

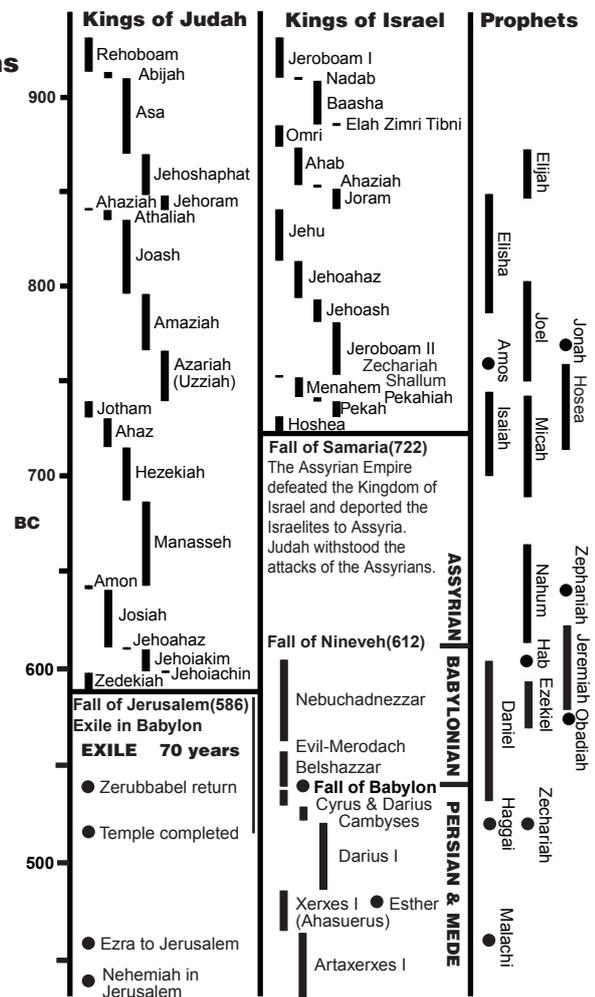
Isaiah - "Yahweh is Salvation" (1)

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Part 1 - Chapters 1-39

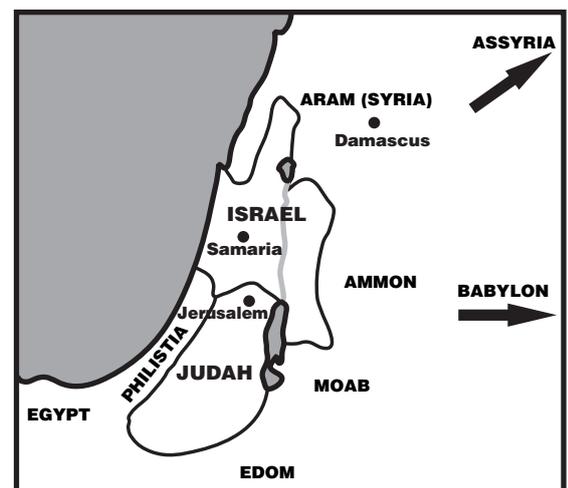
Powerful Assyria is threatening the various nations in the area and eventually defeats Israel and takes them into captivity. Judah escapes miraculously because of the faith of king Hezekiah. Isaiah prophesies to Israel, Judah and the surrounding nations. It is a message of judgement because of sin but sprinkled with words of future hope and redemption.

