

Looking Toward the Kingdom Isaiah 60-66

Introduction

Isaiah is quoted 411 times in the New Testament. The book prophesizes in stunning detail a broad range of the ministry of Jesus Christ 700 years before Jesus was born.

Date 740 – 680 BC. Judah (Southern Kingdom) was about to follow the same example of disobedience as the Northern Kingdom, who were taken captive by the Assyrians in 722 BC.

The book has two overall parts:

Chapters 1-39 Judgment

Chapters 40-66 Comfort, including the *My Servant* passages

God's Warning & Condemnation of Judah through Isaiah, (chap 1-5)

In a courtroom scene, God lays out the charges against Judah.

Yet in the midst of all this condemnation reminds them of their future destiny, Is 2 and invites them to repent and turn to Him, Is 1:18-20; 2:5

The Call of Isaiah, (chap 6)

God reveals his _____, Isaiah responds with Confession of Sin

God gracious provides _____, and Invites Isaiah to Serve Him

Isaiah responds, Here am I, _____!

Historical Interlude, The Threat of War against Judah, Is 7-9

Situation: Two kings, Rezin, king of Aram, and Pekah, king of Israel, are seeking to attack Judah, and create a coalition to go against Assyria

Isaiah instructs Ahaz to Trust the Lord, but Ahaz chooses not to trust God, but rather to go to Assyria for help, 2 Kings 16, This put Judah under obligation to Assyria.

Is 8:6-8 Assyria will invade Judah like a flood, This was fulfilled during the reign of Hezekiah. Assyria surrounded Jerusalem, but was unable to capture the city.

The Branch of Jesse, Kingdom Promises, Is 11-12

vs 1 A Branch out of Jesse's Stump Jesse is the father of King David 1 Sam 16:10-13

Judgment on the Nations, Is 13-35

Second Historical Interlude, Is 36-39

The victory of Hezekiah over Sennacherib of Assyria

Is 37:21 *Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib...*

The Basis of Comfort, Is 40

The Announcement of Good News & The Attributes of God

Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

The Glorious Restoration of Israel, Is 60

- vs 4-9 Israel will be _____
- vs 10-14 The nations will come to Jerusalem
- vs 15-22 The Blessings Described

The Restoration will Be through the Servant, Is 61

- vs 1-2 The Lord has anointed Me, Luke 4:14-30 Fulfilled by Jesus

The New Status of Jerusalem, Is 62

- vs 11 Lo, Your salvation comes, Behold His reward is with Him,
His recompense before Him

The Future and Past Deliverance of God, Is 63

- vs 7 *I shall make mention of the loving kindness of the Lord...*

The Petition for God to Act, Is 64

- vs 5-12 An amazing prayer of _____, and request for God's mercy

Kingdom Characteristics in the Book of Isaiah

Is 2:1-4 Observations:

- 1) The Lord will reign from Jerusalem
- 2) All the peoples of the world will go to Jerusalem to learn the ways of God
- 3) The Lord will judge between the nations, and render decisions.
- 4) There will be no more wars between the nations.

Is 11:1-9 Observations:

- 1) There will still be those who are poor and afflicted,
but the Lord rule over them with righteousness and fairness.
- 2) The Lord will kill the wicked
- 3) The wolf and the lamb will dwell together, changes in nature
the small child will put his hand in the viper's den,
- 4) There will be universal knowledge of God throughout the earth

Is 65:17-25 Observations:

- 1) New heavens and new earth, Fundamental changes to heaven and earth,
where the effects of sin are greatly reduced, (but not yet gone)
- 2) Jerusalem will be a place of rejoicing
- 3) Very long life, to die before the age of 100 will be rare
- 4) There will be stability and economic prosperity
- 5) Physical children are still being born (this is not heaven)
- 6) the wolf and lamb will graze together

Our Response: Is 55 God's Invitation