ISAIAH

BASIC INFO

Author: Isaiah
Date written: 740–681 BC
Settings : Judah, Assyria, Babylon

MAIN CHARACTERS


ISAIAH


CYRUS THE GREAT


KING HEZEKIAH


THE MESSIAH


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KEY THEMES

Judgment & Restoration – Sin leads to judgment, but God offers redemption to those who repent and walk in His mercy
The Holiness of God – Isaiah presents God as high, exalted, and set apart.
The Coming Messiah – Prophecies point to Jesus as Savior and King.
Faith vs. Fear – Trusting in God brings security, while rejecting Him leads to destruction.
Salvation for All Nations – God's plan includes both Israel and the Gentiles

SUMMARY

Isaiah speaks for God during stormy years in Judah. He sees the Lord on a throne, blazing holy, and volunteers to serve. He warns leaders who chase idols and lean on armies that judgment is coming. Assyria will sweep in like a flood, yet a small remnant will survive. King Ahaz refuses a sign, so God himself promises a child named Immanuel. Later Isaiah guides King Hezekiah to trust the Lord when Assyrian troops ring Jerusalem; one night the enemy falls and the city stands. Afterward Hezekiah shows his treasures to Babylon, and Isaiah predicts exile will follow proud hearts. Halfway through, the tone shifts from woe to comfort. God tells captive people that their their time of discipline is fulfilled; by His grace He will restore them as they repent and return and a highway home is opening. The prophet describes a mysterious Servant who suffers, bears sin, and then rises to bless nations. He also paints a royal figure with Spirit upon him who brings good news to the poor. In the closing chapters God invites everyone to drink the free water of life, promises foreign worshipers a place within his house, and sketches a new heaven and earth where tears vanish. Throughout, Isaiah repeats one clear lesson: the Holy One judges sin but longs to heal, so trust him and watch ruined Zion shine with everlasting light.

K E Y V E R S E S

Isaiah 7:14 – "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." – Prophecy of Jesus' miraculous birth.
Isaiah 9:6 – "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." – Affirms Christ's divine care and eternal reign without confusing His Person with God the Father.
Isaiah 40:31 – "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength;" – Promise of strength for those who trust and wait upon God.
Isaiah 53:5 – "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." – Prophecy of Christ the Suffering Servant, who willingly bore our griefs and offered Himself as a healing sacrifice to restore us to God.
Isaiah 55:6 – "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." – Urgent call to repentance

JESUS IN THIS BOOK

Isaiah unveils the Messiah, fulfilled in Jesus Christ — God Incarnate — who, as the "light to the nations" (Isa 49 : 6), offers salvation to Israel and to the ends of the earth, urging all to "return to the LORD" for pardon (Isa 55 : 7). He is the Servant who "bore our griefs and carried our sorrows," and by whose wounds "we are healed" (Isa 53 : 4-5); the Prince of Peace whose kingdom will never end (Isa 9 : 6-7); and Immanuel, "God with us" (Isa 7 : 14). Isaiah foretells the Virgin birth, the proclamation of good news to the poor (Isa 61 : 1-2), the Servant's self-offering — "He poured out His soul unto death" yet "will prolong His days" (Isa 53 : 10-12) — and the universal reign still to come, showing Christ as the culmination of God's saving plan and the hope of all nations.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

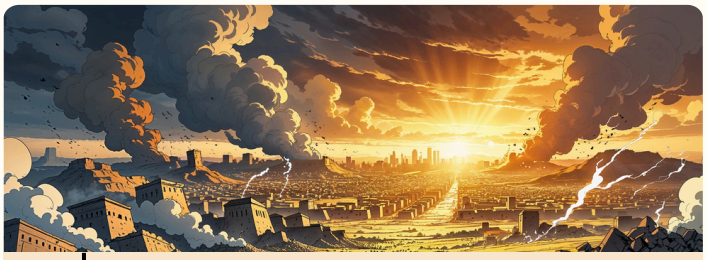
Isaiah teaches that trusting God and responding in obedient faith lead to strength and salvation, while rejecting Him brings destruction. It reminds believers to place their faith in Christ, the true source of hope, and to walk daily in repentance, holiness, and faithful witness to God's truth. The book calls us to rely on the Lord rather than human schemes, embracing His mercy and participating actively in His redemptive purposes

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1 | JUDGMENT AGAINST SIN — ISAIAH 1–12



2 | FUTURE HOPE — ISAIAH 13–27



3 | WARNINGS & COMFORT — ISAIAH 28–39



4 | SALVATION — ISAIAH 40–55



5 | THE FUTURE GLORY — ISAIAH 56–66



6 | TRUST IN GOD — VARIOUS PASSAGES

1 | Judgment Against Sin (Isaiah 1–12)
Isaiah condemns Israel's rebellion, exposing their sin and idolatry, yet also offers hope for a coming King. God promises a holy remnant will survive judgment. He foretells a child called Immanuel born of the virgin, ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Isaiah's ministry begins with his awe-filled vision of the Lord on His throne (ch 6).

2 | Future Hope (Isaiah 13–27)
God pronounces judgment on Babylon, Assyria, and other nations for their arrogance and oppression. Yet, He also promises a future day when all people will worship Him, and His justice and righteousness will cover the earth.

3 | Warnings & Comfort (Isaiah 28–39)
Isaiah warns Judah's leaders about their unfaithfulness but encourages King Hezekiah to trust in God when Assyria threatens Jerusalem. Hezekiah prays, and God miraculously delivers Judah by striking down the Assyrian army, proving His power. Hezekiah's healing and his reception of Babylon's envoys foreshadow exile (38–39).

4 | Salvation (Isaiah 40–55)
These chapters include the four Servant Songs, climaxing in the Servant who suffers for sin (52:13–53:12). God even names Cyrus, a future Persian king, as His "shepherd" to release Israel (44:28–45:1). He is the Servant who bears sin and brings salvation, extending God's redemptive plan beyond Israel.

5 | The Future Glory (Isaiah 56–66)
Isaiah describes God's future kingdom, where justice, peace, and true worship will be restored. Nations will turn to the Lord, and His glory will cover the earth as He establishes His everlasting reign. God creates new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells (65–66).

6 | Trust in God (Various Passages)
Throughout Isaiah, believers are reminded to trust in God's promises, follow His ways, and remain faithful. The book points to the fulfillment of God's eternal kingdom through Christ, the only Redeemer and the King of Glory.