

Isaiah (Remaining Questions)

1. Why is Cyrus mentioned in Isaiah, according to the text?

According to Old Testament Survey, the name was included as a divinely revealed look at the future. There are those, however that view this name as an indication of an exilic date for chapter 40 and following. The nature of prophesy as it deals with specific names seems to be in contention in the mention of this name.

2. Why have some chosen to see Isaiah 40-66 as coming from author(s) other than the author of Isaiah 1-39?

The simplest explanation lies in the differing style and content of these sections. There are also noted differences in theological ideas between these two sections of Isaiah.

3. What trait of God is most prominently named in Isaiah?

The holiness of God is featured most prominently in Isaiah. God as savior and supreme and only ruler are also traits of God that are featured prominently in Isaiah.

4. Compare the NRSV and NIV in 52.15a. Why the difference?

Sprinkle many nations in the NIV and startle many nations in the NRSV. The NIV is literal where possible including this verse and literary where necessary in its translation, while the NRSV is literary in it's interpretation here and not literal.