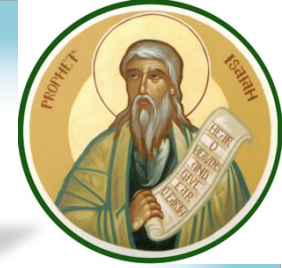


# † Isaiah

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## Summary

### 1. The Holy Chastiser (Chapters 1-35)

- a. Prophecies around Judah & Jerusalem (1-12)
- b. Prophecies concerning surrounding nations (13-23)
- c. Prophecies concerning the world (24-35)

## Monday (Read Isaiah 21)

Babylon was a city on the river Euphrates about 65 km south of modern Baghdad in Iraq. As we read in **vs. 2**, Isaiah's fierce pain was likened to that of a woman giving birth. This is a word in pictures that the Bible sometimes uses to describe great emotion.

It is here in **v6**, that we see our Almighty Lord speak. He tells Isaiah to appoint a "look-out" to watch for somebody who is bringing news to Judah. It will be news about one of Judah's neighbors.

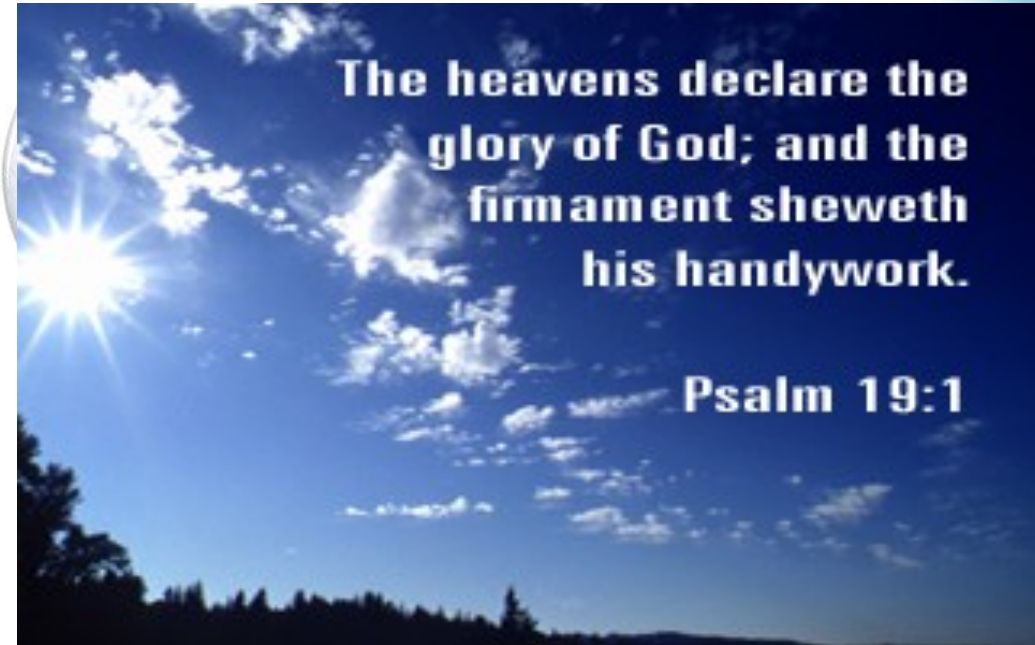
In **v7**, 'Horsemen in pairs' describes men who were preparing to go into battle. They would take with them another animal also, which was to use for a quick escape, if the enemy won the battle. The "look-out" needed to work out, even from a distance, who had won the battle. This is why the "look-out" had to look so carefully.

As the Chapter continues, we see the Lord reveal to Isaiah about where and who will be defeated by the Assyrian armies who have even penetrated into this region (Dedanites) and threaten to ravage all traders who would venture along the usual routes of travel. He even provided an accurate time frame for all these events (vs. 16-17)!

The Lord is warning that there is no truly safe place of refuge in this world, no place that is invulnerable to tribulation or calamity if the Lord sees fit to visit it with such things. The only true refuge is to be found in the Lord Himself.

*"In that day a man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel"*

Isaiah 17:7



The heavens declare the  
glory of God; and the  
firmament sheweth  
his handywork.

Psalm 19:1

## Tuesday (Read Isaiah 22)

### **THEME:**

We tend to entertain false views of sin, erring either in the direction of false optimism or despair and helplessness.

### **PURPOSE:**

To encourage the hearers to avoid attaining any false view of sin.

### **OUTLINE:**

- I. Do Not View Sin statically: As Something that is Beyond Forgiveness (Isaiah 22:3-14)
- II. Do Not View Sin Optimistically: As Something God will Tolerate (Isaiah 22:1-2, 15-19)

## Wednesday (Read Isaiah 23)

### **BRINGING TYRE TO RUINS AND ITS RENEWAL**

Tyre represents great richness and wealth, through its universal commercial relationships, together with its corruption and fortification. The prophet portrays the utter desolation that would happen to it, to suffer the same chastisements, together with the sinful people of God, according to the words of the apostle Paul:

*“Tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek”* (Romans 2: 9)

Yet this chastisement does not remain forever, but God offers salvation to all, and Tyre would enjoy renewal in Christ Jesus, Savior of the world.

## Thursday & Friday (Read Isaiah 24)

### **DEFILEMENT OF THE EARTH**

In the previous chapters Isaiah demonstrated the activity of sin in the life of nations and peoples, giving prophecies concerning seven nations, to confirm the corruption of all peoples, even his own people: Judah and Ephraim. Now, in chapters 24 to 27 he presents general prophecies concerning the earth as a whole, to reveal the generality of corruption. Yet, his talk shines with words giving hope, and opens the way to salvation.

The prophecies start with the proclamation that the same earth, that God created out of His love for mankind, became corrupted, and in need to be laid waste then renewed by God. That was what occurred to the flesh (as the earth refers to the earthly flesh).

**Sin** has destroyed its capabilities and possibilities, however the very nature of Christ's ways are good, so there is always a way for us to seek his enlightenment and change our ways.

***We became in need of the renewal of our nature, namely the new birth. This as given to us in baptism and is renewed repeatedly in repentance and confession.***

Isaiah 25: 8 **“He promises to destroy death and tears.”**

When Jesus died and came back to life, He dealt death a mortal blow. He gave notice to anyone who would believe in Him that there was a power greater than death. His friends don't have to be afraid of death because they know that their physical death is not the end, and there will come a day when no one dies anymore. We must always remember our purpose, but also know that the power the Lord surpasses all knowledge ! Be sure to ask for help guidance and love from your father in heaven.

## Saturday (Read Isaiah 25)

Chapter 25 depicts praise for the work of God with His people, bringing them back from captivity, and destroying their enemies (including Moab). This is a symbol of His redeeming work in the New Testament, when He establishes His kingdom, granting His people the freedom and conquest over the forces of darkness. This chapter and the next one lead us into the kingdom of the New Testament, as the Lord comes to establish His heavenly kingdom in the life of mankind.

**St. John the Baptist proclaimed,**  
***“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*** (Matthew 3: 1)



I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

John 8 :12

