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# Isaiah 1

**Theme: *Rulers of Sodom***

God hated Judah's hypocrisy for their backsliding, disrespect, ceremonial religion, so He would punish.

## Short Outline

- 1 Introduction to the Book of Isaiah
- 2-4 Indictment of Judah's Backsliding
- 5-9 Severe Chastening Had Not Worked
- 10-15 God Despises Hypocritical Worship
- 16-20 God Is Perfectly Just in His Dealings
- 21-24 Backsliding Described and Warned
- 25-27 A Remnant Purified and Prospered
- 28-31 Judah's Wicked to Be Destroyed

Judah's disrespect for God and His worship was bad. God blasted the Jews for angering Him by ritualistic religion while violently oppressing the poor; He would judge the nation to destroy the sinners and to reform it.

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

Altered: *1:18 is unrelated to the cross, rather to repentance.*

Lesson: *God hates religious ordinances without godliness.*

Lesson: *Diluting wine with water like adding dross to silver.*

# Isaiah 2

**Theme: *Fear of the LORD***

The gospel era would be glorious, but Jews must be punished before it would come.

## Short Outline

- 1 Introduction to Lesson of Chapters 2-4
- 2-5 Future Glory of Messiah's Kingdom
- 6-9 Judah's Sins Turn God Against Them
- 10-16 Terror on Sinners for Their Pride
- 17-21 Terror on Sinners for Their Idolatry
- 22 Jehovah's Total Dominion over Men

Isaiah and other prophets often have promises of future glory interspersed with prophecies of judgment. Isaiah 2 has severe language against Judah for its pride and idolatry and exalts the fearful God of judgment, but there is also a glorious promise of Gentile conversions.

2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty. 11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

Altered: *Swords into plowshares is the gospel era of the N.T.*

Lesson: *Gentile conversions implied by nations converting.*

Lesson: *Trees or mountains are metaphors of enemy nations.*

# Isaiah 3

## **Theme: *Men Removed***

God judged Judah by taking the men,  
exalting the children and women,  
then exposing the women.

### Short Outline

- 1-5 God Judged By Replacing Men with Children
- 6-9 God Judged for Pride, Speech, and Actions
- 10-11 The Just Judge Gave Comfort and Warning
- 12-15 God Judged Rulers for Their Compromise
- 16-26 God Judged Haughty and Forward Women

God judged Judah by removing men, turned children and women to be oppressors, and then judged the women for haughty boldness, as in America. His list of female beauty accessories is long and impressive.

Lesson: *Age and sex roles are crucial for an orderly society.*

Lesson: *God does see all female insolence and immodesty.*

1 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah ... 2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient....

5 And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

# Isaiah 4

**Theme: *Holiness by Chastening***

God would judge Judah severely, to purge away her filth, but glory days would follow recovery.

## Short Outline

- 1 Transitional Warning of Judgment
- 2 Judah the Branch Would Flourish
- 3-4 God Would Sanctify His Elect Remnant
- 5-6 God Would Defend and Protect His Church

God used captivity in Babylon to humble and purify His church. When He brought them back to Judah after cleansing them, He would plant them again as a holy people. He would make them beautiful and glorious and give protection they needed to prosper.

Lesson: *Rules for capitalizing deity allowed spirit for Spirit.*

Lesson: *Two adjacent verses used "in that day" differently.*

1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

# Isaiah 5

## **Theme: *Vineyard Warnings***

Judah was God's nurtured vineyard,  
but yielded wild grapes of evil,  
so God would destroy it.

### Short Outline

- 1-7 Song of Judah as a Vineyard
- 8-10 Sins of Excessive Ambition
- 11-12 Sins of Drunkenness and Parties
- 13-17 God's Judgment of the Pompous
- 18-19 Sins of Presumptuous Wickedness
- 20-23 Sins of Perverting Godliness & Justice
- 24-25 God's Anger Was Past Chastening
- 26-30 God Called the Chaldeans to Destroy

Hear and answer God's poignant questions. What could God have done better? Why wild grapes? Do you delight Jehovah? Isaiah used six sins for wild grapes and then told God would destroy by Babylon.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

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.

25 For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Lesson: *God is right to expect a return on investment in you.*

Lesson: *Judgment may not come quickly, but it will come.*

Lesson: *God blesses military logistics of chastening nations.*

# Isaiah 6

## **Theme: *A Vision of God***

God revealed Himself to Isaiah, convicted him, forgave him, and charged him to condemn Judah.

### Short Outline

- 1-4 Isaiah Saw and Heard God's Glory
- 5-7 His Sins of Speech Were Forgiven
- 8 He Answered God's Call to Preach
- 9-10 God Gave Him a Ministry to Blind
- 11-12 Blindness Through Final Scattering
- 13 God Saw a Small Remnant of Elect

The vision here should affect you. You need such a vision of God, so you should seek to know Him better.

The chapter end of blinding reprobation of 90% of Israel is quoted often in the N.T. for Jewish blindness.

1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

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

13 But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten:... so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

Lesson: *Most corrupt this text by excluding the key ending.*

Lesson: *God's glory and holiness affect men, if truly seen.*

# Isaiah 7

## **Theme: *The Virgin Sign***

God gave Ahaz and Judah comfort, but they rejected Him for Assyria, which would later destroy them.

### Short Outline

1-9 Fearful Ahaz Comforted by God

10-16 Profane Ahaz Promised the Messiah

17-25 Wicked Ahaz Punished by Assyria

Isaiah 7 is known for the prophecy of Immanuel from a virgin (7:14). But there is much comfort and warning for those who love and believe God's words. Shearjashub was a living reminder a remnant would return, but Ahaz earned wrath from God and Assyria.

Altered: *Ahaz was not noble or righteous to refuse a sign.*

Lesson: *Butter and honey are good baby food and no more.*

Lesson: *Hissing for flies and bees is known by beekeepers.*

1 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

7 Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

20 In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

# Isaiah 8

## **Theme: *Associations Will Fail***

God judged Israel and Judah by Assyria for hating His rule and word for alliances and witchcraft.

### Short Outline

- 1-7 Assyria to Destroy Israel and Syria
- 8 Assyria Would Also Punish Judah
- 9-12 Associations Would Not Work
- 13-15 God Would Be a Sanctuary or Snare
- 16-22 Trust God's Revelation Only

God promised quick deliverance and named Isaiah's son to record it, but Ahaz and Judah sought to Assyria and witches, so God judged them by Assyria. God hid Himself and His word, but wise could have both.

Lesson: *Associations, hand in hand, will not succeed in sin.*

Lesson: *The same God is a sanctuary and stumblingblock.*

Lesson: *You can still look for God that hides from others.*

3 Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz. 4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

9 Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

# Isaiah 9

## **Theme: *The Glorious King***

In the midst of righteous judgment for national sin, God foretold His Son and a glorious kingdom.

### Short Outline

- 1-5 Precious Promises for Dark Israel
- 6-7 Messiah and His Glorious Kingdom
- 8-12 Israel Judged for Stubborn Pride
- 13-17 Israel Judged for Rebel Hypocrisy
- 18-21 Israel Judged by Selfish Violence

Assyria ravaged Galilee, but the Jews returned and grew in numbers to worship Jehovah darkly in synagogues. He sent bright light by His Son Jesus. Isaiah warned that ancient generation of terrible judgment God would send for the sins of the nation.

