

## THE BOOK OF ISAIAH IN SCRIPTURE & IN SONG

The prophet Isaiah is often called the Messianic prophet because he foretold more about the birth, life & death of Jesus Christ than any other O.T. prophet. He also had much to say about songs & singing, so perhaps it is no coincidence that his writings have found their way into many of the hymns Christians still sing today.

I. Isaiah was called to the prophetic ministry about 740 B.C., probably a few months before the death of King Uzziah of Judah. He continued to prophesy thru the reigns of Jothan, Ahaz & Hezekiah, a period of about 40 years.

ISAIAH 6:1-3            1            “Holy Holy Holy”

II. Isaiah’s message was 3-fold. (1) He spoke of the sins of Judah, Israel & the surrounding nations, & of the inevitable consequences of those sins. (2) He foretold that after the sins of Israel & Judah resulted in the Assyrian & Babylonian exiles, God would raise up a righteous remnant who would physically return & repeople the promised land. And (3) He foretold that thru the righteous remnant, the Christ or Messiah would arise & lead a spiritual restoration in which God’s chosen nation would expand to include people of all races, tribes, peoples & tongues.

Isaiah admonished the sinners of Judah & Israel to return to God, receive forgiveness, & avoid the captivity & death to which they were otherwise destined.

ISAIAH 1:16-20        313        “Tho Your Sins be as Scarlet”

III. Repeatedly he reminded them of their sins & their need to be re-fashioned by the will of God.

ISAIAH 54:6—8        146        “Have Thine Own Way”

IV. The prophet insisted that the turmoil Israel was experiencing could have been avoided--and that in a future age under Messiah’s reign, the peace they had spurned would become a reality for those who have learned to heed God’s will.

ISAIAH 48:18; 66:12        560        “It Is Well”

V. Tho, as is often the case, the sins of the many brot hardship on the entire nation, those who maintained their relationship with

God were encouraged by the knowledge that God would continue to strengthen and sustain them.

ISAIAH 41:10; 49:15            462    “God will Take Care”

VI. By far the most amazing prophecies of Isaiah--and the ones most meaningful to us, are those that foretold the birth, earthly ministry & heavenly rule of Christ.

ISAIAH 9:6-7; 7:14            46    “Hark the Herald Angels”

VII. Before Christ began His earthly ministry, another prophet would arise to go before Him & prepare His way.

ISAIAH 40:3-8            532    “As The Life of a Flower”

VIII. The Messiah’s ministry would be characterized by miraculous manifestations of Divine power. A Pathway or Highway would be opened to fellowship with God, & to everlasting life.

ISAIAH 35:5-10            190    “We’re Marching to Zion”

IX. The Messiah would be the bridge to span the gap between God & man—the ladder to reach from earth to heaven—the highway on which all men could journey to eternal life around the throne of God.

ISA 11:16; 19:23; 35:8            341    “Way of the Cross”

X. Christ would serve as a banner, a rallying point for all people of all nations who are willing to seek God and be obedient to Him.

ISAIAH 11:10-12            133    “Banner of the Cross”

XI. The redemptive work of Christ would be accomplished by His willingly accepting our shame, carrying our sorrows, bearing the price of our sins. The amazing 53rd chapter of Isaiah tells of the sacrificial death of Jesus in almost as much detail as the eyewitness accounts in the N.T.

ISAIAH 53: 1-10            161    “Hallelujah What a Savior”

XII. The latter part of Isaiah 53 even foretells the glorious resurrection of Jesus, and of His heavenly intercession.

ISAIAH 53:10-12            160    “One Day”

XIII. The ascension of Jesus to the throne of heaven ushered in what Isaiah & the other O.T. prophets had called “the last days.” God’s house or church was established in Jerusalem & His

Divine message was sent forth inviting all mankind to enjoy  
the blessings of His Divine reign.

ISAIAH 2:2-5                      19      “Heavenly Sunlight”

XIV. To the people of Isaiah’s materialistic age--and ours--God  
invites us to seek those spiritual blessings which money can’t  
buy & which time can’t erode.

ISAIAH 33:15-17                      221      “The Unclouded Day”

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