

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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INTRODUCTION. The times of Isaiah (II Kings, chapters 15-20; II Chronicles, chapters 2-32; Isaiah 1:1).

I. THE PROPHET'S EARLY MINISTRY (chaps. 1-6).

A. The Great Indictment of the Nation (Isa. 1:1-31).

1. The sinfulness of the nation (1:2-9).
2. Condemnation of formalism (1:10-17).
3. Invitation to reason together (1:18-20).
4. Corruption of Zion (1:21-23).
5. The redemption of Zion (1:24-31).

B. Jerusalem purged through judgments, glorified (chaps. 2-4).

1. Introductory vision of Jerusalem glorified (2:1-4).
2. The nation corrupted by pagan customs (2:5-11).
3. The judgments of the Tribulation (2:12-22).
4. The ruin of the nation under the leadership of corrupt youth (3:1-12).
5. The judgments of the leaders of Israel (3:13-15).
6. The wantonness of the Jewish women denounced (3:16-4:1).
7. The closing vision of Jerusalem glorified (4:2-6).

C. The Vineyard of Jehovah (5:1-30).

1. The vineyard planted with the choicest vine (5:1-2).
2. The labor bestowed upon the vineyard (5:3-7).
3. The bitter fruit borne by it (5:3-7).
4. The judgments pronounce against the vineyard (5:24-30).

D. The Call and Commission of Isaiah (6:1-13).

1. A vision of the Lord (Messiah, John 12:39-41, Isa. 6:1-4).
2. The conviction of the Prophet (6:5a).
3. The confession of the Prophet (6:5b).
4. The cleansing of the Prophet (6:6,7).

5. The call of the Prophet (6:8).
6. The commission of the Prophet (6:9,10).
7. The length of the Prophet's ministry—until cities be waste (6:11-18).

II. THE BOOK OF IMMANUEL (chaps. 7-12).

(Messages delivered during reign of Ahaz, chapters (7:1, 9:7).

A. The virgin birth of Messiah (7:1, 8:14).

1. The occasion of the prophecy (a threatened invasion of Judah, 7:1-10).
2. The announcement of Messiah's birth made to "House of David" (7:11-17).
A blending of the prediction of Messiah's birth (vss. 10,14) with one concerning the birth of another child of the prophet's time (vss. 15,17).
3. Invasion of the land by Egyptians (Ethiopians) and the Assyrians (7:18-20).
4. The desolation of the land (7:21-25).
5. The birth of Isaiah's second son; possibly the one referred to in 7:15-17—
(8:1-4)
6. The Assyrian invasion presented under the symbolism of flood-waters (8:5-8). (cf. Ps. 124:1,5; Dan. 9:26, Rev. 12:3-17).
7. Immanuel a sanctuary and a rock of offense to Israel in time of trouble of end time (8:9-15).

B. The spiritual darkness of the land to be dissipated by the coming of Him who is the Light of the world (8:16-9:7).

1. The testimony of God to be kept among the Prophet's followers (8:16-18).
2. Spiritual darkness settling down over the land (8:19-22).
3. The rising of a Great Light—The Light of the world—in Galilee (9:3-7).
4. The increase of the nation's joy at the second coming of Messiah (9:3-7).

(Messages delivered in early part of Hezekiah's reign after fall of Samaria.)

C. Special Messages of Warning to Samaria and Jerusalem (9:8-10:4).

1. Warnings to Samaria.
 - a. Because of her defiant arrogance (9:8-12).
 - b. The unrepentant spirit of the people calls for further punishment (9:13-17).
 - c. By special judgments of God the land was to become desolate (9:18-21).

