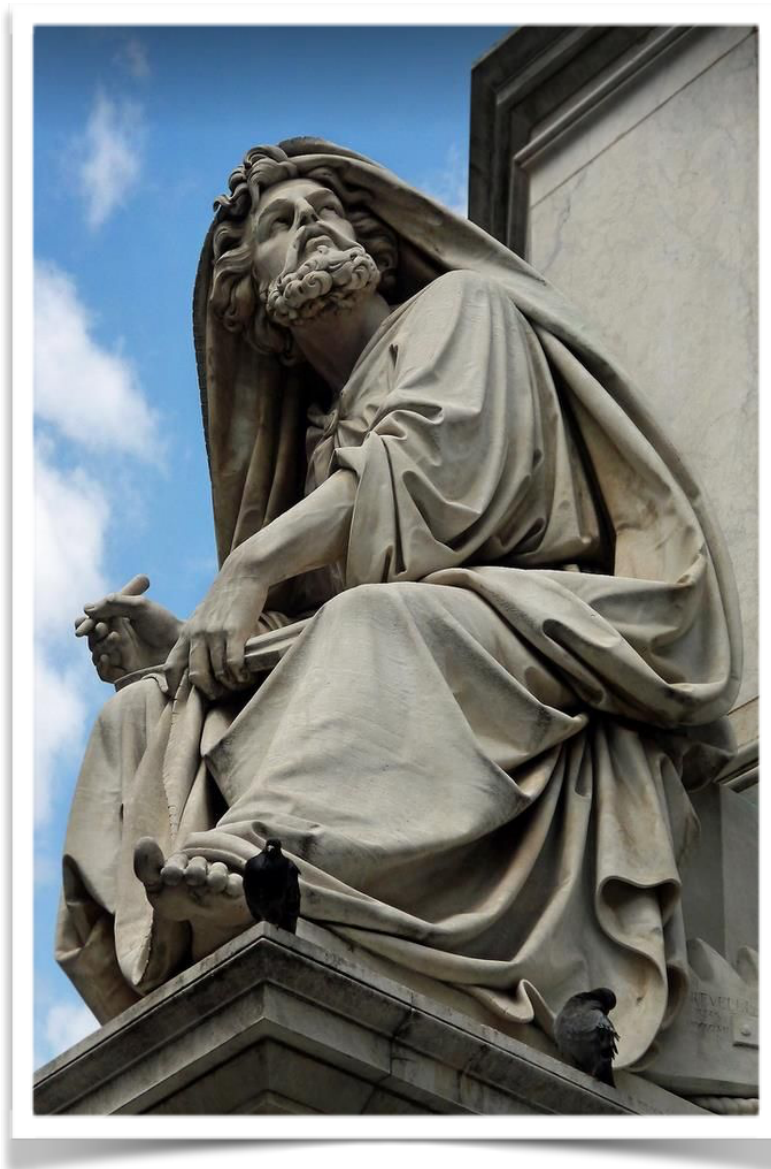


# The Messiah in Isaiah



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## Schedule of Classes

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## Introduction

Of all the Old Testament prophets, God gave Isaiah the most complete vision of the glorious coming of the Messiah. It is interesting that God chose this particular time to reveal so much about what Jesus would be like. This was a time when God's people were failing miserably to fulfill their purpose in the world: to bring the nations to God (Mark 11.17, Isaiah 49.6). Instead, the name of God was blasphemed because of their wicked deeds (Isaiah 52.5). Because His people failed to glorify His name and illuminate the world, He Himself would come to suffer, serve, and rule (Isaiah 59.16).

Our knowledge of Isaiah's personal life is limited. We know that he did his work during the reigns of "Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah" (1.1). We know he had a father named Amoz (1.1). We know he was married to an unnamed prophetess (8.3). We also know that he had at least two sons who carried names which corresponded to his ministry. Shear-Jashub (7.3) means "A remnant shall return," and Maher-Shallal-Hash-Baz (8.3) conveys "Speed the spoil, hasten the booty." According to Jewish tradition, Isaiah was a part of the royal family of Judah and first cousin to Uzziah, the king of Judah under whose reign Isaiah began his ministry. Also according to tradition, Hezekiah's wicked son King Manasseh executed Isaiah by sawing him in two with a wooden saw.

