**Isaiah**

***The Vision***

***The Revelation within Isaiah***

***May we SEE Jesus Christ - our Beloved, our Savior, our Redeemer, and glorious King within and throughout this blessed revelation.***

***Jesus Christ – the Faithful Servant, the Chosen Servant, the Teacher Servant, and the Suffering Servant***

**Introduction**

**The message:** Salvation. The vision: “A supernatural revelation given by God to Isaiah. It is not simply teaching or a historical record; it is the overarching vision of the heart of God revealed to His seer-prophet. The vision spans the plan of ages. It becomes a collective overview of all that God has planned. It takes us beyond the days of Isaiah, even beyond our own times, brining us into the council chambers of eternity, revealing the unfolding plan of an all wise God. It is the Lord’s vision for a people raised up on the earth who will reflect His glory.” “The poetic message of Isaiah is the glorious message of overcoming, hope, comfort, and the restoration of all things.” Isaiah, TPT, Introduction, pp. 1-2.

**Major themes:** OT and NT represented [mini Bible]; God’s judgments; Vindication for God’s people; Redemption; the Messiah unveiled – His death, resurrection, and glory.

**Author:** Isaiah, the son of Amoz. “Isaiah was brought up in the royal court. His parents were related to the king. Indeed, his father was the son of a king and the brother of a king of Judah. [His father, Amoz, was the brother of King Amaziah and Isaiah was the nephew of King Uzziah. Taken from TPT notes] Therefore, the boy grew up in high society. He was an aristocrat; he was in a wealthy family; he had access all his life to the royal court, and God used this to get His word right to the throne and the very top of the nation. He married later in life, a prophetess, a woman whom God used to give His word to the people. This godly couple were used of God to bring a nation to listen to what He had to say to it.” Come with Me Through Isaiah, David Pawson, pp. 11, 12. They had two sons. One named *Shear-jashub* which meant, “a remnant shall return” [Isaiah 7:3]; and the other son’s name was *Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz*, which mean, “Quickly -to the plunder! Hurry-to the loot! [Isaiah 8:3].”

He was a major prophet and intercessor for God’s people. He lived in Jerusalem, the capital of Judah during a time of spiritual and political chaos. Isaiah lived and served the Lord as a prophet during the reign of 4 kings of Judah: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. He lived during the ministry of prophets: Hosea, Amos and Micah. Isaiah’s ministry lasted approximately 60 years. He was murdered at the age of 120 by being ‘sawn asunder’ during the days of a wicked king Manasseh.

**Definition of his name:** “Salvation of Jehovah”

**Date:** Written prophesies from 740 to 680 BC.

**Facts:**

* The scroll of Isaiah was recovered from the Dead Sea caves at Qumran and was discovered when the State of Israel was declared.
* The book of Isaiah is referred to 419 times in 23 NT books.
* The book of Isaiah is sometimes referred to as the ‘fifth gospel’.
* Isaiah was the primary OT writer about God’s redemption and His Christ.
* The Hebrew word for *salvation* is yeshuw’ah [similar to the Hebrew name Jesus: Yeshua] and it is found in Isaiah 28 times.
* There are 39 chapters in the first section [theme] of Isaiah. There are 39 books in the OT.

There are 27 chapters in the second part [theme] of Isaiah. There are 27 books in the NT. There are 66 total chapters in Isaiah and 66 books in the Bible.

* God is presented as a Father, a nursing Mother, and a Husband to Israel. [Isaiah 1:2-3; 63:16; 64:8; 66:12-13; 54:5]
* ENEMIES: IDOLATRY, UNBELIEF AND REBELLION – Sin in the heart

**General Outline:**

Chapters 1-35 – The early prophesies concerning the kingdom of Judah.

Chapters 36-39 – A review of history concerning Assyrian and Hezekiah’s brush with death.

Chapters 40-66 – The later prophesies of Isaiah.

