

LESSON 18: Isaiah

LOGOS

A General and Light Survey of the Bible

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REVIEW

- The Pentateuch.
 - GENESIS is the book of beginnings – the beginning of Creation, as well as the beginning of the patriarchy of Israel (Abraham – Isaac – Jacob and Esau – The 12 Tribes).
 - EXODUS covers the period from the death of Joseph to the enslavement of Israel in Egypt, the plagues on Egypt, Israel's emancipation under Moses. It includes the giving of The Ten Commandments, Israel's sin with the golden calf, and the establishment of the Jewish religion.
 - LEVITICUS – details the Jewish religion, established during their years of wandering in the wilderness, including the sacrificial system, the Law, the priesthood, the festivals, and rules for living in fellowship with God.
 - NUMBERS – contains the details of two census reports and takes the narrative from the generation who left Egypt to those born in the wilderness. It includes the entrance into Canaan.
 - DEUTERONOMY – is essentially Moses' farewell address to the Israelites and the last of the five books (Pentateuch) that he wrote.
- Historical.
 - JOSHUA – details Israel's entrance into Canaan under Joshua's leadership and the occupation of the land promised to them by God.
 - JUDGES – covers a period after the death of Joshua in which Israel was led by a series of regional judges including Gideon, Deborah, and Samson among others. It highlights a pattern of sin – suffering – supplication – salvation throughout the period.
 - RUTH – takes place during the period of the judges and tells the story of a Moabite woman who was faithful to her Jewish mother-in-law even after the death of her husband. Ruth eventually married Boaz and was part of the family tree of Jesus Christ.
 - 1ST AND 2ND SAMUEL – details events during the life of the Prophet who was also the last of the judges. Israel, including the priesthood, was corrupted and demanded a king. Samuel anointed Saul as the first king of Israel. Saul was eventually rejected by God and David was anointed king.
 - 1ST AND 2ND KINGS – cover the reign of David's son, Solomon who was blessed with supernatural wisdom, but still acted foolishly the result of which was civil war that divided Israel into the Northern Kingdom (Israel) and the Southern Kingdom (Judah). The Prophets Elijah and Elisha are included in the narrative. After a series of corrupt kings with very few righteous kings Israel was conquered by the Assyrians and scattered while Judah fell to the Babylonians with many Jews taken into exile.

- 1ST AND 2ND CHRONICLES – are an overview of Judah’s history. It traces various genealogies including that of King David. It ends with the beginning of the Babylonian captivity.
- EZRA – begins with the first wave of returning Jewish exiles under the leadership of Zerubbabel who was granted permission to go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple by Cyrus, King of the Persians. It also includes the second wave of returning exiles under Ezra who reestablished the priesthood.
- NEHEMIAH – covers the return of a third wave of Jewish exiles under the leadership of Nehemiah who rebuilt the wall around Jerusalem and helped reestablish the practice of the Jewish religion. This book ends the account of the return to Jerusalem.
- ESTHER – is an account of Jewish exiles who remained in Persia when others returned to Jerusalem. It is the life story of Esther and her courageous effort to save her people during the reign of King Xerxes. Despite her Jewish lineage, she eventually became Queen of Persia. This book ends the historical record from Adam through the end of the Old Testament era.
- Wisdom/Poetry.
 - JOB – is a mix of poetry and dialogue describing the life of Job who probably lived during the days of Abraham. Some of the book is to be taken literally, but some is to be taken figuratively.
 - PSALMS – is a collection of hymns most of which were written by David and used in Temple worship.
 - PROVERBS – is a collection of divinely inspired practical wisdom. Most of the 917 proverbs were written by Solomon with the rest probably collected by him.
 - ECCLESIASTES – is a journal written by Solomon that details his quest for satisfaction outside of faith in God. It concludes with his summary that life with God is meaningless.
 - SONG OF SONGS – is a love poem written by Solomon that describes the beauty of the marital relationship.

