

Handout 1: Isaiah Lesson 1

SUMMARY OUTLINE OF ISAIAH

Biblical Period	#7 THE DIVIDED KINGDOMS					
Covenant	The Sinai Covenant [& the Davidic Covenant]					
Focus	Prophecies of Condemnation		Historical Narrative	Prophecies of Consolation		
Scripture	1:1-----24:1-----36:1-----40:1-----49:1-----58:1----66:24					
Division	Prophecies against Judah and the nations	Prophecies of the Day of Judgment and promised blessings	The reign of King Hezekiah of Judah	Israel's deliverance	Israel's promised Redeemer Messiah	Israel's restoration & glorious future
Topic	The Prophetic Word		Historic transition	Messianic Prophecies		
	Judgment			The future hope		
Location	Jerusalem/Southern Kingdom of Judah					
Time	c. 740-680 BC					
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In addition to the overall themes of justice and redemption in the Book of Isaiah, the five most significant sub-themes within the framework of justice and redemption are:

1. The sovereignty of God
2. The preservation of the faithful remnant of the covenant people
3. The Servant of God
4. The Holy One of Israel
5. The Messiah

The four descendants of King David who ruled the Southern Kingdom of Judah during the years of Isaiah's ministry:

1. Uzziah, also called Azariah (781-740 BC)
2. Jotham, son of Uzziah (740 BC-736 BC)
3. Ahaz, son of Jotham (736-716 BC)
4. Hezekiah, son of Ahaz (716-687 BC)

Handout 2: Isaiah Lesson 1
Prophets, Kings and Missions (in historical order)

THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH 930 – 587/6 BC Kings and their reigns 1 ruling family: the House of David	Historical List of Prophets 930-517/16 BC (prophets in italics are not literary prophets)	THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL 930 – 722 BC Kings and their reigns 9 ruling families
Rehoboam 930 – 913	<i>Shemaiah</i> <i>unnamed man from Judah</i> <i>Iddo</i> + <i>Ahijah</i>	Jeroboam I 930 – 910
Abijam (Abijah) 913 – 911		Nadab 910 – 909
Asa 911 – 870	<i>Azariah</i>	Baasha 909 – 884
	Obadiah (placement ?)	Elah 886 – 885
		Zimri 885
		Omri 885 – 874
Jehoshaphat 870 – 848	Elijah <i>Micaiah</i> *	Ahab 874 – 853
	* *	Ahaziah 853 – 852
Jehoram 848 – 841	Elisha * *	Jehoram (Joram) 852 – 841
Ahaziah 841	* *	Jehu 841 – 814
Queen Athaliah (mother of Ahaziah, dau. of Ahab and not a Davidic heir) 841 – 835	* * * * *	
Jehoash 835 – 796	* *	Jehoahaz 814 – 798
Amaziah 796-781		Jehoash 798 -783
Uzziah (Azariah) 781 – 740	Amos Hosea Jonah * * Isaiah *	Jeroboam II 783 – 743

Co-rule with Jotham	* *	Zechariah 743
	* *	Shallum 743
Jotham 740 – 736	Micah * *	Menahem 743 – 738
	* * *	Pekahiah 738 – 737
Ahaz 736 – 716	* * *	Pekah 737 – 732
Hezekiah 716 – 687	* * *	Hoshea 732 – 724
Manasseh 687 – 642	Nahum *	Assyrians conquer Israel = exile
Amon 642 – 640		
Josiah 640 – 609	Jeremiah Zephaniah * *	
Jehoahaz 609	* *	
Jehoiakim 609 – 598	* Daniel * *	
Jehoiachin/Jehoniah 598 – 597	* Habakkuk? * Ezekiel * *	
Zedekiah 598 – 587/6 Deportation and exile	* *	
Babylonian exile 70 years		
Persians conquer Babylon Edict of Cyrus 538 BC Return from exile	Joel ?	
Zeraubbabel 520 BC Israelite Persian appointed governor of Samaria Temple rebuilt c. 517/16 BC	Haggai Zechariah Malachi	
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+The writings of Iddo were used to chronicle the reigns of kings Jeroboam, Rehoboam and Abijam/Abiah (2 Chr 9:29; 13:22). Over →

