

the Age to Come/Consummation (more on this in next year's NTBT class, Sept. 2019).

- **ISAIAH: (SON OF GOD) - King (Messianic Mediator):** Isaiah 11:1-10; 42:1-4; 59:15b-21; 61:1-3 (cf. Luke 4:18-21): Anointing of Spirit on Messiah, Messiah's Person and Ministry
 - Isaiah focuses on the Son of God primarily (read Isa. 6:1-13; cf. John 12:40ff).
 - Meditate upon New Testament fulfillment of Isaiah 61 in Luke 4:18ff.

- **JEREMIAH: (FATHER) - Covenant:** Jeremiah 31:31-34: New Covenant. The Old Covenant office of prophet was purposefully "covenant-centered" (Deut. 18:15-22).
 - Jeremiah focuses on the Father's faithful covenant-keeping promises to His people primarily (Jeremiah 29-33).
 - Jeremiah is a covenant prosecutor calling Israel to repentance who is also a covenant-Gospel-preacher holding out hope.
 - Meditate upon New Testament fulfillment of Jeremiah 31:31-34 in Luke 22 with Lord's Supper, and Acts 1-2 in the sending forth of the Spirit on Pentecost.

- **EZEKIEL: (HOLY SPIRIT) - Tabernacle/Temple/Dwelling of God:** Ezekiel 16; 36:26-27, 37:1ff: Circumcision of Heart/Regeneration
 - The Spirit clothes the "infant" with Christ and His righteousness (Ezek. 16:4-14)
 - "And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules" (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

- Ezekiel's Temple (40-48): Vision of Glorified Humanity as God's Final-Eschatological Temple where the Holy Spirit dwell
 - Zechariah 4: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD" (Zechariah 4:6)
 - Joel 2: "...I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh": Promise of the Breadth, Depth, Width, Height, and Extension of Pentecost.

- Ezekiel focuses on the Holy Spirit’s glory, power, and presence in and with His people, making them a Holy Temple (see Ezekiel 10, 36-37).
- For Ezekiel to “be circumcised” is the same as the New Testaments fuller-clearer teaching to “be born again” (Ezek. 26, 36-37; John 3).
- Meditate upon New Testament fulfillment in John 2 (Temple of Jesus’s body), John 3 (“born again”), and 7 (Spirit as fountain of all Living Water and blessedness).
- The Book of Revelation is a “reader’s guide” to understanding Ezekiel.

Meditation on these Prophets

ISAIAH: KING

7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-8; 40-45; 52-55; 65-66

JEREMIAH: COVENANT

11, 23-25, 29-33, 52; Lamentations 3

EZEKIEL: TABERNACLE/TEMPLE/DWELLING

1, 16, 34, 36-37, 40-47

Book of Isaiah: King

Outline

I. A Glorious and Holy Davidic King (Isaiah 1-39)- King YHWH empowers by His Spirit a glorious and holy Davidic King who establishes justice and righteousness in Zion (1-39)

II. Savior Servant-King of YHWH (Isaiah 40-55)- King YHWH empowers by His Spirit a servant to bring justice to the nations, to atone for sins (40-55)

III. Spirit-Anointed Compassionate and Cosmic-King of God (Isaiah 56-66)- King YHWH empowers by His Spirit a Cosmic-Messenger who declares God's salvation and the inauguration-coming of His Kingdom (56-66)

Theme: The LORD reveals the light in the darkness, a glorious vision of His Davidic King who sits upon the throne, ruling over heaven and earth, bring salvation and judgment in His name, and one who is both Son of God and Son of Man.

Isaiah's prophecy is intended to recapture the hearts of God's people that He alone is King. The Book begins with an important revelation of the Glorious King seated upon His throne in Isaiah 6 (cf. John 12:40: John tells us that Isaiah saw a vision of the enthroned Son of God). The King is enthroned to reveal YHWH, the God of justice and mercy.