ISAIAH

- Beginning with Isaiah the last 17 books of the Old Testament are prophetic books.
- The prophetic books are divided into two sections.
 - Major:
 - Isaiah.
 - Jeremiah.
 - Lamentations.
 - Ezekiel.
 - Daniel.
 - Minor:
 - Hosea.
 - Joel.
 - Amos.
 - Obadiah.
 - Jonah.
 - Micah.
 - Nahum.
 - Habakkuk.
 - Zephaniah.
 - Haggai.
 - Zechariah.
 - Malachi.
- The book of Isaiah was possibly two books in its original form, both written by Isaiah.
 - Isaiah was probably a resident of Jerusalem with access to the royal court because (according to tradition) he was King Uzziah's cousin.
 - He prophesied in Judah during the reigns of Uzziah (790–739BC), Jotham (750–732BC), Ahaz (735–715BC), and Hezekiah (715–686BC).
*NOTE: See 2 Kings 14-20; 2 Chronicles 26-32)
 - Hosea and Micah were also prophets in Judah during Isaiah's lifetime.
- The Book of Isaiah is quoted at least 67 times in the New Testament, including:
 - “...the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned” (4:16).
 - “He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases” (Matthew 8:17).
 - “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor” (Luke 4:18-19).

- *“The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope” (Romans 15:12).*
- A word about prophets and prophecy.
 - Prophecy is not only prediction. More often it is declaring a truth by the inspiration of God. When prophecy is predictive it can only be by the direct inspiration of God.
 - Some of the predictive prophecies recorded were fulfilled during the Old Testament era, others were fulfilled with the coming of Christ, and others have yet to be fulfilled.
 - Chronological order, especially when it comes to dates, is not always a prophetic concern.
 - What God said about prophets (Deuteronomy 18:18-22).
 - God chooses them. *I will raise up for them a prophet... and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.*
 - They have authority because they speak God’s word. *I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name.*
 - There is a penalty for false prophecy, or predictions that do not come to pass. *But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded... is to be put to death... If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken.*

OUTLINE

- The Retribution of God (1–39).
 - The Lord’s indictment of Judah (1–6)
 - God’s case.
 - *“Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him.” (1:4)*
 - *“Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.” (1:16-17)*
 - *“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.*

- Future consequences.
 - *The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty... The arrogance of man will be brought low and human pride humbled; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day, and the idols will totally disappear. (2:12-18)*
 - *See now, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, is about to take from Jerusalem and Judah both supply and support: all supplies of food and all supplies of water... (3:1)*
 - *Instead of fragrance there will be a stench; instead of a sash, a rope; instead of well-dressed hair, baldness; instead of fine clothing, sackcloth; instead of beauty, branding. (3:24)*
 - *Therefore, my people will go into exile for lack of understanding; those of high rank will die of hunger and the common people will be parched with thirst. (5:13)*
- Isaiah's commission.
 - *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook, and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (6:1-8)*
 - *He said, "Go and tell this people: " 'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "For how long, Lord?" And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted, and the fields ruined and ravaged, until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. And*

though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land.” (6:9-13)

- Prophecies of judgement and deliverance (chaps. 7–12)
- Jesus Christ (7-9, 11)
 - *Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel. (7:14)*
 - *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (9:2)*
 - *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (9:6-7)*
 - *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD— and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. (11:1-6)*
- Concerning Judah – The Southern Kingdom (7-9).
 - *In that day the Lord will use a razor hired from beyond the Euphrates River—the king of Assyria—to shave your head and private parts, and to cut off your beard also. (7:20)*
 - *...therefore, the Lord is about to bring against them the mighty floodwaters of the Euphrates— the king of Assyria with all his pomp. It will overflow all its channels, run over all its banks and sweep on into Judah, swirling over it, passing through it and reaching up to the neck. Its outspread wings will cover the breadth of your land, Immanuel! (Isaiah 8:7-8)*

