

An Old Testament Glance

The Major Prophets Books – Isaiah, Part 1

Name Meaning	Dates of Service	Home Town	# of Chapters	Kings Reigning	Audience Targeted	Theme or Subject
"God is Salvation"	739-685 BC	Jerusalem	66	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	Jews in Judea	Messianic Kingdom
Prophets Ministering at the same time:			Hosea, Micah			
Scripture References:			2 Kings 15-20; 2 Chronicles 26-30; Isaiah 1-66			

BRIEF OUTLINE OF ISAIAH

- A. Isaiah 1-39 Isaiah Pronounces Judgment on **Current** Judah
- B. Isaiah 40-55 Isaiah Comforts **Current-Future** Judah of Restoration
- C. Isaiah 56-66 Isaiah Warns **Returned** Judah to Follow God's Ways

1. How did Isaiah start his words to the Jews in Judah (Isaiah 1:2-4)?

a. "I have nourished & brought up children".

"They have _____ against Me";

"But Israel does not _____",

"My people do not _____."

"Alas, _____."

"A people laden with _____."

"A brood of _____."

This is not a pretty picture; God is not pleased; Isaiah's words are blunt.

Isaiah was ministering & preaching during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, & Hezekiah in Judah (the Southern Kingdom).

2. Describe these kings.

a. Uzziah (Same guy as Azariah) – 2 Kings 15:3

b. Jotham – 2 Kings 15:34 _____

c. Ahaz – 2 Kings 16:2 _____

d. Hezekiah – 2 Kings 18:3 _____

3. Using the same verses, what did each king do about the idolatry in Judah?

a. Uzziah _____

b. Jotham _____

c. Ahaz _____

d. Hezekiah _____

Hosea & Micah were also doing prophet (preacher) duties at the same time as Isaiah. However, **Isaiah focused on Judah** (Southern Kingdom), and Hosea & Micah focused on Israel (Northern Kingdom).

All three prophets were on the job when Israel (North) was destroyed by the Assyrians. All three prophets continued warning Judah (South) to turn back to God & His way of life for them.

4. Isaiah mixes good news & bad new for Judah. Match with the verses.

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| a. ___ Isaiah 1:2-31 | a. Good News for Judah |
| b. ___ Isaiah 2:1-4 | b. Bad News for Judah |
| c. ___ Isaiah 3:1-12 | |
| d. ___ Isaiah 6:1-13 | |
| e. ___ Isaiah 13:1-22 | |
| f. ___ Isaiah 14:3 – 23:18 | |

This is just a small sample of all the verses in Isaiah discussing judgment (punishment) & blessing (restoration) in the Isaiah 1-39 section.

5. In the Isaiah 40-55 section on Judah being restored in their land, notice the wording of God that Isaiah uses. Write them down.

- a. (40:1) _____, yes, _____ My people.
- b. (40:10) The Lord God will come with a _____ .
- c. (41:1) Let the people _____ .
- d. (41:10) _____, for I am with you.
- e. (42:16) I will make darkness _____ before them.
- f. (42:16) And crooked _____ .
- g. (44:3) I will pour My Spirit on your _____ .
- h. (44:26) To the cities of Judah: you shall be _____ .

6. Write out these verses:

- a. Isaiah 49:14. _____

- b. Isaiah 49:15. _____

- c. Isaiah 49:16. _____

7. Do you need this message? _____

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The Major Prophets Books – Isaiah, Part 2

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Just a reminder that when God punishes for disobedience, He is still loving us through the process. He gives strength & comfort through the process. He offers hope through the process. He promises a second chance & helps make it happen.

*Besides all the judgment & punishment stuff, **Isaiah covers 3 other topics:***

- a. Some **personal information** about himself*
- b. Some **historical events** while he was ministering*
- c. **Prophecies** (statements of future events) about the Messiah (Jesus).*

8. What did Isaiah share about himself?

- a. (6:1-9) _____

- b. (8:3-4) _____

9. What historical information did he include? (Be brief)

- a. (7:1-17) _____
- b. (36:1-2) _____
- c. (37:1-38) _____
- d. (38:1-10) _____
- e. (39:1-8) _____

Two points: (1) this historical stuff was not written in poetry (it looks different than the poetry. (2) This same history is covered in 2 Kings 18:1-20:21 & in 2 Chronicles 29:1 – 32:33.

10. How has this study in Isaiah strengthened your+ life so far?

Now, the most incredible thing are the prophecies about Jesus Christ, the Messiah. God revealed to Isaiah details about Christ at least 685 years before Jesus was born.

11. Match the prophecies about the **Messiah, Jesus Christ** with the Isaiah verses & the New Testament verses.

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| a. Born of a virgin | ___ Is. 53:7 | ___ Mt. 27:38 |
| b. Heir to David's throne | ___ Is. 53:3 | ___ Lk. 1:32-33 |
| c. Called Immanuel | ___ Is. 7:14 | ___ Mt. 4:13-16 |
| d. A messenger prepares the way | ___ Is. 9:1-2 | ___ Rom. 5:6-8 |
| e. Rejected by His own people | ___ Is. 53:5-12 | ___ Mt. 27:57-60 |
| f. Called a Nazarene | ___ Is. 6:9-10 | ___ Jn. 1:11 |
| g. Bring light to Galilee | ___ Is. 53:9 | ___ Lk. 4:18-19 |
| h. Will speak in parables | ___ Is. 11:1 | ___ Lk. 1:26-31 |
| i. Sent to heal broken-hearted | ___ Is. 9:7 | ___ Mt. 26:67 |
| j. Was silent before accusers | ___ Is. 53:12 | ___ Lk. 3:3-6 |
| k. Was spit on & struck | ___ Is. 40:3-5 | ___ Mt. 13:10-15 |
| l. Was crucified with criminals | ___ Is. 61:1-2 | ___ Mt. 1:23 |
| m. Was buried with the rich | ___ Is. 50:6 | ___ Mk. 15:4-5 |
| n. Was sacrifice for sin | ___ Is. 7:14 | ___ Mt. 2:23 |

12. Write out these well-known verses from Isaiah.

- a. (26:3) _____

- b. (40:31) _____

- c. (53:5) _____

Interesting that Isaiah referred to God many times as "The Lord of Hosts". In other words, He is the God above all (all men – all idols – even me).