Link to history and larger redemptive-historical storyline (retrospective and prospective prophetic gazing):

Assyria → Babylon → Persia → Greece → Rome → Inauguration of Everlasting Davidic Kingdom of YHWH

Thematic Outline:

Andrew Abernethy in *The Book of Isaiah and God's Kingdom: A Thematic-Theological Approach* (NSBT) says that there are four overarching dynamics or recurring motifs in Isaiah's prophecy; they are:

4. Seeing the Glory of the King (6:3; 33:17; 60:1-3; 66:18-19)
5. The International King in Zion (2:2-4; 24:23; 25:6-8; 59:15-20; 63:1-6)
6. Judgment and Salvation (24:21-23; 40:1-11; 52:7-10; 59:15b-20; 63:1-6)
7. History and Eschatology (1-39; 36-37; 66:15-17)

William Dumbrell makes the important point that the Israelite prophet was primarily a covenant mediator, his appearance and intervention meant that covenant breach in some shape had occurred.

PART I (CHAPS. 1-39)

Isaiah's prophecy is a vision (1:1) that he saw and made known as God's servant in the days of kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, of Judah.

Israel's, the LORD's vineyard, is in a sinfully deplorable condition (Isaiah 1-5). Chapter 5, the Parable of the Vineyard summarizes the sinful, covenant-breaking of Israel.

Yet in the midst of darkness, there is a light. In Isaiah 6, Isaiah is granted a vision of a glorious and holy Davidic King:

ESV **Isaiah 6:1-7:** *In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.*

The glorious and holy Davidic King is revealed (cf. John 12:40):

- Enthroned as King
- Worshiped by the angelic beings
- Holy, Holy, Holy (thrice holy)
- Full of mercy-atonement for sinners

In King Ahaz's dark time, the glory of the Lord shines around him in promise and hope:

ESV **Isaiah 7:14** *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

- God will be with His people as a virgin-born son.
- "Immanuel" God with us, will be His Name.

ESV **Isaiah 9:1-7:** *But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will accomplish on behalf of His people:

- People in darkness will behold a great light
- There will be great rejoicing as God multiplies the nation of God's people with many who have been in deep darkness
- There will be a time of great peace
- A child will be born, a son will be given
- He shall rule over heaven and earth
- His Name shall be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
- His rule shall never end and He will deal justly and righteously with all nations

^{ESV} Isaiah 11:1-6: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

- Though Jesse's stump, Judah, has been cut down to the ground, a shoot and branch shall come forth to bear much fruit
- The Spirit of the LORD shall cause this branch to bear fruit that will last
- This anointed son of Jesse, shall possess the Spirit in His sevenfold perfection:
 - Spirit of the LORD
 - Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding
 - Spirit of Counsel and Might
 - Spirit of Knowledge and the Fear of the LORD
- He shall delight in the fear of the LORD
- He shall rule with righteousness, equity and justice toward all
- He shall come with salvation and judgment

Isaiah's first part ends with a song of the LORD (Isaiah 12):

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

God's Judgment Against the Nations (chaps. 13-24)

God's Promised Pronouncement of the Death of Death:

ESV Isaiah 25:6-9: On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Restoration-Redemption-Hope and Judgment for Israel/Judah (chaps. 26-39)

PART II (CHAPS. 40-55)

The LORD speaks comfort to His people through His Word:

ESV Isaiah 40:1-11: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

- There will be forgiveness of sins and peace for Israel
- Israel is to be comforted by God's healing Word of promise
- God will provide a voice preparing the way for the King and His Coming
- God's Word will stand—it is ever sure
- God Himself will be revealed in the coming king
- This coming king will be like a shepherd, tender and gentle with all

The LORD will Send a Chosen Servant to Bless His People (chap. 42:1-9):

^{ESV} Isaiah 42:1-9: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

- YHWH's servant, His chosen one is His delight
- YHWH's servant is anointed with the Holy Spirit
- He will be powerful but gentle and humble
- Israel will become a light for the nations and realize their calling
- YHWH's servant (Individual/Corporate) will be a light to make the true God known and bring to pass an unbelievable future of hope for the world

The LORD's Servant is True Believing Israel (Corporate) and True Faithful Israel (an individual) (chaps. 43-51):

^{ESV} Isaiah 49:1-9: Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." ⁵ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him- for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength- ⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." ⁸ Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages..."

