

Isaiah | The Preparation Before the Journey

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Luke 4:16-21 & Isaiah 61:1-2a

Why the Book of Isaiah

Passages we're familiar with:

- *Isaiah 6:1-2* -
- *Isaiah 9:6* -
- *Isaiah 53:3-9* -
- *Isaiah 65:17-19* -

THE PURPOSE FOR THIS JOURNEY

Grow in knowing our Heavenly Father

Grasp the hope of our Savior who will restore all things

Facts About the Book

1. 66 Chapters

2. Chapters 1-39 - The Retribution (Justice) of God

- Israel was divided into two Kingdoms
- God warned His people through His prophets because of spiritual rebellion

3. Chapters 40-66 - The Restoration Plan of God

- The Suffering Servant of the Lord
- Brilliant poetic passages that demonstrate remarkable depth and power (Chapters 40, 53, 55, & 60)
- Visions of the Millennial Kingdom of Christ

4. Genre - Prophetic Literature of the Bible

- Unique revelation from God's perspective
- Near View - Far View

Example of Near View - Far View - Luke 4:16-21

Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1-2a

Jesus claimed to be the Messiah

Jesus fulfilled the first part of that prophecy

Isaiah 61:1-2a - prophecy of Christ's First Coming

Isaiah 61:2b – prophecy of God's vengeance at Christ's Second Coming toward the end of the Great Tribulation

Prophecy is not to bring about confusion or division, but it is to increase our faith in God and His Word as His Spirit gives us hope.

How do we hold on to hope while we study the Book of Isaiah?

Isaiah 55:6-11

What Does the Lord Desire for Us? (Isaiah 66:1-2)

Three intentions before we embark

1. Respect God's awesomeness with an attitude of humility.
2. Remain desperately dependent on God

Psalm 51:17

Broken in spirit – acknowledging our need for God's help in understanding and living in right relationship with Him.

3. Revere God's Word