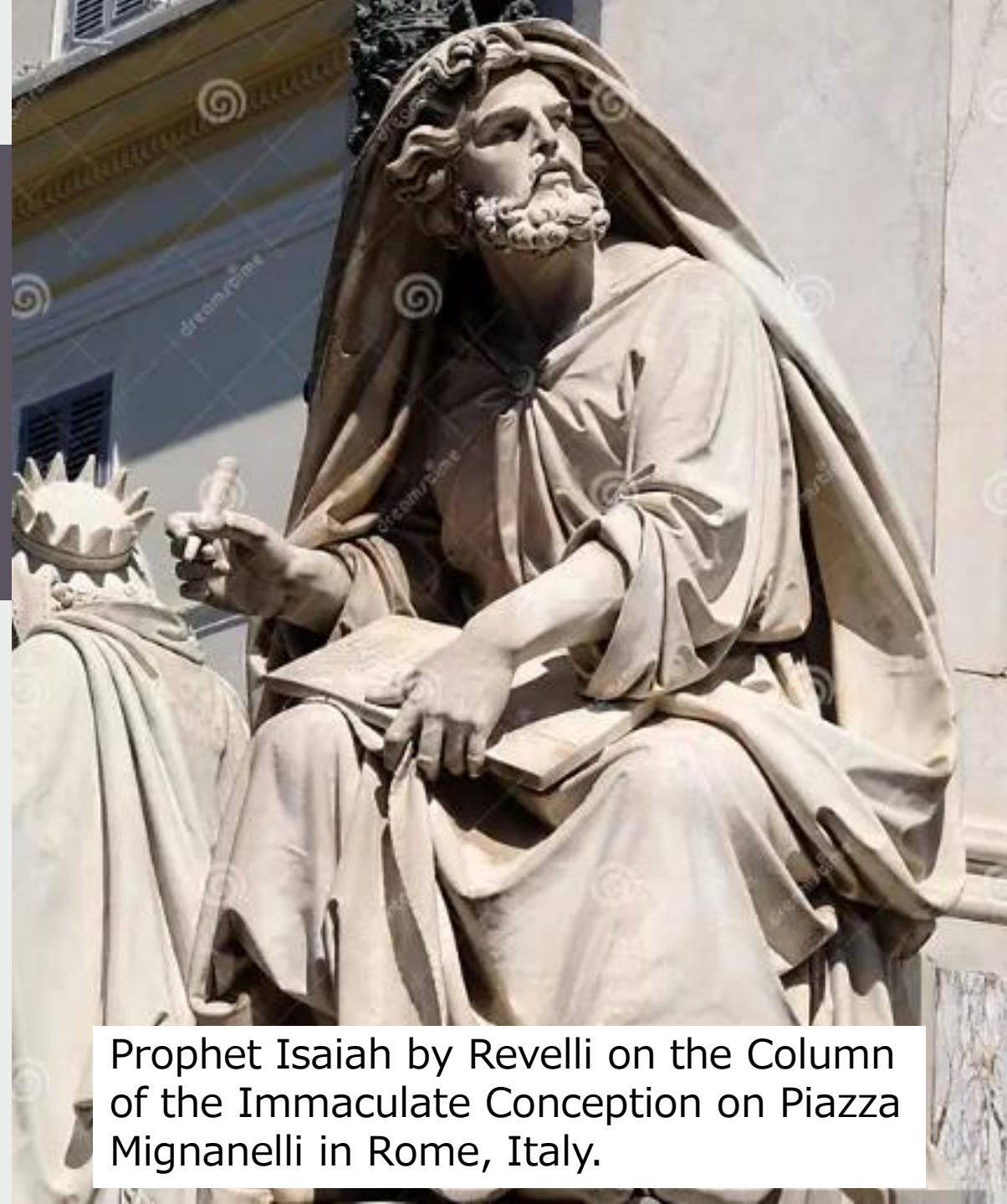


ISAIAH

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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.



**In response
to a question
from last
week . . .**

THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Around 1200-1050 B.C.
(according to the Book of Joshua)



The 12 tribes are the descendants of 12 brothers in the book of Genesis: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin.

