

THE HOLY ONE

Introduction to Isaiah

The Isaiah Scroll Found at Qumran (1Q15a)



FACTS ABOUT THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

1. The New Testament quotes or alludes to Isaiah more than any other Old Testament book except for the Psalms.
2. Isaiah is placed first in the section of the prophetic books, not because of its sixty-six chapters, but because of its content and style. Jeremiah is 12% longer than Isaiah.
3. The New Testament quotes 148 times from chapters 1-39, and 261 times from chapters 40-66.

THE MESSAGE OF ISAIAH SEEN IN HIS SONS

Isaiah and his wife, the prophetess, had two sons. The meaning of their names embodies the message of Isaiah.

Maher-shalal-bash-baz - "Swift the spoil, speedy the plunder" - relates to God's judgment on His people

Shear-Jashub - "a remnant will return" - relates to God's mercy towards His people

Message of Isaiah Seen in the Literary Structure

THREE INTRODUCTORY COLLECTIONS

1. Chapters 1-12
2. Chapters 13-27
3. Chapters 28-35

4. Chapters 36-39 - THE HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

THREE FINAL COLLECTIONS

5. Chapters 40-48
6. Chapters 49-54
7. Chapters 55-66

THE SYMMETRY OF THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

UNIT 1 - Parallels - UNIT 7

UNIT 2 - Parallels - UNIT 6

UNIT 3 - Parallels - UNIT 5

UNIT 4 - IS THE BOOK'S CHIASTIC CENTER -
THE HEART OF ISAIAH - THE MESSAGE:

Trust God alone for salvation rather than earthly powers or other
idols/gods

UNIT 1 : Isaiah 1-12 - Judgment/Restoration

- A Intro: Israel's Disobedience & Resultant Devastation (1:1-31)
- B Visions of Future Restoration of Jerusalem (2:1-4:6)
- C Coming Destruction of Judah (5:1-30)
- X CALL TO ISAIAH (6:1-13)
- C1 Coming Destruction of Judah (7:1-8:18)
- B1 Visions of Future Restoration of Israel (8:19-11:9)
- A1 Conclusion: Israel's Future Restoration & Obedience
(11:10-12:6)

UNIT 1: ISAIAH 6 - ISAIAH'S CALL TO MINISTRY

Isaiah 6:9-10,

And 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.

And he said,
Go, and tell this people,



UNIT 2: Isaiah 13-27 - Judgment of Nations

- A Fall of Babylon and Judah's Restoration (13:1-14:32)
- B Oracle about Judah's Neighbor - Moab (15:1-16:14)
- C Oracles concerning Egypt and Ethiopia (17:1-20:6)
- X FALL OF BABYLON (21:1-17)
- C₁ Oracle concerning Jerusalem and Shebna (22:1-25)
- B₁ Oracle about Judah's Neighbor - Tyre (23:1-18)
- A₁ Fall of Babylon and Judah's Restoration (24:1-27:13)

UNIT 2: Isaiah 21 - The Fall of Babylon

Isaiah 21:2-3,

A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease. Therefore, are my loins filled with pain . . .

Isaiah 21:9,

Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.



UNIT 3: Isaiah 28-35 - Collection of Woe Messages

- A Yahweh's Coming Overthrow of Judah's Enemy - Samaria (28:1-29)
- B Coming Assyrian Siege of Jerusalem and Yahweh's Rescue (29:1-24)
- C Warning to Judah: Do not Rely on Egypt (30:1-14)
- X - TRUST IN YAHWEH (30:15-33)
- C1 Warning to Judah: Do not Rely on Egypt (31:1-9)
- B1 Coming Assyrian Attack of Jerusalem and Yahweh's Rescue (32:1-33:24)
- A1 Yahweh's Coming Overthrow of Judah's Enemy - Edom (34:1-35:10)

UNIT 3 - ISAIAH 30 - TRUST IN THE LORD

Isaiah 30:15,

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

Isaiah 30:18,

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Unit 4: Isaiah 36-39 - Historical Narratives

A Arrival of the Hostile Assyrian Emissary (36:1-22)

