



# Sabbath Brothers

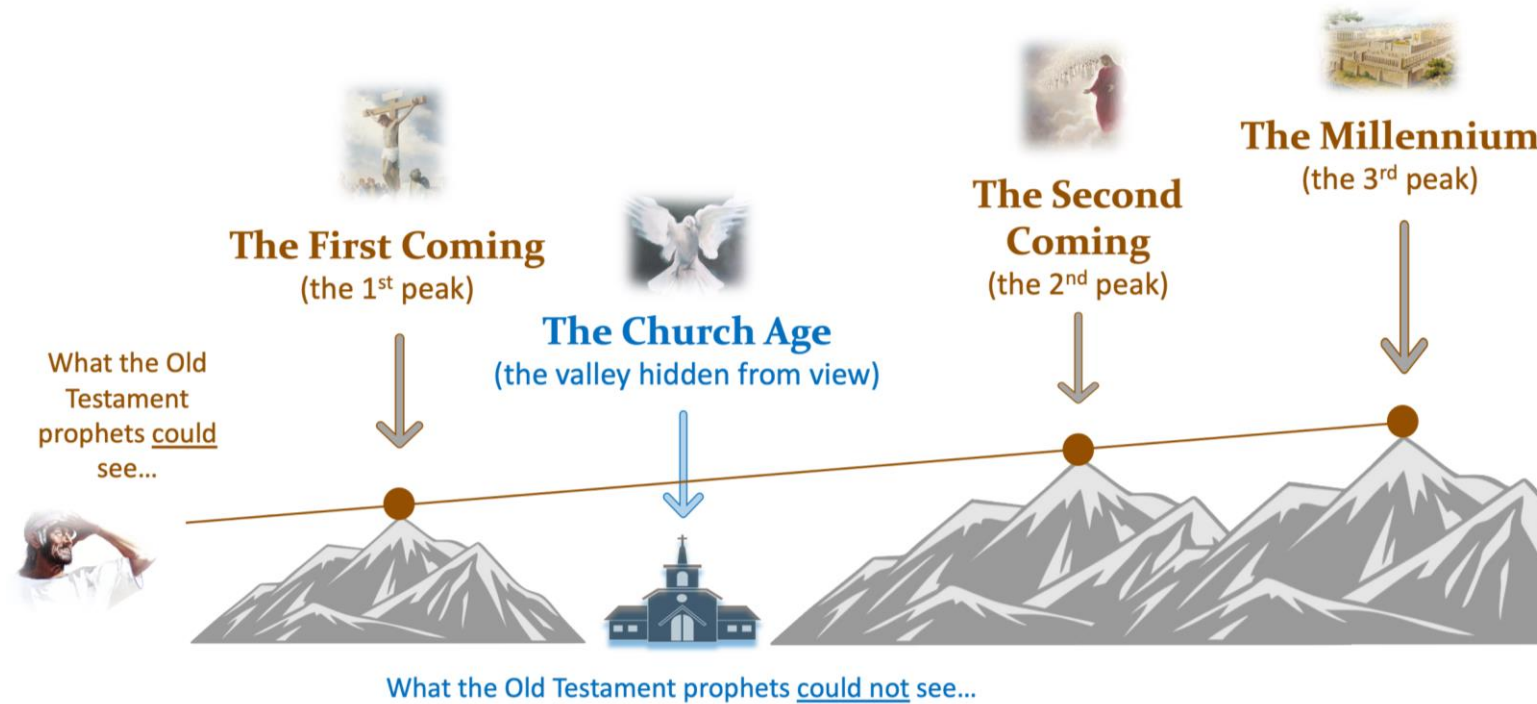
**Whose  
Depiction  
is This?**

**Jesus as the  
“GOOD  
SHEPHERD”**



**From the  
catacomb of  
San Calisto,  
Rome  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Century)**

# The Mountain Peaks of Prophecy



# Time to Read Scripture

(76 Hours 13 Minutes)

Old Testament 57.65 Hours\*

New Testament 18.57 Hours\*\*

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>The Law/Pentateuch/Torah</b>		<b>13.5 Hours</b>
1.	Genesis	3.5 Hours
2.	Exodus	3 Hours
3.	Leviticus	2 Hours
4.	Numbers	3 Hours
5.	Deuteronomy	2.5 Hours

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>The Books of History</b>		<b>18.67 Hours</b>
6.	Joshua	1.75 Hours
7.	Judges	1.75 Hours
8.	Ruth	15 Minutes
9.	1 Samuel	2.25 Hours
10.	2 Samuel	1.75 Hours
11.	1 Kings	2 Hours
12.	2 Kings	2.25 Hours
13.	1 Chronicles	2 Hours
14.	2 Chronicles	2.5 Hours
15.	Ezra	40 Minutes
16.	Nehemiah	1 Hour
17.	Esther	30 Minutes

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>The Books of Poetry</b>		<b>9.33 Hours</b>
18.	Job	1.75 Hours
19.	Psalms	5 Hours
20.	Proverbs	1.75 Hours
21.	Ecclesiastes	30 Minutes
22.	Song of Solomon	20 Minutes

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>The Major Prophets</b>		<b>13.08 Hours</b>
23.	Isaiah	3.75 Hours
24.	Jeremiah	4 Hours
25.	Lamentations	20 Minutes
26.	Ezekiel	3.75 Hours
27.	Daniel	1.25 Hours

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>The Minor Prophets</b>		<b>3.07 Hours</b>
28.	Hosea	30 Minutes
29.	Joel	12 Minutes
30.	Amos	25 Minutes
31.	Obadiah	4 Minutes
32.	Jonah	8 Minutes
33.	Micah	20 Minutes
34.	Nahum	8 Minutes
35.	Habakkuk	9 Minutes
36.	Zephaniah	10 Minutes
37.	Haggai	7 Minutes
38.	Zechariah	40 Minutes
39.	Malachi	11 Minutes

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>The Gospels</b>		<b>8.5 Hours</b>
40.	Matthew	2.5 Hours
41.	Mark	1.5 Hours
42.	Luke	2.5 Hours
43.	John	2 Hours

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>Establishment of the Church</b>		<b>2.25 Hours</b>
44.	Acts	2.25 Hours

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>Paul's Public Epistles</b>		<b>4.1 Hours</b>
45.	Romans	1 Hour
46.	1 Corinthians	1 Hour
47.	2 Corinthians	40 Minutes
48.	Galatians	20 Minutes
49.	Ephesians	20 Minutes
50.	Philippians	14 Minutes
51.	Colossians	13 Minutes
52.	1 Thessalonians	12 Minutes
53.	2 Thessalonians	7 Minutes

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>Paul's Private/Pastoral Epistles</b>		<b>34 Minutes</b>
54.	1 Timothy	16 Minutes
55.	2 Timothy	11 Minutes
56.	Titus	7 Minutes

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>General Epistles</b>		<b>1.9 Hours</b>
57.	Philemon	3 Minutes
58.	Hebrews	45 Minutes
59.	James	16 Minutes
60.	1 Peter	16 Minutes
61.	2 Peter	10 Minutes
62.	1 John	16 Minutes
63.	2 John	2 Minutes
64.	3 John	2 Minutes
65.	Jude	4 Minutes

Estimated Time to Read		
<b>End Times Prophecy</b>		<b>1.25 Hours</b>
66.	Revelation	1.25 Hours

\*Old Testament 57 Hours 39 Minutes

\*\*New Testament 18 Hours 34 Minutes

# The Warnings of the Major Prophets

- **Isaiah ~722BC (in Jerusalem)**
  - The northern kingdom of Israel to be exiled by Assyria
  - The southern people of Judah encouraged to witness God’s judgment and turn to the Messiah for salvation
  
- **Jeremiah ~605BC (in Jerusalem)**
  - The southern kingdom of Judah to be exiled by Babylon
  - The southern kingdom of Judah warned to repent or experience the Father’s discipline
  
- **Ezekiel ~590BC (in Babylon)**
  - The southern kingdom of Judah has been exiled in Babylon
  - The southern kingdom of Judah taught to follow the Spirit as they endure the consequences of their sin

**Rebellion  
Against the  
Lord Resulted  
in Exile &  
Diaspora**

Modern Judaism Has Five Primary Factions	
1. <b>Orthodox Jews (a subset is Hasidic Jews)</b>	Retain traditional Jewish laws and customs while demanding full submission to the authority of written and oral laws of Judaism,
2. <b>The Reform Movement</b>	Arose in Germany in the early 19th century and relaxed the rituals overall while emphasizing the Torah’s teachings on ethics.
3. <b>Conservative “Historical” Judaism</b>	Began in the mid-19th century as a response to the Reform movement. They allow modern dress (education & culture) but keep the use of Hebrew in the liturgy, the observance of dietary laws and the Sabbath, and nearly all Torah rituals.
4. <b>Reconstructionist Judaism</b>	Founded in 1922 in the U.S. by Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan to adapt classical Judaism to modern ideas on science, art, and reason through secularization opting for a focus on Jewish culture instead of religion.
5. <b>Messianic Judaism</b>	Accept Jesus Christ (Yeshua HaMashiach) as the Messiah while retaining a Jewish lifestyle by observing Jewish holidays, rituals, and customs.

Jewish Population Throughout the World (14-15 Million People)		
1.	Israel	46%
2.	United States	40%
3.	France	3%
4.	Canada	3%
5.	United Kingdom	2%
6.	Russia	1%
7.	Argentina	1%
8.	Germany	1%
9.	Australia	1%
10.	Brazil	1%
Others: Brazil, South Africa, Ukraine, Hungary, Mexico		2%

# Isaiah's Life As A Prophet

Israel was a "Theocracy"  
(Ruled by God)

- God established His Law as Kings would
- God had a Royal Palace in the Holy of Holies of the Temple
- His subjects brought tribute to Him in the form of offerings

## Man-held Roles in Israel

- Priest: Man-to-God
- Prophet: God-to-Man
- King: Example of Godly Man  
(Deuteronomy 17:14-20)

King	Years	Isaiah's Position	Chapters
Uzziah <i>(Fairly godly)</i>	Died ~740 BC	Commissioned as a Prophet	6
Jotham <i>(Somewhat godly)</i>	~740-735 BC	Young Man; Unpopular	1-6
Ahaz <i>(Ungodly)</i>	~735-715 BC	Young Mid-Age; Well Known & Suspected of Disloyalty	7-12 (15-17?)
Hezekiah <i>(Godly)</i>	~715-687 BC	Middle Age to Elderly; Advisor to the King; Resented rival counselors	13-14 23-35
Manasseh <i>(Ungodly)</i>	~687-642 BC	Elderly; Prophetical	36-66

**Ministering to Five Kings**

**The Prophets speak for God (Yahweh)**

# Isaiah



**As the Bible has 66 books of Scripture, Isaiah contains 66 chapters written by a single man (John 12:38-41) applying a different focus between chapters 1-39 & chapters 40-66.**

**Isaiah (means “Jehovah is salvation”), and he was a contemporary of the prophet Micah.**

**The book of Isaiah is not sequenced chronologically, but it is arranged around the two broad themes of Judgment (Isaiah 1-39) and Restoration (Isaiah 40-66).**

**Isaiah was a man of rank with direct access to the king and high priest (2 Kings 19:2); he was the most articulate writer with a broad use of language and word types**

**Ironically, there is often more told of the life of the prophets who did not write their own books (i.e., Elijah, Elisha, etc.) than there is of the prophets who did write their own books (Major/Minor Prophets).**

**These books are not biographies, but instead, they are anthologies of oracles/sermons.**

<b>The Two Sections of Isaiah</b>	
<b>Isaiah 1-39 “Former Things”</b>	<b>Isaiah 40-66 “New Things”</b>
Old Testament Sentiment	New Testament Sentiment
Humanity – Man’s Sinfulness	Deity – God’s Faithfulness
Sin & Retribution	Salvation & Redemption
Righteousness & Justice	Righteousness & Mercy
Iniquity & Discipline	Hope & Restoration
Confront/Judgment	Comfort/Advocate
God of Israel	Creator of Everything
Israel-National/Neighbors	International/Nations
God as Fire	God as Father
Fall of Israel to Assyria	Return of Judah Post-Babylon
<i>“Behold, the former things have come to pass; Now I declare new things before they spring forth, I proclaim them to you.” (Isaiah 42:9)</i>	

<b>Three Historical Time Periods</b>		
<b>Isaiah 1-39</b>	<b>Isaiah’s Lifetime</b>	<b>740-700BC</b>
<i>Economic success, peace &amp; prosperity of the Nation</i>		
<b>Isaiah 40-55</b>	<b>The Exile</b>	<b>605-535BC</b>
<i>Babylonian Destruction of the Nation (Deuteronomy 28)</i>		
<b>Isaiah 56-66</b>	<b>The Return</b>	<b>535-400BC</b>
<i>Post-Captivity Restoration of the Nation</i>		



Isaiah is sometimes called the "fifth gospel"

# Isaiah

(A "New Testament" Book)

Isaiah is often referenced as the "greatest" prophet because he speaks so descriptively of the coming Messiah.



Isaiah is quoted over 60 times in the New Testament throughout the Gospels, Acts and the Epistles.

Isaiah was believed to have been martyred by either being sawed in half by a wooden saw or placed in the hollow of a tree trunk and sawn in two (Hebrews 11:37)

The Prophet	Of The...
Isaiah	Son
Jeremiah	Father
Ezekiel	Spirit

47 chapters of Isaiah's 66 chapters are quoted-from or alluded-to in the New Testament.



Isaiah is the second most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament after Psalms.

## Scriptural References to Isaiah in the Gospels

Matthew 3:3	<i>"For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said..."</i>
Matthew 4:14	<i>"...so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled"</i>
Matthew 8:17	<i>"This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah..."</i>
Matthew 12:17	<i>"This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah..."</i>
Matthew 13:14	<i>"Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says..."</i>
Matthew 15:7	<i>"You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said"</i>
Mark 1:2	<i>"As it is written in Isaiah the prophet..."</i>
Mark 7:6	<i>"And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written..."</i>
Luke 3:4	<i>"As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet..."</i>
Luke 4:17	<i>"And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him..."</i>
John 1:23	<i>"...as the prophet Isaiah said."</i>
John 12:38	<i>"...so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled"</i>
John 12:39	<i>"For again Isaiah said..."</i>
John 12:41	<i>"Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him..."</i>

Mishnah: "To Repeat"  
 Gemara: "To Finish"  
 Halakha: "The Way"



# Isaiah

(The "Latter Prophets")



In the Jewish canon, Isaiah is the first of the "Latter" Prophets. To a Jew, the "Former" Prophets would include the historical books of Joshua through 2 Kings because only a prophet could write these books for God. Hebrew terms include "Nabi" (prophet) and "Nevi'im" (prophets).

The "Latter" prophets would include all of the Major and Minor Prophets.

The Major and Minor Prophets are determined solely by the length of the book.

The "Talmud" is a collection of oral laws based on the "Torah" which consists of two sections:

Mishnah (written commentary of the oral law – 200AD)

משנה

- Rabbi Judah the Prince wrote down the Mishnah as well as arranging them into six different sections and 63 subsections called "tractates."

Gemara (commentaries on the Mishnah – 400AD)

גמרא

Halakha (detailed legal discussions based on the Mishnah- 400AD)

- In 400AD, Jewish rabbis in Palestine compiled the Jerusalem Talmud from many commentaries (Gemara), and legal discussions (Halakha), which were made about the Mishnah.
- Halacha enables a Jew to seek counsel and insight from their local Scribe and community for guidance on the way that they should live that would please God

הלכה

The "Tanakh" is Jewish Scripture comprised of the Torah, Prophets and Writings.

The "Talmud" was so large that two summary references were written:

- "Mishnah Torah" by Maimonides (Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon) in 1190AD
- "Shulchan Aruch" by Joseph (Yosef) Karo in 1563AD



## The Hebrew Canon (TaNaKh)

### Law (Torah)

Genesis  
 Exodus  
 Leviticus  
 Numbers  
 Deuteronomy

### Prophets (Nevi'im)

"Former"  
 Joshua  
 Judges  
 Samuel  
 Kings



"Latter"  
 Isaiah  
 Jeremiah  
 Ezekiel

The Minor Prophets

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

### Writings (Kethuv'im)

Psalms  
 Job  
 Proverbs  
 The Five Scrolls (Megilloth)
 

- Song of Solomon
- Ruth
- Lamentations
- Ecclesiastes (Ooheleth)
- Esther

 Daniel  
 Ezra/Nehemiah  
 Chronicles

As in the times of the Pharisees, the Jewish community continues to evolve and increase the requirements of the law through local "Halakha" (legal discussions).

