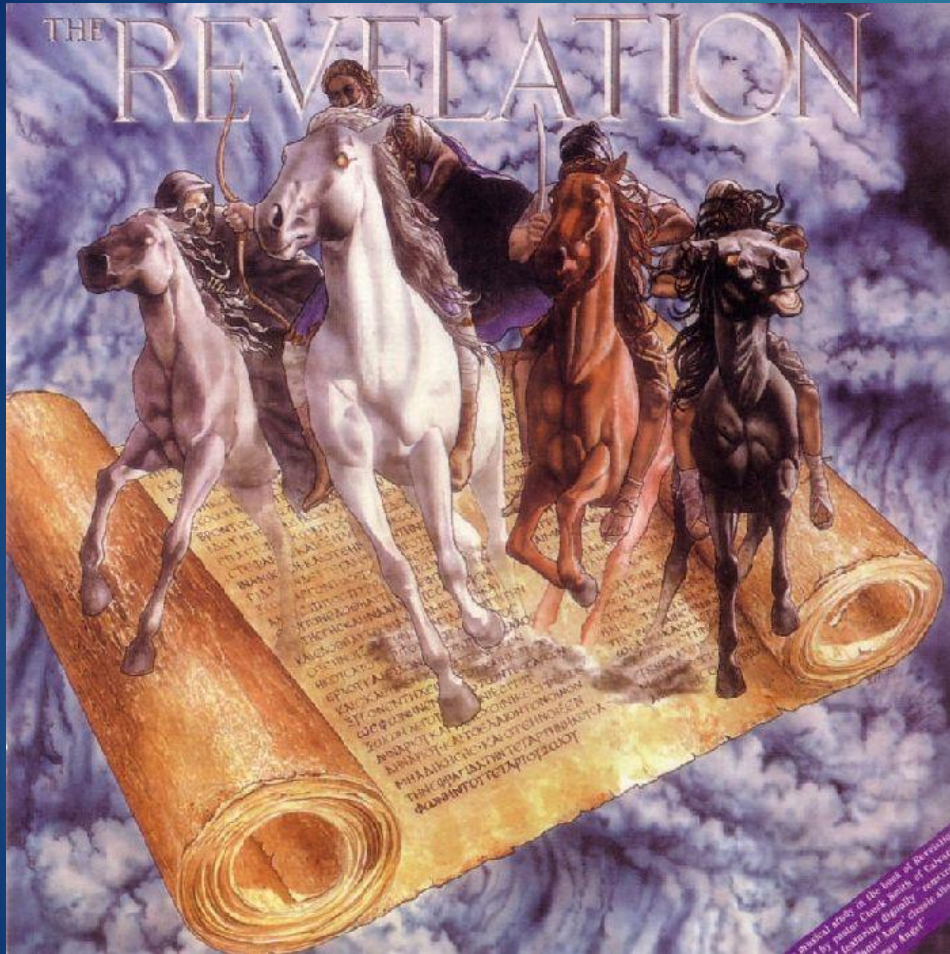


GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN FOR THE AGES



Lesson 5

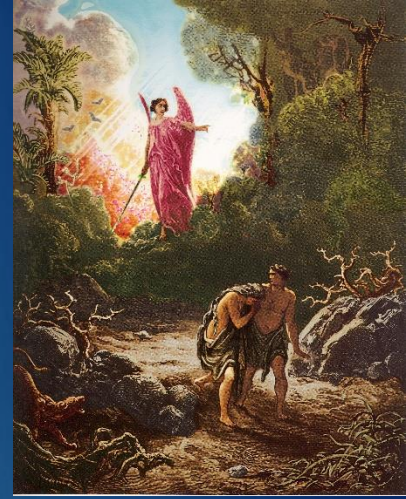
Isaiah

[The Latter Prophets]

Part 2

Precursory Studies to the Book of Revelation

GOD HAS A PLAN, SAYS ISAIAH 25:1; 37:26; 46:10-11



For the Redemption of Heaven and Earth

- ▶ It began as a general promise of a coming seed of a woman (**Gen. 3:15**)
- ▶ Narrowed down to the man Abraham (**Gen. 12:1-3**)
- ▶ From Abraham thru Isaac and Jacob, to a ruler from Judah who would rule the nations (**Gen. 49:8-12; Num. 24:14-19**)
- ▶ Narrows in Judah, to an heir from the line of David (2 Sam. 7)
- ▶ And is threatened in the unfaithfulness of Israel/Judah and their kings

THREE DATES TO REMEMBER

- ▶ **931 BC**—the division of the kingdom into two parts
- ▶ **722 BC**—Exile of Israel (10 northern tribes) to Assyria
- ▶ **586 BC**—Exile of Judah to Babylon