Their father is a man named Jacob. God later changes Jacob's name to Israel (kind of like how God changes Abram's name to Abraham).

The 12 tribes of Israel come from the 12 sons of Israel.

Twelve Tribes of Israel

The kingdom splits: Judah, Levi, and Benjamin stay loyal to David's dynasty. The rest of the tribes make a new king in the North: Jeroboam.

Northern kingdom

- New capital: Samaria
- Keeps the name Israel, but also goes by Ephraim (Ho 4:15–17)
- New religion: Jeroboam sets up idolatrous, non-Levite priesthood (1 Ki 12:26–33)

Southern kingdom

- Same capital: Jerusalem
- Now simply called Judah
- Same temple and priests: the Levites migrate to Jerusalem when Jeroboam sets up a new religion (2 Ch 11:13)



Isaiah Chapter 2



The City of Peace

The vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

²In the last days the mountain of the Lord's house will be established at the top of the mountains and will be raised above the hills. All nations will stream to it,

³and many peoples will come and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of the Lord,

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



He will teach us about his ways so that we may walk in his paths.” For instruction will go out of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He will settle disputes among the nations and provide arbitration for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives. Nation will not take up the sword against nation, and they will never again train for war.



The Day of the Lord

⁵House of Jacob, come and let's walk in the Lord's light.

⁶For you have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob, because they are full of divination from the East and of fortune-tellers like the Philistines. They are in league with foreigners.

⁷Their land is full of silver and gold, and there is no limit to their treasures; their land is full of horses, and there is no limit to their chariots.



⁸Their land is full of worthless idols; they worship the work of their hands, what their fingers have made.

⁹So humanity is brought low, and each person is humbled. Do not forgive them!

¹⁰Go into the rocks and hide in the dust from the terror of the Lord and from his majestic splendor.

¹¹The pride of mankind will be humbled, and human loftiness will be brought low; the Lord alone will be exalted on that day.



**¹²For a day belonging to the Lord of Armies is coming against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up—it will be humbled—
¹³against all the cedars of Lebanon, lofty and lifted up, against all the oaks of Bashan,
¹⁴against all the high mountains, against all the lofty hills,
¹⁵against every high tower, against every fortified wall,
¹⁶against every ship of Tarshish, and against every splendid sea vessel.**



17The pride of mankind will be brought low, and human loftiness will be humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted on that day.

18The worthless idols will vanish completely.

19People will go into caves in the rocks and holes in the ground, away from the terror of the Lord and from his majestic splendor, when he rises to terrify the earth.

20On that day people will throw their worthless idols of silver and gold, which they made to worship, to the moles and the bats.

