

Isaiah

When the Holy One Speaks
Introduction

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A decorative graphic element featuring the word "Isaiah" in a bold, serif font, overlaid on a background of faint, repeating text from the Book of Isaiah.

Introduction

We look at our society and things seem to be falling apart. Lawlessness is pervasive. The news is filled with countless tragedies and natural disasters.

These tragedies remind us there is a completely unforeseen side to life. It is meant to strike terror, but for the believer we have complete security in our Savior. Everything is under His sovereign control and will be moved toward HIS good purposes and plan.

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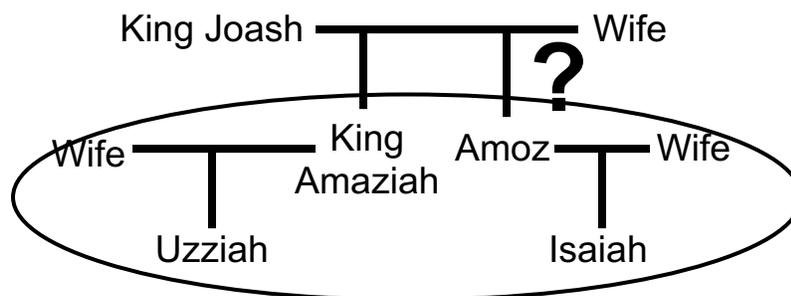
We begin a series in Isaiah that

- Exalts God. It gives us a God-centered way to look at life.
 - God is in control and that we can trust in Him.
- God hates and punishes sin, regardless of where it is found.
- God is gracious and provides a path of hope and restoration to those who trust in Him.

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Who He Is



Jewish Talmud says Isaiah's father was a brother (half? full?) to Judah's king Amaziah. Isaiah may have been of royal lineage.

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Isaiah Who He Is

Do you ever wish you were someone else? Do you compare yourself with others in your family or family line?

Consider this:

1. Isaiah was given a more enduring impact than any king in his lineage! He was given messages that will be unpacked for thousands of years! He was given revelation about Jesus! His writing has been used for centuries in bringing people to Jesus (Acts 8 and the Ethiopian Eunuch).

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Isaiah Who He Is

2. Some killed to be king. Even family members were executed to secure their position. But Isaiah was made a prophet by God who secured his place for decades!
3. We are all royal priests and kings (Rev. 1:6; 5:10). What are you doing with your life? Are you spending it for GOD'S purposes?

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Isaiah Who He Is

Wife — King Amoz — Wife
 — Amaziah —
 Uzziah — Wife —
 — Jotham — Wife —
 — Ahaz — Wife —
 — Hezekiah — Wife —
 — Manasseh

60+ years

Jewish Talmud says Manasseh had Isaiah sawed in two (Heb. 11:37).

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Hebrews 11:37-39

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹ And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise.

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Who He Is

Isaiah lived faithfully ministering the words of judgment and comfort God commanded for over 60 years, yet never saw the Christ. He longed to look into this, but his role was to prophesy and do so in faith.

