



**Lesson One:**

**Introduction &  
Chapter One**

# Isaiah, the Peaks of Prophecy

## Isaiah stands at the height of prophetic books in the Bible

It's eloquence describes the greatness, grace, and glory of God.  
It tells us about the Messiah: his birth, life, death, and resurrection.  
It and Deuteronomy tell us the most of all OT books about God's nature.  
It is the most quoted book in the NT, followed closely by Psalms.  
We see it in the NT in the synagogue (61:1-3, Lk 4:16-21), the desert (53:7-8, Acts 27:35), and in prison (6:9-10, Acts 28:24-27).  
Many people point to its organization and the Bible.  
39 chapters of judgment, 27 chapters of promise

## Key Figures:

Isaiah, son of Amoz: prince of the prophets & prophet to the princes  
Married (8:3), 2 Sons (7:3, 8:3), Death (Heb. 11:37?)  
Ahaz: the evil 12<sup>th</sup> ruler of Judah (Isaiah 16:2-3)  
Hezekiah, the 13<sup>th</sup> ruler of Judah (Isaiah 18:3-5)  
Cyrus, the Persian King, 44:28, 45:1-3  
Sennacherib, the Assyrian King (705-681 BC) (Isaiah 37:36-38)  
Jesus (Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 53)

## Key Places:

Judah: 740 BC a time of decline of God's people  
Assyria (Isaiah 10:5-19, Isaiah 36-37)  
Babylon (chps 13, 14, 47, 21:9, 39:1-7, 43:14, 48:14, 20)  
Media, Persia  
Philistia, Moab, Syria, Ethiopia, Egypt

## Major Themes:

The glory of God, Isaiah 6, Isaiah 43 (Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, Loving, Rescuer)  
Sin (of Israel and the nations) and Punishment, Isaiah 59  
The exile and return of Israel, Isaiah 14  
The coming Messiah, Isaiah 53

## Chapter One:

1:1 The powerful Vision  
1:3 The ox knows its owner, but my people do not consider  
1:11 What is the purpose of your offerings to me?  
1:17 Learn to do good, seek justice, rebuke the oppressor, defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.  
1:18 Come now let us reason together...though sins as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.

## Three Great Invitations of Scripture

### Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.”

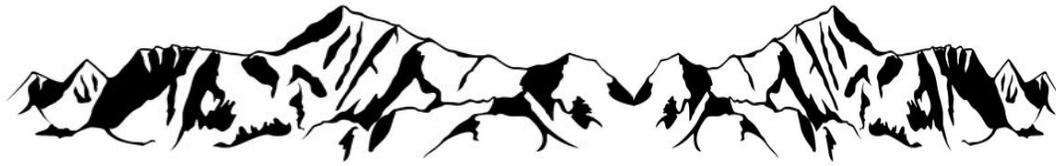
### Isaiah 45:22

“Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I *am* God, and *there is* no other.”

### Isaiah 55:1-2

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread, and your wages for *what does not satisfy*? Listen carefully to me, and eat *what is* good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance.”





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## **The Parable Stated (v. 1-2)**

**A farmer plants a vineyard and does everything for it  
He digs up the stones  
Plants the best varieties of grapes  
Builds towers and winepresses to protect and process it  
But it fails to produce anything good.**

## **Application (v. 3-30)**

**v. 3-4 Jerusalem and Judah, what more could God have done? But it brought forth wild grapes**

**Judah had received:    God's protection  
                                         The Covenant  
                                         Promised Land  
                                         The Temple  
                                         The Prophets**

**v. 5-6 Punishment:    Take away hedge and burn it, break down its walls  
                                         Will not prune it or remove weeds and make it not rain**

**v. 7 The failure: Israel is the vine, and Judah is the pleasant plant  
but:    They oppress one another and forsake justice (v. 8)  
          They seek bigger houses and fields, only to lose them (v. 9-10)  
          They spend countless hours in vain pleasures, (v. 11-12)**

**v. 13 Therefore...  
My people go to captivity, because they have no knowledge (v. 13)  
Sheol (the grave) will swallow them up (v. 14)  
They will be humbled, but the Lord remains exalted (v. 15-17)**

**v. 18 Woe.... (Curses)  
To those who make sin easy (with cords of vanity, and hasten) (v. 18-19)  
To those who call evil good and good evil (v. 20)  
To those who think they are wise above all others (v. 21)  
To those who take advantage of others (through drunkenness and bribes)  
(v. 22-23)**

