

Lesson 4 – Outline of Isaiah

Part One – Chapters 1-39

I. DISCOURSES AND PROPHECIES CENTERING IN JERUSALEM AND JUDEA (ch. 1-12).

A. JUDAH'S SOCIAL SINS (ch. 1-5).

1. "The Great Arraignment" (ch. 1).

- a. Thoughtlessness of Judah toward God – spiritual sickness (vs. 1-9).
- b. Formalism in worship – made vain by wickedness and ignoring what God desires (vs. 10-17).
- c. Pardon offered – call to reason (vs. 18-23).
- d. Judgment – Salvation through judgment, purging the dross, cleansing the people (vs. 24-31).

2. 3 distinct pictures of Zion.

- a. Jerusalem, the ideal – her future exaltation (2:1-4).
- b. Jerusalem, the real – her present idolatry (2:5 – 4:1).
 - Wealth and its corruption (2:5-11).
 - Pride and idols – these must go (vs. 12-22).
 - Ruling classes denounced (3:1-12).
 - Jehovah's judgment of them (3:13-15).
 - Wanton women rebuked for wickedness (3:16 – 4:1).
- c. Jerusalem, the redeemed – purification through travail and judgment (ch. 4:2-6).

3. Destruction, punishment of corruption – Judah's national sins (ch. 5).

a. Parable of Jehovah's Vineyard (vs. 1-7).

b. 6 woes pronounced.

Insatiable greed (vs. 8-10).

Dissipation and carnal carousing (vs. 11-17).

Contempt and defiance of Jehovah (vs. 18-19).

Confusion of moral distinctions (vs. 20).

Political self-conceit (vs. 21).

Violence – strong, yet weak (vs. 22-23).

B. ISAIAH'S INAUGURAL VISION AND COMMISSION (c. 740) (ch. 6).

1. The Vision – Jehovah's majesty, the prophet's woe (vs. 1-4).

2. The Call – Isaiah's sanctification (vs. 5-8).

3. The Commission – a rejected message (vs. 9-13).

C. JUDAH'S POLITICAL ENTANGLEMENTS

– ISAIAH AS STATESMAN (ch. 7-12).

1. IMMANUEL – history and prediction intermingled (ch 7:1 – 10:4).

- a. Syria and Ephraim conspire to war (ch 7:1-9). They will be destroyed.

- b. A sign for faithless Judah (**vs. 10-16**).
- c. The real threat to Judah – Assyria (**vs. 17-25**).
- d. The sign of Maher-shalal-hash-baz: Jehovah, not Judah's enemies, to be feared (**8:1-15**).
- e. The message rejected – not committed to Isaiah's disciples for the future (**8:16 – 9:7**).
 - Darkness of the present (**8:16-22**).
 - Light of the future – first to go, first to receive light (**9:1-7**).
- f. Manifestation of Jehovah's wrath against Israel – great calamities sent upon her which have gone unheeded (**9:8 – 10:4**).
 - Foreign invasion and loss of territory made no impression (**9:8-12**).
 - Smitten, but no repentance – now to be cut off (**9:13-17**).
 - Anarchy and internal strife – wickedness is consuming them(**9:18-21**).
 - Impending captivity – but persist in wicked way (**10:1-4**).

"Divine discipline has failed; only judgement remains."

- 2. Assyria – the rod of Jehovah's anger (**10:5-34**).
 - a. Assyria, the instrument in the hand of Jehovah (**10:5-19**).
 - b. A remnant to be rescued (**10:20-23**).
 - c. Assyria to be destroyed (**10:24-34**).
- 3. The Messianic Age (**ch. 11 – 12**).
 - a. The Messiah and His rule (**11:1-10**).
 - b. Restoration of the dispersed – a remnant (**11:11-16**).
 - c. Songs of deliverance (**ch. 12**).