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Lesson 111

1. Last week I continued teaching an overview of the Book of Isaiah.
 2. I want to review some of that learned and then pick up with new material at point on page 3.
 3. Isaiah spoke to both the southern and northern Kingdoms. It is believed that Isaiah ministered by word and pen for 60 years or more, from c. 740 to 680 B.C.). Isaiah lived on into the reign of Manasseh (c. 687-642 B.C.).
 4. His reputation greatly increased after the fulfillment of many of his prophecies such as the Babylonian exile, the victories of Cyrus, and the deliverance of a remnant from captivity.
 5. Tradition holds that Isaiah was sawn in half at the order of Manasseh, if credible it occurred early in the reign of Manasseh.
 6. The Book of Isaiah is regarded as the greatest of the prophetic books.
 7. Judah and Israel were sinful nations. Although they were God's people, they were apostate and richly deserved chastisement. Isaiah is known to have been a court historian and personal prophet for Kings Uzziah and Hezekiah. During most of his tenure he was Israel's national prophet.
 8. The unity of the Book of Isaiah has been upheld by solid scholarship and numerous NT citations though it has been common for critics to speak of a "second Isaiah" who allegedly wrote in the period immediately before the end of the Babylonian Captivity.
 9. Given the reputation of the Book of Isaiah as the greatest of all prophetic books our overview will be well served if we concentrate on prophecy; for indeed this was Isaiah's major claim to "fame." So far we have studied many of his more famous prophecies. Let's continue looking at many of his predictions. Many of his prophecies have eschatological implications.
- Isa 11:13 Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim.
- Isa 11:14 They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west; together they will plunder the people to the east. They will lay hands on Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will be subject to them.
- 9.1 When Christ returns there will no more be a cleavage between the northern and the southern tribes, but the Christian Israelites will constitute one harmonious people.

9.2 God's people, moreover, will triumph over all the not-yet-converted nations surrounding them such as Philistia, Edom, and Moab.

Isa 34:5 My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; see, it descends in judgment on Edom, the people I have totally destroyed.

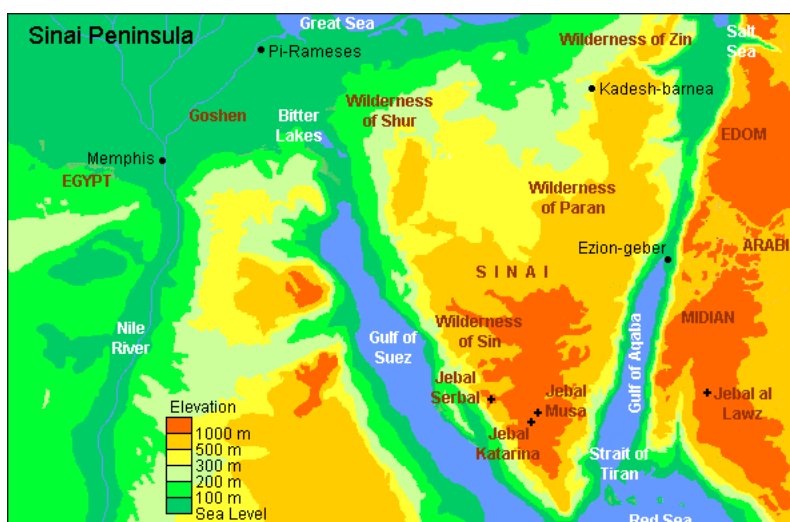
Isa 34:6 The sword of the LORD is bathed in blood, it is covered with fat-- the blood of lambs and goats, fat from the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in Edom.

Isa 34:7 And the wild oxen will fall with them, the bull calves and the great bulls. Their land will be drenched with blood, and the dust will be soaked with fat.

Isa 34:8 For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause.

Isa 34:9 Edom's streams will be turned into pitch, her dust into burning sulfur; her land will become blazing pitch!