2. Warning to Jerusalem—my people (10:1-4).
- D. Prophecy concerning the invasion of Land by Sennacherib (10:5-34).
1. The Assyrian simply God's Rod for punishing His People (10:5-11).
 2. The Assyrian having served God's purpose, to be punished (10:12-14).
 3. Illogical for Assyrian to boast against Jehovah (10:15-19).
 4. A remnant of Israel to return to the Mighty God—Messiah of 9:6—(10:20-23).
 5. The remnant of Israel—of the end time—not to fear the Assyrian—Antichrist—(10:24-27).
 6. Sennacherib's wild dash at Jerusalem (10:28-32).
 7. Destruction of Sennacherib's army (10:33,34). cf. Isa. 37:36-38.
- E. Prediction Regarding the Two Comings of King Messiah (11:1-12:6).
1. The first coming—A shoot out of stump of Jesse (11:1,2). cf. Isa 53:1-3. (Christian Dispensation passed over in silence.)
 2. The second coming to establish His reign (11:3-12:6).
 - a. Messiah's judging and destroying the wicked (11:3-5).
 - b. Lifting of curse (11:6-9). cf. Hosea 2:17-23; Rom. 8:18-24.
 - c. Jerusalem Messiah's capitol (Isa. 11:10).
 - d. Final restoration of Israel (11:11-16).
 - e. Israel's Song of deliverance and praise (12:1-6).
- III. ORACLES CONCERNING THE NATIONS (CHAPS. 13-23). cf. JEREMIAH, CHAPS. 46-51; EZEKIEL, CHAPS. 25-32; AMOS 1:1-2:8.
- A. Concerning Babylon in the Day of Jehovah (13:1-14:27).
1. The mustering of an international army against Babylon (13:1-5).
 2. Judgments of the Tribulation (13:6-16).
 3. Siege of Babylon by the Medes (13:7,18). (these verses are parenthetical.)
 4. Land of Babylon to be a perpetual desolation (13:19-22). cf. Isa. 34:8-17.
 5. Final deliverance of Israel after future fall of Babylon (14:1,2).
 6. Funeral Dirge for King of Babylon, the Antichrist (14:3-20).
 7. God's purpose to deliver earth from all dictators (14:21-27).

- B. Concerning Philistia (14:28:32). (this oracle dealt with destruction of Sennacherib and the rise of another oppressor to take his place.)
- C. Concerning Moab (15:1-16:14).
 - 1. Terror and consternation caused by an invasion of the land (15:1-9).
 - 2. The prophet's appeal to the Moabites to seek Jehovah in Jerusalem who will establish a throne of righteousness (16:1-5).
 - 3. Description of the desolation of the land (16:6-12). (The oracle in 15:1-16:12 was an earlier oracle repeated by Isaiah.)
 - 4. A new and additional revelation (16:13-14).
- D. Concerning Damascus (17:1-14).
 - 1. The overthrow of the government of Syria and Israel (17:1-3). (This portion of oracle fulfilled in period of 734-719 B.C.)
 - 2. Israel in the Tribulation and her deliverance (17:4-14).
 - a. Israel reduced to small remnant (17:4-6).
 - b. World-wide revival (17:7,8). cf. Rev. 7:1-17.
 - c. Work of Zionists overthrown by judgments of God (Isa. 17:9-11).
 - d. Israel delivered at the end of the Day of Jehovah (17:12-14).
- E. Concerning Ethiopia (18:1-7).
 - 1. The Land of Ethiopia (18:1).
 - 2. The messengers of Ethiopia to report to the nation. (18:21).
 - 3. The fall of Assyria (18:3-6).
 - 4. The future conversion of Ethiopia (18:7).
- F. Concerning Egypt (19:1-25).
 - 1. The land to be rent by civil war (19:1-25).
 - 2. Paralysis of all industry on account of drought (19:5-10).
 - 3. The leadership of the county become foolish (19:11-15). Thus far the prophecy has been fulfilled; the rest to be fulfilled.
 - 4. Egypt to become afraid of Judah (19:16,17).
 - 5. Jewish colonization in Egypt (19:18).
 - 6. Jewish Temple and memorial altar to be built in Egypt (19:19-22).

7. Egypt, Assyria, and Israel to become the special people of God in the Millennium (19:24,25).
 - G. Concerning Egypt and Ethiopia (20:1-6). Both nations to go into captivity—already fulfilled.
 - H. Concerning Babylon (21:1-10).
 1. Vision of the fall of Babylon—fulfilled (21:1-9).
 2. Israel—the threshing of Jehovah—delivered from captivity (21:10).
 - I. Concerning Dumah (2:11,12). The morning after a night of distress to be followed by another calamity. Invitation to the enquirers to return.
 - J. Concerning Arabia (21:13-17). The land thrown into consternation by an invasion.
 - K. Concerning Jerusalem (22:1-25).
 1. The city under siege (22:1-11).
 2. The people defiant to God and pleasure-mad (22:12-14).
 3. Shebna the Treasurer displaced by Eliakim, who in turn fails (22:15-25).
 - L. Concerning Tyre (23:1-18).
 1. The fall of Tyre, the commercial center of the Ancient World (23:1-12).
 2. Tyre’s restoration after 70 years and future conversion (23:13-18).
- IV. THE LITTLE APOCALYPSE OF ISAIAH (chaps. 24-27).
- A. The Tribulation and establishment of the Millennium (24:1-23).
 1. The Tribulation (24:1-20). World-wide revival in the Tribulation, vss. 14-16a.
 2. The Millennium (24:21-23).
 - B. A Vision of the Establishment of the Millennium (25:1-12).
 1. Destruction of the World City and establishment of Zion as capitol (25:1-5).
 2. Lifting of veil from eyes of the world (25:6-8).
 3. The coming of the long-expected Messiah, who will subdue Moab (25:9-12).
 - C. The Song to be Sung in Judah during the Tribulation (26:1-21).
 1. A vision of millennial Jerusalem to which the Lord will direct the steps of Truth Seekers (26:1-7).
 2. World-wide revival in the Tribulation (26:8-10).