- *Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread. (8:12-13)*
- *Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. (8:21-22)*
- Concerning Israel (9–10).
 - *The Lord has sent a message against Jacob; it will fall on Israel. (9:8)*
 - *So, the LORD will cut off from Israel both head and tail, both palm branch and reed in a single day; the elders and dignitaries are the head, the prophets who teach lies are the tail. Those who guide this people mislead them, and those who are guided are led astray. Therefore, the Lord will take no pleasure in the young men, nor will he pity the fatherless and widows, for everyone is ungodly and wicked, every mouth speaks folly. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised. (9:14-17)*
 - *Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless. What will you do on the day of reckoning, when disaster comes from afar? To whom will you run for help? Where will you leave your riches? Nothing will remain but to cringe among the captives or fall among the slain. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised. (10:1-4)*
- Judgment on the nations (chaps. 10–23)
 - *Assyria. Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath! I send him against a godless nation, I dispatch him against a people who anger me, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets. But this is not what he intends, this is not what he has in mind; his purpose is to destroy, to put an end to many nations. (10:5-7)*
 - *Babylon. A prophecy against Babylon... The Lord Almighty is mustering an army for war. They come from faraway lands, from the ends of the heavens — the Lord and the weapons of his wrath — to destroy the whole country. Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty... Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in la-*

bor... I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless. (13:1-13)

- *Philistia. Do not rejoice, all you Philistines, that the rod that struck you is broken; from the root of that snake will spring up a viper, its fruit will be a darting, venomous serpent. (14:29)*
- *Moab. A prophecy against Moab... Moab is ruined, destroyed in a night! ...Every head is shaved, and every beard cut off. In the streets they wear sackcloth; on the roofs and in the public squares they all wail, prostrate with weeping... Therefore, the armed men of Moab cry out, and their hearts are faint. (15:1-4) Moab's splendor and all her many people will be despised, and her survivors will be very few and feeble. (16:14)*
- *Damascus. A prophecy against Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. (17:1)*
- *Cush. Woe to the land of whirring wings along the rivers of Cush... Go, swift messengers, to a people tall and smooth-skinned, to a people feared far and wide, an aggressive nation of strange speech, whose land is divided by rivers... This is what the Lord says to me: "I will remain quiet and will look on from my dwelling place, like shimmering heat in the sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." ...They will all be left to the mountain birds of prey and to the wild animals; the birds will feed on them all summer, the wild animals all winter. (18:1-6)*
- *Egypt. A prophecy against Egypt: See, the Lord rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt. The idols of Egypt tremble before him, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt with fear. "I will stir up Egyptian against Egyptian— brother will fight against brother, neighbor against neighbor, city against city, kingdom against kingdom. The Egyptians will lose heart, and I will bring their plans to nothing; they will consult the idols and the spirits of the dead, the mediums and the spiritists. I will hand the Egyptians over to the power of a cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them," declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty. (19:1-4)*
- *Jerusalem. A prophecy against the Valley of Vision: What troubles you now, that you have all gone up on the roofs, you town so full of commotion, you city of tumult and revelry? Your slain were not killed by the sword, nor did they die in battle. All your leaders have fled together; they have been captured without using the bow. All you who were caught were taken prisoner together, having fled while the enemy was still far away. (22:1-3)*

- Tyre. *A prophecy against Tyre: Wail, you ships of Tarshish! For Tyre is destroyed and left without house or harbor... Be silent, you people of the island and you merchants of Sidon, whom the seafarers have enriched... Be ashamed, Sidon, and you fortress of the sea, for the sea has spoken... When word comes to Egypt, they will be in anguish at the report from Tyre. (23:1-5)*
- Punishment and blessing (24–27)
 - *See, the LORD is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants—it will be the same for priest as for people, for the master as for his servant, for the mistress as for her servant, for seller as for buyer, for borrower as for lender, for debtor as for creditor. The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. The LORD has spoken this word. (24:1-3)*
 - *...The floodgates of the heavens are opened, the foundations of the earth shake. The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is violently shaken. The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls—never to rise again. In that day the LORD will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days. The moon will be dismayed, the sun ashamed; for the LORD Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders—with great glory. (24:18-23)*
 - *On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples... On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces... In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us... (25:6-12)*
- Woes (28–33).
 - *Therefore, hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers... You boast, “We have entered into a covenant with death, with the realm of the dead we have made an agreement... for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place.” So, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line; hail will sweep away your refuge, the lie, and water will overflow your hiding place. Your covenant with death will be annulled; your agreement with the realm of the dead will not stand. (28:14-19)*
 - *The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far*

