

Studies in the Book of

# Isaiah

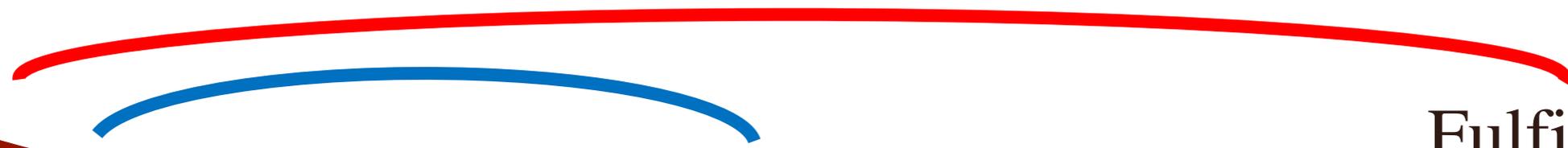
# ISAIAH

## How Can People Have Confidence In Message Of The Prophet?

Time of Prophet

Near Future Prophecy

Distant Future Prophecy (Messianic)



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# Historical Outline of Book of Isaiah

## I. ASSYRIAN PERIOD - CONFLICT & VICTORY (1-39)

- A. Prophecies Concerning Judah and Jerusalem (1-12)
- B. Prophecies Concerning the Nations (13-27)
- C. The Source of True Deliverance (28-35)
- D. Historical Interlude (36-39)

## II. BABYLONIAN PERIOD - HOPE FOR TROUBLED TIMES (40-66)

- A. The One True God Versus Idols (40-48)
- B. Salvation through the Suffering Servant (49-53)
- C. The Future Glory for God's People (54-66)

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## **I. Discourses and Prophecies centering in Jerusalem and Judaea, (Chs. 1-12).**

A. Judah's social sins, (Chs. 1-5).

B. The Prophet's inaugural vision and commission (ca. 740), (Ch. 6).

C. Judah's political entanglements – Isaiah as statesman, (Chs. 7-12).

1. Immanuel – history and prediction intermingled, (7:1-10:4).

2. Assyria – the rod of Jehovah's anger, (10:5-34).

3. The Messianic age, (Chs. 11-12).

## **II. Prophetic discourses directed against Foreign Nations, (Chs.13-23).**

A. Downfall of Babylon, heir of the Assyrians, (13:1-14:27).

B. A series of short prophecies against the Nations, (14:28-21:17).

(Nations included Philistia, Moab, Damascus, Israel, Assyria, Ethiopia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Babylon, Edom, Arabia, Jerusalem and Tyre)

### III. World Judgment and the salvation of Jehovah's people (Chs. 24-27).

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  - 2. Dawn of a better day, (vv. 14-16a).
  - 3. Premature songs of rejoicing – more judgment to come, (vv. 16b-20).
  - 4. Zion shall emerge triumphant, (vv. 21-23).
- B. Hymns of thanksgiving for the divine mercy, (25:1-26:19).
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  - 2. Blessedness of the Messianic age, (vv. 6-8).
  - 3. Another hymn of thanksgiving – joy in the midst of desolation, (vv. 9-12).
  - 4. Song of praise for deliverance and for Jehovah's strength – a song of the redeemed in Mount Zion; Israel raised from the dead, (26:1-19).
- C. Salvation of the people of Jehovah – Israel's chastisements are salutary, (26:20-27:13).
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# Questions

1. This section begins with the statement” The Lord makes the earth empty and makes it waste.” Is this meant literally or figuratively? \_\_\_\_\_

2. And it shall be: as with the \_\_\_\_\_, so with the \_\_\_\_\_; as with the \_\_\_\_\_, so with the \_\_\_\_\_; as with the \_\_\_\_\_, so with the \_\_\_\_\_; as with the \_\_\_\_\_; as with the \_\_\_\_\_, so with the \_\_\_\_\_; as with the \_\_\_\_\_, so with the \_\_\_\_\_; as with the \_\_\_\_\_, so with the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. What is the reason given in Isaiah 24:5 for God’s judgment that is promised? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the basic point in Isaiah 24:7-13 about the effect of God’s judgment when it is completed? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who are those lifting their voices in jubilation as described in Isaiah 24:14-15? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What is Isaiah's response to this expression of jubilation? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Why does Isaiah express praise to God (Isaiah 25:1-5) after God's judgment is promised in chapter 24? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is meant by "in this mountain" in Isaiah 25:6? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What specific country is mentioned as the recipient of God's coming judgment? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Thought Question:** Is the phrase "in that day" of Isaiah 24:21 speaking of the same day or period of time noted by "in that day" of Isaiah 25:? Or are they speaking of a different times? Please explain and give a reason for your answer.

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**9:8 – 10:34**