**v. 24 God's Judgment  
By rejecting God's Word, they are rotten at the root and stubble to be  
burned, v. 24  
His unending anger strikes them and withers the carcasses, v. 25  
He will bring the nations to conquer them and destroy, v. 26-30  
They will come swiftly and without hindrance, v. 26-27  
Their weapons will be fearsome, v. 28  
They will carry Judah away and the land will suffer, v. 29-30**

## **God's Spiritual Investment In You**

**Think of all the ways the  
Lord has invested in you**

### **The Physical**

**He has created us whole  
He has given us life  
We have life's necessities  
We have time  
We have opportunity**

### **The Spiritual**

**We have Jesus  
We have the Bible  
We have the Church  
We have forgiveness of sin  
We have Christian brethren  
who encourage us  
We have opportunities to  
study and learn**

**With all of the investment  
God has placed in you, what  
return are you giving to him?**

***Isaiah 5:3-4 "And now,  
inhabitants of Jerusalem and  
men of Judah, Judge please  
between me and my vineyard.  
What more could have been  
done to my vineyard that I  
have not done in it? Why  
then, when I expected it to  
bring forth good grapes, did  
it bring forth wild grapes?"***



**Lesson Four:  
Chapter Six  
Isaiah's  
Commission**

# **Isaiah, the Peaks of Prophecy**

## **Isaiah's Grief, v. 1**

Uzziah had been a fairly good king who made major mistakes, 2 Chronicles 26

Punished with leprosy for disregarding God's holiness

God's people still disregarded God's sovereignty, Isaiah 5:19

We, like Isaiah, may prefer bad situations to changing situations

We don't always understand God's ways, Isaiah 55:8-9, 11

God always causes growth and movement, Isaiah 65:24, John 5:17

## **Adoration of the Almighty, v. 1-4**

The Greatness of God

God is so immense only his robe (hem of garment) fits in Temple, Rev. 1:13

Isaiah is in the presence of God (Isaiah 6), Jesus (John 12:38-41), and

Holy Spirit (Acts 28:25-27)

The term Seraphim means "fire." Using wings to cover face (respect for holiness), feet (humility), and flight, these creatures' sole purpose is to worship God.

The Holiness of God

The word "holy" is repeated three times to emphasize God's absolute moral purity and separateness from the creation. His glory (mist or smoke) represents his presence in the world (Exodus 16:7, Exodus 40:34-35, 1 Kings 8:11, John 1:14).

The world shakes when God speaks, (Exodus 19:18-19, 20:18-19).

## **The Beginning of Belief, v. 5-7**

Isaiah's weakness

The first time Isaiah speaks in his book, he confesses his uncleanness.

He is aware of the contrast between him and God.

Isaiah's redemption

The coal of the altar represents the sacrifice paid on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:12) that was brought to the Most Holy Place of the Temple.

From this altar of sacrifice, God cleanses Isaiah's lips.

This is the foretelling of Jesus' death on the cross

## **Commitment to the Commission, v. 8-13**

Who goes? The forgiven

Here am I send me. Those who are forgiven must become servants.

Each of us has an obligation, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 8:4, 18:26

But not everyone will listen

The gospel message will soften some hearts and harden others. It reveals our character (Matthew 13:14-15, John 12:39-40, Acts 28:25-27).

Jesus quoted Isaiah 6:9-10 in the Parable of the Sower, Luke 8:1-15

The Prophets were often warned that many would not listen to them,

Jeremiah 1:8, 19, Ezekiel 2:3-4.

The Remnant (those who are saved)

God's coming discipline will leave only a remnant of his people-the holy seed-like a tree stump after a forest fire.

The remnant is often smaller than we expect, Genesis 7:1, Matthew 7:13-14, Romans 11:4

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mt. 28:18-20

The Great Commission is:

**Expected:**

As you go "Wherever you go, whatever you do."

**Communal:**

Not given to a single individual, but to the group

**Cross cultural:**

All nations/races, Acts 1:8

**Assisted:**

Jesus and his authority is always with us.

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Isaiah began with  
"Woe is me"  
and ended with  
"Here am I, send me."



# **Isaiah, the Peaks of Prophecy**

## **Merciful Emancipation, v. 1-5**

God's People were in anguish due to sin, Isaiah 8:22

The faithful remnant held to the Word of God and the prophets, Is 8:16-18

The fallen followed the gibberish of false faiths, Isaiah 8:19-22

God brings redemption to his people

This is so certain Isaiah speaks of it in the past tense  
(even though it hadn't yet happened)

This area (Capernaum) became the home of Jesus, Mt. 4:13-17

From darkness to light (v. 2) (Isaiah 42:6-light to the Gentiles), from  
destruction to a population boom (v. 3) (Acts 2:39 all peoples  
are called by God), from oppression to freedom (v. 4) (in Christ  
we are free from bondage of sin, Galatians 1:4), from battle to  
peace (v. 5) (Jesus provides peace from this world, John 14:27)

## **Messianic Expectation, v. 6-7**

The one who brings this freedom (v. 4-5) will be a child

He will serve as "Wonderful Counselor" One with great wisdom  
"Mighty God" Title of the Lord himself, Deut 10:17  
"Everlasting Father" One who protects his people  
"Prince of Peace" He will make all the nations get along

This cannot be Hezekiah for only Jesus can fulfill this prophecy.