Lesson: *Promises of gospel light can be brief and obscure.*

Lesson: *Do not overlook the verse following favorite 9:6.*

Lesson: *His anger was not turned away, but it is in Christ!*

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

21 For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

# Isaiah 10

## **Theme: *Sennacherib the Saw***

God used Sennacherib and Assyria to chasten Judah; He then destroyed his great army and him.

### Short Outline

- 1-4 Israel Judged for Cruel Injustice
- 5-14 Arrogance of King Sennacherib
- 15-19 Judgment of King Sennacherib
- 20-23 A Remnant of Judah to Return
- 24-27 Judah Not to Fear Sennacherib
- 28-32 Sennacherib Besieges Jerusalem
- 33-34 Sennacherib to Be Destroyed

This story is one of God's favorites. He got great glory by destroying this arrogant blasphemer's army. The sovereignty of God is graphically exalted over the will of man. Your faith and knowledge can be built here.

5 O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it?

17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

21 The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

Lesson: *Why doth He yet find fault? It is here and Rom 9:19.*

Lesson: *Why did God save Judah? Because of the anointing!*

Lesson: *God did not kill ordinary soldiers but Assyria's best.*

# Isaiah 11

## **Theme: *Ensign of Jesse***

A prophecy of David's Son the Messiah and His kingdom, gifts, peace, and gathering of Gentiles.

### Short Outline

- 1-5 David's Son to Set Up Kingdom
- 6-9 His Kingdom of Internal Peace
- 10-12 Gentiles and Jews Both Gathered
- 13-16 Enmity and Obstacles Eliminated

Jesus, Root of David, was filled with the Holy Ghost. He would reign as the perfect Ruler long desired. His kingdom, by changing the natures of men, would have perfect peace. He would gather Gentiles by the gospel and unite Ephraim, Judah, and enemies in sweet harmony.

Lesson: *Jesus would be the ultimate King by Spirit wisdom.*

Lesson: *Wolves and lambs describes peace in N.T. churches.*

Lesson: *A gospel highway would connect Egypt to Assyria.*

1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

# Isaiah 12

**Theme: *Jehovah is Salvation***

The church's joy would be great, and it would praise the LORD Jehovah for His gospel salvation.

## Short Outline

1-3 The Church Rejoices Personally

4-6 The Church Rejoices Congregationally

After a chapter all about Christ, His reign, the peace of His kingdom, and gathering of Gentiles and enemies, a short psalm of joyful praise here is perfect. The church would celebrate it all personally and congregationally.

Lesson: *“That day” starting both parts is the NT gospel era.*

Lesson: *The first part is first person; the second is second.*

Lesson: *It is dutiful pleasure to praise and to push to praise.*

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 comfortedst 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.

3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

# Isaiah 13

## **Theme: *Ruin of Babylon***

God revealed the defeat and ruin of  
Babylon by Medes and Persians  
200 years before fulfillment.

### Short Outline

1-5 God Mustered His Army Against Babylon

6-18 God's Wrath to Crush Babylon by Medes

19-22 Great Babylon Totally and Finally Ruined

God punished a remnant of Jews in Babylon for 70 years for centuries of national sins. He then raised up Darius the Mede and Cyrus the Persian to overthrow Babylon, rescue His people, and return them to Judah. This new empire crushed the former enemy of Israel.

Lesson: *Best chapter to prove obvious universal similitudes.*

Lesson: *Like Assyria in chapter 10, God used, then abused.*

Lesson: *This enemy is the name for Mystery Babylon - RCC.*

1 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

# Isaiah 14

## **Theme: *Lucifer Is Buried***

God mocked the king of Babylon by a parable and then prophesied against Assyria and Philistia.

### Short Outline

- 1-3 God Promised Victory to Israel
- 4-23 Parable Against King of Babylon
- 24-27 God's Purpose to Destroy Assyria
- 28-32 Philistines Warned Against Joy

After comforting Jews with Babel's ruin, God mocked its king for his pride and disgraceful burial. We think Belshazzar fits it perfectly. God sovereignly declared the ruin of Assyria and Philistines by Nebuchadnezzar.

Altered: *Lucifer, a name for a king of Babylon, is not Satan.*

Lesson: *All the movements of nations and kings are by God.*

Lesson: *Christians should trust their great King of nations.*

4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

32 What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

# Isaiah 15

## **Theme: *Burden of Moab***

God promised to judge and punish Moab, the children of Lot and ancient enemies of Israel.

### **Short Outline**

1-5 Grief for Moab's Great Judgment

6-9 Great Calamities of the Judgment

Lot and his incestuous daughters created Moab and Ammon – perpetual and hateful enemies of Israel. God would judge and destroy them by the Chaldeans with other reprobate neighbors of Judah. See Jeremiah 48. Isaiah gently foretold grief and ruin of cousin Moab.

Lesson: *Sin can cause very distant pain, like Lot's tent here.*

Lesson: *Great men with intercessor hearts cry for enemies.*

Lesson: *Jer 48:34 solves the ellipsis about the 3-year heifer.*

1 The burden of Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence;

3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping abundantly.

5 My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

9 For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

# Isaiah 16

## **Theme: *Moab Rejected Peace***

God exhorted Moab to repent and reform, but condemned her pride and promised great trouble.

### Short Outline

- 1-5 Moab Beseeched to Repent
- 6-8 Moab's Pride Against Reform
- 9-11 Mutual Grief for Judgment
- 12-14 Two Judgments Distinguished

God through Isaiah gave Moab a remedy to possibly preserve their tranquility. But their pride would not allow repentance or reform. Therefore, God brought Nebuchadnezzar on them for their utter ruin. Before that event, Assyria greatly reduced their prosperity.

Lesson: *Moab could have been saved by honoring Judah.*

Lesson: *Jer 48:30 explains that Moab's lies would not work.*

Lesson: *Lot could have copied Abraham, but two proverbs.*

1 Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so.

11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kirharesh.

13 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning Moab since that time.

14 But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

# Isaiah 17

**Theme: Syria and Ephraim**

God destroyed the confederation of Israel (Ephraim) and Syria by Assyria, then He destroyed it.

## Short Outline

- 1-5 Syria and Ephraim Taken By Assyria
- 6-8 A Small, Saved Remnant to Repent
- 9-11 Israel's Idolatry Brought Judgment
- 12-14 Assyria Judged Divinely by God

Ephraim, Israel's rejected ten tribes, joined Syria against Judah. God crushed Syria by Tiglathpileser; He ruined Ephraim by Shalmaneser. He left Israel only a tiny remnant. He rebuked the proud Assyrians and killed a great army in one night under Sennacherib.

Lesson: *God took pleasure reducing joint pride and glory.*

Lesson: *Sin destroys diligent effort like Ephraim's farming.*

Lesson: *It took this disaster to get Israel's remnant to think.*

1 The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

3 The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

6 Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.

14 And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

# Isaiah 18

## **Theme: *Egypt and Ethiopia***

Egypt and Ethiopia join and fall to God's scourge of Assyria that He destroyed for Ethiopia's praise.

### Short Outline

- 1-2 Egypt and Ethiopia Join Forces
- 3-4 The World Saw God's Works
- 5-6 God Defeated Both Armies
- 7 Ethiopia Would Bring Gifts

God called Assyria against Judah, which took 46 walled cities. They besieged Jerusalem, terrifying faithless Jews, who asked Egypt and Ethiopia for help. God defeated the helpers by Assyria, but then killed 185,000 Assyrians, freeing Ethiopia from invasion.

