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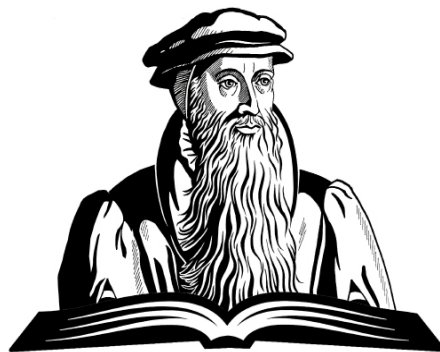
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The Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapters 1 to 6

Memory Verse

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”

— Isaiah 6:8

The Prophetical Books

In His Word, God makes use of many different people to speak to us in a variety of ways. The books of the law, the books of history, and the books of poetry are followed by the books of the prophets. When we take a closer look at the prophetic books and study how the prophets addressed the people of Israel, we again notice how the Lord speaks to his people in different ways. Sometimes the prophets warn. Sometimes they threaten. Other times they may pass on precious promises. Sometimes they use physical objects to bring God's message across. Sometimes they write songs or parables. As we study the prophetical books of the Bible, think of how the Lord speaks to us today. He speaks to us when we observe his power in nature, as well as His guiding hand in our lives, and in the lives of others. He speaks to us especially through his Word.

The Vision of Isaiah

The first and largest of the prophetic books is the book of Isaiah. Isaiah was the son of Amoz. Isaiah prophesied during the reign of the kings Uzziah (also called Azariah), Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, and probably Manasseh, all kings of the southern kingdom of Judah. Isaiah is often called the Old Testament Evangelist, because of his many prophecies are about the coming Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.



In Isaiah, chapter 6, we read of Isaiah's calling to the office of prophet. He was given a vision, where he saw a throne. Upon the throne, he saw the Lord, surrounded by worshipping angels who were crying out, “Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory” (Isaiah 6:3). This vision of heaven was so glorious that Isaiah feared greatly. He deeply felt how sinful he was, and he cried out “Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips... for mine eyes have seen the

King, the LORD of hosts” (Isaiah 6:5). Then something remarkable happened. One of the angels flew to him and touched his lips with a glowing coal from the altar. Isaiah's sins were forgiven!

When Isaiah heard the Lord asking whom he should send to the people of Israel, he said “Here am I; send me” (Isaiah 6:8). Then and there, Isaiah received the commission from the Lord to be a prophet to the people of Israel. Isaiah was sent to the kingdom of Judah to preach, to warn, and even to threaten God’s judgments. In every possible way, Isaiah was called to urge the people of God to repent from their sins, before it would be too late. One of the ways in which Isaiah tried to reach the heart of the people was by writing a song.

The Song of the Vineyard

In Isaiah chapter 5, we read a song which Isaiah wrote for the people of Israel. It is Isaiah’s Song of the Vineyard. In this song, Isaiah describes a beautiful vineyard. It was in an excellent location, on a hillside facing the sun. The owner had worked hard at planting and caring for the vineyard. What a disappointment it was when the grapes of the vineyard turned out to be sour and inedible. In Isaiah’s song, the owner of the vineyard is the Lord, and the vineyard is his people. He asks his people what more could he have done for this vineyard? Then the Lord answers, “I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it” (Isaiah 5:6). Then follows a startling explanation of the song’s meaning. “For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry” (Isaiah 5:7).

The Gospel in the Old Testament

As we read of God’s tender care for his people, and their shameful disobedience, let us think of God’s care for us, and whether we bring forth any fruits of real humility, love, and turning from sin. A true sense of our unfruitfulness would make us feel our need for the Lord Jesus Christ and his imputed righteousness. He lived a perfectly fruitful life, and yet took upon himself the wrath of God for the sins of his people, so that unfruitful sinners can be made fruitful. “From me is thy fruit found” (Hosea 14:8).

Review Questions

1. Isaiah prophesied during the reign of _____, _____, _____, and _____, Kings of Judah (Isaiah 1:1).
2. In a vision, Isaiah saw the Lord sitting upon a _____.
3. Around the throne were angels, each with _____ wings.
4. The angels were crying out: “_____, _____, _____ is the _____ of _____.”

5. How did Isaiah feel when he saw this vision?

- a. He felt blessed.
- b. He realized he was sinful.
- c. It made him feel holy.
- d. He became very tired.

6. One of the angels touched Isaiah's lips with a glowing coal. This pointed to:

- a. God's judgments against his people.
- b. Christ's sacrifice to pay for our sin that we could be forgiven.
- c. Isaiah's new task as a prophet.
- d. The direction he was to go.

7. What did God warn Isaiah of in Isaiah 6:9, 10? _____

8. How did God encourage Isaiah in Isaiah 6:13? _____

9. What five things had God done to make His vineyard fruitful (Isaiah 5:2)?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

Discussion

1. How had God blessed and helped the nation of Israel in the past? _____

2. What has God done for you, so that you may bear fruit? _____

3. The well-kept vineyard only produced “wild grapes.” What were some of the wild grapes: the sins of the people of Israel, described in this chapter? (Isaiah 5:7, 8, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21) _____

4. Which verses in Isaiah 5 describe the judgments which God threatened to bring upon the people of Israel? _____

5. Do you think God deals with nations and with individuals today as he did with the people of Israel in the time of Isaiah? Try to explain your answer. _____