9.3 Kings of Judah such as David, Amaziah, and Uzziah invaded Edom successfully and gained control of the oriental trade which flowed through the ports of Elath and Ezion-geber. The land of Edom will also suffer during the Tribulation.



10. Arabia - Isa 21:13-17

Isa 21:13 An oracle concerning Arabia: You caravans of Dedanites, who camp in the thickets of Arabia,

Isa 21:14 bring water for the thirsty; you who live in Tema, bring food for the fugitives.

Isa 21:15 They flee from the sword, from the drawn sword, from the bent bow and from the heat of battle.

Isa 21:16 This is what the Lord says to me: "Within one year, as a servant bound by contract would count it, all the pomp of Kedar will come to an end.

Isa 21:17 The survivors of the bowmen, the warriors of Kedar, will be few." The LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken.

10.1 Allied with the Philistines, these northern Arabs had plundered Jerusalem in the reign of Jehoram (c. 845 B.C.). They were later defeated by Uzziah. But here they are warned of the crushing blows to be administered to them by the Assyrians (such as Sennacherib) and the Chaldeans (such as Nabonidus, who made Tema his second capital).

12.10 Tyre - Isa 23:1-18

Isa 23:1 An oracle concerning Tyre: Wail, O ships of Tarshish! For Tyre is destroyed and left without house or harbor. From the land of Cyprus word has come to them.

Isa 23:2 Be silent, you people of the island and you merchants of Sidon, whom the seafarers have enriched.

Isa 23:3 On the great waters came the grain of the Shihor; the harvest of the Nile was the revenue of Tyre, and she became the marketplace of the nations.

Isa 23:4 Be ashamed, O Sidon, and you, O fortress of the sea, for the sea has spoken: "I have neither been in labor nor given birth; I have neither reared sons nor brought up daughters."

Isa 23:5 When word comes to Egypt, they will be in anguish at the report from Tyre.

Isa 23:6 Cross over to Tarshish; wail, you people of the island.

Isa 23:7 Is this your city of revelry, the old, old city, whose feet have taken her to settle in far-off lands?

Isa 23:8 Who planned this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traders are renowned in the earth?

Isa 23:9 The LORD Almighty planned it, to bring low the pride of all glory and to humble all who are renowned on the earth.

Isa 23:10 Till your land as along the Nile, O Daughter of Tarshish, for you no longer have a harbor.

Isa 23:11 The LORD has stretched out his hand over the sea and made its kingdoms tremble. He has given an order concerning Phoenicia that her fortresses be destroyed.

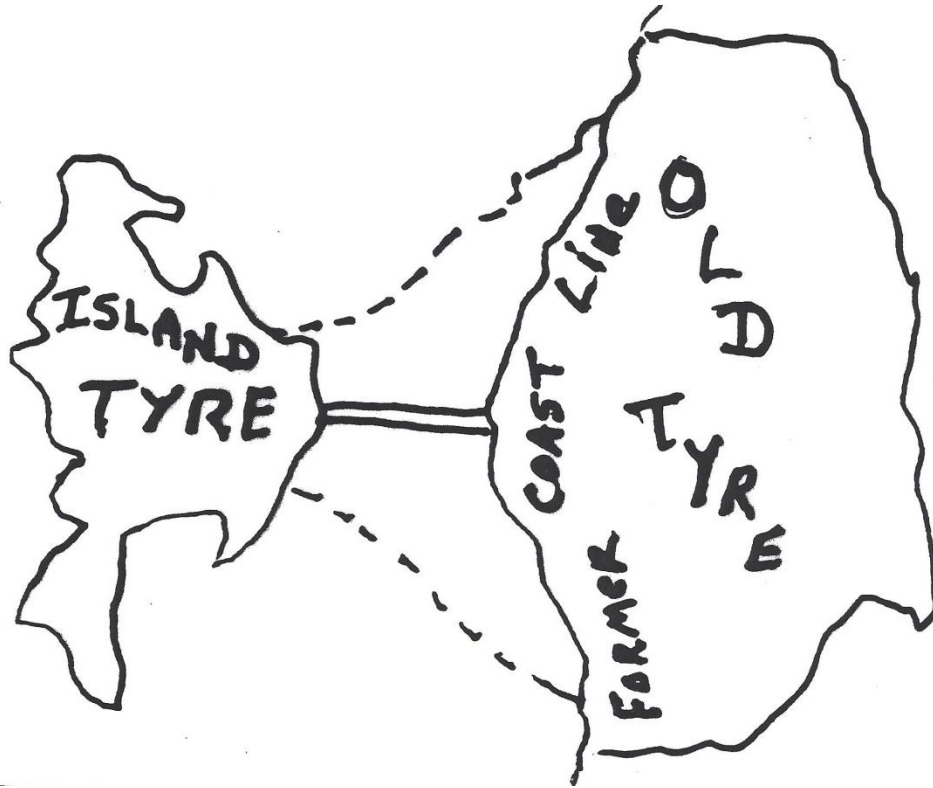
Isa 23:12 He said, "No more of your reveling, O Virgin Daughter of Sidon, now crushed! "Up, cross » over to Cyprus; even there you will find no rest."