His throne shall reign forever and will be in the line of David

2 Samuel 7:12-13, Daniel 2:44, Matthew 1:1-17

## **Meaningful Education, v. 8-21**

Israel/Ephraim (the Northern Kingdom) will fall due to pride, v. 8-12

They claim power to save themselves, v. 10

But they will be destroyed by the Rezin (Assyrians), the Philistines, and  
the Syrians

This is due to God's righteous judgment

The leadership of the nation fails them, v. 13-17

The people and the prophets do not inquire of God, v. 13-15

They lead them astray, 16 (Ezekiel 34, John 10:11-13)

In "one day" they experience God's righteous judgment (722 B.C.)

Their sin spreads like wildfire, v. 18-21

It spreads like a fire and scorches the land, v. 18-19

It never becomes satisfied, v. 20 (Proverbs 27:20)

This destruction is due to God's righteous judgment

"His anger will not turn away and his hand is still stretched out" 12, 17, 21

*Therefore consider the  
goodness and severity of  
God: on those who fell  
severity; but toward you,  
goodness if you continue in  
his goodness, otherwise  
you also will be cut off.*

Romans 11:22

### **God's Goodness**

The Lord is slow to anger and  
abounds in loving kindness...

Numbers 14:18

Word for Goodness in Greek  
is **CHRESTOTES** meaning  
helpful and beneficial. It  
shows a deliberate act to  
bring the sinner back to God.

### **God's Severity**

The Lord is holy and removed  
from sin, Isaiah 59:1-2

Word for Severity in Greek is  
**APOTOMIA** meaning to  
violently prune or cut off.  
God will discard those who  
rebel against him and remain  
in sin.

God provided everything to  
Israel to save her from the  
consequences of her sin.

But when the nation  
remained in rebellion, its  
destruction was complete.

The same is true for us  
today. What has been your  
response to God's grace?



**Lesson Six:**  
**Chapter Thirty Two**  
**Repentance and the**  
**Coming Spirit**

# **Isaiah, the Peaks of Prophecy**

## **The King In Righteousness, v. 1-8**

**The Messiah will reign in righteousness compared to current evil rulers**

**His princes will reign justly as well, 1 Cor. 6:2, Rom. 13:3**

**He will be a relief**

**PROTECTION:** hiding place from the wind, a storm shelter,

**REFRESHMENT:** streams in a desert, shade from the sun Lk 7:22

**He will be effective in salvation: eyes opened, ears hearing, heart**

**understanding, tongue speaking clearly (compare to chap 6:9-10)**

**The current leaders have failed: v. 5-8**

**We live in an upside world of social values today...**

**Fools: speaking folly, thinking filled with evil, practicing  
ungodliness, following error, leaving the hungry unsatisfied,  
not giving the thirsty anything to drink**

**(this is the definition of fool)**

**Scoundrels: ways are evil, comes up with wicked plans,  
ruins the poor with lies**

**But the noble plan noble things, stands on noble principles**

## **Call to Repentance (the Women of Zion), v. 9-20**

**They are at ease, but in a year will face calamity, v. 9-10**

**The harvest will fail and they will starve, v. 10**

**They will be enslaved, v. 11 Nahum 2:7, Isaiah 20:2-3**

**The land will be empty and overgrown, v 13-14**

**The time is now for repentance**

**Until the Spirit comes (v. 15) Joel 2:28-32, Ezekiel 39:29, Zechariah 12:10**

**But repentance brings:**

**A wilderness to a fruitful field, v. 15**

**Justice and righteousness, v. 16**

**Peace and quietness, v. 17**

**Security and quietness, v. 18**

**God's judgment:**

**Hail will come (Assyria will be laid low) Isaiah 10:18, Isaiah 33-34**

**Jerusalem will fall (Isaiah 32:12-14)**

**But restoration will come, v. 20**

### **Repentance: The Foundation of Christian Living**

**All of us have sinned,  
Romans 3:10, 23**

**The wages of sin is death,  
Romans 6:23**

**God's goodness and love  
leads us to repentance,  
2 Peter 3:9**

**Sorrow for sin is  
understandable but is  
not enough**

***For godly sorrow  
produces  
repentance leading to  
salvation, not to be  
regretted; but the  
sorrow of the world  
produces death.  
2 Corinthians 7:10***

