

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

PERIOD SEVEN

LAST DAYS OF JUDAH - ISAIAH

LESSON 32

In this lesson we want to learn

- *Who Isaiah was and when he lived.*
- *The messages and warnings of Isaiah to Judah.*
- *The prophecies about the Messiah, Cyrus and Judah.*

Time	PERIOD SEVEN	JUDAH
Main thought	LAST DAYS OF JUDAH AS A KINGDOM	
Chapters that tell of this part	2 Kings 18:1 2 Chronicles 10:1	to to 2 Kings 25:30 2 Chronicles 36:16
What this part tells about	931BC Southern Kingdom - Judah - Rehoboam to Judah lasted 350 years.	586 BC end of Jerusalem
	<p>Government of Judah</p> <p>19 kings, they all belong to the family of David.</p> <p>Way of Living</p> <p>They all lived about the same, none were very poor, and none were very rich. They had a simple way of living.</p>	<p>Religion</p> <p>Little by little the people turned from God - then they came back to God as the prophets brought them back to God.</p> <p>Prophets</p> <p>850 - 700 - Joel, Isaiah, Micah, - Obadiah</p> <p>700 - 600 BC - Jeremiah, Zephaniah, - Nahum, Habakkuk</p>

JUDAH									
King		Jotham	Ahaz	Hezekiah				Manasseh	
Prophet									
Prophet		Isaiah							
Prophet		Micah							
BC	750	740	730	720	710	700	690	680	670 660
Prophet									
Prophet		Hosea							
King		Pekah	Hoshea	Israel in Exile					
	Menasseh								
ISRAEL	Pekahiah								

1. INTRODUCTION

The Bible still talks about Israel after it was destroyed. A small group of people (remnant) from Israel and Judah came back to their own country. These people were called Israel or Israelites. These same people are called Israelis or Jews today.

ISAIAH

- **THE MAN ISAIAH**

Isaiah was one of the greatest prophets. **He was a prophet to Judah and Jerusalem.** He is called a major (great) prophet. His wife was a prophetess (Isaiah 8:3).

Isaiah prophesied at a very important time. The people of Samaria (Israel) were taken to Assyria during the years he prophesied. Judah was attacked by Sennacherib. Isaiah warned the people of Judah and Jerusalem that the Lord would soon judge them for their sin.

Isaiah also warned Assyria, Egypt and Babylon that the Lord would soon judge them. Isaiah lived when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah ruled the people of Judah. He often went to see Ahaz and Hezekiah.

- **THE BOOK ISAIAH**

(Note: This outline does not have to be memorized. It is given to help you find things in the book of Isaiah.)

It is important to know that the book of Isaiah has two main parts: prophecy of judgment and prophecy of comfort.

PART ONE - PROPHECY OF JUDGMENT - ISAIAH 1 - 39

- Isaiah prophesied to the people of Judah and Jerusalem, Isaiah 1-12.
 - Isaiah and his message, Isaiah 1:1 - 6:13.
 - Isaiah told what would happen to Judah, Isaiah 7:1 - 12:6.
- Isaiah prophesied to other nations, Isaiah 13 - 23.
 - Judgment of Babylon and her rulers, Isaiah 13:1 - 14:27.
 - Judgment of the Philistines, Isaiah 14:28-32.
 - Judgment of Moab, Isaiah 15:1 - 16:14.
 - Judgment of Syria and Israel, Isaiah 17:1 - 18:7.
 - Judgment of Egypt, Isaiah 19:1-25.
 - Judgment of Ashdod, Isaiah 20:1-6.
 - End of Babylon, Isaiah 21:1-10.
 - Judgment of Edom, Isaiah 21:11-12.
 - Judgment of Arabia, Isaiah 21:13-17.
 - Judgment of Judah, Isaiah 22:1-14.
 - Judgment of Shebna, Isaiah 22:15-25.
 - Judgment of Tyre, Isaiah 23:1-18.
- Isaiah prophesied to the world, Isaiah 24 - 27.
 - Jerusalem was to be destroyed and rebuilt, Isaiah 24:1-23.
 - The redeemed will sing praises, Isaiah 25:1 - 26:19.
 - The nations will be judged and the people of Israel will go to their own country, Isaiah 26:10 - 27:13.
- Isaiah prophesied to Samaria and Judah, Isaiah 28 - 33.
 - God's plan will work out, Isaiah 28:1 - 29:24.
 - Judah should not trust Egypt for help, Isaiah 30:1 - 31:9.
 - God will bless those who trust Him, Isaiah 32:1-20.
 - God will judge the nations and bring the people of (present day) Israel to Zion, Isaiah 33:1-24.
- Isaiah prophesied of "the day of the Lord" and the 1000 year rule of the Messiah, Isaiah 34 - 35.
 - The day of the Lord, Isaiah 34:1-17.
 - The 1000 year rule of the Messiah, Isaiah 35:1-10.

