

Isaiah 7-9 Notes

Precept study on Isaiah Part 1, Lesson 4

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1 Review: Isaiah 1-6

- **Isaiah 1-2**

- God calls the people's sin to account: people corrupt
- Result of sin: exile, destruction.
- God calls the people to repent.
- Result of repentance: made white, washed.

- **Isaiah 3-5**

- Is 3: leadership removed, people's rebellion
- Is 4: Branch of the LORD: purified the remnant
- Is 5: Song of the Vineyard, judgement on Israel, woes.

Key passage: 3:10-11: Say to the righteous that it will go well with them, For they will eat the fruit of their actions. Woe to the wicked! It will go badly with him, For what he deserves will be done to him.

- **Isaiah 6**

- before the Throne, Isaiah's call
- but the people will not listen

Gospel outline:

- We are confronted with God's holiness
- We see our own unholiness, and confess our sins
- God provides a sacrifice for sin, which we accept
- God then asks, who will go?
- We are sent, but few will listen

2 Isaiah 7: the sign of Immanuel; Trust God or Man?

1. What is the chapter about? Its main divisions?
 - 7:1-9: Isaiah brings the word of the LORD to Ahaz
 - 7:10-25: Assyria will attack Judah
2. When?
 - 1-2: Ahaz became king in 17th year of Pekah of Israel. 753BC. Pekah: 752-732. So Isaiah 7 is 735-732 BC.
3. What is the message in v 3-9)?
 - What does Shear-jashub mean? : a remnant shall return
 - Where? Siloam. Significance? See Isaiah 8:5.
 - Do not fear Rezin and Pekah
 - When will Ephraim be shattered? : 65 years, 670-667 BC. See Ezra 4:2, Esarhaddon exiled the remaining Ephraimites sometime 681-669 BC. Intersecting these dates gives 670-669 BC.
 - key verse 9: **If you will not believe, you surely shall not last.**
4. Ahaz offered a sign. Discuss it. (v 10-17).
 - Why would Ahaz reject the sign? : he didn't want to listen. He was in rebellion against God (idolatry, trusting Assyria, ...).
 - The Sign of Immanuel:
 - virgin with child
 - name Immanuel
 - eat curds and honey
 - at a young age (about 12 yrs), the kings Pekah and Rezin will be forsaken
 - Sign given to Ahaz, so the child must be fulfilled soon
 - Sign applied to Jesus, so it has a double fulfillment
5. v 18-25? The attack from Egypt and Assyria. agriculture devastated
6. Regarding Jesus: a virgin will bear a son, Immanuel. Matthew 1:20-23:

But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: (Is 7:14) BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US."

3 Isaiah 8: Fear God or Man?

1. Relationship to chapter 7?

Assyria will attack Judah, Damascus, and Samaria.

2. v 1-4: What is the sign?

- Son 2: Maher-shalal-hash-baz, means “swift is the booty, speedy is the prey” (v1, 3)
- at a young age (about 2 years), Damascus and Samaria will be taken away by Assyria

3. v 5-8: Rejecting the LORD

- People reject ... ? the water of Zion, the water of life
- Read John 7:37-38

Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”

- Read Jer 2:13

”For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water.

- What do they get instead? : a destructive flood from the Euphrates

4. v 9-10. Peoples shattered.

- Who is being addressed? All peoples of the earth
- What will happen? They plan/conspire, but it will come to nothing

5. v11-15. Isaiah told not to fear the people

- Who is the LORD addressing? Isaiah
- What is the message? Do not fear what they fear, the conspiracy to replace Ahaz with another king. Fear the LORD.

6. v16-18. Isaiah’s response

- “I will wait for the LORD; look eagerly for Him”
- I and my children (sons 1 and 2) are signs from the LORD

7. v19-22. Who to consult?

- the people consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper (chatter like a bird) and mutter (meditate).
- the should consult the LORD
- no dawn? no hope of a coming day, they are destined for darkness instead

8. Regarding Jesus: a stone to make them stumble and a rock to make them fall. Read Matt 21:42-45. Just after Jesus tells the story of the wicked tenants of the vineyard (Isaiah 5).

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'? (Ps 118:22-23) "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it. "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust." (Is 8:14) When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.

4 Isaiah 9:1-7: Light or Darkness?

1. Where? Zebulun and Naphtali.

- Locate on the map. Read 2 Kings 15:29.

In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came and captured Ijon and Abel-beth-maacah and Janoah and Kedesh and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria.

- Zebulun and Naphtali: first to go in to captivity to Assyria.

2. Contrast with Is 8:19-22 with Is 8:1-5. Does Israel “have a dawn?”

- Yes!

3. Regarding Jesus: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace, on the throne of David forevermore.