



COMING UP... JUN 30: Nahum JUL 7: Zephaniah JUL 14: Jeremiah part 1 (chs. 1-33) JUL 21: Jeremiah part 2 (chs. 34-52) JUL 28: Habakkuk AUG 4: Lamentations

THE TIMES ...

God is showing His people through Isaiah what's ahead for them ...

In chapters 1-35, He told Judah that chastening is coming upon her for her sins

In chapters 36-39, He told them that though Assyria is coming first, there's a greater threat on the horizon—Babylon!

Now in chapters 40-66, He tells Judah that He'll eventually see to their release from Babylon, send them His Own Servant as their Leader and usher them into the fulfillment of everything He's promised

In light of such a magnificent hope, He wants them to live in faithful, expectant anticipation of His coming for them
He wants His people to know that ...

LESSON THEME: He didn't lead you there to leave you there

A New Exodus (40-48)

Written from the perspective of Judah in captivity in Babylon

He tells them over and over: "Fear not!"

God is great; man is frail; idols are weak

He hasn't forgotten them (cf. Ex 2:24-25) nor has He forgotten His purposes for them

He will sovereignly see to their release ... through His servant Cyrus

Trusting in anyone or anything else apart from Him, especially idols, is foolish and ineffective

His plans are reliable, unstoppable, unpredictable and uncontrollable by men

He, however unlikely it may seem at the time, will make a way out!

I am coming to get you ...

I am your Deliverer. Trust Me. Wait on me.

NOTE: The events of Isaiah 36-39 were covered in the lesson on 2 Kings 18-20 (2 Kings part 4).

A New Servant (49-57)

The Lord's Own Servant (49)

Israel's sin and the Servant's obedience (50)

The Man of Sorrows and His vindication (53)

Jerusalem's glorious future (54)

God's Servant will extend salvation to the disadvantaged and the downtrodden (56)

I will send you My Servant-Leader

Trust Him. Follow Him.

A New Day (58-66)

Like the dawn of a new day (60)

Like a joyful wedding celebration (61-62)

Like the celebration following a righteous victory (63-64)

A new beginning (65-66)

I, the Lord, have the final say in all things

Trust Me

Rest in Me

Summary of Isaiah 40-66

Judah, including the faithful remnant, will go into captivity in Babylon; "tunnel of chaos"

But God tells them there'll be a new Exodus

He'll send a new Servant-Leader for them to follow

And He'll move heaven and earth in order to fulfill every promise He's ever made to them and give them a future like a bright new day

APPLICATION: He hasn't let you here to leave you here

The Faithful Look Up and Ahead

How can they?

They know God is their sovereign Deliverer

I brought My people out of Egypt

I brought My people out of Babylon

I've already brought you out of spiritual "Egypt"

Can I not bring you through *this* trial?

I'm coming for you.

Wait for Me. Trust Me.

They know God is their Servant-Leader

I gave My people a servant-leader in Moses

I gave My people a servant-leader in Cyrus

I've already given you My Son as your Captain

Can He not lead you through and out of *this* trial?

Trust Him.

Follow Him.

They know God has the final say in all things

I settled the score with My people and with Egypt

I will settle the score with My people again and with that "Babylon"

I've settled the score with you already through My Son's sacrificial death and resurrection

I will settle the score in the future with those who're battering you at the present time

I will move heaven and earth to make things right

I, the Lord, have the final say in all things!

Can you not trust Me *now* to take care of all things in My way and in My time?

Because they know God, they fear not

They have patient endurance in the midst of their current trials

They have a reliable and hopeful expectation that one day He's coming for them

"Elijah Johnson, thy father searchest for thee!"

Your Father knows; Your Father sees ... but it's for His glory and your good that He waits

At any minute His Son, the Captain of our salvation, will set foot on the battlefield to deliver you; He's never forgotten/ forsaken you

Wait in patient endurance with hopeful expectation. He is coming!

He hasn't led you here to leave you here

FOR NEXT TIME: _____

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The Grace of God

Isaiah 40-65



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GREAT PROPHETIC THEMES OF ISAIAH STILL UNFULFILLED

The Day of the Lord

Some 45 times Isaiah uses the phrase "in that day" to describe this period of apocalyptic judgment (2:10-22; 4:1; 13:9-13; 24:1-23; 32:1-20; 63:1-6)

Blessing upon restored Israel

(2:1-5; 4:2-6; 9:7; 11:4-16; 12:1-6; 14:1-3; 25:1-12; 32:15-20; 35:1-10; 52:1-12; 59:20-21; 60:1-12; 61:3-62:12; 65:17-66:24)

Restoration of Israel to Palestine

(11:10-12; 14:1-2; 27:12-13; 35:10; 43:5-6; 49:10-12; 66:20)

Restoration of Palestine itself

(30:23-26; 35:1-10; 49:19; 60:13; 61:4; 62:4-5; 65:21-25)

Jerusalem as capital of the earth

(1:26; 2:3; 4:2-6; 12:6; 24:23; 26:1; 40:2; 52:1-12; 60:1-22; 62:1-7)

Blessing upon the remnant

(12:1-6; 25:1-12; 26:1-19; 33:24; 35:10; 43:25; 44:22; 46:13; 54:6-10; 61:6; 62:12; 66:8)

Blessing upon the nations

(2:1-4; 11:3-4, 9-10; 25:6-9; 60:1-12)

Blessing to entire creation

Isaiah had a fleeting glimpse beyond the Kingdom Age to the new heaven and earth of the eternal state (65:17; 66:22). But like John in the Revelation (Rev. 21-22), he saw a blended view of millennial and eternal conditions (cf. 11:6-8 with 65:25; 66:22)

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TIMELINE OF ISAIAH



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