- Jerusalem's judgment was held back, Isaiah 36 - 38.
 - Jerusalem was set free from Assyria, Isaiah 36:1 - 37:38.
 - Hezekiah was healed and praised the Lord, Isaiah 38:1-22.
- Babylon will take the treasures of Jerusalem, Isaiah 39:1-8.

PART TWO - PROPHECY OF COMFORT - ISAIAH 40 - 66

- Isaiah prophesied that the Lord would set Israel free, Isaiah 40:1 - 56:9
 - Those who have faith will be comforted, Isaiah 40:1-31.
 - Israel is the chosen servant of God, Isaiah 41:1-29.
 - Good and bad servants, Isaiah 42:1-25.
 - Israel will come home from Babylon, Isaiah 43:1 - 45:25.
 - Babylon's gods will not be able to help Babylon, Isaiah 46 - 47.
 - The Lord asked Israel to come back to Himself, Isaiah 48 - 50.
 - The Lord promised to set Israel free, Isaiah 51:1 - 52:12.
 - The Lord promised a suffering Savior, Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12.
 - The Lord will bring salvation to Israel and other nations, Isaiah 54:1 - 56:8.
- Isaiah prophesied that the Lord will rule the world, Isaiah 56:9 - 66:24.
 - Those who think they are good are not good enough for God, Isaiah 56:9 - 59:21.
 - The Lord will bring blessing to Zion (Jerusalem), Isaiah 60:1 - 63:6.
 - The Lord knows those who really love Him, Isaiah 63:7 - 65:16.
 - The Lord will make a new heaven and a new earth, Isaiah 65:17 - 66:24.

B. Lessons of the book.

- **Judah's sin and punishment.**

The first six chapters of Isaiah tell about the sins of the people of Judah. Isaiah told the people of Judah, "Turn away from your sin." He told them, "Return to the Lord."

How did Isaiah picture the sin of the people of Judah (Isaiah 1:4)?

Did the Lord accept the sacrifice of the people of Judah (Isaiah 1:11-15)?

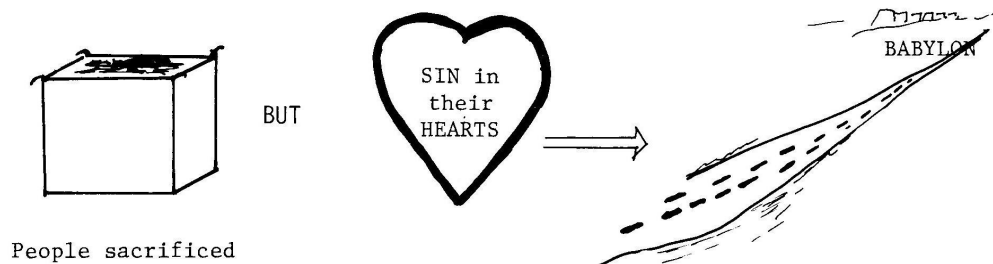
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Isaiah told the people of Judah, "Repent of your sins." What would the Lord do if they would repent (Isaiah 1:18,19)?

What would happen to those who would not repent (Isaiah 1:20)?

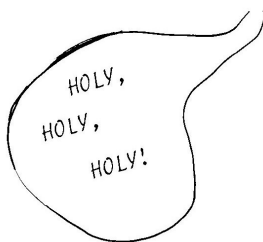
What would happen to those who drank too much wine (Isaiah 5:11-25)?

Isaiah said the Lord would bring judgment upon the people of Judah. He also said the Lord would take away the sin of the people of Jerusalem (Zion) and bless them (Isaiah 4:2-6).



The judgment of the Lord was to chase the sinners out of Judah. The judgment was to turn the people of Judah away from idols. The Lord would make the people of Judah a blessing to other nations when they would be clean from their sin and their idols.

- **Isaiah's call to prophesy.**



Chapter six tells how Isaiah was called to prophesy. What did Isaiah see (Isaiah 6:1)?

How did he feel when he saw this?

How would you feel? Was Isaiah willing to prophesy for the Lord (Isaiah 6:8)?

- **Isaiah prophesied to King Ahaz.**

Isaiah chapters 7 to 14 are believed to be written when Ahaz was king of Judah. These chapters tell how Isaiah prophesied to Ahaz. Ahaz would not listen to Isaiah. Isaiah told Ahaz that the Lord would punish the people for their sin. Isaiah also told how the Lord would send a Messiah. (Messiah means Savior and King.) The Messiah would set Israel free and make it a great nation.

- **Isaiah prophesied to King Hezekiah.**

Isaiah chapters 15 to 66 must have been written when Hezekiah was king. Isaiah tells much about Hezekiah in these chapters. Isaiah chapters 36 to 38 tell how Isaiah helped Hezekiah. These chapters are much like 2 Kings 18:17 - 20:11 and 2 Chronicles 32:1-24.

