

Lesson for February 15, 2009

Old Testament Survey

The Prophetical Books

Isaiah

The prophetic books both foretell future events and forthtell messages for the current time period in which they lived. Often the message of the prophet had a twofold meaning. Such is the case in the book of Isaiah. Isaiah was a prophet in the period prior to the captivity in Assyria and directed his message to Judah (one of the two Jewish nations at the time).

Written under the Law, Isaiah gives the reader a clear view of grace and could be called the prophet of redemption. More than any other writer in the Old Testament, Isaiah describes the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The details of Christ's sufferings, His life, His trials and His crucifixion are given in a number of passages in Isaiah.

Isaiah was also used by God to warn the nation of coming judgment against them for their rebellion. In this we see the grace policy of God toward His chosen people Israel. The nation is always given ample warning before it is destroyed or conquered by opposing nations. Even when this occurs in the nation's history a remnant of faithful believers always remains.

Isaiah 7 introduces the righteous ruler Who will come in the future to deliver the nation from her enemies. Of course, most of the nation did not understand that this promise was for the future when Messiah comes to rule and reign upon the earth at the Second Coming. Isaiah 7:14, predicts the virgin birth of Christ more than 700 years before He was born. Isaiah 53 describes the life and death of Christ and much more:

1. Isa.7:14...To be Emmanuel-God with us ... Mt. 1:18-23
2. Isa. 8:8...Called God dwelling with us. Emmanuel.... Mt. 28:20
3. Isa.9:6...The Mighty God.... Mt. 11:20
4. Isa. 9:6...The Everlasting Father...Jn. 8:58
5. Isa. 9:6...The Prince of Peace...Jn . 16:33
6. Isa. 9:7...No end to his Government, Throne, and Peace...Lu. 1:32-33
7. Isa. 9:7...To establish an everlasting kingdom.... Lu. 1:32-33
8. Isa.53:3a...Despised.... Lu. 4:28
9. Isa.53:3b...Rejected..... Mt. 27:21-23
10. Isa. 12:2...Called Jesus-Yeshua.... Mt. 1:21
11. Isa. 9:7...His Character-Just.... Jn. 5:30
12. Isa. 11:1...Called a Nazarene-the Branch...Mt. 2:23
13. Isa. 11:1...A rod out of Jesse-Son of Jesse.... Lu. 3:23,32
14. Isa. 11:2...The anointed One by the Spirit... Mt. 3:16,17

15. Isa. 11:2...His Character-Wisdom, Understanding... Jn. 4:4-26
16. Isa. 11:4...His Character-Truth. Jn. 14:6
17. Isa. 11:10...The Gentiles seek Him....Jn. 12:18-21
18. Isa. 25:8...The Resurrection predicted.... I Cor. 15:54
19. Isa. 26:19...His power of Resurrection predicted... Jn. 11:43,44
20. Isa. 28:16...The Messiah is the precious corner stone...Acts 4:11,12
21. Isa. 29:13...He indicated hypocritical obedience to His Word...Mt. 15:7-9
22. Isa. 29:14...The wise are confounded by the Word...I Cor. 1:18-31
23. Isa. 32:2...A Refuge-A man shall be a hiding place.... Mt. 23:37
24. Isa. 35:4...He will come and save you.... Mt. 1:21
25. Isa. 40:3,4...Preceded by forerunner...Jn. 1:23
26. Isa. 40:9... Behold your God...Jn. 1:36;19:14
27. Isa. 40:11...A shepherd-compassionate life-giver...Jn. 10:10-18
28. Isa. 42:1-4...The Servant as a faithful, patient redeemer... Mt.12:18-21
29. Isa. 42:2...Meek and lowly...Mt. 11:28-30
30. Isa. 42:3...He brings hope for the hopeless... Jn. 4
31. Isa. 42:4...The nations shall wait on His teachings...Jn. 12:20-26
32. Isa. 42:6...The Light (salvation) of the Gentiles...Lu. 2:32
33. Isa. 42:1,6...His is a Worldwide compassion... Mt. 28:19,20
34. Isa. 42:7...Blind eyes opened... Jn. 9:25-38
35. Isa. 43:11...He is the only Saviour... Acts. 4:12
36. Isa. 44:3...He will send the Spirit of God... Jn. 16:7,13
37. Isa. 45:23...He will be the Judge... Jn. 5:22;Rom. 14:11
38. Isa. 48:12...The First and the Last...Jn. 1:30;Rev. 1:8,17
39. Isa. 48:17...He came as a Teacher...Jn. 3:2
40. Isa. 49:1...Called from the womb ...Mt. 1:18
41. Isa. 49:5...A Servant from the womb...Lu. 1:31;Phil. 2:7
42. Isa. 49:6...He is Salvation for Israel...Lu. 2:29-32
43. Isa. 49:6...He is the Light of the Gentiles...Acts 13:47
44. Isa. 49:6...He is Salvation unto the ends of the earth... Acts 15:7-18
45. Isa. 49:7...He is despised of the nation... Jn. 8:48-49
46. Isa. 50:3...Heaven is clothed in black at His humiliation... Lu. 23:44,45
47. Isa. 50:4...He is a learned counselor for the weary... Mt. 11:28,29
48. Isa. 50:5...The Servant bound willingly to obedience... Mt. 26:39
49. Isa. 50:6a... I gave my back to the smiters...Mt. 27:26
50. Isa. 50:6b...He was smitten on the cheeks... Mt. 26:67
51. Isa. 50:6c...He was spat upon. .... Mt. 27:30
52. Isa. 52:7...To publish good tidings of peace.... Lu. 4:14,15
53. Isa. 52:13...The Servant exalted...Acts 1:8-11; Eph. 1:19-22
54. Isa. 52:14...The Servant abused... Lu. 18:31-34; Mt. 26:67,68
55. Isa. 52:15...Nations startled by message of the Servant. Rom. 15:18-21
56. Isa. 52:15...His blood shed to make atonement for all... Rev. 1:5
57. Isa. 53:1...His people would not believe Him.... Jn. 12:37-38