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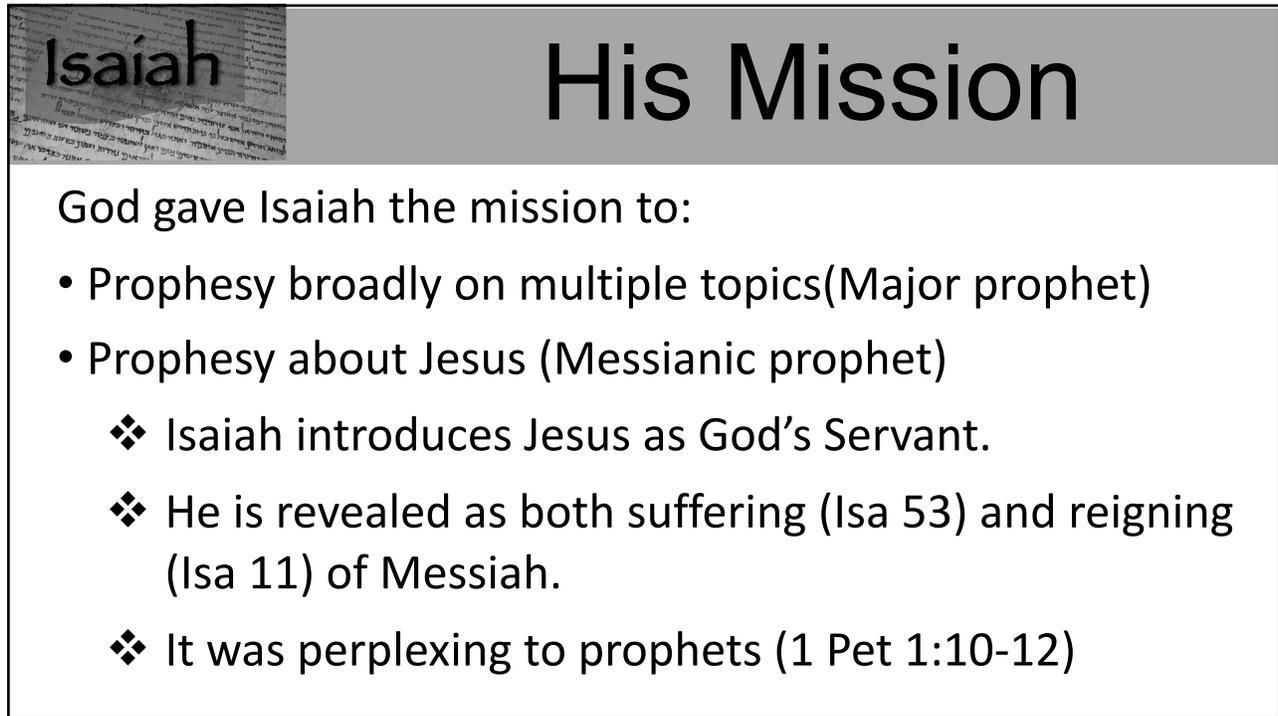

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1 Peter 1:10-12

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, ¹¹ searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.

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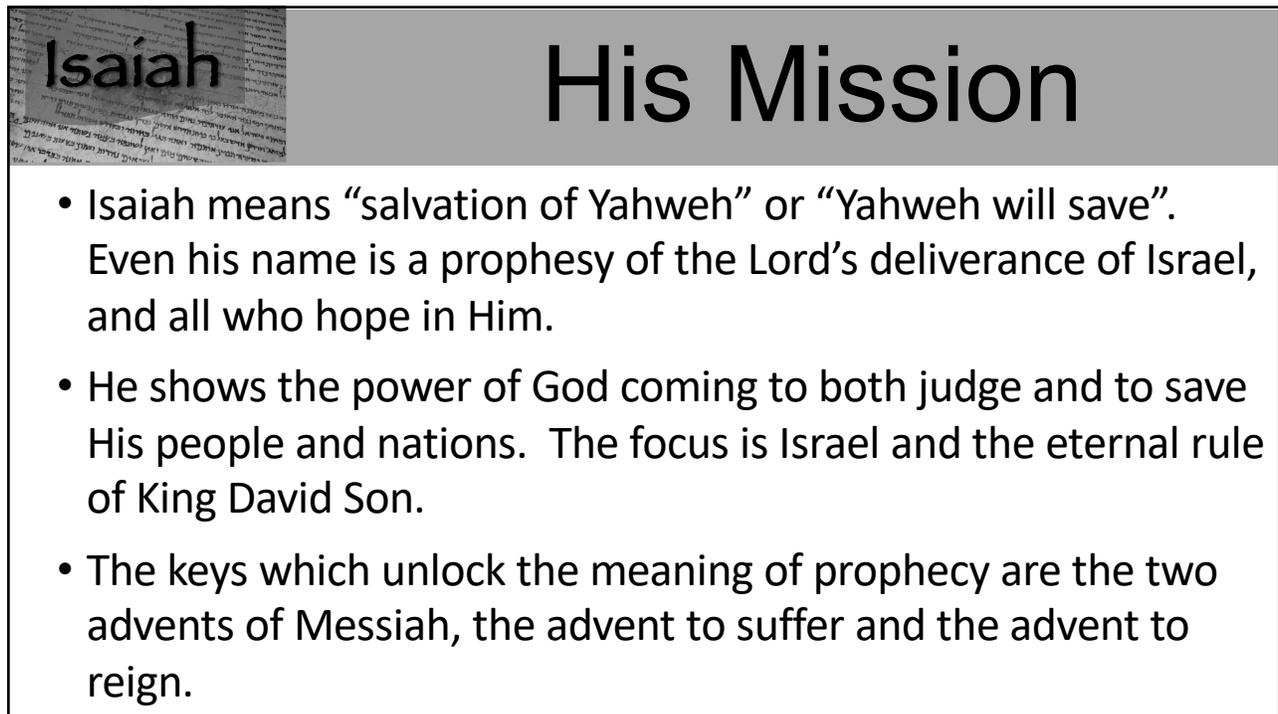


