

Isaiah 42-44 Notes

Precept study on Isaiah Part 2, Lesson 2

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1 Review

- Isaiah 1-35: Judgement on Israel and the Nations
 - God’s judgement, on His people and the nations.
 - Isaiah’s call
 - Fear God, not man.
 - The LORD will swallow up death for all time
 - Striking but healing
 - Yet the wicked take refuge in lies
 - Rely on God, not man
 - Walk in God’s way, not yours
 - a Highway of Holiness, to Zion; everlasting joy
- Isaiah 36-39: Hezekiah
 - Isaiah 36: war with Assyria, Rabshake’s verbal assault. claims Judah cannot trust their God
 - Isaiah 37: Hezekiah’s response: asks Isaiah to pray. The LORD replies - Sennacherib falls by the sword. 185,000 Assyrians killed by one angel.
 - Isaiah 38: Hezekiah’s sickness, prayer, healing
 - Isaiah 39: Hezekiah tested by Baylonian ambassadors
- Isaiah 40: Comfort
 - the LORD gives comfort to His people
 - 40:3-5: He’s’ comming (see John 1:14; this is Jesus)
 - people fade; word of the LORD stands forever
 - the LORD leads His people like a shepherd
 - No one is equal to the LORD; the nations and their godlets are nothing
 - the LORD strengthens those who wait/long/hope for Him
- Isaiah 41

- the LORD summons the people to court
- they come with their godlets
- 41:8-20: Israel, My servant: do not fear
- idolators summoned, the godlets cannot reply. They are less than nothing

2 Isaiah 42: the Servant of the LORD

2.1 Isaiah 42:1-9

- *My Servant*. Who is this servant?
- see Matthew 12:14-21

But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him. But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all, and warned them not to tell who He was. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: (then quotes Is 42:1-4).

- 5-8: the Servant. A covenant to the people

While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." (Matt 26:26-29)

- a light to the nations. John 1:1-9 and 8:12

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." John 8:12

- open the eyes of the blind. sets the captive free from a dark prison

Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. (Matt 12:22)

- the LORD does not give His glory to another.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

2.2 Isaiah 42:10-25: the LORD has been patient, restraining Himself, but now will act

- 10-13: the LORD will go forth like a warrior
- 14-17: He will no longer restrain Himself
- He will lead the blind and give them light
- 18-22: the servant/Servant. blind and deaf. Is this the LORD taking on our grief? Or is this Israel?

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. Is 53:4-5

- 23-25: Isaiah's confession on behalf of Israel.

3 Isaiah 43: Do not fear, the LORD will make a way

3.1 Isaiah 43:1-7: do not fear, the LORD will redeem and gather the exiles

- But now... do not fear
- the LORD has redeemed you
- He will gather the exiles. From Babylon? Or is this the leading of captives from darkness/gloom of prison? (see Isaiah 42:7, 4:22) Or both?
- The way of the LORD: compare with Isaiah 35:8-10, and Isaiah 30:11, 30:21. Then look ahead to 43:19.

3.2 Isaiah 43:8-13: the LORD calls the nations as witnesses

- no one like the LORD

3.3 Isaiah 43:14-28: the LORD will make a roadway in the wilderness

- Babylon taken captive
- the LORD will make a way, a roadway in the wilderness
- Jacob has not called on the LORD
- but the LORD will wipe out their sin, and its remembrance. see also Is 14:20, 26:14
- remember Me, the LORD says

4 Isaiah 44:1-23: Do not fear, I wipe out your sin

4.1 Isaiah 44:1-5 the LORD will pour out His Spirit on Jacob

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4.2 Isaiah 44:6-20: their is none but the LORD, the godlets are nothing

4.3 Isaiah 44:21-23: Remember / forget

- Jacob will not forget the LORD
- I have wiped out your sins (forgotten; see 43:25)

5 The way of the LORD vs the way of man

- 2:5
- 3:12
- 9:16
- 11:16
- 26:7
- 30:11
- 30:21
- 35:8-10
- 40:3
- 41:18
- 42:16
- 42:24
- 43:5
- 43:14
- 43:19
- 44:3
- 44:22