58. Isa. 53:2b...Appearance of an ordinary man... Phil. 2:7-8
59. Isa. 53:3c...Great sorrow and grief... Lu. 19:41-42
60. Isa. 53:3d...Men hide from being associated with Him.... Mk. 14:50-52
61. Isa. 53:4a...He would have a healing ministry...Lu. 6:17-19
62. Isa. 53:4b...He would bear the sins of the world... 1 Pet. 2:24
63. Isa. 53:4c...Thought to be cursed by God.... Mt. 27:41-43
64. Isa. 53:5a...Bears penalty for mankind's transgressions... Lu. 23:33
65. Isa. 53:5b...His sacrifice makes peace between man and God..Col. 1:20
66. Isa. 53:5c...His back would be whipped.... Mt. 27:26
67. Isa. 53:6a...He would be the sin-bearer for all mankind.....Gal. 1:4
68. Isa. 53:6b...God's will that He bear sin for all mankind..... 1 Jn. 4:10
69. Isa. 53:7a...Oppressed and afflicted..... Mt. 27:27-31
70. Isa. 53:7b...Silent before his accusers..... Mt. 27:12-14
71. Isa. 53:7c...Sacrificial lamb..... Jn. 1:29
72. Isa. 53:8a...Confined and persecuted..... Mt. 26:47-27:31
73. Isa. 53:8b...He would be judged... Jn. 18:13-22
74. Isa. 53:8c...Killed ..... Mt. 27:35
75. Isa. 53:8d...Dies for the sins of the world..... 1 Jn. 2:2
76. Isa. 53:9a...Buried in a rich man's grave..... Mt. 27:57
77. Isa. 53:9b...Innocent and had done no violence..... Mk. 15:3
78. Isa. 53:9c...No deceit in his mouth..... Jn. 18:38
79. Isa. 53:10a...God's will that He die for mankind..... Jn. 18:11
80. Isa. 53:10b...An offering for sin..... Mt. 20:28
81. Isa. 53:10c...Resurrected and lives forever..... Mk. 16:16
82. Isa. 53:10d...He would prosper..... Jn. 17:1-5
83. Isa. 53:11a...God fully satisfied with His suffering..... Jn. 12:27
84. Isa. 53:11b...God's servant..... Rom. 5:18-19
85. Isa. 53:11c...He would justify man before God..... Rom. 5:8-9
86. Isa. 53:11d...The sin-bearer for all mankind..... Heb. 9:28
87. Isa. 53:12a...Exalted by God because of his sacrifice..... Mt. 28:18
88. Isa. 53:12b...He would give up his life to save mankind..... Lu. 23:46
89. Isa. 53:12c...Grouped with criminals..... Lu. 23:32
90. Isa. 53:12d...Sin-bearer for all mankind..... 2 Cor. 5:21
91. Isa. 53:12e...Intercede to God in behalf of mankind..... Lu. 23:34
92. Isa. 55:3...Resurrected by God..... Acts 13:34
93. Isa. 55:4...A witness..... Jn. 18:37
94. Isa. 59:15-16a...He would come to provide salvation..... Jn. 6:40
95. Isa. 59:15-16b...Intercessor between man and God..... Mt. 10:32
96. Isa. 59:20...He would come to Zion as their Redeemer..... Lu. 2:38
97. Isa. 61:1-2a...The Spirit of God upon him..... Mt. 3:16-17
98. Isa. 61:1-2b...The Messiah would preach the good news....Lu. 4:17-21
99. Isa. 61:1-2c...Provide freedom from sin and death.. Jn. 8:31-32
100. Isa. 61:1-2...Proclaim a period of grace Jn. 5:24

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When a nation fails to acknowledge or forgets to acknowledge the divine establishment principles from God, it will ultimately fail. A nation that acknowledges these principles will survive and freedom will be perpetuated. Such was the nation of Israel until they turned their backs on God and His principles of freedom.

Isaiah brought the news of impending judgment, but he also brought hope if the nation would return to obeying God. Even though a remnant of faithful believers remained, the number of these believers was not always sufficient to stop the discipline to the nation. The principle is that when there is a large enough “pivot” of faithful believers within a nation, God will often withhold His judgment. This was not the case during the life and ministry of Isaiah.