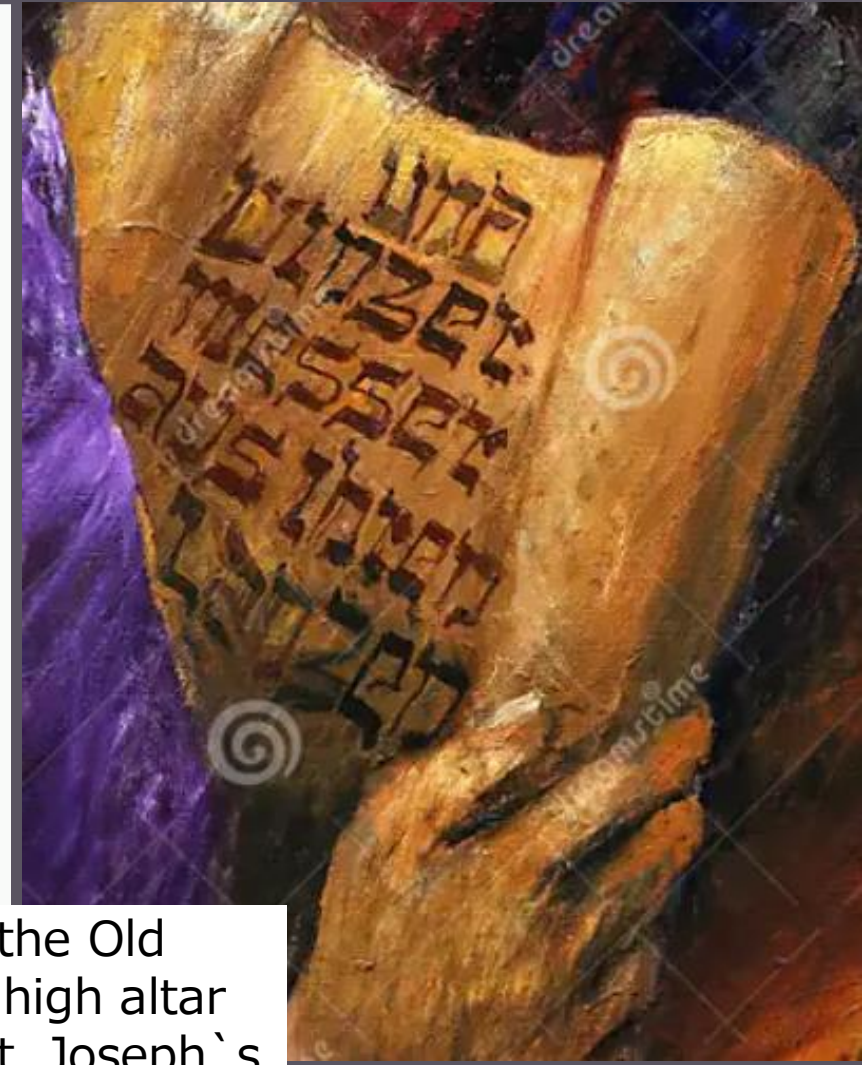


2¹They will go into the caves of the rocks and the crevices in the cliffs, away from the terror of the Lord and from his majestic splendor, when he rises to terrify the earth.

2²Put no more trust in a mere human, who has only the breath in his nostrils. What is he really worth?

The City of Peace

(vs 1-5)



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



The vision that
Isaiah son of
Amoz saw
concerning
Judah and
Jerusalem:



Mountains were wildly held to be the homes of the gods. The exultation of “the mountain of the Lord's temple” and then “house”, mountain where he lives, typifies therefore a supernatural triumph of the Lord over all gods. The construction of “will be established” stresses fact and continuance. For all nations the incongruity of a stream flowing upwards to the earth's highest point is intentional; a supernatural magnetism is at work.



The City of Peace

The mountain in chapter 2 so surpasses other mountains that it obviously is no longer the earthly Jerusalem but that city's fulfillment- the heavenly Jerusalem where Jesus is king.

As the word about Jesus goes out to the nations (v3), people hear the good news and repent and are magnetically drawn into this Kingdom. The ultimate result is universal peace, seen in a beautiful picture of swords and spears turned into plowshares and pruning hooks. The instruments that execute a war become instruments that reap a harvest