The Prophets of Yahweh and their Missions from 930-517/16 BC

Bold = literary prophets in canonical order

* = major prophets

others in bold are the 12 minor prophets

Prophet	Prophetic Mission
Shemaiah	Mission to King Rehoboam of Judah
Unnamed prophet and Ahijah	From Judah but mission to King Jeroboam of Israel
Micaiah	Mission to King Ahab of Israel
Elijah	Mission to Israel
Elisha	Mission to Israel
Isaiah*	Mission to Judah
Jeremiah*	Mission to Judah
Ezekiel*	Mission to Judean exiles
Daniel*	From Judah but mission to Babylon
Hosea	Mission to Israel
Jonah	From the Galilee in Israel but mission to the Assyrian capital of Nineveh
Joel	Mission to Judah
Amos	From Judah but mission to Israel
Obadiah	From Judah but mission was about the fate of Edom
Micah	Mission to Judah
Nahum	From Judah but mission concerning Nineveh
Habakkuk	Mission to Judah
Zephaniah	Mission to Judah
Haggai	Mission to Judah
Zechariah	Mission to Judah
Malachi	To Judah; last authentic prophet after the return from exile
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Handout 3: THE SYMBOLIC IMAGES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

Image Groups	Part I Covenant relationship	Part II Rebellion	Part III Redemptive Judgment	Part IV Restoration Fulfilled
Covenant Marriage [examples in Scripture]	Israel Bride of Yahweh Is 54:5; 61:10-11; Jer 2:2; Ez 16:4-14;	Unfaithful adulteress/harlot Is 1:21; Jer 3:6-8; 13:22-23, 26; 23:10; Ez 16:15-34; 23:1-12; Hos 4:10-14	Humiliated, abused & abandoned by lovers Jer 3:1b-2; 4:30-31; Ez 16:23-61; 23:35-49; Amos 4:7-8; Hos 2:4-15	The Bride restored to her Bridegroom Promised: Is 54:6-8; Hos 2:16-25 Fulfilled: Jn 3:28-29; 2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:25-27; Rev 19:7-9; 21:2, 9; 22:17
Vineyard or Fig tree [examples in Scripture]	Well-tended vineyard/fruitful fig tree Is 5:1-4; Jer 24:4-7; Ez 19:10-11	Vines grow wild/failure to produce fruit Jer 2:21; Hos 2:14; Mic 7:1-4; Joel 1:11-12; 7:1-4;	Weeds overgrow vineyard/ ruin and destruction Is 5:3-6; Jer 8:13; 24:1-10; Ez 19:12-14; Nah 3:12-15	Vines are replanted/ fruitfulness restored Promise: Hos 14:2-9 Fulfilled: Jn 15:1-2, 4-6
Animals Examples in Scripture	Domesticated animals obedient to the yoke of the Master Is 40:10-11; 65:25; Ez 34:15-16; Mic 4:13	Resist the yoke; run away and become wild Ex 32:9; 33:3, 5; 34:9; Dt 9:6, 13; Is 50:6; 53:6; Jer 5:5d-6; 8:6b-7; 23:1-2; Ez 19:1-9	Ravaged by wild beasts/birds of prey Is 50:7; Jer 8:15-17; 50:6-7; Hos 8:1-14; 13:6-8	Rescued by their Master Promise: Ez 34 Fulfilled: Mt 11:28-30; Jn 1:29, 36; 10:1-18; Heb 3:20; Rev 5:6, 13; 7:9-17; 14:1-10; 19:2-9; 21:9-23; 22:1-3
Drinking Wine Examples in Scripture	Joy of drinking good wine Is 25:6-8; 62:8-9; 65:13; Jer 31:12; 40:12	Becoming drunk Is 5:11-12; 28:1; Jer 8:13; 48:26; 51:7; Joel 1:5	Loss of wine; drinking the “cup of God’s wrath” Ps 75:9; Is 51:17-23; 63:2-3; Joel 4:13; Jer 13:12-14; 25:15-31; 49:12; 51:6-7; 48:26; Ez 23:31-34; Hab 2:16	Rejoicing in the best “new wine” at the Master’s table Promise: Zec 9:15-16 Fulfilled: Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-32; Rev 19:7-9

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Each of the image groups consist of four parts:

- ◆ **Part I:** Yahweh and his people enter into a covenant relationship. Yahweh will bind this people to Himself in the blessings of security and prosperity in return for obedience to the covenant of the Torah (first 5 books of Moses)
- ◆ **Part II:** Israel, the covenant people ignore the Laws of the covenant; they rebel by going their own way
- ◆ **Part III:** God sends His holy prophet to call His people back to Him. Failing in this mission the prophet, calls down a Covenant Lawsuit (riv) which results in covenant curses—redemptive punishment meant to bring about repentance and restoration
- ◆ **Part IV:** In response to repentance, Yahweh reaches out to restore and to take His people back into the fullness of His covenant relationship.