Lesson: *This is by far the most obscure chapter in Isaiah.*

Lesson: *See Bible and secular history of Nile and nations.*

Lesson: *All nations should see and gift the King of Nations.*

1 Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia: 2 That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!

6 They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

7 In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people scattered and peeled ... to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

# Isaiah 19

## **Theme: *Burden of Egypt***

God would judge Egypt by the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, and then heal it by converting some.

### Short Outline

- 1-4 God to Confound the Spirit of Egypt
- 5-10 God to Destroy the Industry of Egypt
- 11-15 God to Ridicule the Wisdom of Egypt
- 16-17 God to Reduce Egypt to a Base Kingdom
- 18-22 God Shall Convert Egypt By Messiah
- 23-25 God Shall Unite Enemies By Messiah

God gave Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar, to whom He had given all the kingdom of the earth, partially as pay for his army's work at Tyre. God destroyed Egypt's spirit, economy, wisdom, and religion. He then promised some conversions and a highway to unite Assyria, Egypt, and Israel in His N.T. gospel kingdom. Glory!

1 The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

14 The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: 25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

Lesson: *God can and will ruin every part of life for pride.*

Lesson: *Nations that are proud He can abase – like Egypt.*

Lesson: *The gospel highway is a prominent theme of Isaiah.*

# Isaiah 20

## **Theme: *Isaiah Goes Naked***

Isaiah went naked for three years to warn Judah not to trust men against Assyria.

### Short Outline

- 1-2 Isaiah's Symbolic Lesson for Judah
- 3-4 Fulfillment of the Symbolic Lesson
- 5-6 Faithless Jews Have Hope Removed

God arranged for a clash of titans near Judah – Assyria against Tirhakah the Ethiopian. Faithless Jews trusted the host of Tirhakah. His arrival caused Sennacherib to lift the siege of Jerusalem to defeat the Egyptians and Ethiopians, who then lost 185,000 soldiers in a night.

Lesson: *God will take your comfort-hope to trust Him only.*

Lesson: *You should be ashamed and afraid of other helpers.*

Lesson: *God's prophets or preachers are graphic and rude.*

2 At the same time spake the LORD by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

6 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

# Isaiah 21

**Theme: *Babylon, Edom, Arabia***

God foretold taking of Babylon, then Edom, and then Arabia for their wickedness.

## Short Outline

- 1-2 Burden of Babylon – Summary
- 3-9 Burden of Babylon – Vision
- 10 Burden of Babylon – Conclusion
- 11-12 Burden of Edom
- 13-17 Burden of Arabia

Babylon is the first burden. Again (Is 13), God said the Medes and Persians would take the city. The next burden is Edom mocking the watchman and being told to repent. The final burden is Assyria reducing Arabia.

Lesson: *This vision of Babylon is Belshazzar's last night.*

Lesson: *The only real insider information is Bible accounts.*

Lesson: *If you think safety at daybreak, night comes again.*

1 The burden of the desert of the sea. 2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

11 The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail:

# Isaiah 22

## **Theme: *Shebna and Eliakim***

The folly of Judah even under threat of Assyria and a great difference in character of two princes.

### Short Outline

- 1-4 The Fearful Situation in Jerusalem
- 5-7 The Foreign Armies Approaching
- 8-11 The Foolish Trust in Preparations
- 12-14 The Fatalistic Choice of Pleasure
- 15-19 God Demoted Shebna the Treasurer
- 20-25 God Promoted Eliakim to Treasurer

As Sennacherib and his mighty Assyrian army came toward Jerusalem, the terrified people failed by looking to their defenses and weapons rather than God and to pursue pleasure rather than prayer and fasting. Two princes of Hezekiah had a severe reversal of fortune by God's just providence through Hezekiah.

1 The burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops?

8 And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest.

13 Let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.  
14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

Lesson: *Fear should bring repentance; men turn elsewhere.*

Lesson: *The horse is prepared ... but safety is of the LORD.*

Lesson: *Each man shall bear his own burden – good or bad.*

Lesson: *Which men will be nails for families to hang upon?*

# Isaiah 23

## **Theme: *Burden of Tyre***

God judged Tyre by Nebuchadnezzar,  
restored it to former greatness,  
and then converted some.

### Short Outline

- 1-7 God Indicted and Mocked Tyre
- 8-14 God Purposed to Destroy Tyre
- 15-18 Tyre Restored After 70 Years

The Phoenicians were masters of business, shipping, and trading. But Tyre mistreated the Jewish church, so God planned to judge the haughty and rich mart of nations. He crushed her for 70 years and then restored her to financially help regathered Jews and the church.

Lesson: *The rich and famous do not escape God's judgment.*

Lesson: *Both judgment and restoration were for the church.*

Lesson: *The Bible has fabulous information about nations.*

1 The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.

5 As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.

16 Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

# Isaiah 24

## **Theme: *Judgment of Judah***

God judged Judah by Babylon, saving only a remnant, but then glorified Judah greatly.

### Short Outline

- 1-3 Judah Destroyed and Taken Captive
- 4-6 Sins Against the Laws and Covenant
- 7-12 Cursed to Desolation for Their Sins
- 13-15 A Remnant Shall Praise Their God
- 16-20 Judgment for the Rulers' Treachery
- 21-23 A Glorious Return After Judgment

Isaiah 24 is very obscure until its context is set by examining its content and the next three chapters related to it. God had to punish Judah for their many national sins, and He used the king of Babylon to do it. But He also delivered the remnant left from Babylon and gave them greater glory than before for His praise.

1 Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. 22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

Lesson: *First find the context, then define the content by it.*

Lesson: *Treacherous dealers are lying prophets of Jeremiah.*

Lesson: *Ishmael's treachery against Gedaliah (Jer 40-41).*

Lesson: *Universal terms here are great, but context obscure.*

# Isaiah 25

## **Theme: *Deliverance of Judah***

God's fabulous deliverance of the Jews from Babylon would reach farther and higher to Messiah.

### **Short Outline**

1-5 Celebration for Deliverance from Babylon

6-8 Celebration for Gospel Blessings of Messiah

9-12 Celebration for Destruction of All Enemies

Wonderful things to celebrate! God overthrew Babylon for His church. Gospel blessings of time and eternity would include Gentiles. God would also destroy other enemies of the Jewish church in the region of Judah.

Lesson: *Do you praise Jehovah like the opening verse here?*

Lesson: *The feast of fat things is gospel wine and milk of 55.*

Lesson: *All enemies of Christ's kingdom will be destroyed.*

1 O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. 2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

# Isaiah 26

## **Theme: Praise of Judah**

A song of celebration from several angles for the Jews' rescue from hated Babylon.

### Short Outline

- 1-3 God Would Save Those Trusting Him
- 4-6 Trust Jehovah Against Any Enemy
- 7-9 God Favors the Just and Their Cause
- 10-12 God Made the Righteous Different
- 13-15 God Exalted His Nation Over Others
- 16-19 God Would Answer Prayer with Power
- 20-21 Epilogue: Separate to Avoid Judgment

The Jewish church sang about Jehovah saving them from 70 years of chastening in Babylon. Here is the character of the righteous, how God exalts His people, and how He answers prayer. He promised to resurrect Judah from their state of death in the dust of the earth.

