

# Isaiah

## Desolation and Deliverance (Ch 1 to 12)

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Isaiah 8

Read this week: Isaiah 9:1-7

Last week - bad alliances never end up with good outcomes.



### 1. Trust God when severe consequences come (vv 1-4)

Decisions based out of fear come from distrust in God

Maher-shalal-hash-baz - Speeding to the plunder, hurrying to the spoil

### 2. Trust God by closely listening to His Word even when majority doesn't (vv 5-11)

God gives two prophetic messages to Isaiah

- God remained with them despite the coming Assyrian invasion

Choosing the world brings an unwanted price tag

**1 John 2:3-6, 15-17**

*“Worldliness makes the ‘now’ more important than eternity.”  
-Dr. Tony Evans*

- God steering people in the right way

### **3. Trust God by carefully avoiding the snares of society (vv 12-16)**

Three Imperatives

- Live guided by the Word of the Lord (v 12a)
- Resist popular thinking fabricated around conspiracies
- Resolve that God is our holy sanctuary

### **4. Trust God by going to His instruction and testimony (vv 17-22)**