from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught. Therefore, once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish.” Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, “Who sees us? Who will know?” ...Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, “You did not make me”? Can the pot say to the potter, “You know nothing”? (29:13-16)

- *“Woe to the obstinate children,” declares the LORD, “to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin... everyone will be put to shame because of a people useless to them, who bring neither help nor advantage, but only shame and disgrace.” ...Therefore, this is what the Holy One of Israel says: “Because you have rejected this message, relied on oppression and depended on deceit, this sin will become for you like a high wall, cracked and bulging, that collapses suddenly, in an instant. It will break in pieces like pottery, shattered so mercilessly that among its pieces not a fragment will be found for taking coals from a hearth or scooping water out of a cistern.” (30:1-5, 12-14)*
- *Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the LORD. (31:1)*
- *Woe to you, destroyer, you who have not been destroyed! Woe to you, betrayer, you who have not been betrayed! When you stop destroying, you will be destroyed; when you stop betraying, you will be betrayed. (33:1)*
- *Judgement and blessing (chaps. 34–35)*
 - *The LORD is angry with all nations; his wrath is on all their armies. He will totally destroy them; he will give them over to slaughter. Their slain will be thrown out, their dead bodies will stink; the mountains will be soaked with their blood. All the stars in the sky will be dissolved and the heavens rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree. (34:2-4)*
 - *Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs... And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will*

not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it... But only the redeemed will walk there, and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (35:5-10)

- Historical interlude (36–39).
 - King Sennacherib (Assyria) threatens Jerusalem.
 - *In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them (36:1 cc. 2Ki 18:13,17–37; 2Ch 32:9–19).*
 - *Then the king of Assyria sent his field commander with a large army... [to] Jerusalem... Eliakim... the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Joah... the recorder went out to him. (36:2-3)*
 - *The message from Sennacherib: "On what are you basing this confidence of yours? ...On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me? ...I know you are depending on Egypt... But if you say to me, 'We are depending on the LORD our God' — isn't he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed? ...Come now, make a bargain with... the king of Assyria... I come to attack and destroy this land... The LORD himself told me to march against this country and destroy it." (36:4-10)*
 - *When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and went into the temple of the LORD. He sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and the leading priests, all wearing sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah... When King Hezekiah's officials came to Isaiah, Isaiah said to them, "This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard—those words with which the... king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Listen! When he hears a certain report, I will make him want to return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword." (37:1-7)*
 - *Sennacherib received a report that Tirhakah, the king of Cush, was marching out to fight against him. When he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah with this word: "...Do not let the god you depend on deceive you when he says, 'Jerusalem will not be given into the hands of... Assyria.' Surely you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the countries, destroying them completely... Did the gods of the nations that were destroyed by my predecessors deliver them? (37:9-13)*
 - *Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it*

out before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD: “LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Give ear, LORD, and hear; open your eyes, LORD, and see; listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God... the Assyrian kings have laid waste all these peoples and their lands. They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. Now, LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, LORD, are the only God.” (37:14-20)