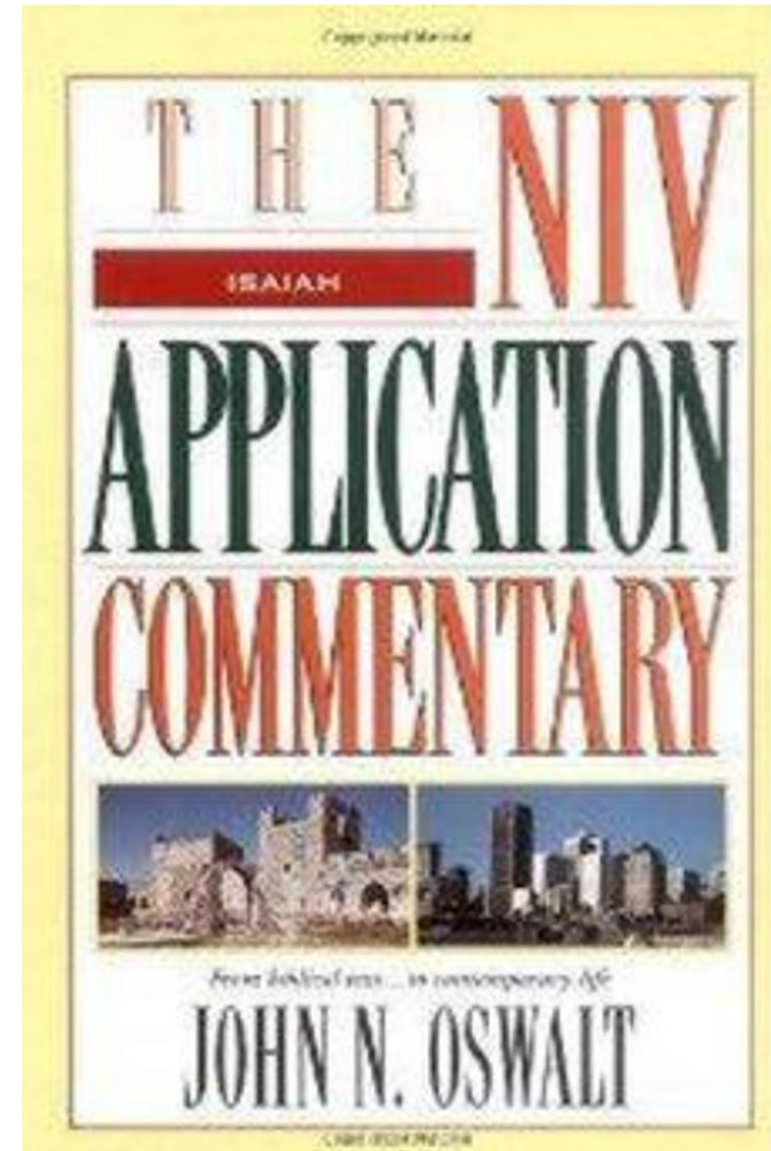


So let us live now with the end in mind. Let us repent of our sin that has made us sick. Let us accept the offer of forgiveness. Let us do good and seek justice

(We want to be a) part of the gospel story of God saving his people, through judgment, for the transformation of the world

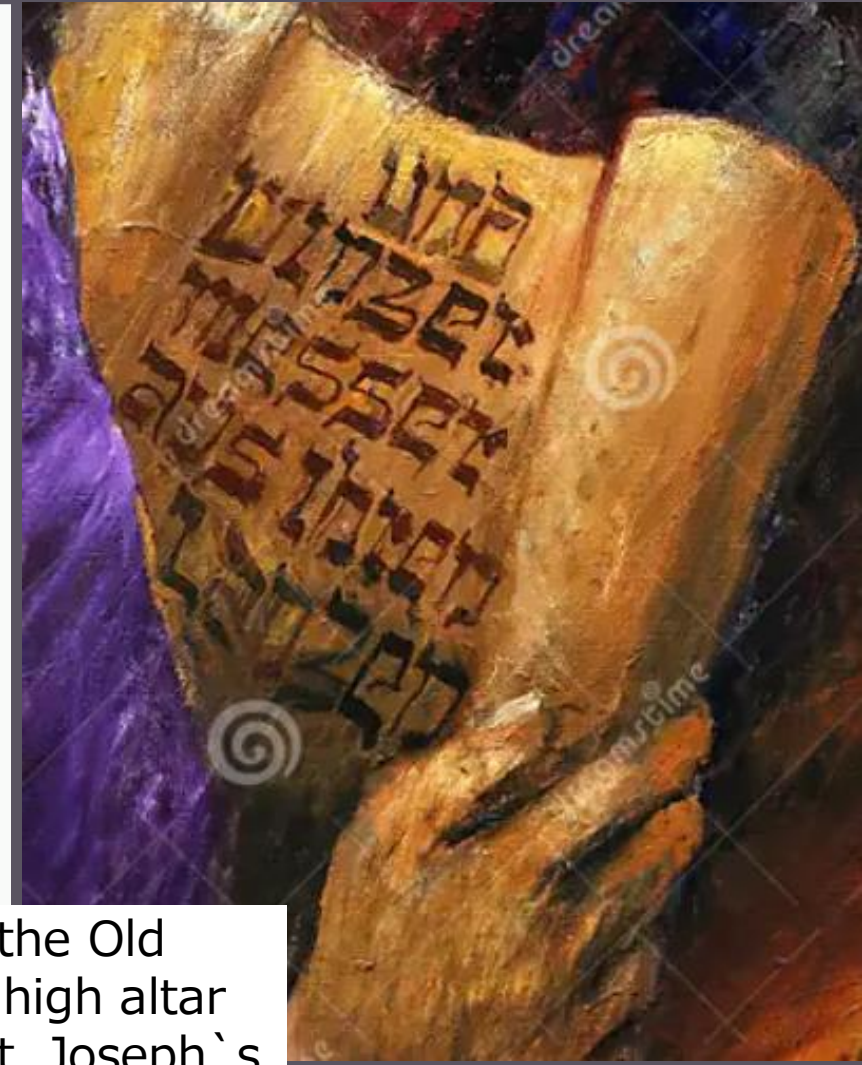
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The Day of the Lord