“The first 39 chapters record a series of predictions of the coming destruction of Judah. In the final 27 chapters a shift occurs as the prophet predicts a healing and restoration of Israel, climaxing with a new creation of heaven and earth and the eternal kingdom of the Lord.” Biblical commentary on Isaiah, Perry Stone, OT Study Bible, p. 1033

**Songs in Isaiah:**

“Isaiah contains nine songs: **the Song of Zion** (Isa. 1–4), **the Song of the Beloved and his vineyard** (Isa. 5), **the Song of Praise for the Redeemed** (Isa. 12**), the Song of the Strong City** (Isa. 26:1-4), **the Joyful Song of the Redeemed** (Isa. 35:1-10), **the New Song of the Lord** (Isa. 42:10), **the Song of Joy in Creation** (Isa. 44:23), **the Song of Salvation** (Isa. 52:7-12), and **the Song of the Suffering Savior** (Isa. 53).” Isaiah, The Passion Translation, footnotes from Chapter 12

“This vindication and redemption is encapsulated in three songs in the book of Isaiah: The Song of Praise for the Redeemed – Chapter 12; the Joyful Song of the Redeemed – Chapter 35:1-10; and the Song of Salvation – Chapter 52:7-12.

In each, the children of God are invited to praise Lord Yahweh for turning away his anger and offering tender comfort; for breaking through and giving us victory, avenging our enemies with the salvation of divine retribution; for the beautiful message announcing peace and happiness; and for the unveiling of Lord Yahweh’s saving power before all the nations. Praise is a vital component of Isaiah’s teachings on redemption.” Isaiah, The Passion Translation, p. 5 introduction

***I Peter 1:10-12 TPT***

*“10 This salvation was the focus of the prophets who prophesied of this outpouring of grace that was destined for you. They made a careful search and investigation of the meaning of their God-given prophecies 11 as they probed into the mysteries of who would fulfill them and the time period when it would all take place. The Spirit of the Anointed One was in them and was pointing prophetically to the sufferings that Christ was destined to suffer and the glories that would be released afterward. 12 God revealed to the prophets that their ministry was not for their own benefit but for yours. And now, you have heard these things from the evangelists who preached the gospel to you through the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—the gospel containing wonderful mysteries that even the angels long to get a glimpse of.”*

**A Brief Historical Background prior to Isaiah chapter 1**

“Israel was in slavery to Egypt. They had no land, no name, no government, no king, nothing. Their history then began to climb. Moses brought them out, led them through the wilderness; Joshua brought them into Canaan and got them established and drove out the Canaanites. They had judges to rule over them and fight their battles. Then Samuel the prophet led them, and through him they got their first king, until finally they reached a peak under King David. Never did they have such peace and prosperity as they enjoyed in that reign. To this very day the Jews look back to David as the king of that golden age. That is why they longed for another king like him. But as soon as David died they began to go down. Solomon with his grandiose building schemes, Solomon with his many wives, some of them from other nations, caused such trouble that as soon as Solomon died there was civil war, and from then on the nation became two nations – Israel in the north and Judah in the south. They even fought one another, and down they went lower and lower went the two nations – Israel in the north with ten tribes in it, and Judah in the south with two of the tribes.

Why did things go wrong? The people inside Israel blamed everyone but themselves. They even blamed God. But they blamed the Philistines who kept raiding them from the west. They blamed the Edomites who kept raiding them from the south. They blamed the Moabites who raided them from the east. They blamed the Syrians who raided them from the north. They saw their land increasingly ravaged, and becoming desolate, before their very eyes, but they could not see that the real people to blame were themselves and no-one else. For God had said that provided they remain obedient to Him then He would keep them safe in that land from all attack. Situated as it was on that corridor it was open to attack from every direction; it was the focal point of the world; every world conqueror passed through their land. The real difficulty was that they had become disobedient people, and God had allowed these attackers to come and make life difficult and take their land from them. The prophets, from Isaiah to Malachi, were people who were sent to say one thing: THE DANGERS OUTSIDE ARE DUE TO DISOBEDIENCE INSIDE [emphasis mine]. That sums up the message of all the prophets. They came to say: you are to blame for your troubles, no-one else; if you were right with God then things would be right for you.

