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Lesson 109

1. Last week I continued teaching an overview of the Book of Isaiah.
2. I want to review some of that learned.
3. It is believed that Isaiah ministered by word and pen for 60 years or more, from c. 740 to 680 B.C. His call to the prophetic ministry of warning and rebuke came in the year of King Uzziah's death. (c. 739 B.C.)
 - 3.1 Whether he had preached before that event is not certain. He states in the opening verse that he received revelations from God during the reigns of Uzziah (c. 767-740), Jotham (c. 740-732), Ahaz (732-716), and Hezekiah (716-687).
 - 3.2 Isaiah must have lived longer to be able to record the death of Sennacherib in c. 681 and to know the name of the succeeding Assyrian monarch, Esarhaddo. Thus Isaiah lived on into the reign of Manasseh (c. 687-642). Isa 37:38.
4. Isaiah is by general consent the greatest of all Hebrew writers. His words indicate that he was a man of refinement and culture, a truly poetic soul, a lover and a profound observer of creation and of human nature.
5. He was a statesman who looked upon the world as the scene of God's working with fiery indignation because of its wickedness, and yet ever with a note of hope and comfort for the repentant and God-fearing remnant.
6. So fully does he describe the person and offices of the coming Messiah, that from the time of Jerome he has been known as the "evangelist" of the Old Testament.
7. His reputation greatly increased after the fulfillment of many of his prophecies by the Babylonian exile, the victories of Cyrus, and the deliverance of a remnant from captivity.
8. Now let's take a look at the Book of Isaiah with emphasis on its many prophecies, many of which were fulfilled by Christ.

The Book of Isaiah

1. The book is regarded as the greatest of the prophetic books.
2. Judah and Israel were sinful nations. Although they were God's people, they were apostate and richly deserved chastisement. Isa 1:2-6

3. During Isaiah's lifetime several powerful enemies at one time or another were bent on Judah's destruction. They were: the northern kingdom of Israel, Syria, Assyria, Moab, and Edom.

4. The Book of Isaiah gives only scant information about Isaiah's literary activity.

5. Isaiah is known to have been a court historian and personal prophet for Kings Uzziah and Hezekiah (2Ch 26:22; 32:32). During most of his tenure he was Israel's national prophet.

6. The unity of the Book of Isaiah has been upheld by solid scholarship and numerous New Testament 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.

7. The book does have two important themes. The first thirty-nine chapters deal generally with God's judgment on sin, and chapters 40-66 emphasize God's comfort and restoration.

8. 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."

9. The future Messianic kingdom- Isa 2:2-5

10. Judah's humbling in the day of the Lord- Isa 2:11

11. The coming judgment of Judah and Jerusalem- Isa 3:1-4:1

12. The glory of the Kingdom- Isa 4:2-6

13. Israel as God's vineyard-Isa 5:1-9

14. Isaiah's commission-Isa 6:6-12

15. Summary of the Messianic prophecies

15.1 The Reign of Christ in the Kingdom

Isa 2:3 Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isa 2:4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

Isa 2:5 Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

15.2 The virgin birth

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

15.3 The joyful reign of Christ

Isa 9:2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Isa 9:3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

Isa 9:4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Isa 9:5 Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

Isa 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

15.4 The rule of Christ over the World

Isa 13:11 I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless.

Isa 14:5 The LORD has broken the rod of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers,

Isa 14:6 which in anger struck down peoples with unceasing blows, and in fury subdued nations with relentless aggression.

Isa 14:7 All the lands are at rest and at peace; they break into singing.

Isa 14:8 Even the pine trees and the cedars of Lebanon exult over you and say, "Now that you have been laid low, no woodsman comes to cut us down."

Isa 14:9 The grave below is all astir to meet you at your coming; it rouses the spirits of the departed to greet you-- all those who were leaders in the world; it makes them rise from their thrones-- all those who were kings over the nations.

15.5 Christ as a descendant of Jesse and David

Isa 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit ...

Isa 11:10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Isa 16:5 In love a throne will be established; in faithfulness a man will sit on it-- one from the house of David-- one who in judging seeks justice and speeds the cause of righteousness.

15.6 Christ to be filled with the Spirit

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--

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.

15.7 Christ to judge with righteousness and justice

Isa 11:3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

Isa 11:4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Isa 11:5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

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."

15.8 Christ to make possible the unconditional covenants

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 49:8 This is what the LORD says: "In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances,

Isa 49:9 to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!' "They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill.

Isa 49:10 They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.

Isa 49:11 I will turn all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up.

15.9 Christ to be a Light to the Gentiles and to be worshipped by them

Isa 49:6 he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

Isa 49:7 This is what the LORD says-- the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel-- to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Isa 52:15 so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

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