Modern Jewish Interpretations are determined by "Responsa" (Hebrew "Teshuvot")

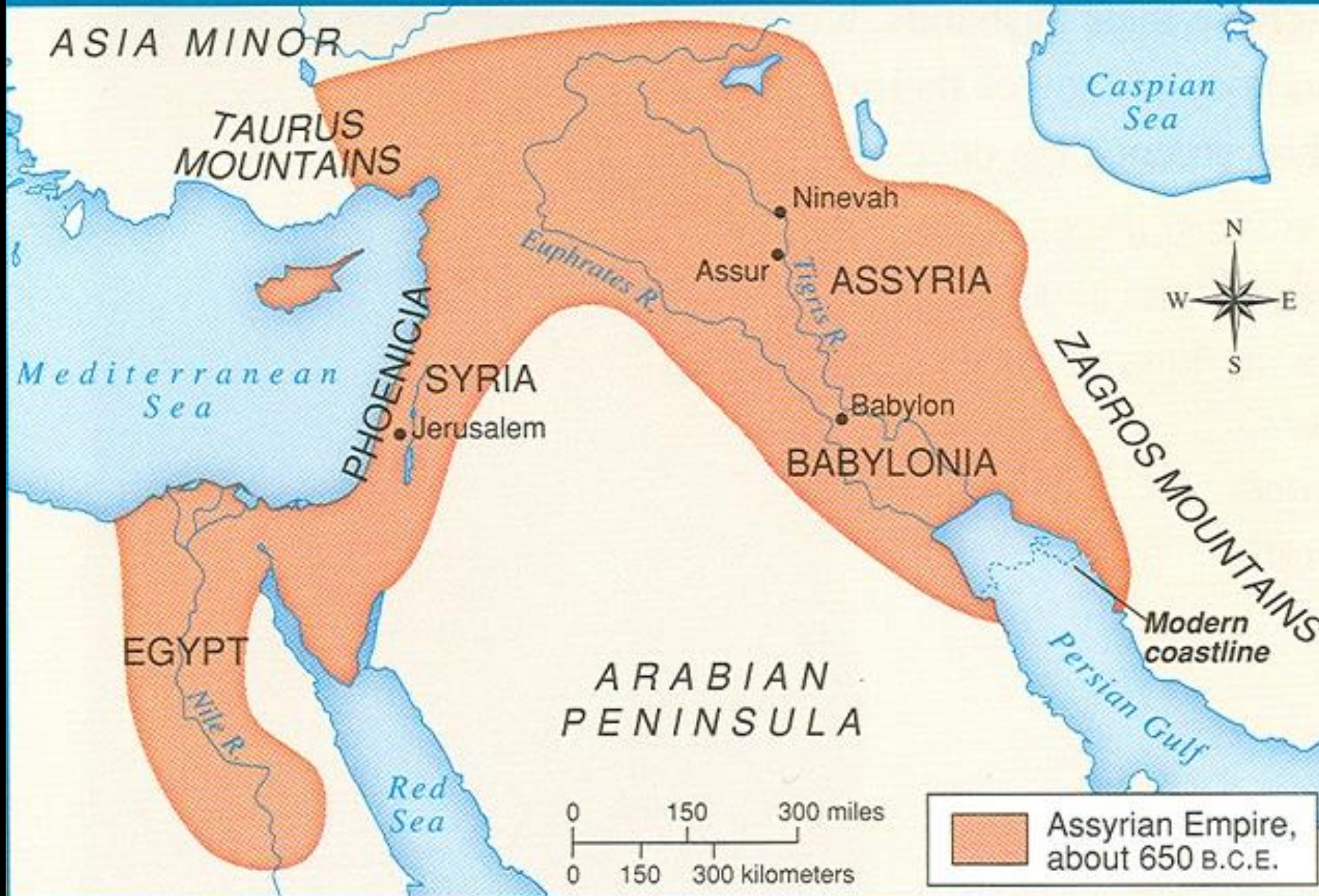
*“Is it not true that for most of us who call ourselves Christians, there is no real experience?”*

*We have substituted theological ideas for an arresting encounter; we are full of religious notions, but our great weakness is that for our hearts there is no one there.*

*What else it embraces, true Christian experience must always include a genuine encounter with God.”*

**- A.W. Tozer, God's Pursuit of Men**

# The Assyrian Empire, About 650 B.C.E.



The Assyrian Empire would control all of the “fertile crescent” and be used by God in judgment to exile the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC.

-2 Egypt

-1 Assyria

Daniel's  
Visions

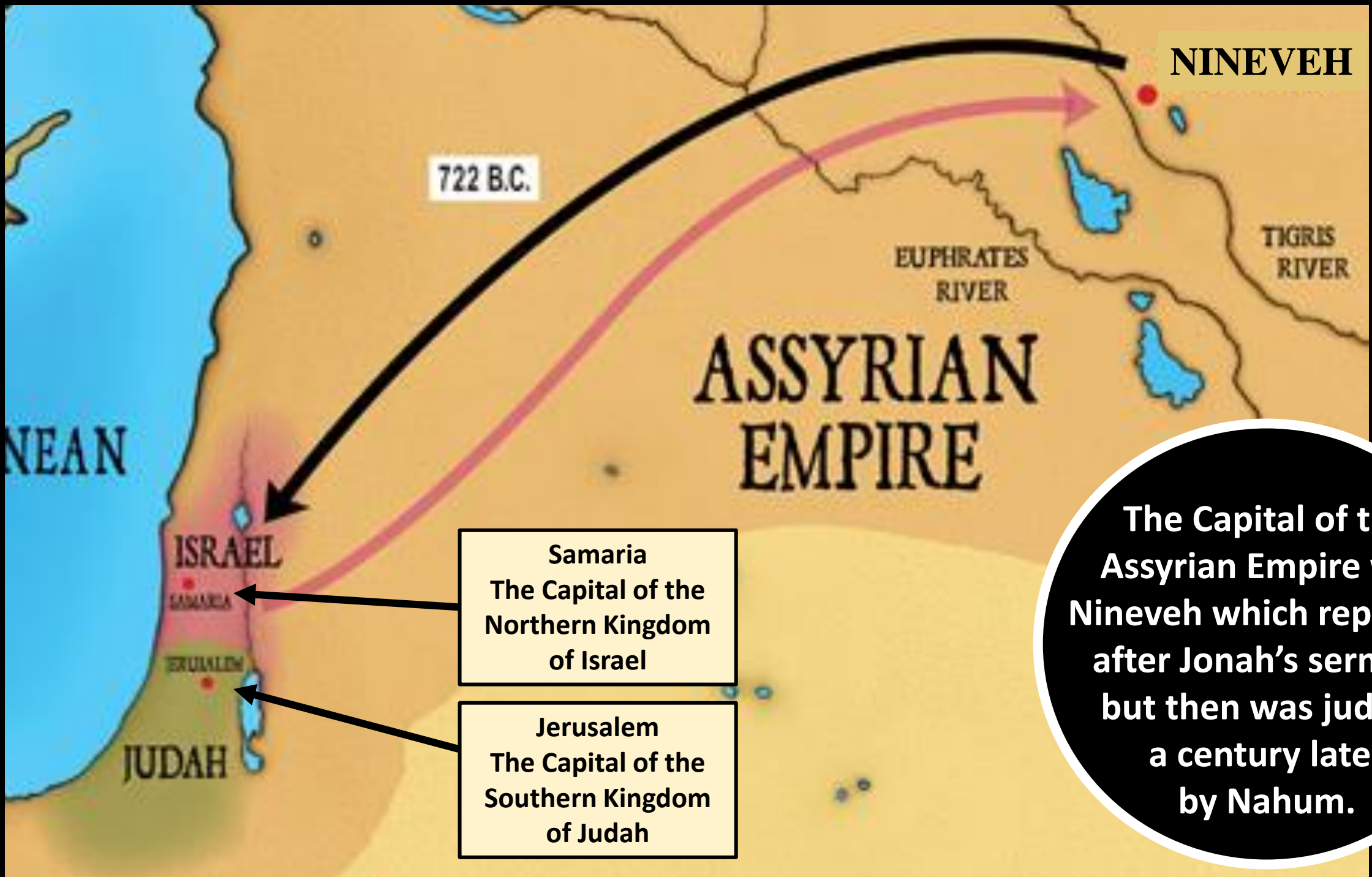
1 Babylon

2 Medo-Persia

3 Greece

4 Rome





722 B.C.

**NINEVEH**

The Distance from Jerusalem to Nineveh was nearly 6,000 Miles

EUPHRATES RIVER

TIGRIS RIVER

**ASSYRIAN EMPIRE**

**ISRAEL**

SAMARIA

JERUSALEM

**JUDAH**

Samaria  
The Capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel

Jerusalem  
The Capital of the Southern Kingdom of Judah

The Capital of the Assyrian Empire was Nineveh which repented after Jonah's sermon, but then was judged a century later by Nahum.



The Babylonians defeated the Assyrian Empire at the Battle of Carchemish. Babylon exiled the Southern Kingdom of Judah in 606BC, 597BC & 586BC

- 2 Egypt
  - 1 Assyria
  - 
  - 1 Babylon
  - 2 Medo-Persia
  - 3 Greece
  - 4 Rome
- Daniel's Visions
- 

# Israel's Rebellion (Isaiah 1:1-10)

This was a time of wealth & success

Manasseh is not Listed

<sup>1</sup> The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning Judah and Jerusalem, which he saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.



<sup>2</sup> Listen, heavens, and hear, earth; For the LORD has spoken: "Sons I have raised and brought up, but they have revolted against Me.

<sup>3</sup> An ox knows its owner, and a donkey its master's manger, But Israel does not know, My people do not understand."

<sup>4</sup> Oh, sinful nation, People weighed down with guilt, Offspring of evildoers, Sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned <sup>1</sup> the LORD. They have despised <sup>2</sup> the Holy One of Israel. They have turned away <sup>3</sup> from Him.



<sup>5</sup> Where will you be stricken again as you continue in your rebellion? The entire head is sick and the entire heart is faint.

<sup>6</sup> From the sole of the foot even to the head there is nothing healthy in it, only bruises, slashes, and raw wounds; Not pressed out nor bandaged, nor softened with oil.



<sup>7</sup> Your land is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; As for your fields, strangers are devouring them in front of you; It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers.

<sup>8</sup> The daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, Like a watchman's hut in a cucumber field, like a city under watch.

<sup>9</sup> If the LORD of armies had not left us a few survivors, We would be like Sodom; We would be like Gomorrah.

Isaiah begins with the words "The Vision" which foretells his prophetic perspective.

Jewish tradition is that Isaiah's father, Amoz ("strong"), was brother of King Amaziah (2 Kings 12:21, 14:1)

Isaiah calls on the heavens and earth to hear the message of the Lord (Deuteronomy 4:26, 30:19, 31:28).

Although God had raised Israel as His sons, they had rebelled against Him.

God's people understand less than dimwitted animals (ox or donkey)



This verse prepares two witnesses against the children of God



Israel is characterized as having a heavy weight of sin.

Israel's minds and hearts were sick with sin. (Mark 2:17; Exodus 15:26; Psalm 103:3).

It would only a matter of time before Israel would be judged again as long as they remained in their sin.

The body of believers needed a renovation project (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)



The rebellious people had been judged head-to-toe (i.e., economic; famine; drought; health).

Beyond their personal injuries, their land and residences have been destroyed.

God's people had adopted the idolatrous practices of the surrounding nations, so immigrants took over the possessions of the land as well.

During the harvest season, Israelite farmers would build makeshift (crude and temporary) shacks in fields. After the harvest, the Israelites would return to their homes leaving the lightly constructed shelters to be demolished by the natural elements.

Jerusalem would be besieged and destroyed by the Babylonians (586 BC).

**"Anything not done in faith is sin." Romans 14:23**

# Sincere Worship (Isaiah 1:10-20)

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, You rulers of Sodom; Listen to the instruction of our God, You people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup> "What are your many sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD.

"I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fattened cattle; and I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats.

<sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before Me, who requires of you this trampling of My courtyards?

<sup>13</sup> Do not go on bringing your worthless offerings, Incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and Sabbath, the proclamation of an assembly— I cannot endure wrongdoing and the festive assembly.

<sup>14</sup> I hate your new moon *festivals* and your appointed feasts, They have become a burden to Me; I am tired of bearing *them*.

<sup>15</sup> So when you spread out your hands *in prayer*, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you offer many prayers, I will not be listening. Your hands are covered with blood.

<sup>16</sup> "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Stop doing evil,

<sup>17</sup> Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor, Obtain justice for the orphan, Plead for the widow's case.

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, and let us debate *your case*," says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They shall become as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be like wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, You will eat the best of the land;

<sup>20</sup> But if you refuse and rebel, You will be devoured by the sword."

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.



God protects a select remnant, but Israel will be like Sodom/Gomorrah at the end times (Revelation 11:8).

Although Israel hasn't been physically destroyed, they have been spiritually devastated.

When Isaiah refers to these people as "Sodom and Gomorrah," it would be similar to someone calling a Christian church an "occult movement;" it is harsh and jarring. (Genesis 18:20, 19:24; Deut 29:23; Jeremiah 23:14)

God desires to be the Lord of His people as they walk in daily obedience (Isaiah 1:16); insincere worship is futile as are useless sacrifices.

God is not interested in public declarations without a daily relationship.

God is not attentive to prayers of those whose lives are not right with Him (Zechariah 7:13)

God commands His followers to repent and stop doing evil. God calls the people to change their lifestyles (beyond a single cleaning) to a healthy, pure lifestyle of obedience.

False worship does not negate lifestyles of sin

True worship is a sacrificial lifestyle of submissive obedience (Romans 12:1-2)

Scarlet/Red is the color of the life blood from violence and murder.

God blesses obedient actions; good comes from submission & sacrificial living.



**Eat or Be Eaten**





# The Millennium (Isaiah 2:1-11)

<sup>1</sup> The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Now it will come about that in the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; so that He may teach us about His ways, and that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go out from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> And He will judge between the nations, and will mediate for many peoples; and they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning knives. Nation will not lift up a sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.

<sup>5</sup> Come, house of Jacob, and let's walk in the light of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> For You have abandoned Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are filled with influences from the east, and they are soothsayers like the Philistines. They also strike bargains with the children of foreigners.



<sup>7</sup> Their land has also been filled with silver and gold and there is no end to their treasures; Their land has also been filled with horses, and there is no end to their chariots.

<sup>8</sup> Their land has also been filled with idols; they worship the work of their hands, that which their fingers have made.

<sup>9</sup> So the common person has been humbled and the person of importance has been brought low, but do not forgive them.

<sup>10</sup> Enter the rocky place and hide in the dust from the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty.

<sup>11</sup> The proud look of humanity will be brought low, And the arrogance of people will be humbled; And the LORD alone will be exalted on that day.



Isaiah "saw" the word (Revelation 1:12). Rabbi tradition is that Isaiah was in the Tribe of Judah, and his father Amoz was the brother of King Amaziah.

Amoz is recorded as Isaiah's father in Isaiah 1:1; 2:1 and 13:1, and in 2 Kings 19:2, 20; 20:1; however, Scripture does not record anything else about him.

Repeated in Micah 4:1-3

"Mountains" often represent governments, kingdoms, and authorities

Jerusalem will be elevated above all cities on earth during the millennium.

These "last days" refer to the days after the Messiah's coming (Hebrews 1:2).

For the Jewish mind, "the last days" can refer to any time after the giving of the Spirit in Acts 2:17.

God Himself will teach His people (Ex 33:13, 1 Kings 8:36, 2 Chron 6:27, Ps 25:4, 86:11)

Peace will reverse defense budgets to productive articles (in contrast to Joel 3:10).

The reason that man should humble himself is twofold:  
1. Fear of the Lord  
2. The Splendor of His Majesty

The "house of Jacob" often represents the physical self-made effort of people instead of the spiritual trust after God changed Jacob's name to Israel (Gen 32:28)

Israel had:  
1) pursued exotic mysticism  
2) was materialistic  
3) had military pride  
4) practiced idolatry.

Humanity is humbled while God is asked not to show mercy to the judgment

"Terror of the Lord" is used three times (Isaiah 2:10, 19, 21), and each time with man hiding in caves of rock, cliffs and dust (Rev 6:15-16).

False religions  
will disappear.

