

THE CHRIST IN ISAIAH

that proclamation may be done through singing His praises.

The inhabitant of Zion is the member of the new covenant people. Zion is the church of Christ (Cf. Heb. 12:22). The Holy One of Israel dwells in His church which is His temple (Cf. Eph. 2:11-22). Isaiah will have a great deal more to say about the glory of Zion (chapters 60 through 66 especially), which is all future to Isaiah's day and cannot refer to anything but the Church.

QUIZ

1. What are the "wells of salvation"?
2. What is to be declared among the peoples?
3. Where is Zion?

SPECIAL STUDY

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I. The History of the Christ in Isaiah

A. His Birth

1. Prophecy - Isa. 7:14
 - a. Sign to Ahaz - a virgin, or young woman, to conceive and bear a son
 - b. His name to be called Immanuel
2. Fulfillment - Matt. 1:18, 22, 23
 - a. Jesus born of virgin Mary
 - b. The true Immanuel - "God with us"

B. His Family

1. Prophecy - Isa. 11:1, 10 - "a shoot from the stump of Jesse," the father of David - Messiah to be of David's line (Cf. Isa. 9:7)
2. Fulfillment - Matt. 1:1, 6 - Christ descended from David (Cf. Rev. 5:5 - "the root of David"; Lk. 1:32 - "The throne of his father David")
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C. His Anointing

1. Prophecy - Isa. 11:2 - the Messiah to be anointed by the Spirit of the Lord (Cf. Isa. 42:1; 61:1)
2. Fulfillment - Matt. 3:16 - the Spirit's descent upon Jesus at the time of His baptism (Cf. Jn. 1:32)

D. His Death

1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:9, 12
 - a. Put to death along with criminals
 - b. Buried in rich man's tomb
2. Fulfillment - Lk. 22:37; 23:32; Matt. 27:57-60
 - a. Crucified with two criminals
 - b. Buried in Joseph's tomb

II. The Characteristics of the Christ in Isaiah

A. Wisdom

1. Prophecy - Isa. 11:2 - “the spirit of wisdom and understanding”
2. Fulfillment - Lk. 2:40, 52 - “filled with wisdom . . . increased in wisdom”

B. Spiritual Discernment

1. Prophecy - Isa. 11:3 - “He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear . . .”
2. Fulfillment - Jn. 2:25 - “he knew all men . . . he himself knew what was in man” (Cf. Jn. 7:24)

C. Justice

1. Prophecy - Isa. 11:4 - “with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth” (Cf. Isa. 9:7; 42:1, 3, 4)
2. Fulfillment - II Thess. 2:8 - Jesus to destroy the lawless one (Cf. Matt. 12:18, 20)

D. Righteousness

1. Prophecy - Isa. 11:5 - “righteousness . . . the girdle of his loins” (Cf. Isa. 9:7; 32:1)
2. Fulfillment - Eph. 6:14 - “the breastplate of righteousness”

E. Silence

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1. Prophecy - Isa. 42:2 - "He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street" (Cf. Isa. 53:7)
 2. Fulfillment - Matt. 12:19 - "He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will any one hear his voice in the streets" (Cf. Matt. 26:63)
- F. Gentleness
1. Prophecy - Isa. 42:3 - "a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench"
 2. Fulfillment - Matt. 12:20 - "he will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick"
- G. Perseverance
1. Prophecy - Isa. 42:4 - "He will not fail or be discouraged"
 2. Fulfillment - Matt. 12:20, 21 - "till he brings justice to victory; and in his name will the Gentiles hope."
- H. Radiance
1. Prophecy - Isa. 42:6 - "a light to the nations" (Cf. Isa. 9:2; 49:6)
 2. Fulfillment - Lk. 2:32 - "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel"
- I. Compassion
1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:4 - "Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Cf. Isa. 50:4)
 2. Fulfillment - Matt. 8:16, 17 - Jesus healed many - "to fulfill what was spoken . . . 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases' "
- J. Meekness
1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:7 - "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth" (Cf. Isa. 50:6)
 2. Fulfillment - Matt. 26:62, 63, 67; Mk. 14:61; Lk. 22:63 (Cf. Acts 8:32)
- K. Vicarious Suffering
1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:10 - "when he makes himself an offering for sin" (Cf. Isa. 52:14; 53:12)
 2. Fulfillment - Heb. 9:28 - "so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many . . ."
- L. Rejection

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1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:3 - "He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief . . ."
 2. Fulfillment - Jn. 1:10, 11 - "He was in the world . . . yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not."
- M. Sinlessness
1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:9 - "although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth"
 2. Fulfillment - I Pet. 2:22 - "He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips" (Cf. Lk. 23:14, 15, 41; Jn. 8:46)
- N. Greatness
1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:12 - "Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong" (Cf. Isa. 52:13)
 2. Fulfillment - Matt. 12:6 - Christ greater than the temple
- O. Saving Power
1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:11 - "he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one . . . make many to be accounted righteous . . ."
 2. Fulfillment - Jn. 10:14-18; Rom. 5:18, 19 - "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous"
- P. Exaltation
1. Prophecy - Isa. 52:13 - "Behold, my servant shall prosper, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high."
 2. Fulfillment - Phil. 2:9 - "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name . . ."
- Q. Eternal Kingdom
1. Prophecy - Isa. 9:6, 7 - "Of the increase of his government . . . there will be no end, upon the throne of

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David . . . to establish it, and to uphold it . . . from this time forth and for evermore.”

