

Isaiah

Condemnation And Comfort



“Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” (Isaiah 2:2–3)

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Part One: Prophecies of Condemnation (1:1—35:10)

I. Prophecies Against Judah (1:1—12:6)

A. The Judgment of Judah (1:1—31)

1. How does Isaiah describe the nation of Israel?
2. What did the Lord promise to the people if they would repent?

B. The Day of the Lord (2:1—4:6)

1. What are the “latter days” mentioned in Isaiah 2:2?
2. What was to go forth from Jerusalem? When?
3. How and when would men “beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks”?
4. How would the Lord “come upon everything proud and lofty”?
5. According to chapter three, what did the Lord have in store for Jerusalem?
6. How would the Lord punish the “daughters of Zion”?

7. What is the “Branch of the Lord”?

8. When would the Lord wash “away the filth of the daughters of Zion”?

C. The Parable of the Vineyard (5:1–30)

1. What preparation did the “well-beloved” make for the vineyard?

2. Who was asked to judge between the vineyard and the vineyard owner?

3. What was going to happen to the unfruitful vineyard?

4. What is the application of this parable?

5. Who had “woe” pronounced upon them?

D. The Commission of Isaiah (6:1–13)

1. What did Isaiah see “in the year that King Uzziah died”?

2. What did Isaiah think of himself when he saw the Lord of Hosts?

3. What did the seraphim do to Isaiah?

E. The Destruction of Israel by Assyria (7:1—10:4)

1. What did the Lord instruct Isaiah to tell Ahaz?
2. What “sign” did the Lord give to Ahaz? What was the purpose of this sign?
3. In what way was the Lord going to use the king of Assyria?
4. What was Isaiah told to do with “a large scroll”?
5. Why would the people “seek those who are mediums and wizards”?
6. What prophecy was made in Isaiah 9:1?
7. Who is spoken of in Isaiah 9:6–7? How and when was this fulfilled?
8. How was Israel going to be “devoured”?

F. The Destruction of Assyria by God (10:5—12:6)

1. What did the Lord do to Samaria and her idols?
2. How did the king of Assyria think he had prospered?

3. Who is the “Light of Israel”?

4. Who or what is the “Rod from the stem of Jesse”?

5. How and when would the “wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them”?

6. Who would stand as a “banner to the people?”

7. Why would the people “sing to the Lord”?

II. The Prophecies Against Other Nations (13:1—23:18)

A. Prophecies Against Babylon (13:1—14:23)

1. What would the Babylonians do “in the day of the Lord”?

2. When would “the stars of heaven and their constellations” not give their light”?

3. Who would the Lord “stir up” against them?

4. What far reaching prophecy did the Lord make against Babylon?

5. Who is “Lucifer, son of the morning”? How do you know?

B. Prophecies Against Assyria (14:24–27)

1. What was to happen to Assyria?
2. How certain was this prophecy?

C. Prophecies Against Philistia (14:28–32)

1. Why might the people of Philistia be tempted to rejoice?
2. Why should the people of Philistia wail and cry?

D. Prophecies Against Moab (15:1—16:14)

1. Why would the people of Moab weep?
2. What was the “pride of Moab”?
3. What was the time-frame for the prophecy against Moab?

E. Prophecies Against Damascus and Samaria (7:1–14)

1. What was the future of Damascus?
2. What would cause a man to “look to his Maker”?

F. Prophecies Against Ethiopia (18:1–7)

1. What “ambassadors” were going to be sent to Ethiopia?
2. What was going to happen to Ethiopia?

G. Prophecies Against Egypt (19:1—20:6)

1. What was going to happen to the idols of Egypt?
2. What did “Pharaoh’s wise counselors” give him?
3. How would the Lord strike Egypt and heal it?
4. Why did the Lord tell Isaiah to “remove the sackcloth” from his body, and take the “sandals off your feet”?

H. Prophecies Against Babylon (21:1–10)

1. What is the “Wilderness of the Sea”?
2. What did the watchman see?

I. Prophecies Against Dumah (21:11–12)

1. Where is Dumah? Where is Seir?

2. What did the watchman report?

J. Prophecies Against Arabia (21:13–17)

1. Who were the Dedanites?

2. Where is Tema?

K. Prophecies Against Jerusalem (22:1–25)

1. What is the “Valley of Vision”?

2. Where did their rulers go?

3. What did God call for? What did the people do?

4. What is the “key of the house of David”? Who has it?

L. Prophecies Against Tyre (23:1–18)

1. In what way was Tyre “a marketplace for the nations”?

2. What was to be the future of Tyre?

III. The Prophecies of the Day of the Lord (24:1—27:13)

A. Judgment on all Nations Assured (24:1–23)

1. How was the earth defiled?
2. How complete with this judgment be?

B. Triumphs of the Kingdom (25:1–27:13)

1. Why will strong people glorify the Lord, and terrible nations fear Him?
2. Where will the hand of the Lord rest? Please explain.
3. What song will the land of Judah sing?
4. When did the Lord visit His people?
5. How will God cause some to “take root in Jacob”?
6. Who will come to “worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem”?

