters on Good News	27	Books in the New Testament	27

Key People

- Isaiah (son of Amoz)
- Isaiah's sons – Shear-Jashub, and Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz

Overview

Isaiah

PROPHECIES OF GOD'S JUDGMENT	1 - 35
Prophecies against Judah, the Southern Kingdom	1 - 12
A. Judah is judged	1
B. The Day of the Lord	2 - 4
C. The Parable of the Vineyard	5
D. Isaiah's Commission as Prophet	6
E. Prophecy: Israel destroyed by Assyria	7 - 9
F. Prophecy: Assyria destroyed by God	10
G. The restoration of Israel under the Messiah	11 - 12
Prophecies against the enemies of Israel (Babylon, Assyria, Philistia, Moab, Damascus, Samaria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Edom, Arabia, and Tyre)	13 - 23
Prophecies of the Day of The Lord	24 - 27
A. Tribulation	24
B. The blessings of the kingdom	25 - 27
Judgment and Blessing among the Nations (Woe to Ephraim, Ariel, Egypt, Assyria, and the other enemy nations; the coming King and kingdom)	28 - 35
THE FAITH - AND FOLLY - OF KING HEZEKIAH	36 - 39
Assyria challenges Hezekiah and his God	36
God overthrows Assyria	37
God saves Hezekiah from illness	38
Hezekiah's foolishness: he shows off his wealth to the Babylonian envoy	39
PROPHECIES OF GOOD NEWS	40 - 66
Prophecies of God's deliverance	40 - 48
The promise of God's servant - the Messiah	42
The restoration of Israel	43 - 44
Prophecies of the Messiah	49 - 57
Prophecies of the future glories of revived Israel	58 - 66

Key Scriptures

Isaiah's search for salvation and the Messiah 1 Peter 1:3-12
The reliability and source of prophecy 2 Peter 1:19-21

Chapters 1 – 39 Words of Judgment

Isa. 1:3 “The ox knows his master, the donkey knows his owner’s manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.”

Isa. 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Isa. 2:2-5 A picture of the “Last Days”
 “They shall beat their swords into plowshares”
 see also Isa. 11:1-10, Micah 4:1-5

Isa. 3:18 In that day...

Isa. 6:1-3 Description of the purity, glory and holiness of God

Isa. 6:5

 Isaiah understands the uncleanness of man. How can we stand in the presence of God?

Isa. 7:14 A virgin shall conceive

Isa. 9:6 Unto us a child is born

Isa. 11:1-5 A description of Jesus Christ

Isa. 11:6-11 * The wolf will live with the lamb....

Isa. 11:9 All on earth will know the Lord

Isa. 12:1 In that day...

Isa. 13:9-22 Babylon overthrown

Isa. 22:13-14 * Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die

Isa. 24 – 27 * The last days – the devastation of the earth

Isa. 26:19 Eternal Life

Isa. 28:13 * “do this, do that..”

Isa. 29:13 “...but their hearts are from me”

Isa. 30:15 “in repentance and rest is your salvation”

Isa. 32:15-17 * “till the Spirit is poured on us from on high”

Isa. 33:6 Wisdom and knowledge

Isa. 35:1-10 A glimpse of the future – the joy of the redeemed

Isa. 37:6 Be not afraid

Isa. 37:31-32 “out of Jerusalem will come a remnant”

* see note for these scriptures in the Life Application Bible

Chapters 40 – 66 Words of Comfort

- Isa. 40:8 The word of the Lord endures forever
Isa. 43:18 Forget the former things
Isa. 44:28 Cyrus prophesied to let the Temple be rebuilt
Isa. 45:5
“I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no other God”
Isa. 45:18 Why god created the earth
Isa. 47:8,9 * Babylon’s addiction to pleasure and power
Isa. 48:12-15 * Israel freed by Cyrus
Isa. 51:6, 16 A new heaven and a new earth – compare Rev. 21:1-3
Isa. 52:3, 10 Redemption

Isa. 52 and 53 The description of the Messiah.

His love, He will be highly exalted, He will be despised and rejected, He will suffer for us, He will bare the sins of many, and He will make intercession for transgressors.

- Isa. 53:6
“We all, like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
Isa. 55:1
“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost”
Isa. 55:8-9
“My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,
“declares the Lord.....”
Isa. 58:5-11 Fasting – how to fast and the results of fasting
Isa. 59:2 Your iniquities have separated you from God
Isa. 59:20-21 A promise from God
Isa. 60 What we have to look forward to in the future
Isa. 61:1-4 Isaiah to preach the good news of the coming day of the Lord (v2).
Compare to Luke 4:16-20
Isa. 64:4 and I Cor. 2:9-14
Isa. 64:8 You are our Father and we are the clay...
Isa 65. 17-25 A new heaven and a new earth. Note – the past (former)
Isa. 66:18 All nations and languages to come and see the Glory of God.

Discussion Questions

1. Would you consider this book “the gospel according to Isaiah”?
2. What are the messages of Isa 1:18 and Isa 55:1?
3. The phrase “in that day” is repeated over 45 times in the first 39 chapters. When is the referring to?
4. Compare Isa. 53:5-6 to:
 - Ps. 103:3-4
 - I Cor. 15:3
 - II Cor. 5:21
 - Rom. 4:25
 - I Pet. 2:24-25
 - Heb. 9:28
5. What has come, and what is to come, based on the description of Isa. 11:1-10
6. What is the attitude being expressed in Isa. 22:13. What should the people have done?
7. What is the big “but” in Isa. 35:9?
8. What was so foolish about Hezekiah showing off his wealth? Chap 39:4
9. How do you describe and what is your understanding of “the suffering servant”?
 - Isa. 42:1-4; 49:5-7; 50:4-7; 52:13
6. Read Acts 8:26-28 and see how Philip used scripture from Isa. 53:7-8. How can we do the same today?
7. How can you tell a false prophet from a true prophet?
8. How would you describe the attributes and characteristics of the Messiah?

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