# The Proud Will Be Humbled (Isaiah 2:12-22)

<sup>12</sup> For the LORD of armies will have a day of reckoning  
Against everyone who is arrogant and haughty,  
And against everyone who is lifted up,  
That he may be brought low.

<sup>13</sup> And it will be against all the cedars of Lebanon that  
are lofty and lifted up, against all the oaks of Bashan,

<sup>14</sup> Against all the lofty mountains,

against all the hills that are lifted up,

<sup>15</sup> Against every high tower, against every fortified wall,

<sup>16</sup> Against all the ships of Tarshish and against all the delightful ships.

<sup>17</sup> And the pride of humanity will be humbled  
and the arrogance of people will be brought low;  
and the LORD alone will be exalted on that day,

<sup>18</sup> And the idols will completely vanish.

<sup>19</sup> People will go into caves of the rocks and into holes in  
the ground away from the terror of the LORD and the  
splendor of His majesty, when He arises to terrify the earth.

<sup>20</sup> On that day people will throw away to the moles and  
the bats their idols of silver and their idols of gold,  
which they made for themselves to worship,

<sup>21</sup> In order to go into the clefts of the rocks and the crannies  
of the cliffs before the terror of the LORD and the splendor  
of His majesty, when He arises to terrify the earth.

<sup>22</sup> Take no account of man, whose breath of life is  
in his nostrils; for why should he be esteemed?

All of the  
prophets allude  
to the "Day of  
the Lord" with  
this being the  
first mention.



The Lord will humble  
the proud (Psalm  
138:6; Proverbs 8:13;  
Jeremiah 50:31; James  
4:6; 1 Peter 5:5)

Men will fear the  
Lord's wrath and seek  
refuge in the world  
(Revelation 6:15-16).



## The Lord's Judgment Would Come Against...

(Isaiah 2:12-16)

1.	2:12	The proud and lofty	The proud would be humbled
2.	2:12	Everyone lifted up	Those exalted would be humbled
3.	2:13	The cedars of Lebanon	Cedars were the royal wood
4.	2:13	The oaks of Bashan	Oaks were the wood of strength.
5.	2:14	The lofty mountains	Well respected leaders/governments
6.	2:14	The hills that are lifted up	Less consequential leaders
7.	2:15	Every high tower	Esteemed refuges of safety
8.	2:15	Every fortified wall	Strongholds
9.	2:16	The ships of Tarshish	Merchant/trade ships (Tarshish possibly Spain)
10.	2:16	The beautiful ships	Beautiful yachts

God's military title is "Lord  
of Hosts"; the Hebrew word  
for hosts is "šəbā'ōwt" (שְׁבָאוֹת)  
meaning "armies"  
(Deuteronomy 20:9).

The only one exalted on God's day  
of judgment is the Lord Himself.  
Isaiah repeats and emphasizes this  
point that "the Lord alone will be  
exalted on that day." (Isaiah 2:17)

The second coming will be associated  
with an earthquake (Judges 5:4-5;  
2 Samuel 22:8; Psalm 18:7; Isaiah 29:6;  
Nahum 1:5; Zechariah 14:4; Lk 21:11)

Moles and bats live  
hidden in darkness which  
is where the elaborate  
idols will be discarded.

The central truth of  
Scripture is to trust  
God and not trust  
man (Psalm 118:8)



The question about the value of  
man is only answered in God  
(Job 7:17, 15:15; Psalm 8:4, 144:3;  
Hebrews 2:6; 1 Chronicles 29:13)

Signs of a Fallen Nation include violent youth & women leadership

# A Fallen Nation (Isaiah 3:1-11)

God will eliminate provision for Jerusalem as well as basic necessities.

Bread (Dt 8:3, Job 23:12, Is 5:13, Heb 5:14) and Water (Is 55:10-11, Amos 8:11-13, Eph 5:26) have spiritual aspects to them.

## 13 Items God will Remove from Jerusalem (Isaiah 3:1-3)

1.	3:1	Bread
2.	3:1	Water
3.	3:2	Mighty Man/Hero
4.	3:2	Warrior
5.	3:2	Judge
6.	3:2	Prophet
7.	3:2	Diviner/Fortune Teller
8.	3:2	Elder
9.	3:3	Captain of Fifty/Commander
10.	3:3	Honorable/Dignitary
11.	3:3	Counselor
12.	3:3	Expert Artisan/Cunning Magician
13.	3:3	Skillful Enchanter/ Necromancer/Medium

A fallen nation elevates their children while disrespecting the elders (Isaiah 3:5, 30:9)

Mob mentality reflects the final result of sin as everyone is oppressed. There is no respect for the elderly or honorable. Youth will be disrespectful to elders as are the inferior to the honorable.

Anyone with clothes is deemed wealthy and worthy to lead. Frequently, leaders are chosen by their appearance – “Dress for Success”

Selected leaders will reject leadership responsibility for lack of rewards; there will be an abdication of leadership.

The downfall of Jerusalem/Judah occurred due to Israel’s verbal and active rebellion against the Lord. Although the physical exile and destruction of Jerusalem was a century later, Jerusalem was already destroyed morally and spiritually.

An individual’s countenance portrays a hard, cruel and guilty complexion. Sinners flaunt their wickedness and perversions

Those who pursue righteousness will enjoy the benefits of their actions – if not in this life, then in the here-after. (Jeremiah 39:11-18; Genesis 18:22-23)

**1 For behold, the Lord GOD of armies is going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah both supply and support, the entire supply of bread and the entire supply of water;**

**2 The mighty man and the warrior, the judge and the prophet, the diviner and the elder,**

**3 The captain of fifty and the esteemed person, The counselor and the expert artisan, and the skillful enchanter.**

**4 And I will make mere boys their leaders, and mischievous children will rule over them,**

**5 And the people will be oppressed, each one by another, and each one by his neighbor; The youth will assault the elder, and the contemptible person will assault the one honored.**

**6 When a man lays hold of his brother in his father’s house, saying, “You have a cloak, you shall be our ruler! and these ruins will be under your authority,”**

**7 He will protest on that day, saying, “I will not be your healer, For in my house there is neither bread nor cloak; You should not appoint me ruler of the people.”**

**8 For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen Because their speech and their actions are against the LORD, To rebel against His glorious presence.**

**9 The expression of their faces testifies against them, and they display their sin like Sodom; They do not even conceal it. Woe to them! For they have done evil to themselves.**

**10 Say to the righteous that it will go well for them, For they will eat the fruit of their actions.**

**11 Woe to the wicked! It will go badly for him, For what he deserves will be done to him.**

**12 My people! Their oppressors treat them violently, and women rule over them. My people! Those who guide you lead you astray and confuse the direction of your paths.**



**Women's clothing is the Key to a Nation's Morals**

# Judah's Women Judged (Isaiah 3:16-26)

<sup>16</sup> Moreover, the LORD said, "Because the daughters of Zion are haughty And walk with heads held high and seductive eyes, And go along with mincing steps And jingle the anklets on their feet,  
<sup>17</sup> The Lord will afflict the scalp of the daughters of Zion with scabs, And the LORD will make their foreheads bare."



<sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, headbands, crescent ornaments,  
<sup>19</sup> dangling earrings, bracelets, veils,  
<sup>20</sup> headdresses, ankle chains, sashes, perfume boxes, amulets,  
<sup>21</sup> finger rings, nose rings,  
<sup>22</sup> festive robes, outer garments, shawls, purses,  
<sup>23</sup> papyrus garments, undergarments, headbands, and veils.



<sup>24</sup> Now it will come about that instead of balsam oil there will be a stench; Instead of a belt, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, a plucked-out scalp; Instead of fine clothes, a robe of sackcloth; And branding instead of beauty.



<sup>25</sup> Your men will fall by the sword And your mighty ones in battle.  
<sup>26</sup> And her gates will lament and mourn, And she will sit deserted on the ground.

**The men will not be able to save the women as the mighty men will be killed in battle.**

The women of Israel "held their heads high" as the women were proud and seductive; the women flirted.

## Items That God Will Remove from the Proud Women of Jerusalem (Isaiah 3:18-23)

1.	3:18	Anklets
2.	3:18	Headbands
3.	3:18	Crescent Ornaments
4.	3:19	Dangling Earrings
5.	3:19	Bracelets
6.	3:19	Veils
7.	3:20	Headdresses
8.	3:20	Ankle Chains
9.	3:20	Sashes
10.	3:20	Perfume Boxes
11.	3:20	Amulets
12.	3:21	Finger Rings
13.	3:21	Nose Rings
14.	3:22	Festal Robes
15.	3:22	Outer Tunics
16.	3:22	Cloaks
17.	3:22	Money Purses
18.	3:23	Hand Mirrors
19.	3:23	Undergarments
20.	3:23	Turbans
21.	3:23	Veils

"Mincing" means prancing, jumping or dancing; the women were walking like models on a fashion runway.

The women wanted to call attention to themselves. The anklets testified to sinful intentions instead of the holiness of God.

As armies were defeated, it was common practice for the heads of the defeated women to be shaved; they may have been shaved so fiercely that their scalps were cut. (Deuteronomy 21:10-12)

Seductresses would be judged (e.g., venereal diseases) and finery will be lost

As the women of Israel wanted to flaunt their sexuality, God would give them their desire, and let the invaders strip them naked.

The wealth, riches and treasures that the Lord had bestowed on Judah were often melted and shaped into idols of false gods (Ezekiel 16:17).

Women will mourn their plight and the loss of their protectors



Ottoman Coin

## The Crescent Shape

Judges 8:26



Crescent shaped jewelry was collected from the Israelites immorally for Gideon to manufacture an idolatrous ephod (Judges 8:26). The crescent shape is also mentioned another time in Scripture - Isaiah 3:18 *"In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, the headbands, the crescent necklaces."*

Both times that "crescent" is used in Scripture, it has a negative connotation. In Ephesus stands the remains of Artemis/Diana's Temple (Acts 19:24-41). The crescent is a symbol of Artemis/Diana since she is the pagan goddess of hunting (the shape of the bow) and childbirth (the shape of female anatomy)

Another historical city, Byzantium (Constantinople/Istanbul) adopted the crescent moon as their symbol to honor Artemis/Diana. Islam was not affiliated with the crescent moon until the time of the Ottoman Empire when the Turks conquered Constantinople (Istanbul) in 1453; it was then that the Muslims adopted the city's existing flag as their symbol.

So the crescent moon predates Islam by thousands of years and was usually associated with nature and possibly the worship of nature (aka astrology). This is the reason that many Muslims reject the crescent as any kind of symbol today because it was traditionally simply an ancient icon linked to a female pagan goddess.



# After the Battle (Isaiah 4:1-6)

<sup>1</sup> For seven women will take hold of one man on that day, saying, “We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; take away our disgrace!”

<sup>2</sup> On that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *will be* the pride and the beauty of the survivors of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> And it will come about that the one who is left in Zion and remains behind in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,

<sup>5</sup> then the LORD will create over the entire area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, and smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.

<sup>6</sup> And there will be a shelter to *give* shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

The warriors have been killed (Is 3:25)

The church is called the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25, 2 Corinthians 11:2), and there are seven churches in Revelation who will seize one man (Jesus), and yet want to be self-sufficient (own bread) and self-righteousness (clothing)

The remnant who survive the tribulation will find their pride and joy in the Messiah.

In Scripture, the “Branch” represents Jesus (Jeremiah 23:5, Zechariah 6:12) while Israel’s survivors are the “remnant”. The “fruit of the earth” also speaks of Jesus in His humanity.

The degree of sin was represented by the women of Jerusalem. When the wicked women were cleansed by the spirit of “Judgment” as well as the spirit of “Burning” (Rev 4:5→ Acts 2:3); (Num 9:15, Mt 3:11, Lk 3:16) then the glory of the Lord will return.

A remnant will remain and be called “holy.” (Matthew 24:13) Some have been “destined” to live (blessed and positive) while others are destined for calamity (1 Peter 2:8; Job 15:22, 15:28, 27:14; Isaiah 10:6; Habakkuk 1:12; Revelation 13:10)

The Spirit of the Lord will descend over all of the government of Jerusalem (Mount Zion) as the cloud of Shekinah Glory (1 Ki 8:10-11, Exodus 40:34-35, Isaiah 19:1) that provides shade in the heat of day and warmth/light in the darkness of night. (Exodus 13:20-22; 14:24, 33:10)

The Hebrew word “shekinah” (שכינה) means “to dwell with.”

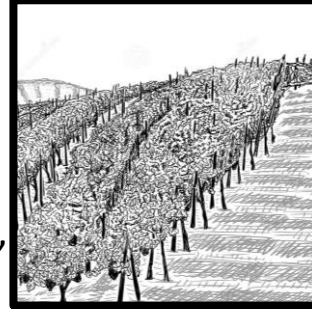


These seven verses are the rhythm of a Hebrew "Love Song"

# The Vineyard of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7)

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing now for my beloved a song of my beloved about His vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it all around, cleared it of stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it, And also carved out a wine vat in it; Then He expected *it* to produce *good* grapes, But it produced *only* worthless ones.



<sup>3</sup> "And now, you inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?

Why, *when* I expected *it* to produce *good* grapes did it produce worthless ones?



<sup>5</sup> So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard: I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed; I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground.

<sup>6</sup> I will lay it waste; it will not be pruned nor hoed, But briars and thorns will come up.



I will also command the clouds not to rain on it."

<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of armies is the house of Israel, And the people of Judah are His delightful plant.

So He waited for justice, but behold, *there was* bloodshed; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

The song makes a comparison between the Lord (the "well beloved") and the vineyard.

The vineyard was located in the best location with sufficient drainage facing the sun the entire day.

The same Hebrew word for "hill" (bāqeren בְּקֵרֶן) is also used for the term "horn"; the horn (or power) of the hill is its superlative location.

The Hebrew word for fruitful (šāmen שָׁמֵן) is also the Hebrew term for "oil" (Genesis 35:14; Leviticus 2:6, 14:10, 21, 15:4; 1 Kings 6:23; 2 Kings 4:2)

In ancient days, the same rocks that were cleared from the field would be placed around the border as the wall of protection.

God planted the vineyard (Hosea 1:4, Mt 21:33; Lk 20:9) with the finest vine being Jesus (Jn 15:1-5) or Israel (Ps 80:8, Jer. 2:21, Hos 10:1) which yielded undesirable fruits.

The Hebrew word for "worthless" is bə'ušim (בְּאֻשִׁים) which means "foul" or "stinky" grapes. This word (bə'ušim) is found in Scripture only twice (Isaiah 5:4)

God removes the hedge of protection (Job 1:10) and letting the consequences of actions overwhelm the vineyard.

Throughout the Bible, thorns are a symbol of the consequences of sin (Genesis 3:17-18).

Blessing of rain withheld as punishment (Deuteronomy 11:10-17, Hebrews 6:7)

The Lord was looking for the characteristics of justice and righteousness in His people. The characteristics of justice and righteousness are portrayed in 44 verses of Scripture. (Genesis 18:19; 1 Kings 10:9; 2 Chronicles 9:8; Job 37:23; Psalm 33:5, 72:1-2, 89:14, 99:4, 103:6, etc.)

A nation without justice has bloodshed; a nation without righteousness has an outcry for help.

**“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” Hosea 4:6**

# The Woes of the Wicked (Isaiah 5:8-17)

**8 Woe to those who attach house to house and join field to field, until there is no more room, and you alone are a landowner in the midst of the land!**

**9 In my ears the LORD of armies has sworn, “Many houses shall certainly become desolate, Even great and fine ones, without occupants.**

**10 For ten acres of vineyard will yield only one bath of wine, And a homer of seed will yield only an ephah of grain.”**

**11 Woe to those who rise early in the morning so that they may pursue intoxicating drink, who stay up late in the evening so that wine may inflame them!**

**12 Their banquets are accompanied by lyre and harp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine; But they do not pay attention to the deeds of the LORD, Nor do they consider the work of His hands.**

**13 Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; and their nobles are famished, And their multitude is parched with thirst.**

**14 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth beyond measure; and Jerusalem’s splendor, her multitude, her noise of revelry, and the jubilant within her, descend into it.**

**15 So the common people will be humbled and the person of importance brought low, the eyes of the haughty also will be brought low.**

**16 But the LORD of armies will be exalted in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.**

**17 Then the lambs will graze as in their pasture, And strangers will eat in the ruins of the wealthy.**

The produce and returns would not be comparable with the amount of investment.



The work of an ox would only produce a single bath (equivalent to 8-10 gallons).