1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

13 O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

Lesson: *This fabulous song is much more than two verses.*

Lesson: *Favor will not change the nature of wicked men.*

Lesson: *Advice here to hide is like Jesus to flee Jerusalem.*

# Isaiah 27

## **Theme: Prosperity of Judah**

God's overthrow of Babylon would allow Him to replant His vineyard in Judah for fruitfulness.

### Short Outline

- 1 God to Slay Leviathan with His Sword
- 2-3 A Song of Blessing for God's Vineyard
- 4-6 His Fury Kept for Obstinate Enemies
- 7-9 God's Chastening to Bear Good Fruit
- 10-11 But His Chastening Must Come First
- 12-13 Then Careful Gathering of the Remnant

More singing as the Jews rejoiced in God putting them back in Judah. Wonderful verses here of God's love and care for His church. Wonderful verses how chastening of Judah was different than destroying Babylon. He would gather all His people one by one.

1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. 3 I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury is not in me: who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle? I would go through them, I would burn them together.

6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

Lesson: *Savor the precious phrases in the first four verses.*

Lesson: *God chastens His sons, but He destroys the wicked.*

Lesson: *God would blow a trumpet to gather all His people.*

# Isaiah 28

## **Theme: Judgment by Wisdom**

First Israel and then Judah were to be judged, though differently, for rebellion and wickedness.

### Short Outline

- 1-4 Ephraim Mocked and to Be Destroyed
- 5-8 Judah Blessed, Preserved Temporarily
- 9-13 Judah's Rebellion Against Instruction
- 14-22 Judgment for Judah's Lying Scorners
- 23-29 God's Works Compared to Farming

Israel (ten tribes) was proud, so God mocked them before crushing them. He would be Judah's glory, but they rejected His prophets, so He would also judge them. Farming illustrates His perfect providence to all.

Altered: *Here a little, there a little; for infants, not scholars.*

Altered: *Farm wisdom is to exalt God's chastening wisdom.*

Lesson: *Chastening is God's strange work, but He will do it.*

1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,

13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech. 24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?

# Isaiah 29

## **Theme: *Judgment of Judah***

God would judge Judah with war and with blind confusion before great revival.

### Short Outline

- 1-4 God to Judge Jerusalem/Judah By War
- 5-8 God to Destroy Helpers and Enemies
- 9-16 God to Judge Jerusalem By Confusion
- 17-24 God to Recover, Restore, and Revive

God sent Sennacherib to punish the Jews, but He saved them in the end by His power. He also blinded them with confusion for their hypocrisy, like He has done to most today. He promised a great revival after crushing Assyria, which occurred under Hezekiah.

Lesson: *God will judge even His favorite place and people.*

Lesson: *Spatial disorientation is by God's perfect judgment.*

Lesson: *God hates scorners; so do we; they strain for gnats.*

1 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.

9 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. 10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: 21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.

24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

# Isaiah 30

## **Theme: *Folly in Egypt #1***

Judah evilly sought help from Egypt,  
but God saved them and then  
revived them anyway.

### Short Outline

- 1-7 Judah Looked to Egypt for Safety
- 8-11 Judah Rejected the Word of God
- 12-17 Judah Judged for Rejecting God
- 18-26 Judah Saved and Exalted by God
- 27-33 Assyria Destroyed By God's Fury

Sin breeds sin. Sennacherib terrified the Jews, so they paid Egypt instead of trusting God, offending further. Assyria easily defeated Egypt, shaming Judah. God killed 185,000 Assyrians; Hezekiah started a revival.

Lesson: *Sit still, or even sleep, to see God work (Ps 127:1-2).*

Lesson: *Itching ears want to hear fables instead of doctrine.*

Lesson: *Hate sin like menstrual rags ... Get it out of here!*

1 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, ... that they may add sin to sin: 2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh....

7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

10 Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:

22 Ye shall defile the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

27 The LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

# Isaiah 31

## **Theme: *Folly in Egypt #2***

Judah evilly sought help from Egypt, but God saved them and then revived them anyway.

### Short Outline

1-3 Jerusalem Judged for Trusting in Egypt

4-5 God to Mightily Defend Jerusalem

6-7 They Should Turn to God Against Idols

8-9 God to Mightily Crush the Assyrians

Sin breeds sin. Sennacherib terrified the Jews, so they paid Egypt instead of trusting God, offending further. Assyria easily defeated Egypt, shaming Judah. God killed 185,000 Assyrians; Hezekiah started a revival.

Lesson: *Do not miss the importance of Sennacherib to God.*

Lesson: *God wants to save and bless His people, if they will.*

Lesson: *Faith trusts the invisible God to do things invisible.*

Lesson: *There is no God with the furious power of Jehovah.*

1 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!

3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

8 Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. 9 And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

# Isaiah 32

## **Theme: *Hezekiah's Revival***

God blessed Hezekiah to lead a great revival before and after the Assyrian invasion.

### Short Outline

- 1-4 Hezekiah Reformed State and Church
- 5-8 Hezekiah Reformed Charity and Character
- 9-14 Warning of Trouble to Judah's Women
- 15-20 God's Spirit Revived Judah Many Ways

Hezekiah led a reformation of nation, church, character, and charity. God poured out His Spirit and blessed them with victory, peace, prosperity, and spiritual religion. He warned careless women at ease.

Lesson: *Godliness and revival depend on great leadership.*

Lesson: *True revival and prosperity are spiritual in nature.*

Lesson: *Careless women at ease are the bane of any society.*

1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.

16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. 17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

# Isaiah 33

## **Theme: *Collage of Blessings***

Ruin of Assyria's army and revival and advancement of Judah are mixed in a glorious summary.

### Short Outline

- 1 God Mocked Sennacherib and Assyria
- 2 The Jews Begged God for Deliverance
- 3-4 The Assyrian Army Ruined for Spoil
- 5-6 Praise to Jehovah for the Signal Victory
- 7-9 Judah's Terrible Plight Before Victory
- 10-13 God Arose to Mock Sennacherib Again
- 14-17 Repentance and Righteousness Save
- 18-19 Contemplation of Absolute Victory
- 20-22 God Would Gloriously Bless Jerusalem
- 23-24 God Mocked the Assyrian Naval Fiasco

1 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.

Lesson: *Do not forget Sennacherib is one of God's favorites.*

Lesson: *True revival and prosperity are spiritual in nature.*

Lesson: *As Sennacherib mocked God, here He mocked him.*

# Isaiah 34

## **Theme: *Burden of Edom***

God sent Nebuchadnezzar to destroy Judah's perpetual enemy Edom and other neighbor nations.

### Short Outline

- 1-4 Terrible Warning to All Nations
- 5-8 God in Vengeance Cursed Edom
- 9-15 Edom to be Perpetually Desolate
- 16-17 Scripture Guarantees Fulfillment

Esau and descendants were cruel to Israel many times. Judah begged God to remember their evil help to the Chaldean invaders (Ps 137:7). He did! He destroyed Edom until none were left and the land was ruined.

Lesson: *Esau = hairy; Edom = red = Idumea (Greek/Roman).*

Lesson: *Here are the details for the red traveler in 63:1-6.*

Lesson: *Touch not mine anointed; God surely will avenge.*

2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. 6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood ... for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in Idumea.

8 It is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

16 Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

# Isaiah 35

**Theme: *Return to Zion***

A remnant returned from Babylon  
with blessings that extended  
to times of the Messiah.