Isa 23:13 Look at the land of the Babylonians, this people that is now of no account! The Assyrians have made it a place for desert creatures; they raised up their siege towers, they stripped its fortresses bare and turned it into a ruin.

Isa 23:14 Wail, you ships of Tarshish; your fortress is destroyed!

12.10.1 One of the more formidable conquests of Alexander The Great was his defeat of Tyre; the King of Tyre very foolishly refused to surrender and as a result the island city was thrown into the sea.

12.10.2 A map of Phoenicia and a map of the island city of Tyre will give us a better understanding of Tyre's fall to the forces of Alexander the Great.



13. Satan and his fall.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

Isa 14:20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

14. God's judgment and the destruction of the planet- Isa 24:1-23

Isa 24:1 See, the LORD is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; he will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants--

Isa 24:2 it will be the same for priest as for people, for master as for servant, for mistress as for maid, for seller as for buyer, for borrower as for lender, for debtor as for creditor.

Isa 24:3 The earth will be completely laid waste and totally plundered. The LORD has spoken this word.

Isa 24:4 The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted of the earth languish.

Isa 24:5 The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant.

Isa 24:6 Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt.

Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left ...

Isa 24:19 The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is thoroughly shaken.

Isa 24:20 The earth reels like a drunkard, it sways like a hut in the wind; so heavy upon it is the guilt of its rebellion that it falls--never to rise again.

Isa 24:21 In that day the LORD will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below.

Isa 24:22 They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days.

Isa 24:23 The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the LORD Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders, gloriously.

15. Kingdom blessings for God's people Israel.

Isa 35:1 The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,

Isa 35:2 it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.

Isa 35:3 Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;

Isa 35:4 say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

Isa 35:5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Isa 35:6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Isa 35:7 The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

Isa 35:8 And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it.

Isa 35:9 No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there,

Isa 35:10 and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

16. Isaiah describes the invasion and defeat of Assyria.

Isa 36:1 In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

Isa 36:2 Then the king of Assyria sent his field commander with a large army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. When the commander stopped at the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Washerman's Field,

Isa 36:3 Eliakim son of Hilkiah the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph the recorder went out to him.

Isa 36:4 The field commander said to them, "Tell Hezekiah, "'This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says: On what are you basing this confidence of yours?

Isa 36:5 You say you have strategy and military strength-- but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me?

Isa 36:6 Look now, you are depending on Egypt, that splintered reed of a staff, which pierces a man's hand and wounds him if he leans on it! Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who depend on him.

Isa 36:7 And if you say to me, "We are depending on the LORD our God"--isn't he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, "You must worship before this altar"?

Isa 36:8 "'Come now, make a bargain with my master, the king of Assyria: I will give you two thousand horses-- if you can put riders on them!

