

# Christ and His Kingdom In the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

## *Chapters 1 to 5 – The Fallen and Sick Condition of Judah and Jerusalem*

- I. God's rebuke to Judah and Jerusalem (Chapters 1-2)**
  - A. Sick from the head to the foot (Is. 1:2-8)
  - B. Likened to Sodom and Gomorrah (Is.1:9-10)
  - C. Becoming a harlot and murderers  
(Is. 1:21-23; 54:5-8; Jer. 3:20; Ezek. 16)
  - D. Princes became rebellious and companions of thieves  
(Is. 1:23; 3:14; 5:13; 9:13-17)
  - E. Following the customs of the nations – full of idolatry  
(Is. 2:6-9; Jer. 10:2; Lev. 18:3; 20:23; Deut. 7:16; 12:30;  
Ps. 106:34-42; Rom. 12:2)
  - F. The LORD, your Physician (Exod. 15:26; Is. 6:10; 30:26;  
53:5; 57:18-19; Jer. 30:12-13, 17; 33:6; Ps. 6:2; 41:4; 147:3;  
Matt. 9:12; Mark 2:17)
- II. God's reaction to the fallen condition of His people**  
(Is. 1: 10-15)
  - A. Not allowing them to appear before Him  
(Is. 1:12; Ezek. 44:10, 13, 15-16)
  - B. Rejecting their sacrifices (Is. 1:11-15, 13a; Ps. 51)
  - C. Considering their burning of incense an abomination  
(Is. 1:13b)
  - D. Weary of their keeping the feasts (Is. 1:13c-14)
  - E. Hiding His eyes from their prayer  
(Is. 1:15; Deut. 31:17-18; 32:20; Ps.88:14)
- III. God's pleading with His people**  
(Is. 1:16-20, 2:5; 3:13; 2 Cor. 5:20)

**IV. God's warning about the coming of the Day of the LORD – the terror of His judgment (Is. 2:12 to chapter 3; 2:20-21; 3:7, 18; 4:1; 13:6, 9, 13; 2 Cor.5:10a, 11a; Rev. 6:12-17) – an allusion to the great day of God's wrath**

- A. Against the proud and lofty, everything that lifted itself up (Is. 2:12-17; 2 Cor. 10:4-6)
- B. Against idolatry (Is. 2:18-21)
- C. Judgment on Jerusalem and Judah (Chapter 3)
  - 1. Removing every support and the supply of life (Is. 3:1)
  - 2. The leadership taken away and replaced by children, babes and women (Is. 3:2-5; 12-15; 9:13-17)
    - a. The fallen leadership caused the people to err (Is. 3:12b; 9:16)
    - b. They swallowed up the path of righteousness <judgment, justice and law> (Is. 30:11; 40:14)
    - c. They destroyed <burned up, wasted> the vineyard and plundered the poor (Is. 3:14-15)
  - 3. The daughters of Zion stripped of all their ornaments (Is. 3:12, 16-26; 1 Cor. 11:3-10; 14:33-35, 37; 1 Tim. 2:9-14; 1 Pet. 3:1-5)

**V. Restoration through the Messiah (Chapter 4)**

- A. The "Branch of the LORD", "Fruit of the earth" (Is. 4:2; 11:1; Jer. 23:5-6; 33:15-17; Zech. 3:8; 6:12; Rom. 1:2-4; 15:12; Rev. 5:5; 22:16)
- B. The remnant (Is. 1:9; 4:1-3; 10:20-23; 11:11, 16; Rom. 11:1-5)
  - 1. Those who have escaped (Rev. 2:7 <overcomers>)
  - 2. Those who are recorded for life in Jerusalem (Dan. 12:1)
- C. Judgment and purging by the Spirit of judgment and the Spirit of burning (Is. 1:24-27; 4:2-4; 1 Cor. 3:12-15)

- D. Ushering in the Millennial Kingdom, the holy Mt. Zion - the goal of restoration (Is. 2:1-4; 4:2-6 <Mic. 4:1-3>; Is. 11:6-10)

