

Monday, December 1

Introduction to Isaiah

Author: Isaiah, a prophet to the Southern Kingdom of Judah

Date Written: Isaiah prophesied from 740-680 BC, during the reigns of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah and Manasseh.

Theme of the Book: Salvation

Outline of the Book:

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| I. Chastening of God | (1-39) |
| II. Comfort of God | (40-66) |

Key Chapters:

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| 6 | Isaiah's call and commissioning |
| 13 | Judgment of Babylon |
| 24 | Judgment of the earth in the tribulation |
| 36-37 | Deliverance of Hezekiah and Judah from Sennacherib |
| 40-48 | Deliverance promised to Israel |
| 53 | Suffering Servant (Jesus Christ) |
| 66 | Glorious future in Zion; the consummation of history |

Key Passages:

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| 7:14 | The virgin birth of Immanuel |
| 9:6 | The birth and reign of the Prince of Peace |
| 11:1-5 | The righteous reign of the Branch from Jesse's roots |
| 53:4-6 | "The Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him" – the <u>Vicarious Redeemer</u> |
| 64:6 | Total depravity of man; "righteous deeds are like a filthy garment" |

Key People:

Isaiah Prophet to Judah

Summary Statement: "At the heart of Isaiah's message is God's purpose of grace for sinners. If that ultimate miracle is accepted — and one cannot be a Christian without accepting it — then a lesser miracle is no barrier. Indeed, the prophet making predictions of future events is not a problem; it is, as Isaiah intended it to be, encouraging evidence of God's sovereign salvation intercepting a sinful world." – *The ESV Study Bible, Crossway, 2001.*

Isaiah 1

- Background information:
 - o Who is Isaiah?
 - o Who is he writing to?
 - o What is the theme of the book?
- What are some of the negative ways Isaiah describes his audience's condition in this chapter?
- How does Isaiah advise them to change/fix their current state?
- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:1***

verse - "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgement."
- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Write out the verse
 - o Recite the Category

Wednesday, December 3

Isaiah 2

- Keep in mind that when Isaiah refers to “the last days,” that he is speaking about the millennium kingdom (Micah 4:1-3). This time is after the rapture, after the tribulation, and after the 2nd coming of Christ. During this time, Satan is bound for 1,000 years and Jesus rules on earth!
- What do you learn about Israel and these “last days?”

- Now, read what John wrote about this time period in Revelation 20:1-10.

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:1***

verse - “Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgement.”

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Memorize the verse

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month

P & J S

- P. Serves in pastoral training in the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) to equip local pastors to accurately handle the Word of God in their ministries.

Thursday, December 4

Isaiah 3-4

- What are two characteristics of God that really stand out to you from this passage? What makes these attributes stand out?

- In what ways do you see Isaiah rebuking the following that put their trust/hope in....
 - o ...power

 - o ...riches

 - o ...beauty

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:1***
verse - "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgement."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative
 - o Include the Category

Friday, December 5

Isaiah 5

- In the "Parable of the Vineyard"....
 - o ...Who is the owner?
 - o ...Who is the vineyard?
 - o ...How did the owner care for the vineyard?
 - o ...How did vineyard respond to that care?

- What lessons are to be learned from the "Parable of the Vineyard?"

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:1***
verse - "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgement."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share w/ them!

Saturday, December 6

Isaiah 6

- In your own words, describe Isaiah's vision.
- How has this passage caused you to have a heart of thankfulness to the Lord?
- What about this passage should spur you own to a more faithful service to the Lord?

Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, December 7

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church. Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

Monday, Monday December 8

Isaiah 7

- Use the **"Introduction to Isaiah"** page to answer the following questions:
 - o What is the theme of the book?
 - o When you look at the outline for this book, which section is today's chapter in? Why is that an appropriate section title?
 - o How does what you learn today communicate the theme of the book and how does it fit into the outline section? Write out some specific examples.
 - o Write out the key verse from this chapter.

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:2***

Verse - "For we stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well."
- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
 - o Remember the Category → The effects of true saving faith.
 - o Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

Tuesday, December 9

Isaiah 8

- What are some of the commands that the Lord gives to Isaiah in this chapter? Do you think he obeyed the Lord? Why or why not?
- What are some of the commands of the Lord that you are currently struggling to obey? List some practical ways that you can overcome and have victory to obey
- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:2***
Verse - "For we stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well."
- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Write out the verse
 - o Recite the Category

Wednesday, December 10

Isaiah 9

- How does the Lord plan to save Israel from the 'darkness' they are walking in?

- Now, Read John 1:4-16 and answer the following...
 - o ...how does Isaiah 9 help you understand why John wrote what he did in John 1:4-16?

 - o ...what did God do to make sure everyone knew that Jesus is the light?

