

In the Divine Courtroom

Isaiah 1



Isaiah 52:13-14

Behold, My servant will prosper,
He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

Just as many were astonished at you, My people,
So His appearance was marred more than any man
And His form more than the sons of men.

Why the study of Isaiah?

The Book of Judgement

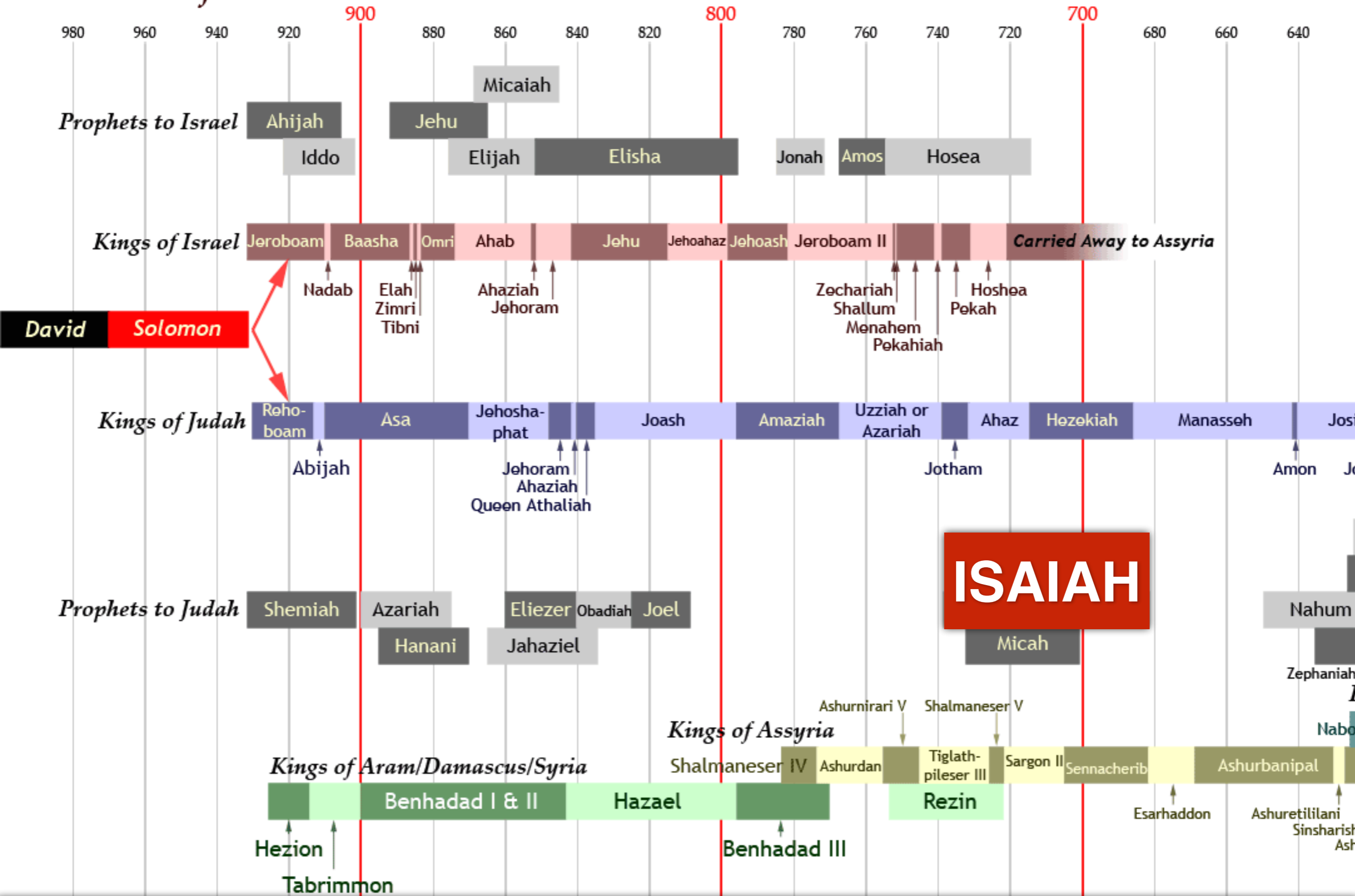
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Why Isaiah?