## Short Outline

- 1-2 Reversal of Fortune for Judah
- 3-4 Encouragement to the Jews
- 5-7 Blessings Reaching to Messiah
- 8-10 Highway of Holiness to Zion

God loved His elect remnant in Babylon and helped them back in Judah. His blessings pointed to Messiah His Son and the gospel kingdom He would set up on earth for them. Here is another mention of a highway.

Lesson: *God sent Cyrus in vengeance to defeat Babylon.*

Lesson: *The highway of holiness is more than Zerubbabel.*

Lesson: *Even fools, pressing into this highway, shall not err.*

4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

8 And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

# Isaiah 36

## **Theme: Hezekiah's Danger**

Sennacherib foolishly blasphemed  
Jehovah and promised to  
destroy Jerusalem.

### Short Outline

- 1 Sennacherib's Campaign into Judah
- 2-3 Ambassadors Meet to Avoid a Siege
- 4-10 Rabshakeh Seeks to Frighten Hezekiah
- 11-20 Rabshakeh Seeks to Frighten Jerusalem
- 21-22 Ambassadors Return Word to Hezekiah

This is history, not prophecy. Isaiah 1-35 has 15 chapters with prophecies about this event, so God inserted history to fulfill them. Rabshakeh brought an army to Jerusalem and railed on Hezekiah and blasphemed Judah's religion.

Lesson: *God loves this event for glory; this is third account.*

Lesson: *Fulfilled prophecy proves our God; more to come.*

Lesson: *Hezekiah's response and salvation will build faith.*

1 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

20 Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

# Isaiah 37

**Theme: *Hezekiah's Deliverance***

Hezekiah took Sennacherib's letter to God in prayer, and God responded in glorious vengeance.

## Short Outline

- 1 Hezekiah's Response to Rabshakeh
- 2-5 His Solicitation of Isaiah the Prophet
- 6-7 God's First Answer to Comfort Him
- 8-9 Rabshakeh Forced to Leave Jerusalem
- 10-13 Sennacherib Sent Blasphemous Letter
- 14-20 Hezekiah's Response to King's Letter
- 21-29 God's Answer of Furious Judgment
- 30-35 God's Answer of Loving Restoration
- 36-37 God's Angel Destroyed the Assyrians
- 38 God Killed Sennacherib Spectacularly

Learn this great story God loves and recorded thrice.

1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

22 This is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

Lesson: *Learn to reason in prayer with God like Hezekiah.*

Lesson: *Things may get worse; God then gets greater glory.*

Lesson: *Love God's jealousy, but do not flirt with the world.*

# Isaiah 38

## **Theme: *Hezekiah's Sickness***

God gave Hezekiah 15 years after a fatal disease; his prayer and reflections are here.

### Short Outline

- 1 God's Prognosis Hezekiah Would Die
- 2-3 Hezekiah's Prayer for Healing and Life
- 4-8 God's Kind Reversal, Victory, and Sign
- 9-20 Hezekiah's Journal of These Events
- 21 Isaiah's Inclusion of Medical Means
- 22 Hezekiah's Soul Ambition for Life

Hezekiah knew how to reason with God in prayer – he asked God to remember his good works. Most when afraid must repent and ask God for forgiveness. He also knew what life should be used for – praise of God, celebration of God, and teaching truth to others.

3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

5 I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

8 Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward.

18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. 19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

Lesson: *What if Hezekiah had bought the "filthy rags" lie?*

Lesson: *Hezekiah had a fatal disease and war in one year.*

Lesson: *Event recorded three times; his prayer is here only.*

Lesson: *His glory and wealth increased greatly by 4 events.*

# Isaiah 39

## **Theme: Hezekiah's Pride**

After his great blessings and resulting glory and riches, Hezekiah sinned due to pride.

### Short Outline

- 1-2 Hezekiah Proudly Received Ambassadors
- 3-4 Hezekiah Confessed His Fault to Isaiah
- 5-7 Isaiah Prophesied Babylonian Captivity
- 8 Hezekiah Comforted by Present Mercy

Assyria defeated; crops preserved; disease cured; sun moved backward. Hezekiah was famous in the sight of all nations, so they sent gifts. In his pride, he showed ambassadors from Babylon everything in his realm. Isaiah warned Hezekiah; he repented; he died in peace.

Lesson: *How you respond to success is crucial (Prov 27:21).*

Lesson: *God may leave you or tempt you to see your heart.*

Lesson: *Babylon burned Jerusalem for Hezekiah's evil son.*

2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

6 Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. 7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

# The Second Part of Isaiah

- It begins with Messiah and sees much more of N.T. glory.
- It includes God boasting of Cyrus and the defeat of Babylon.
- It describes the Person and redemptive work of God's Son.
- It describes the glory of the Jewish church as Gentiles pile in!

# Isaiah 40

## Theme: *Comfort My People*

After 39 chapters of judgment, Isaiah's second half has glorious news of Messiah, God, and help.

### Short Outline

- 1-2 Prophets Comfort Jews at End of Chastening
- 3-11 John the Baptist and the Coming of Messiah
- 12-17 God's Infinite Power, Wisdom, and Glory
- 18-26 God's Infinite Superiority to Idols and Rulers
- 27-31 God's Wisdom and Power to Help Believers

God comforted Israel by promising John the Baptist and Jesus the Messiah. Isaiah then exalted the infinite nature of God to mock the folly of idolatry and assure His people with promises of His great saving strength.

Altered: *Power is for ability and strength for circumstances.*

Lesson: *Only those waiting on God realize these promises.*

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1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is no searching of his understanding.*

# Isaiah 41

## **Theme: Challenge to Debate**

God called the nations of the earth to a debate to prove their idols were worthless.

### Short Outline

- 1 God Called the Nations to a Debate
- 2-4 God Chose Cyrus for the Debate Topic
- 5-7 God Mocked the Idolaters' Response
- 8-9 God Declared Personal Love for Israel
- 10-14 God Told Israel Not to Fear Enemies
- 15-16 God Promised New Power for Israel
- 17-20 God Promised Provision for Israel
- 21-24 God Mocked Idols' Foresight and Power
- 25-27 God Boasted of His Power and Foresight
- 28-29 God Mocked All Idolaters' Ignorance

Jehovah declared His supreme power and foresight in Cyrus to save His people and to mock idols and idolaters. He called earth to show any God like Him.

1 Keep silence before me, O islands ... let us come together to judgment. 2 Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings?

10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

21 Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.

Lesson: *If you love the God of the Bible, love Him boasting.*

Lesson: *From mighty kings to sparrows, our God rules all.*

Lesson: *God is not politically correct; He mocked idolaters.*

# Isaiah 42

## **Theme: *Mighty Messiah***

God comforted and warned His  
Servant would save elect Jews and  
Gentiles and crush enemies of both.

### Short Outline

- 1-4 God Identified Messiah as His Servant
- 5-9 God Foretold Messiah for the Gentiles
- 10-12 Gentiles Should Praise God's Salvation
- 13-15 God Would War Against Gentile Idolaters
- 16-17 God Would Save Some Gentiles Idolaters
- 18-20 God Condemned Jews Blind to Preaching
- 21-25 God Condemned Jews Blind to Punishment

God would send His Servant – Jesus – and He would greatly bless Him to save Gentiles from their blindness and idolatry. Hallelujah! But He would also destroy the Jews, who rebelled against far greater privileges.

1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.