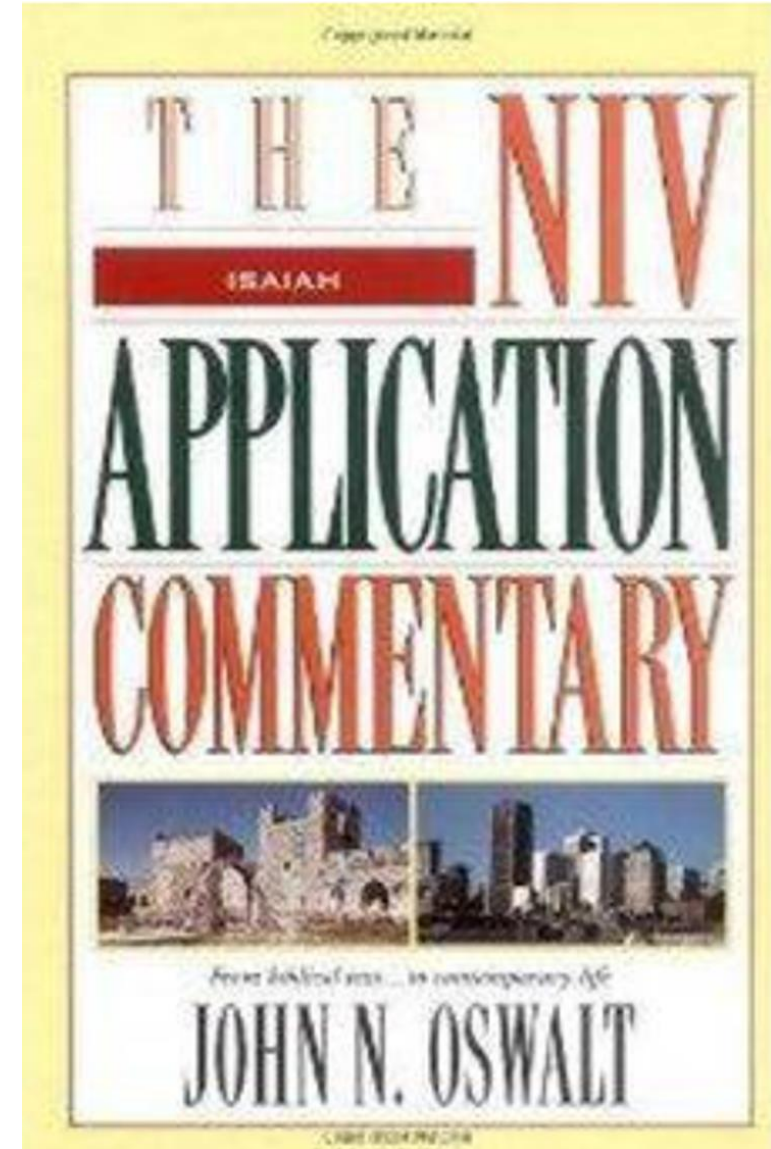
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. . . these verses explain further the need to recall the people to the Lord. In a word, they are under threat of divine judgment. Two self-contained units of prophecy spelled this out: versus 6-9 speak of facets of national life which are inviting judgment, and verses 10 - 21 are a poem on the nature and results of divine judgment. The charge of idolatry forms the climax to each section (8, 18 - 20). The Lord has forsaken his people because they have departed from him.