B Hezekiah's Distress and his Appeal for Help (37:1-7)

C Sennacherib's Blasphemous Message to Hezekiah (37:8-13)

X HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER TO YAHWEH (37:14-

20)

C1 Yahweh's Response to Sennacherib's Blasphemous Message and Hezekiah's Prayer (37:21-38)

B1 Hezekiah's Sickness and His Appeal for Help (38:1-22)

A1 Arrival of the Friendly Babylonian Emissaries (39:1-8)

UNIT 4: Hezekiah's Trust in the Lord seen in Prayer

Isaiah 37:15,

And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying . . .



UNIT 5: Isaiah 40-48 - Yahweh's Supremacy

A Good News for Jerusalem (40:1-31)

B Yahweh, Superior to All the Idols (41:1-20)

C Yahweh's Challenge to Idols (41:21-42:17)

X CALL TO SINFUL ISRAEL TO
RESPOND GOD

(42:18-43:7)

Ci Yahweh's Challenge to Idols (45:20-46:13)

Bi Yahweh, Superior to All the Idols (45:20-46:13)

Ai Bad News for Babylon (47:1-48:22)

UNIT 5: CALL TO ISRAEL TO RETURN TO GOD

Isaiah 43:1-2,

But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee . . .

UNIT 6: Isaiah 49-54 - The Suffering Servant

A Restoration of Mother Jerusalem and Her Children (49:1-26)

B The Suffering Servant and Israel's Sins (50:1-11)

C Almighty Yahweh will Rescue His People (51:1-16)

X-MOTHER JERUSALEM RESTORED

(51:17-23)

C1 Almighty Yahweh will Rescue His People (52:1-12)

B1 The Suffering Servant and Forgiveness of Israel's Sins
(52:13-53:12)

A1 Restoration of Mother Jerusalem and Her Children
(54:1-17)

UNIT 6 - Mother Jerusalem Restored (49-54)

Isaiah 51:9,

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake . . .

Isaiah 51:17,

Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem . . .

Isaiah 52:1,

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion . . .

UNIT 7: Isaiah 55-66 - Final Invitation to Return to God

A Invitation to Wicked and Promise of Future Restoration (55:1-56:12)

B Condemnation of Wicked People (57:1-21)

C Call to Restoration of True Righteousness (58:1-59:21)

X GLORIOUS FUTURE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL (60:1-22)

C1 Future Restoration of True Righteousness (61:1-62:9)

B1 Condemnation and Coming Punishment of Wicked (62:10-64:11)

A1 Invitation to Wicked and Promise of Future Restoration (65:1-66:24)

UNIT 7 - The Glorious Future (60:1-22)

Isaiah 60:1,

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Isaiah 65:17,

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

The Message Derived from the Seven Centers

- Unit 1 - Isaiah called to preach repentance to Judah, to return to God. He preaches Judgment and Mercy.
- Unit 2 - The Fall of Babylon illustrates the vanity of trusting human resources
- Unit 3 - Stresses the importance of trusting God for salvation
- Unit 4 - This trust is seen in Praying to God for deliverance
- Unit 5 - Stresses the importance of trusting God for salvation over other gods and idols
- Unit 6 - The Restoration of Jerusalem through the Work of the Servant
- Unit 7 - The Glorious Restoration of Israel

THE MESSAGE - Salvation is of the Lord

We have the responsibility to Make Disciples by preaching repentance and faith toward God. We are to proclaim the vanity of trusting human resources and other gods. Our central message is man's need to trust God alone for salvation. This trust is especially seen in prayer. God delights in His mercy to restore His people and to give them the hope/assurance of a glorious future.

SALVATION IS OF THE LORD -
TRUST HIM
DEAR GOD:

TODAY, I REPENT OF MY SINS AND BELIEVE
THE GOOD NEWS THAT CHRIST DIED FOR ME
AND ROSE AGAIN FROM THE GRAVE. I CALL
UPON YOU TO SAVE ME. HELP ME LIVE FOR
YOU TODAY.

I PRAY IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.