**Repentance is turning  
away from sin:**

**It's a change in lifestyle**

**It must bear fruit  
(be evident by action)**

**Matthew 3:8**

**Acts 26:20**

**Examples:**

**Zacchaeus, Luke 19:8**

**Saul/Paul 1 Timothy 1:15**



**Lesson Seven:  
Chapter Thirty Six to  
Thirty Nine  
In Whom Do  
You Trust?**

# Isaiah, the Peaks of Prophecy

The narrative section of Isaiah 36-39 work as a bridge in the book  
Chapters 36-37 looking back to 28-35 show faith brings blessings  
Chapters 38-39 show Hezekiah's (and his people's) selfish folly  
This section is paralleled to 2 Kings 18:13-20:19, 2 Chronicles 32

## Faith Brings Blessing, Chapters 36-37

In 701 BC, Sennacherib of Assyria's army approaches Jerusalem, Is. 36:1-2  
He had already destroyed the Northern Kingdom of Israel  
Now he has started to destroy the Southern Kingdom  
Rabshakeh says whom do you trust? Mere words? V. 5

Word trust appears 7 times  
(36:4, 5, 6, 7, 9)

The Lord's high places destroyed, v. 7  
You can't man 2000 horses, v. 8  
God is on my side, v. 10

Rabshakeh says in Hebrew (the people's language)

If you trust Sennacherib you will eat your own vine and fig  
until you are carried away

If you trust Hezekiah you will eat your dung (siege of  
Jerusalem)

The gods of Hamath, Arphad, Sepharvaim, Samaria have failed

Hezekiah cries out to the Lord, Chapter 38

He recognized his strength had failed (he was weak), v 3  
But God is strong

The Lord will destroy Sennacherib by words, v. 7 (look back to v. 5)

Sennacherib temporarily has to return to his land due to a rumor

Hezekiah prays to God, v. 14-20

Isaiah delivers God's response, v. 21-29

(God has destroyed Egypt, now God will hook your nose)

The sign (For two years fields will reproduce with no farming)

Sennacherib has said (Hezekiah was a bird in a cage)

God destroyed Sennacherib's army (v. 36) and him (v. 38)

## Folly Brings Doom, Chapters 38-39

At the age of 39 Hezekiah becomes fatally sick. He began reign at 25  
years old and reigned for 29 years, 2 Kings 18:2. Taking away the  
15 years added to life, that makes him 39 (v. 10 middle of his days).

The confirmation sundial going backwards (symbol of Hezekiah's life), v. 7-8

Hezekiah's psalm includes his fear of death (38:10-15), his hope of  
deliverance (v. 16-19), and a confession of faith (v. 20) (Yet his  
continued disbelief, v. 21)

Now messengers from Babylon come, 39:1

Hezekiah welcomes them and impresses them with a show of wealth

The man who stood up to intimidation falls to flattery

Isaiah tells him Babylon will come and take it all away

Hezekiah rejoices it won't come in his day

Hezekiah was a disappointment as man, father, and a king.

His sons will be eunuchs and the line will end (so it seems)

*So now, O Lord our God,  
save us from his hand,  
that all the kingdoms of  
the earth may know that  
you alone are the Lord.  
Isaiah 37:20*

Isaiah's main message is  
that the Lord alone saves.  
12:2-3, 25:9, 26:1,  
30:15, 33:2-6, 35:4,  
37:35, 43:3, 45:15-17,  
49:6, 51:5-8, 52:7-10,  
56:1, 59:1, 60:16, 62:1,  
63:1, 5

When Hezekiah says this  
in Isaiah 37:20, it brings  
the message of the entire  
book to a focal point. By  
God's work, all the  
kingdoms shall know of  
God's faithfulness and his  
power.

The ultimate reason why  
God intervenes for his  
people is to make them  
living proof of his glory.

Hezekiah sees this  
message (that only God  
can truly save) as  
something that the entire  
world must know. A real  
salvation puts the unique  
reality of God in visible  
display in human  
experience.



