

The BOOK of ISAIAH • The HOPE of GLORY

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of Armies, the whole earth is full of His GLORY.” Isaiah 6:3
 “These things Isaiah said because he saw [Christ’s] GLORY, and he spoke of Him.” John 12:41

The Holy One of Israel Rules Over All Creation from His Glorious Throne to Restore His Kingdom Rule on Earth!

REPENT & REJOICE: The LORD Will Faithfully Restore Order to His Creation by His Chosen Ruler to Regather Israel, Redeem the Nations, and Reveal His Glory!

“If one were asked what the book of Isaiah ‘is about’, this would be the answer: the kingship of God now visible to the eye of faith and to be made visible to all in the new world that is about to dawn.”
 – W. Houston

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| JUDGMENT IS COMING... | | | | BUT GLORY WILL FOLLOW! | | | | | | | | | |
| VIEWPOINT God’s Rule from His Sovereign Throne Is <i>Holy, Righteous, Just.</i> | | | | VIEWPOINT God’s Redemption by His Suffering Servant Is <i>Gracious, Glorious, Global.</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| FOCUS The Promise of Judgment and Need for Grace Among All Nations | | | | FOCUS The Promise of Comfort and Grace through the Person of the Lord’s Choosing | | | | | | | | | |
| Judgment Brings Destruction | | | | Salvation Brings Restoration | | | | | | | | | |
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| Behold, the COMING KING! | | | | Behold, the SUFFERING SERVANT! | | Behold, the CONQUERING MESSENGER! | | | | | | | |
| 4:1-6; 6:1-13; 7:14; 9:1-7; 11:1-16; 16:5; 32:1-4; 33:17; 35:2-6 | | | | 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12 | | 59:20-21; 60:1-3; 61:1-3 | | | | | | | |
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| MESSAGES of CONDEMNATION | | | | HISTORICAL BRIDGE | MESSAGES of COMFORT | | | | | | | | |
| <i>God’s Holy Wrath and Grace Toward the Unfaithful and the Unbelieving</i> | | | | <i>God’s Response to King Hezekiah</i> | <i>God’s Wisdom and Power to Keep His Redemption Promises and Fulfill His Creation Plan</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Unfaithful Judah VISIONS | Unbelieving Nations BURDENS | | Unchanging God WOES + BLESSINGS | In God We Trust? WARS | God’s Gracious Reassurance ISRAEL COMFORTED <i>Salvation Promised</i> | God’s Glorious Redemption SERVANT SUFFERS <i>Salvation Purchased</i> | God’s Global Restoration KINGDOM COMES <i>Salvation Provided</i> | | | | | | |
| 1 | 12 | 13 | 27 | 28 | 35 | 36 | 39 | 40 | 51 | 52 | 55 | 56 | 66 |
| Ch 1 The Beginning JERUSALEM OLD CREATION | Ch 6 1st Call JUDGMENT | | | Ch 36-39 2 Threats ASSYRIA & BABYLON | | Ch 40 2nd Call SALVATION | Ch 42; 49; 50; 52-53 4 Songs BEHOLD, MY SERVANT! | | | Ch 56-66 Millennial KINGDOM COMES | | Ch 66 The End NEW JERUSALEM NEW CREATION | |
| THREAT Assyria PLACE Judah and Her Neighboring Nations TIME 740 – 690 BC about 50 Years | | | | | | THREAT Babylon PLACE Israel and the World TIME 538 BC – 2nd Coming Climaxing in the Millennium Kingdom & New Creation | | | | | | | |

AUTHOR Isaiah (“Yahweh Is Salvation” or “Yahweh Saves” or “Salvation of Yahweh”) which is similar in meaning the names of Elisha, Joshua, and Jesus. “Salvation” is found 27x including “My Salvation” (8x).

FAMILY Wife is an unnamed prophetess (8:3) and 2 sons that reflect the book’s message: Shear-jashub (“A Remnant Shall Return,” 7:3) and Maher-shalal-hash-baz (“Quick to Plunder, Swift to the Spoil,” 8:3)

KINGS Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of 4 Kings of Judah: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (1:1). He likely was martyred by being sawn in two under King Manasseh (cf. Heb 11:37).

