

Isaiah
Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-9; 20:1-4; 40:1-5; 60:1-5
August 23, 2023

- I. Introduction
- II. The school of Isaiah (8:16)
- III. Themes in common
 - A. Ideal Davidic king
 - B. Divine council
 - C. Light and darkness
- IV. NT cites Isaiah more than any other book (Church Fathers)
- V. First Isaiah, Chapters 1-39, 738-701 BC
 - A. Overshadowed by Assyrian threat
 - B. Syro-Ephramite war, 735-732 BC
 - 1. North fall to Assyria, 722 BC
 - 2. Jesse is a “stump” because of Ahaz (11:1)
 - 3. Ideal Davidic king/Messiah (11:2)
 - 4. True shalom from knowing God (11:9)
 - C. Anti-Assyrian agitation, 720-710 BC
 - 1. Revolt instigated by Egypt, 711 BC
 - 2. Symbolic action in 3rd person (20:2)
 - 3. Futility of relying on Egypt (20:3-4)
 - D. Revolt against Assyria, 705-701 BC
- VI. Second/Deutero Isaiah, Chapters 40-55, 545-539 BC
 - A. During Babylonian exile
 - B. Conversation in divine council (40:1, 3)
 - C. Deliverance promised (40:2; 45:1)
 - 1. Like a Babylonian processional way (40:3)
 - 2. Glorious second exodus (40:3-4)
 - D. What about John the Baptist?
- VII. Third/Trito Isaiah, Chapters 56-66, 539-515 BC
 - A. Style very similar to second Isaiah
 - B. Back in Israel life is very harsh
 - C. Restoration promised (60:1-5)
 - 1. Light and darkness (60:1-2)
 - 2. Remaining exiles will return (60:4)
 - 3. Wealth of the nations will pour in (60:5)
- VIII. Lessons
 - A. Rely on God for true peace/shalom
 - B. Humility in interpretation
 - C. Have patience
- IX. What else?
- X. LET US PRAY!

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Isaiah 11:1-3, 6-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 20:1-4

In the year that the commander-in-chief, who was sent by King Sargon of Assyria, came to Ashdod and fought against it and took it— ²at that time the LORD had spoken to Isaiah son of Amoz, saying, “Go and loose the sackcloth from your loins and take your sandals off your feet,” and he had done so, walking naked and barefoot. ³Then the LORD said, “Just as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and a portent against Egypt and Cush, ⁴so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as captives and the Cushites as exiles, both the young and the old, naked and barefoot, with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Isaiah 60:1-5

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you.