

ISAIAH

Key Chapters of the Prophet

There Is No Other God Lesson 5



Isaiah's Ministry
739-698 BC

Return to
Jerusalem
538 BC

Abraham
2000 BC

Moses
1500 BC

King David
1000 BC

Israel
Destroyed
701 BC

Jerusalem
Destroyed
586 BC

Isaiah Part 2

The second part of Isaiah consists of chapters 40-66. In this section, the Lord shares comfort and consolation with his people in response to the words of woe predominant in part one. Isaiah part two still shares warnings against sin and woe to those who remain against the Lord. While part one contains words of hope and prophecies about the Messiah, this theme emerges even more in part two.

Basic Outlines

- I. Chapters 1-39: Woes and Judgement
- II. Chapters 40-66: Comfort and Consolation

OR

- I. Chapters 1-39 (Destruction of the North, threat of Assyria)
- II. Chapters 40-55 (Destruction and Exile)
- III. Chapters 56-66 (Return from exile)

Isaiah 40 – *There Is Comfort in God's Power!*

Read **Isaiah 40** and note especially the following verses:

Verses 1-5 – With what tone is the Lord addressing his people?

Verses 6-8 – What sobering news do these verses share?

Verses 9-11 – What is the good news in these verses?

Verses 12-14 – What point is Isaiah making here?

Verse 13 states: “Who can fathom the Spirit of the Lord or instruct the Lord as his counselor?” How might we at times be tempted to instruct the Lord?

Verses 15-17 - How does the Lord compare to powerful nations?

Verses 18-26 - How does the Lord compare to idols?

Verses 27-31

What is a common complaint?

What is God’s response to that complaint?

Isaiah 41-44 – *The Lord, Not Idols!*

Beginning in chapter 40, Isaiah paints a stark contrast between the Lord and idols. You even sense a tone of sarcasm to underscore the folly of idolatry. As we read examples in this section, let’s do so with humility—in other words let’s not balk at those around us who worship idols; let’s see the folly of our own idolatry and let’s turn to the one true God for complete forgiveness!

41:5-7 -

41:22-29 -

42:8,9 -

43:9-13 -

44:6-23 -

Further Study

Read Isaiah 41-48. Since this study covers select chapters of Isaiah, each lesson suggests chapters to read at home. By the end of the course, you will have read all of Isaiah. You’ll have time at the beginning of each class to share insights from your personal reading or ask questions.