Woe to the greedy landowners who procure adjoining land areas creating private, privileged areas.

In ancient times, an “acre” represented what an ox could plow in a single day, so ten acres is equivalent to the land that an ox could plow in ten days.

Six Woes of the Wicked (Isaiah 5)		
1)	Isaiah 5:8	Coveters/Greedy in business of growing wealth and squeezing out the poor
2)	Isaiah 5:11	Nationwide pursuit of pleasure
3)	Isaiah 5:18	Those who flaunt sinful lifestyle
4)	Isaiah 5:20	Moral relativism with denial of absolutes
5)	Isaiah 5:21	Intelligent and right in their own eyes (Pride)
6)	Isaiah 5:22	Celebrities without character and injustice because respecters of men

There were ten ephah’s in a homer (Ezekiel 45:11), so the farmer would receive only a “tithe” of seed – a single ephah from a homer that was ten times the amount.

Fallen & sinful people enjoy man’s “synthetic” creations of alcohol and music, but they don’t notice God’s creation, activities and handiwork. (James 1:17; Deuteronomy 8:11-20)

Sheol/Hades/The Grave represent the place of the dead (Proverbs 1:12).

The life, energy and vibrance of Jerusalem will descend into the grave together.

The Lord is described in His perfect holiness; His army will bring judgment on the sinful

“Lambs” often represent God’s humble people while “strangers” often represent Gentiles



**Satan Redefines Evil to be Viewed As Good**

# Good & Evil Redefined (Isaiah 5:18-30)

<sup>18</sup> Woe to those who drag wrongdoing with the cords of deceit, and sin as if with cart ropes; **“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21)**

<sup>19</sup> Who say, “Let Him hurry, let Him do His work quickly, so that we may see *it*; and let the plan of the Holy One of Israel approach and come to pass, so that we may know *it!*”

<sup>20</sup> **Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!**

<sup>21</sup> Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight!

<sup>22</sup> Woe to those who are heroes in drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing intoxicating drink,

<sup>23</sup> **Who declare the wicked innocent for a bribe, and take away the rights of the ones who are in the right!**

<sup>24</sup> Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes stubble, and dry grass collapses in the flame, so **their root will become like rot, and their blossom blow away like dust; For they have rejected the Law of the LORD of armies, and discarded the word of the Holy One of Israel.**

<sup>25</sup> **For this reason the anger of the LORD has burned against His people, and He has stretched out His hand against them and struck them.** and the mountains quaked, and their corpses lay like refuse in the middle of the streets.

**Despite all this, His anger is not spent, but His hand is still stretched out.**

<sup>26</sup> **He will also lift up a flag to the distant nation, and whistle for it from the ends of the earth; and behold, it will come with speed swiftly.**

<sup>27</sup> No one in it is tired or stumbles, No one slumbers or sleeps; Nor is the undergarment at his waist loosened, Nor his sandal strap broken.

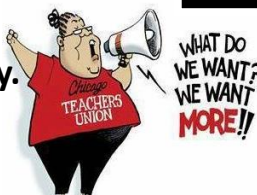
<sup>28</sup> Its arrows are sharp and all its bows are bent; The hoofs of its horses seem like flint, and its *chariot* wheels like a storm wind.

<sup>29</sup> **Its roaring is like a lioness, and it roars like young lions; It growls as it seizes the prey and carries *it* off with no one to save *it*.**

<sup>30</sup> And it will roar against it on that day like the roaring of the sea. If one looks across to the land, behold, there is darkness *and* distress; Even the light is darkened by its clouds.

**The more quickly “wrong” is proclaimed as “right”, the more quickly “right” will be proclaimed as “wrong.”**

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**The symbol of Babylon was the Lion**



**God’s judgment will come upon celebrators in “Gay Pride Parades,” “Burning Man,” Transvestite & Strip Shows who flaunt & revel in their perversions. (Matthew 7:22)**

**Sinners challenge the Lord to fulfill His Word and judge them quickly to prove His reality. Some must experience judgment and sin’s awful consequences before they believe God’s warning.**

Modern Examples of “what is Bad” being called “Good”	
Macro-Evolution	Removing a Creator from creation, liberals believe that a complex world evolved from nothing. They claim to believe “science” while rejecting the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> laws of thermodynamics.
Gender	Instead of being determined by biology, gender is determined by the desire of the individual.
Racism	All racism is wrong; in the name of equality, reverse-racism is amplified.
Sexuality	Homosexual desires are pursued, paraded and aggressively encouraged.
Abortion	Tortuously killing babies to support good mental health for licentious mothers.
Tolerance	Tolerance is redefined as agreement and acceptance of anti-God principles.
Diverse	Inclusion and agreement are praised as long as everyone intellectually rejects the way of God
Divorce	Self-serving divorce is commended instead of faithful commitment
Sacred	Nothing is revered (especially to comedians) but all topics are open to ridicule
Protests	Assertion replaces reason as “love” is used to perpetuate violence against the peaceful
Capital Punishment	Murderers are living comfortably in penitentiaries for several years before being released
Euthanasia	“Mercy killings” result in politicians and physicians preying on the vulnerable

**Liberal schools, media and politicians claim moral superiority while advancing perversions, sin and rebellion against God.**

**Strong men and warriors who relinquish their might to alcohol and substance abuse; people will flaunt their addictions and their lack of self-control.**

**The Lord would call the Assyrians to exile Israel & the Babylonians to exile Judah**



**Invaders have no worldly weakness; no way to stop the onslaught from the foreign invasion.**

**The Cleansing  
Precedes the Calling**

# The Cleansing of Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-7)

**1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.**

**2 Seraphim were standing above Him, each having six wings: with two *each* covered his face, and with two *each* covered his feet, and with two *each* flew.**

**3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of armies. The whole earth is full of His glory."**

**4 And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.**

**5 Then I said, "Woe to me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of armies."**

**6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs.**

**7 He touched my mouth *with it* and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your guilt is taken away and atonement is made for your sin."**



Scripturally, the hem represents righteousness and authority, so it filled the Temple (Ezekiel 43:5) just as His glory fills the whole earth (Isaiah 6:3)

"Holiness" means separation. The Hebrew word for "holy" is qadosh (קָדוֹשׁ) can also be defined as "to cut off/to be cut-off/to be separated".



As soon Isaiah declares his sin, the Lord cleanses him (1 Peter 3:18)

The smoke may represent the shekinah glory (a visible manifestation of God's presence on earth; the divine presence). The word Hebrew word "shekinah" (שְׁכִינָה) means "dwelling" or "one who dwells." The word "shekinah" is not in the Bible, but instead was used by Jewish Rabbis in the Targum.

Although Uzziah/Azariah (2 Kings 15:1, 32) had died (circa 740BC), the true King (2 Chronicles 26:21) was not dead

Uzziah was popular, and it wasn't until Uzziah died the Isaiah saw the Lord.

Some believe that names ending with "-iah" (like Uzziah, Amaziah, Isaiah) were reserved primarily for individuals of royalty. "-iah" infers the covenant name of God (Yahweh).

Seraphim means "to burn" (Isaiah 4:4) only referenced twice in the Bible (Is 6:2, 6:6) in contrast to the cherubim who were referenced more often (Ezekiel 1); four wings covering in humble worship while two wings fly for service.

In the description of the throne room of heaven (Revelation 4:6-9) the four living beasts are in the place of the seraphim and singing the same song ("Holy, Holy, Holy"). The "Trihagion" means "thrice holy".

A "superlative" is a word that implies a degree (biggest/smallest, most/least). The ancient Hebrew language used repetition instead of superlatives.

Of all the descriptors of God, the term "holy" used most often (637 times) in Scripture (30 times in Isaiah is the phrase "Holy One"). The word "Holy" is only repeated back-to-back twice (Revelation 4:8); "holy" is the only attribute of God repeated three times.

After seeing the nature of the Lord, Isaiah realized that he was a wicked sinner.

The term "forgiven" originates from the Hebrew word "Kippur" (כִּפּוּר) which means atonement ("covering").

Unlike other Prophets,  
Isaiah's Call is in Chapter 6

# The Calling of Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8-13)

**8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"**



**9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on listening, but do not understand; and keep on looking, but do not gain knowledge.'**

**10 Make the hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears dull, and their eyes blind, so that they will not see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and return and be healed."**



**11 Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered, "Until cities are devastated and without inhabitant, Houses are without people and the land is utterly desolate,**

**12 The LORD has completely removed people, and there are many forsaken places in the midst of the land.**



**13 Yet there will still be a tenth portion in it, and it will again be *subject* to burning, Like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains when it is cut down. The holy seed is its stump."**

The Trinity is represented in "Who should I send? Who will go for US?"

The plurality of the Trinity (Matthew 28:19-20) is represented with "Us" (Genesis 1:26; Deuteronomy 6:4; Psalm 110:1).

The term "Elohim" is a plural word that occurs nearly 2,750 times in the Old Testament.

When Isaiah asked how long he was to continue to warn the people of coming judgment, the Lord told Isaiah to continue to preach until no people remained and the land was desolate.

The exiles by Assyria of the northern kingdom and by Babylon of the southern kingdom were of God.

Even the remnant will meet destruction, but Jesus (the Holy Seed) will be as steadfast as a stump; it is said that the "Old Testament prophets pruned the excessive growth while John the Baptist laid the axe to the trunk of the tree"

After the cleansing, Isaiah's response was "Send me." Isaiah did not wait until he understood the overall plan of the Lord; instead, Isaiah made himself available regardless of the call.

The responsiveness of the people to God's Word through Isaiah was not a measure of Isaiah's success.

It is not meant for some to truly hear (Mt 13:10-13; Mark 4:12; Lk 8:10, 18; John 12:39; Acts 28:25; Rev 22:11).

Through the preaching of Isaiah, the people would become numb to the truth of God. Each time that the Lord's word is rejected, the heart grows increasingly cold and callous.

The judgment of the nation could be circumvented if the people repented and turned; however, the truth of God would become rote and routine.

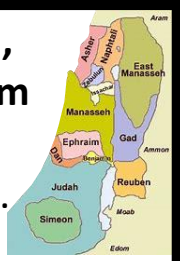
Repentance is a turning from self to a submission to God.

The explicit Hebrew descriptor of the "dull" heart means "fat" (shamen מִשְׁמֵן) heart. The people had a covering over their hearts similar to a callous.

**Isaiah Begins A "History"**

# Syria & Israel Attack Judah (Isaiah 7:1-9)

<sup>1</sup> Now it came about in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to *wage* war against it, but could not conquer it.



<sup>2</sup> When it was reported to the house of David, saying, "The Arameans have taken a stand by Ephraim," his heart and the hearts of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake from the wind.

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shearjashub, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, on the road to the fuller's field,

<sup>4</sup> and say to him, 'Take care and be calm, have no fear and do not be fainthearted because of these two stumps of smoldering logs, on account of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and the son of Remaliah.



<sup>5</sup> Because Aram, *with* Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has planned evil against you, saying,

<sup>6</sup> "Let's go up against Judah and terrorize it, and take it for ourselves by assault and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,"

<sup>7</sup> this is what the Lord GOD says: "It shall not stand nor shall it come to pass.

**Shearjashub would have a brother: Maher-shalal-hash-baz**

<sup>8</sup> For the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin (now within another sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken to pieces, *so that it is no longer a people*),

**65 Years**

<sup>9</sup> and the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you will not believe, you certainly shall not last."

At the time, the southern kingdom of Judah was being attacked by Syria and the northern kingdom of Israel.

Isaiah had prophesied during the reigns of Judah's Kings Uzziah, Jotham and Ahaz.

The northern kingdom of Israel is called "Ephraim" ("being fruitful") after Israel's most powerful tribe.

Each time that Isaiah references Pekah as the "son of Remaliah", Isaiah is emphasizing the point that Pekah's father was not a king, and Pekah was an illegitimate king.

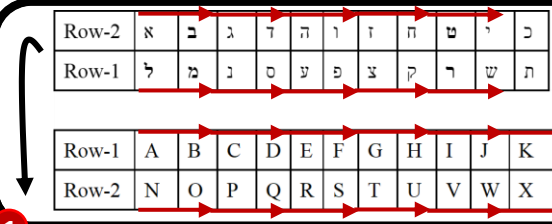
Israel's King Pekah had staged a coup to become King of the Northern Kingdom (2 Kings 15:25), and God used Pekah by sending attacks on Jerusalem (2 Kings 15:37)

Pekah had killed King Azariah in order to usurp power to become King (2 Kings 15:23-25)

The men of Judah were fearful of the northern alliance between Israel and Syria, and the men were "shaking like a leaf."

Isaiah took his son, Shear-jashub ("a remnant shall return") and calmed Ahaz at the same place that later Sennacherib would hurl insults at Hezekiah years later (Is 36:2).

A fuller cleaned and washed laundry. (Isaiah 36:2; 2 Kings 18:17; 2 Chronicles 32:2-4)



The meaning of "TABEEL"

- 1 Transposed means "Remaliah" (Pekah's Father)

- 2 Encrypted means "Babylon"

1 The Hebrew practice of "albam" folds the alphabet into two rows of 11 digits (the Hebrew alphabet is 22 digits), and then mashes the letters together or flips them. The Midrash asserts that "Tabeel" (TBL) is an albam of "Remaliah" (RML) where Reish is used for Tet, Mem is used for Beit, and Lamed stays the same.

2 The encryption splits the alphabet to where a letter from the first half of the alphabet references a corresponding different letter from the second half of the alphabet (or vice versa).

**The Lord Speaks to King Ahaz through Isaiah**

# A Sign for Judah (Isaiah 7:10-25)

<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying,

<sup>11</sup> "Ask for a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; make *it* deep as Sheol or high as heaven."

From "YOUR" God to "MY" God

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I put the LORD to the test!"

<sup>13</sup> Then he said, "Listen now, house of David! Is it too trivial a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well?"

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will name Him Immanuel.

God With Us



King Ahaz could have requested any sign offered from depths to heights (end-to-end); however, Ahaz felt that no sign could give him confidence against Israel/Syria nor stop him from allying with Assyria.

Ahaz feigns piety; however, in reality, Ahaz is saying that it doesn't matter what God says. Instead of obediently "testing" God, Ahaz instead "tests" God's patience. (2 Chronicles 28:22)

<sup>15</sup> He will eat curds and honey at the time He knows *enough* to refuse evil and choose good.

<sup>16</sup> For before the boy knows *enough* to refuse evil and choose good, the land whose two kings you dread will be abandoned.



😊 GOOD  
☹ BAD

<sup>17</sup> The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah—the days of the king of Assyria."

<sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD will whistle for the fly that is in the remotest part of the canals of Egypt and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

A primary god of Egypt was "the fly". While Egypt was as bothersome as a fly, the Assyrians would be as harmful and painful as a bee.

<sup>19</sup> They will all come and settle on the steep ravines, on the ledges of the cliffs, on all the thorn bushes, and on all the watering places.



<sup>20</sup> On that day the Lord will shave with a razor, hired from regions beyond the Euphrates River (*that is*, with the king of Assyria), the head and the hair of the legs; and it will also remove the beard.

Symbolizes Poverty

<sup>21</sup> Now on that day a person may keep alive *only* a heifer and a pair of sheep;

<sup>22</sup> and because of the abundance of the milk produced he will eat curds, for everyone who is left within the land will eat curds and honey.

<sup>23</sup> And it will come about on that day, that every place where there used to be a thousand vines, *valued* at a thousand *shekels* of silver, will become briars and thorns.



Thorns and briars represent the consequences of sin (Genesis 3:18)

<sup>24</sup> People will come there with bows and arrows, because all the land will be briars and thorns.

<sup>25</sup> As for all the hills which used to be cultivated with the plow, you will not go there for fear of briars and thorns; but they will become a place for pasturing oxen and for sheep to trample.

Under the auspices of being "religious," Ahaz disobeyed God's clear command.

This sign may reference a natural birth with supernatural timing.

The "future" sign foretold of Jesus being called Immanuel (Matthew 1:22-23).

The immediate application may have been a young woman who was a virgin that was soon to be taken as a wife either of Ahaz – in which case this may have been the mother of Hezekiah, the godly King or of the Prophet Isaiah with the prophetess (Isaiah 8:1-4)

The "future sign" was meant for the "House of David" (Isaiah 7:13) about the Messiah born of a virgin (Genesis 3:15)

"Silver" represents "redemption" inferring value; these "vineyards" were worthless (Isaiah 5:1-7)

The child would represent God's presence in the immediate while also being God incarnate at the nativity of "Immanuel" ("God with us") Isaiah 9:6

The Hebrew term "bethulah" (בְּתוּלָה) is the word for "virgin" (Isaiah 23:4) which is not used in this verse. Instead, the Hebrew term "almah" (עַלְמָה) is used in this passage. "Almah" is the Hebrew word meaning "a young woman of marriageable age" which implies virginity.

