

# *Isaiah*

## Introduction

The name Isaiah means “the salvation of Jehovah”. Isaiah preached in the Southern Kingdom of Judah approximately 25 years before the Assyrians captured the Northern Kingdom to about 40 years after it. His 65 year ministry took place during the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah – 745 – 680 BC. Isaiah is quoted more in the New Testament than all of the other Old Testament prophets combined – over 300 times. Isaiah was the sixth prophet, and was a contemporary of Hosea, Micah, and Nahum.

Isaiah has been called the Masterpiece of the Old Testament, and the miniature Bible. The book has 66 chapters just as the Bible has 66 books. The 66 chapters are divided into 2 parts. The first 39 chapters (the same number as the books of the OT) speak of judgment, while the final 27 chapters (the same number as the books of the NT) speak of mercy and the coming kingdom.

## Key Chapter - 53 – **The Suffering Savior**

## Key Word – Salvation – found 28 times

## Key Passage – Isaiah 6

# *Our Hope is in God*

## **1. God is Majestic (6:1-4)**

### **a. The terrifying holiness of God**

#### **- He is without equal – “The Lord seated on a throne”**

In the year that King Uzziah died, 52 years he had been the king. For many, if not most of the people, this is the only king they knew, and he had been a good king for the most part. He was gone. And when this king was gone, Isaiah saw the King, the real King, the One who is still seated on His throne high and lifted up. Kings come and kings go. One King remains

#### **- He is without error – “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

This is the only attribute of God that is ever mentioned in succession like this in all of Scripture. Scripture never says God is love, love, love or wrath, wrath, wrath or justice, justice, justice, or God is mercy, mercy, mercy – the Bible above all else says God is holy, holy, holy!

### **b. The Complete Sovereignty of God – “the whole earth is full with His glory”**

#### **-He is Creator of the world. (Isaiah 40:26)**

- He is Ruler of history (Isaiah 46:8-11)
- He is King of all nations (Isaiah 36-39 - Key Verse 37:23-33)
- He is Judge of all peoples (Isaiah 3:13)

**2. Man is Depraved (6:5)** – “ Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips”

- a. Painful Sin** –In Isaiah sin is described as a lack of trust in God
  - They trusted in foreign kings and false gods (2:22)
  - They trusted in their things and themselves 43:24

- b. Breathtaking Grace (6:6-7)**
  - Their sins will be removed (43:1)
  - Their sins will never be remembered - (43:25)

**3. Salvation is Sure! (6:8-13)**

- a. God will send His prophet (6:8) that will be rejected**
- b. God will restore all peoples (6:13) and will do so with a stump (11:1)**
  - Look for a Spectacular Sign (7:13-14)
  - Look for a Suffering Servant (42:2, 50:6, 52, 53)
  - Look for the Anointing by the Spirit 42:1 & 61:1-3)
  - Look for a Savior for the Nations (49:6)

### **Conclusion**

The picture all throughout Isaiah is pointing us to a spectacular sign of a suffering servant anointed by the Spirit who is a Savior for the nations, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is why in John 12:37-41, the apostle John quotes from Isaiah 6:9-13 and says, “Isaiah saw the glory of Jesus on that day and he spoke of Him.” He was saying, “Isaiah saw Jesus 700 years ago. Why can’t you see Him when He’s standing in front of you?”

### **Personal Application:**

- Worship a God that is Majestic. Tonight, we should fear our God who is without error or equal, and praise our God who is control of the Universe.
- Realize the pain that our sins cause God, and thank Him that God declares guilty sinners as innocent all because of His grace!
- Praise Jesus Christ, the suffering servant, anointed by the Spirit, who is the Savior to all people!