**Lesson Eight:  
Chapter Forty  
The God of  
All Comfort**

# **Isaiah, the Peaks of Prophecy**

## **The Comfort of God, v. 1-11**

Speaking of the future captivity, sins are paid for (70 years)

Lev. 26:33-35, 2 Chron. 36:21

The comfort of his words, v. 3 “a voice”

He is still their God, v. 1

Their ways will be made easier, v. 3-4

John the baptizer, Mt. 3:18

The comfort of the Scriptures, v. 6 “a voice”

Hezekiah had been unsteady, Isaiah 39:1-8

The world is constantly changing

But God’s word remains the same, 1 Peter 1:24-25

The comfort of his presence, v. 9-11 “a voice”

The good news (gospel) is the Lord is coming

As a king, a benefactor, and a shepherd

To relieve the exile, Isaiah 52:7-9

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Coming, Mt. 21:5

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, Rev. 22:12

## **The Majesty of God, v. 12-26**

Rhetorical Questions (Job 38-41, Rm. 11:34-35)

Can you measure waters and the heavens?

Can you comprehend the land and mountains?

Could you actually teach the Lord anything?

The nations are a drop in the bucket (v. 15)

The forest doesn’t contain enough wood for sacrifice

The nations don’t compare to the Lord

Idols are dumb

The Lord sits above the circle of the earth

He’s huge compared to the people

The princes are at his disposal

No one compares to God

Mankind’s abilities & intellect “scarce” compared to God, v. 24

## **The Goodness of God, v. 27-31**

He never grows tired or weary

God never suffers setbacks, but he helps those who do

He gives hope and strength

He is stronger even than the youths

We rely on him like eagles wings

Those who wait on him will be blessed

Isaiah chapters 1-39 are mostly narrative with the Prophet Isaiah speaking to those who will soon be captured and sent into captivity.

Isaiah 40-55 speaks in a past tense to those already in captivity. Some think this means this portion of the Book was written later by someone else. But Isaiah is writing in what’s called “Prophetic Perfect Tense,” speaking of things of the future in the past tense to emphasize the certainty in what he says.

**Isaiah 40 answers three questions of Israel...**

**Does God want to deliver us?  
Can he deliver us?  
Will he deliver us?**

**The emphatic answer is YES**

Verse 1 “comfort” (NACHAMU in Hebrew) means to encourage by giving a sense of security. The all-powerful God hears us and is coming once again for us.

**We too serve the God of comfort**

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.



**Lesson Nine:  
Chapter Forty-Four  
Our Powerful God**

# **Isaiah, the Peaks of Prophecy**

## **GOD'S POWER, v. 1-8**

The Lord is committed to Israel, v. 2

His promise to Jacob, Gen 28:10-17, 35:12

He formed them into a nation, Deuteronomy 7:7-9

Jeshurun: a pet name for Israel (Deut. 32:15, 33:5, 26, Isaiah 44:2)

Septuagint (a Greek translation of the Old Testament says this word is beloved one (using the word agape).

God loves Israel so much he gives her pet name of endearment

The Lord gives life, v. 3-4 water to the desert, spirit to the children

The Lord's many names

King of Israel (v. 6) Zephaniah 3:15, Jeremiah 10:10

Go'el or Redeemer (v. 6) Leviticus 25:48-49, Ruth 4

The Lord of hosts (v. 6) used 235 times in OT refers to his great army

The first and last (v. 6) Creator and Judge, Revelation 1:8

The rock (v. 8) Psalm 18:2, symbol of protection & life (Deut. 8:15)

## **IDOLATRY'S FOOLISHNESS, v. 9-20**

So why do people make a god that profits them nothing?, v. 10, Rom 1:22-23

The blacksmith makes it, but his strength fails, v. 12

The craftsman fashions it, but he is only a man, v. 13-14

Half the tree is worshipped; half of it is disposed of, v. 15-16

This religion demands a suspension of reality, v. 17-20

This "god" cannot save, see, understand, transport, or help

Psalm 135:15-18

Isaiah 46:1-2 they had to carry and save their idols

## **Man Makes Idols, God Makes Man, v. 21-28**

God formed man, v. 21

God provides forgiveness of sins, v. 22

God proclaims himself in the world, v. 23 Psalm 19:1, Rom 1:20

God forms the child in the womb and the stars in the universe, v. 24

God rules man

His knowledge is greater than man's, v. 25 Isa 55:8-9, 1 Cor. 1:25

His word comes to pass, v. 26 Titus 1:2, Matthew 24:35

He controls the world by his word, v. 27 Hebrews 1:1-3

He gives prophecy that only he can fulfill, v. 28

Cyrus came to power in 559 BC

Jeremiah and Isaiah tell of him 200 years earlier (740 BC)

He did not know God but obeyed him, Isaiah 45:1-6

Prophecy is fulfilled, 2 Chronicles 36:22-23, Ezra 1:1-4

### **God is the First & the Last**

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."*

Revelation 21:6, 1:8, Isaiah 44:6

### **The "First" Means Creator**

*"Everything comes from God"*

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God...