1	Ah, sinful nation a people loaded with guilt	
2	The Mountain of Yahweh, the Day of Yahweh	Present Judgement and Future Glory
3	Yahweh takes his place to judge the people	
4	The Branch of Yahweh, beautiful and glorious	
5	The useless vineyard, 6 woes to sinful people	
6	I saw Yahweh seated on a throne	Isaiah's Call
7	Shear-Jashub, Immanuel, Israel & Aram defeated	
8	Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz, Assyria, Fear Yahweh	Four children as signs
9	To us a child is born. Judgement on Israel	
10	Judgement on Assyria. A remnant of Israel	
11	Branch from Jesse. Restore Israel and Judah	Judgement and Restoration
12	Sing to Yahweh, he has done glorious things	
13	The fall of Babylon - the Medes are coming	
14	How you have fallen. Assyria. Philistines	
15	My heart cries out over Moab	
16	Within 3 years Moab's splendour will be gone	Prophecies about surrounding nations
17	Damascus will become a heap of ruins	
18	Cush: tall and smooth skinned. Gifts to Yahweh	
19	Egyptians will lose heart. An altar and a highway	
20	Exile for Cush and Egypt. Isaiah stripped 3 years	
21	Babylon fallen to Medes. Edom. Arabia	
22	Jerusalem relying on human strength. Eliakim	
23	Tyre to be destroyed for 70 years	
24	Yahweh is going to lay waste the earth	Isaiah's Apocalypse
25	Faithful Yahweh rules on his mountain	
26	A strong city. Salvation. Judgement. Resurrection	
27	A fruitful vineyard. Return of the Israelites	
28	Israel's useless leaders. A stone in Zion	Prophecies regarding Israel, Jerusalem (Zion) and others
29	Woe to Jerusalem. Spiritually blind and deaf	
30	Help from Egypt futile. Help from Yahweh is ready.	
31	Don't rely on Egypt. Yahweh will win the battle.	
32	A Kingdom of righteousness. A deserted city.	
33	The future glory of Zion. The fear of Yahweh.	
34	Yahweh will judge the nations. Edom.	
35	They will enter Zion with singing. A highway.	
36	Assyrians seige and threaten Jerusalem	Isaiah and Hezekiah
37	Hezekiah's prayer. Jerusalem spared.	
38	Hezekiah's illness, prayer and healing.	
39	Hezekiah entertains envoys from Babylon.	
40	Comfort.. Yahweh is the everlasting God.	Comfort for the exiles in Babylon
41	Do not fear. Yahweh will help Israel.	
42	SS1 A faithful servant and the blind servant Israel.	
43	I will be with you through water and fire. Redeemer	
44	Israel a chosen servant. Yahweh the true God.	
45	Yahweh the creator and lord of history. Cyrus.	
46	Idols cannot save. God's purpose will stand.	
47	Yahweh will bring disaster on Babylon.	
48	Stubborn Israel. Yahweh has redeemed Israel	
49	SS2 Servant to restore Israel. Salvation to Gentiles.	
50	SS3 The obedient servant. Rely on Yahweh.	
51	Salvation for Zion. The cup of wrath to go to others.	Suffering Servant and Salvation
52	Awake O Zion. Your God reigns.	
53	SS4 The suffering servant. It was Yahweh's will.	
54	Yahweh's wife called back. Restored Zion.	
55	Come all who are thirsty. You will go out with joy.	
56	All welcome. A house of prayer for all nations.	
57	Sin and idolatry. Peace for lowly and contrite	
58	True fasting - social concern. The sabbath.	Call to repentance. Redemption and the glory of the renewed Zion
59	Social injustice. Yahweh judges and redeems.	
60	Your light has come. Return to glorious restored Zion.	
61	Good news. The people Yahweh has blessed.	
62	No longer deserted. Jerusalem Yahweh's delight.	
63	The day of vengeance. The year of redemption.	
64	Rend the heavens. Save us, Yahweh our Father.	
65	Judgement and Salvation. New heaven and earth.	
66	They will proclaim my glory among the nations.	



Part 2 - Chapters 40-66

The second part of Isaiah is believed to be addressed to the exiles in Babylon 150 years later. Isaiah prophesies about their release and the restoration of Jerusalem. There are also more distant prophecies about the suffering servant who will bear the sins of many, the salvation of gentiles, and the glories of the future Jerusalem when there is a new heaven and new earth. There are warnings of judgement on sin and idolatry but many positive messages of redemption for those who are contrite and follow Yahweh.



Isaiah - "Yahweh is Salvation" (2)

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The name Isaiah (Yahweh is salvation) is almost identical in meaning with Joshua, which appears in the NT as Jesus, the name of the Messiah whom Isaiah heralded. Isaiah, son of Amoz lived in Jerusalem (Is 7:1-3; 37:2). According to Jewish tradition, he was of royal blood. Isaiah prophesied during four reigns of kings of Judah, from Uzziah to Hezekiah (Is 1:1). The first date given is the year of Uzziah's death (6:1), which probably occurred about 740 B.C. The last historical event referred to is the death of Sennacherib (37:38), which occurred in 681. He prophesied over a period of about 60 years. Isaiah was married; his wife is called 'the prophetess' (8:3), perhaps because she too prophesied. Two sons are mentioned, both of whom bear symbolic names (8:18)—Shear-jashub, 'Remnant will return' (7:3) and Maher-shalal-hash-baz, 'Hasten booty, speed spoil' (8:1-4). Isaiah and Micah were contemporaries (compare Is 1:1 with Mic 1:1). Isaiah's activity was preceded by that of Amos and Hosea (Am 1:1; Ho 1:1). Amos and Hosea prophesied mainly against the northern tribes of Israel; Isaiah and Micah concentrated their prophecies mainly on Judah and Jerusalem (Is 1:1).

"The Holy One of Israel"

This title of God is used over thirty times in the book of Isaiah - far more than any other place in the Old Testament. It is a reflection of Isaiah's experience of God (Ch 6) when Isaiah saw a vision of God In his splendour and holiness on a throne:

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, 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 Yahweh 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."

