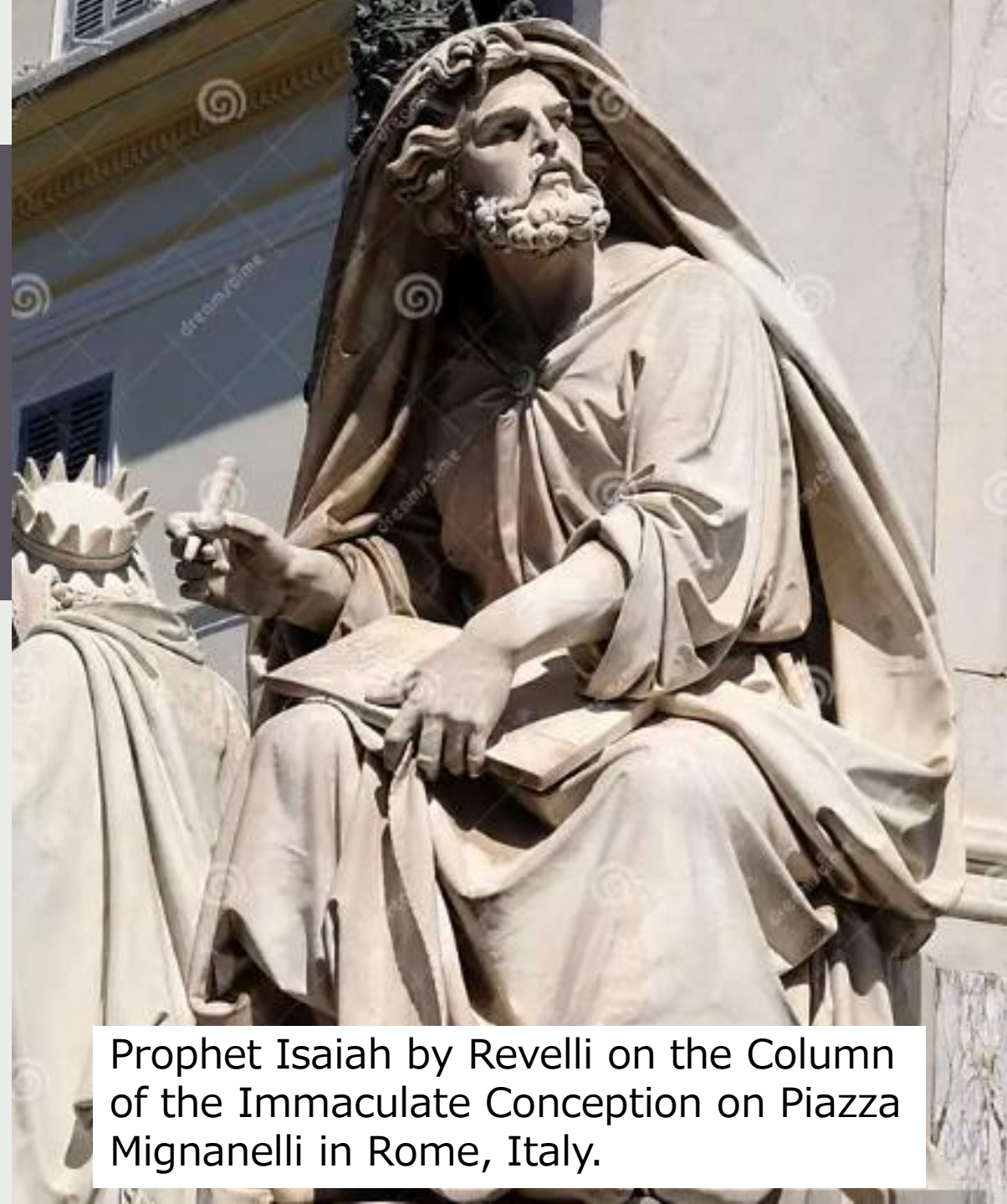


ISAIAH

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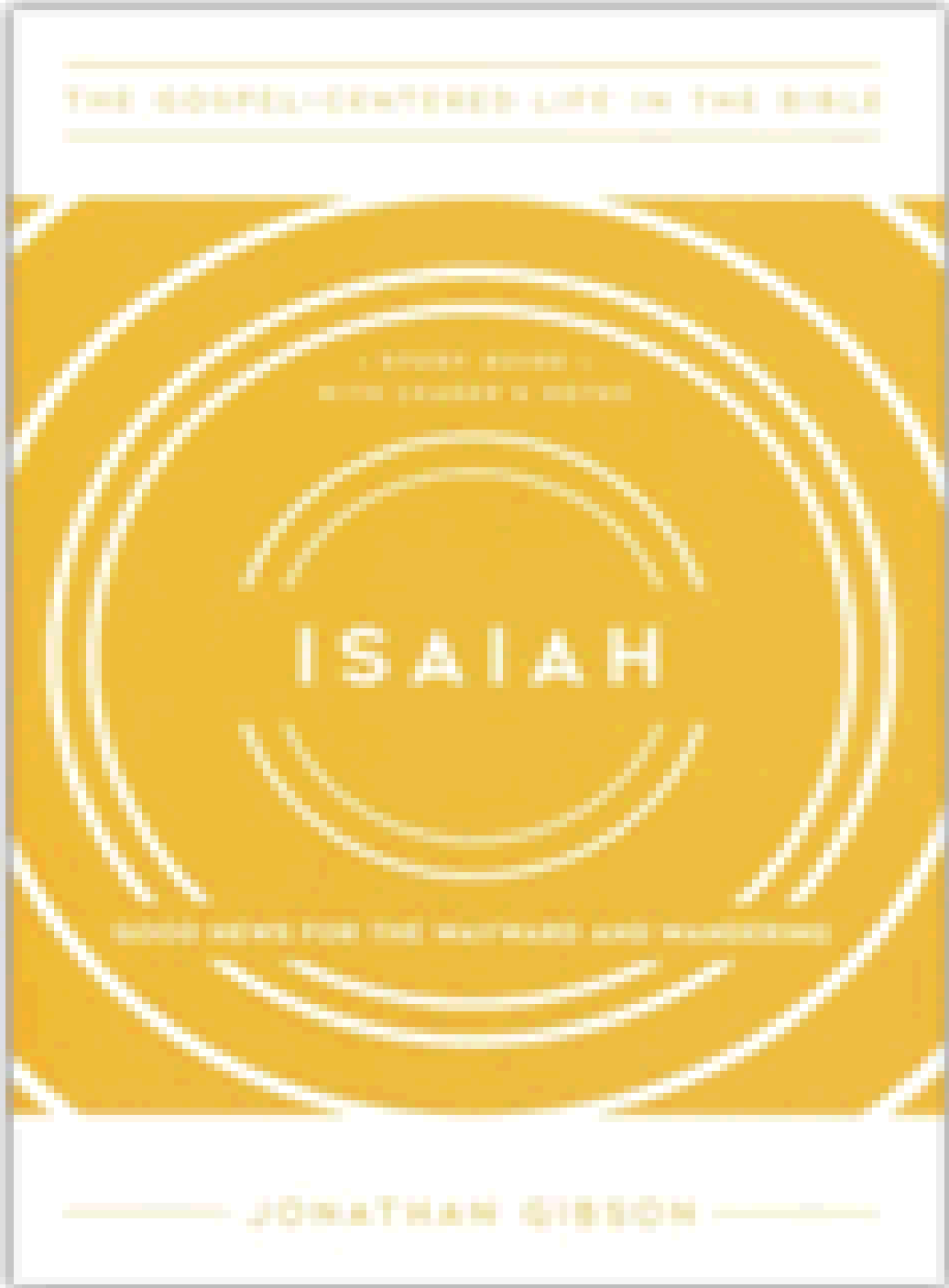


Prophet Isaiah by Revelli on the Column of the Immaculate Conception on Piazza Mignanelli in Rome, Italy.