Psalms 90:2 From everlasting to everlasting, he is God

John 1:3, 1 Cor. 8:6, Heb. 1:2

No one created or is in charge of God

Not man

Not idols

Not nature

God stands alone above the creation

Over time

Over people

Over all things

Acts 17:28 In him we live and move and have our being.

### **The "Last" Means Judge**

*"Nothing will outlast God"*

Job 38-41 Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Isaiah 45:9 Woe to the clay who argues with the potter (Romans 9:21)

God's thoughts are above our thoughts and his ways are above our ways, Isaiah 55:8-9

2 Peter 3:4 The Lord is coming to render judgment



**Lesson Ten:  
Chapter Fifty Three  
The Suffering  
Servant**

# **Isaiah, the Peaks of Prophecy**

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## **The Servant's Surprise, v. 1-2**

The Lord came in an ironic way, 53:1-3  
Isaiah 55:9-11  
Even the Jews didn't believe it, John 12:37-38, Romans 10:16

God chooses the obscure to reveal his glory, v. 2  
1 Corinthians 1:25, James 2:5  
Not stately, (translated handsome), 1 Samuel 16:18  
Related to David but not obvious as a king

## **The Servant Suffering, v. 3-6**

He was rejected by men, John 1:10  
He relates to our hurts, Hebrews 4:15, Matthew 8:14-17  
Psalm 22:6

Smitten by God, God is source of his pain, 1 Peter 2:24  
He was pierced, Zechariah 12:10, John 19:34

The Lord laid on him our iniquities  
2 Corinthians 5:21, Leviticus 16:21-22

## **The Servant As A Substitute, 53:7-9**

He is our sacrificial lamb, Acts 8:32-33, Revelation 5:6  
Our forgiveness is through him, Ephesians 1:3, Jeremiah 30:17

Those who killed him did not understand, Luke 23:34, Acts 3:14-18  
v. 9 his innocence is clear (buried with rich), done no violence,  
no deceit in mouth, Matthew 27:57-60

## **The Servant's Success, v. 10-12**

This was the plan of God, Acts 2:23, 1 Corinthians 15:3  
Death is no longer the end, 1 Corinthians 15

His offspring are more than numbered, Revelation 7:9  
The spoils: a conqueror's reward, Colossians 2:15

The Lord will be satisfied (sacrifice once for all), Hebrews 10:10  
He makes intercession for transgressors, 1 Tim 2:5, Heb 7:25

## **Why Did Jesus Come As A Suffering Servant?**

**He Served As A  
Sacrifice For Sin  
John 1:29  
Hebrews 10:4**

**He Served To  
Experience Life  
Like We Do  
Hebrews 4:15  
Hebrews 5:7-9**

**He Served To  
Express His Great  
Love For Us  
John 3:16  
Romans 5:8**

**He Served To  
Defeat Evil  
Genesis 3:15  
Revelation 7:14**

**He Served To  
Give Us an Example  
of How To Live  
Philippians 2:5-9  
1 Peter 2:21**



# **Isaiah, the Peaks of Prophecy**

## **The Gospel Invitation, v. 1-5**

**The Sweet Invitation (“come” mentioned three times)  
It is open to all people, John 7:37-39, Galatians 3:28**

**God Provides Exactly What We Need, v. 1  
Water: Life, Wine: Joy, Milk: Nourishment**

**Using the Analogy of Thirsting in the Desert...  
God promises Israel deliverance from oppression  
Promises us relief from injustice and sin  
John 10:10, Matthew 11:28-30**

**Many People Spend Their Lives Pursuing Things With No Value, v. 2  
1 John 2:15, Matthew 6:19-20**

**The Lord Offers a New Covenant, v. 3-5  
Jeremiah 31:31-34, through David (Acts 2:29-36, Acts 13:34)**

## **The Power of the Gospel, v. 6-11**

**Seeking the Lord, v. 6  
Psalm 97:7-11, Acts 2:39, 2 Peter 3:8-13**

**Repenting of Sin, v. 7  
Acts 17:30, Luke 13:3, 2 Corinthians 7:10**

**Obedying His Word, v. 8-9  
Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 14:12, Acts 2:38**

**God’s Word is Powerful, v. 10-11  
Romans 1:16, Ezekiel 37:1-14**

## **God’s Ultimate Victory, v. 12-13**

**The Creation Cries Out For God’s Redemption  
Genesis 3:17, Genesis 6:11-13, Romans 8:21**

**God Is Forever Glorified By His Victory  
1 Corinthians 15:54-55, Revelation 22:1-5**

### **God’s Word is Living and Powerful**

**Isa 55:11, Heb 4:12**

#### **God’s Powerful Word Is Seen In The Saved**

1. It shows the immense wisdom and plan of God in bringing salvation through the Ages, Genesis 3:15, Galatians 4:4
2. It shows the love of God in giving his precious son, John 3:16
3. It shows nothing is more powerful than God: not man, not satan, not sin, and not death, 1 Corinthians 15
4. It shows the grace and patience of God in forgiving sin, Titus 2:11-14