IV. The Prophecies of Judgment and Blessing (28:1—35:10)

A. Woe to Ephraim (28:1–29)

1. What sin were “the drunkards of Ephraim” guilty of?
2. Explain this phrase: “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.”
3. What was the foundation stone God placed in Zion?

B. Woe to Ariel (Jerusalem) (29:1–24)

1. What woe did God place upon Ariel? How many foes would she have?
2. What is the explanation of the potter and the clay?

C. Woe to Egyptian Alliance (30:1—31:9)

1. Why did the people go down to Egypt? What did they request of Pharaoh?
2. What did God call Egypt? Please explain what this means.
3. How did the name of Jehovah come from afar?
4. What admonition did God give to the children of Israel?

D. Behold the Coming King (32:1–20)

1. Who will reign in righteousness? When?
2. What would be poured out from on high?

E. Woe to the Spoiler of Jerusalem (Assyria) (33:1–24)

1. What will happen “at the noise of the tumult”?
2. Why would the “sinners in Zion” be afraid?

F. Woe to the Nations (34:1–17)

1. How and when will “the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll”?
2. What is “the day of the Lord’s vengeance”?

G. Behold the Coming Kingdom (35:1–10)

1. What were they to say to the “fearful-hearted”?
2. What type of highway is discussed? Who would travel on it?

Part Two: The Historical Parenthesis (36:1—39:8)

I. Hezekiah's Salvation from Assyria (36:1—37:38)

A. Assyria Challenges God (36:1–22)

1. When did Sennacherib, king of Assyria, come up against all the fortified cities of Judah?
2. What did the Rabshakeh tell “Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder”?
3. What did Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah say to the Rabshakeh?
4. What historical events did the Rabshakeh recite?

B. God Destroys Assyria (37:1–38)

1. How did King Hezekiah react to the message delivered to him?
2. What did Isaiah tell King Hezekiah?
3. What did King Hezekiah present before the Lord?
4. How did God bless King Hezekiah?
5. What sign was given?

II. Hezekiah's Salvation from Sickness (38:1–22)

1. What sad message did Isaiah deliver to Hezekiah?
2. How did Hezekiah react to this message?
3. What did God tell Isaiah to tell Hezekiah? What sign was given?

III. Hezekiah's Sin (39:1–8)

1. What did Hezekiah show Merodach-baladan? What was wrong with this?
2. What prophecy did Isaiah make against Hezekiah's household?

Part Three: The Prophecies of Comfort (40:1—66:24)

I. The Prophecies of Israel's Deliverance (40:1–48:22)

A. Comfort Because of Israel's Deliverance (40:1–11)

1. What was the voice crying in the wilderness?
2. How and when was the glory of the Lord to be revealed?

B. Comfort Because of God's Character (40:12–31)

1. How are the nations of the earth in comparison to God?

2. How does Isaiah describe the character of God?

C. Comfort Because of God's Greatness (41:1–29)

1. Who are the people of the coastlands? What did they see?

2. In this context, who is the servant of the Lord?

3. What did the Holy One of Israel invite the people to do?

D. Comfort Because of God's Servant (42:1–25)

1. In this context, who is the Servant of the Lord?

2. How is this Servant described?

3. What work was this Servant to be involved in?

4. What was the "new song"? Who was to sing it?

E. Comfort Because of Israel's Restoration (43:1—44:28)

1. Why was Israel told to "fear not"?

2. Why was the Holy One of Israel going to “send to Babylon”?

3. Of how much value are the images men create?

4. What is humorous about the way men make idols?

5. How does the Lord describe Cyrus?

F. Comfort Because of God’s Use of Cyrus (45:1–25)

1. How is Cyrus further described?

2. Where were the people to look for salvation?

G. Comfort Because of Babylon’s Destruction (46:1—48:22)

1. Who are Bel and Nebo? What were they incapable of doing?

2. What were the people told to remember?

3. What was going to happen to the virgin daughter of Babylon?

4. What challenge was given to the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators?

5. How did God “refine” His people?

II. The Prophecy of Israel’s Deliverer (49:1—57:21)

A. The Messiah’s Mission (49:1–26)

1. What made the Servant of the Lord think He had labored in vain?
2. Who are the “prisoners” and “those who are in darkness”?
3. Why would God lift up His hand in an oath to the nations?

B. The Messiah’s Obedience (50:1–11)

1. Why did the Lord ask about the “certificate of your mother’s divorce”?
2. How was the Messiah treated? Who helped Him?

