



Isaiah – Textbook Reading



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Background of the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah the Man

- What point does the textbook make about the names of Isaiah's sons? What does this tell us about Isaiah's mindset?
- To whom did Isaiah primarily first speak the messages in this book? What does this tell us about the content of this book? Why does this matter?

Isaiah's times

- How is Isaiah's ministry connected with the fall of the Northern Kingdom? What implications does this have for the message given to the Southern Kingdom?

Authorship and Date

- What does the textbook say about the authorship and date of this book?
- Feel free to examine the section in chapter 26 if you would like more information on this issue.

Themes of the Book of Isaiah

- What is the significance of a "remnant" for the message of Isaiah? How is this remnant different from the rest of Israel? Why is this important?
- How does the idea of God's sovereignty influence the book of Isaiah? In what ways is this shown in the book? How should we respond?
- What possible identities of the "servant" does the textbook list? What does the servant do? What can we learn from this?
- What is the significance of the term "Holy One of Israel"? How does Isaiah use this phrase? What does this demonstrate about God's character and actions? How should we respond?
- What does the book of Isaiah say about the Messiah? What difference does this make?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter

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The Servant Passages of Isaiah 40-66

- To what or whom does the word “servant” refer, according to the textbook? What does the servant do? What are the servant passages?
- What is the unifying focus of the servant passages? What does this teach us about the servant? What does this challenge us to behave? How should we respond?

Isaiah’s Message Continues

The Suffering Servant

- How does the textbook describe the characteristics and experiences of the suffering servant? What stood out to you from this description? Why is that significant? How does it apply?
- What are the three possible interpretations of the servant passage? What are the reasons given for and/or against each interpretation? What conclusion does the textbook reach? What difference does this make?

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