

The Book of ISAIAH

Greek: "Esaias"

Isaiah was one of the Dead Sea Scrolls found at Qumran in 1946 and was preserved almost in its entirety.

20 of the 27 books of the New Testament have quotations or references from Isaiah.

A prophet was a "**forthteller**"- what God has said, and a "**foreteller**"-what God has revealed.

A prophet delivered a "word from God." 1 Sam 9:9 Isaiah 2:1

Not all prophets have a book in the Bible:

Samuel: the last of the Judges and the first of the prophets

Nathan: 2 Sam 12 Confronted David with his sin with Bathsheba "Thou art the Man"

Gad: 2 Sam 24 David chooses his punishment for the sin of the census

Elijah: 1 Kings 21 Tells Ahab of his punishment to come

Elisha: 2 Kings 3 Tells the king the battle plans of the Moabites

Azariah: 2 Chron 15 Tells Asa to return to the Lord

Hanani: 2 Chron 16 Tells Asa of his foolish mistake

The ministry of Isaiah began around 750 BC (740 BC if dated by the death of Uzziah). He ministered in Jerusalem but his message was to both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.

1:1 During the reign of Azariah (Uzziah), Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah
2 Kings 15-21 and 2 Chron 26-33

Tradition says he was sawn in two by the wicked King Manasseh
Heb 11:37 "some were sawn in two" (sawn asunder KJV)

He was married (8:3) and had 2 sons (7:3 & 8:1-3)

ISAIAH IS DIVIDED INTO 2 SECTIONS

Some would call it 1st Isaiah and 2nd Isaiah

Some have called Isaiah the Apostle Paul of the Old Testament

Some have called it the Fourth Gospel- Birth, Death, Resurrection and 2nd Coming of Jesus

66 Books in the Bible

Chapters 1-39

39 Books in the Old Testament

Isaiah's Experience

Judgement – Babylonian Exile

Punishment

The Law

Chapters 40-66

27 Books in the New Testament

Isaiah's Prophecy

Restoration – Return from Babylon

Consolation, comfort

Grace and mercy

Chapters 1-39 The Old Testament Section

Ch 1 God call's His people to turn from futile worship and return to Him
1:9-18 Also see Ezekiel 3:17-19

Ch 6 Isaiah's Call In the year King Uzziah died 2 Chron 26:3-4, 16-23
The Throne in heaven was still occupied.

6:1-4	The upward look	He saw the Lord		
6:5-7	The inward look	He saw himself	Worship	1John 1:9
6:8-13	The outward look	He saw the needs of the people	Witness	Acts 1:8

Ch 7:14 The Birth of Christ He shall be called Immanuel "God is with us"

Ch 9:6&7 Birth of Christ

Ch 11 :6-11 Preview of heaven

Ch 12 A Hymn of Praise

Ch 14 :12 The fall of Lucifer :22 Babylon destroyed

Ch 15-34 Judgement of the Nations. Moab, Syria, Israel, Ethiopia, Egypt, Edom, Arabia,
Assyria, Tyre, Ephriam, Phillistia... 28:16 is Messianic

Ch 35 The Glory of Zion

Ch 36-39 A Historic Interlude

Ch 36 & 37 Assyrian History 37:36-37 Sennacherib Crisis 701 BC

Ch 38 & 39 Babylon Transition

Isaiah died 100 years before the Exile and 170 years before the return

Chapters 40-66 The New Testament Section

Written to people who, everything good they had ever known, was now gone.

In the midst of this, God speaks

1. Don't be afraid 2. Behold your God 3. God proves Himself 4. Restoration

Ch 40 40:1-2 Comfort, yes, Comfort my people

:3-4 See John the Baptist New Testament opens with Matt 3:1-3

Ch 43 :16-20 Behold, I will do a New Thing!

Do you want to see it?

Ch 44-52 Redemption and Restoration of Zion

CH 53 The Centerpiece of the 2nd Section God's Plan of Salvation

The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29, John 1:36

A prophetic proclamation written around 700 BC.

Ch 65 :17 A new heaven and a new earth

Ch 66 :12 Peace like a river. Glory like a flowing stream

:23-24 Heaven and Hell