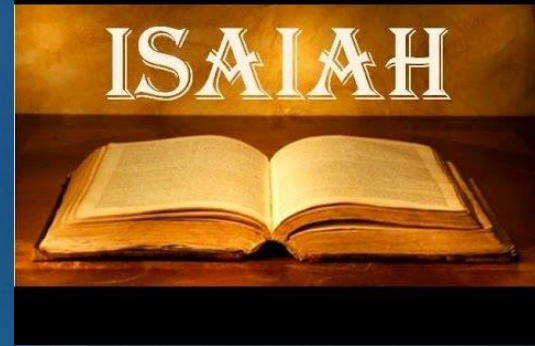


"YAH" IS MY SALVATION

IN THE DAYS OF

UZZIAH, JOTHAM, AHAZ & HEZEKIAH

740-681 BC



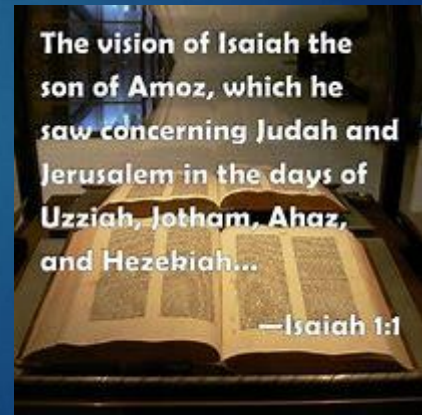
▶ Isa. 1-39

- ▶ 1-12—Judgment and hope for Jerusalem
- ▶ 13-27—Judgment and hope for the nations
- ▶ 28-39—The rise and fall of Jerusalem

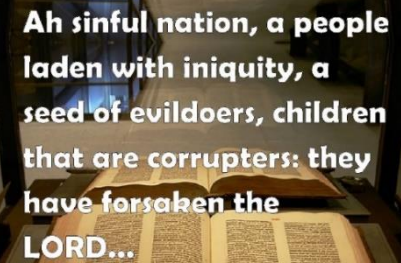
EXILE

▶ Isa. 40-66

- ▶ 40-48—Announcement of hope
- ▶ 49-55—The servant fulfills God's mission
- ▶ 56-66—The servants inherit God's kingdom



ALAS, SINFUL NATION

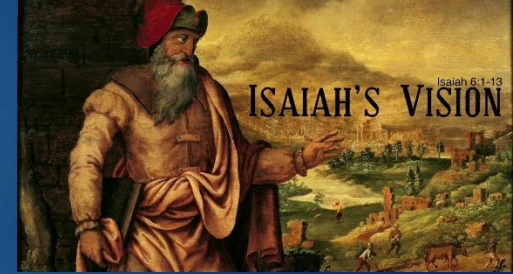
An open book is shown in the top right corner, with text overlaid on it. The text reads: "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD..."

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD...

—Isaiah 1:4

- ▶ In **the last days** the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established, and all the nations will stream to it (**2:2ff.**)
- ▶ For YHVH of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone proud and lofty (**2:12**)
- ▶ In that day the Branch of YHVH will be beautiful and glorious when He has washed away the filth of the daughters of Jerusalem and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem by **the spirit of judgment and burning** (**4:4**)
- ▶ Therefore Israel goes into exile for their lack of knowledge (**5:13**)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, IS THE LORD OF HOSTS



▶ He is the Holy One of Israel

- ▶ Your fate, for now, is sealed [Israel?] (**6:9-12**)
- ▶ Only a 10th portion will survive (**6:13**)
- ▶ It too, will be burned again [Judah?]
- ▶ Like a terebinth or oak when it is felled, only a stump will be left
- ▶ The holy seed is its stump



THE HOLY SEED, WHO IS HE?

Isaiah 7-12

The Book of Immanuel



- ▶ **Assyria** will first chop down Israel — 722 BC (7:17-20)
- ▶ **Babylon** will follow later, with the destruction of Judah—586 BC
- ▶ But God will send a new king
 - ▶ **A virgin born son** [almah], called Immanuel (7:13-15)
 - ▶ There will be no more gloom for her in darkness (9:1)
 - ▶ For a child will be born to us and the government will rest upon His shoulders (9:6-7)



- ▶ He will be a shoot from the stem of Jesse (**11:1**)
- ▶ The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him (**11:1-5**)
- ▶ His kingdom will transform all of creation (**11:6-9**)
- ▶ And nations will resort to Him (**11:10**)
- ▶ Then the Lord will recover a second time with His hand the remnant of His people from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath and the islands of the sea (**11:11-12**)
- ▶ The jealousy of Ephraim will depart (**11:13**)
- ▶ Judah and Ephraim will swoop down and plunder her enemies (**11:14-15**)
- ▶ And there will be a highway from Assyria as in the day they came out of the land of Egypt (**11:16**)