20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

Lesson: *This is the first of six times Jesus is called Servant.*

Lesson: *Jesus took care of bruised reeds and smoking flax.*

Lesson: *He would not fail, nor would He be discouraged.*

Lesson: *God holds accountable for truth and punishment.*

# Isaiah 43

**Theme: *Ransom to Save***

God comforted His chosen people in Babylon that He would save them though they deserved captivity.

## Short Outline

- 1-2 God Promised to Save His Chosen Nation
- 3-4 God Sacrificed Other Nations for Israel
- 5-7 God Would Recover Them from Scattering
- 8-13 Israel Was Witness Jehovah Bettered Idols
- 14-17 God Would Overthrow Babylon for Them
- 18-21 This New Salvation Would Exceed Former
- 22-28 Israel's Sins Deserved Captivity in Babylon

God promised He would save Israel from Babylon; He would give others for them. He would regather them and prove He was the only God. They deserved the captivity, but He would save them for His own sake.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

10 Ye are my witnesses, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

14 For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans.

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Lesson: *Salvation of all kinds includes sacrificing others.*

Lesson: *Grace is defined – I forgive you for my own sake.*

Lesson: *Leaders better remember the greater condemnation.*

# Isaiah 44

## **Theme: *Folly of Humanity***

God comforted His people with Cyrus and mocked idolaters and wise men for knowing nothing.

### Short Outline

- 1-5 God's Comforting Promises of Great Good
- 6-8 God's Unique Power of Fulfilled Prophecies
- 9-17 An Extended Mockery of Idols and Idolaters
- 18-20 An Explanation for Idolaters' Blind Insanity
- 21-23 God's Forgiveness of Israel to Cause Praise
- 24-26 God's Mockery of Diviners and Wise Men
- 27-28 God Foretold Cyrus's Victory and Orders

God promised a great future for Israel. He ridiculed wooden idols and worshippers and said He had blinded them. He had forgiven Israel; He would save from Babylon by Cyrus to the confusion of counselors.

7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.

17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.

25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

28 That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure.

Lesson: *God's promises are certain over men and situations.*

Lesson: *Knowing Cyrus opens scripture and glorifies God.*

Lesson: *God mocks idolaters and wise men, like pandemic.*

# Isaiah 45

## **Theme: *Cyrus the Great***

God promised Cyrus and Israel that He would use Cyrus for His glory and for universal worship.

### Short Outline

- 1-6 God Personally Promised Cyrus Great Success
- 7-10 God Sovereignly Rules All Nations and Men
- 11-14 God the Creator Called Cyrus to Help Israel
- 15-19 God Was Israel's Righteous Savior Over Idols
- 20-25 God Saved by Cyrus for Universal Worship

God named Cyrus here at least 100 years before birth. He was God's chosen man to save Jews from Babylon. He would bless this man's military strategies to reveal His glory to him and the whole world to mock idolatry.

Lesson: *Fulfilled prophecy like this proves God and Bible.*

Lesson: *Righteousness and salvation here are of Babylon.*

Lesson: *We know Cyrus's decree starts Daniel's 70 weeks.*

1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut ... that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

# Isaiah 46

## **Theme: *God Mocked Idols***

God comforted the captive Jews in Babylon that He was superior to idols in very glorious ways.

### Short Outline

- 1-2 Idols Are a Burden to Idolaters in Trouble
- 3-4 God Bears His People and Delivers Them
- 5-8 God Is Far Better than Idols By Nature
- 9-11 God Is Far Better than Idols By Prophecy
- 12-13 God Is Far Better than Idols By Salvation

Persia would carry Babylon's idols away as a heavy burden for beasts, but God carries His people from birth to old age. God mocked idols by their nature, their inability to prophesy, and their inability to save.

Lesson: *God loves to destroy idolatry and mock its futility.*

Lesson: *Our God takes care of us from birth to past death.*

Lesson: *Our God and religion are far superior to any other.*

1 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy loaden; they are a burden to the weary beast.

3 Harken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

5 To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

# Isaiah 47

## **Theme: *Babylon No Lady***

God mocked Babylon as a virgin daughter and lady and promised her ruin in spite of her witchcraft.

### Short Outline

1-4 Isaiah Mocked Babylon as a Disgraced Virgin

5-7 God Mocked Babylon as a Doomed Virgin

8-11 God Promised Babylon Would Be Desolated

12-15 God Promised to Ruin Babylon's Sorcerers

God purposed to destroy Babylon for mistreating His people, though He had used her to chasten them. Her multitude of sorceries would not help or save her. God would destroy her by the Persians, so she would become a widow and childless in one terrifying day.

Lesson: *God treats His people and their enemies differently.*

Lesson: *You should not fear any powers of darkness at all.*

Lesson: *Jesus' return will bring judgment worse than Cyrus.*

1 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.

10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

# Isaiah 48

## **Theme: *Mercy for Blessings***

Israel sinned against Jehovah's divine proofs and lost blessings, but God would save them for Himself.

### Short Outline

- 1-8 God Rebuked Israel's Sins By His Prophecies
- 9-11 God Would End Their Chastening for Himself
- 12-15 God Proved Love for Israel By Sending Cyrus
- 16-19 Israel's Disobedience Forfeited God's Blessings
- 20-22 Cyrus Brought Peace But Not to Wicked Jews

God reprov'd Israel for sin against fulfilled prophecies and chastening. He ended their time in Babylon for His own name's sake. He showed His care of Israel by sending Cyrus, but they were in trouble for their sins.

Lesson: *We should hate sin by God's works for our loyalty.*

Lesson: *God chooses actions for His own glory and praise.*

Lesson: *Sin always loses God's best blessings for your life.*

4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; 5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

15 I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him; he shall make his way prosperous.

18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

# Isaiah 49

**Theme: *Success With Gentiles***

God sent Messiah, Who victoriously saved Gentiles and united them to the Jews after Babylon.

## Short Outline

- 1-3 God Called and Enabled Christ for His Glory
- 4-6 Messiah's Great Success Was with the Gentiles
- 7-12 Israel Rejected Christ But Gentiles Loved Him
- 13-17 Christ Saved the Elect, Remnant Israel of God
- 18-23 God Used the Gentiles to Favor His People
- 24-26 God Did the Improbable By Releasing Israel

The chapter starts by a personal and intimate exchange between Messiah, our Lord Jesus, and God. Messiah would have more success with Gentiles than with the Jews. He would unite Jews and Gentiles to be a great spiritual kingdom with numbers beyond belief in light.

6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?

Novel: *Embrace the personal exchange of God and Christ.*

Lesson: *Gentile kings and queens became nursing parents.*

Lesson: *The growth of the church kingdom was spectacular.*

# Isaiah 50

**Theme: *Messiah the Learned***

Israel deserved their captivity, but  
Christ would be gifted, faithful,  
meek, and mighty to save.

## Short Outline

1-3 God Vindicated, Israel Condemned, in Captivity

4-5 Christ Used Divine Gifts Faithfully in His Work

6-9 Christ Meekly Endured Enemies by God's Help

10-11 Christ the Determinant of Salvation and Truth

God viewed the Jews' captivity like divorcing a bad wife or selling a profligate into slavery. Israel deserved their captivity due to sins. God was not guilty. Jesus in prophecy described God teaching Him, submitting to His crucifixion torture, and the folly of human light.