- The LORD's servant will be called from the womb

- The LORD's servant will glorify God
- The LORD's servant will bring Israel back to Him
- The LORD's servant will bring salvation to the world (the nations/Gentiles)
- The LORD's servant will be adored and worshiped
- The LORD's servant will restore Israel and bring salvation
- The LORD's servant will be given as a covenant for the people's salvation

YHWH's Servant David and the Coming David King, David's Greater Son:

^{ESV} 2 Samuel 7:5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?'"

^{ESV} Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

^{ESV} Isaiah 43:10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

^{ESV} Isaiah 44:21 Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

^{ESV} Isaiah 49:3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

^{ESV} Isaiah 52:13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

^{ESV} Isaiah 53:11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

^{ESV} Matthew 12:15-21: Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all ¹⁶ and ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁸ "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; ²⁰ a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; ²¹ and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

The LORD's Servant will bring Restoration-Redemption-Salvation to Israel and the World through Suffering and Death (chaps. 52-53):

^{ESV} **Isaiah 52:13-53:12:** *Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you- his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind- ¹⁵ so shall he sprinkle many*

nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

53:1 Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

- The LORD's servant will be high and exalted, yet humble himself
- The LORD's servant shall sprinkle many nations for purity
- The LORD's servant will be despised and rejected, a man of sorrows
- The LORD's servant will bear our griefs, burden, sorrows, and sins
- The LORD's servant will be pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities
- The LORD's servant will be chastised/judged in our place, so that we might experience peace and be fully healed from sin
- The LORD's servant was chosen by Him to be crushed in our place, to be condemned in our place, to make many accounted righteous and to bear our iniquities
- The LORD's servant will live to make intercession for His people

The LORD's Servant will bring Salvation-Shalom-Peace to Israel and the World (chaps. 54-64)

The LORD's Servant will bring a New World, a New Creation, a New Cosmos (chaps. 65-66):

^{ESV} **Isaiah 65:17-25:** *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.*

^{ESV} **Isaiah 66:22-24:** *"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD. ²⁴ "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."*

- The LORD's Servant will bring in a new creation, a new Jerusalem
- All of the blessed covenantal promises of Salvation-Shalom-Peace will be realized for Israel and for all the believing nations
- The Coming of the LORD's servant will be salvation for believing Israel and the nations, and judgment for unbelieving Israel and the nations.

YHWH is ruler over the cosmos (65:17, 66:1)

Zion is YHWH's place of earthly rule over cosmos (2:2; 24:23; 40:9-11; 66:18-24)

YHWH purifies a people for His own possession (1:24-26; 4:2-6; 25:9; 59:15-20)

God's Self-Revelation: How is the Triune God revealed?

God the Father who is king over all creation, visible and invisible—the entire cosmos, but anoints by His Holy Spirit a Davidic King, God's own Beloved Son, who is both God and man, one person in two natures.

Man's Sinful Condition: What is FCF (Fallen Condition Focus)?

Only God the King can purify and make righteous His people through the death of His servant-king.

Pastoral/Practical-Experiential Wisdom: How then should I live?

Let us live holy lives before YHWH our king, in reliance upon His Holy Spirit, in union with Christ Jesus, as we both love and fear Him.

Book of Jeremiah: Covenant

Outline

Jeremiah the Called Prophet

Jeremiah the Covenant-Prosecutor of Mosaic Revelation

Jeremiah the Suffering-Servant Prophet

Jeremiah the New Covenant Prophet of Hope

Theme: “The Babylonians are coming!!”

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Book of Ezekiel: Tabernacle/Temple/Dwelling

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