BIBLE The Book of Isaiah is the Bible in Miniature with 39 Chapters followed by 27 Chapters like the 39 OT Books and the 27 NT Books. It is the Mount Everest of OT Prophecy and OT Theology.

GOD Revealed as the Holy One of Israel/Jacob (26x) / Holy One/God/Seed/Arm/Spirit (13x); LORD of Armies (48x) / Mighty (7x); Creator (4x) / Maker (8x); Savior (8x) / Redeemer (13x); and King (8x).

CHRIST Isaiah focuses on the Coming Davidic King; the Suffering Servant; and the Conquering Messenger as well as His entire ministry predicted from Cradle to Cross to Crown.

MY SERVANT Key title (17x) used in key ways: **The Unfaithful Servant** = Israel (9x); **The Unserved “Servant”** = King Cyrus; **The Unlikely Servant** = King Jesus (5x) Who Suffers Obediently to Restore God’s Kingdom; and **The Undeserving Servants** (Jew + Gentile) Who Are Regathered after Repenting to Rejoice in the Kingdom + New Creation (“His servants” 2x, 56:6; 66:14; “Behold, My Servants,” 7x, 65:8-15).

SPIRIT The Spirit of Yahweh that Anoints His Chosen Ones, Proclaims His Word, Executes His Will, and Restores His People

GOSPEL Often called the “Fifth Gospel,” the NT quotes it more than any other OT book and all the other prophets combined. It reveals God’s Position, Man’s Condition, Christ’s Provision, and Our Decision.

MISSIONS Isaiah gloriously predicts the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth for the glory of Israel and a light to the Gentiles (9:1-3; 49:6; 66:18-19)

KEY CHAPTERS 6; 11-12; 35; 53; 65-66

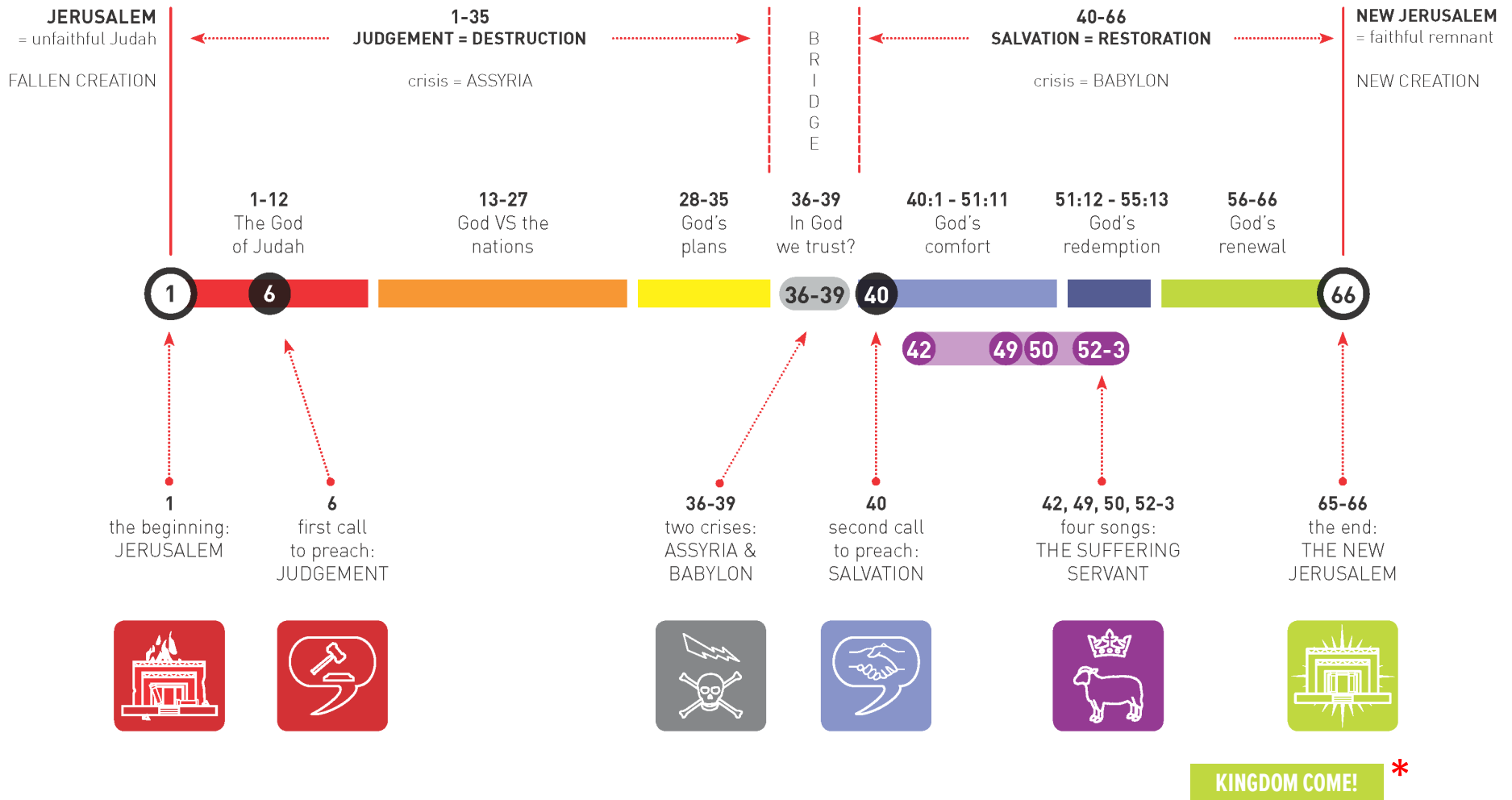
KEY VERSES 1:18; 6:1-8; 7:14; 9:1-7; 11:1-9; 14:24; 30:18; 40:3-5; 53:6; 59:20; 60:163:2-6; 61:1-3; 63:2-6; 65:17; 66:1-2

