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Isaiah 53



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Judgment

Salvation

Key Verse:

"Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail."

(Isa. 51:6 NIV)

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Overview of the Future

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Revelation 20:4-6 Diagrammed

^{4b}and they <u>came to life</u> and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ^{4a}Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand...

1000 years

^{5b}This is the first resurrection. ^{6a}Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power...

^{6b}but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

^{5a}The rest of the dead did not <u>come to life</u> until the thousand years were completed.

Purposes of the Millennium

① Judge angels (1 Cor. 6:3)

We are more competent than unbelievers to solve Christian disputes (1 Cor. 6:2-6, 9-11)

"Don't you realize that someday we believers will judge the world? And since you are going to judge the world, can't you decide even these little things among yourselves? ³Don't you realize that we will judge angels? So you should surely be able to resolve ordinary disputes in this life" (1 Cor. 6:2-3 NLT)

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Judge angels (1 Cor. 6:3) Rule the earth (1 Cor. 6:2)



Christ will have a Spirit-led and righteous rule (Isa. 11:1-5)

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Rule the earth (1 Cor. 6:2)
Restore world to pre-Flood era (long life of Isa. 65:20)

Incredibly Long Life (NIV)!

NIV Isaiah 65:20 "Never again will there be in [Jerusalem] an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed."

Purposes of the Millennium

1 Judge angels (1 Cor. 6:3) 2 Rule the earth (1 Cor. 6:2) **③** Restore world to pre-Flood era (long life of Isa. 65:20) **4** Show the human heart corrupt **5** Fulfill Abrahamic Covenant



Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant emphasis. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will again enjoy world prominence after trusting in Christ at His second coming.



When Isaiah Wrote



Isaiah's 60-Year Ministry (739-680 вс)



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Judgment 1–39

God will judge those who reject him (Isa 1–39).

Saiah 1

"Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; For the LORD speaks,

'Sons I have reared and brought up, But they have revolted against Me'''

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"An ox knows its owner, And a donkey its master's manger, But Israel does not know, My people do not understand"

(Isa. 1:3 NAU).



"Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool" (Isaiah 1:18 NLT).

Isaiah 6

"It was in the year **King Uzziah died** that I saw the LORD. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple" (Isa. 6:1 NLT).

"Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew" (Isa. 6:2 NLT).

"They were calling out to each other, 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" (Isa. 6:3 NLT) "Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, 'It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies'" (Isa. 6:4-5 NLT).

"Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar" (Isa. 6:6 NLT).

"He touched my lips with it and said, 'See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven" (Isa. 6:7 NLT).
"Then I heard the LORD asking, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?' I said, 'Here I am. Send me''' (Isa. 6:8 NLT).

saw the LORD...

WOE To me!

FORGNESS

Here I am, SEND ME!

"Then I said, 'Lord, how long will this go on?

And he replied, 'Until their towns are empty, their houses are deserted, and the whole country is a wasteland; ¹²until the LORD has sent everyone away, and the entire land of Israel lies deserted''' (6:11-12 NLT).

How long, O LORD?

Saiah 7



"All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')."

Isaiah 7:14 NLT

Isaiah 9



What do you do when you need security?



Security is often found in the strangest places.



Judah shouldn't look to the big powers but to Callee (9:1-5).

"Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory" (Isaiah 9:1 NLT).

Tiberias

"The people who walk in darkness have see a great light." "[Jesus] went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴This fulfilled what God said through the prophet Isaiah:

Isaiah 9:3-5? NOT fulfilled yeat Nazareth

'In the land of Zebulun and of Naphtali, beside the sea, beyond the Jordan River, in Galilee where so many Gentiles live''' (Matt. 4:13-15 NLT)

The Son's Kingly Character

Wonderful Counselor (listened to!)
Mighty God (Ultimate Power) Eternal Father (fatherly rule)
Prince of Peace (security at last!)

Main Idea of Isaiah 9:

When you need security, look to the Child. Isaiah 11



Wolves now love

...to kill

Isaiah 11:6-9

⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together.



⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them.

Isaiah 11:6-9

⁷Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isaiah 11:6-9



⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Rebuilding brings...

...a totally renewed earth!

"The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed... The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God."

Romans 8:19-21





Isaiah 13

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Isaiah 24



Isaiah 24–25

Worldwide Judgment & Blessing

Depicts the Great Tribulation followed by the Millennium

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Judgment Salvation 1-39 40-66

God will save those who trust him (Isa 40–66).

Isaiah 40



How can you look up to the LORD during your struggle?

God would tenderly replace His discipline with His glory and Word (40:1-11).

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.



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"Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Tell her that her sad days are gone and her sins are pardoned. Yes, the LORD has punished her twice over for all her sins."

Isalah 40:2 NLT
Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale?

Isaiah 40:12b NLT

Isaiah 40:15 NLT

No, for all the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand.

All the wood in Lebanon's forests and all Lebanon's animals would not be enough to make a burnt offering worthy of our God.

Isaiah 40:16 NLT



O Jacob, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights?



Isaiah 40:27 NLT

Isaiah 40:28 NLT

Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the **Creator of all the** earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

²⁹He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion.

Isaiah 40:29-30 NLT

But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 NLT

....They will soar high on wings like eagles...



Main Idea of Isaiah 40



He cares and He's able, so trust Him

Isaiah 53

The Same Messiah?

"He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity" (9:7) "He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief..." (53:3) Isaiah 65

"Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore. ¹⁸Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation!"

Isaiah 65:17-18a (NLT)

471 Isaiah vs John on the New Heaven(s) and New Earth	
Isaiah 65–66	Revelation 21
Death occurs (Isa. 65:20, 66:24)	No more death, dying or pain (Rev. 20:14, 21:4)
Marriage & childbirth (Isa. 65:20)	No marriage (Matt. 22:30)
Has a temple, Priests & Levites (Isa. 66:18-20; Zech. 14:16-19)	Has no temple (Rev. 21:22)
New moon and Sabbath celebrated (Isa. 56:6-7; 66:23)	No need for sun or moon (Rev. 21:23); There are no days in the New Heaven.



What Kind of Kingdom Did Isaiah (and Matthew) Envision?

Political

Physical

Emotional

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Intellectual

Spiritual

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The Main Idea of Isaiah

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Restoration



APPLICATION

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The future restoration of the earth should cause us to get our priorities right now

So realize that God is preparing you for your future rule now!

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Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made. And princes throng to crown His head, His name like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.

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