IN THAT DAY

Isaiah 12:1-6



- ▶ You will give thanks to the Lord
- ▶ For God's anger will be turned away
- ▶ And you will make known His deeds among the people
- ▶ For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

POEMS OF JUDGMENT AND HOPE (**Isaiah 13-23**)



- ▶ The Oracle of the fall of Babylon (**13:1ff.**)
 - ▶ Like Assyria, **10:5-14**, God will have a day of reckoning with Babylon (**13; 14**)
 - ▶ His claim is that he will become like God Most High (**14:12-14**—it is the one behind him)
 - ▶ Nevertheless, he will be thrust down to Sheol (**14:15-21**)
 - ▶ God will raise up **the Medes** against him (**13:17**)
- ▶ All of Israel's enemies will be devastated (**15-23**)

ISAIAH 24-27

The Lord Devastates the Earth



- ▶ The earth is polluted by its inhabitants, therefore a curse devours the earth (24:1-6)
- ▶ The Lord will punish both the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth (24:21)
- ▶ These are plans formed long ago with perfect faithfulness, (25:1)
- ▶ But on the mountain of the Lord, a lavish banquet is prepared (25:6)
- ▶ Death will be swallowed up for all time (25:8-9)
- ▶ In that day the unassailable city will be replaced with a strong city—i.e. a new Jerusalem (26:1-6)

IN THAT DAY

Isaiah 27

- ▶ He will slay the dragon who lives in the sea
 - ▶ In that day Jacob will take root and Israel will blossom and sprout (27:6)
 - ▶ In that day you will be gathered (27:12)
 - ▶ In that day a great trumpet will be blown and those perishing will come and worship the lord in the holy mountain at Jerusalem (27:13)



THE RISE AND FALL OF JERUSALEM

Isaiah 28-34



- ▶ Woe to you, O Ariel, the city where David once camped; the people in it; and those who go to Egypt for help (**ch. 29-31**)
- ▶ Behold a king will reign righteously (**ch. 32**)
- ▶ But woe to the destroyer—Assyria (**ch. 33:1-12**)
- ▶ Those who are far away, look what I have done (**33:13-24**)
- ▶ The Lord's indignation is against all the nations (**ch. 34**)

HEZEKIAH

Isaiah 36-39



- ▶ **The transition backward**
 - ▶ **Humility and repentance before the Lord is what brought victory over Assyria (chs. 36-37)**
- ▶ **The transition forward**
 - ▶ **Pride is what will bring Babylon, who will carry away the sons of Judah, and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon (chs. 38-39)**

The Transition:

[THE EXILE OF 586]

(Not in the text)

ISAIAH 40-66



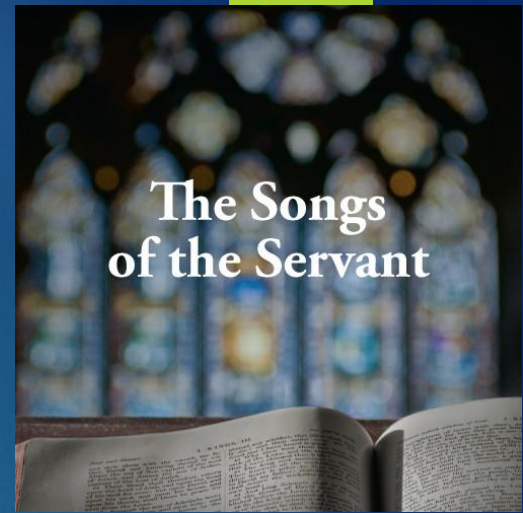
TURN TO ME
AND BE SAVED,
ALL THE ENDS OF
THE EARTH!
FOR I AM GOD
AND THERE IS
NO OTHER.
ISAIAH 45:22

- ▶ **Isaiah 40-48**—speak comfort to Jerusalem (**40:1**)
 - ▶ That her warfare has ended (**40:1-2**)
 - ▶ Her iniquity is removed
 - ▶ A voice is calling out, clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness (**40:3**)
 - ▶ Get yourself up on a mountain and say to the cities of Judah, here is your God (**40:9**)
 - ▶ Like a shepherd He will attend His flock (**40:11**)
 - ▶ But Jacob says no, to becoming a servant (**40:27; 41:9**)

BEHOLD, MY SERVANT

(**Four Passages**)

Isaiah 42:1-9



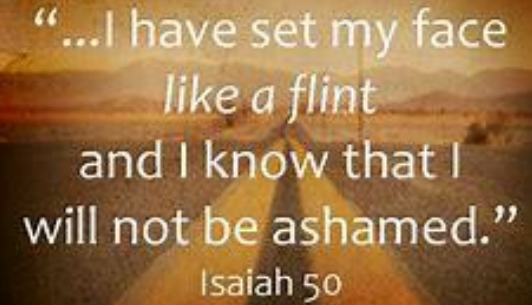
- ▶ I have put my Spirit upon Him (**1**)
- ▶ He will bring forth justice to the nations (**1**)
- ▶ Open blind eyes; bring prisoners out from the dungeon (**7**)
- ▶ I declare new things (**9**)