The basic meaning of this passage needs little translation to make it applicable to the modern setting. The central issue is the human instinct to exalt ourselves in a number of ways, whether it be wealth, education, political power, beauty, religion, or whatever. We do this because of our fundamental insecurity. When we face reality, we know we are but a breath, here one moment and gone the next. But beyond our trends the transitoriness there is a more serious problem - our sin.





**What is
pride?**





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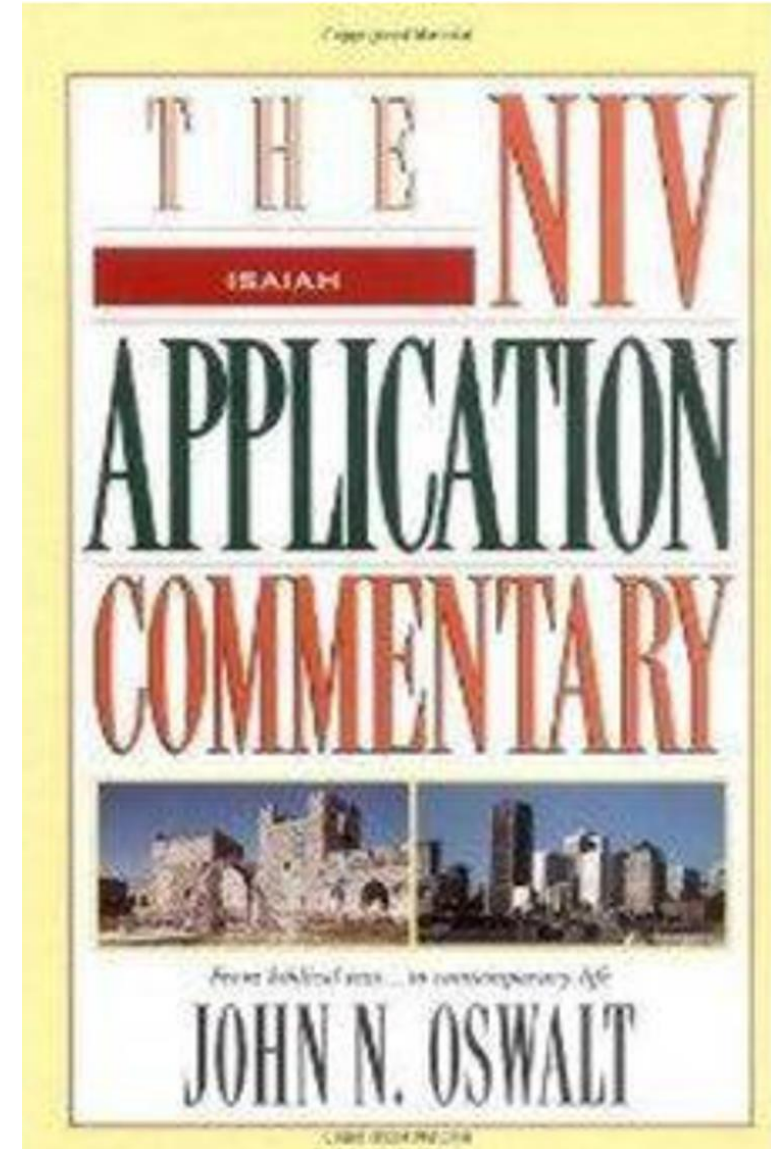
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**So what is
humility?**



True humility is to refuse to put oneself in the place of God. It is to know oneself as a child of God, to know one's place in God's economy from and to know one's worth in his sight. Knowing these, it is possible not to need to call attention to oneself. Is the ability to go about the task God has given, secure in his love and his valuing, without wondering if others appreciate us as much as they should.





**Based on
Isaiah 2:1-5,
enjoy this
Steve Green
classic**



Isaiah 2

Have a blessed week