

The Scroll of Isaiah

One Sentence Chapter Summaries

Chapters 1-66

Book 1

- Chapter 1:** Isaiah calls out Judah for their rebellion and injustice, urging them to repent.
- Chapter 2:** A vision of the future kingdom where nations live in peace under God's rule.
- Chapter 3:** God's judgment against Judah for their pride and social injustice.
- Chapter 4:** A promise of restoration and holiness for a purified remnant in Zion.
- Chapter 5:** A parable of a vineyard illustrating Israel's unfaithfulness and coming judgment.
- Chapter 6:** Isaiah's vision of God's holiness and his calling as a prophet.
- Chapter 7:** The prophecy of Immanuel as a sign to King Ahaz during a crisis.
- Chapter 8:** Warning of Assyrian invasion as a judgment on Israel and Judah.
- Chapter 9:** Prophecy of a future ruler from David's line bringing peace and justice.
- Chapter 10:** Judgment against Assyria for their arrogance, and a promise of Judah's deliverance.
- Chapter 11:** A vision of the Messiah's reign bringing peace and justice to all creation.
- Chapter 12:** A song of praise for God's salvation and deliverance.
- Chapter 13:** A prophecy of Babylon's destruction as a symbol of God's judgment on the nations.
- Chapter 14:** Taunt against the fallen king of Babylon and a promise of Israel's restoration.
- Chapter 15:** An oracle against Moab predicting its downfall and lament.
- Chapter 16:** Continuation of Moab's judgment, with a call for them to seek refuge in Zion.
- Chapter 17:** Judgment against Damascus and Israel for relying on human strength.
- Chapter 18:** A warning to Cush (Ethiopia) about impending judgment, urging trust toward God.
- Chapter 19:** Prophecy of Egypt's judgment and eventual reconciliation with God.
- Chapter 20:** Isaiah's symbolic act predicting Egypt and Cush's defeat by Assyria.
- Chapter 21:** Oracles against Babylon, Edom, and Arabia, foretelling their coming calamities.
- Chapter 22:** Judgment against Jerusalem for their unfaithfulness and misplaced trust.
- Chapter 23:** Prophecy of Tyre's destruction and eventual restoration.
- Chapter 24:** A vision of worldwide judgment and the earth's desolation due to sin.
- Chapter 25:** A song of praise for God's victory over evil and the promise of a future feast.
- Chapter 26:** A song of trust in God's protection and a call for the righteous to remain steadfast.
- Chapter 27:** The restoration of Israel and God's victory over Leviathan, symbolizing evil.
- Chapter 28:** Warning to Ephraim and Judah about their false confidence.
- Chapter 29:** Judgment and future redemption for Ariel (Jerusalem) in God's sovereignty.
- Chapter 30:** Judah's misplaced trust in Egypt and the promise of deliverance for the repentant.
- Chapter 31:** Warning against reliance on Egypt and a call to trust in God's protection.
- Chapter 32:** Prophecy of a righteous king and the transformation of society through justice.
- Chapter 33:** A prayer for deliverance and a vision of God's future reign in Zion.
- Chapter 34:** God's judgment against all nations, especially Edom, symbolizing ultimate justice.
- Chapter 35:** A vision of restoration and joy for the redeemed in God's kingdom.
- Chapter 36:** Assyria's invasion of Judah and their attempt to undermine Hezekiah's faith.
- Chapter 37:** Hezekiah's prayer and God's miraculous deliverance of Jerusalem from Assyria.
- Chapter 38:** Hezekiah's illness, his prayer for healing, and God's extension of his life.
- Chapter 39:** Hezekiah's prideful display to Babylonian envoys and the prophecy of future exile.

Book Two

- Chapter 40:** Comfort for God's people and a promise of renewal by God's sovereign power.
- Chapter 41:** God's assurance of help to Israel and a challenge to idols.
- Chapter 42:** The Servant of the Lord brings justice and light to the nations.
- Chapter 43:** God's promise of redemption and protection for Israel.
- Chapter 44:** God's sovereignty and the futility of idol worship, with a promise of restoration.
- Chapter 45:** Cyrus as God's anointed to deliver Israel and a declaration of God's sovereignty.
- Chapter 46:** The impotence of Babylonian idols compared to the living God.
- Chapter 47:** Judgment against Babylon for their pride and cruelty.
- Chapter 48:** God's call for Israel to heed His commands and the promise of redemption.
- Chapter 49:** The Servant's mission to restore Israel and be a light to the nations.
- Chapter 50:** The Servant's obedience and Israel's call to trust in God.
- Chapter 51:** Encouragement to trust in God's salvation and His promises of comfort.
- Chapter 52:** The announcement of God's reign and the coming of the Servant of salvation.
- Chapter 53:** The Suffering Servant's sacrifice for the sins of humanity.
- Chapter 54:** Promise of restoration and eternal covenant with God's people.
- Chapter 55:** Invitation to seek the Lord and receive His abundant blessings.

Book Three

- Chapter 56:** Call for justice and inclusion of all who seek God.
- Chapter 57:** Condemnation of idolatry and a promise of peace for the contrite.
- Chapter 58:** True fasting and worship that pleases God by caring for the needy.
- Chapter 59:** Acknowledgment of sin and God's promise to bring salvation.
- Chapter 60:** A vision of Zion's future glory and the gathering of nations.
- Chapter 61:** The anointed one proclaims good news, liberty, and the year of the Lord's favor.
- Chapter 62:** Assurance of Zion's restoration and God's delight in His people.
- Chapter 63:** God's vengeance against His enemies and compassion for His people.
- Chapter 64:** A plea for God's intervention and acknowledgment of human sin.
- Chapter 65:** God's judgment on the rebellious and promise of a new creation for the faithful.
- Chapter 66:** Final judgment and the establishment of God's glory among all nations.

Chronology

Isaiah was born in 761 BC. He died in 686 BC, sawn in two by his grandson, King Manasseh.

Isaiah was 39 years old when the northern Kingdom Israel (also called Samaria and Ephraim) was conquered by Assyria, the world's first empire in the year 722 BC.

Isaiah was a member of the southern Kingdom (Judah) and lived in Jerusalem. His daughter married King Hezekiah. Their son, Manasseh, would later become King and kill Isaiah, but would eventually repent of the murder of his grandfather and come to faith in YHWH.

Isaiah died 100 years before the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC, the world's second empire.

Book 1 – Events before the Babylonian Exile. **Book 2** – Encouragement for Jews during the Exile. **Book 3** – Exhortations to the Jews for the rebuilding of Jerusalem after the Exile.