

**“The Messiah in the Book of Isaiah”**

Intro:

**Before Isaiah—*Anticipated Davidic figure***

Gen. 3:15- “He”—will provide resolution to mankind’s sin problem  
Gen. 12:1- through Abraham’s descendants  
Gen. 49:10- through Judah  
2 Sam 7- through David—a ruler over a kingdom!  
Pss (cf. 72)- ideal Davidic ruler—Messiah

**Isaiah: A Huge Step Forward**

**Before Isaiah**

**Anticipated  
Davidic Figure**

**Isaiah 1–39**

**Born  
Ruler of the Nation  
Mighty God  
Father of Eternity**

**Isaiah 40–66**

**Establishes Justice  
Servant like 2<sup>nd</sup> Moses  
Suffering Servant—provides  
grounds for forgiveness**

Esp. in chs. 7–11, the Lord demonstrates how His kingdom is enduring in contrast to the frail human kingdoms of the world.

He unveils some amazing aspects of that promised kingdom and Ruler.

**I. “God with us”—Near and Far**

Could God be trusted to do as He says? This passage presents a moment of decision for Ahaz and Judah.

**A. Will You Believe? 7:1-9**

1. The House of David Is Threatened 7:1-2

2. The Destructive Plans of the Ephraim and Syria 7:3-6

3. Yahweh's Unmistakable Promise 7:7-9

B. The Sign of Immanuel 7:10-17

1. Ahaz's Response of Unbelief 7:10-12

2. Yahweh's Provision of His Sign 7:13-14

3. This Sign Child Is Connected to the Current Political Situation 7:15-16

4. Yahweh Will Judge Ahaz's Arrogance 7:17

II. The Royal Hope Isa. 9:1-7 *Birth and Reign of the Prince of Peace*

A. Light will come to those living in darkness 9:1-2

B. God Will Defeat the Nation's Oppressor and End All War 9:3-5

1. This promised Messiah will bring joy and prosperity v. 3

2. Enduring Joy Comes through the Cessation of War vv. 4, 5

C. Ultimate and Eternal Peace will finally come with the righteous reign of the Messiah (9:6-7)

1. The LORD will bring about the advent or arrival of the Messiah (6a).

2. The Messiah will be an Unparalleled King (6b).

a. Wonderful Counselor

b. The Mighty God

c. The Eternal Father

d. The Prince of Peace

3. Messiah will reign over the entire world in perfect righteousness (7).

III. The Culminating Davidic king will rule over His kingdom characterized by stability and peace 11:1-10

A. Through the “Stump” of Jesse, the Lord Will Bring Forth the Messianic King of David 11:1

B. This “Branch” Will Be Empowered and Equipped by the Holy Spirit 11:2-3a

C. The Messianic-Davidic King Will Rule in Perfect Justice and Righteousness 11:3b-5

D. His Rule Will Also Be Characterized by an Unprecedented Period of Peace and Tranquility 11:6-9

E. This Messianic-Davidic King Will Bring Blessings to the Entire World 11:10

IV. Isaiah 35—The Anointed One/Messiah Will Inaugurate the Future Age of Blessing

*Context:*

Isaiah 1–12—Yahweh brings an indictment against His covenant nation- characterized by rebellion

Isaiah 13-23—Yahweh calls all nations to depend on Him and promises to judge nations who pursue their own way in arrogance.

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Isaiah 24-27—God describes the future for His people in graphic terms

Isaiah 28-33—The Ultimate Choice: Yahweh declares that true deliverance can be found in Him and not in other nations

Isaiah 34–35— God delineates the final and ultimate period of judgment and blessing upon the world

These two chapters present a striking contrast between a productive region turned into a barren desert (ch. 34) and an inhospitable desert converted into a fruitful garden (ch. 35). The first chapter delineates death, destruction, and the wrath of God. Chapter 35 stresses health, restoration, and the glory of God.

34:1-17—The destruction of the nations who oppose God and the avenging of God’s people

35:1-10—The blessings of salvation to be enjoyed by the Lord’s redeemed

1. Barren lands will be changed into lands of beauty and abundance 35:1-2

2. The weak and fearful will be strengthened and encouraged by the Lord’s intervention on their behalf  
35:3-4

3. Afflicted people will be healed and, as said above, the dry land will become a well-watered region  
35:5-7

4. The way to Jerusalem will have no obstacles or predatory beasts to hamper the spiritual pilgrims on their journey to Zion 35:8-10

35:4-6—The prophet uses four word pictures to depict the glories and blessings of this future time of salvation.

They look forward to the time of future blessing—that time when the *anointed time* would rule over them.

<p><sup>4</sup> Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come <i>with</i> vengeance; The recompense of God will come, But He will save you.”</p> <p><sup>5</sup> <i>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.</i></p> <p><sup>6</sup> <i>Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy.</i> For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah.</p>	<p>Matt. 9:27-30; 12:22; 20:30-34; 21:14; John 9:6-7 Matt. 11:5; Luke 7:22; John 9:6-7 Matt. 11:5; 15:30-31; 21:14; Acts 3:1-8; 8:7; 14:8-10 Mark 7:32-37; 9:25 **several mentioned together: Matt 11:5 = Luke 7:22; Matt 15:30-31</p>
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## Isaiah 40–66—“Suffering Servant”

I. He will epitomize justice and compassion—remember the Mosaic Law (42:2-4)

II. He will bring light to Israel and the world (49:6, 8)

III. He will die for the sins of His people (53:5-6)

Conclusion:

Helpful Texts:

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