“The answer is that Isaiah exercised his prophetic ministry at a time of unique significance, a time in which it was of utmost importance to realize that salvation could not be obtained by reliance upon man but only from God Himself.

For Israel it was the central or pivotal point in history between Moses and Christ. The old world was passing and an entirely new order of things was beginning to make its appearance. Where would Israel stand in that new world? Would she be the true theocracy, the light to lighten the Gentiles, or would she fall into the shadow by turning for help to the nations which were about her?”

Timeline from David to Zerubbabel



Why Isaiah?

1. Isaiah presents the LORD as the Sovereign God over all the nations
2. Isaiah presents the total depravity/sinfulness of man - in particular Judah
3. Isaiah presents the SALVATION of Yahweh
4. Isaiah presents the coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ of the line of David
5. Isaiah presents the the eternal Kingdom of the New Heaven and New Earth
6. Isaiah is quoted over 65 times in the New Testament

Yahweh is SALVATION

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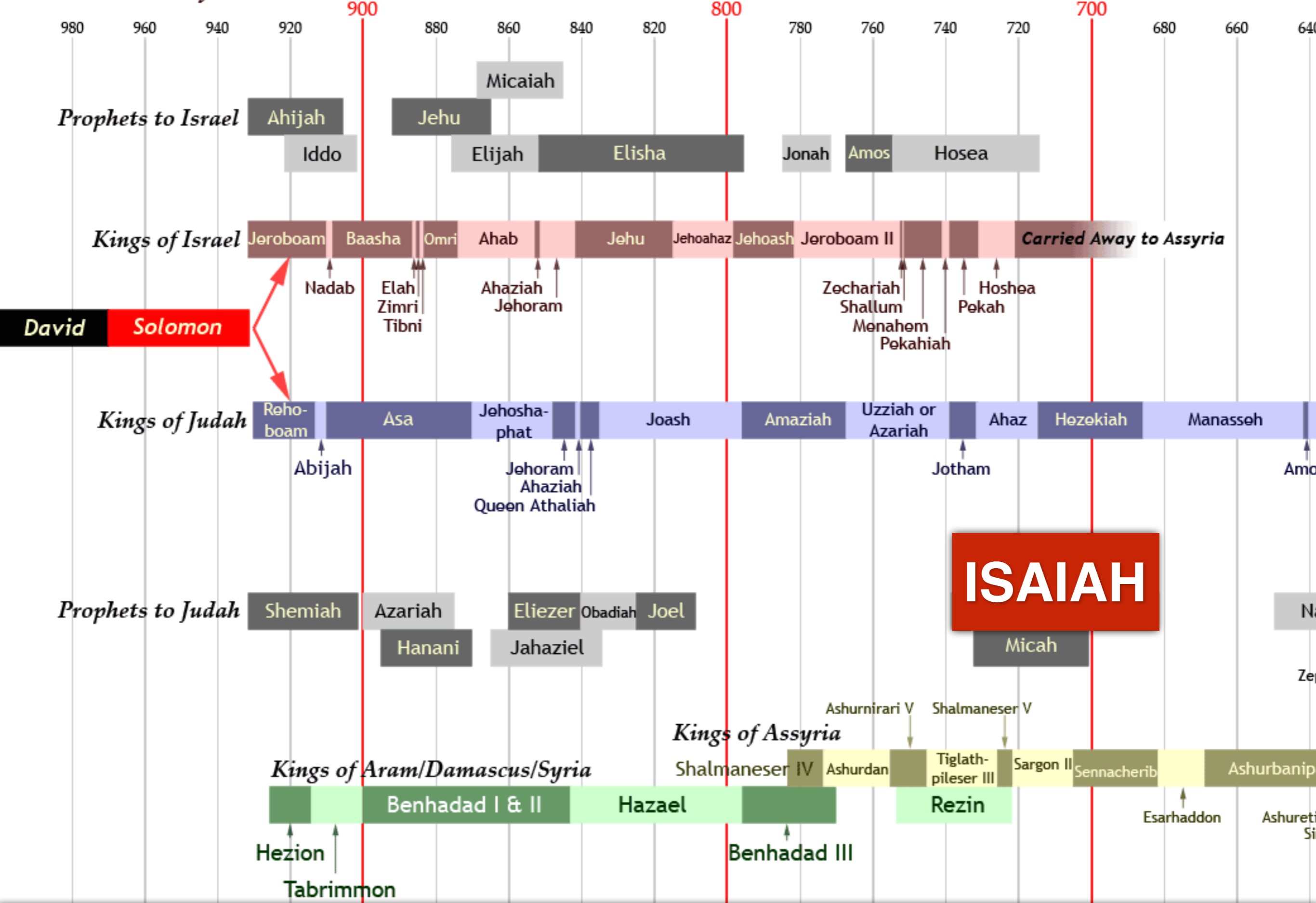
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JUDGMENT