Isa 37:5 When King Hezekiah's officials came to Isaiah,

Isa 37:6 Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard-- those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

Isa 37:7 Listen! I am going to put a spirit in him so that when he hears a certain report, he will return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword."

2Ki 19:35 That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning-- there were all the dead bodies!

2Ki 19:36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.

17. Hezekiah's illness and Isaiah's role in the healing

Isa 38:1 In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover."

Isa 38:2 Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,

Isa 38:3 "Remember, O LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

Isa 38:4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah:

Isa 38:5 "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life.

Isa 38:6 And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city.

Isa 38:7 "This is the LORD'S sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised:

Isa 38:8 I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz." So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down.

Isa 38:9 A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery:

Isa 38:10 I said, "In the prime of my life must I go through the gates of death and be robbed of the rest of my years?"

Isa 38:11 I said, "I will not again see the LORD, the LORD, in the land of the living; no longer will I look on mankind, or be with those who now dwell in this world.

Isa 38:12 Like a shepherd's tent my house has been pulled down and taken from me. Like a weaver I have rolled up my life, and he has cut me off from the loom; day and night you made an end of me.

Isa 38:13 I waited patiently till dawn, but like a lion he broke all my bones; day and night you made an end of me.

Isa 38:14 I cried like a swift or thrush, I moaned like a mourning dove. My eyes grew weak as I looked to the heavens. I am troubled; O Lord, come to my aid!"

Isa 38:15 But what can I say? He has spoken to me, and he himself has done this. I will walk humbly all my years because of this anguish of my soul.

Isa 38:16 Lord, by such things men live; and my spirit finds life in them too. You restored me to health and let me live.

Isa 38:17 Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.

Isa 38:18 For the grave cannot praise you, death cannot sing your praise; those who go down to the pit cannot hope for your faithfulness.

Isa 38:19 The living, the living-- they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.

Isa 38:20 The LORD will save me, and we will sing with stringed instruments all the days of our lives in the temple of the LORD.

Isa 38:21 Isaiah had EARLIER said, "Prepare a poultice of figs and apply it to the boil, and he will recover."

Isa 38:22 Hezekiah had asked, "What will be the sign that I will go up to the temple of the LORD?"

18. Isaiah chides Hezekiah for letting envoys from Babylon visit Jerusalem

Isa 39:1 At that time ... the king of Babylon sent Hezekiah letters and a gift, because he had heard of his illness and recovery.

Isa 39:2 Hezekiah received the envoys gladly and showed them what was in his storehouses-- the silver, the gold, the spices, the fine oil, his entire armory and everything found among his treasures. There was nothing in his palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.

Isa 39:3 Then Isaiah the prophet went to King Hezekiah and asked, "What did those men say, and where did they come from?" "From a distant land," Hezekiah replied. "They came to me from Babylon."

Isa 39:4 The prophet asked, "What did they see in your palace?" "They saw everything in my palace," Hezekiah said. "There is nothing among my treasures that I did not show them."

Isa 39:5 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD Almighty:

Isa 39:6 The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your fathers have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD.

Isa 39:7 And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

Isa 39:8 "The word of the LORD you have spoken is good," Hezekiah replied. For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my lifetime."

19. God's power and deliverance of Christ compared with man, nature and the demons - Isa 41:1-29

Isa 42:1 "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations.

Isa 42:2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.

Isa 42:3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

Isa 42:4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."

Isa 42:5 This is what God the LORD says-- he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

Isa 42:6 "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,

Isa 42:7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isa 42:8 "I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.

Isa 42:9 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Isa 42:10 Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you islands, and all who live in them.

Isa 42:11 Let the desert and its towns _ raise their voices; let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice. Let the people of Selah sing for joy; let them shout from the mountaintops.

Isa 42:12 Let them give glory to the LORD and proclaim his praise in the islands.

Isa 42:13 The LORD will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.

End Lesson