**Dependable  
versus Erratic**

# Shiloah versus the Euphrates (Isaiah 8:1-15)

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to me, "Take for yourself a large tablet and write on it in ordinary letters: Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

<sup>2</sup> And I will take to Myself faithful witnesses for testimony, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."

<sup>3</sup> So I approached the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. Then the LORD said to me, "Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz;

<sup>4</sup> for before the boy knows how to cry out 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoils of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria."

<sup>5</sup> Again the LORD spoke to me further, saying,

<sup>6</sup> "Inasmuch as **these people have rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah** and rejoice in Rezin and the son of Remaliah;

<sup>7</sup> Now therefore, behold, **the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and abundant waters of the Euphrates River, That is, the king of Assyria and all his glory; and it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks.**

<sup>8</sup> Then it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass through, it will reach as far as the neck; and the spread of its wings will fill the expanse of your land, Immanuel.

<sup>9</sup> "Be broken, you peoples, and be shattered; and listen, all remote places of the earth. Get ready, yet be shattered; Get ready, yet be shattered.

<sup>10</sup> Devise a plan, but it will fail; State a proposal, but it will not stand, For God is with us."

<sup>11</sup> For so the LORD spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

<sup>12</sup> "You are not to say, '*It is a conspiracy!*' Regarding everything that this people call a conspiracy, and you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of *it*."

<sup>13</sup> It is the LORD of armies whom you are to regard as holy.

and He shall be your fear, and He shall be your dread.

<sup>14</sup> Then He will become a sanctuary; but to both houses of Israel, **He will be a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense**, and a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

<sup>15</sup> Many will stumble over them, then they will fall and be broken; They will be snared and caught."



"Ma-her-shalal-hash-baz" is the longest name in Scripture and means "speeding to the plunder" or "hurrying to the spoil" because Assyria would soon begin their conquest of Israel (Isaiah 8:18)

The term "Ma-her-shalal-hash-baz" was used by conquering armies after they had defeated and conquered opposing armies; this term encouraged "now to the plunder and spoils of the defeated."

Two witnesses were appointed (Deut 19:15): Uriah ("Jehovah is my light"), Zechariah ("Jehovah remembers") the son of Jeberechiah ("Jehovah will bless")

Uriah was the high priest of King Ahaz, and he was just as wicked. (2 Kings 16:10-16)

God had sent Isaiah with his son, Shear-jashub (Isaiah 7:3, 16), to calm Ahaz. Now Shear-jashub has a brother, Maher-shalal-hash-baz after Isaiah was intimate with "the" prophetess

Zechariah would have also have been esteemed and well known (it could have been the father-in-law of Ahaz or the Levitical priest)

Shiloah (meaning "Peace") is synonymous with Siloam, a small steady stream flowing down into Jerusalem from Mt. Moriah (where Isaac was offered, and a man born blind was healed - John 9:11)

Assyria was located on the east side of the Euphrates which was the largest river in the Middle East flowing for 1,740 miles from eastern Turkey to the Persian Gulf



Assyria would be uncontrollable by Jerusalem who had allied with them to defeat Israel and Syria. While being overwhelmed by Assyria, God is called "Immanuel" ("God is with us")

Three times the people are told to do what they like to prepare, and then "be broken"; plans and predictions will fail because Immanuel – "God is with us." God's presence brings blessing and accountability.



Every Disciple was from Zebulun except Judas

# The Coming Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:1-16)

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no *more* gloom for her who was in anguish. In earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He will make *it* glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them.

<sup>3</sup> You will multiply the nation, You will increase their joy; They will rejoice in Your Presence as with the joy of harvest, As *people* rejoice when they divide the spoils.

<sup>4</sup> For You will break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the marching warrior in the roar of battle, And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For a Child will be born for us, a Son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. the zeal of the LORD of armies will accomplish this.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord sends a message against Jacob, and it falls on Israel.

<sup>9</sup> And all the people know *it*, *That is*, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, Asserting in pride and in arrogance of heart:

<sup>10</sup> "The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with smooth stones; The sycamores have been cut down, but we will replace *them* with cedars."

<sup>11</sup> Therefore the LORD raises superior adversaries against them from Rezin and provokes their enemies,

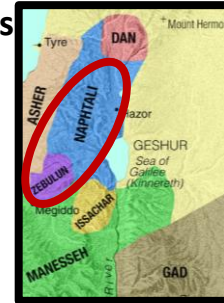
<sup>12</sup> The Arameans from the east and the Philistines from the west; and they devour Israel with gaping jaws. in *spite of* all this, His anger does not turn away, and His hand is still stretched out.

<sup>13</sup> Yet the people do not turn back to Him who struck them, Nor do they seek the LORD of armies.

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD cuts off head and tail from Israel, *both* palm branch and bulrush in a single day.

<sup>15</sup> The head is the elder and esteemed man, and the prophet who teaches falsehood is the tail.

<sup>16</sup> For those who guide this people are leading *them* astray; and those who are guided by them are confused.



Nazareth (Jesus' childhood) was in Zebulun, and Capernaum (Jesus' headquarters) was in Naphtali (2 Kings 15:29, Mt 4:13-17, 1 Chronicles 5:26, 2 Kings 15:19-20)

The Midianites were defeated by Gideon's men with the sound of a trumpet, a shout and a flash of a bright light in a dark place (Judges 7:20)

The attire of the soldier will no longer be necessary for fighting, so they can be made useful be stoking a useful flame.

As the strongest tribe, Ephraim was an idiom for northern kingdom. As the capital city of the northern kingdom, Samaria was an idiom for the northern kingdom.

The people did not turn to God when they were judged because the leaders misled them; both the Head (the Leaders) as well as the Tail (the Lying Teachers and False Prophets)

Although Assyria would invade the promise land through the territory of these northern tribes, God would also reveal His glorious tribes.

Armageddon will also be a horrific scene with:  
1. trampling boots of battle  
2. bloodied garments  
3. fire (Isaiah 66 and Joel 2)

There is a human aspect in "a child will be born for us" and a spiritual aspect with "a son given to us."

They knew of their idolatrous practices in rebellion against the one true God, and yet, they pridefully aspired to overcome God's judgment.



The "Assyrian" is a type of Anti-Christ

# Judgment by/on Assyria (Isaiah 10:1-16)

<sup>1</sup> Woe to those who enact unjust statutes and to those who constantly record harmful decisions,  
<sup>2</sup> So as to deprive the needy of justice and rob the poor among My people of *their* rights, so that widows may be their spoil and that they may plunder the orphans.  
<sup>3</sup> Now what will you do in the day of punishment, and in the devastation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? and where will you leave your wealth?  
<sup>4</sup> Nothing *remains* but to crouch among the captives or fall among those killed.  
**In spite of all this, His anger does not turn away and His hand is still stretched out.**  
<sup>5</sup> Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hands is My indignation,  
<sup>6</sup> I send it against a **godless nation** and commission it against the people of My fury to capture spoils and to seize plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets.  
<sup>7</sup> Yet it does not so intend, Nor does it plan so in its heart, but rather it is its purpose to destroy and to eliminate many nations.  
<sup>8</sup> For it says, "Are not my officers all kings?"  
<sup>9</sup> Is not Calno like Carchemish, or Hamath like Arpad, or Samaria like Damascus?  
<sup>10</sup> As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols, whose carved images *were greater* than those of Jerusalem and Samaria,  
<sup>11</sup> Shall I not do the same to Jerusalem and her images just as I have done to Samaria and her idols?"  
<sup>12</sup> So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, *He will say,* "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the arrogant pride of his eyes."  
<sup>13</sup> For he has said, "By the power of my hand and by my wisdom I did *this*, because I have understanding; and I removed the boundaries of the peoples and plundered their treasures, and like a powerful man I brought down *their* inhabit:  
<sup>14</sup> And my hand reached to the riches of the peoples like a nest, and as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the earth; and there was not one that flapped its wing, opened *its* beak, or chirped."  
<sup>15</sup> Is the axe to boast itself over the one who chops with it? Is the saw to exalt itself over the one who wields it? *That would be* like a club wielding those who lift it, or like a rod lifting *the one who* is not wood.  
<sup>16</sup> Therefore the Lord, the God of armies, will send a wasting disease among his stout warriors; And under his glory a fire will be kindled like a burning flame.  
<sup>17</sup> And the Light of Israel will become a fire and Israel's Holy One a flame, And it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day.



**Assyria would ultimately be defeated at Carchemish**

The political system is misguided and misused as the leaders exploit the weakest citizens (the poor; the orphans; the widows); Judges are meant to represent God's statutes on earth (2 Chron 19:6, Dt 19:17, Ezra 7:25)

Assyria was used by God for His purpose, but it is still accountable for its pride

Assyria is symbolic of the future "king of the north" (Daniel 11:6-40) who shall come against Israel in the final days

Assyria compared Yahweh to the false gods of defeated nations

Pride was Assyria's Downfall

Israel's sinful leaders have no refuge when others who are stronger attack and plunder them. "The Day of Visitation" will be a judgment of the world.

Israel is called a "godless nation" although Israel had adopted many false gods of the neighboring nations

Assyria compared countries of current victories with historic victories; Calno was city of Nimrod (Gen 10) and Carchemish was where (in 606 BC) Babylon defeated Assyria; Hamath became subject to Assyria at the battle of Qarqar in 854 BC (2 Kings 14:28; Amos 6:2) and Arpad also fell to Assyria (king Tiglath-pileser II) after a siege of three years (B.C. 742)

Although the nations could not defend against the King of Assyria, God would send a plague against them.





# Prophecy of Jesus (Isaiah 11:1-10)

<sup>1</sup> Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.

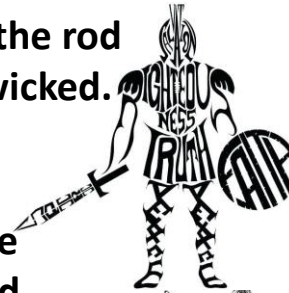


<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD <sup>1</sup> will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom <sup>2</sup> and understanding, <sup>3</sup> The spirit of counsel <sup>4</sup> and strength, <sup>5</sup> The spirit of knowledge <sup>6</sup> and the fear of the LORD. <sup>7</sup>



<sup>3</sup> And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, and He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make decisions by what His ears hear;

<sup>4</sup> But with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the humble of the earth; and He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.



<sup>5</sup> Also righteousness will be the belt *around* His hips, and faithfulness the belt *around* His waist.

<sup>6</sup> And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fattened steer *will be* together; and a little boy will lead them.



<sup>7</sup> Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.



<sup>8</sup> The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> Then on that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, who will stand as a signal flag for the peoples; and His resting place will be glorious.

Salinity (salt), temperature and pressure result in water's force. At sea level, water pressure is 14.5 pounds per square inch while one mile deep averages 2,500 pounds per square inch (PSI).

The family tree with Jesse as the "humble stem," and the "netzer" (branch) is Jesus who was a poor Nazarene (Matthew 2:23) that became a live fruitful sprout

The complete (sevenfold) nature of the Spirit (Revelation 1:4)

The fear of the Lord reveals an understanding of the Lord's sovereignty & power

He will discipline from His mouth; at Jesus' second coming, he will smite the anti-Christ (Rev 1:16, 2 Thes 2:8)

Righteousness & faithfulness will both be Christ's belts at His second coming.

*"From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron"* (Revelation 19:15)

Faithfulness enables His hems to be girded up for mobility and action while righteousness will be the surrounding belt over all.

The predator and the prey will harmoniously co-exist

This is similar to the armor of God where truth represents the belt (Ephesians 6:14)

These animal pairings are consistent later in Isaiah as well (Isaiah 65:25); all of the fear and aggression will dissipate.

When Jesus rules in the millennium, everyone on earth will have deep knowledge of the Lord. (Jeremiah 31:34; Hebrews 8:11)

The earth is going to be restored to the state prior to the fall.

Water Density is based on salinity (salt)

Water density is 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, but ocean water with salt is 1027 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Less dense & warmer water float above denser, cooler water

***“For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.” (Isaiah 11:9)***

- Salinity (saltiness), temperature and pressure result in water’s force
- At sea level, air is pressing the human body at 14.5 pounds per square inch, but this is being counterbalanced by the fluids in the body pushing outward with the same force.
- For every additional 33 feet of depth, another atmosphere of pressure is added.
- The water pressure for one mile deep into the ocean averages about 2,500 pounds per square inch (PSI).
- The deepest part of the ocean is in the Mariana(s) Trench located in the western Pacific Ocean at 6.831 miles deep where the pressure reaches over 15,000 pounds per square inch.

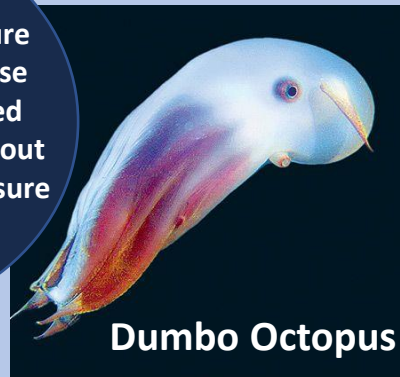


**Ghostfish**



**Barreleye/Spookfish**

These creatures survive because pressure is about balance & these creatures are composed primarily of water (without air pockets), so the pressure differential remains balanced.

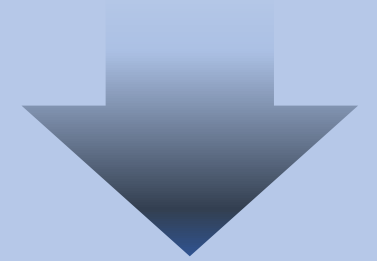


**Dumbo Octopus**

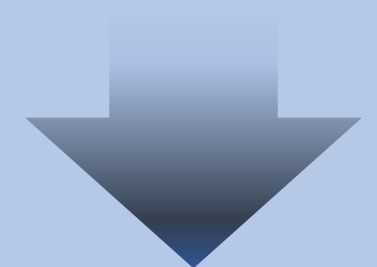


**Giant Toxic Amoebas**

**An Additional Pound of Pressure occurs every 33 feet in depth**



**1 Mile Deep is 2,500 pounds per square inch (PSI)**



**Water pressure at 6.831 miles deep is 15,000 PSI**

# Oracles Against the Nations

The Oracles Against the Nations (Chapters 13-23)		
1.	Isaiah 13-14:23	Babylon
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**Jeremiah's  
"Prophecy against  
the Nations"  
Chapters 46-51**

**Ezekiel's  
"Prophecies against  
the Nations"  
Chapters 25-32**

**Daniel's  
"Visions against  
the Empires"  
Daniel 2:31-35  
& 7:1-8**

*"From His mouth comes  
a sharp sword, so that  
with it He may strike  
down the nations."  
(Revelation 19:15)*

# Lucifer Thrown Out Of Heaven (Isaiah 14:12-21)

<sup>12</sup> How you have fallen from heaven, You star of the morning, son of the dawn! **You have been cut down to the earth**, You who defeated the nations!



<sup>13</sup> **But you said in your heart, 'I will<sup>1</sup> ascend to heaven; I will<sup>2</sup> raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will<sup>3</sup> sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north.**



<sup>14</sup> **I will<sup>4</sup> ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will<sup>5</sup> make myself like the Most High.'**



<sup>15</sup> Nevertheless **you will be brought down to Sheol**, to the recesses of the pit.

<sup>16</sup> **Those who see you will stare at you, they will closely examine you, saying, 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,**



<sup>17</sup> Who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?'

<sup>18</sup> All the kings of the nations lie in glory, each in his own tomb.

<sup>19</sup> **But you have been hurled out of your tomb like a rejected branch, clothed with those killed who have been pierced with a sword, who go down to the stones of the pit like a trampled corpse.**



<sup>20</sup> **You will not be united with them in burial, because you have ruined your country, you have killed your people.**

**May the descendants of evildoers never be mentioned.**

<sup>21</sup> **Prepare a place of slaughter for his sons** because of the wrongdoing of their fathers. they must not arise and take possession of the earth, and fill the surface of the world with cities."

The word for serpent in Genesis 3:1 means "shining one"; a very attractive and shiny being.

The Hebrew word *nāḥāš* (נָחָשׁ) means glittery/shiny and can be synonymous with bronze, copper or brass.

