

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Series: the Book of Isaiah

Teaching Summary for Week 7

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Our orientation to the book of Isaiah

1. Why are we studying this book?
2. What kind of a book is Isaiah?
3. What are some key things to know about the Old Testament prophets?
4. Who was Isaiah?
5. What was the time period of Isaiah's prophetic ministry?
6. Who was the audience for his prophetic message?
7. What was the situation with the Kingdom of Judah during his lifetime?

8. Who were the key foreign nations mentioned in the book and what was Judah's relationship with them?

9. What is the scope of Isaiah's prophetic vision?

10. What is a good outline to follow?

PART ONE: JUDGMENT	Chapters 1-39
Of Judah	Chapters 1-12
Of Gentile nations	Chapters 13-23
Future Tribulation and Kingdom	Chapters 24-27
Of Israel and Judah (woes and blessings)	Chapters 28-35
Deliverance of Hezekiah	Chapters 36-39
PART TWO: COMFORT	Chapters 40-66
The Greatness of God	Chapters 40-48
The Salvation of the Servant-Messiah	Chapters 49-57
The Program of God for Peace	Chapters 58-66

11. What does this book have to say about our Lord Jesus Christ?

“Christ” (Christos) is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew “Messiah” (Mashiyach). The book of Isaiah presents a series of “Messianic prophecies” concerning Christ’s person (God-man, King), birth, ministry, death on the cross, resurrection, return as conquering King, and eternal Kingdom.

We will study this in some detail. For now, here are a few readings to get started:

Readings: **Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7; 11:1-9; 42:1-7; 52:13-15; chapter 53**

The best evidence that an Old Testament passage is Messianic is when it is quoted in the New Testament in relation to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:1-25
Isaiah 9:1-7	Matthew 4:12-16; Luke 1:32-33
Isaiah 52:13-15	Philippians 2:9-11; Romans 15:21
Isaiah 53:1-3	Romans 10:16
Isaiah 53:4-6	Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24-25
Isaiah 53:7-9	Acts 8:30-35; 1 Peter 2:22
Isaiah 53:10-12	Luke 22:37

12. Who are a few other major figures in the book?

Hezekiah (king of Judah)

Sennacherib (Assyrian ruler)

Cyrus (Persian king)

Chapters 1-5 of Isaiah

Chapters 1-5 are the preface to the book. They introduce the main themes.

Chapter 6 is the chronological beginning of the book. It gives the account of Isaiah's call.

Readings: **Isaiah 6:1-13 and 7:1-2**

Thus, chapters 1-5 form an introductory unit.

Their basic theme is the **disobedience of the Lord's people**: Israel generally, and Jerusalem and Judah particularly.

Readings: **Isaiah 1:2-4, 15-16, 19-20; 2:5-9; 3:8-9; 4:2-6**

But that is not the whole story of this unit, or of the book as a whole.

The Lord will **judge** His people.

Readings: **Isaiah 1:5-6, 24-25; 2:10-11; 3:11.**

Yet, there is hope. The Lord has a **glorious future** for His people as well.

Readings: **Isaiah 1:26-28; 2:2-4; 4:2-6.**