Title to Isaiah

Isaiah 1:1

1. Isaiah means “Yahweh is Salvation” and Salvation is the theme of the book
2. There is an interesting parallel between the chapters of Isaiah and the books of the Bible
3. Isaiah’s prophecy is a direct revelation from the LORD God Himself
4. Isaiah was a prophet to the Southern Kingdom (Judah & Jerusalem) for over 50 years



Theme Statement

Men and women are sinful rebels against their Creator, wicked, haters of God, unresponsive fools and hypocrites. Yet the LORD God graciously calls these men and women to come and receive His gift of salvation through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Key Verse

Isaiah 1:18 - “Come now, and let us reason together,”
Says the Lord, “Though your sins are as scarlet, they
will be as white as snow; though they are red like
crimson, they will be like wool.”

The LORD's Indictment of the Defendant

Isaiah 1:2-3

1. The heavens and the earth are called to witness the indictment
2. The Charge: The people have rebelled against their Creator and Covenant God

The Testimony of Isaiah

Isaiah 1:4-9

1. The people are a wicked generation - v. 4a
2. The people are haters of their own God - v. 4b
3. The people are unresponsive fools - They are almost totally destroyed! How much more can they take? - v. 5-8
4. Unless the LORD of hosts preserved a seed, there would be no salvation for anyone - v. 9

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Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her **seed**; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.

Genesis 22:18

“In your **seed** all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

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Romans 9:29

And as Isaiah said before, "UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOth HAD LEFT US A **SEED**, WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE SODOM, AND WE WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE LIKE GOMORRAH." (NKJV)

The LORD's Rebuttal to a Common Defense

Isaiah 1:10-15

1. The people are hypocrites - v. 10-14
2. I will not listen to their prayers - v. 15

The LORD's Gracious Appeal

Isaiah 1:16-20

1. The LORD calls His people to repentance - turning from their sin - v. 16
2. The LORD calls His people to the obedience of faith - v. 17
3. The LORD requires perfect righteousness in His people - forgiveness of sins and justification - v. 18

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Isaiah 53:11

As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

But His iniquities we are

his own way, But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

EITHER consent and obey resulting in SALVATION

2 Corinthians 5:21

OR **refuse and rebel resulting in JUDGMENT**, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Rejection by the Defendant

Isaiah 1:21-23

The Lord's Final Verdict

Isaiah 1:24-31

Implications

1. We live in a sinning nation today and it calls for us as Christians to stand firm in the faith, not drifting with the religious and social currents
2. We got a glimpse of how the Divine Courtroom operates with the all-knowing God as both Judge and Prosecutor. God offered Salvation by His grace in this courtroom but in the final courtroom, there will be no Salvation offered, only final and eternal Judgment. Be sure of your salvation which is by repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. We can take great courage in our study of Isaiah that the Sovereign LORD God is still in control of the nations and is accomplishing His own purposes. May we learn to trust our Sovereign LORD God more and more.