The time that Isaiah lived in (740-681 B.C.) was tumultuous. His long lifetime saw the reigns of four kings of Judah. He saw the destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel and an unsuccessful invasion of his country by Sennacherib, King of Assyria. He saw times of great prosperity and security, as well as times of war and distress. He saw godly leaders who led great religious reformations and wicked rulers who led the people deep into idolatrous sin. In the midst of this time of success and failure, God's prophet proclaimed a message about a coming King who would create the perfect kingdom.

In our two-quarter class on Isaiah, we will focus on select passages from the book that highlight the nature of the Messiah and the beauty of His kingdom. During each week, suggested readings found on each worksheet will help you absorb the entire book over the course of our class. Since we are only studying particular passages in class, your outside readings are crucial for an understanding and appreciation of Isaiah's book.

Please read these scriptures before the 1st class:

- 1) The time of King Uzziah: 2 Chronicles 26
- 2) The time of King Jotham: 2 Chronicles 27
- 3) The time of King Ahaz: 2 Chronicles 28
- 4) The time of King Hezekiah: 2 Chronicles 29-32

## Abbreviated Outline of Isaiah\*

- I. The book of the King (1-37)
  - A. The preface, Judah: diagnosis and prognosis (1.1-5.30)
  - B. The triumph of grace (6.1-12.6)
  - C. The universal kingdom (13.1-27.13)
  - D. The Lord of history (28.1-37.38)
- II. The book of the Servant (38-55)
  - A. Historical prologue: Hezekiah's fatal choice (38.1-39.8)
  - B. The consolation of the world (40.1-42.17)
  - C. The redemption of Israel (42.18-44.23)
  - D. The great deliverance (44.24-48.22)
  - E. The greater deliverance (49.1-55.13)
- III. The book of the Anointed Conqueror (Isaiah 56-66)
  - A. The ideal and the actual: the needs and sins of the Lord's people (56.1-59.13)
  - B. The coming of the Anointed Conqueror (59.14-63.6)
  - C. Prayer and response: steps to the new heaven and new earth (63.7-66.24)

\*Taken from "Isaiah," by J. Alec Motyer



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## The Branch of the Lord - Isaiah 4

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 1-3

I. Observation: what does the text say? Record the word pictures we're given.

II. Interpretation: what did the text mean to the original readers?

III. Application: what does the text convey to us as New Testament readers?

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## Immanuel - Isaiah 7

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## A Child Is Born - Isaiah 9

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## The Root of Jesse - Isaiah 11

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 10-12

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## Egypt, Assyria, and Israel - Isaiah 19

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## The Mountain of the Lord - Isaiah 25

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 16-18

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## Until the Spirit Is Poured - Isaiah 32

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 19-21

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## The Ransomed Shall Return - Isaiah 35

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 22-24

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## Behold My Servant - Isaiah 42

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 25-27

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## A Day of Salvation - Isaiah 49

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 28-30

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## The Lord God Helps Me - Isaiah 50

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 31-33

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My Servant Shall Act Wisely - Isaiah 52.13-52.12

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 34-36

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Sing, O Barren One - Isaiah 54

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 37-39

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## Come, Everyone Who Thirsts - Isaiah 55

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 40-42

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## Soon My Salvation Will Come - Isaiah 56

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 43-45

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## A Redeemer Will Come - Isaiah 59

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 46-48

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III. Application: what does the text convey to us as New Testament readers?

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## The Glory of the Lord Has Risen - Isaiah 60

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 49-51

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## The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me - Isaiah 61

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 52-54

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## Behold, Your Salvation Comes - Isaiah 62

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 55-57

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## Vengeance and Compassion - Isaiah 63

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 58-60

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## New Heavens and a New Earth - Isaiah 65

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 61-63

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## I Will Send Survivors to the Nations - Isaiah 66

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Suggested Weekly Reading: Isaiah 64-66

I. Observation: what does the text say? Record the word pictures we're given.

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