

Facts about the Author (ch 1-66)

1:1	The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem which he saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah
6:1	in the year of Uzziah's death I saw the Lord
6:5	woe is me for I am ruined / I am a man of unclean lips & I live among a people of unclean lips / my eyes have seen the LORD
6:6-7	iniquity & sin forgiven
7:3-8	the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you & your son Shear-jashub & tell him to not be afraid of Rezin & Aram & the son of Remaliah
7:13	he rebukes Ahaz for testing the patience of God
7:14-26	he gives the sign of Immanuel & prophesies the destruction of Aram & Ephraim by Assyria
8:1-3	I approached the prophetess & she conceived & gave birth to a son who was named Maher-shalal-hash-baz
8:4	before the boy knows how to cry out 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus & Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria
8:11-12	Isaiah told to not say or fear what the people say & fear
8:13-14a	fear the LORD & He shall become a sanctuary
8:17	I will wait & look eagerly for the LORD
8:18	I & my children are for signs & wonders in Israel
15:5	my heart cries out for Moab
16:9a,12	I will weep bitterly for Moab
20:1-6	In the year Sargon the king of Assyria sent his commander & he captured Ashdod, Isaiah was told by God to go about naked & barefoot for 3 years as a sign & token against Egypt & Cush
21:3-4	Isaiah acts out the terror of the Babylonians at a feast when they heard news of an army coming
22:4	weeps for the destruction of his people
21:10	made known what God told him for his threshed and afflicted people
24:16b	Isaiah frets over the present state of his people
25:1-12	praises to God for His protection as He destroys Israel's enemies
26:9	longs for God & seeks Him diligently
28:22	heard from the Lord of decisive destruction on all the earth
37:2-4	was asked by Hezekiah to pray for the remnant
37:5-7	Isaiah encourages them not to fear for God will cause him to return to his own land where he will fall by the sword
37:21-35	prophesies of the destruction of Assyria & assures Hezekiah that the LORD Himself will defend Jerusalem
38:1	told Hezekiah that he will die of his illness
38:4-8	to tell Hezekiah that the LORD has heard his prayer & seen his tears & will add 15 years to his life / gave the sign of the shadow going backwards
38:21	told them to apply a cake of figs to the boil so that Hezekiah may recover
39:3-4	asked Hezekiah what they said & where they came from & what they saw
39:5-7	prophesies that Babylon will plunder them & some of his sons will be exiled & made officials in Babylon
59:9,11	justice & righteousness far from him
59:9-11	in darkness, walk in gloom, like blind men, stumble at midday, like dead men, moan sadly
59:11	salvation far from him
59:12	knows his iniquities
61:10	rejoices greatly in the Lord because he is clothed with garments of salvation
62:1	will not be silent for Zion's sake until her salvation goes forth
63:7	will praise Yahweh's lovingkindnesses
64:7	God has hidden His face from them
64:8	Yahweh is his Father / he is clay & God is the Potter
64:11	our holy & beautiful house has been burned by fire & our precious things ruined
64:12	his people are afflicted

What We Learn About Isaiah

The Man: Isaiah the prophet (37:2; 38:1; 39:3)

Isaiah the son of Amoz (1:1; 2:1; 13:1; 20:2; 37:2, 21; 38:1)

His Character:

* a man of unclean lips, confessed his sin immediately and was forgiven (6:5-7; 59:12)

* fearless – rebukes Ahaz for testing God's patience (7:13)

* compassionate (15:5; 16:9a,12; 22:4; 24:16b)

* obedient to Yahweh (20:1-6)

* trusts Yahweh (8:17), praises Yahweh (25:1-12), longs for God (26:9)

* man of prayer (37:2-4)

* encourages people to trust Yahweh (37:5-7)

His Family: Wife: a prophetess (8:1)

Children: Shear-jashub (7:3)), Maher-shalal-hash-baz (8:3)

8:18 Isaiah and his children are for signs & wonders in Israel

Where He Lived: Judah, Jerusalem

His Call and Commission:

6:1 the year King Uzziah died, he saw the Lord, repented of his sin, was forgiven, then commissioned

The Times in Which He Ministered:

During reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah (1:1)

6:5 lived among a people of unclean lips

59:9,11 justice, righteousness, salvation far from him

Why He Wrote this Book:

1) to encourage God's people to repent & to trust & obey Yahweh for their continued well being (8:13-14a; 37:25-7,1-25)

2) to pronounce judgment on Judah if she doesn't repent and to warn her that she will be carried to exile by Babylon (39:5-7)

