

## **God Speaks to Isaiah The Preaching Prophet**

### **I. The Writing Prophets**

1. Two groups – Major and Minor  
This grouping speaks of the length of writing  
Each of 4 majors are separate in Jewish Scriptures  
12 minor are grouped together in Jewish Scriptures
2. The 4 majors come in later days of Judah  
Isaiah was in declining days of nation of Judah  
Jeremiah was at destruction & beginning of exile  
Ezekiel and Daniel was during the 70 yrs. of exile
3. 12 Minor Prophets begin at split of tribes  
And continue through return from exile

### **II. Testimony of Isaiah – Isa. 6**

1. Vision of God on His Throne – 6:1-4  
In the year that King Uzziah died  
Isaiah saw the Lord, High and lifted up  
Seraphim declared His holiness
2. Isaiah's confession of uncleanness – 5
3. Seraphim is sent to cleanse him – 6-7
4. God's call to Isaiah to be His servant – 8
5. Isaiah's mission – 9-13  
Go to a people who would not be responsive  
Until the time for God's judgment to come

### **III. Isaiah's Proclamation to Judah – Isa. 1-39**

1. God's indictment on Judah – 1  
Judah's heart is not right with God
2. God promises restoration – 2-4  
But judgment must come first – 3-4
3. God provides help from enemies – 7-12  
But ultimately it comes in Messiah – 7:14; 9:6-7
4. God's judgment on the nations – 13-23  
All the nations who oppressed God's people
5. Judgment on Judah but Kingdom blessings - 24-35  
Promised kingdom will come but judgment first
6. God's Deliverance from Assyria – 36-37  
Sennacherib attacks Jerusalem  
Comes in days of Hezekiah – 2 Kings 18-19  
Isaiah assures Hezekiah of victory – Isa. 37:5-7  
God sends an angel to destroy Assyrian army –  
37:36-38
7. Isaiah & Hezekiah's deadly illness – 38-39  
God gives him 15 more years  
He celebrates showing Babylonians Judah's wealth  
Isaiah tells him the consequences of his act – 39:5-7

### **IV. Proclamation of Messiah – 40-57**

1. God will send a forerunner – 40:1-5  
Fulfilled in John the Baptist – John 1:23
2. God's greatness is announced – 40:6-31  
Compared to the futility of idols – 41:21-29
3. Messiah, God's Chosen Servant – 42

- Jesus Christ is God's perfect servant  
Fulfilling God's will and His purpose
4. God alone is Israel's hope – 43-44
  5. God will use Cyrus to restore Judah – 44:28-45:4  
Unique prophecy fulfilled in Book of Ezra
  6. God will humble Babylon – 46-47  
And Israel will be restored – 48
  7. Ultimate restoration, by Messiah's suffering – 49-53  
He is God's true servant, obedient to His will – 49-50  
His sacrifice brings salvation to all who are in Him –  
51-52  
Isaiah speaks of depth of Messiah's suffering – 53
  8. His suffering brings reconciliation – 54-57  
There is peace with God, restoration of fellowship  
Isaiah compares this with futility of Idols - 57

### **V. Restoration is Assured – 58-66**

1. Sin is judged & righteousness reigns – 58-59  
God will separate what is true from what is false
2. The future glory of Israel will shine forth – 60  
The nations will be drawn to Israel's light
3. God's King (Messiah) will reign – 61  
He will bring restoration (salvation) – Lk. 4:16-21  
He will also bring, Lord's Day of Vengeance – 63
4. All God has promised will be fulfilled – 64-66  
With sin removed, God's purpose will prevail