Handout 4: Isaiah Lesson 1
**ISAIAH'S PROPHECIES OF THE MESSIAH
 FULFILLED IN JESUS OF NAZARETH**

THE PROPHECY	THE FULFILLMENT
The Promised Messiah:	Jesus of Nazareth:
Will be born of a virgin (Is 7:14)	Jesus was born of a virgin named Mary (Lk 1:26-31)
Will have a Galilean ministry (Is 9:1, 2)	Ministry began in Galilee of the Gentiles (Mt 4:13-16)
Will be an heir to the throne of David (Is 9:7; 11:1, 10)	Was given the throne of His father David (Lk 1:32, 33)
God's Spirit will rest on Him (Is 11:2)	The Spirit of God descended on Jesus (Mt 3:16; Mk 1:10; Lk 3:22; 4:1)
Will have His way prepared (Is 40:3-5)	Was announced by John the Baptist (Jn 1:19-28)
Will be spat on and struck (Is 50:6)	Was spat on and beaten (Mt 26:67)
Will be exalted (Is 52:13)	Was highly exalted by God and the people (Phil 2:9, 10)
Will be disfigured by suffering (Is 52:14; 53:2)	Was scourged by Roman soldiers who gave Him a crown of thorns (Mk 15:15-19)
Will make a blood atonement (Is 53:5)	Shed His blood to atone for our sins (1 Pt 1:2)
Will be widely rejected (Is 53:1, 3)	Was not accepted by many (Jn 12:37, 38)
Will bear our sins and sorrows (Is 53:4, 5)	Died because of our sins (Rom 4:25; 1 Pt 2:24, 25)
Will be our substitute (Is 53:6, 8)	Died in our place (Rom 5:6, 8; 2 Cor 5:21)
Will voluntarily accept man's guilt and punishment for sin (Is 53:7, 8)	Jesus took on our sins (Jn 1:29; Rom 6:10; 2 Cor 5:21)
Gentiles will seek Him (Is 11:10)	Gentiles came to speak to Jesus (Jn 12:20, 21)
Will be silent before His accusers (Is 53:7)	Was silent before Herod and his court (Lk 23:9)
Will save us who believe in Him (Is 53:12)	Provided salvation for all who believe (Jn 3:16; Acts 16:31)
Will die with transgressors (Is 53:12)	Was numbered with the transgressors (Mk 15:27, 28; Lk 22:37)
Will heal the brokenhearted (Is 61:1, 2)	Healed the brokenhearted (Lk 4:18, 19)
Will be buried in a rich man's tomb (Is 53:9)	Was buried in the tomb of Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea (Mt 27:57-60; Jn 19:38-42)
He will judge the earth with righteousness (Is 11:4-5)	Jesus was given authority to judge (Jn 5:27; Lk 19:22; 2 Tim 4:1,8)
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Isaiah described the qualifications of the ideal Davidic Messiah king whose rule contrasted with the reign of Davidic King Ahaz (736-716 BC; 2 Kng 16:1-20). The role of the ideal Davidic king remained unfulfilled until the coming of Jesus the Messiah and His Kingdom of the Church:

Isaiah's Prophecies of the Ideal Davidic King	
Prophecy	Fulfillment
1. The Messiah will to be a descendant of David (Is 9:7; 11:1, 10).	Mt 1:1; Lk 1:32; Rom 15:12; Rev 22:16
2. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit (Is 11:2).	Mt 3:16; Mk 1:10; Lk 3:22; Jn 1:32
3. He will be given the authority to be a merciful and righteous judge of mankind (Is 11:4-5).	Mt 25:31-32; Lk 19:22; Jn 5:27; 2 Tim 4:1,8; Rev 19:11
4. The Messiah's reign will be universal and characterized by peace and reconciliation (Is 11:6-10; 4; 49:6; 52:10; 66:18).	Mt 24:31; 25:32; Lk 2:29-32; Acts 13:47-49; Rom 15:12; Rev 22:17
5. Even the Gentiles will come seeking the Messiah (Is 11:10).	Jn 12:20-22; Acts 15:7
6. The Messiah will gather in the faithful remnant of Israel (11:11-16).	Mt 10:5-7; 15:24
7. He will bring the joy of God's salvation (Is 12:1-6; 49:6).	Jn 3:16; 6:53-58; 1 Jn 4:9
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Isaiah laid out every aspect of the ministry and glory of the future Redeemer-Messiah. Isaiah's prophecies of fulfillment that will be perfectly accomplished in the mission of Jesus of Nazareth:

1. His incarnation (Is 7:14; 9:6)
2. His early years (Is 7:15; 11:1; 53:2)
3. His manner (Is 42:2)
4. His obedience (Is 50:5)
5. His message (Is 61:1-2)
6. His miracles (Is 35:5-6)
7. His sufferings, rejection, and vicarious death (Is 50:6; 53:1-12)
8. His exaltation and glory (Is 52:13)

Probably the most dramatic of Isaiah's prophecies that are fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth are Isaiah's four "Servant Songs" (42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-9 and 52:13-53:12) that are fulfilled in Jesus' ministry and His Passion.