3) to pronounce judgment on Israel and to warn her that God will use Assyria to chastise her (7:14-26; 8:4; 22:4)

4) to pronounce judgments on the nations (8:4; 15:5; 16:9,12; 20:1-6; 21:5; 28:22; 37:21-25)

5) to comfort Israel

6) to introduce the Servant of the LORD

7) to prophesy of Zion's glory in the Millennium

8) to prophesy of the New Heavens and New Earth in Eternity



The Messiah in Isaiah 1-66

7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel

9:6-7 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace. On the throne of David and over his kingdom. To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

11:1-5 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear, But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

11:10 in that day the nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples & His resting place will be glorious

16:5 a throne established in lovingkindness / a judge will sit in faithfulness in David's tent / he will seek justice & be prompt in righteousness

19:20 Egypt cries to Yahweh & He will send them a Savior & Champion who will deliver Him

24:16 Glory to the Righteous one

28:16 the Lord lays in Zion a costly cornerstone for the foundation / He who believes in it will not be disturbed

40:3 clear the way & make a highway in the wilderness for our God

40:5 then the glory of Yahweh will be revealed & all flesh will see it

40:9-10 God comes to the cities of Judah with reward & recompense

40:11 will tend His flock & gather the lambs

42:1-4 God's chosen servant who will bring justice in the earth

42:6-7 appointed by God as a covenant to the people & a light to the nations to open blind eyes & to bring out prisoners

48:16 did not speak in secret, was there, but now sent by Adonai Yahweh

49:1-5 called by God / in whom God will show His glory / formed from the womb to be His Servant to bring Jacob back to God

49:6-7 God's chosen Servant to raise up & restore Jacob & to be a light of the nations / the despised One, the One abhorred by the nation, the Servant of rulers

49:8-9 given for a covenant of the people to restore the land & to free prisoners

50:4 given the tongue of disciples to sustain the weary one

50:5-9 was obedient, endured flogging, plucking of beard, was humiliated & spat upon / knows that God will vindicate Him

52:13 will prosper & be greatly exalted

52:14 His appearance & form was marred more than any man

52:15 will sprinkle many nations

53:2 grew up with no stately or majesty

53:3 was despised & forsaken of men, a man of sorrows & acquainted with grief

53:4 bore our griefs & sorrows, was smitten of God & afflicted

53:5 was pierced & crushed for our iniquities / the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him / healed us by His scourging

53:6b the LORD caused all our iniquity to fall on Him

53:7 was silent when oppressed & afflicted

53:8 taken away by oppression & judgment & cut off for the transgression of His people

53:9 grave assigned with wicked men but was with a rich man in His death / did no violence / no deceit in mouth

53:10 was crushed by the LORD / would see His offspring & prolong His days if He renders Himself as a guilt offering

53:11 as a result of His anguish, the Righteous One will justify man as He bears their iniquities

53:12 God allotted Him a portion with the great because He poured out Himself to death & was numbered with transgressors / bore the sin of many & interceded for the transgressors

59:20 a Redeemer will come to Zion

61:1 the Spirit of Adonai Yahweh is upon Him

61:1,2 anointed by Yahweh to bring good news to afflicted / sent to bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty of captives & freedom to prisoners, to proclaim the favorable year of Yahweh & the day of vengeance of God

62:11 His reward & recompense is with Him

63:1 comes from Edom/Bozrah

63:1 Majestic in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength

63:1 speak in righteousness, mighty to save

63:2 apparel red

63:3,6 trod wine trough alone / trampled them in His wrath / garments stained with their lifeblood

63:4 the day of vengeance was in His heart / His year of redemption has come

63:5 own arm brought salvation / His wrath upheld Him

63:6 trod down peoples in His anger, poured their lifeblood on the earth

63:8-9 became Israel's Savior, was afflicted in their affliction, saved & redeemed them

His Names: Immanuel (7:14), Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace (9:6), the root of Jesse (11:10), the Righteous One (24:16)

How Described: a son (7:14), a shoot, a branch (11:1), a judge (16:5), a Savior & Champion (19:20), a costly cornerstone (28:16), God's Servant (42:1; 49:5,6,7), the despised One, the One abhorred by the nation, the Servant of rulers (49:7), the Righteous One (53:11), a Redeemer (59:20), Savior (63:8)

What:

