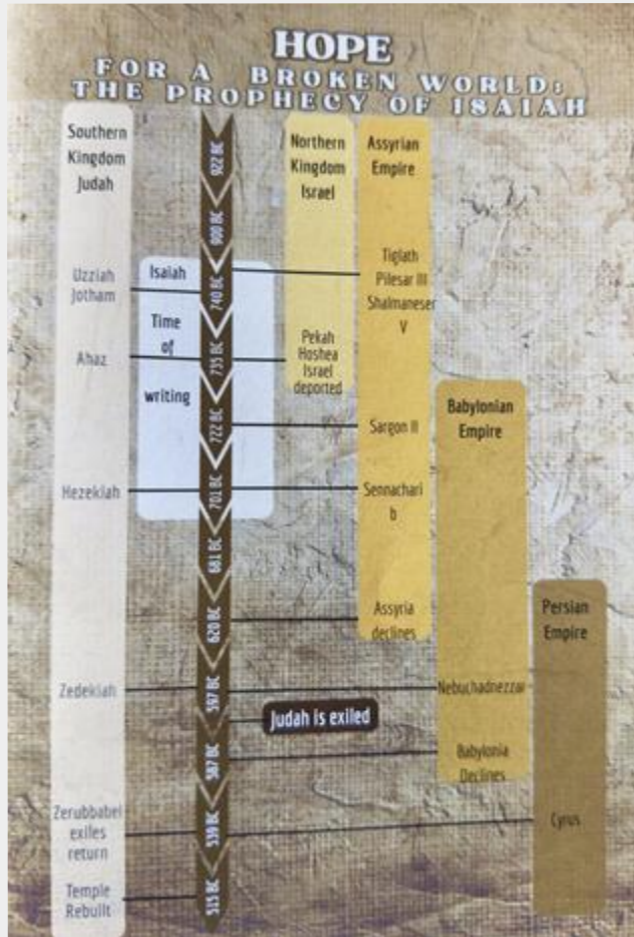




Hope for a Broken World

Session 4

The Hope for God's People

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Hebrew verb 'qu vah' hope

Wait !
Look !
Expect !

Hope in who/what?

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Pictures of hope

- Remnant; Chap 1 v 9
- Cleansing; Chap 1 v 18
- Redemption; Chap 1 v 26,27
- Light which draws; 2 v 5
- Coming Branch; Chap 4 v 2
- Marriage; 4 v 5



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Hope for God's People

"I will wait for the Lord who is hiding
His face from the House of Jacob and I
will put my hope in Him"

8 V 17



"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 waited for Him, let us be glad and
rejoice in His salvation"

25 V 9



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For returning Exiles

- A redeemer who will act whose arm will bring salvation (59 v 16)
- The transformed land/city reflecting God's Glory a new creation, the old will be forgotten (65 v 17-18)
- Global enterprise with faithful people drawn from all nations, " (56 v 7)

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“Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down
...When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait/hope for him”

64 V 3,4



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Posture of those who hope/wait/expect



- Spiritually broken (66 v 2)
- Keeping Sabbath (56 v 4,6 & 58 v 13)
- Listening for God's voice only (55 v 2,3)
- Reflecting God's character (56 v 1 & 61 v 1-4)
- Practical outworkings (58 v 6,7 ,10)
- Build the Kingdom (57 v 14 & 62 v 10)

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Those who wait **upon the Lord**
will renew their strength they
will mount up with wings like
eagles 40 v 31



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Chapters 56 – 66 (Chiasm !)

(A) Confronting faithless insiders with judgement, assuring the faithful of salvation 56 v 9 – 59 v 8

(B) Prayer for forgiveness and restoration 59 v 9 -15

(C) Warrior King judges the wicked and redeems the repentant 59 v 15b -21

(D) The Future Glory of Zion 60 - 62

(C) The Warrior King judges and saves the nations 63 v 1-6

(B) Prayer for Forgiveness and restoration 63 v 7 – 64 v12

(A) Confronting faithless insiders with judgement, assuring the faithful of salvation 65 v 1- 66 v 24

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Anticipating God's Future

- Chap 2; No weapons no war
- Chap 11; Eden restored animals tame and presenting no threat.
- Chap 25; No more death, no more tears and no more reproach.
- Chap 35; The desert blooms, the blind see, the deaf hear the lame leap and the mute sing

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Chapter 60 – the Future Glory for God's People

- Risen & shining - Arise and Shine (v 1)
- Global & Gathered – look around the nations are coming to you (v 4)
- Majestic & Beautiful– I will make you majestic forever (v15)
- Transformed & triumphant- the branch of my planting the work of my hands that I might be glorified (v 21)

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Hope for the Broken

The sun shall be no more your light by day nor for brightness shall the moon give you light, but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself, for the Lord is your everlasting light and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Chapter 60 v 19, 20

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