2. Fulfillment - Lk. 1:32, 33 - “and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

III. The Titles of the Christ in Isaiah

- A. Immanuel
 1. Isa. 7:14
 2. Matt. 1:23
- B. Mighty God
 1. Isa. 9:6
 2. Jn. 20:28; (Cf. Jn. 1:1-3, 14; 8:58; Matt. 28:18; Rev. 19:16)
- C. Everlasting Father
 1. Isa. 9:6
 2. Rev. 5:13; Lk. 1:33
- D. Prince of Peace
 1. Isa. 9:6
 2. Eph. 2:14; Jn. 14:27
- E. Righteous King
 1. Isa. 32:1 (Cf. Isa. 9:7; 11:5)
 2. Lk. 1:32, 33; Rev. 19:16
- F. Good Shepherd
 1. Isa. 40:11
 2. Jn. 10:11
- G. Divine Servant
 1. Isa. 42:1
 2. Matt. 12:17, 18
- H. Arm of the Lord
 1. Isa. 53:1
 2. Jn. 12:37, 38
- I. Anointed Preacher
 1. Isa. 61:1
 2. Lk. 4:18

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IV. The Mission of the Christ in Isaiah

A. Illuminator

1. Prophecy - Isa. 9:2 - "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light . . ." (Cf. Isa. 42:6; 49:6)
2. Fulfillment - Matt. 4:15, 16 - ". . . the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light . . ." (Cf. Lk. 2:32)

B. Judge

1. Prophecy - Isa. 11:3,4 - "He shall not judge by what his eyes see . . . but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth"
2. Fulfillment - Jn. 2:25 - see under II, B, 2

C. Reprover

1. Prophecy - Isa. 11:4 - ". . . he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked."
2. Fulfillment - II Thess. 2:8 - see under II, C, 2

D. Law-giver

1. Prophecy - Isa. 42:4 - ". . . the coastlands wait for his law."
2. Fulfillment - Matt. 12:18 - ". . . he shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles."

E. Liberator

1. Prophecy - Isa. 42:7 - ". . . to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."
2. Fulfillment - Lk. 4:18 - "He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed"

F. Burden-bearer

1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:4 - see under II, I, 1
2. Fulfillment - Matt. 8:17 - see under II, I, 2

G. Sin-bearer

1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:6 - ". . . the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

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2. Fulfillment - Heb. 9:28 - see under II, K, 2
- H. Intercessor
1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:12 - "yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."
 2. Fulfillment - Heb. 9:24 - "For Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf."
- I. Only Saviour
1. Prophecy - Isa. 53:5 - "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed."
 2. Fulfillment - Rom. 4:25 - "[Jesus] who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

EXAMINATION

CHAPTERS SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE

ASSOCIATION

(Associate the persons or events of column one with the correct person or event of column two. Some of column two are incorrect.)

| 1 | 2 |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Ahaz | millenium |
| Rezin | Persia |
| Remaliah | Babylon |
| Ephraim | king of Israel |
| Shearjashub | lamb |
| Damascus | Armenia |
| Immanuel | king of Judah |
| Maher-shalal-hash-baz | sucking child |
| virgin | king of Syria |

EXAMINATION

Samaria
Naphtali
Assyria
Holy One of Israel
Jesse
wolf
asp
Elam

Israel
Egypt
Messiah
branch
Galilee
Syria
rod of anger
almah
a remnant shall return
capital of Israel
spoil speeds, prey hastes
the Lord

MEMORIZATION

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a _____; behold a _____ shall conceive, and _____ a son, and shall call his name _____. 7:14

For unto us a _____ is born, unto us a _____ is given; and the _____ shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ of _____. Of the increase of his _____ and of _____ there shall be no end, upon the throne of _____, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with _____ and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The _____ of Jehovah of hosts will perform this. 9:6-7

EXPLANATION

1. Explain how a virgin's conception and giving birth could be a sign to Ahaz. Isa. 7:1-16
2. Explain why Isaiah named his children as he did. Isa. 7:3; 8:3
3. Explain when the time came when the wolf lay down with the lamb, etc. Isa. 11:1-11

APPLICATION

1. How may Isaiah's statement "to teaching and to the testimony" be applied by Christians today? Isa. 8:20
2. What application for today's world may be made of God's use of Assyria as "the rod of my anger, etc." Isa. 10:5-19
3. How may Isaiah, chapter 12, apply to the New Testament church?

III. PEOPLE AND PAGANS - CHAPTERS 13 - 23

A. IMPLACABLE EMPIRE CH. 13-14

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

1. BABYLON

a. PREDICTION OF JUDGMENT

TEXT: 13:1-8

- 1 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.
- 2 Set ye up an ensign upon the bare mountain, lift up the voice unto them, wave the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.
- 3 I have commanded my consecrated ones, yea, I have called my mighty men for mine anger, even my proudly exulting ones.
- 4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, as of a great people! the noise of a tumult of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together! Jehovah of hosts is mustering the host for the battle.
- 5 They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even Jehovah, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.
- 6 Wail ye; for the day of Jehovah is at hand; as destruction from the Almighty shall it come.