

# INTRODUCTION TO Isaiah

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## MESSAGE

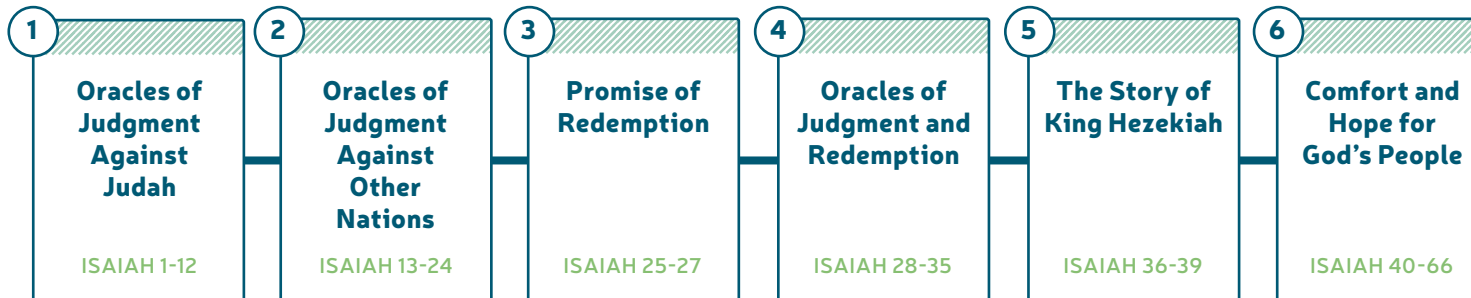
The message of Isaiah is one of rebuke, warning, and promise. Isaiah rebukes Judah for their sin, calling them to repent and turn back to the Lord. He then warns Judah of a coming judgment from God. This judgment will result in the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, and the people of Judah being taken into captivity by the Babylonians. The book ends with a promise of restoration of a faithful remnant to the Promised Land. The first 39 chapters of Isaiah emphasize the sins of Judah (as well as surrounding nations), a call to repentance, and a warning of judgment. The last 27 chapters of the book promise restoration and offer hope to the people of Judah.

## KEY THEMES

- **God’s holiness.** Throughout the book God is referred to as “The Holy One of Israel.” God is removed from sin and does not tolerate it.
- **Humanity’s sinfulness.** While a large portion of the book is focused on the sins of Judah, the sins of all the nations are described as well. All of humanity has sinned against a holy God and as a result cannot enter his presence.
- **The superiority of God.** God is greater than any false gods or idols.
- **God’s promised deliverer.** Isaiah has some of the most well-known messianic prophesies in the Old Testament. This reminds us that God’s ultimate plan of redemption includes his son taking on the form of a suffering servant and dying for the sins of humanity (Isa. 53).

## BASIC STRUCTURE

66 CHAPTERS



## BOOK BASICS



**DATE**  
740-681 BC



**TYPE**  
Prophecy



**AUTHOR**  
Isaiah

The book of Isaiah is a series of prophecies and oracles written in the eighth century B.C. during the reigns of four Judean Kings; Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Judah was prospering during the reign of Uzziah, but Isaiah warns that they will soon experience the judgment of God. This judgment will come through the rise of the Babylonian Empire and will culminate in Judah being destroyed and the people taken into captivity.