#### **God’s Powerful Word Is Seen In The Lost**

1. It shows God keeps his word, Titus 1:2
2. It shows God’s infinite worth (holiness), Psalm 97:12
3. It demonstrates his power in subduing all those who rebel against him, Romans 9:9-23
4. It shows his extreme mercy and love to those he offered to escape their consequences, Ephesians 2:8-9
5. It vindicates all who suffered to hear or proclaim God’s truth, Revelation 6:9-11
6. It shows the enormity of what Jesus accomplished: if there were no hell there would be no need for a cross, 2 Corinthians 5:21



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## The Ways of Sin, v. 1-8

The Question of Isaiah 58:3 "Why do we fast and you do not see?"

False living negates true worship, Luke 6:46, Mt 7:21-23

Sin separates us from God's presence

Genesis 3:24

The sins of Israel listed

1. Hands defiled with blood v. 3
2. Lips speaking lies, v. 3
3. Lack of justice, v. 4
4. Conceiving evil v. 4
5. Plots to hurt one another (webs and snake eggs), v. 5-6
6. Quick to do evil things, v. 7
7. Hating peace and making it hard to do right, v. 8

## The Effects of Sin, v. 9-15

v. 9-13 Their misery as the result of sin

Galatians 6:7-8

When we sin, we reap the results

1. Lack of justice, Romans 6:23
2. No knowledge or standard for us (groping in dark)  
Deuteronomy 28:29
3. No power or energy
4. Crying out but no one hears
5. Even godliness is persecuted, Isaiah 5:20

Words for sin in Isaiah 59:12

Transgressions (rebellion-knowing its wrong and still doing it), sins (actions against God's will), iniquities (attitude or mindset of someone against God.)

## The Coming Redeemer, v. 16-21

God sees man's condition. He brings salvation (Eph. 6:11-17), righteousness (Isaiah 11:5), and vengeance (Isaiah 52:7)

God's Response, v. 17

1. He sees our condition and problems
2. People (even hypocrites) cannot thwart God's plan
3. God fights differently than man does  
Not with evil but with righteousness and peace
4. God releases the righteous but afflicts the wicked
5. All people (from east to west) will see God's power  
Philippians 2:9-11, Malachi 1:11

God will come

As a Redeemer, v. 20

With a new covenant, v. 21

In His Spirit, v. 21

With Words, v. 21

To every generation (Scripture)

Romans 11:26-27

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 16:13

Matthew 28:18-20

Deut. 18:18, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2 Peter 1:19-21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

## The Christian's Armor

Paul wrote in Eph 6:14-17

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

As he wrote this he thought about what Isaiah had said...

Isaiah 11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Isaiah 59:17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate...

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God *is* my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For the LORD, *is* my strength and song; He also has become my salvation

Isaiah 59:17... a helmet of salvation on His head;

Isaiah 49:2 (*Speaking of God*) And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword.



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## **The Lord Brings Salvation, v. 1-3**

Jesus' purpose statement, Luke 4:18-19, Matthew 11:5

The seven purposes:

- Good news to the poor, Mt. 5:3, Is. 28:19
- Bind up the broken hearted, Isa. 50:26
- Liberty to the captives, Lev. 25:10
- Opening up of the prison, Eph. 2:10, Is. 42:7
- Declaring the year of the Lord, 2 Cor. 6:2, Is. 34:8
- Day of vengeance
- Oaks of righteousness, Ps. 1:3

## **The Results of Salvation, v. 4-7**

- Rebuilding of the broken, v. 4
- The blessing over your enemies, v. 5
- The saved are now priests, v. 6  
Ex. 19:6, Deut. 33:10, 1 Pet. 2:9
- Sadness turned to joy and prosperity, v. 7

## **The Faithfulness of God, v. 8-9**

- The Lord loves justice, Psalm 37:28, Psalm 11:7
- He directs in truth, John 1:14, John 14:6
- The everlasting covenant, Jeremiah 31:35-37
- His people are trophies, v. 9, Eph. 2:10, Mt. 5:16

