

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME THREE
POETS, PROPHETS, AND PROMISES—A SURVEY OF JOB–DANIEL
ISAIAH: PRINCE AMONG THE PROPHETS
A SURVEY OF ISAIAH



The Heart of the Matter

The final decades of the eighth century BC produced several great men, but perhaps the most significant of these was a blue-blooded prophet named Isaiah. That's quite a statement when you consider his contemporaries were Amos, Hosea, and Micah. Politically and socially, the Hebrews were in terrible shape. World forces were girding for a battle for supremacy. Following Uzziah's godly fifty-two-year reign as king over Judah, many of the people enjoyed peace and extravagant prosperity, which led to two distinct classes of people: the very rich and the very poor. Abuses, landgrabbing, extortion, idleness, indifference, a corrupt city government, and excessive drinking marked those times. Religiously, the Hebrews lost their distinctiveness and fell under the sway of idolatry, superstition, customs, and cults from the East.



Discovering the Way

1. An Introduction to Isaiah's Day

To get a handle on the book of Isaiah's sixty-six chapters, we need to get a handle on the geography, society, and religion of Isaiah's day.

2. Isaiah's Call and Style

Before the very throne of God, Isaiah was given a unique and holy calling. God sent the prophet to pronounce both judgment and peace upon Judah.

3. Insights from Isaiah's Journal

We can learn important things from the book as a whole as well as gain great value from some specific sections.



Starting Your Journey

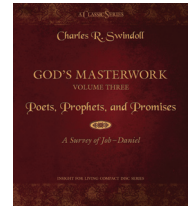
We can glean four practical and lasting lessons from Isaiah. First, greatness is often found in misunderstood people. Second, loneliness is the price we pay for having convictions. Third, our conception of sin is molded by our idea of God. And fourth, when everything else fades and fails, God's Word stands firm.



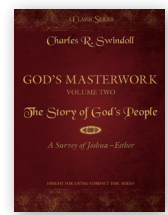
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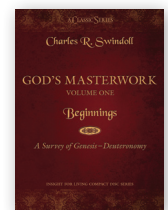
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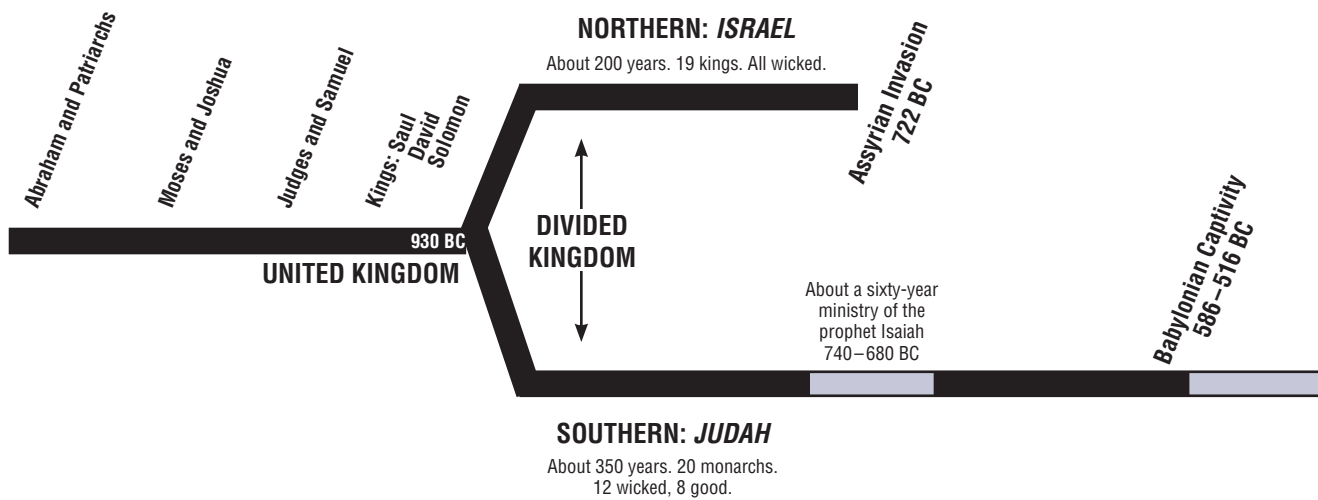
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ISAIAH

	The Judgment of God	The Deliverance of God		
		THE SUPREMACY OF THE LORD	THE SERVANT OF THE LORD	THE FUTURE PLAN OF THE LORD
			Servant Songs: 42:1-9 49:1-13 50:4-11 52:13-53:12	
	CHAPTERS 1-39	CHAPTERS 40-48	CHAPTERS 49-53	CHAPTERS 54-66
Emphasis	The law and judgment for disobedience	Comfort . . .	God's grace and deliverance Promise . . .	Hope . . .
"Bible within Bible"	Old Testament	New Testament		
Theme	The justice and mercy of God			
Key Verses	2:3-5; 6:1-3; 53:1-12			
Christ in Isaiah	His first and second advents are prophesied throughout the book (child of a virgin in 7:14, the shoot from the stem of Jesse in chapter 11, the Suffering Servant in chapter 53).			

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CHRONOLOGICAL CHART OF HEBREW HISTORY (FROM ABRAHAM TO CAPTIVITY)



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