

Isaiah

Intro: The Significance of Isaiah

1. Purpose of Studying Isaiah

- a. The glory of prophecy on display in Isaiah. John 12:37-41
- b. To place popular prophecies in their context.
 - i. Isaiah's beauty known by many: peace like a river, the grass withereth...etc.
- c. To learn about judgment, salvation, and the kingdom come to Israel.
- d. Called the fifth gospel and used as red letter material (but which gospel?)
- e. To profit from the wisdom of one of the Bible's major prophets - 2 Tim 3:15-17

2. Size and Scope

- a. Details – 66 ch: 1,292 verses: 37,036 words. 1st largest vocab: 2nd ch, 4th verses, 5th word
 - i. 23rd book, 1st of prophets due to type of writing and timing (pre-Israel exile)
- b. Audience - Judah & its neighbors (Samaria, Egypt, Tyre, Syria, Moab, Babylon, Persia)
 - i. Heaven/earth– 1:2, Empires/nations/Cyrus – 45:1; lost & remnant – 46:3
- c. Author – prince/king of prophets, royal prophet, poet, orator, historian, evangelist
 - i. Name: Isaiah means salvation of the LORD (deliverance of Jehovah) Isa 12:2
 1. A popular name in the OT – 7x as Isaiah, Jesaiah, or Jeshaiha.
 2. Joshua (Jo 1:1, 2:24), Jeshua (Neh 8:17, Nu 13:16, De 32:44), Jesus (Mt 1:21)
 3. Esaias (Gr.) mentioned 21x in the NT (Mark 1:2 is not the 22nd!)
 - ii. Character: bold (Rom 10:20) – Bultema, a combination of prophetic virtues.
 - iii. Purpose: A career historian/biographer/prophet (71x) – 2Ch 26:22, 32:32
- d. Age: Young start - married (8:3), had 2 sons for signs and wonders (7:3, 8:3, 8:18)
 - i. Uzziah – 1:1, 6:1; Jotham 2Ch 27:1; Ahaz 28:1; Heze 29:1 (Isa 36:1, 38:1,5)
 - ii. Prophesied 46+yrs, wrote for 61+ yrs. If he died in Heb 11:37, he lived 80+yrs
 - iii. His writings extend from old creation 51:1-3 to new 65:17, Rev 21:1

3. Connection to Other Scripture

- a. Uses past scriptures like Deu 32:1 (Isa 1:2), Exo 19:4 (Isa 40:31), Psalms (Isa 12, 42:10)
- b. Isaiah anticipates the other written prophets – (Dan 5) 21:1-7; (Mal 3) 40:3, (Ez) 45:1
 - i. Contemporary with Hosea, Nahum, Micah – see Micah 4:1-3 and Isa 2:2-4
- c. Impossible to understand the NT w/o Isaiah – 21x named, 61 referred, 85+ allusion

4. Themes

- a. Salvation (51x) of the Lord (418x) (Isaiah) – 45:17, 45:22, 66:22 – Paul of the OT?
 - i. Deliverance from Assyria, Babylon, dispersion (11:12), sin (53), old creation
- b. Swift judgment (Mahershalalhashbaz) – 8:4, 34:6 (in that day – 43x)
- c. The remnant (15x) returns (19x) (Shearjashub) – 1:9, 10:20, 11:11,146, 37:31, 46:3, 54:7
- d. The coming Saviour (8x) redeemer (13x) servant (37x) – 7:14, 9:6, 11:2, 53, 61:1
- e. Holy One (29x), comfort (14x) glory (70x), my people (26x), earth (92x) Zion (47x)
- f. Due to his evangelistic preaching and Christ focus he is called the Paul of the OT.

Appendix 80 from Bullinger's Companion Bible

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1	1:9.	1	Romans 9:29.	8	9:1, 2.	12	Matt. 4:14-16.	17	28:16.	23	Romans 9:33.
2	6:1-3.	2	John 12:41.	9	10:22, 23.	13	Rom. 9:27, 28.			24	Romans 10:11.
3	6:9, 10.	3	Matthew 13:14.	10	11:4.	14	2Thess. 2:8.			25	1Peter 2:6.
		4	Mark 4:12.	11	11:10.	15	Rom. 15:12.	18	29:10.	26	Romans 11:8.
		5	Luke 8:10.	12	21:9.	16	Rev. 14:8.	19	29:13.	27	Matt. 15:8, 9.
		6	John 12:40.			17	Rev. 18:2.			28	Mark 7:6, 7.
		7	Acts 28:26, 27.	13	22:13.	18	1Cor. 15:32.	20	29:14.	29	1Cor. 1:19.
4	7:14.	8	Matthew 1:23.	14	22:22.	19	Rev. 3:7.	21	29:16.	30	Romans 9:20.
5	8:12, 13.	9	1Peter 3:14, 15.	15	25:8.	20	1Cor. 15:54.	22	34:4, 10.	31	Rev. 6:13, 14.
6	8:14.	10	Rom. 9:32, 33.			21	Rev. 7:17.	23	35:3.	32	Heb. 12:12.
7	8:18.	11	Hebrews 2:13.	16	28:11, 12.	22	1Cor. 14:21.				
1	40:3-6.	1	Matthew 3:3.	10	49:8.	19	2Cor. 6:2.			37	Mark 11:17.
		2	Mark 1:2, 3.	11	49:10.	20	Rev. 7:16.			38	Luke 19:46.
		3	Luke 3:4-6.	12	52:5.	21	Rom. 2:24.	27	57:19.	39	Eph. 2:17.
		4	John 1:23.	13	52:7.	22	Rom. 10:15.			40	Romans 3:15.
2	40:6-8.	5	1Peter 1:24, 25.	14	52:11.	23	2Cor. 6:17.	28	59:7, 8.	41	Eph. 6:14-17.
		6	James 1:10, 11.	15	52:15.	24	Rom. 15:21.	29	59:17.	42	1Thess. 5:3.
3	40:13.	7	Romans 11:34.	16	53:1.	25	John 12:38.	30	59:20, 21.	43	Rom. 11:26, 27.
		8	1Cor. 2:16.			26	Rom. 10:16.	31	60:3, 10, 11.	44	Rev. 21:24-26.
4	41:4.	9	Rev. 1:8, 11, 17.	17	53:4.	27	Matt. 8:17.	32	61:1, 2.	45	Luke 4:17-19.
		10	Rev. 21:6.	18	53:5.	28	1Pet. 2:24, 25.	33	63:2, 3.	46	Rev. 19:13-15.
		11	Rev. 22:13.	19	53:7, 8.	29	Acts 8:32, 33.	34	64:4.	47	1Cor. 2:9.
5	42:1-4.	12	Matt. 12:17-21.	20	53:9.	30	1Peter 2:22.	35	65:1, 2.	48	Rom. 10:20, 21.
6	43:18, 19.	13	2Cor. 5:17.	21	53:12.	31	Mark 15:28.	36	65:17.	49	2Peter 3:13.
7	45:9.	14	Romans 9:20.	22	54:1.	32	Gal. 4:27.			50	Rev. 21:1.
8	45:23.	15	Romans 14:11.	23	54:13.	33	John 6:45.	37	66:1, 2.	51	Acts 7:49, 50.
		16	Phil. 2:10, 11.	24	55:3.	34	Acts 13:34.			52	Matt. 5:34, 35.
9	49:6.	17	Luke 2:32.	25	55:10.	35	2Cor. 9:10.	38	66:24.	53	Mark 9:44.
		18	Acts 13:47.	26	56:7.	36	Matt. 21:13.				