Isaiah 49:1-13



- ▶ The Lord called me from the womb (**1**)
- ▶ He was formed to bring Jacob back to the Lord (**5**)
- ▶ I will make you a light to the nations so that My salvation will reach to the ends of the earth (**6**)
- ▶ Shout joy, for the Lord has comforted His people (**13**)

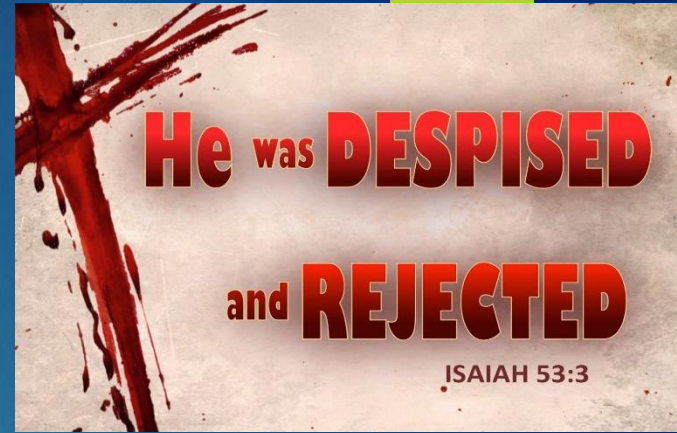
Isaiah 50:4-11



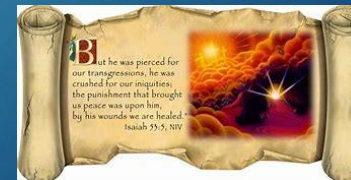
“...I have set my face
like a flint
and I know that I
will not be ashamed.”
Isaiah 50

- ▶ The Lord God has opened My ear and I was not disobedient (5)
- ▶ I gave my back to those who strike Me (6)
- ▶ I did not cover my face from humiliation and spitting (6)
- ▶ He who vindicates Me is near (8)
- ▶ The Lord God helps Me (9)
- ▶ Where is he who condemns me (9)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12



- ▶ My servant will prosper (52:13)
- ▶ His appearance is marred more than any man (52:14)
- ▶ He will sprinkle many nations (52:15)
- ▶ He grew up like a tender shoot (53:1)
- ▶ He was despised and forsaken of men (53:2)
- ▶ He was pierced for our transgression (53:5)
- ▶ All of us like sheep have gone astray (53:6)
- ▶ He was cut off out of the land of the living (53:8)
- ▶ He was a guilt offering (53:10)
- ▶ He will justify the many (53:11)
- ▶ He was numbered with transgressors (53:12)



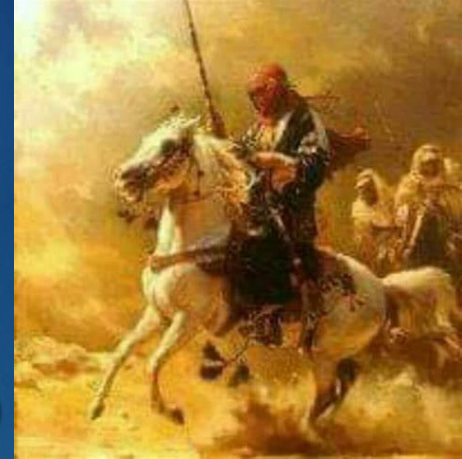
SO, SAYS ISAIAH

55:6



THE END FORETOLD

Isaiah 56-66



- ▶ Come and humble yourselves, oh Israel, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth (58:14)
- ▶ YHVH's hand is not so short that it cannot deliver (59)
- ▶ Arise and shine in the midst of the darkness of the earth, for his glory will shine on you (60)
- ▶ Arise and shine; for your light has come, and the glory of YHVH has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth; but YHVH will rise upon you and nations will come to your light (60)
- ▶ The Spirit of the Lord YHVH is upon me, because YHVH has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted (61)
- ▶ Who comes from Edom, with garments of crimson colors from Bozrah (63)



- ▶ **Behold, I create a new heavens and earth (65)**
- ▶ **Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool, where then is a house you could build for Me? (66)**
- ▶ **But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at my word (66)**
- ▶ **Can a land will be born in one day; a nation all at once; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem (66)**
- ▶ **But He will be indignant toward His enemies; for YHVH will come in fire and they shall see my glory (66)**
- ▶ **As the new heavens and earth shall endure, so shall your offspring and name (66)**