

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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- ◎ **Old Testament categories thus far:**
 - The Pentateuch: Genesis - Deuteronomy
 - The Historical Books: Joshua - Esther
 - Poetry Books: Job - Song of Solomon
 - Prophetic Books: Isaiah - Malachi

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- ◎ Who wrote it?
 - **Isaiah (1:1)**
 - **Isaiah was known as “the prince of prophets”.**

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 - Prophecies of Israel's Deliverance
 - Prophecy of Israel's Deliverer
 - Prophecies of Israel's Glorious Future

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - A coming Messiah will save people from their sins.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** “the Holy One of Israel” whom Isaiah says the people have turned their backs on
- **Isaiah:** One of the greatest prophets
- **Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah:** kings of Judah during Isaiah’s life
- **The branch of the Lord/the root of Jesse/Immanuel:** early references to Jesus
- **Rezin of Syria, Pekah of Israel:** kings who march against Jerusalem, but fail to take it

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Isaiah is the only Old Testament book to prophesy the virgin birth of Christ (7:14).
 - Christ as Suffering Servant is foretold in Isaiah 52:13-53:12.
 - Isaiah 11:1-12 provides an accurate description of the coming Messiah and His kingdom.

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Verse to Remember

- ◎ “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Isaiah lived in Jerusalem but did not restrict his prophecies to that city. He also warned of God's intentions towards Babylon (13, 14), Assyria (14), the Philistines (14), Cush, Moab (15, 16), Egypt (19, 20), Damascus, and others.
- Isaiah includes four Servant Songs, with the fourth called the Suffering Servant.
 - 42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 53:13-53:12
- The book of Isaiah is like a miniature Bible; the first 39 chapters resemble the Old Testament with judgment upon man, and the final 27 chapters resemble the New Testament declaring a message of hope.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - Even in our sin, God demonstrates great mercy and grace, desiring to bring us back to a place of repentance and blessing.

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◎ Home Study

- Read a chapter daily in Isaiah this week.
- Study the One Sentence Summary.
- Recite your memory verses daily.