

Isaiah Proclaims the Promised Messiah

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 22*.

❖ Isaiah, like Amos, was a prophet concerned with the suffering of those who were poor. He was active for a long time and advised several kings. When God asked who he should send as his messenger, Isaiah said “Here I am! Send me!” His experience with God changed the way he saw things, and he wanted to share the truth he had learned.

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❖ When the Assyrians threatened to attack Judah, Isaiah told the king that Judah would be conquered, but that it was God’s plan. The kings of Judah did not listen, but Isaiah remained calm and secure in his trust. He knew that only trust in God mattered.

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❖ When we say Amen to conclude our prayers, we are expressing God’s faithfulness and our trust in him.

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❖ The Book of Isaiah is a collection of some of the prophecies and warnings of Isaiah. Chapters 40–55 are credited to someone called Second Isaiah, who studied Isaiah and was like him in thought and talent. These chapters were written while the Israelites were in exile in Babylon.

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❖ Second Isaiah speaks of a suffering servant who will take on the sins of the people. Through his love, the true kingdom will come. The servant of whom the prophet speaks is Jesus. Jesus spoke often about the real kingdom, and through him we are offered salvation.

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❖ If we want true greatness, we must be faithful people. Faithful people understand their responsibility to love and care for others. They act on what they believe and serve as examples of faith.

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❖ According to Scripture, God alone is holy. We are, however, all called to be holy. That means we do our best to reflect godliness by following the Gospel and by doing our part to care for God’s creation.

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