

**SHAKESPEARE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**  
**ISAIAH 1:1 / 7-15-18 / PM**

**I. ISAIAH'S LIFE.**

- A. His name means "The Lord is Salvation."
- B. His father was Amos, which Jewish traditions says, was the brother of one of Judah's Kings—1:1.
- C. If Isaiah was related to royalty it would explain the easy access he had to the palace and kings under which he ministered.
- D. His ministry spanned the reigns of four kings and 50 years, from 740 B.C. to 690 B.C.
- E. Isaiah's book followed five main themes.
  - 1. The glory and greatness of God.
  - 2. The sin of both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.
  - 3. The Babylonian exile of Judah.
  - 4. The First and Second Coming of Christ.
  - 5. The coming Great Tribulation and Millennium.

**II. ISAIAH'S LESSONS.**

- A. Despite disappointing responses to his prophecies he never gave up.
- B. He lived what he preached.
- C. He feared God.
- D. He encouraged others not to be afraid. The solution to fear is trusting God—Isa. 7:9-16.
- E. He counseled Judah to trust God not foreign alliances—Isa.31:1.
- F. He wrote about the importance of prayer—37:14-22, 36-37.
- G. He wrote about God's mercy—38:1-8.