

Isaiah--Oracles from the Holy One of Israel--

Unique Features of Isaiah

- Size
- Dead Sea Scrolls
- NT Quotes

Summary

--By his servant, the Holy One will redeem his people and all who seek him, but the wicked will be punished.

Historical Context

740-681 BC

Brief Outline

- A. Judgment with Promise (1-35)
- B. Historical Interlude (36-39)
- C. Comfort with Judgment (40-66)

Full Outline

- Oracles of Judgment and Hope (1-12)
- Oracles Against the Nations (13-23)
- Eschatological Summation (24-27)
- Jerusalem, Egypt, and a Prophet in Between (28-33)
- Eschatological Summation (34-35)
- Historical Bridge (Hezekiah, 36-39)
- Oracles of Consolation (40-66)

Literary Context

- Poetic, Highly Skilled
- Word Play
- Irony
- Simile
- Metaphor

Prophet as a Person

- Origin
- Call

Nature of Audience, Response

- Ahaz
- Hezekiah
- Negative Response
- False Prophets

Nature of God in Isaiah

- Holy One of Israel
- Creator
- Supreme, Sole Ruler
- Revealer of Future
- Spirit of Yahweh
- Messiah

Themes

Arrogance / Abuse Will Be Judged.
Idols Are Powerless.
Foreign Alliances Insult God.
Suffering Servant
Israel

Mention of Cyrus?

"I am the Lord...who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd...'"
(Isa. 44.24, 26)

Predictive Prophecy

Test of Authenticity

False gods fail test.
41.21-25
45.21
48.14
God passes test.
46.10
44.24, 26, 28
45.4

Cyrus is predicted to demonstrate that God is authentic.

Messianic Connection

7.14
9.6
11.1
50.6
53.4, 6
56.7
61.1

Application

God is Holy.
God is Supreme.
God Holds the Future.

Next Class...

Habakkuk / Jeremiah Questioning God, promised land lost!

*Read through each searching for
1) Questions asked
2) Loss forewarned

Famous Lines in Isaiah

Underscored items show Isaiah's concern with end times and Messianic reign.

- a) *Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...*, 1.18
- b) *Woe to those who call evil good and good evil...*, 5.20.
- c) *Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory*, 6.3.
- d) *The wolf will live with the lamb...*, 11.6, 65.25.
- e) *This people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me*, 29.13.
- f) *In returning and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it*, 30.15.
- g) *The Lord longs to be gracious to you*, 30.18.
- h) *Streams in the desert*, 32.2.
- i) *All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll*, 34.4.
- j) *A highway will be there...the Way of Holiness*, 35.8.
- k) *Comfort, comfort my people*, 40.1.
- l) *Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low*, 40.4.
- m) *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever*, 40.8.
- n) *He gathers the lambs in his arms*, 40.11.
- o) *Those who hope (wait) on the Lord will renew their strength*, 40.31.
- p) *A bruised reed he will not break*, 42.3.
- q) *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...when you walk through the fire, you will not be burned*, 43.2.
- r) *See, I am doing a new thing...a way in the desert*, 43.19.
- s) *I have carried you since your birth*, 46.4.
- t) *I will not yield my glory to another*, 48.11.
- u) *Your peace would have been like a river*, 48.18, cf. 66.12.
- v) *There is no peace, says the Lord, for the wicked*, 48.22, 57.21.
- w) *See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands*, 49.16.
- x) *Those who hope in me will not be disappointed*, 49.23.
- y) *It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me?* 50.9.
- z) *The ransomed (redeemed) of the Lord will return...with singing*, 51.11.
- aa) *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace*, 52.7.
- bb) *Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters...buy and eat!* 55.1.
- cc) *Seek the Lord while he may be found...he will freely pardon*, 55.6,7.
- dd) *My thoughts are not your thoughts*, 55.8.
- ee) *As the rain...so my word...will not return to me empty*, 55.10-11.
- ff) *You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace*, 55.12.
- gg) *I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite*, 57.15.
- hh) *Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen...*58.6.
- ii) *Call the Sabbath a delight*, 58.13.
- jj) *Your iniquities have separated you from your God*, 59.2.
- kk) *He put on righteousness as his breastplate*, 59.17.
- ll) *Arise, shine, for our light has come*, 60.1.
- mm) *The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory...the Lord will be your everlasting light*, 60.19-20.
- nn) *Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down*, 64.1.
- oo) *You act on behalf of those who wait for [you]*, 64.4.
- pp) *All our righteous acts are like filthy rags...like the wind our sins sweep us away*, 64.6.
- qq) *We are the clay, you are the potter*, 64.8.
- rr) *Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth...the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in [Jerusalem] no more*, 65.17, 19.
- ss) *They will proclaim my glory among the nations*, 66.19.