Israel, in the north, was worse than Judah, in the south. And to Israel God sent two prophets - Amos and Hosea, to tell them what was wrong. Amos came and told them of the judgement of God – of their sharp tricks in the shops, their false weights on their scales in the marketplace, their selling poor people for a pair of shoes. Amos came and told them what was wrong and they did not listen. Hosea came and in the most dramatic way: he married a prostitute. He said: I have done this to show you what you are like to God. God is your husband and He has got a prostitute for a wife and you are turning away from Him, you are going after other lovers who will give you money and will make you prosperous, that is what is wrong. But Israel did not listen and in the 8th century the ten tribes were attacked by Assyria from the north-east and they were led off with fishhooks in their flesh; they were taken into slavery and the ten tribes disappeared from history. That left only two tribes in the south, Benjamin and Judah, with Jerusalem the capital in the center. Unless they saw what was wrong and put it right they would go exactly the same way. To the two tribes in the south, God sent two prophets – Isaiah and Micah. That is why it says, ‘The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw….” Come with Me Through Isaiah, David Pawson, pp.15-17

**Chapter 1**

**Chapter 1 NKJV**

Judah Called to Repentance

1 **The vision** of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which **he saw** concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

The Wickedness of Judah

2 **Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth!** [God’s two witnesses: Deut. 19:15; Deut. 30:19; 31:28; 32:1; Psalm 50:4; Jer. 2:12]

**For the Lord has spoken:**

“I have nourished and brought up children,

And they have rebelled against Me;

3 The ox knows its owner

And the donkey its master’s crib;

But Israel does not know,

My people do not consider.”

4 Alas, sinful nation,

A people laden with iniquity,

A brood of evildoers,

Children who are corrupters!

They have forsaken the Lord,

They have provoked to anger

The Holy One of Israel, [Yahweh]

They have turned away backward.

5 Why should you be stricken again?

You will revolt more and more.

The whole head is sick,

And the whole heart faints.

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head,

There is no soundness in it,

But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores;

They have not been closed or bound up,

Or soothed with ointment.

7 Your country is desolate,

Your cities are burned with fire; [Fulfilled 175 years after this declaration; 586 BC. Jer.25]

Strangers devour your land in your presence;

And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 So the daughter of Zion [Jerusalem or the Jewish people; Zech. 9:9] is left as a booth in a vineyard,

As a hut in a garden of cucumbers,

As a besieged city. [Prophecy may refer to the coming Assyrian invasion of Judah under King Sennacherib. See Isaiah 36-37]

9 Unless the Lord of hosts

Had left to us a very small remnant [small group of people; holy seed], (Isaiah 6:13; 10:20-23; 11:11-13; 16; Jer. 6:9; 23:3; 31:7; Micah 2:12; Zech. 8:12; Romans 9:27-29; 11:5; Matthew 7:14)

We would have become like Sodom,

We would have been made like Gomorrah. [Genesis 19:1-28; Jeremiah 23:14]

10 **Hear the word of the Lord,**

You rulers of Sodom;

Give ear to the law of our God,

You people of Gomorrah:

11 “To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?”

Says the Lord.

“I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams

And the fat of fed cattle.

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. [Psalm 51:16-17; Micah 6:6-8; Matthew 23:23; Deut. 8:2-3; II Chron. 7:14; Isa. 66:2; James 1:21]

12 “When you come to appear before Me,

Who has required this from your hand,

To trample My courts?

13 Bring no more futile sacrifices;

Incense is an abomination to Me.

The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—

I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting.

14 Your New Moons and your appointed feasts

My soul hates; [Amos 5:21-24; Lev. 23:2 – HIS FEASTS]

They are a trouble to Me,

I am weary of bearing them.

15 When you spread out your hands,

I will hide My eyes from you; [I Tim. 2:8; Psalm 66:18]

Even though you make many prayers,

I will not hear.

Your hands are full of blood.

16 “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; [Matthew 3:8]

Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes.