## **The Beauty of God's Redeemed People, v. 10-11**

- The joy of being in the Lord, v. 10      Phil. 4:4, John 16:20
- The clothing of the Lord, v. 10      Gen. 3:21, Zec 3:3-5, Rev. 3:5
- The bride and bridegroom, v. 10      Eph. 5:25-27, Rev. 21:2, 9
- The garden of the Lord, v. 11      Luke 8, Rev. 22:1-3

## **Ten Results of God's Salvation**

**The devastated areas are repaired, 61:4**

**The pagans now serve God's people, 61:5**

**The priesthood of believers, 61:6**

**The wealth of the nations, 61:6b**

**Joy, not humiliation, in the Lord, 61:7**

**True worship, 61:8**

**Covenant with all nations, 61:8-9**

**True salvation and righteousness, 61:10**

**Producing fruitful works, 61:11**

**A nation of righteousness and praise, 61:11b**

## **Prophecies of Jesus in Isaiah**

*For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21*

**Predictive prophecy is one of the strongest evidences in support of the biblical claim that the Scriptures are inspired by God. Those who are against the inspiration of Scripture claim the prophecies of Isaiah and the prophets are no different than men such as Nostradamus or others who tried to predict the future. But only the Bible has specific prophecies using specific names (Cyrus, Isaiah 45) and places (Zion or Jerusalem, Isaiah 2) to tell of the workings of God before it they took place. Only people who are moved by God who sees the future clearly could write of such things hundreds of years before they happen. If we see that the Bible is correct in things that can be verified, then we can have faith the bible is correct in things we cannot presently verify.**

| <b>Prophecy</b>                            | <b>In Isaiah</b>     | <b>Fulfilled</b>                    |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>His teachings will be rejected</b>      | <b>Isaiah 6:9-10</b> | <b>Matthew 13:13-15</b>             |
| <b>Born of a virgin</b>                    | <b>Isaiah 7:14</b>   | <b>Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:27</b>      |
| <b>Stone of stumbling, rock of offense</b> | <b>Isaiah 8:14</b>   | <b>1 Peter 2:8</b>                  |
| <b>Will preach in Galilee</b>              | <b>Isaiah 9:1-2</b>  | <b>Matthew 4:12-16</b>              |
| <b>Will bring all nations together</b>     | <b>Isaiah 11:12</b>  | <b>John 12:32, Romans 15:12</b>     |
| <b>Will have authority over judgment</b>   | <b>Isaiah 22:22</b>  | <b>Revelation 3:7</b>               |
| <b>Will conquer death</b>                  | <b>Isaiah 25:7-8</b> | <b>1 Corinthians 15:54</b>          |
| <b>Cornerstone for the church</b>          | <b>Isaiah 28:16</b>  | <b>1 Peter 2:8</b>                  |
| <b>A miraculous ministry</b>               | <b>Isaiah 35:5-6</b> | <b>Matthew 11:2-6</b>               |
| <b>Preceded by messenger</b>               | <b>Isaiah 40:3</b>   | <b>Matthew 3:1-2, Luke 3:3-6</b>    |
| <b>Will redeem the Gentiles</b>            | <b>Isaiah 42:1-4</b> | <b>Matthew 12:15-21</b>             |
| <b>Spat upon and beaten</b>                | <b>Isaiah 50:6</b>   | <b>Matthew 26:67-68, 27:30</b>      |
| <b>Suffer and be rejected</b>              | <b>Isaiah 53:3</b>   | <b>Numerous</b>                     |
| <b>Wounded and whipped</b>                 | <b>Isaiah 53:5</b>   | <b>Matthew 27:26</b>                |
| <b>Silent before accusers</b>              | <b>Isaiah 53:7</b>   | <b>Matthew 27:12-14</b>             |
| <b>Led away to be killed</b>               | <b>Isaiah 53:7</b>   | <b>Matthew 27:31</b>                |
| <b>Died for our sins</b>                   | <b>Isaiah 53:8</b>   | <b>1 Corinthians 15:3</b>           |
| <b>Did no wrong</b>                        | <b>Isaiah 53:9</b>   | <b>Luke 23:13-15</b>                |
| <b>Buried in rich man's tomb</b>           | <b>Isaiah 53:9</b>   | <b>Matthew 27:57</b>                |
| <b>Filled with grief</b>                   | <b>Isaiah 53:10</b>  | <b>Matthew 26:36-38</b>             |
| <b>Crucified with thieves</b>              | <b>Isaiah 53:12</b>  | <b>Matthew 27:38, Mark 15:27-28</b> |
| <b>Will grant freedom to the captives</b>  | <b>Isaiah 61:1</b>   | <b>Luke 4:16-21</b>                 |

**These things were written for our learning that we, through the comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope. Romans 15:4**