KEY SONGS Vineyard Song 5:1-7;

Kingdom Song 12:1-6; Harlot Song 23:14-18; Judah’s Song 26:1-19; Night Songs 30:27-33; Hezekiah’s Song 38:9-20; New Song 42:10-13; Servant Songs 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 50:4-11; 52:113-53:12; 60:1-3;

ISAIAH OVERVIEW

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* **NOTE:** "Kingdom Come!" is added. No chart will cover everything and every chart seeks to express that individual's understanding of the inspired Scriptures. This colorful chart does a great job overviewing the Book of Isaiah but does not emphasize the **KINGDOM FULFILLMENT** in **Chapters 56-66**, especially the blessings of the **Millennial Kingdom** (e.g., Ch 56; 60) following the repentance and restoration of Israel (Ch 59; 62-64). The New Heavens and the New Earth are preceded by the Second Coming of the Suffering Servant King with His Kingdom to the earth and in many ways this Kingdom is inter-mingled with the New Jerusalem but not identical to New Creation (see Revelation 19-22).

JUDGMENT!
ISRAEL'S REBELLION WILL COME AT A COST

ISAIAH'S MESSAGE:

HOPE!
THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES
FUTURE KING FROM THE LINE OF DAVID
ISRAEL'S OBDIENCY TO THE COVENANT
GOD'S BLESSING TO THE NATIONS

ISAIAH

Suffering-Servant-King Covenant Family of All Nations Hope for a Renewed Creation

*** WHOSE VOICE ARE WE HEARING IN CHAPTERS 40-66?**
(THE PERSPECTIVE IS FROM AFTER EXILE - SEE EZRA-NEHEMIAH)

A: THE VOICE OF ISAIAH TRANSPORTED INTO THE FUTURE

B: THE VOICE OF ISAIAH AND HIS PROPHETIC DISCIPLES
(SEE 2:16, 29:10-12, 30:8-9)

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1-12 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR JERUSALEM

1-2 PURIFYING FIRE
OLD JERUSALEM: REBELLION, IDOLATRY & INJUSTICE
NEW JERUSALEM: JUSTICE & PEACE FOR ALL NATIONS

3 ISAIAH'S TEMPLE VISION
NO, YOU'RE PURIFIED! NOW GO...
A HOLY SEED?

7-12 AHAZ
1 'IMMANUEL' = GOD WITH US
A NEW 'BRANCH' FROM THE STUMP OF DAVID'S FAMILY
FREEDOM FROM OPPRESSION
EMPOWERED BY GOD'S SPIRIT
NEW JERUSALEM