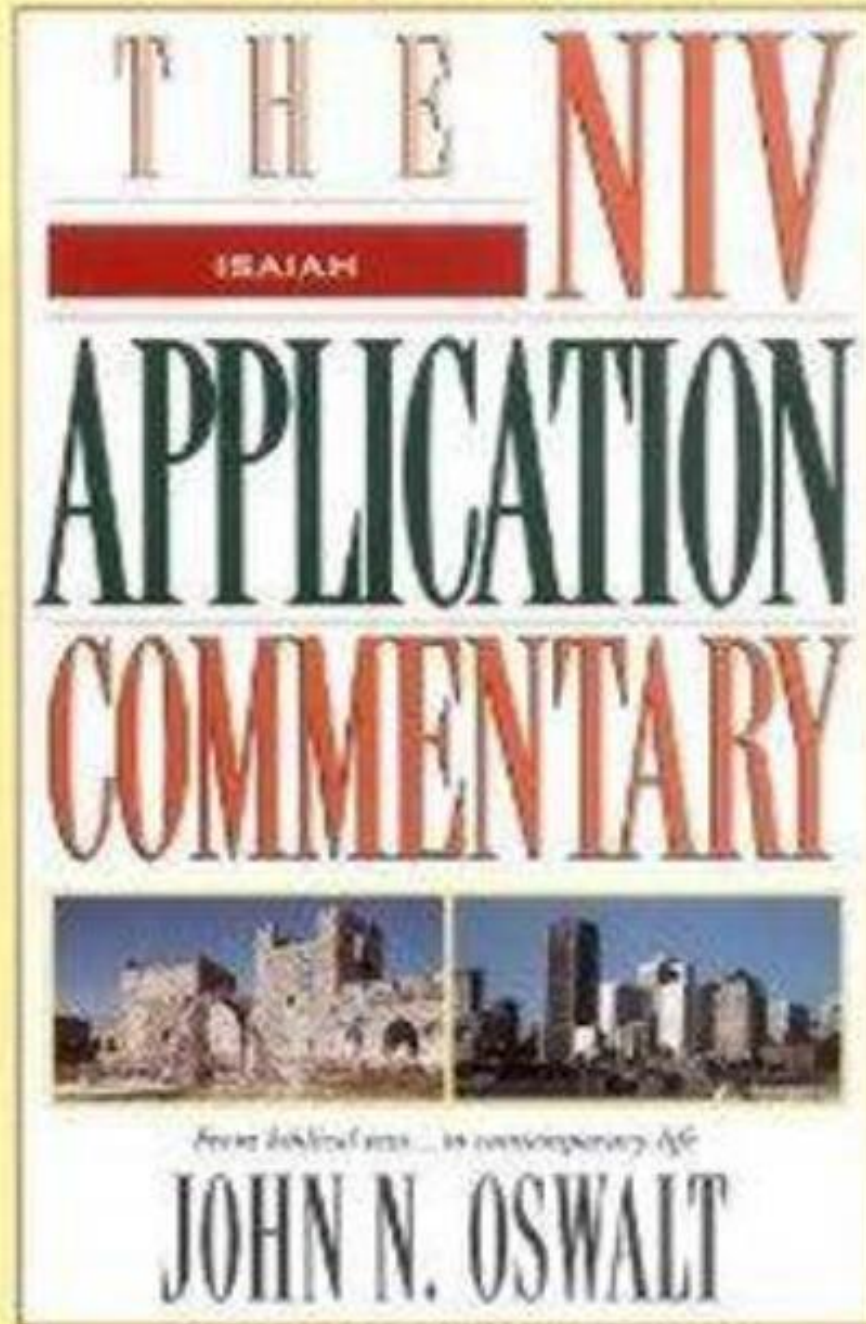


Prayer Requests

Stained Glass window of the prophet Isaiah
in the Cathedral of Brussels, Belgium.



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THE PROPHECY OF
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Isaiah's World

Northern Kingdom (in pink)

**Israel, sometimes called
Ephraim**

**Steeped in idol worship past
200 years**

Fell to Assyria in 722BC



Isaiah's World

Southern Kingdom (in green)

**Called Judah, sometimes
Jerusalem**

**Primary audience of Isaiah's
message**

**More faithful to God than NK,
but had periods of sin & idolatry**





The beginning of Isaiah is like the whole book in miniature. On its surface, the book is a tale of one city, Jerusalem. The first half is about Jerusalem in her rebellious stage, and the second-half is about Jerusalem in her redeemed stage.

Chapter 1 includes:

Gospel truth #1: The problem of our sin (v4)

Gospel truth #2: The futility of our religious show (v15)

Gospel truth #3: The call to repent (v16)

Gospel truth #4: The choice of forgiveness or punishment (v18-20)

Gospel truth #5: The promise of salvation through judgment (v25-26)

Across the years Isaiah has come to be known as the Prince of the prophets. A part of the reason for this title is the possibility that the prophet was a member of the royal family. While there is no indisputable evidence of this, the easy access to the King's that he seemed to enjoy may point in this direction.

