

Isaiah 47-50 Notes

Precept study on Isaiah Part 2, Lesson 4

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1 Review

- Isaiah 1-35: Judgement on Israel and the Nations
- Isaiah 36-39: Hezekiah
- Isaiah 40: Comfort: He's coming, and He strengthens those who wait for Him
- Isaiah 41: the LORD summons the people and challenges their puny godlets. He tells Israel not to fear.
- Isaiah 42: the Servant of the LORD
- Isaiah 43: Do not fear, the LORD will make a way
- Isaiah 44:1-23: Do not fear, the LORD wipe out your sin
- Isaiah 40-46: The message of the LORD to His people

What is the message of the LORD to His people through Isaiah? What does God want Jacob/Israel to know, to understand, to remember?

- that Israel has sinned
- that the LORD is their Savior and Redeemer, and also for the ends of the earth
- that the LORD is the creator of all things, there is no one else
- that no idols can save anyone, they cannot even save themselves
- the LORD wants us to remember these things

the LORD	idols
tells Israel: do not fear	fear and tremble
will save Israel	can save nothing
declares the future	can declare nothing
has chosen Israel	people choose idols
the LORD is the Creator	manufactured by idolators
unique; no one like Him	many idols, many types

2 Isaiah 47: the downfall of Babylon

- spells and sorceries cannot save them.
- no mercy towards Israel
- arrogant: “I am and there is no other”. Only God can say that.
- will be destroyed

3 Isaiah 48: Listen, Israel

- the LORD tells them in advance what He is going to do
- otherwise they would claim their idols had done it
- Israel is treacherous
- If they would only listen (v18)
- flee Babylon

4 Isaiah 49-50: The Servant

Compare “The Servant” and “The Anointed” passages in Isaiah 40-50.

Jesus in Isaiah	Jesus elsewhere	Cyrus	Israel
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40:3-5 • 40:10-11 • 42:1-8 • 48:16 • 49:1-13 • 50:4-10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John 1:14 • John 1:1-9 • John 8:12 • Malachi 3:1 • Malachi 4:5-6 • Matthew 12:22 • Matthew 26:59-68 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41:2-4 • 44:26-28 • 45:1-5 • 45:13-14 • 46:11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 41:8-10 • 42:19-20 • 44:1-5 • 44:21-23

- John 1:9, see also 1 John 2:8

There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.

- John 1:14

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.

Cross references:

1. Rev 19:13
2. Rom 1:3; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:7; 1 Tim 3:16; Heb 2:14; 1 John 1:1; 4:2; 2 John 7
3. Rev 21:3
4. Luke 9:32; John 2:11; 17:22, 24; 2 Pet 1:16; 1 John 1:1
5. John 1:17; Rom 5:21; 6:14
6. John 8:32; 14:6; 18:37

- John 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."

Cross references:

1. John 1:4; 9:5; 12:35
2. Matt 5:14

- Malachi 3:1

"Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

Cross references:

1. Matt 11:10, 14; Mark 1:2; Luke 1:76; 7:27
2. Hag 1:13; John 1:6, 7
3. Is 40:3
4. Is 63:9

- Malachi 4:5-6

"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."

Cross references:

1. Matt 11:14; 17:10-13; Mark 9:11-13; Luke 1:17; John 1:21
2. Luke 1:17

3. Is 11:4; Rev 19:15

- Matthew 12:22

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.

- Matthew 26:59-68

Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. They did not find any, even though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?" But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; what do you think?" They answered, "He deserves death!" Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, and said, "Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?"