

# † Isaiah

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## Monday (Read Isaiah 1)

The book begins by God's announcement to hold a trial for His people. God condemns His people Israel for their sins, but gives them a chance to defend themselves. He sits as the judge but at the same time opening His arms to receive their repentance and forgive them. This is especially seen in verse 18, where God is inviting us to speak with Him and repent and "they shall be as white as snow".



## Introduction

"Isaiah" means the salvation of Yahweh (the Lord).

- **Theme:** Salvation

- **Purpose:** Isaiah was convinced that salvation was possible if only people would repent of their sins and put their faith in God's goodness instead of their own.

- **Date of writing:** 740-680 B.C

- The book is sometimes called the "fifth gospel" due to the great detail and the extent of the prophecies of the Messiah.

- The book contains 66 chapters written over 60 years and during the reign of 4 different kings in Judah:

Chapters 1-5 written during the reign of King Uzzaiah, Chapter 6 during the reign of King Jotham, Chapters 7-14 during the reign of King Ahaz, Chapters 15-66 during the reign of King Hezekiah.

- Isaiah worked in Jerusalem. He was a member of upper class. He therefore had an immediate relationship with the kings and they regarded him as their counselor. He was also not afraid of rebuking them when they did wrong.

The book is divided into 3 sections:

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

- Prophesies around Judah & Jerusalem (1-12)
- Prophesies concerning surrounding nations (13-23)
- Prophesies concerning the world (24-35)

### 2. The Grantor of Victory (Chapters 36-39)

- Victory over enemies (36-37)
- Victory over death (38)
- Victory over the ego (39)

### 3. The Comforter Through Salvation (Chapters 40-66)

- Comforting the people (40-44)
- Cyrus attacks Babylon (45-47)
- The coming of salvation (48-59)
- The establishing of the 'City of the Lord' (60-66)

**"The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib; But Israel does not know, My people do not consider (Is 1:3)**

"The ox and the donkey are known for their dumbness, as compared to other animals. Yet if they get hungry, they instinctively head to their owner, where their food is. But Israel tasted bitterness during the time of captivity and became hungry, yet never returned to the Father. What animals do through instinct surpassed that of the reasonable man in his evil". *Father Tadros Malaty.*

**Do you do the same thing as them? Do you know of God but fail to recognise Him in your life? Do you neglect spending time with Him, praying or reading the Bible?**

## Tuesday (Read Isaiah 2)

Isaiah focuses on Jerusalem and the people who he saw as being corrupted and a city whose "spiritual temple" was devastated.

In verses 6-9, God presents 4 reasons for rejecting His people: their imitating strangers, their love for the world's riches; their leaning on military abilities; and their pagan worship.

Verse 20 "Worshiping moles and bats"- Isaiah focuses on 2 extremely revolting examples of idol worship in order to show how ridiculous Judah's rejection of God was. Isaiah reminds his hearers with these examples as having broken the law of Moses which prohibited the making of an image in the likeness of anything thing on earth (Exodus 20:4). **Am I making similar mistakes? Putting other things before God?**



## Wednesday & Thursday (Read Isaiah 3 & 4)

Chapter 3 starts by Isaiah telling Judah and Jerusalem of a prophecy that the Lord will take back the gifts He has given to His people. Why? Because they started to boast about their riches, capabilities and prosperity. God does this in order to remove their pride and have their hearts return back to God.

God removes His Grace from Israel because they reject Him, including their beauty, dignity, food, drink, luxury, gold and even life itself.

In chapter 4 Isaiah goes on to tell of the only cure from this sin, that is the coming of the Lord (*the branch of the Lord* verse 2). Which is the only way beauty can be restored to man. In verse 3 Isaiah goes on to say only those left in Jerusalem will enjoy the branch of the Lord, meaning only those who have faith in Christ and the Holy Spirit in their hearts can have this beauty and be “washed from the filth”.

*One thing I ask of the Lord,  
this is what I seek: that I  
may dwell in the house of  
the Lord all the days of my  
life, to gaze upon the  
beauty of the Lord and to  
seek him in his temple.*



*Psalm 27:4*

## John 15:5

**I am the vine; you  
are the branches.  
If a man remains  
in me and I in  
him, he will bear  
much fruit; apart  
from me you can  
do nothing.**



## Friday & Saturday (Read Isaiah 5)

The prophet sings a sorrowful song to the people of Israel of God the vinedresser who planted a vine “*expecting it to bear good grapes, but it brought forth wild grapes*”. God in His love to His people brought them to the land of milk and honey, gave them many blessings. You cant help but feel ashamed when in verse 4 God questions saying “what more could He have done? **Let us contemplate on our lives, are we like the Israelites? Has God showered you with many gifts, but you fail to have a relationship with Him or bring forth good fruits?**

So because of the transgression of the people, God allows chastisement so severely *until the trees tremble and their carcasses are refused in the midst's of the streets* (verse 25). Isaiah then goes on to give a horrible description and prophecy of the Assyrian army who invade Israel and the people will loose all hope (*behold darkness and sorrow* verse 30) for they rejected God.

**This is a good warning for us as well for if we reject God in our lives we can end up living in darkness and sorrow. The solution is simple: return to Him in repentance.**