Salvation

A major theme in Isaiah:

12:3 Wells of salvation
25:9 Joy of salvation
26:1 Walls of salvation
45:17 Everlasting salvation
49:8 Day of salvation
52:7 Heralds of salvation
52:10 Spread of salvation
59:16 Arm of salvation
59:17 Helmet of salvation
61:10 Garments of salvation
62:1 Light of salvation

The Holy Spirit

11:2 The Spirit of Yahweh
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding
The Spirit of counsel
The Spirit of knowledge and fear of Yahweh
30:1 Plans not by my Spirit
32:15 The Spirit is poured upon from on high
34:16 The Spirit brings order
42:1 The Spirit on my servant he will bring justice
44:3 I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring
48:16 Sovereign Yahweh has sent me with his Spirit
59:21 My Spirit is on you, my words in your mouth
61:1 The Spirit of Yahweh is on me, anointed to preach good news
63:10 They rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit
63:14 They were given rest by the Spirit of Yahweh

Jesus

7:14 Virgin will be with child and give birth to a son
9:6 Unto us a child is born, government on his shoulders
11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse
11:2 The Spirit of Yahweh will rest on him
61:1-2 Anointed to preach good news to the poor etc.
11:3-4 Will judge with righteousness
7:15 Simplicity of life
42:1-4 Filled with the Spirit, just and gentle
53 Yahweh has laid on him the iniquity of us all
25:8 He will swallow up death for ever
11 His glorious kingdom

Isaiah in the New Testament

OT Text	NT Text	Subject
Isa 1:9	Ro 9:29	The remnant
Isa 6:3	Rev 4:8	Holy, holy, holy
Isa 6:9-10	Mt 13:14-15; Mk 4:12; Lk 8:10; Ac 28:26-27	Seeing but not perceiving
Isa 6:10	Jn 12:40	God binds the eyes
Isa 7:14	Mt 1:23	The virgin birth
Isa 8:12-13	1Pe 3:14-15	Do not fear
Isa 8:14	Ro 9:32-33; 1Pe 2:8	A stone on which people stumble
Isa 8:17	Heb 2:13	Trust in God
Isa 8:18	Heb 2:13	God's children
Isa 9:1-2	Mt 4:15-16	Galilee of the Gentiles
Isa 10:22-23	Ro 9:27-28	The remnant
Isa 11:10	Ro 15:12	The root of Jesse
Isa 13:10	Mt 24:29; Mk 13:24-25	The end times
Isa 22:13	1Co 15:32	Tomorrow we die
Isa 25:8	1Co 15:54	Death is swallowed up
Isa 25:8	Rev 7:17; 21:4	God wipes away tears
Isa 27:9	Ro 11:27	Full removal of sin
Isa 28:11-12	1Co 14:21	Through strange tongues
Isa 28:16	Ro 9:33; 10:11; 1Pe 2:6	Trust in the cornerstone
Isa 29:10	Ro 11:8	God seals the eyes
Isa 29:13	Mt 15:8-9; Mk 7:6-7	Hypocritical worship
Isa 29:14	1Co 1:19	Worldly wisdom perishes
Isa 29:16	Ro 9:20	Potter and clay
Isa 34:4	Mt 24:29; Mk 13:24-25	The end times
Isa 40:3-5	Mt 3:3; Mk 1:3; Lk 3:4-6; Jn 1:23	Voice in the wilderness
Isa 40:6-8	1Pe 1:24-25	Eternity of the word
Isa 40:13	Ro 11:34; 1Co 2:16	The mind of the Lord
Isa 42:1-4	Mt 12:18-21	The servant of the Lord
Isa 43:21	1Pe 2:9	Declaring God's praise
Isa 45:9	Ro 9:20	Potter and clay
Isa 45:23	Ro 14:11	Every knee shall bow
Isa 49:6	Ac 13:47	Salvation of the Gentiles
Isa 49:8	2Co 6:2	God's day of salvation
Isa 49:10	Rev 7:16	Eternal blessings
Isa 52:5	Ro 2:24	God's name cursed among Gentiles
Isa 52:7	Ro 10:15	Beautiful feet
Isa 52:11	2Co 6:17	Touch no unclean thing
Isa 52:15	Ro 15:21	Gentiles hear the gospel
Isa 53:1	Jn 12:38; Ro 10:16	Unbelief of Israel
Isa 53:4	Mt 8:17; 1Pe 2:24	Taking our infirmities
Isa 53:6	1Pe 2:25	Like sheep gone astray
Isa 53:7-8	Ac 8:32-33	Jesus as the dying lamb
Isa 53:9	1Pe 2:22	Sinless servant
Isa 53:12	Lk 22:37	Numbered with transgressors
Isa 54:1	Gal 4:27	Joy of the barren woman
Isa 54:13	Jn 6:45	All are taught by God
Isa 55:3	Ac 13:34	Blessings of David
Isa 56:7	Mt 21:13; Mk 11:17; Lk 19:46	God's house of prayer
Isa 59:7-8	Ro 3:15-17	Sin of humanity
Isa 59:20-21	Ro 11:26-27	Deliverer from Zion
Isa 61:1-2	Lk 4:18-19	God's Spirit on me
Isa 64:4	1Co 2:9	What no eye has seen
Isa 65:1	Ro 10:20	Salvation of the Gentiles
Isa 65:2	Ro 10:21	Obstinate Israel
Isa 65:17	2Pe 3:13	New heavens and new earth
Isa 66:1-2	Ac 7:49-50	No temple contains God
Isa 66:24	Mk 9:48	Unquenchable fire of hell

48:22, 57:21 "There is no peace for the wicked" says Yahweh

Luke 4:16-19 He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."