

Isaiah

"Yahweh is
Salvation"

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The Isaiah Dead Sea Scroll

There is no break
between chapters
39 and 40 in the
manuscript.



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| • Matt. 3:3; Mark 1:2-3; John 1:23 | Is. 40:3 |
| • Luke 3:4-6 | Is. 40:3-5 |
| • Matt. 12:17-21 | Is. 42:1-4 |
| • Rom. 10:16 | Is. 53:1 |
| • Mt. 8:17 | Is. 53:4 |
| • Acts 8:32-33 | Is. 53:7,8 |
| • Rom. 10:20 | Is. 65:1 |
| • John 12:38-40 | Is. 6:10; 53:1 |

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4. The Testimony of Jesus Christ (Luke 4:17-19)

Isaiah, Son of Amoz

- Lived and worked in Jerusalem
- Ministered circa 739 to 681 B.C.
- Wife (8:1-3), and sons named *Shear-Yashub* (7:1-17) and *Maher-shalal-hash-baz* (8:1-4).
- Called in the year of Uzziah's death (6:1; 739 BC)
- Ministered during reigns of: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (1:1)
- Last official activity: 15th year of Hezekiah (701 BC; Is. 36-39)
- Tradition--Isaiah martyred by Manasseh (cf. Heb 11:37)

Assyria



Isaiah's Message

- YHWH is Sovereign!
- YHWH is Salvation!

Outlines

- I. YHWH is Sovereign (1-39)
 - II. YHWH is Salvation (40-66)
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- I. Judgment (1-39)
 - II. Salvation (40-66)

Isaiah 1-39

- 1-6 Israel's Sin and its Solution
- 7-35 The Demand to Trust YHWH
 - 7-12 Trust YHWH, not Assyria
 - 13-35 Arguments for trusting God
 - 13-23 Sovereign over all the nations
 - 24-27 Sovereign over the future of Israel
 - 28-33 Sovereign in judgment (Egypt and Assyria)
 - 34-35 Summary--vengeance or blessing

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Isaiah 40-66: Salvation

- 40-48 The Nation will be saved from the Babylonian captivity.
- 49-57 Individuals will be saved from spiritual captivity through the Servant of YHWH.
- 58-66 All God's people are saved to a glorious future.

YHWH is Salvation

- God declares Himself to be the only source of Salvation.
 - physical deliverance (37:14-23, 26, 33-36; 38:1-8, 17-20)
 - spiritual salvation (33:22; 43:11-13)
- Israel must respond to YHWH in faith (30:15; 50:10)

YHWH is Salvation

- Israel sinned, rebelled against the LORD, and put her trust and confidence in other things.
 - For physical deliverance: military allies
 - Egypt (30:1-3, 15-18; 31:1-3)
 - Assyria (7:1-10)
 - For spiritual salvation:
 - Her own spiritual acts (1:10-20)
 - Idols (42:8-17)

YHWH is Salvation

- God responds in judgment to Israel's refusal — and the refusal of other rebels as well—to acknowledge Him.
 - Instead of physical deliverance—military defeat, exile, and captivity (e.g., 5:1-7, 24-26)
 - Instead of spiritual salvation—wrath and judgment (e.g., 2:10-12, 17-22; 24:1-6, 19-23)

YHWH is Salvation

- Because God is by nature a Savior, in grace He provides salvation through His Suffering Servant, chooses a remnant, and saves them

The Remnant of Israel

- 1:9 the LORD has preserved a “remnant”
- 7:3 Shear-Jashub = a “remnant” will return
- 10:20-22 a “remnant” will return to the Mighty God
- 11:11,16 a “remnant” will be preserved in the end
- 28:5 the LORD will be a crown to the “remnant”
- 37:31 the “surviving remnant” will be replanted
- 46:3 the LORD will save the “remnant” of Israel
- Cf. I Kings 19:18 // Romans 11:15

A Remnant of the Nations

- 11:10 - In that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.
- 19:19-25 - Egypt & Assyria will worship the true God
- 45:20-23 - “Gather yourselves and come: Draw near together, you fugitives of the nations: They have no knowledge, Who carry about their wooden idol And pray to a god who cannot save. 21 “Declare and set forth *your case*; Indeed, let them consult together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has long since declared it? Is it not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. 22 “Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other. 23 “I have sworn by Myself, The word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness And will not turn back, That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear *allegiance*.”

The Son and the Servant “Messiah in Isaiah”

1. The “Book of Immanuel” chapters 7-12
The “Almah” will bear a child who will be called “Immanuel”, “Wonderful Counselor”, “Mighty God”, “Father of Eternity”, “Prince of Peace.”
Question: can this describe only a man?
2. The “Servant” passages (42-53)
These passages describe one who is submissive, silent, sinless, and a substitute.
Question: can this be only a description of Israel?

YHWH is Salvation

- In sovereign grace, God will provide a glorious future to those—both Jew and Gentile—whom He has chosen.

The Kingdom Passages

- **2:1-4** Universal Peace emanating from a renewed Jerusalem and Land
- **11:1-12** Removal of curse emanating from the work of the “Branch”
- **35:1-10** A “Highway of Holiness” marked by restored nature and health with people returning to Zion.
- **65:17-25** Lengthened life in the New Heavens and Earth, marked by righteousness.

Question: Is this describing the church today?