**VI. The song regarding God's vineyard** (Is. Chapter 5; 27:2; 3:14; Jer. 2:21; 12:10-11; Matt. 20:1; 21:33-41; John 15:1-8)

- A. My Well-beloved (Is. 54:5; 62:3-5; Hos. 2:19)
- B. The parable of the vineyard (Is. 5:1-7; 27:2-3; Jer. 2:21)
- C. Judgment – the eight woes (Is. 3:9-11; 5:8-23)
- D. The anger of the LORD (Is. 5:24-30; 9:8-10:6)

*Chapter 6 – The Heavenly Vision Seen by the Prophet Isaiah*

**I. The vision of God sitting on the throne** (Is. 6:1-4;

Ezek. Chapter 1; Dan. 7:9-10; Matt. 17:1-8; 2 Pet. 1:16-18; Acts 7:55-56; 9:3-9; 2 Cor. 12:1-4; Rev. 1:10-18; chapter 4 & 5)

**II. Isaiah's reaction** (Is. 6:5-7)

- A. A deep sense of unworthiness and sinfulness (Is. 6:5)
- B. Being purified and sanctified by a burning coal from the altar (Is. 6:6-7)

**III. Isaiah's calling** (Is. 6:8-13)

- A. The question posed by the triune God, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" (Acts 26:16-17)
- B. The reply of Isaiah, "Here am I! Send me."

**IV. Isaiah's commission: sent to a rebellious people of unclean lips** (Is. 6:9-12; Matt. 13:14-15; Mark 4:12; Luke 8:10; John 12:40; Acts 28:26-27; Rom. 11:8)

**V. Only the stump will remain – the holy seed <the remnant>** (Is. 6:13)

*Chapters 7 to 12 – Prophecy Concerning the Messiah*

- I. The sign of the virgin birth of the Messiah – Immanuel <God with us> (Is. 7:14)**
- A. Referring to God’s salvation for Judah at the time of King Ahaz (Is. 7:1-3, 14-17; 8:1-4)
1. The background of King Ahaz (2 Kings chapter 16; 2 Chron. chapter 28)
  2. The 2 children of Isaiah were signs and wonders (8:18)
    - a. Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz <speed the spoil, hasten the booty> (Is. 8:1-4)
      - About a year after the child was born, the king of Assyria, Tiglath-Pileser, defeated Resin and Pekah (2 Kings 16:5-9; 15:29-30)
      - “The king of Assyria and all his glory” points to the future conquests of Judah and the whole land by the nations, starting with the Babylonian Empire (Is. 8:5-8)
      - The land belongs to Immanuel; He will break the nations in pieces (Is. 8:8b-10)
    - b. Shear-Jashub <a remnant shall return> (Is. 7:3; 6:11-13; 10:20-22) – Referring to a very small remnant of God’s people after His judgment carried out by the nations
    - c. Strong warning and instructions from the LORD (Is. 8:11-18)
- B. The fulfillment of the prophecy – the virgin birth of the Messiah
1. The incarnation of Jesus – conception through the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18-23)
  2. Being Immanuel – “God with Us” (John 1:1, 14, 49; Num. 14:9; Rom. 8:31)

- a. The Word (God) became flesh and dwelt among us
- b. Full of glory, grace, and truth
- c. The King of Israel (Is. 8:8-10)
3. His redemptive work (Is. chapter 53; Matt. 1:21; 1 Pet. 2:24-25)
4. A living Stone and a sanctuary for God's people (Is. 8:14-15; 4:6; 28:16; Zech. 3:9; Ps. 118:22; 9:9; 46:1; 90:1; 91:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:20-22; Heb. 8:2; 10:19-22)
5. A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense for the unbelievers (1 Pet. 2:8; Luke 20:17-18; Rom. 9:32-33; 11:9-11)
6. The resurrected and ascended Christ – "Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me!" (Is. 8:17b-18; Heb. 2:9-14; Acts 13:33; John 20:17; Rom. 1:2-4; 8:29; Col. 1:18)

