

I. Isaiah Stood Out Among the Prophets

A. Between Moses and the Messiah no one quite matches Isaiah “The LORD thy **God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee**, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;” (DEUTERONOMY 18:15)

B. Isaiah prophesied during the eras of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. “The vision of **Isaiah the son of Amoz**, [and nephew of King Azariah] which he saw **concerning Judah and Jerusalem** in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, **kings of Judah.**” (ISAIAH 1:1)

C. Tradition indicates Isaiah was sawn apart by his son-in-law Manasseh. “They were stoned, they were **sawn asunder**, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;” (HEBREWS 11:37)

D. Isaiah tended to reuse sermon titles as the names for his children. “Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and **Shearjashub thy son**, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller’s field;” (ISAIAH 7:3) “And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, **Call his name Mahershalhashbaz.** For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.” (ISAIAH 8:3-4)

II. Isaiah Explained Coming Judgment and Pointed To the Messianic Age

A. Israel was bringing on itself the corrective intervention of God and ultimately the coming of the Messiah. [ISAIAH 1:1-12:6]

B. Isaiah evaluated neighboring societies and the futures they were selecting for themselves. [ISAIAH 13:1-23:18]

C.. Isaiah mixed warnings and comforts with confidence in Providence, summarizing this portion of his message in poem about God and His vineyard. [ISAIAH 24:1-27:13]

D. Jerusalem and Ephraim can expect disaster from relying on foreign alliances rather than on God. [Isaiah 28:1-27:13]

E. Isaiah announced the promise of a righteous king, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the recognition of the righteous, and the conversion of the wilderness into the Garden of God. [ISAIAH 32:1-35:10]

F. The remainder of the book contains predictions, warning, and promises which will take place between the RESTORATION and the RESURRECTION. [ISAIAH 40:1-66:24]

III. The Prophet Introduced Vivid Images and Metaphors

A. WELLS OF SALVATION “Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the **wells of salvation.**” (ISAIAH 12:3)

B. JOY OF SALVATION “And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this *is* our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this *is* the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and ***rejoice in his salvation.***” (ISAIAH 25:9)

C. WALLS OF SALVATION “In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; ***salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.***” (ISAIAH 26:1)

D. EVERLASTING SALVATION “*But* Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an ***everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed*** nor confounded world without end.” (ISAIAH 45:17)

E. Day of Salvation “Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a ***day of salvation*** have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;” (ISAIAH 49:8)

F. FEET OF THE HERALDS OF SALVATION “How beautiful upon the mountains are the ***feet of him that bringeth good tidings***, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!” (ISAIAH 52:7)

G. SPREAD OF SALVATION “The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all ***the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.***” (ISAIAH 52:10)

H. ARM OF SALVATION “And he saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor: therefore ***his arm brought salvation*** unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.” (ISAIAH 59:16)

I. HELMET OF SALVATION “For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an ***helmet of salvation*** upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.” (ISAIAH 59:17)

J. GARMENTS OF SALVATION “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with ***the garments of salvation***, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.” (ISAIAH 61:10)