3. God's hand lifted up in judgment against Israel's enemies and in behalf of His people (26:11-15).
 4. The return of the remnant to Jehovah and their faith in the resurrection of the righteous (26:16-19).
 5. Israel to be protected from the judgments of the Times (26:20,21).
- D. Destruction of Mighty Empires, and Israel in the Millennium and Tribulation (27:1-13).
1. Destruction of Egypt, Babylon, and Assyria (27:1).
 2. Israel filling the earth with fruit (27:2-6).
 3. The strokes of judgements upon Israel in Tribulation (27:7-11).
 4. The fruit of Israel, God's Olive Grove planted in "the fertile Crescent," gathered (27:12,13). cf. Ezek. 20:35.

V. THE BOOK OF WOES WITH EPILOGUES (chaps. 28-35).

- A. The Tale of Two Cities—Samaria and Jerusalem (28:1-29).
1. Samaria.
 - a. The overthrow of the city and government (28:1-4).
 - b. The final conversion of the people (28:5,6).
 2. Jerusalem.
 - a. Drunken priesthood (28:7-10).
 - b. Threat to speak to people by Assyrian Invasion (28:11-13).
 - c. Description of two sieges—one in near future; the other in end time—blended into a single prophecy (28:14-22).
 - d. Threat of judgment enforced by law of sowing and harvesting (28:23-29).
- B. Vision of Jerusalem of the Future and her Final Deliverance (29:1-24).
1. City crushed to earth—fulfilled (29:1-4).
 2. City crushed to earth—unfulfilled (29:5-8).
 3. The spirit of stupor blinding the nation (29:9-14).
 4. Special woe against secret alliances (29:15,16).
 5. Converted Israel's Future blessedness (29:17-24).
- C. Israel's Deliverance Delayed by Her Sinfulness (30:1-33).

1. Alliance with Egypt rebuked (30:1-8).
 2. Condemnation of unfaithfulness (30:8-17).
 3. The Lord's waiting for Israel to repent and return (30:18-22).
 4. A preview of the Millennium (30:23-26).
 5. Second coming of Messiah (30:27-33).
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- E. Israel's Deliverances and Messiah's Reign (33:1-24).
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- F. Epilogue Number One (34:1-17).
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 4. The speech of the delegation to the Rabshakeh (36:11,12).
 5. The Rabshakeh's speech to the men on the wall (36:13-20).
 6. The delegation's report to Hezekiah (36:21, 22).
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 8. Isaiah's reply to Hezekiah (37:5-7).
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 10. Hezekiah's reading of the letter from the Assyrian King before the Lord (37:14-20).
 11. The Lord's reply through Isaiah to Hezekiah (37:21-35).
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4. The second coming (42:14-17).
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6. Final appeal to Israel to accept the truth (42:33-43:7).
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 - b. The making of idols (44:12-17).
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E. The Two Restoration of Israel (44:24-45:25).

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- a. Cyrus used of God to deliver Israel (45:1-7).
 - b. A vision of the Kingdom Age (45:8).
 - c. God the potter, man the clay (45:9,10).
 - d. Israel to be restored (45:11-13).
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- a. Israel redeemed and restored as head of the nations (45:14-19).
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- F. The Two Overthrows of Babylon (46:1-48:22).
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- a. Idols of Babylon burden to the beasts (46:1,2).
 - b. Jehovah bears Israel (46:3-7).
 - c. Jehovah's seeing and planning the future (46:8-13).
2. The second overthrow (Isa. 47:1-48:22).
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I. The Triple Call and Threefold Exhortation (51:1-52:12).

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 - a. To those following after righteousness (51:1-3).
 - b. To those called "my people" (51:4-6).
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 - (1) To mount her throne (52:1-6).
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