

**Main Point:** When Isaiah's ministry began, the morality of God's people had been on the down slope for several decades. Both Kingdoms had abused their God-Given privilege and were on the verge of judgment. Isaiah indicted the Jews on the account of their idolatry and overall disobedience, ultimately predicting God would judge Israel & Judah using the Assyrian and Babylonian Empires. Though a good portion of his prophecy describes imminent judgment, in the later half of the book, Isaiah

emphasizes God's coming salvation. The Jews in Babylonian exile would not only return to their promised land., but permanent salvation would be provided through the coming Messiah. Though times appeared bleak for God's people, Isaiah reminds his audience this future King would establish His throne in Jerusalem fulfilling both the Abrahamic & Davidic Covenants.

**Scriptural Placement:** 2 Kings 15-20; 2 Chronicles 26-32

**Historical Placement:** (740-681 B.C.)

Isaiah's ministry occurred in the Southern Kingdom of Judah (Pre-Exile), during the reigns of kings Uzziah, Jothan, Ahaz & Hezekiah.

### SECTION #1 (Isaiah 1-39): Indictment & Warning of Judgment

- **Prophetic Date & Setting:** 700's with Looming Assyrian Threat.
- **Prophetic Audience:** Rebellious residents of both Israel & Judah.
- **Prophetic Warning:** Judgment is God's tool for purification.
- **Prophetic Result:** Israel fell to Assyria in 720 B.C. - Judah was preserved by God when the Assyrians sieged Jerusalem in 701 B.C. as a result of the faithfulness of King Hezekiah. As generations followed, they were later judged because of their wickedness by the Babylonian Empire in 597 B.C.

### SECTION #2: (Isaiah 40-66): God's Promised Salvation

- **Prophetic Date & Setting:** 500's during Babylonian Exile
- **Prophetic Audience:** Jews Living in Babylonian Exile.
- **Prophetic Promise:** Judah would return from Exile.
- **Prophetic Result:** As prophesied by Isaiah, following the fall of Babylon, in 538 B.C. the Persian King Cyrus issued the Edict of Restoration allowing the Jews to return to their homeland.
- **Prophetic Date & Setting:** First Century: Life & Ministry of Jesus.
- **Prophetic Audience:** All who held fast to God's Covenants.
- **Prophetic Promise:** Coming Salvation from the Curse of Sin.
- **Prophetic Result:** As prophesied by Isaiah, in 32 AD, Jesus not only died for the sins of the world, but rose conquering sin, death & the grave.
- **Prophetic Date & Setting:** Future: Millennial Reign of Jesus.
- **Prophetic Audience:** Those who held fast to the Davidic Covenant.
- **Prophetic Promise:** Coming Global Reign of Jesus for 1000 years.
- **Prophetic Result:** According to Isaiah, Jesus will establish His throne in Jerusalem where He'll rule the world for 1000 years.



## *Day 1: Snow White....*

**Isaiah 1:10-20 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). In the first several verses, what does God say concerning religious actions without a contrite heart? (2). The miracle of cleansing is 100% Divine, however what is required of the follower of God for the cleansing to occur? (3). Though Isaiah was looking to the future work of Jesus on the cross, in what practical ways has Jesus made your sins "white as snow"?

## *Day 2: The Calling....*

**Isaiah 6:1-13 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). In reading through the call of Isaiah, what strikes you about Isaiah's perspective of himself? (2). Does God call the equipped or able, or does He equip and enable the called? (3). Though God was calling Isaiah to an incredible ministry, what was required from Isaiah?

## *Day 3: Old School Titles....*

**Isaiah 9:1-7 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). What does this text teach you about the nature of Jesus and His coming kingdom? (2). Isaiah gives for us a list of titles concerning Jesus, in what ways has Jesus fulfilled those roles as your King? (3). How should Jesus' future kingdom effect the way you serve your King in the present day?

## *Day 4: I dont Love Lucy....*

**Isaiah 14:12-21 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). What was the downfall of Lucifer (Satan)? (2). In what ways has this prideful characteristic of Satan played into the way he tempts you into sin? (3). If our rebellion to God (sin) is Satan's way of stealing glory from God, how should this challenge the way in which you view personal sin?

## *Day 5: Messianic Message....*

**Isaiah 55:1-13 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). Is it a comfort to you that there are things concerning God you can't understand? (2). How has God chosen to reveal Himself to the person diligently seeking Him? (3). In what ways does God's Word "not return void" in the hearts of all humanity?

## *Day 6: Messianic Mission....*

**Isaiah 61:1-3 // THINKING POINTS:** (1). Compare this passage with Jesus' quoting of this scripture in Luke 4:18-19.... does Jesus quote his whole mission? (2). In what ways has Jesus' ministry touched your life in a powerful, personal way? (3). What aspects of Jesus' ultimate mission are still future?

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