

ISAIAH

His name: YESHAYAHU (ישעיהו) means:

Jehovah saves.

Jehovah is salvation.

Salvation of Jehovah

His rank among the prophets

Greatest of the writing Prophets

Quoted more by New Testament writers

Tells more about the Coming of the Messiah than other prophets

Prophesied in very critical times in Israel and Judah in 2 Kings

Jesus preached from Isaiah's writings.

Luke 4:16-21:

16 And He [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the Synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto Him the Book of the Prophet Esaias [Isaiah]. And when He had opened the Book, He found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable Year of the Lord.

20 And He closed the Book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the Synagogue were fastened on Him.

21 And He began to say unto them, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Times in which Isaiah lived

Born probably about 760 B.C.

Prophesied for about 64 years under 5 kings

Israel's Kingdom was tottering because of sin, as was Judah's.

King Uzziah started well, but strayed from God.

2 Chronicles 26:16: But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the Temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

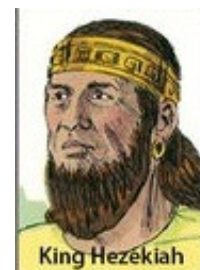
His son Jotham did that which was right in the sight of God.

2 Chronicles 27:1: Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.

In Jotham's reign, war clouds gathered as Syria and Israel were against Judah.

Ahaz made an alliance with Assyria and introduced idol worship.

Hezekiah honored God, but sin continued to abound.



Isaiah's Character

Stern but tender hearted

Bold, fearless, and sincere

Warned the people and kings of coming judgment

Saw as God saw

Spoke as God told him to speak

Divinely called

Isaiah 6:8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me.

Isaiah's Message

Judgment for sin

Isaiah 14:9-11:

9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

Isaiah 5:14: Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Mark 9:43-48:

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:



46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Comfort of Salvation

Isaiah 12:1-2:

1 And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise Thee: though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortest me.

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation.

Isaiah 40:10: Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.

Isaiah 52:7: How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publish salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

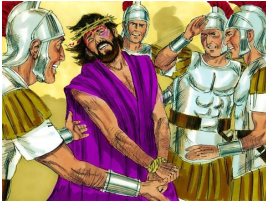
Isaiah 61:1: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me; because the LORD hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

Pardon

Isaiah 6:7: And He laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips: and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Isaiah 40:2: Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned:

for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.



Isaiah 53:5: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 55:7: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Cleansing

Isaiah 1:18: Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 27:9: By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

Isaiah 52:15: So shall He sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at Him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

Peace

Isaiah 9:6: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 26:3: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.

Isaiah 26:12: LORD, Thou wilt ordain peace for us: for Thou also

hast wrought all our works in us.

Isaiah 32:17: And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

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