Lesson: *God personally instructed the Man Christ for duty.*

Lesson: *Only here can we learn that His beard was plucked.*

Lesson: *The only profitable light in this world is in Christ.*

1 Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

# Isaiah 51

**Theme: *God Would Save #1***

God comforted His remnant church in Babylon with deliverance and great blessings in the future.

## Short Outline

- 1-3 Remnant to Copy Parents' Faith for Blessings
- 4-6 God's Righteous Salvation Was Permanent
- 7-8 Their Persecutors Though Were Temporary
- 9-11 They Could Trust God to Save Like Before
- 12-16 God Himself Would Save By Almighty Power
- 17-20 They Were Impotent By His Just Chastening
- 21-23 God Comforted By a Reversal of Violence

He told the Jews to recall Abraham and Sarah and how He took care of them. He would save them by great power out of their impotent condition. Their bulls (sons) could not help, so God would turn His own fury of chastening on their enemies to their perpetual ruin.

2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

5 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.

Lesson: *Three witnesses for faith – Bible, others, and you.*

Lesson: *God's creation and man's weakness should comfort.*

Lesson: *Will young men be bulls for God and His kingdom?*

# Isaiah 52

## **Theme: God Would Save #2**

God comforted the captive Jews with future blessings and introduced Messiah His Servant.

### Short Outline

- 1-3 The Remnant to Embrace Great Deliverance
- 4-6 God Would Save Like He Had Done Before
- 7-9 Gospel Blessings Sure for Future Prosperity
- 10-12 God Would Save His People for All to See
- 13-15 Messiah Would Be God's Servant to Save

God would save the exiles by His great power as He had from Egypt and Assyria. The gospel would go forth for the world to see. God introduced His Servant the Christ for great suffering and glorious salvation.

Lesson: *The gospel sent worldwide is a great mystery event.*

Lesson: *Remember that 52:13-15 here relates to Isaiah 53.*

Related: *Now you know the source of Awakening Chorus.*

1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city:

4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace ... that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

# Isaiah 53

**Theme: *God's Servant Dies***

God's Servant was rejected by Israel,  
but He saved the elect by death,  
so He was greatly glorified.

## Short Outline

- 1-2 Israel Despised Messiah for Lack of Beauty
- 3-4 Israel Despised Messiah for Presumed Sin
- 5-6 Messiah's Judgment Was for the Elect's Sins
- 7-9 Messiah Died Like a Lamb Without Justice
- 10-11 Messiah Finished God's Plan of Salvation
- 12 God Promoted and Rewarded His Servant

This is the best-known chapter in Isaiah, and the eunuch was reading it when Philip met him. It gives the most complete O.T. explanation of our Lord's substitutionary death to justify God's elect people. The Jews rejected Messiah, but God accepted Him and His redemptive work for us to secure final peace with God.

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

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.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Lesson: *The Jews thought Him stricken of God for His sins.*

Lesson: *His generation will be declared soon – sons of God.*

Lesson: *The spoil divided with us includes the Holy Ghost.*

# Isaiah 54

## **Theme: Jewish Church Growth**

The remnant church, shamed and shrunk in Babylon, would flourish by prosperity and protection.

### Short Outline

- 1-3 Explosion of the Church to Include Gentiles
- 4-5 Marriage to God Jehovah Removed all Shame
- 6-8 God Would Restore Israel After Divorcing Her
- 9-10 His Promise Was Like the Rainbow and Hills
- 11-14 He Promised Beauty and Prosperity to Children
- 15-17 He Promised Protection from Conspiring Foes

God promised the Jewish church would explode in size, including many Gentiles. He would take her back like a loving husband and never reject her again. Prosperity and protection were guaranteed to her and to her children forever, and God would take away fear and terror by committing Himself against all enemies.

2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn.

Lesson: *The variety of promises here should thrill the soul.*

Lesson: *We are the mystery of godliness fulfilling this word.*

Lesson: *Promised protection is fulfilled by martyrs of Rome.*

# Isaiah 55

## **Theme: *Free Gospel Feast***

The gospel offers a joyful feast with David's Son with pardon for sin and certain promises.

### Short Outline

- 1-2 Gospel of Jesus Compared to a Free, Fat Feast
- 3-5 Gospel Promises David for Jews and Gentiles
- 6-9 Gospel Promises Free Pardon for Repentance
- 10-11 Gospel Promises Will Fulfill God's Purposes
- 12-13 Gospel Prosperity of the Elect for God's Glory

The gospel has a feast of fat things for the soul to find great delight. It includes the Son of David as leader and commander and abundant pardon for backsliders. His word is certain – prosperity sure – for God's glory.

Lesson: *Jews rejected this feast and were destroyed for it.*

Lesson: *Only here is Jesus called Leader and Commander.*

Lesson: *God's thoughts and ways here are His forgiveness.*

1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

# Isaiah 56

## **Theme: Eunuchs & Strangers**

The grand promises of Messiah's reign are for all kinds of men, if righteous; Israel to be ruined.

### Short Outline

- 1-2 Exhortation to Godliness for Messiah's Reign
- 3-5 Comfort to Eunuchs for a Place with Messiah
- 6-8 Comfort to Gentiles for a Place with Messiah
- 9-12 Warning of Israel's Ruin and Profane Pastors

Messiah's kingdom, the churches of Jesus Christ, is for all people, so Isaiah comforted eunuchs and Gentiles. God measures men by character and conduct, not anything else. God had called Babylon to devour the Jews, and He blasted their blind, lazy, profane pastors.

Lesson: *The only differences in Jesus are character/conduct.*

Lesson: *The Ethiopian eunuch was formerly a double reject!*

Lesson: *True pastors bark loudly against danger or threats.*

3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer ... for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

10 His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

# Isaiah 57

**Theme: *Sin Does Not Pay***

God warned the wicked and comforted the righteous in light of judgment coming against Israel.

## Short Outline

- 1-2 Righteous Men Are Secreted Out of Judgment
- 3-6 God Indicted and Mocked the Jewish Idolaters
- 7-10 Idolaters Do Not See Their Hopeless Religion
- 11-12 The Jews Feared Enemies But Not Their God
- 13-14 Huge Difference of the Righteous and Wicked
- 15-19 God Is Very Merciful to the Truly Repentant
- 20-21 He Has No Mercy for the Obstinate Wicked

With judgment coming, God took some righteous men to heaven early. He mocked the idolatry and spiritual adultery of the Jews. Jehovah will accept the godly humble. He would save the elect remnant in spite of conduct, but there would be no peace to the wicked.

1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.

10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

Lesson: *The good may die young in mercy (Hezekiah; Josiah).*

Lesson: *High and lofty One is found by humble repentance.*

Lesson: *To varying degrees, God saves us despite character.*

# Isaiah 58

## **Theme: Rewards for Righteous**

God rejected formal worship without practical godliness, but He would bless the man doing both.

### Short Outline

- 1-2 Isaiah Called to Expose Formality of Religion
- 3-5 Israel's Ritual Ordinances Did Not Please God
- 6-7 God Required Godly Living for True Religion
- 8-12 God Would Mightily Bless True Worshippers
- 13-14 Godly Worship Example for Great Blessings

A glorious chapter! God blasted hypocritical worship like today's carnal Christianity. But He gave many rich promises for godly conduct, especially charity and mercy to others. Embrace the extraordinary promises.

Lesson: *God hates His religious ordinances by hypocrites.*

Lesson: *For your charity and mercy, He will say, Here I am!*

Lesson: *Godly men will get repairers and restorers as sons.*

1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

3 Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.