Cease to do evil,

17 Learn to do good;

Seek justice,

Rebuke the oppressor;

Defend the fatherless,

Plead for the widow. [Psalm 9:8; Isa. 58:7; Jer. 22:16; James 1:27]

18 “Come now, and let us reason together,”

Says the Lord,

“Though your sins are like scarlet,

They shall be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson, [The Hebrew word for ‘scarlett’ is taken from a root word for ‘double-dyed’ or ‘twice dipped in scarlet dye’, making a permanent color. The word for ‘crimson is also the word for a worm that when crushed, bleeds a deep crimson color and is then used to dye fabric a permanent color. Jesus called Himself a ‘worm’ while on the cross, as One who was crushed and bleeding crimson blood. Psalm 22:6]

They shall be as wool. [See NOTE at end of Lesson: The Scarlett Thread]

19 If you are willing and obedient,

You shall eat the good of the land;

20 But if you refuse and rebel,

You shall be devoured by the sword”;

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Degenerate City

21 How **the faithful city** has become a harlot!

It was full of justice;

Righteousness lodged in it,

But now murderers.

22 Your silver has become dross,

Your wine mixed with water.

23 Your princes are rebellious,

And companions of thieves;

Everyone loves bribes,

And follows after rewards.

They do not defend the fatherless,

Nor does the cause of the widow come before them.

24 Therefore the Lord says,

**The Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel,**

“Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries,

And take vengeance on My enemies.

25 I will turn My hand against you,

And thoroughly purge away your dross,

And take away all your alloy.

26 I will restore your judges as at the first,

And your counselors as at the beginning.

Afterward you shall be called **the city of righteousness, the faithful city**.”

27 **Zion** shall be redeemed with justice,

And her penitents [repentant people] with righteousness. [Fulfilled in Millennial Reign of Christ]

28 The destruction of transgressors and of sinners shall be together,

And those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the terebinth [oak] trees

Which you have desired;

And you shall be embarrassed because of the gardens

Which you have chosen.

30 For you shall be as a terebinth [oak] whose leaf fades,

And as a garden that has no water.

31 The strong shall be as tinder,

And the work of it as a spark;

Both will burn together,

And no one shall quench them.

**Chapter 1 TPT**

*1 Here is the vision that Isaiah, the son of Amoz, received by divine revelation concerning what was going to happen to Judah and Jerusalem during the times of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.*