- **Isaiah told about the devil.**

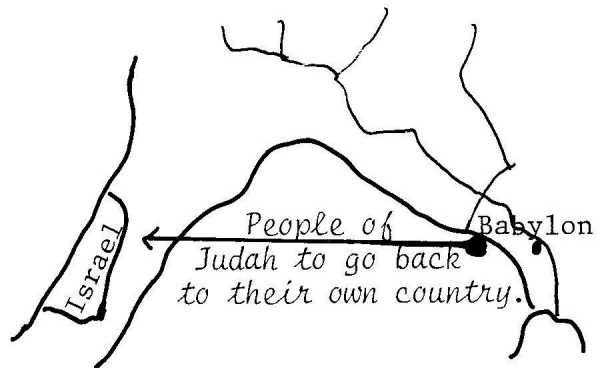
READ ISAIAH 14:12-17.

The name "devil" is not used in these verses. These verses tell what the devil did. This is how we know they are about the devil. Isaiah 14:12 calls this person "star of the morning." The King James version of the Bible calls him "Lucifer, son of the morning." What did he do to become the way he is (Isaiah 14:13,14)?

ALSO READ EZEKIEL 28:11-19 and 2 CORINTHIANS 11:14.

- **Isaiah told about the people of Judah going back to their own country.**

Isaiah prophesied that the people of Judah would go back to their own country. He told that a king in Persia would send them back. What was the name of this king (Isaiah 44:28, 45:1-4)?

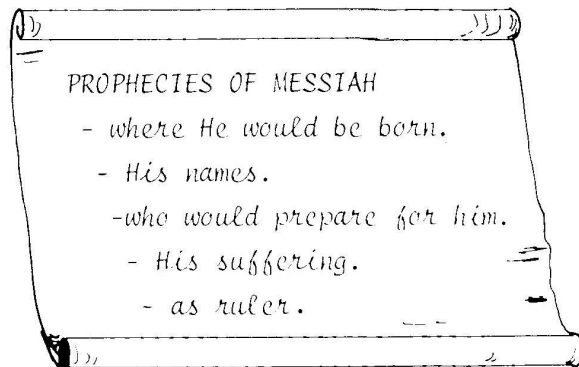


Isaiah said this before this king was born. Yet, Isaiah knew his name. Isaiah said this even before the people of Judah were taken away to Babylon. Jeremiah also told about this king. He did not call him by name, but told how he would send the people of Israel (Judah) to their own country (Jeremiah 29:10). READ 2 CHRONICLES 36:22,23.

- **Isaiah told about the Messiah.**

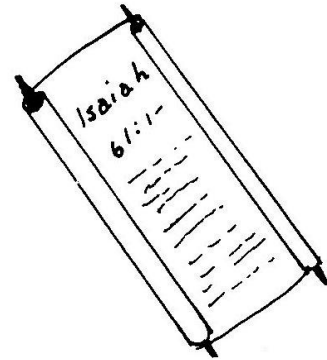
Isaiah prophesied much about the Messiah. The Messiah was to save Israel. We know the Messiah as Jesus Christ.

Isaiah was told how the Messiah was to be born. To whom was He to be born (Isaiah 7:14)?



What was to be His name?

Isaiah said the Messiah would be a Child. What were some of the names given to this Child (Isaiah 9:6-7)?



Isaiah told of a man who was to come before the Messiah. What did he say about this man (Isaiah 40:3-5)?

READ MATTHEW 3:1-6. Who was this man?

One day Jesus spoke to the people in the Jewish church. He read some of the words from Isaiah 61:1-5. READ THESE VERSES AND ALSO LUKE 4:18,19. Did Jesus read all the words in Isaiah 61:1-5?

Jesus read only part of the prophecy. This part of the prophecy came true while He was on earth. Jesus will come back to earth again. Then the rest of the prophecy will come true.

The first time the Messiah came, He came to suffer and to die for us. In Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12 we have a picture of the suffering Messiah. READ ISAIAH 52:13 to 53:12 CAREFULLY. MEMORIZE ISAIAH 53:6.

What does this verse tell us about ourselves?

What does it say about our sin?

For how many people did the Messiah suffer?

The Messiah will come back to earth the second time. He will rule over all the nations. Isaiah 35 tells the land of Israel will be beautiful and will have peace.

What are some other things that will happen at this time (Isaiah 65:19-25)?

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Some Bible teachers believe that this is the millennium. The word "millennium" means 1000 years. The Messiah is to be king in Jerusalem for a 1000 years (Revelation 20:1-7).

- **Isaiah told about a new heaven and a new earth.**

Isaiah told about a new heaven and a new earth in Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22. READ 2 PETER 3:10-14 and REVELATION 21.



- **NEW TESTAMENT USES WORDS FROM ISAIAH**

Words from Isaiah are used 20 times in the New Testament. Each time the New Testament uses them, it also uses Isaiah's name. Example: John 12:39,40; Acts 28:25,26,27.

The book of Isaiah has too many wonderful things in it to study it in one lesson. May the Lord help you to spend more time in the book.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. redeemed - the ones saved, the ones who were slaves and someone paid to have them set free.
2. Messiah - Savior and expected King - Jesus Christ.
3. accept - to take when offered.
4. Zion - another name for Jerusalem.