## II. Further revelation concerning the Messiah-King as both God and man (Is. 9:6-7)

- A. A Child is born – the humanity of Jesus, Jesus as the Son of Man
- B. A Son is given – a divine gift (John 3:16-18; 4:10) – the divinity of Jesus as the only begotten Son of God
- C. The goal – the government {rule, dominion} shall be upon His shoulder (Is. 9:7; Jer. 23:5-6; Matt. 28:18; Luke 1:31-33; Eph. 1:20-23; 1 Cor. 15:24-25; Heb. 1:8-9, 13; Rev. 1:5; 17:14; 19:16; 11:15; 1 Tim. 6:15; Dan. 7:13-14)
- D. His name (Is. 9:5-6)
  1. Wonderful <miracle, wonder> (Judges 13:18; Ps. 72:18; 86:10; 106:21-22; 105:27-36; 40:5; Dan. 4:2-3);
  2. Counsellor (Is. 11:2; 28:29; Jer. 32:19; Rom. 11:33; Col. 2:3; Rev. 3:18)
  3. Mighty God (Is. 10:21; Ps. 45:1-7; {Heb. 1:1-3, 8-12}; Jer. 32:18; Mic. 5:2b; John 1:1-4; 20:28; Rom. 9:5; Col. 1:16; 1 John 5:20)
  4. Eternal Father (John 8:58; 10:30-33; 14:7-11)

5. Prince of Peace (Ps. 72:7; 85:10; Acts 10:36;  
Eph. 2:14-18; Col. 1:20; Heb. 7:1-2)

E. His ministry (Is. 9:1-5; Matt. 4:13-25; Luke 1:76-79; 2:32;  
John 12:46)

### **III. The anger of the LORD against His people – continuation of chapter 5 (Is. 9:8 - 10:6)**

A. Against the pride and arrogance of their heart (Is. 9:9-10)

B. Against their leaders who cause them to err  
(Is. 9:13-17; Matt. 15:14; 23:16-17, 19, 26)

C. Against their wickedness (lawlessness), which burns as fire  
(Is. 9:18-21)

D. Two more woes (Is. 10:1-4)

E. God's judgment

1. Through the Syrians and the Philistines (Is. 9:11-12)

2. Through depleting their leadership (Is. 9:13-17)

3. Through internal conflict and division (Is. 9:18-21)

4. Through various invasions which came from afar  
(Is. 10:3-4; 30:27)

5. Through Assyria – the rod of God's anger and the staff  
of His indignation (Is. 10:5-6)

F. God's severe punishment upon Assyria (Is. 10:5-19; 24-34)

1. Due to the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria  
(Is. 10:12)

2. By the Lord Himself, the Anointed, the Mighty One  
(Is. 10:12, 26, 33-34)

3. A type of the final judgment on the nations –  
Armageddon (Rev. 19:11-21; 20:1-3)

G. A remnant will remain and return

(Is. 10:20-23; 11:11-12, 16)

### **IV. The advent of the Messiah-King (Is. chapters 11-12)**

A. The Shoot out of the stump of Jesse and the Branch out of  
his roots (Is. 11:1, 10; 9:7; 16:5; Dan. 7:13-14;  
Acts 13:22-23; Rom. 15:12; Rev. 5:1-10; 22:16  
{2 Sam. 7:12-15ff; Ps. 89:3-4; 132:11})

- B. The seven Spirits of the LORD resting upon Him  
(Is. 11:2-3a; 42:1-5; 61:1-3; Matt. 1:20b; 3:16-17; Rev. 1:4, 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; Rom. 8:9)
- C. Ruling over the earth with righteousness, peace, faithfulness and might (Is. 11:3-5)

**V. The glory of the Millennial Kingdom**

(Is. chapter 11; 2:2-4; 4:2-6)

**VI. The new heaven and new earth (Is. 65:17; 66:22; Rev. 21:1)**

**VII. Song of praise to the triune God, who is our salvation**

(Is. chapter 12)