*A Nation in Rebellion*

*2 Listen, O heavens! Hear, O earth!*

*For the Lord Yahweh has spoken:*

*“I tenderly nurtured children and made them great,*

*but they have rebelled against me!*

*3 Even a dumb ox instinctively knows its owner*

*and the stubborn mule knows the hand that feeds him,*

*but Israel does not know me*

*nor do my people understand.”*

*Isaiah’s Indictment*

*4 Oh, how this nation keeps sinning!*

*See them dragging the heavy burden of their guilt!*

*They are corrupt children, descendants of evildoers.*

*They have turned their backs on the Lord God*

*and despised the Holy One of Israel!*

*They have cut themselves off from the help of God!*

*5 Why would you seek to be injured further?*

*Why would you stubbornly continue in your rebellion?*

*Your whole head is sick,*

*and your heart and your will are weak and faint.*

*6 You are corrupt from the bottom of your feet*

*to the top of your head. There is no integrity—*

*nothing but bruises, putrefying sores, and raw open wounds!*

*They have not been drained or bandaged or soothed with oil.*

*7 Your country is devastated*

*and your cities burned to the ground;*

*foreigners plunder your crops before your eyes—*

*with nothing but devastation and destruction in their wake!*

*8 And the daughter of Zion is left as helpless as*

*a deserted shack in a vineyard or*

*like a flimsy shelter in a field of cucumbers—*

*in every way like a city besieged!*

*9 If the Lord of Angel Armies had not left us survivors,*

*our fate would have been the same as Sodom and Gomorrah!*

*Justice, Not Hypocritical Worship*

*10 Hear the word of Yahweh:*

*“You leaders of Sodom, heed the correction of our God!*

*People of Gomorrah, you’d better listen to his rebuke.”*

*11 And Yahweh keeps saying:*

*“Why such countless sacrifices—what use are they to me?*

*I’ve had my fill of your burnt offerings of rams*

*and your fattened animals.*

*I find no delight in the blood of bulls, lambs, or goats!*

*12 When you come before my face,*

*who asked you to come trampling on my courtyards?*

*13 Stop bringing your meaningless offerings.*

*Your burning incense stinks!*

*Your sin-stained celebrations*

*your new moon festivals, Sabbaths,*

*your various pious meetings—I can’t stand them!*

*14 With all my soul I hate*

*your new moon festivals and your feasts;*

*they are nothing but a burden*

*that I’m sick and tired of carrying.*

*15 When you stretch out your hands to pray,*

*I will hide my eyes from you.*

*Repeat your prayers all you want, but I will not listen,*

*for your hands are stained with innocent blood.*

*16 Wash yourselves and make yourselves clean.*

*Remove your evil actions from my sight*

*and stop sinning!*

*17 Learn what it means to do what is good*

*by seeking righteousness and justice!*

*Rescue the oppressed. Uphold the rights of the fatherless*

*and defend the widow’s cause.*

*18 Come now and let’s deliberate over the next steps to take together.*

*Yahweh promises you over and over:*

*“Though your sins stain you like scarlet,*

*I will whiten them like bright, new-fallen snow!*

*Even though they are deep red like crimson,*

*they will be made white like wool!”*

*19 If you have a willing heart to let me help you,*

*and if you will obey me, you will feast on the blessings*

*of an abundant harvest.*

*20 But if you are stubborn and refuse to obey,*

*the sword will eat you instead.”*

*The mouth of Yahweh has spoken.”*

*The Collapse of Society*

*21 Look how the once faithful city*

*has become as unfaithful as a prostitute!*

*She who was once the “Center of Justice,”*

*where righteousness made its home,*

*is now the dwelling place of murderers!*

*22 She was once like sterling silver, now only mixture;*

*once so pure, now diluted like watered-down wine.*

*23 Your rulers are rebellious and companions of crooks.*

*They are self-centered racketeers*

*who love a bribe and who chase after payoffs.*

*They don’t defend the fatherless*

*or consider the rights of a helpless widow.*

*24 Therefore, here is what the Sovereign One decrees,*

*the Lord God of Angel Armies, the Mighty One of Israel:*

*“Ah, I will get relief from my adversaries*

*and avenge myself on my foes!*

*25 I will bring my fiery hand upon you*

*and burn you and purify you into something clean.”*

*God Promises Deliverers*

*26 “I will restore deliverers as in former times*

*and your wise counselors as at the beginning.*

*Only then will you be called the Righteous City*

*and the Faithful City!”*

*27 Yes, Zion will be redeemed with justice*

*and her repentant converts with righteousness.*

*28 There will be a shattering of rebels and sinners together,*

*and those who forsake the Lord will be consumed.*

*29 You will reap shame from the idols you once delighted in*

*and you will be humiliated by your cultic sacred groves,*

*where you chose to worship.*

*30 You will be like an oak tree with faded, fallen leaves*

*and like a withered, waterless garden.*

*31 The “powerful elite” will become like kindling*

*and their evil deeds like sparks—both will burn together*

*and no one will be able to put out the fire.*

**NOTE:**

**The Scarlett Thread Isaiah 1:18** – Perry Stone OT Hebraic Study Bible, p. 1034

“According to Jewish tradition and writings in the Talmud, there is an amazing story of two red threads used on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. According to the Temple Institute in Jerusalem, these scarlet colored ‘threads’ are about eighteen inches long. The high priest tied one thread to the horns of the scapegoat – the goat carrying Israel’s sins. Someone then led the goat into the wilderness, where it was eventually pushed off a cliff in the heart of the Judean wilderness at a place called the “Mount of Azazel’, the name Azazel being the name of the scapegoat. Prior to this event, a second scarlet thread was attached to the outside of the temple door, in the court. Tradition says that once the scapegoat was pushed off the cliff and had died, the crimson-colored thread supernaturally turned white. (Source: The Babylonian Talmud; Rosh Hashanah 31b.) Rabbis teach that the passage in Isaiah 1:18 alludes to the red thread’s turning white as a sign that the sins of the people had been forgiven on the Day of Atonement.”

**Recommended Reading: Hebrews 7-12**