

## **“ISAIAH”**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

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- A. Isaiah lived through a pivotal period of his nation's history, the second half of the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC., which saw the rise of written prophecy in the work of Amos, Hosea, Micah and himself, but also the down fall and disappearance of the greater part of Israel, the ten tribes of the Northern kingdom.
- B. Modern criticism that questions the authorship of Isaiah, will be for another lesson and another study. For now we simply note that....In none of the 21 passages in the New Testament where the writer or speaker quotes Isaiah or appeals to the prophet by name is there any hint or suspicion that more than one Isaiah wrote the book bearing that title.
- C. Isaiah places strong emphasis upon the fact that Jehovah is the “Holy One of Israel” (this expression is used some twenty five times in the book) and accordingly, He sends forth judgment (used fifty two times) or comfort ( used eighteen times) depending upon how people respond to Him.
- D. “Never perhaps has there been another prophet like Isaiah, who stood with his head in the clouds and feet on the solid earth, with his heart in the things of eternity and his mouth and hands in the things of time, with his spirit in the eternal counsel of God and his body in the very definite moment of history.”

( From; Commentary on Isaiah, by Homer Haily.

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### **The Nature Of Christ**

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- A. ISAIAH is known as the Messianic prophet for interlaced all through his message are glorious glimpses of the promised Christ. Some of these are:
  - 1. A view of the divine pre-incarnate Christ (6:1-13; John 12:41).
  - 2. The birth of Immanuel (God is with us) to the virgin (7:14; Matt. 1:22,23)
  - 3. The rejection of the divine Christ as a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense (8:13,14; I Pet. 2:8; 3:14).
  - 4. Jesus as Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting father, Prince of Peace, and heir to David's throne (9:6; Luke 1:32).
  - 5. The Messiah and His benevolent and universal reign during the Christian age (11:1-10; Romans 15:12).
  - 6. Christ is the precious, tried cornerstone that is to be laid in Zion (28:16; Romans 9:33; I Peter 2:6).
  - 7. John the Baptist's preparatory work for the coming Lord (40:3-5; Matt. 3:3).
  - 8. The Master's compassionate and just ministry (42:1-4; Matt. 12:18-21).

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9. The atoning work of Jehovah’s suffering Servant (53:1-12; Acts 8:32-35).

### B. THE ABSOLUTE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST.

1. In the year that king Uzziah died, Isaiah saw “the Lord”...”Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts...The inspired apostle John identifies this Being as Christ and affirms: “These things said Isaiah, because he saw his glory” (John 12:36-41).
  2. In Isaiah 8:12-14, the prophet rebukes sinful fear and urges the people to sanctify “Jehovah of hosts.” In I Peter 3:14,15.. “but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord.”
  3. Isaiah told of John the Baptist...that “voice of one that crieth” (40:3) - and the fact that his messenger was to prepare in the wilderness “the way of Jehovah” and make level in the desert a “highway for our God.” That Jehovah God was Christ, our Savior, as the N.T. clearly indicates (Matt. 3:3; John 1:23).
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## THE MESSIANIC AGE

- ### A. THE MESSIANIC prophet gives exciting previews of the coming age, the Christian era.

### B. SOME OF THESE ARE:

1. 2:2-4; in the “latter days” Jehovah’s’s house will be established in Jerusalem and into it all nations will flow.
  - a. “Last days” ..Joel 2:28...same time.
  - b. Fulfilled on day of Pentecost (Acts 2:16,17).
2. Establishment of the Throne of David. (9:7).
  - a. Though it was fulfilled by Christ (Luke 1:32,33) it was not a reference to a literal throne because no descendant of David could prosper from the time of king Jecohiah (also known as Coniah) Jer. 22:24-30).
  - b. Christ was to function as priest while on David’s throne (Zeck.6:2,13) But Christ could not act as priest on earth...(wrong tribe).

- ### C. Why the Jews could not see and accept this great purpose of Jehovah as set forth by Isaiah and fulfilled in the Christ who came has long been a mystery. The prophet, however, had an explanation for it: the Jews closed their eyes, stopped their ears, and hardened their hear so that they could not accept the truth. (6:9-10
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### **MISUSED TEXTS**

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#### **A. Isaiah 35:8 READ**

1. Rather than stressing the simplicity of God’s way and how that even simple minded people can find salvation...
2. This passage evidently teaches that truth that wayfaring men...ungodly, rebellious characters, shall not accidentally stumble into the high way of holiness.

#### **B. ANOTHER IS Isaiah 14:12; READ**

1. For years this has been used as a favorite text to prove that Satan is a fallen angel.
2. Lucifer has become a synonym for the Devil.
3. Rather - Lucifer is star...shooting star....Bright, brilliant for a moment, then burns up.
- 4 .A careful reading of the text however, will show that it refers to Babylon in general and Nebuchadnezzar in particular.

#### **B. AGAIN: Isaiah 55:8 READ**

1. We usually use this passage along with I Cor. 1:18-25 to emphasize the wisdom of God and comparative foolishness of man.
2. Even tho this is a Bible truth...
3. It seems that Isaiah is simply stating fact that Judah had not retained God’s ways and thoughts in their hearts and mind.

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### **Book Preserved Because**

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**ISAIAH 53**.....READ AND CLOSE.

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