

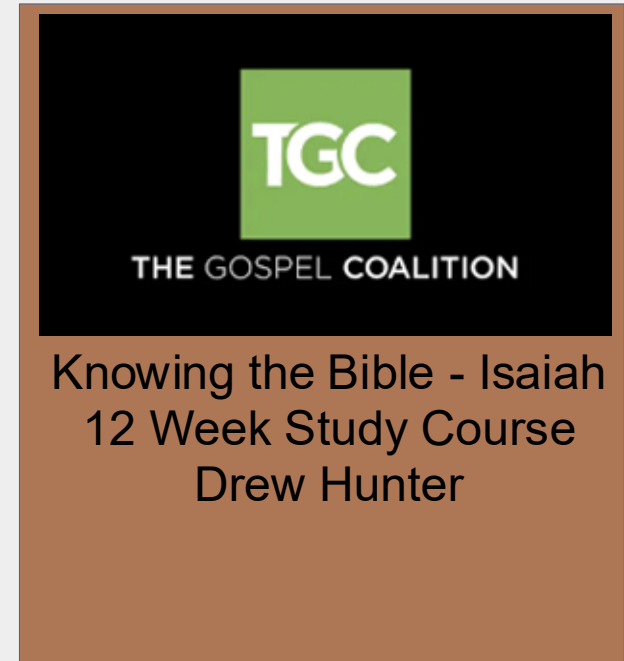
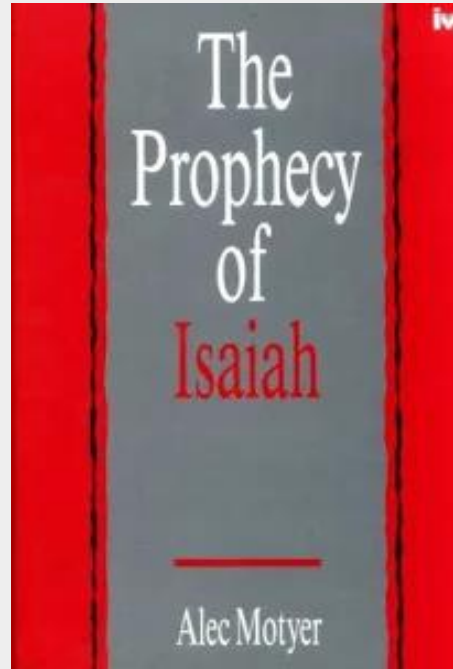
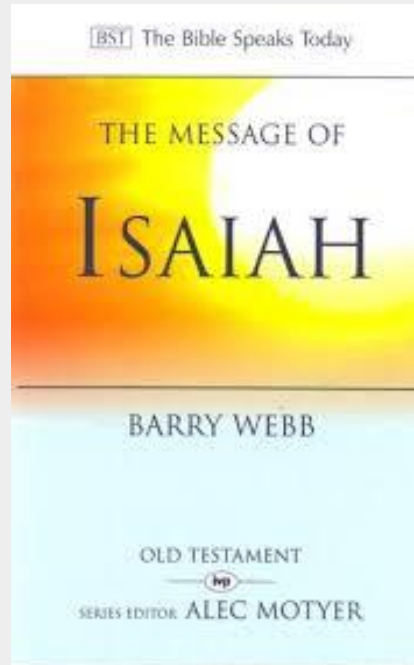


Hope for a Broken World

Isaiah
The Man & His
Message

“If you are not firm in faith you will not be firm at all” Isaiah 7:2

Resources



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The World of Isaiah looks a lot like ours

Broken

Anything but God

Spiritually Complacent



*The earth is utterly
broken, the earth is split
apart the earth is violently
shaken. The earth staggers
like a drunk man, it sways
like a hut, its
transgressions lie heavy
upon it and it falls and will
not rise again*

Chapter 24 v 19,20

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What we know about the man.

- Father was called Amoz.
- Isaiah name means "salvation of the Lord"
- Married – "the prophetess" (8 v 3)
- 2 sons are named:
 - Shear- Jashub "a remnant shall return" (7 v 3)
 - Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz "quick to the plunder swift to the spoil" (8 v 1-4)
- He had disciples (8 v 16)



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What we know about the man (cont)

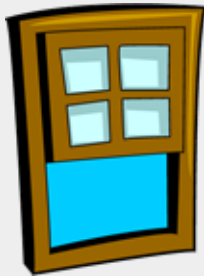
- Message intended firstly for Judah and Jerusalem.
- Historical Context.
 - King Ahaz (732 to 716 BC)
 - King Hezekiah (716 to 687 BC)
 - Assyrian Empire (900 to 619 BC)
 - Babylonian Exile (606 to 539 BC)
- Isaiah death c680BC a ministry of over 50 yrs.



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Authorship & Audience

- More than one Author?
 - Isaiah 1 (proto Isaiah) Chapters 1 to 39
 - Isaiah 2 (deutero Isaiah) Chapters 40 to 55
 - Isaiah 3 (trito Isaiah) Chapters 56 to 66
- One individual under the inspiration of God who knows the future



Near threat of Assyria

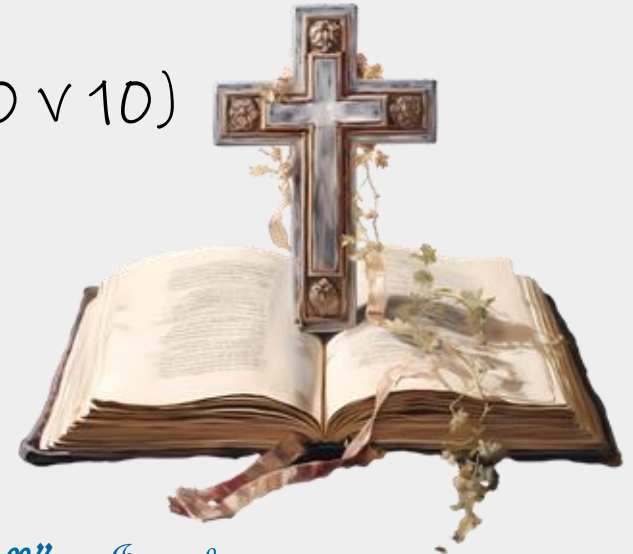
Far threat of Babylon and Exile

Beyond promise of new Kingdom

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Overarching Messages and themes

- Structure (simplified).
 - Chapters 1 -39; Sin & Judgment
 - Chapters 40 – 55; Salvation
 - Chapters 56 – 66; New heavens and new earth.
- Global Message of judgement and salvation.
- God's Sovereignty ; "His arm rules for Him" (40 v 10)
- God's Holiness; "the holy one of Israel"
- Idolatry.
- Remnant who will return.
- Salvation based on justice and righteousness
- Zion/God's city/the new Jerusalem



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The Prophet's Cleansing



“Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; **your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.**”

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Chapter 6 Cleansing & Calling

- Do we need a renewed vision of the Lord's holiness, he alone is exalted, enthroned high and lifted up?
- Does the Lord's mercy touch us daily, do we recognise our need of being cleaned? *"though your sins are like scarlet they shall be as white as snow"*
- How do we feel about the challenge of a ministry of disappointment? *"who will go for us"* (cf Matt 28 v 19)



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