Satan is covered with nine precious gems (Ezekiel 28:13) which correlated to the gems of the priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:17-20)

Gems listed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> row of the priest's breastplate are missing from Lucifer's description

Lucifer's Fall		
1.	Lucifer once served in heaven	(Ez 28:12, 14)
2.	Lucifer was moved out of heaven but continued having access to God	(Ez 28:16, Job 1-2)
3.	Lucifer was finally thrown out of heaven and grounded to this world	(Rev 12:9)
4.	Lucifer will be bound in the abyss for a thousand years	(Rev 20:1-3)
5.	Lucifer will be thrown into hell	(Mt 25:41; Rev 20:7-10)

Satan ends up visibly weak; this is possibly the anti-Christ who was powered by Satan (1 John 4:4)

Powerful kings throughout history are now dead, but at least they were buried in their own tombs.

Satan is thrown out like a worthless branch (unlike the growing fruitful Netzer (Jesus - Isaiah 11:1)

Lucifer desired to exalt his own name, but he will not be celebrated or remembered into eternity.

The wicked people of Israel were passing idolatrous practices to their children, so the Lord would end their lineage - stopping generational idolatry.

In the immediate sense, Nebuchadnezzar's lineage would only last briefly to Belshazzar before it ended.

# Biblical References to Lucifer

Names of the Evil One		
Job 1:6	Satan	“Adversary” = Fifty-two times in Scripture
Isaiah 14:12	Son of the Morning	Only once in Scripture
Isaiah 14:12	Day Star	Translated Lucifer
Revelation 22:16	Morning Star	Similar to Isaiah’s “Day Star”
Ezekiel 28:14	The Anointed Cherub	Walked among the stones of fire
Matthew 4:1	The Devil (“Slanderer”)	Only appears in the New Testament
Revelation 12:10	Accuser of God’s People	Watching to accuse before God
Matthew 4:3	Tempter	Attempts to tempt even Jesus
Matthew 12:24	Beelzebub	Meaning “Lord of the Flies/Dung”
Matthew 13:19	The Evil One	Snatching God’s Word from men
2 Corinthians 6:15	Belial	The inference is “vileness.”
Matthew 13:39	Enemy	Sows rebels among believers
John 8:44	Father of Lies	There is no truth in him
Revelation 12:9	Deceiver of the Whole World	Persuader of an unbelieving world
2 Corinthians 11:14	Angel of Light	Deceptive appearance
John 8:44	Murderer	He murdered in the Garden of Eden
Revelation 9:11	Abaddon/Apollyon	Angel of the Abyss
Matthew 9:34	Ruler of Demons	Taking 1/3 of the Angels (Rev 12:4)
John 14:30	Ruler of This World	Authority of this world (1 John 5:19)
Ephesians 2:2	Ruler of the Air	Kingdom of the air is current wicked world
2 Corinthians 4:4	God of This Age	Earth will pass away (1 Pet 3:10; Lk20:34-35)
1 Peter 5:8	Roaring Lion	Seeking prey
Revelation 12:9	Dragon	Old Serpent

**Philistia (Philistines)  
lived southwest of Israel**

**28 In the year that King Ahaz died,  
this pronouncement came:**

**29 "Do not rejoice, Philistia,  
all of you, because the rod  
that struck you is broken;  
For from the serpent's  
root a viper will come out,  
And its fruit will be a winged serpent.**

**30 Those who are most helpless will eat,  
And the poor will lie down in security;  
I will kill your root with famine,  
And it will kill your survivors.**

**31 Wail, you gate; cry, you city;  
Melt away, Philistia, all of you!**

**For smoke comes from the north,  
And there is no straggler in his ranks.**

**32 What answer will one give  
the messengers of the nation?  
That the LORD has founded Zion,  
And the poor of His people  
will take refuge in it."**



**While the hungry will  
be fed and the needy  
will be secure, the  
foundation of the  
Philistines would  
be destroyed.**



**The smoke from the  
north might be a  
reference to the dust  
being tramped up by a  
huge army marching  
through the desert.**

**The Roman Emperor  
Hadrian called the land  
of Israel "Palestine" after  
Israel's historic foe (the  
Palestinians) after the  
Bar Kokhba revolt (132-  
135AD), but there were  
no Philistines.**

# Judgment on Philistia (Isaiah 14:28-32)

**King Ahaz died in 715BC; the  
northern kingdom of Israel was  
exiled by Assyria in 722BC**

**Philistia might have broken the rod of one  
master (Exodus 4:1-4, 7:8-13), but another  
master will come in the first one's place.**

**The Philistines did not  
survive the  
Babylonian captivity.**

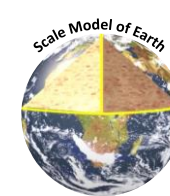
- **Israel's Saw-scale Vipers** are on the "top ten" list of the snakes with the deadliest venom; painful burning bite, reddish color, death by internal bleeding, leaping (flying) strike
  - When disturbed it coils and rubs its rough saw-scales together to create a rasping or buzzing warning.
  - It then will leap (fly) toward the intruder with great speed at a distance that is much greater than its small size would indicate.
- The term used in Scripture as "poisonous snakes" is literally "fiery serpent" which in Hebrew is very close relation to "Seraph" whose plural is Seraphim (Is 6:2-6).



- Poisonous snakes bit Israelites, but those who looked upon the brass snake were saved (Numbers 21:4-9)
- Saw-scale vipers are responsible for more human deaths than any other snake.



# The Symbolism of the “Great Pyramid”



*“In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD at its border. It will be a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt. When they cry to the LORD because of oppressors, he will send them a savior and defender, and deliver them.”*

Isaiah 19:19-20

The Hebrew alphabet is numerical & Gematria is a calculation of summing the Hebrew letter) the value of the gematria for Isaiah 19:19-20 is the value 5449.

That is the same height of the Great Pyramid in pyramid inches (to the original summit platform)

If the base of the pyramid is measured from one corner to another corner, the base is 365.242 cubits long which is the exact amount of time it takes for the earth to circle the sun in a year of 365.242 days.

The Hebrew term “Matstebah” can mean pillar or monument. The center of Egypt is also her border. Egypt was separated into upper (fertile Nile-Delta) and lower Egypt (desert of Egypt) – the Pharaoh would wear one crown for the north and a different one for the south. The city on this designated line was “Giza” which means “border” (now Cairo)

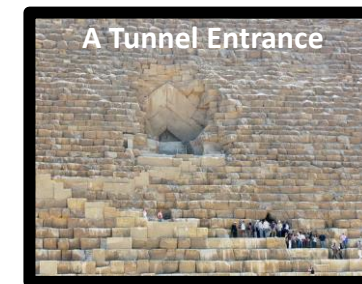
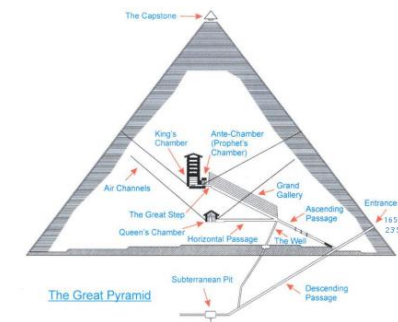
The Great pyramid (485 feet high and 761 feet 8 inches wide) is built there with 144,000 white marble stones which are laid so precise that it could not be duplicated with modern technology (the stone cracks are so close together that laser tools could not duplicate).

The dimensions of the pyramid correlate to pi  $\pi$  in 54 different ways; many of the aspects of design are also found at “stone henge” – it is thought that both places share the same builders – legend has it that this was possibly Seth.

The passages are used as allegories to display the gospel; for instance, one can go down the Pyramid’s descending passage way until coming to a fork with ascending and descending passages. The ascending passage is blocked by a granite plug while the descending passage continue to a place with a deeper well.

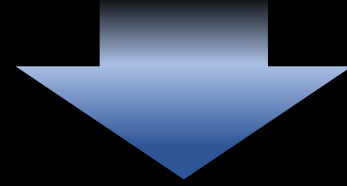
The capstone of the Great Pyramid is missing (similar to the cornerstone). *“What are you, you great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring out the cap stone with shouts of “Grace, grace to it!””* (Zechariah 4:7)

The sides of the pyramid line up exactly with the earth’s meridians.



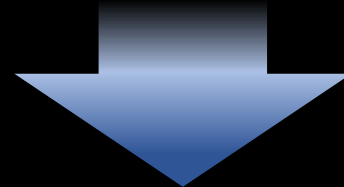
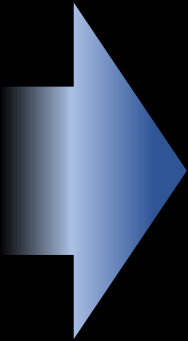
To measure the blocks, 1 Royal Cubit equated to 1.86 Feet. If the diameter of the earth were divided 25 million times, it would equate to the exact measurement of a single block/a single royal cubit. The cubit is 1/25,000,000th the diameter from polar end of the earth to the other polar end.

## 922BC Northern & Southern Kingdom Divide



Kings of Assyria Chronology		
Years of Reign	Assyrian King	References
745-727BC	Tiglath-Pileser III (Pul)	2 Kings 15:19, 29-30; 16:7-10; 1 Chron 5:6, 26; 2 Chron 28:20
727-722BC	Shalmaneser V	2 Kings 17
722-705BC	Sargon II	2 Kings 17
705-681BC	Sennacherib	2 Kings 18

722BC Northern Kingdom  
is Exiled by Assyria



605BC, 597BC, 586BC Southern Kingdom Exiled by Babylon



# The “Little Apocalypse”

- Transition from national focus to worldwide in what is termed “The Little Apocalypse” of chapters 24-27
- The term “*Apocalypse*” means to “*Unveil*” as when the Temple curtain was torn (Luke 23:44-45) or when Rebekah saw Isaac (Genesis 24:64-65). The gospel remains veiled for those who are perishing (2 Corinthians 4:3).

Unlike Revelation, the majority of this passage is on rejoicing instead of judgment

This passage can also be viewed as the summation of the “Oracles of the Nations” (Chapters 13-23)

The “Little Apocalypse”		
Isaiah 24	Judgment on the Whole Earth	} Tribulation
Isaiah 25	God Swallows Up Death	
Isaiah 26	Joy for God’s People	} Celebration
Isaiah 27	Israel will be Exalted	

**Symbolic of the Tribulation**

# Judgment on the Earth (Isaiah 24:1-17)

<sup>1</sup> Behold, the LORD lays the earth waste, devastates it, twists its surface, and scatters its inhabitants.

The "earth" (Hebrew "erets") is the focus of this chapter.

<sup>2</sup> And the people will be like the priest, the servant like his master, the female servant like her mistress, the buyer like the seller, the lender like the borrower, the creditor like the debtor.

<sup>3</sup> The earth will be completely laid waste and completely plundered, for the LORD has spoken this word.

The Word of God creates & destroys

<sup>4</sup> The earth dries up *and* crumbles away, the mainland dries out *and* crumbles away, the exalted of the people of the earth dwindle.



<sup>5</sup> The earth is also defiled by its inhabitants, for they violated laws, altered statutes, *and* broke the everlasting covenant.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live on it suffer for their guilt. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth decrease in number, and few people are left.

<sup>7</sup> The new wine mourns; the vine decays, All the joyful-hearted sigh.

<sup>8</sup> The joy of tambourines ceases; the noise of revelers stops; the joy of the harp ceases.

<sup>9</sup> They do not drink wine with song; Intoxicating drink is bitter to those who drink it.

<sup>10</sup> The city of chaos is broken down; Every house is shut up so that no one may enter.

<sup>11</sup> There is an outcry in the streets concerning the wine; **All joy turns to gloom. The joy of the earth is banished.**

<sup>12</sup> Desolation is left in the city and the gate is battered to ruins.

<sup>13</sup> For so it will be in the midst of the earth among the peoples; as the shaking of an olive tree; as the gleanings when the grape harvest is over.

<sup>14</sup> They raise their voices, they shout for joy; they cry out from the west concerning the majesty of the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore glorify the LORD in the east, The name of the LORD, the God of Israel; In the coastlands of the sea.

<sup>16</sup> From the ends of the earth we hear songs: "Glory to the Righteous One," but I say, "I am finished! I am finished! Woe to me! The treacherous deal treacherously, and the treacherous deal very treacherously."

<sup>17</sup> Terror and pit and snare confront you, you inhabitant of the earth.

"It is finished" (John 19:30)

Politicians, Hollywood, mainstream media, liberal teachers continue in their arrogant deception

The Lord's judgment on sin often brings eviction and exile, so in the same way, the people of the earth would be scattered as He destroys the earth.

The planet will be "distorted" as in shaken, stirred and turned upside down.

The Lord is no respecter of persons and will punish authority and subordinate alike (Isaiah 24:2)

	Subordinate	Authority
1	People	Priest
2	Servant	Master
3	Maid	Mistress
4	Buyer	Seller
5	Lender	Borrower
6	Creditor	Debtor

Sin is the greatest "environmental threat" to the earth ('erets). (Genesis 6:5, 11; Numbers 35:33; Jeremiah 3:1)



There are no superlatives in Hebrew, so repetition is used in Isaiah 24:3 "*Erets (the earth) baqaq baqaq (emptied emptied) bazaz bazaz (plundered plundered) Yahweh (God's covenant name) dabar dabar (Word Word).*"

Believers are to keep themselves from being polluted by this world (Isaiah 24:5)

1.	Transgressed	The Law/Teachings	Moral Laws
2.	Overstepped	The Ordinance/Decrees	Positive Statutes
3.	Frustrated	The everlasting covenant	National Covenant

Although olive trees and grape vines were expected to be filled with harvests, they would be bare as the world would experience a physical (as well as a spiritual) famine.

*"The earth is also defiled by its inhabitants, for they violated laws, altered statutes, and broke the everlasting covenant." (Isaiah 24:5)*

# "Everlasting Covenants"

## "Everlasting Covenants" in Scripture (עוֹלָם: בְּרִית - 'ōwlām bəṛîṭ)

Genesis 9:16 (Noah)	<i>"The bow will be in the clouds, and I will look at it and remember the <b>everlasting covenant</b> between God and all the living creatures on earth."</i>
Genesis 17:7 (Abram)	<i>"I will keep My <b>covenant</b> between Me and you, and your future offspring throughout their generations, as an <b>everlasting covenant</b> to be your God and the God of your offspring after you."</i>
Genesis 17:13 (Abram)	<i>"My <b>covenant</b> will be marked in your flesh as an <b>everlasting covenant</b>."</i>
Genesis 17:19 (Abram)	<i>"But God said, "No. Your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will name him Isaac. I will confirm My <b>covenant</b> with him as an <b>everlasting covenant</b> for his future offspring."</i>
2 Samuel 23:5 (David)	<i>"Is it not true my house is with God? For He has established an <b>everlasting covenant</b> with me, ordered and secured in every detail. Will He not bring about my whole salvation and my every desire?"</i>
1 Chronicles 16:16-17 (Abraham)	<i>"The covenant He made with Abraham, swore to Isaac, and confirmed to Jacob as a decree, and to Israel as an <b>everlasting covenant</b>:"</i>
Psalms 105:9-10 (Abraham)	<i>"The covenant He made with Abraham, swore to Isaac, and confirmed to Jacob as a decree and to Israel as an everlasting covenant:"</i>
Isaiah 24:5 (Inhabitants in Jerusalem)	<i>"The earth is polluted by its inhabitants, for they have transgressed teachings, overstepped decrees, and broken the <b>everlasting covenant</b>."</i>
Isaiah 55:3 (David)	<i>"Pay attention and come to Me; listen, so that you will live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the promises assured to David."</i>
Isaiah 61:8 (Inhabitants in Jerusalem)	<i>"For I Yahweh love justice; I hate robbery and injustice; I will faithfully reward them and make an <b>everlasting covenant</b> with them."</i>
Jeremiah 32:40 (God's Regathered People)	<i>"I will make an <b>everlasting covenant</b> with them: I will never turn away from doing good to them, and I will put fear of Me in their hearts so they will never again turn away from Me."</i>
Jeremiah 50:5 (God's Regathered People)	<i>"They will ask about Zion, turning their faces to this road. They will come and join themselves to the LORD in an <b>everlasting covenant</b> that will never be forgotten."</i>
Ezekiel 16:60 (Inhabitants in Jerusalem)	<i>"But I will remember the <b>covenant</b> I made with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an <b>everlasting covenant</b> with you."</i>
Ezekiel 37:26 (God's Regathered People)	<i>"I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be <b>everlasting covenant</b> with them. I will establish and multiply them and will set My sanctuary among them forever."</i>
Hebrews 13:20 (Believers)	<i>"Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus—the great Shepherd of the sheep—with the blood of the <b>everlasting covenant</b>,"</i>