- Then Isaiah... sent a message to Hezekiah: “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria... ‘He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield or build a siege ramp against it. By the way that he came he will return; he will not enter this city,’ declares the LORD. ‘I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant!’” (37:21, 33-35)
- Then the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp... Sennacherib... withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there. One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisrok, his sons Adrammelek and Sharezer killed him with the sword... And Esarhaddon his son succeeded him as king. (37:36-38)
- Hezekiah’s illness.
 - In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah... went to him and said, “This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.” (38:1)
 - Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, “Remember, LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. (38:2-3)
 - Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: “Go and tell Hezekiah... ‘I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city. This is the LORD’s sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised: I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.’” So the sunlight went back the ten

steps it had gone down. (38:4-9)

- Judah's captivity in Babylon (chaps. 39)
 - *At that time Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon sent Hezekiah letters and a gift, because he had heard of his illness and recovery. Hezekiah received the envoys gladly and showed them what was in his storehouses—the silver, the gold, the spices, the fine olive oil—his entire armory and everything found among his treasures. There was nothing in his palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them. (39:1-2)*
 - *Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah... The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your predecessors have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left... your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.” (39:5-7)*
- Prophecies of Restoration (chaps. 40–66)
 - Deliverance of God's People (chaps. 40–48)
 - *The World: Comfort, comfort my people... A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'* (40:1-5)
 - *Israel: "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”* (41:8-10)
 - *Concerning Christ: "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ... A bruised reed he will not break... he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. ...I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”* (42:1-9)
 - *A promise to regather Israel: this is what the LORD says... I have summoned you by name; you are mine... Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love*

you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth... (43:1-7)

- *Only the Lord is God: This is what the LORD says... I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it... Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one. (44:6-8)*
- *Promise to rebuild Jerusalem: This is what the LORD says... I am the LORD, the Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth by myself, who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners, who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense, who carries out the words of his servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers, who says of Jerusalem, 'It shall be inhabited,' of the towns of Judah, 'They shall be rebuilt,' and of their ruins, 'I will restore them... who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid." (44:24-28)*
- *Prophecy regarding Babylon: Go down, sit in the dust... sit on the ground without a throne... Your nakedness will be exposed and your shame uncovered. I will take vengeance; I will spare no one... Sit in silence, go into darkness... I was angry with my people and desecrated my inheritance; I gave them into your hand, and you showed them no mercy... you did not consider these things or reflect on what might happen... You have trusted in your wickedness and have said, 'No one sees me.' Your wisdom and knowledge mislead you... These are not coals for warmth; this is not a fire to sit by... there is not one that can save you. (47:1-15)*
- *Another promise to restore Israel: Listen to me, Jacob, Israel, whom I have called... The Lord's chosen ally will carry out his purpose against Babylon... I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea. Your descendants would have been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains; their name would never be blotted out nor destroyed from before me. Leave Babylon... The Lord has*

redeemed his servant Jacob... There is no peace... for the wicked. (48:12-22)

- Messianic Prophecies (chaps. 49–57)
 - *It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth... Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you. (49:6-7)*
 - *The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious; I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. (50:4-6)*
 - *“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations... Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail... Do not fear the reproach of mere mortals or be terrified by their insults... my righteousness will last forever, my salvation through all generations... I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand... You are my people.’ (51:4-16)*
 - *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation... When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem... and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. (52:7-10)*
 - *He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by [humanity], a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by*

him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth... For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people, he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer... After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied... For he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors. (53:1-12)

- *Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David... Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. (55:1-6)*
- Prophecies regarding restoration and fulfilment (chaps. 58–66)
 - *Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice... to set the oppressed free... Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs... and will strengthen your frame... then you will find your joy in the LORD... For the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (58:6-14)*
 - *Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you*

from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things. No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil... Their deeds are evil deeds, and acts of violence are in their hands. Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. They pursue evil schemes; acts of violence mark their ways... Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like people without eyes... For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived... The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene... He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head... For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along. The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins... (59:1-20)

- *The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve... to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair... Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance... and everlasting joy will be yours... In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them... so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. (61:1-11)*
- *See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years...*

No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat... my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD... Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox... They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD. (65:17-25)

- *As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me... so will your name and descendants endure... all [humanity] will come and bow down before me... And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all [humanity]. (66:22-24)*