13-27 JUDGMENT & HOPE FOR THE NATIONS

13-23 FALL OF BABYLON & ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS
I WILL ASCEND TO HEAVEN AND MAKE MYSELF LIKE THE MOST HIGH GOD!
THE LOFTY CITY: ARCHETYPE OF REBELLIOUS HUMANITY - DESCRIBED WITH IMAGES FROM CHAPTERS 9-23
NO MORE SUFFERING OR DEATH!

24-27 A TALE OF TWO CITIES
THE NEW JERUSALEM

28-39 THE RISE & FALL OF JERUSALEM

28-35 ACCUSATION OF JERUSALEM'S LEADERS
NO! YOU'LL BE BROUGHT DOWN TO THE GRAVE!
DELIVER US FROM THE ASSYRIANS, O LORD!
HEZEKIAH'S RISE: MIRACULOUSLY SAVED!

39 HEZEKIAH'S FALL
NO! BABYLON WILL BETRAY & DESTROY JERUSALEM!
SURE ENOUGH, 300+ YEARS LATER...
BABYLON ATTACKS! (SEE 2 KINGS 24-25)

EXILE!

40-48 ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOPE

40 COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE!
EXILE IS OVER!
ISRAEL CAN RETURN HOME
GOD'S KINGDOM? IS COMING

41-47 THE TRIAL
THE ACCUSATION
GOD'S RESPONSE
THE RIGHT CONCLUSION
ISRAEL IS STILL REBELLIOUS
GOD'S GOING TO DO A NEW THING!

49-55 THE SERVANT FULFILLS GOD'S MISSION
GOD'S SERVANT IS REJECTED & KILLED... BUT LIVES AGAIN (53:10-12)
YOU ARE NOW ISRAEL!
THE MISSION: TO RESTORE ISRAEL
TO BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS
SERVANT'S DEATH = A SACRIFICE FOR SIN
THE SERVANTS (G2) 'THE SEED' ARE HORRIBLE & REPENT
I DECLARE YOU ARE RIGHT WITH GOD!
2 Ways to Respond: THE UNKIND RESIST & REJECT THE SERVANT

56-66 THE SERVANTS INHERIT GOD'S KINGDOM

THE WICKED: FACE GOD'S JUSTICE - REMOVED FROM THE CITY
THE SERVANTS: INHERIT THE NEW CREATION

56a ALL NATIONS INVITED TO JOIN GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY
56b-58 CONTRAST BETWEEN THE WICKED & THE SERVANTS
59 PRAYER OF REPENTANCE
SERVANT ANNOUNCES GOD'S KINGDOM
60-62 PRAYER OF REPENTANCE
63-67 PRAYER OF REPENTANCE
65-66a
66b

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* Regarding "Whose Voice Are We Hearing?" Jesus and His Apostles affirm the entire Book of Isaiah is by the Prophet Isaiah. "The New Testament quotes Isaiah more than all the other prophets together, and does so in such a way as to leave no room for doubt that the New Testament writers, and the Lord Jesus, took Isaiah to be the author of the whole book that bears his name. It is true that in some references 'Isaiah' need mean no more than the book where the quotation is found. Mark 1:2, for example, seems to use 'Isaiah' (as Luke 24:44 uses 'the psalms') to name that section of the Old Testament Canon of which, respectively, they are the first books. But when John 12:41 notes 'Isaiah' as the one who 'saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him', referring to 6:1-10, or when Luke 3:4 quotes from 'the book of the words of Isaiah', there can be no doubt that the individual prophet is intended, and this is, of course, the natural and logical interpretation of the main bulk of the quotations. The New Testament quotations cover all sections of the Isaianic literature, ascribing all alike to the same prophet. The authority of the New Testament with, at its centre, the authority of Jesus, is decisive."

Motyer, J. Alex, *Isaiah: An Introduction and Commentary*. Vol. 20 of Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries. IVP/Accordance electronic ed. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1999.