But the real basis of the claim is the nature of the book known by Isaiah 's name. There is a majesty in the book that sets it off from almost any other in the Bible. It contains an unparalleled sweep of theology, all the way from creation to the new heavens and the new earth and from utter destruction to glorious redemption.

The Isaianic literature is built around three messianic portraits: the king (c 1-37), the servant (c 38-55), and the anointed conqueror (c 56-66).

In each portrait the Messiah is revealed as endowed with Spirit and word.

The concept of “righteousness” recurs throughout.

Each of the Messianic representations embraces equally Israel and the Gentile world.



Isaiah Chapter 1



¹The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah.

Judah on Trial

**²Listen, heavens, and pay attention, earth, for the Lord has spoken:
“I have raised children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me..**

Mosaic of the Prophet Isaiah in the facade of Basilica of Saint Paul outside the walls. Rome, Italy



³The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's feeding trough, but Israel does not know; my people do not understand."

⁴Oh sinful nation, people weighed down with iniquity, brood of evildoers, depraved children! They have abandoned the Lord; they have despised the Holy One of Israel; they have turned their backs on him.



**⁵Why do you want more beatings?
Why do you keep on rebelling?
The whole head is hurt, and the
whole heart is sick.**

**⁶From the sole of the foot even to the
head, no spot is uninjured—
wounds, welts, and festering sores
not cleansed, bandaged, or soothed
with oil.**



⁷Your land is desolate, your cities burned down; foreigners devour your fields right in front of you—a desolation, like a place demolished by foreigners.

⁸Daughter Zion is abandoned like a shelter in a vineyard, like a shack in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

⁹If the LORD of Armies had not left us a few survivors, we would be like Sodom, we would resemble Gomorrah.



¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹“What are all your sacrifices to me?” asks the LORD. “I have had enough of burnt offerings and rams and the fat of well-fed cattle; I have no desire for the blood of bulls, lambs, or male goats.



¹²When you come to appear before me, who requires this from you—this trampling of my courts?

¹³Stop bringing useless offerings. Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons and Sabbaths, and the calling of solemn assemblies—I cannot stand iniquity with a festival.

¹⁴I hate your New Moons and prescribed festivals. They have become a burden to me; I am tired of putting up with them.



15When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will refuse to look at you; even if you offer countless prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood.

Purification of Jerusalem

16“Wash yourselves. Cleanse yourselves. Remove your evil deeds from my sight. Stop doing evil.



17 Learn to do what is good.
Pursue justice.
Correct the oppressor.
Defend the rights of the fatherless.
Plead the widow's cause.

18 "Come, let's settle this," says the Lord.
"Though your sins are scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are crimson red, they will be like wool.



19If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land.

20But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

21The faithful town—what an adulteress she has become! She was once full of justice. Righteousness once dwelt in her, but now, murderers!



2²Your silver has become dross to be discarded, your beer is diluted with water.

2³Your rulers are rebels, friends of thieves. They all love graft and chase after bribes. They do not defend the rights of the fatherless, and the widow's case never comes before them.



24Therefore the Lord God of Armies, the Mighty One of Israel, declares: "Ah, I will get even with my foes; I will take revenge against my enemies.

25I will turn my hand against you and will burn away your dross completely; I will remove all your impurities.



26 I will restore your judges to what they were at first, and your advisers to what they were at the start. Afterward you will be called the Righteous City, a Faithful Town.”

27 Zion will be redeemed by justice, those who repent, by righteousness.

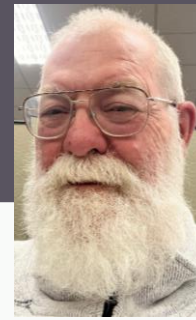
28 At the same time both rebels and sinners will be broken, and those who abandon the Lord will perish.



29Indeed, they will be ashamed of the sacred trees you desired, and you will be embarrassed because of the garden shrines you have chosen.

30For you will become like an oak whose leaves are withered, and like a garden without water.

31The strong one will become tinder, and his work a spark; both will burn together, with no one to extinguish the flames.