 - o ...how did the world respond to the Light?
 - Why would anyone reject the Light?
 - What happens to those who receive the Light (vs 12)?

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:2***

Verse - "For we stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Memorize the verse

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month

P. & J S.

Pray for their upcoming summits and retreats.

Pray for the young adult ministry at a local church as P. will be teaching.

Thursday, December 11

Isaiah 10

- List some of the reasons why God was displeased with Israel.

- Who did God raise up to judge Israel?
 - o What will happen to this nation after they fulfill God's plan for them?

 - o Why will this happen?

- What hope does God give to Israel in this chapter?

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:2***

Verse - "For we stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well."

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Friday, December 12

Isaiah 11-12

- What do you learn about the Messiah from these chapters?
- Spend some time “praying through chapter 12 as a way to express your thankfulness to the Lord for all that He has done and for all He will do!
- **Verse of the Week: James 3:2**
Verse - “For we stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.”
- **Task(s) for Today:**
 - o From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share w/ them!

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, December 14

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

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Monday, December 15

Isaiah 14:29 - 16:14

- Describe what is happening in today's passage in our own words.
- List some of the nations, events, and judgments Isaiah communicates.
- **Verse of the Week: James 3:3**
Verse - "Now if we put bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well."
- **Task(s) for Today:**
 - o Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
 - o Remember the Category → The effects of true saving faith.
 - o Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

Tuesday, December 16

Isaiah 17:1-20:6

- Write down three observations from today's reading.
- How has this passage caused you to have a heart of thankfulness to the Lord?
- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:3***
Verse - "Now if we put bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well."
- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Write out the verse
 - o Recite the Category

Wednesday, December 17

Isaiah 21:1-23:18

- How does what you read today encourage you about the events of the world surrounding us?

- How does Proverbs 21:1 fit into today's reading?

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:3***

Verse - "Now if we put bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Memorize the verse

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month

.P. & J. S.

Pray for their children as they create new routines after a long furlough in the US.

Isaiah 24

- Use the **“Introduction to Isaiah”** page to answer the following questions:
 - o What is the theme of the book?
 - o When you look at the outline for this book, which section is today's chapter in? Why is that an appropriate section title?
 - o How does what you learn today communicate the theme of the book and how does it fit into the outline section? Write out some specific examples..

- Write out a verse that really stood out to you from the passage. Spend some time 'praying' through this verse as a way to meditate on the richness of it.

- **Verse of the Week: James 3:3**
Verse - "Now if we put bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well."

- **Task(s) for Today:**
 - o From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative
 - o Include the Category

Friday, December 19

Isaiah 25

- Write down 2 observations about the Lord.
- Write down 2 actions of the Lord from this chapter.
- Write down 2 ways we should respond to the Lord & His actions.
- **Verse of the Week: James 3:3**
Verse - "Now if we put bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well."
- **Task(s) for Today:**
 - o From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

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Saturday, December 20

Isaiah 26-27

- Write down 2 observations about the Lord.
- Write down 2 actions of the Lord from this chapter.
- How does the vineyard of **Isaiah 27:2-6** differ from the vineyard of **Isaiah 5:1-7** ?

Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, December 21

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

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Isaiah 28

- After reading the entire chapter, go back and re-read **Isaiah 28:16** and then study those verses using the **"T.A.N."** method.

- **THEN:**
 - o *What did the passage mean to the original author & audience?*
 - **Tip** --> *how does the passage fit into the overall theme of the book and the context of the chapter?*

- **ALWAYS:**
 - o *What is/are the timeless truth(s) being communicated?*
 - **Tip** --> *use the "THEN" and then relate it to how Christians should apply the "THEN" today*

- **NOW:**
 - o *How do I personally need to respond to the timeless truth?*
 - o *Is there something I need to be doing better or differently in order to apply the timeless truth?*

- **Verse of the Week: James 3:4**

Verse - "Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires."

- **Task(s) for Today:**
 - o Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
 - o Remember the Category → The effects of true saving faith.
 - o Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

Tuesday, December 23

Isaiah 29

- Use the **“Intro to Isaiah”** page to answer the following questions:
 - o What is the theme of the book?
 - o How does what you learn today communicate the theme of the book and how does it fit into the outline section? Write out some specific examples.
 - o What can you apply from today's reading to your walk with the Lord?

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:4***

Verse - “Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.”
- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Write out the verse
 - o Recite the Category

Wednesday, December 24

Isaiah 30-31

- Make a list of the events that occur in this passage.

- Write out a verse that really stood out to you from the passage. Spend some time 'praying' through this verse as a way to meditate on the richness of it.

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:4***

Verse - "Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Memorize the verse

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month

.P. & J. S.

Pray for the transition of new ministry members.

Pray for their teammates in the North African region as they work to equip local pastors.