Isaiah **His Mission**

God gave Isaiah the mission to:

- Prophecy broadly on multiple topics (Major prophet)
- Prophecy about Jesus (Messianic prophet)
 - ❖ Isaiah introduces Jesus as God's Servant.
 - ❖ He is revealed as both suffering (Isa 53) and reigning (Isa 11) of Messiah.
 - ❖ It was perplexing to prophets (1 Pet 1:10-12)

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Isaiah **His Mission**

- Isaiah means “salvation of Yahweh” or “Yahweh will save”. Even his name is a prophecy of the Lord's deliverance of Israel, and all who hope in Him.
- He shows the power of God coming to both judge and to save His people and nations. The focus is Israel and the eternal rule of King David Son.
- The keys which unlock the meaning of prophecy are the two advents of Messiah, the advent to suffer and the advent to reign.

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Isaiah's Division

There are 66 chapters which falls open like the Bible
 1-39 Judgment like the Old Testament
 40-66 Comfort like the New Testament
 Having said this, we must remember that the chapter and verse divisions were not put in by the original authors of scriptures, but later scholars to aid in study and discussion.

It can be divided in two major sections:

- 1-39 Judgment from God
- 40-66 Comfort from God

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Foundational

Isaiah is the most quoted prophet in the New Testament.

It is quoted on 66 times and alluded to throughout the New Testament.

Isaiah's name is used directly 6x in Matthew, 1x in Mark, 2x in Luke, and 4x in John.

Matthew's gospel rests upon Isaiah's shoulders – an ancient stained glass window in Chartres France has this picture.



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Foundational

Isaiah has been described as the “fifth gospel” and as the “Romans” of the New Testament. As Jesus begins his public ministry he opens the scroll of Isaiah and says “This is it!”. The climax of the New Testament echoes and completes the climax of Isaiah.

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Foundational

Isaiah’s vision carries from current events of his day and stretches into Revelation

- Revelation 21:1 - Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.
- Isaiah 65:17 - For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

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Isaiah God's Name

The name "Holy One of Israel" is used 25 times.

The central theme of the book is God himself, who does all things for his own sake (48:11). Isaiah defines everything else by its relation to God.

Isaiah 48:11

For My own sake, for My own sake, I will do it;
For how should My name be profaned?
And I will not give My glory to another.

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Isaiah's Vision from God

What moved God to speak to Isaiah in a vision?
He loved his people.

What moved God to spell out so much of the future in his vision?

He shows His glory and sovereignty in proclaiming before it occurs all that will unfold. He also shows His grace in foretelling the deliverance of the very people who have offended Him.

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Isaiah's Vision from God

Some parents estranged from their children have written letters for the children to try to save them as a show of their love.

In God's revelation to Isaiah, He is writing them a letter that they may not receive just now but manifests the love. It might be marked "return to sender" but the content later proves the love of God's heart.

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So What ...

Isaiah was a man like you and I. He had the same feelings and fears, but he boldly spoke the Word of God to the people.

He warned of the consequences of sin and the wonder of God's Grace and forgiveness.

We also are called to share the message of the Gospel to a world that desperately needs to hear it.

Who will you share message with?

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