Even with the old testament, it is valuable to check and see if God is trying to teach us something presently.



Six Thoughts, Comments and Questions by Dan

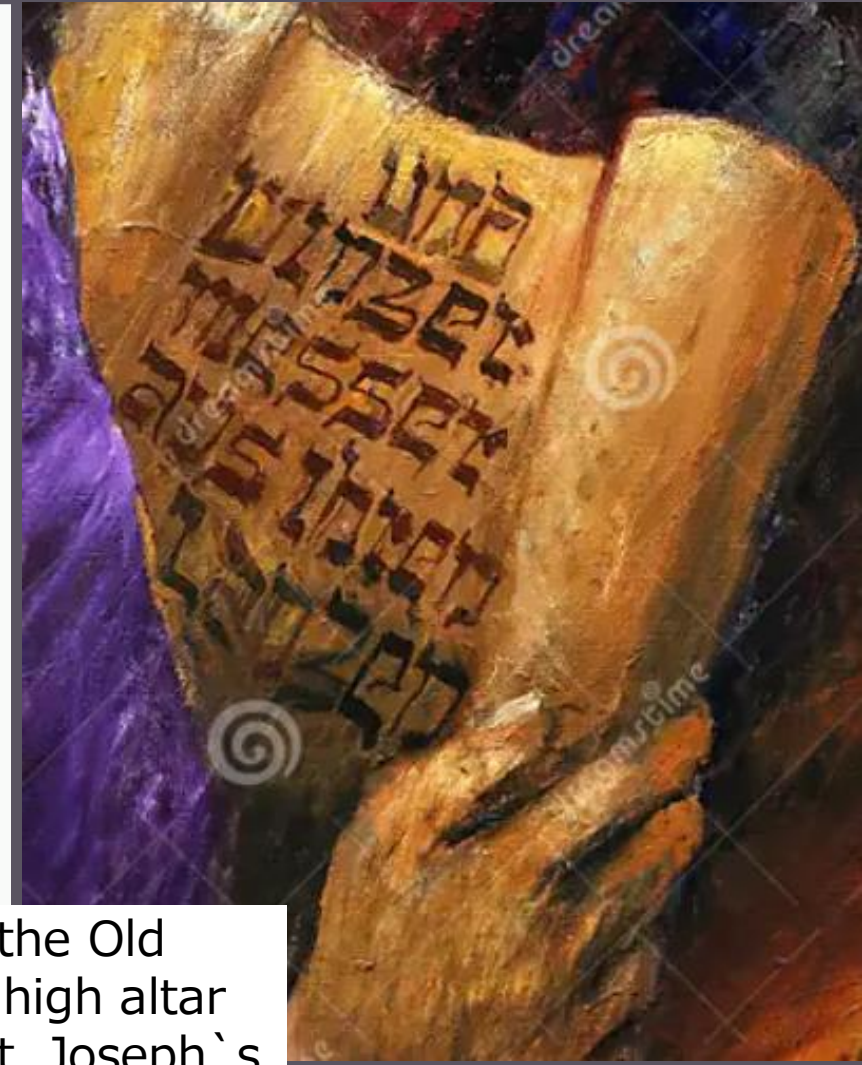


Vision from God (v1)

What was Isaiah's vision about?

Do you get visions from God?

Dan's personal experience



The prophet Isaiah, the Old Testament, detail of high altar by Sieger Koder in St. Joseph's Church in Bad Urach, Germany

Listen, heavens, and pay attention, earth, for the Lord has spoken: (V2)

How do we listen to God?

How do we pay attention to God?

Could we do a better job of both?



Stop bringing useless offerings. (V13a)

What does this mean?

What would God rather we do?

Does this reflect an attitude problem?



Wash yourselves. Cleanse yourselves. Remove your evil deeds from my sight. Stop doing evil. (V16)

What does this mean for us today?

How do we do it?

What is God calling evil?



**Learn to do what is good.
Pursue justice. Correct the
oppressor. Defend the rights of
the fatherless. Plead the
widow's cause. (V17)**

What does this mean for us today?

Is there anyone in the church that this verse
would specifically apply?

How do we find out about these folks?



Verse 18 is the source of an amazing Christian song written by Ken Medema.



Come, Let Us Reason Together

by Ken Medema



Isaiah 1

Have a blessed week