C. The Messiah’s Encouragement to Israel (51:1—52:12)

1. How did the Messiah comfort His people?
2. What will the “ransomed of the Lord” do?

3. How is Jerusalem described in these verses?

4. How are “the feet of him who brings good news” described? Why?

D. The Messiah’s Atonement (52:13—53:12)

1. How will the Servant “be exalted and extolled and be very high”?

2. How will He “sprinkle many nations”?

3. What do we know about the physical appearance of the Servant?

4. How was He “stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted”?

5. Exactly why was the Servant suffering?

6. How did He make “His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death”?

7. Why was the Lord pleased to bruise Him?

E. The Messiah’s Promise of Israel’s Glory (54:1–17)

1. Who was told to increase the place of their tent? Why?

2. Why did God hide His face from Israel? What did this accomplish?

3. Who was told that “no weapon formed against you shall prosper”?

F. The Messiah’s Invitation to the World (55:1—56:8)

1. Who was invited to come to the waters? Who was invited to eat?

2. When should we seek the Lord? When should we call upon Him?

3. What will the Lord do when a wicked man forsakes “his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts”?

4. How will God’s word return to Him? What will it accomplish?

5. Who would receive a “place and a name better than that of sons and daughters”?

G. The Messiah’s Rebuke of the Wicked (56:9—57:21)

1. Who are the blind watchmen? Who are the dumb dogs?

2. Who are the children of transgression?

3. What was set up “on a lofty and high mountain”? Why?

4. When the people cried out, who should they expect to deliver them?

5. How are the wicked described?

III. The Prophecies of Israel's Glorious Future (58:1—66:24)

A. Blessings of True Worship (58:1–14)

1. Did their fasting and affliction of their souls do any good?

2. What was wrong with their fasting?

3. Who is “the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In”?

B. Sins of Israel (59:1–21)

1. Why did God hide His face from His own people?

2. Describe the speech of the people.

3. How are the wicked described?

4. What was the Lord clothed with?

C. Glory of Israel in the Kingdom (60:1–22)

1. What would draw the Gentiles to God?
2. Who would proclaim the praises of God?
3. How would the gates of the city be positioned? What does this mean?
4. How would the kingdom be illuminated?

D. Advents of the Messiah (61:1–11)

1. Who was appointed “to preach good tidings to the poor” and “to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound”?
2. What was to be rebuilt?
3. Who would the redeemed be adorned?

E. Future of Jerusalem (62:1–12)

1. What is the “new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name”?
2. What has the Lord sworn?

F. Vengeance of God (63:1–6)

1. Who was clothed in red apparel?
2. What is the “day of vengeance”?

G. Prayer of the Remnant (63:7—64:12)

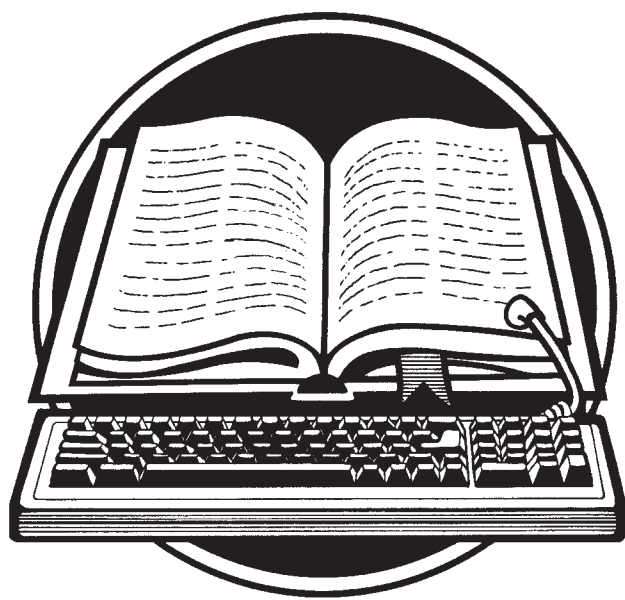
1. How did the people grieve His Holy Spirit?
2. What are the people reminded of?
3. Who wished for God to “rend the heavens” and make the mountains shake?
4. What is human righteousness compared to? Why?
5. What is God’s relationship to His people compared to?

H. The Lord’s Answer to the Remnant (65:1–16)

1. To whom did God stretch out His hands all day long?
2. Who prepared “a table for Gad” and “a drink offering for Meni”?

I. Glorious Consummation of History (65:17—66:24)

1. What is the “new heavens” and “new earth”?
2. What would no longer be heard in Jerusalem?
3. What can we learn from this statement: “Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool”?
4. Upon what type of person will God look favorably?
5. What is the glory of the Gentiles?
6. What can we learn from the reference to the Sabbath in Isaiah 66:23?



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