# Chapters 40-43: The Transition to Israel's Transformation & Restoration

- Israel had failed to live faithfully with the Lord through the first section of Isaiah, so now God's answer (the solution) is introduced.
- The transfer of ownership from man's fallen nature to God's holy nature.
- The transfer from Israel being called to be the servant of God to God's introduction of a new servant (Isaiah 42). Then man is posed with a question as to whom they will serve idols or God's servant (Isaiah 44-53).
- Chapter 40 changes from condemnation of past generations to consolation (comfort and blessing) to a future generation
- George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) referenced Isaiah 40 various times in Handel's Messiah

Structure of Latter Section of Isaiah				
Chapters 40-66 New Testament	Chapters 40-48 (Comfort)	Chapters 40-42		
		Chapters 43-45		
		Chapters 46-48		
	Chapters 49-57 (Servant)	Chapters 49-51		
		Chapters 52-54	Chapter 52	
			Chapter 53	Isaiah 53:5
			Chapter 54	
	Chapters 58-66 (Glory)	Chapters 55-57		
		Chapters 58-60		
		Chapters 61-63		
Chapters 64-66				

***“But He was pierced for our offenses,  
He was crushed for our wrongdoings;  
The punishment for our well-  
being was laid upon Him, and  
by His wounds we are healed.”  
(Isaiah 53:5)***

***“Chiastic Structure”***



### **The Earth is Round**

*"He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth" (Isaiah 40:22)*

### **The Planet's Core is Hot**

*"The earth, from which food comes, is transformed below as by fire."  
(Job 28:5)*

### **The Earth Floats in Space**

*"He spreads out the northern skies over empty space; he suspends the earth over nothing." (Job 26:7)*

## **Scripture is Confirmed by Science**

### **Hydrological Cycle**

*"All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again."  
(Ecclesiastes 1:7)*

*"He calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land."  
(Amos 9:6)*

*"He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams; the clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall on mankind."  
(Job 36:27-28)*

### **Difference in Heavenly Bodies**

*"The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor."  
(Corinthians 15:41).*

### **Atoms Consist of Invisible Particles**

*"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (Colossians 1:17)*

### **Quarantines Contain Diseases**

*"Isolate the affected person for seven days" (Leviticus 13:1-5).*

### **Running Water Purifies**

*"He shall then wash his clothes and bathe his body in running water and will become clean." (Leviticus 15:13)*

**The Lord Redeems & Sustains His People**

# God Will Care for His People (Isaiah 41:8-20)

<sup>8</sup> “But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, Descendant of Abraham My friend,  
<sup>9</sup> You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth and called from its remotest parts, and said to you, ‘You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

**Jesus considers His followers as His friends (John 15:14-15)**

**Although the Lord will judge His people, He will not abandon them; after the diaspora, He will bring them together**

**Those who come against God are decreased to nothing (Isaiah 41:24; Genesis 12:3)**

<sup>10</sup> **Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will also help you, I will also uphold you with My righteous right hand.**

“How Firm a Foundation”

<sup>11</sup> Behold, all those who are angered at you will be shamed and dishonored; Those who contend with you will be as nothing and will perish.



<sup>12</sup> You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them, **Those who war with you will be as nothing and non-existent.**

<sup>13</sup> **For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand, Who says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’**

<sup>14</sup> **Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you people of Israel; I will help you,” declares the LORD, “and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.**



<sup>15</sup> Behold, I turned you into a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges; You will thresh the mountains and pulverize them, and make the hills like chaff.

<sup>16</sup> You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away, and the storm will scatter them; but **you will rejoice in the LORD, You will boast in the Holy One of Israel.**

<sup>17</sup> **“The poor and needy are seeking water, but there is none, and their tongues are parched with thirst. I, the LORD, will answer them Myself; as the God of Israel I will not abandon them.**



<sup>18</sup> I will open rivers on the bare heights, and springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land fountains of water.

<sup>19</sup> I will put the cedar in the wilderness, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive tree; I will place the juniper in the desert, together with the elm tree and the cypress,

<sup>20</sup> **So that they may see and recognize, and consider and gain insight as well, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.**

## God Says “I Will...” (Isaiah 41)

Isaiah 41:10	“I will strengthen you...”
Isaiah 41:10	“I will help you...”
Isaiah 41:10	“I will uphold you with My righteous right hand”
Isaiah 41:15	“I will make you into a new threshing sledge”
Isaiah 41:18	“I will open rivers on the bare heights.”
Isaiah 41:18	“I will make the wilderness a pool of water.”
Isaiah 41:19	“I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive”
Isaiah 41:19	“I will set in the desert the cypress”

**As with a child, God holds our hand as we walk through this life (Is 41:10; 42:6; 64:7; Hosea 11:3; Psalms 37:24; 73:23; 77:2; 139:10)**

**Although God’s people are described as worms, they have a powerful redeemer. Jesus is the believer’s Goel (Kinsman Redeemer) who paid their debt (Rev 5; Ruth 3:9)**

**The Lord would provide His people with living water (Jer 17:13; 1 Corinthians 10:4; John 4:4, 14, 7:37-38).**



**A threshing sledge is used to grind wheat, and the Lord would grind His enemies & blow them away as chaff.**

**During the millennium, there will be forests instead of deserts. Seven trees that are indigenous to Israel are listed: 1.Cedar 2.Acacia 3.Myrtle 4.Olive 5.Cypress 6.Elm 7. Box**

**All of the world will see the blessings of the world and realize that the One True God has done this.**

# The Suffering Servant of Isaiah

*Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."  
... From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go  
to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests  
and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.*

**Matthew 16:16. 21**

<b>The Four Servant Songs of Isaiah</b> (The Suffering Servant of Jesus)	
1. Isaiah 42:1-9	Introduction to the Servant of God
2. Isaiah 49:1-13	The Messiah's Accomplishments as the Servant
3. Isaiah 50:4-11	The contrast of Israel's Sin with the Servant's Obedience
4. Isaiah 52-53:12	The suffering sacrifice and victory of the Servant
Israel could not fulfill the role as a servant (Isaiah 41:8; 44:1-2), but a Messiah would fulfill the role of a Servant (Acts 3:13).	

**Israel had failed to be the servant that God had called them to be,  
so God introduced a new servant.**

# The Servant of God's Mission

(Isaiah 42:1-4; 59:15-16)

Reference	What He will do...	What He will not do...	Meaning
Is 42:1	Bring <b>Justice</b> to the nations		
Is 42:2		Cry out, shout nor make His voice heard in the streets	As a fully informed and truthful judge, He will not win justice by argument and emotion
Is 42:3		Break a bruised reed	A worthless instrument not seen as having value; the meek of this world will not be abused by Him
Is 42:3		Put out a smoldering wick	Trimming the Lamp while it still has a little spark; those with a small amount of faith will not be cut off
Is 42:3	Faithfully bring <b>Justice</b>		
Is 42:4		Grow weak	He bore the sins of the world
Is 42:4		Be discouraged	He persevered through antagonism and persecution - even to death
Is 42:4	Establish <b>Justice</b> on Earth		



## Another Side of God's Nature (Isaiah 45:7 versus Psalm 145)

Sovereignty of God	Genesis 18:14, Jeremiah 32:27, Jeremiah 32:17, Job 23:13, Psalms 115:3, 135:6 Daniel 4:35, Luke 1:37, Mt 19:26
God Created All Things	Colossians 1:16, Revelation 4:11, Romans 11:36
God Creates Unpleasant Things	Isaiah 45:7; Exodus 4:11
God Uses Lying Spirits	1 Kings 22:22; 2 Chronicles 18:21, 2 Thessalonians 2:11
God Uses Evil Spirits	1 Samuel 16:14, 15, 16, 23 & 18:10 & 19:9
God Causes Some to Suffer and Fail	Exodus 21:13; 2 Chronicles 15:6, 21:14-16, 25:8; Job 5:18, 9:24, 12:14-25; Ps 71:20, 80:5-6; Ecclesiastes 7:13-14 ; Isaiah 19:2&22, 42:24; Jeremiah 11:11, 29:17-19, 32:23, 42, 44:27, 45:5; Lamentations 1:5, 12, 3:37-38; Ezekiel 4:16-17, 5:10, 7:9, 14:9, 23; Zechariah 7:10; 1 Peter 3:17, 4:17; Acts 9:15-16; John 9:3
Hearts are Swayed by God for His Purposes	Ephesians 1:11; Psalms 33:15, 105:25; Isaiah 63:17; Jeremiah 32:39-40; 1 Kings 18:37; Revelation 17:17

*"Now then, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours; and the LORD has declared disaster against you." (1 Kings 22:23)*

*"Therefore, fathers will eat their sons among you, and sons will eat their fathers; for I will execute judgments on you and scatter all your remnant to every wind." (Ezekiel 5:10)*

*"Now the Spirit of the Lord left Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrified him."  
(1 Samuel 16:14)*

*"Now it came about on the next day that an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul..."  
(1 Samuel 18:10)*

*"He turned their heart to hate His people, to deal cunningly with His servants." (Psalm 105:25)*

*"Nation was crushed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every kind of distress."  
(2 Chronicles 15:6)*

*"Therefore this is what the Lord says: "Behold, I am bringing disaster on them which they will not be able to escape; though they will cry out to Me, I will not listen to them."  
(Jeremiah 11:11)*

Jews First & then Gentiles

Gentile nations

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Servant Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 49:1-13)

## The Four Servant Songs of Isaiah

1.	Isaiah 42:1-9	Introduction to the Servant of God
2.	Isaiah 49:1-13	The Messiah's Accomplishments as the Servant
3.	Isaiah 50:4-11	The contrast of Israel's Sin with the Servant's Obedience
4.	Isaiah 52-53:12	The suffering sacrifice and victory of the Servant

Israel could not fulfill the role as a servant (Isaiah 41:8; 44:1-2), but a Messiah would fulfill the role of a Servant (Acts 3:13).

Each song begins with the "Sovereign Lord" or the "Lord God"

Isaiah 49:3 is a transition from a call of the Servant to the nation (Israel) who is delivering the servant to show God's glory to redeem His people with Christ's blood.

The servant nation of Israel struggled to be a testimony, and in the end, God needed to provide another Servant who could fulfill His purpose.

God used Israel to bring His Servant as a Messiah, and the Messiah would bring Israel (Jacob symbolizing self-effort) to Himself.

The Messiah would be rejected by His nation of Israel, but Kings and Princes would ultimately bow down because of the faithfulness of the Lord. (Philippians 2:10-11; Romans 14:11).

The Lord Jesus would provide the new covenant for restoration and inheritance of God's people (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

The Good Shepherd (Psalm 23; John 10:11-18)

<sup>1</sup> Listen to Me, you islands, and pay attention, you peoples from afar.

**The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me.**

<sup>2</sup> He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; And He has also made Me a sharpened arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver.



<sup>3</sup> He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel, In whom I will show My glory."

<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent My strength for nothing and futility; Nevertheless, the justice *due* to Me is with the LORD, And My reward is with My God."

<sup>5</sup> And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him

The Servant Savior would transcend Israel to offer Salvation to the Gentiles

(For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and My God is My strength),

<sup>6</sup> He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the protected ones of Israel; I will also make

You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel *and* its Holy One, Says to the despised One, To the One abhorred by the nation, To the Servant of rulers: "Kings will see and arise, Princes will also bow down, because of the LORD who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You."

<sup>8</sup> This is what the LORD says: "At a favorable time I answered You, And on a day of salvation I helped You; and I will watch over You and make You a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to give as inheritances the deserted hereditary lands;



<sup>9</sup> Saying to those who are bound, 'Go free,' To those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' They will feed along the roads, and their pasture *will be* on all bare heights.

<sup>10</sup> They will not hunger or thirst, nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; for He who has compassion on them will lead them, and He will guide them to springs of water.



<sup>11</sup> I will make all My mountains a road, and My highways will be raised up.

<sup>12</sup> Behold, these will come from afar; and behold, these *will come* from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Aswan."

<sup>13</sup> Shout for joy, you heavens! And rejoice, you earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.

# God's Faithful Witness of Judgment (Isaiah 50:1-11)

<sup>1</sup> "Where is the certificate of divorce by which I have sent your mother away? Or to whom of My creditors did I sell you? Behold, you were sold for your wrongdoings, and for your wrongful acts your mother was sent away.

<sup>2</sup> Why was there no one when I came? When I called, *why* was there no one to answer? Is My hand so short that it cannot redeem? Or do I have no power to rescue? Behold, I dry up the sea with My rebuke, I turn rivers into a wilderness; Their fish stink for lack of water, and die of thirst.



<sup>3</sup> I clothe the heavens with blackness, and make sackcloth their covering."

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples, so that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.



<sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened My ear, and I was not disobedient, Nor did I turn back.

<sup>6</sup> I gave My back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pull out My beard; I did not hide My face from insults and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> For the Lord GOD helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have made My face like flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed.

<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other. Who has a case against Me? Let him approach Me.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps Me; Who is he who condemns Me? Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; A moth will eat them.

<sup>10</sup> Who is among you who fears the LORD, Who obeys the voice of His servant, Who walks in darkness and has no light?

Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God

<sup>11</sup> Behold, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourself with flaming arrows, Walk in the light of your fire and among the flaming arrows you have set ablaze. This you will have from My hand: You will lie down in torment.



God refers to Israel as the adulterous wife who might be divorced (Hosea chapters 1-2).

God asks Israel to show Him the bill of divorce, but Israel cannot show the evidence that He divorced her. Instead, Israel sold themselves into slavery because of their iniquity.

Three Speakers of the Trinity	
1. Isaiah 50:1-3	Jehovah/God the Father
2. Isaiah 50:4-9	The Suffering Servant
3. Isaiah 50:10-11	The Holy Spirit

In ancient days, a father could sell his child to the one who he owes, but the Heavenly Father is saying that he has not done that – there is no bill of sale (Isaiah 52:3). God has the ability to pay and deliver.

Although Israel didn't listen to God's call, the Suffering Servant listened for God's message each morning. Quiet times at the beginning of each day are so important for hearing His instruction (Gen 19:27; Ex 8:20; 24:4; 34:4; Job 1:5; 7:18; Ps 5:3; 63:1; Is 26:9; Mt 6:33; 20:1; Jn 8:2; Acts 5:19-21 → Jeremiah 7:13)

God's people should open their ears to hear as they open their hearts to obey.

The phrase "setting my face like a flint" infers unwavering in spite of the challenge. "Flint" is viewed as being extremely hard (Ezekiel 3:9)

The Suffering Servant needs no other supporter than the Father; those who condemn are temporal and deficient. (Romans 8:31, 14:4)

God's obedient people should take comfort in Him no matter how bleak the situation or sad the emotions. Those who feel lost without understanding should lean on Jesus.

If a person tries to find his own light (his own understanding), and light his own way; he will feel the heat of God's light in an altogether different way – torment (Rev 14:9-10)

Listen to the Lord & Trust His Promises

# Fear God – not Men (Isaiah 51:1-13)

<sup>1</sup> “Listen to Me, <sup>1</sup> you who pursue righteousness, who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain; when *he was only one* I called him, then I blessed him and multiplied him.”

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her ruins. and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of a melody.

<sup>4</sup> “Pay attention to Me, My people, and listen to Me, <sup>2</sup> My nation; For a law will go out from Me, and I will bring My justice as a light of the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands will wait for Me, and they will wait expectantly for My arm.

<sup>6</sup> Raise your eyes to the sky, then look to the earth beneath; for the sky will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants will die in the same way. But My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not fail.

<sup>7</sup> Listen to Me, <sup>3</sup> you who know righteousness, a people in whose heart is My Law; Do not fear the taunting of people, nor be terrified of their abuses.

<sup>8</sup> For the moth will eat them like a garment; Yes, the moth will eat them like wool. But My righteousness will be forever, and My salvation to all generations.”

<sup>9</sup> Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; Awake as in the days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not You who cut Rahab in pieces, Who pierced the dragon?

<sup>10</sup> Was it not You who dried up the sea, The waters of the great deep; Who made the depths of the sea a pathway for the redeemed to cross over?

