

Isaiah 40-66

**One Story that
Leads to Jesus**



Isaiah 1-39

- Isaiah, son of Amoz – his prophetic ministry
 - Historical setting is clear
 - Began the year of King Uzziah's death (742 BC)
 - Extended thru the reign of King Hezekiah (~ 700 BC)
- Assyrians, Egyptians, Syria, Northern Kingdom
 - Political intrigue, war, and ruin
 - Isaiah ever calling the kings to trust God
 - Isaiah chapters 1-6 tells the ending before the story begins

Isaiah 1:2-4

² Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth, for the LORD speaks: Sons have I raised and reared, but they have disowned me! ³ An ox knows its owner, and an ass, its master's manger; But Israel does not know, my people has not understood. ⁴ Ah! sinful nation, people laden with wickedness, evil race, corrupt children! They have forsaken the LORD, spurned the Holy One of Israel, apostatized.

Can they be saved? Who will save them?

(Isaiah 1:2-4)

Isaiah 39-40

■ Isaiah 39: Hezekiah

- trusted in the Lord who turned away the Assyrians forces from the gates of Jerusalem
- Showed the Babylonians everything /pride
- Isaiah condemns and points to the coming Exile

■ Isaiah 40: Exile

- *Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; Indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. (Isaiah 40:1-2)*
- ~160 years jump in time | “2nd and 3rd Isaiah”

Isaiah: Service and Servant

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD'S mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, That he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!(Isaiah 2:1-5)

One view of Isaiah

- **Isaiah 1-39**
 - The story of how Kings and people fail in service and as servant to their God.
 - Core problem: they don't trust God | they trust themselves
- **Isaiah 40-55**
 - Is restoration possible? Can God do it? Will He do it?
 - Preached to those in exile
- **Isaiah 56-66**
 - People already returned? Remember Ezra & Nehemiah?
 - Memories of Isa 1-39
 - Ends on a hopeful note

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