6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

# Isaiah 59

**Theme: *God Saved By Himself***

God deserted His people for complete corruption by sin, but then He saved the elect remnant by Himself.

## Short Outline

- 1-2 Lack of God's Favor Was Due to Their Sins
- 3-8 God Charged Them With Sins of All Kinds
- 9-15 Their Sins Left the Nation Hopelessly Lost
- 16-19 So God Saved By Himself and For Himself
- 20-21 Messiah Would Come to Redeem the Elect

God listed the Jews' many sins for which He deserted them. They were hopeless and helpless. Isaiah prayed for them. God promised to save them by Himself, and the Messiah would save and bless the elect remnant.

Lesson: *Paul used the list of sins for depravity in Romans 3.*

Lesson: *Intercessors pray in the first person like Daniel did.*

Lesson: *God promised His Spirit and word for all the elect.*

1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

21 My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

# Isaiah 60

## **Theme: Jewish Church Glory**

God would bless the Jewish church with great light and glory through Messiah, the gospel, and Gentiles.

### Short Outline

- 1-2 Jewish Church Charged to Rejoice in Light
- 3-8 Gentiles To Be Converted and Bring Gifts
- 9-14 Gentiles Would Serve the Jewish Church
- 15-17 Prosperity of the Church To Be Very Great
- 18-22 Character of the Church To Be Very Great

Arise! Shine! God gave the Jewish church His Son, His gospel, and many Gentiles. After 70 years of exile then 400 years of obscurity, God blessed the elect Jews with David's Son for great joy and unity with Gentiles.

Lesson: *The light and glory is the Jewish church, not Christ.*

Lesson: *These grand terms of gospel glory run through 62.*

Lesson: *Isaiah saw the great mystery of godliness (1 Ti 3:16).*

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

22 A little one shall become a thousand, a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

# Isaiah 61

**Theme: *Double for Trouble***

The Messiah would declare peace to captives, and the Jewish church would be glorified.

## Short Outline

- 1-3 God's Messiah By the Spirit Preaches Peace
- 4-6 Restoration of Judah To Include the Gentiles
- 7-9 Restoration of Judah To Include Prosperity
- 10-11 Messiah's Gospel Reign Worthy of All Joy

Jesus fulfilled this prophecy in His own synagogue. But there is more here than Jesus read. The Jewish church would explode with growth by many Gentiles converts. God exalted the elect Jews and changed them for their great joy forever. We bask in this glory today.

Lesson: *The light and glory is the Jewish church, not Christ.*

Lesson: *These grand terms of gospel glory run through 62.*

Lesson: *Isaiah saw the great mystery of godliness (1 Ti 3:16).*

1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God;

5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, 6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

# Isaiah 62

## **Theme: *Pray and Prepare***

With great desire for the promised divine blessings on the Jewish church, it prayed and prepared.

### Short Outline

- 1 Jewish Church Declares Its Great Desire
- 2-5 Zion Is Promised Many Future Blessings
- 6-7 Constant Prayer for the Future Blessings
- 8-9 Promised Security By Jehovah's Oath
- 10-12 Preparation for the Coming of Messiah

Isaiah and pastors of the Jewish church prayed for God's promises to be fulfilled. God swore to protect them. In addition to prayer, they prepared for universal growth, which was primarily by the apostles of Jesus.

Lesson: *See key importunity in prayer in three verses (1,6-7).*

Lesson: *P & P = God's blessings = prayer and preparation.*

Lesson: *This is absolutely no Jewish millennium in any way.*

1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies;

10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

# Isaiah 63

## **Theme: Avenger and Provider**

God destroyed a great enemy of Israel, and captive Israel remembered and prayed for help for themselves.

### Short Outline

- 1 God in Truth and Strength to Destroy Edom
- 2-6 God in Furious Vengeance to Destroy Edom
- 7-9 Review of God's Historical Love for Israel
- 10-14 Review of God's Historical Mercy to Israel
- 15-19 Prayer for God's Love and Mercy Restored

God as an angry, mighty avenger destroyed Edom, a hated enemy of Israel. Isaiah then reviewed God's love and mercy to them. On that basis he prayed God would see them in Babylon and save them like out of Egypt.

Altered: *The bloody traveler from Bozrah is God, not Jesus.*

Lesson: *The Holy Spirit may fight you or give you great rest.*

Lesson: *Children that will not lie? God in covenant mercy.*

1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us.

10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

19 We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.

# Isaiah 64

**Theme: Appeals for Vengeance**

Captive Israel reminded God of His might, goodness, mercy, relation, and worship to rescue them.

## Short Outline

- 1-3 Petition for God to Powerfully Rescue Israel
- 4-5 Reminder to God of Covenant Commitments
- 6-7 Confession to God of the Nation's Sinfulness
- 8-9 Appeal to God Based on Their Relationship
- 10-12 Appeal to God Based on Disrupted Worship

After chapter 63, Isaiah prayed God to terrify Babylon by His mighty power. Remembering Moses' law, Isaiah confessed the accumulated sins of Israel and begged God for mercy by relationship and worship.

Altered: *Filthy rags is ritual hypocrisy, not true godliness.*

Lesson: *Wise men beseech God by relationship (David, etc.).*

Lesson: *Wise men beseech God by worship (David, Hezekiah).*

1 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

8 But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. 9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste. 12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

# Isaiah 65

## **Theme: *Gentiles Over Jews***

God justly punished the wicked in Israel, and then He blessed elect Jews and Gentiles gloriously.

### Short Outline

- 1 Conversion of the Gentiles to Replace Jews
- 2-7 Rejection of the Jews for Their Wickedness
- 8-10 Salvation of an Elect Remnant of the Jews
- 11-16 God Distinguished Servants and Reprobates
- 17-25 Messiah's Kingdom Different in Character

God introduced Himself to idolatrous Gentiles and justly judged Israel for rejecting Him. He saved only a small elect part of Israel. He exalted the difference election makes and the glory of Christ's N.T. kingdom.

Lesson: *Joy! God said to Gentiles, Behold me! Behold me!*

Lesson: *Most of Israel, like 90%, were reprobates (Is 6:13).*

Lesson: *New heavens and earth here is the N.T. gospel era.*

1 I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.

2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;

15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

# Isaiah 66

## **Theme: *Vengeance & Prosperity***

Two great events occurred after  
Messiah came – the Jewish nation  
destroyed and the church prospered.

### **Short Outline**

- 1-4 Jewish Trust in Ceremonial Religion Mocked
- 5-6 God's Vengeance on Jews' Hurting His Elect
- 7-14 Birth and Prosperity of the Gospel Church
- 15-18 Furious Vengeance on the Wicked for Sins
- 19-21 Calling of Gentiles Includes Them as Priests
- 22-24 Eternal Mercy to Elect; Ruin of Reprobates

Jerusalem was burned in 70 A.D. to fulfill prophecy and warnings, and the gospel exploded among the Gentiles by our Lord's chosen apostles. God mocked the Jews' trust in ceremonies and promised vengeance. He united Jews and Gentiles in the N.T. gospel church and exalted them over rabid enemies, especially Jews.

1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

3 He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck.

6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

Lesson: *God hates your worship if not with an obedient life.*

Lesson: *Jews cast out in God's name, but He would avenge.*

Lesson: *Like Malachi, Isaiah ends with the Jews destroyed.*

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