1. His Virgin Birth (7:14)
2. His Beginnings: a shoot from the stem of Jesse, a branch from his roots (11:1), no stately form or majesty (53:2)
3. His Destiny: to rule on the throne of David (9:7), on a throne established in lovingkindness (16:5); a judge in the tent of David (16:5)
4. His Character: just (9:7; 11:4; 16:5), righteous (9:7, 11:4,5; 16:5; 24:16), faithful (11:5; 16:5), delights in the fear of Yahweh (11:3), filled with the Spirit of Yahweh, the spirit of wisdom & understanding, counsel & strength, knowledge & the fear of Yahweh (11:2), obedient (50:5), / did no violence / no deceit in mouth (53:9), righteous, mighty to save (63:1)
5. His Purpose: will deliver Egypt (19:20), to bring justice in the earth (42:1-4), to bring Jacob back to Yahweh (49:5,6; 63:9), be a light to the nations (49:6), to restore the land (49:8), to proclaim the favorable year of Yahweh & the day of vengeance of God (61:1-2)
6. His Ministry: will stand as a signal for the peoples (11:10), to tend His flock & gather the lambs (40:11), to open blind eyes & bring out prisoners (42:6-7), knows how to sustain the weary with a word (50:4), will sprinkle many nations (52:15), empowered by the Spirit of Yahweh to bring good news to afflicted / sent to bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty of captives & freedom to prisoners (61:1-2)
7. His Sufferings: will be stricken, His beard plucked out, humiliated & spat upon (50:5), His appearance & form was marred more than any man (52:14), was despised & forsaken of men, a man of sorrows & acquainted with grief (53:3), bore our griefs & sorrows, was smitten of God & afflicted (53:4), was pierced & crushed for our iniquities, the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, healed us by His scourging (53:5), Yahweh caused all our iniquity to fall on Him (53:6), was silent when oppressed & afflicted (53:7), taken away by oppression & judgment & cut off for the transgression of His people (53:8), grave assigned with wicked men but was with a rich man in His death (53:9), poured out Himself to death & was numbered with transgressors, bore the sin of many & interceded (53:12)
8. His Reward: will prosper & be greatly exalted (52:13), would see His offspring & prolong His days (53:10), will justify many as He bears their iniquities (53:11), be allotted a portion with the great (53:12),
9. At His Second Coming: His Resting Place will be glorious (11:10), 62:11 His reward & recompense is with Him, judges Edom with wrath (63:1-6), majestic in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength (63:1), the day of vengeance was in His heart & His year of redemption has come (63:4), trod down peoples in His anger, poured their lifeblood on the earth (63:6)

Our Response:

1. Believe in Him (28:16)
2. clear the way & make a highway in the wilderness for our God (40:3)



Isaiah 40-66

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42	God's Promise Concerning the Servant / Sing to Yahweh a New Song / The Blindness of the People and their Judgment
43	Israel Redeemed / Israel is God's Witness / Babylon to be Destroyed / Israel's Iniquities / Israel Judged
44	God's Spirit & Blessing Poured on Israel's Descendants / The Folly of idolatry / God Forgives & Redeems Israel / Cyrus to Decree the Rebuilding of Jerusalem
45	God Raises Cyrus to Return God's People to their Land / Two Woes / Israel Saved by Yahweh / God's Great Power
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51	Everlasting Salvation for Israel / Israel Drank the Cup of Yahweh's Anger / Israel Never to Drink the Cup Again
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58	Observances of Fasts / Keeping the Sabbath
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65	The Rebellious People, their Judgment VS God's Servants, their Blessings / New Heavens & New Earth
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Zion Comforted & Blessed / The Servant of the LORD

Mainly Comfort & Blessing for Israel with Some Judgments / The Servant of the LORD



Theme: Judgment and Blessing

Key Words/Phrases:

Context of Isaiah 1-66

Historical Setting:

- * During the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz & Hezekiah
- * Israel was hostile to Judah
- * Ephraim devours Manasseh & vice versa
- * Hostile Nations: Assyria, Egypt, Moab, Ammon, Edom/Seir, Syria, Lebanon

Purposes:

1. to charge Judah with their unfaithfulness to God and to call them to repentance of their sin against God
2. to pronounce judgment on Judah if she does not repent of her sin and her idolatry and return to God
3. to pronounce judgment on Israel and to warn her that God will use Assyria to chastise her
4. to pronounce judgments on the nations
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8. to prophesy of the New Heavens and New Earth in Eternity

Author: Isaiah, son of Amoz

His ministry: during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz & Hezekiah – begun the year Uzziah died

His Family: married to a prophetess/young woman, had 2 sons, Shear-jashub & Maher-shalal-hash-baz