<sup>11</sup> And the redeemed of the LORD will return and come to Zion with joyful shouting, and everlasting joy *will be* on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

<sup>12</sup> “I, I Myself, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you are afraid of mortal man, and of a son of man *who is made like grass,*



<sup>13</sup> That you have forgotten the LORD your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, that you fear continually all day long because of the fury of the oppressor, as he makes ready to destroy? And where is the rage of the oppressor?

God encouraged the Israelites to reflect on their humble beginnings through a single pilgrim, Abraham who was married to a barren wife, but the Lord blessed and multiplied him into a great nation (Genesis 15:5, 22:17; Hebrews 11:12)

Just as God called Abraham to look ahead in faith, God calls Israel to also look ahead in faith with the knowledge of God’s past blessings on their nation.

*“Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.” (Romans 3:27)*

God’s Salvation & Righteousness	
Isaiah 51:5	<i>“My righteousness is near; My salvation has gone forth.”</i>
Isaiah 51:6	<i>“My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not wane.”</i>
Isaiah 51:8	<i>“My righteousness will be forever, and My salvation to all generations.”</i>



“Rahab” is often viewed as a poetic name for Egypt.



The Sea symbolizes the chaotic world system (Is 57:20). God enables His people to pass through the tests of this world (Ps 66:12, 124:4-5) without being overwhelmed (Isaiah 43:2, 16).

Two creatures named “Rahab” are mentioned in the Bible:

The prostitute Rahab of Jericho who bore Boaz (Joshua 2 & 6, Mt 1:5, Heb 11:31, James 2:25)

The Rahab in Job 9:13 (“the proud or boisterous one”) who was a legendary sea serpent/dragon (Leviathan - Job 7:12; Job 41) that was conquered at the time of creation (Job 26:12, Ps 89:10, Is 51:9)

The Leviathan is described in Job 41 with characteristics of Satan (41:4, 33-34).

Water was created prior to the Genesis Creation account and the Sea Serpent may have been as well.

**"The only man-made thing in heaven will be the scars of Christ"**

# God Redeems His People

(Isaiah 52:1-15)

**1 Awake, awake, Clothe yourself in your strength, Zion; Clothe yourself with your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, the holy city; for the uncircumcised and the unclean will no longer come into you.**

**2 Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, Captive Jerusalem; Release yourself from the chains around your neck, Captive daughter of Zion.**



**3 For this is what the LORD says: "You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money."**

**4 For this is what the Lord GOD says: "My people went down to Egypt first to reside there; then the Assyrian oppressed them without reason.**

**5 And now, what do I have here," declares the LORD, "seeing that My people have been taken away without reason?" Again the LORD declares, "Those who rule over them howl, and My name is continually reviled all day long.**

**Sitting on the cursed ground (Genesis 3:17-19) in the dust is a sign of mourning (Job 2:13).**

**Zion can now be who the Lord chose her to be instead of how the people of the world defined & mocked her.**

**The Lord calls His people to wake up from their spiritual slumber. (Mark 13:35-36; Romans 13:11-12; 1 Thes 5:6; Isaiah 29:10)**

**6 Therefore, My people shall know My name; therefore on that day I am the one who is speaking, 'Here I am.'"**

**God Quotes Isaiah 6:8**

**7 How delightful on the mountains are the feet of one who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**

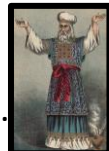
**After conquering Jerusalem (70AD), Vespasian minted a number of coins with insignia's that visualized Israel's defeat.**

**One such coin depicted a woman sitting in the dust, with this inscription, "Judaea Capta."**

**Because of their sin, Israel sold themselves into slavery without value for no return (Isaiah 50:2). God redeems His people with Christ's blood (1 Peter 1:18).**



**8 Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, They shout joyfully together; For they will see with their own eyes when the LORD restores Zion.**



**During the 400 year captivity of Israel, Assyria may have defeated Egypt and the Pharaoh of Egypt may have become Assyrian (Isaiah 52:4; Exodus 1:8)**

**Paul quotes verse 7 when he discusses the expansion of the gospel (Romans 10:13-15)**

**Isaiah 52:10 is likened to a man "rolling up his sleeves" to go to work, or a mighty man baring his biceps to show strength.**

**9 Be cheerful, shout joyfully together, You ruins of Jerusalem; For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.**

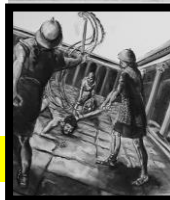
**10 The LORD has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, So that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God.**

**11 Depart, depart, go out from there, Do not touch what is unclean; Go out of the midst of her, purify yourselves, You who carry the vessels of the LORD.**

**12 But you will not go out in a hurry, Nor will you go as fugitives; For the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.**

**13 Behold, My Servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly**

**14 Just as many were appalled at you, My people, so His appearance was marred beyond that of a man, and His form beyond the sons of mankind.**



The Three Times of "Behold, My Servant"	
Isaiah 42:1	"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations."
Isaiah 52:13	"Behold, My Servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted."
Matthew 12:18	"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations."

**15 So He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; For what they had not been told, they will see, and what they had not heard, they will understand.**



**Jesus was so disfigured that his face did not even resemble a man (Isaiah 50:6; Micah 5:1 → Luke 4:16, 37; John 20:15; 21:4) giving the appearance of a lamb that had been slain (Rev 5:6)**

Philip witnesses this chapter (Acts 8:32-33)



# Jesus is the "Suffering Servant" (Isaiah 53:1-12)

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground; He has no *stately* form or majesty that we would look at Him, Nor an appearance that we would take pleasure in Him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and abandoned by men, a man of great pain and familiar with sickness; and like one from whom *people* hide their faces, He was despised, and we had no regard for Him.

<sup>4</sup> However, *it was* our sicknesses *that* He Himself bore, and our pains *that* He carried; Yet we ourselves assumed that He had been afflicted, struck down by God, and humiliated.

<sup>5</sup> But He was pierced for our offenses, He was crushed for our wrongdoings; The punishment for our well-being *was laid* upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the wrongdoing of us all to fall on Him.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered? That He was cut off from the land of the living *for the wrongdoing of my people, to whom the blow was due?*

<sup>9</sup> And His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

<sup>10</sup> But the LORD desired to crush Him, causing *Him* grief; If He renders Himself *as a guilt offering*, He will see *His offspring*, He will prolong *His days*, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

<sup>11</sup> As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it and* be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, for He will bear their wrongdoings.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and He will divide the plunder with the strong, Because He poured out His life unto death, and was counted with wrongdoers; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the wrongdoers.

Only Biblical reference of Jesus' physical appearance



The arm of the Lord is His strength which is Jesus; in John 12:37-38, this references unbelievers.



The "arm" is where the work of the will is carried out, but Israel was not expecting a Suffering Servant; instead they were anticipating a military leader.

Jesus as a "young" plant (also translated "tender") filled with the living water (Zechariah 3:8; John 15:1; Rev 5:5) in a desert land (Isaiah 60:21). The dry ground represents the desert/wilderness of Israel's spiritual state.

Peter quotes this verse in reference to spiritual healing (1 Peter 2:24)

## His Death for Man (Isaiah 53:5)

Pierced	Transgressions	(Zechariah 12:10; Ps 89:32)
Crushed	Iniquities	(Ps 34:18; 74:14; Rom 16:20; 2 Cor 4:8)
Punished	Peace	(2 Cor 2:6; 1 Jn 4:18)
Wounded	Healing	(Dt 32:39; Job 5:18)

## The healing ministry of Jesus (Matthew 8:16-17)

Jesus was pierced for the transgressions of each sinner (Zechariah 12:10; Psalm 89:32)

Jesus bore the griefs and sorrows of His people so that they wouldn't need to bear what He has already bore.

His crucifixion occurred between two wicked thieves (Lk 23:32) and the wealthy Joseph of Arimathea (Lk 23:51) buried Jesus in a tomb within the city

The Righteous One/The Servant is Jesus who was sinless and will justify many whose sins He bore.

Through His anguish, the Messiah extended the family of God

The Messiah did not retaliate (John 19:9); instead, Jesus entrusted Himself to the Father's will (1 Peter 2:23).



# The Sinful Lifestyles of “God’s People”

In ancient society (as also in modern society) without truth, a man must either accept, tolerate and encourage the wickedness of the culture (i.e., abortion, homosexuality, licentiousness, transvestites, etc.) or the man would become a target for the mob, media and merchants.

Justice is warped and skewed to support man’s sin (Is 42:1-4; 61:8).

The Sins of God’s People (Isaiah 57-59)		
1.	Chapter 57	Adulterous Idolatry
2.	Chapter 58	Selfish, Insincere Fasting
3.	Chapter 59	Injustice
<i>These may have been written during the reign of King Manasseh – the most wicked King of Judah.</i>		

***“But the wicked are like the tossing sea,  
For it cannot be quiet,  
And its waters toss up refuse and mud.  
‘There is no peace,’ says my God, ‘for the wicked.’ ”  
(Isaiah 47:20-21)***

**Self-centered Fasting vs. Selfless Fasting**

# True Fasting (Isaiah 58:3-12)

<sup>3</sup> 'Why have we fasted and You do not see? *Why* have we humbled ourselves and You do not notice?' Behold, on the day of your fast you find *your* desire, and oppress all your workers.

Strife, impatience, anger & demands reveal pride & self-focus

<sup>4</sup> Behold, you fast for contention and strife, and to strike with a wicked fist. You do not fast like *you have done* today to make your voice heard on high!

A fast should focus on God & others (not one's self).

<sup>5</sup> Is it a fast like this that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it for bowing one's head like a reed and for spreading out sackcloth and ashes as a bed? Will you call this a fast, even an acceptable day to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is this not the fast that I choose: To release the bonds of wickedness, To undo the ropes of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke?



A fast is meant to deny one's self and relieve someone of the bonds of sin & addiction.

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to break your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will spring up quickly; and your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; You will cry for help, and He will say, 'Here I am.' If you remove the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness,



<sup>10</sup> And *if* you offer yourself to the hungry and satisfy the need of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness, and your gloom *will become* like midday.

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

A true fast includes sacrificing for others instead of serving one's self

<sup>12</sup> Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will be called the repairer of the breach, The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.



"All drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ." (1 Corinthians 10:4)

God's people asked why the Lord had not blessed their fasts while on the day of their fasts, they sought their own desires and mistreated others around them.

Blessings should not be expected when doing the right things for the wrong reasons.

God calls His people to sincere humility instead of showcasing one's sacrifice.

1. God
2. Others

The "Fasting" that God encourages is doing His work in spreading freedom in Christ versus bondage to self, flesh, desires (Isaiah 58:6)



1	To break the chains of wickedness
2	To untie the ropes of the yoke (Mt 11:29-30)
3	To set the oppressed free,
4	To tear off every yoke (Gal 5:1)
5	To share your bread with the hungry
6	To bring the poor and homeless into your house
7	To clothe the naked when you see him
8	To not ignore your own flesh and blood?

Freedom Needs

James 1:27

The Babylonian exiles rebuild Jerusalem (Ezra 3:10-11) as would every time Israel was exiled (1948, the millennium).

God will hear the prayers of those who sincerely fast (in contrast to Isaiah 59:2).

God calls His people to stop cursing, gossiping and accusing each other.

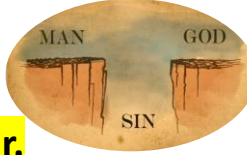


Sin is an Obstacle to God

# The Sin of God's People (Isaiah 59:1-8)

**1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not so short that it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull that it cannot hear.**

**2 But your wrongdoings have caused a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.**



**3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with wrongdoing; Your lips have spoken deceit, Your tongue mutters wickedness.**



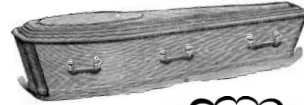
**4 No one sues righteously and no one pleads honestly. They trust in confusion and speak lies; They conceive trouble and give birth to disaster.**



**5 They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; The one who eats of their eggs dies, and from what is crushed, a snake breaks out.**



**6 Their webs will not become clothing, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works are works of wrongdoing, and an act of violence is in their hands.**



**7 Their feet run to evil, and they hurry to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of wrongdoing, Devastation and destruction are in their paths.**



**8 They do not know the way of peace, and there is no justice in their tracks; They have made their paths crooked, whoever walks on them does not know peace.**



The sovereign God can act and the omniscient God can hear what they are saying.

God's lack of action is not because He lacks the power or knowledge of the situation.

Sin hinders effective prayers; God does not actively listen when His people are living in sin (Isaiah 1:15; Zechariah 7:13)

The hands (action) and mouth (speech) are not meant to be used for sin

Not all eggs are beneficial; eggs of the adder, viper & serpent are dangerous and deadly. These eggs bring death instead of nourishment.

Followers of wicked leaders do not experience peace.

The Sins of the Israelites (Isaiah 59:3-13)		
1.	Isaiah 59:3	Hands of Blood (murder/cruelty)
2.	Isaiah 59:3	Spoke Falsehoods (gossip/false doctrine)
3.	Isaiah 59:4	Unrighteous Lawsuits
4.	Isaiah 59:4	Dishonest Positioning for Court/Media
5.	Isaiah 59:4	Trust in Confusion
6.	Isaiah 59:4	Lies
7.	Isaiah 59:4	Wicked Plans of Evil Intent
8.	Isaiah 59:6	Violence
9.	Isaiah 59:7	Rush to Evil
10.	Isaiah 59:7	Hurt Innocent People
11.	Isaiah 59:7	Thoughts of Iniquity
12.	Isaiah 59:8	Chaos and Crooked
13.	Isaiah 59:8	No Justice

Failed societies misuse legislative systems; courtrooms are not about justice, but instead, they are simply based on word games. The innocent are judged, and the guilty are rewarded.

Although spider webs are beautiful and intricate, they are not useful for clothing or cover for safety. In fact, spider webs are death traps for the spider to kill those who are ensnared. Man's attempts of righteousness do not please God

The "Good News" (Gospel)  
in Greek is "Euangelion"

# Anointed by God (Isaiah 61:1-11)

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD anointed me to bring good news to the humble; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim release to captives and freedom to prisoners;

<sup>2</sup> To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,

The year of Jubilee  
(Leviticus 25:10)

<sup>3</sup> To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the cloak of praise instead of a disheartened spirit. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

<sup>4</sup> Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

<sup>5</sup> Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, and foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers.

<sup>6</sup> But you will be called the priests of the LORD; You will be spoken of *as* ministers of our God.

You will eat the wealth of nations, and you will boast in their riches.

<sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame *you will have a double portion*, and *instead of* humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a **double portion** in their land, everlasting joy will be theirs.

<sup>8</sup> For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery in the burnt offering; and I will faithfully give them their reward, and make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup> Then their offspring will be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples. **All who see them will recognize them because they are the offspring whom the LORD has blessed.**

<sup>10</sup> I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,

As a groom puts on a turban, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth produces its sprouts, and as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up,

So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The term "Messiah" means the "anointed one."



Jesus came for the outcasts who had no ability to help themselves (the afflicted, broken-hearted, captives, prisoners)

Some Judged -  
Some Rewarded

The Burnt Offering symbolizes total dedication – anything less is Theft



Jesus references this verse about Himself (Luke 4:16-21; 7:18-23) which descended on Jesus at the beginning of His ministry with John's baptism (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:22; John 12:32).

The kinsman redeemer pays for his relative's debt while the avenger of blood settles the debts of others to his relative (Numbers 35; Deuteronomy 19:15, 19).

God's people are referenced as "oaks of righteousness" with the Planter (predestination) being God Himself.

The first born received a double portion of blessing (Deuteronomy 21:7). God's people (Israel) are recognized as His firstborn (Exodus 4:22), and the New testament church is called "the church of the firstborn." (Hebrews 12:23)

The world will recognize God's chosen as His priests (1 Peter 2:5, 9; Revelation 1:6, 5:10; 20:6)

Throughout Scripture, clothing has spiritual meaning such as the "robe of righteousness" (Job 29:14; Revelation 19:8; Isaiah 59:17; 64:6; Psalm 132:9)

The Spirit of Yahweh Adonai is referenced; Yahweh is the covenant name "I am" while "Adonai" is the term of respect that Jews utilized to reference Yahweh. "Adonai" is in Scripture 434 times with 200 of those being in Ezekiel.

Jesus read this passage (Luke 4:18-19) as it relates to His first coming – Jesus stopped reading before He got to the avenger of blood because that relates to His second coming at the end of time (1 Thessalonians 4:6).

The term "oak" speaks of "strength" as one who will stand for righteousness.