Thursday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Friday, December 26

Isaiah 32

- In contrast to the bad rulers that Isaiah has been rebuking in the previous chapters....we now get to see the benefits of having a good rule. List five of those benefits that you see in today's reading.
 - o 1e. – verse 16 – Justice & Righteousness

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:4***

Verse - "Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative

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Saturday, December 27

Isaiah 33

- In verses one, what do we learn about any nation that is enlisted as a 'destroyer of Israel?' Why will these nations fail, but a portion of Israel always be preserved?
- What are the victories listed in this chapter for those that are in God's kingdom, enjoying God's rule?

Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, December 28

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

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Monday, December 29

Isaiah 34-35

- What are two characteristics of God that really stand out to you from this passage? What makes these attributes stand out?

- How has this passage caused you to have a heart of thankfulness to the Lord?

- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:5***

Verse - "So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things see how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!"

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it
 - o Remember the Category → The effects of true saving faith.
 - o Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

Tuesday, December 30

Isaiah 36-39

- List the events of these three chapters.
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- Why do you think Isaiah includes this historical interlude in his book?
How does it contribute to the theme he is communicating?
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Verse of the Week: James 3:5

Verse - "So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things see how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!"

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Write out the verse
 - o Recite the Category

Wednesday, December 31

Psalm 90

- This Psalm was written by Moses most likely during the 40 years of wilderness wanderings. What do you think prompted Moses to write it? What does he lament and ask God for?
- What should the imminence and inevitability of death lead us to do (Hint: read verse 12)? What does it mean to “number our days”?
- The purpose of numbering our days is “that we may present to You a heart of wisdom” (v.12b). What does that mean and why should we want to do this?
- Write 5 things that you will do in 2026 to “number your days.” What will you do to redeem the time and use it for God’s glory considering the brevity of life?
- ***Verse of the Week: James 3:5***
Verse - “So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things see how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!”
- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - o Memorize the verse

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month

.P. & J. S.

Pray for the upcoming retreat for their faculty and staff. That they would have a good time of fellowship and training.

Pray for planning of the coming spring term and the pastors who will be encouraged and equipped.

January Reading Schedule

- 1 Matthew 25:14-30
- 2 Introduction to Isaiah
- 3 Review of Isaiah
- 4 Catch up on missed reading
- 5 Isaiah 40
- 6 Isaiah 41
- 7 Isaiah 42
- 8 Isaiah 43
- 9 Isaiah 44
- 10 Isaiah 45
- 11 Catch up on missed reading
- 12 Isaiah 46-47
- 13 Isaiah 48
- 14 Isaiah 49
- 15 Isaiah 50
- 16 Isaiah 51
- 17 Isaiah 52
- 18 Catch up on missed reading
- 19 Isaiah 53
- 20 Isaiah 54
- 21 Isaiah 55
- 22 Isaiah 56
- 23 Isaiah 57
- 24 Isaiah 58
- 25 Catch up on missed reading
- 26 Isaiah 59
- 27 Isaiah 60
- 28 Isaiah 61
- 29 Isaiah 62-65
- 30 Isaiah 64
- 31 Isaiah 65-66

Church Prayer Page

HEALTH

The following people have health issues. Pray that through their trial they will bring glory to the Lord and be a blessing as they submit themselves to understand His will. Pray for the Lord’s healing power and their continued sanctification in the circumstance.

Cynde Barrett	Shelley Hillyard	Maureen Personius
Sue Boydston	Will Hutchinson	Tom Prohaska
Don Boyer	Mike Johnston	Judy Reed
Paul Butcher	Diana McCann	Anna Rhone
Karen Cote	Ted Lyon	Pat Routen
Crystal Dix	Linda Miars	Mark Shackelford
Dinah Fernandez	Ken McEntire	Darryl Shelton
Elaine Flory	Mitchell Miller	Michael Treat
Amy Gomez	Jean Pendrich	Denise Tyler
	Annie Perdido	

MILITARY

Roxy Alexander – Coast Guard	Luke Lanham – Navy
Brooks Alexander – Air Force	Leighton Moncada – Army
McKenna Baker – Air Force	Cash Moser – Navy
Nico Bourgeois – Army	Jon Morse – Air Force
Cameron Caudle – Army	Amara Mwesigwa – Air Force
Chris Cordes (H. Marquez’s brother) – Army	David Peason – Army
Luke Day – Navy	Christopher Ryan – Marine Corps
Jordan Garcia – Army	Stephanie Ryan – Navy
Dirk Hayhurst – Army	Wendy Schrank – Army
Lizzy Klyman – Coast Guard	David Weathers – Air Force
William Knight – Army	Simon Whiting – Air Force
Don Koomar – Marine Corps	
Michael Koomar – Army	