

STRUCTURE OF ISAIAH 1-39

Ch. 1-5

Judgment on ALL who do not repent;
Deliverance for ALL who do repent

Ch. 6-12

Catalyst: Maher-shalal-hash-baz,
but Shear-jashub,
because IMMANUEL!

Ch. 13-39

Historical deliverance and a picture
of the greater deliverance to come

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries: “In the wilderness
prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

“And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Isaiah 40:6-8

A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty
is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God
will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:9

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah:

“Behold your God!”

Isaiah 40:10-11

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40:12

Who has measured the waters
in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

Isaiah 40:13-14

Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD,
or what man shows him his counsel?

Whom did he consult,
and who made him understand?

Who taught him the path of justice,
and taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as the dust on the scales;
behold, he takes up the coastlands
like fine dust.

Isaiah 40:21-23

Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood
from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth
as emptiness.

Isaiah 40:28-29

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might
he increases strength.

Isaiah 40:30-31

Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the LORD
shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 50:4

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear to hear
as those who are taught.

Isaiah 50:5-6

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

John 1:14, 18

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth...

No one has ever seen God;
the only begotten Son, who is at the Father's side,
he has made him known.

Matthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called them to him and said,
“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles
lord it over them, and their great ones
exercise authority over them.

It shall not be so among you.

But whoever would be great among you
must be your servant, and whoever would be first
among you must be your slave,
even as the Son of Man came not to be served,
but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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Isaiah 50:7

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Luke 9:51

When the days drew near for him to be taken up,
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Isaiah 50:8-9

He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.

Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Isaiah 50:10-11

Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.

Behold, all you who kindle a fire,
who equip yourselves with burning torches!
Walk by the light of your fire,
and by the torches that you have kindled!
This you have from my hand:
you shall lie down in torment...

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Repent and believe the good news,
for the kingdom of God is at hand!

Isaiah 1:16-17

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil, learn to do good;
seek justice, correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause.

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

John 16:33

“I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have tribulation.
But take heart;
I have overcome the world.”

Isaiah 52:7-8

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace,
who brings good news of happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

The voice of your watchmen –
they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Isaiah 52:9-10

Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God...

Isaiah 52:13

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

Isaiah 52:14-15

As many were astonished at you –
his appearance was so marred,
beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that
of the children of mankind –
so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard
they understand.