

Isaiah at a Glance

Ch.	Segment Themes	Sub-Segment Themes	Chapter Themes
1	Messianic King Assyrian Background (739-01 bc)	Condemnation of Judah	Judah's Rebellion against Yahweh
2			Man's Pride Will Be Humbled
3			Yahweh Contends with Jerusalem and Judah
4			The Beautiful Branch of Yahweh in Zion
5			Six Woes against Judah (Parable of the Vineyard)
6		Commission of Isaiah	
7		Book of Immanuel	Worry about Assyria, Not Syria and Israel (Sign of Immanuel)
8			A Stone of Offense to Israel (Sign of Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz)
9			To Us a Child Is Born (Prophecy of Messiah's Birth)/Judgment on Ephraim
10			Woe to Assyria, the Rod of Yahweh's Anger
11			A Shoot from the Stump of Jesse
12			You Will Say in that Day
13		Condemnation of the Nations	Prophecies against Babylon, Assyria, and Philistia
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15			Prophecies against Moab
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17			Prophecies against Damascus and Samaria
18			Prophecies against Cush (Ethiopia)
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20			Prophecies against Egypt
21			Prophecies against Babylon, Dumah (Edom), and Arabia
22			Prophecies against Jerusalem
23			Prophecies against Tyre
24		Isaiah's Little Apocalypse	Tribulation Judgments
25			Yahweh's Feast on Zion
26			Song in the Land of Judah
27			Israel Will Blossom
28		Six Woes concerning Israel and Judah	A Cornerstone in Zion (Woe to Ephraim)
29			The Blind Shall See (Woe to Ariel)
30			The Master Teacher Will Appear (Woe to Egypt)
31			Yahweh Will Rescue Judah from the Assyrians
32			International Devastation
33			A King Will Reign in Righteousness
34		Universal Blessing	Your Eyes Will See the King (Woe to Assyria)
35			Great Slaughter in Edom (Woe to the Nations)
36			The Blossoming Desert and the Way of Holiness
37		Hezekiah's Salvation, Sickness, and Sin	Sennacherib's Taunt
38			185,000 Assyrians Struck Down
39			Hezekiah's Life Extended
			Babylonians See Everything

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40	Messianic Servant Babylonian Background (605-539 bc)	Israel's Deliverance God vs. Idols Israel vs. Babylon	Israel Comforted	
41			Fear Not, Israel	
42			Servant Song #1: Yahweh's Servant Will Establish Justice	
43			Israel Precious to Yahweh	
44			Israel Chosen and Redeemed	
45			Cyrus Called by Name	
46			Yahweh's Purpose Accomplished	
47			Babylon Disgraced	
48			Israel Redeemed through Yahweh's Beloved	
49		Israel's Deliverer Suffering Servant and Savior	Servant Song: Messiah's Mission	
50			Servant Song: Messiah Obedience	
51			Servant Song: Messiah's Encouragement to Israel	
52			Servant Song: Messiah's Atonement	
53			Messiah's Promise of Israel's Restoration	
54			Messiah's Invitation to the World	
55			Messiah's Rebuke of the Wicked	
56		Messianic Conqueror Persian Background (539-500 bc)	Israel's Glorious Future Whose Side Are You on?	Blessings of True Worship
57				Sins of Israel
58				Glory of Israel in the Kingdom
59	Advents of the Messiah			
60	Future of Jerusalem			
61	Vengeance of God			
62	Prayer of the Remnant			
63	Yahweh's Answer to the Remnant			
64	Glorious Consummation of History			
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	Book Theme	Salvation for Service through the Servant		
	Author	Isaiah		
	Recipients	Judah		
	Date	740-680 bc		
	Purpose	To: (1) warn Judah where her rebellion against Yahweh will lead; (2) demonstrate Yahweh's sovereign authority over history, including Assyria and Babylon; and (3) comfort Israel that she will fulfill her place as servant through the Servant God will send.		
	Message	The Messianic King will rule in righteousness over a righteous community, but he cannot do so until he becomes a Servant who provides righteousness that community and a Conquerer who overthrows the communities' enemies.		
	Key Words	Faith/trust, Holy One of Israel, Jerusalem/Zion, judgment, redemption, remnant, righteousness, salvation (26x), servant		
	Key Verses	Is 9:6-7 6 To us a child is born, to us a son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. Is 53:6 6 All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned—every one—to his own way. And Yahweh has laid on him the iniquity of us all.		
	Historical Context	Isaiah wrote during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Contemporary prophets were Hosea and Micah. Assyrian power reached its height during these years. In 612 bc, Babylon would conquer Assyria. Israel had been conquered by Assyria in 721 bc. Judah narrowly avoided the same fate in 701 bc. In chapters 40-66, Isaiah's focus is on the Babylonian captivity (605-538 bc) and beyond.		