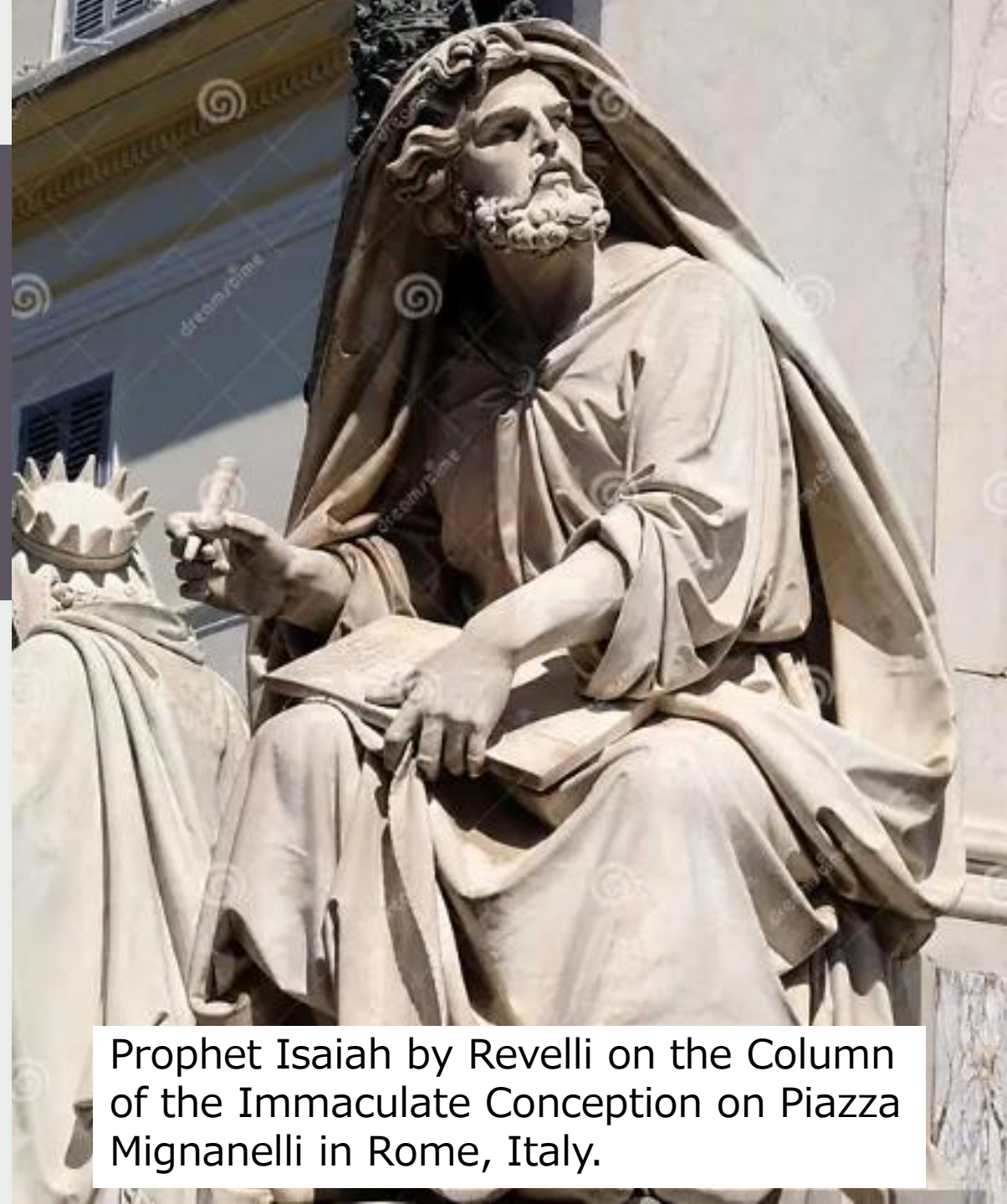


ISAIAH

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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. . .**

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 3



Judah's Leaders Judged

**Note this: The Lord God of Armies is about to remove from Jerusalem and from Judah every kind of security: the entire supply of bread and water,
2heroes and warriors, judges and prophets, fortune-tellers and elders,
3commanders of fifty and dignitaries, counselors, cunning magicians, and necromancers.**

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



4“I will make youths their leaders,
and unstable rulers will govern them.”
5The people will oppress one another,
man against man, neighbor against
neighbor; the young will act
arrogantly toward the old, and the
worthless toward the honorable.
6A man will even seize his brother
in his father’s house, saying, “You
have a cloak—you be our leader!
This heap of rubble will be under your
control.”



⁷On that day he will cry out, saying, “I’m not a healer. I don’t even have food or clothing in my house. Don’t make me the leader of the people!”

⁸For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen because they have spoken and acted against the Lord, defying his glorious presence.

⁹The look on their faces testifies against them, and like Sodom, they flaunt their sin; they do not conceal it. Woe to them, for they have brought disaster on themselves.



¹⁰Tell the righteous that it will go well for them, for they will eat the fruit of their labor.

¹¹Woe to the wicked—it will go badly for them, for what they have done will be done to them.

¹²Youths oppress my people, and women rule over them. My people, your leaders mislead you; they confuse the direction of your paths.



¹³The Lord rises to argue the case and stands to judge the people.

¹⁴The Lord brings this charge against the elders and leaders of his people: “You have devastated the vineyard. The plunder from the poor is in your houses.

¹⁵Why do you crush my people and grind the faces of the poor?” This is the declaration of the Lord God of Armies.



Jerusalem's Women Judged

**¹⁶The Lord also says: Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, walking with heads held high and seductive eyes, prancing along, jingling their ankle bracelets,
¹⁷the Lord will put scabs on the heads of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will shave their foreheads bare.**



¹⁸On that day the Lord will strip their finery: ankle bracelets, headbands, crescents, ¹⁹pendants, bracelets, veils, ²⁰headdresses, ankle jewelry, sashes, perfume bottles, amulets, ²¹signet rings, nose rings, ²²festive robes, capes, cloaks, purses, ²³garments, linen clothes, turbans, and shawls.



24 Instead of perfume there will be a stench; instead of a belt, a rope; instead of beautifully styled hair, baldness; instead of fine clothes, sackcloth; instead of beauty, branding.

25 Your men will fall by the sword, your warriors in battle.

26 Then her gates will lament and mourn; deserted, she will sit on the ground.

A word cloud featuring various terms related to Bible study and research. The most prominent words are "BIBLE", "DIGGING DEEPER", "RESEARCH", "QUESTIONS", "SCRIPTURE", and "DEVOTIONS". The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with "BIBLE" and "DIGGING DEEPER" being the largest and most central.



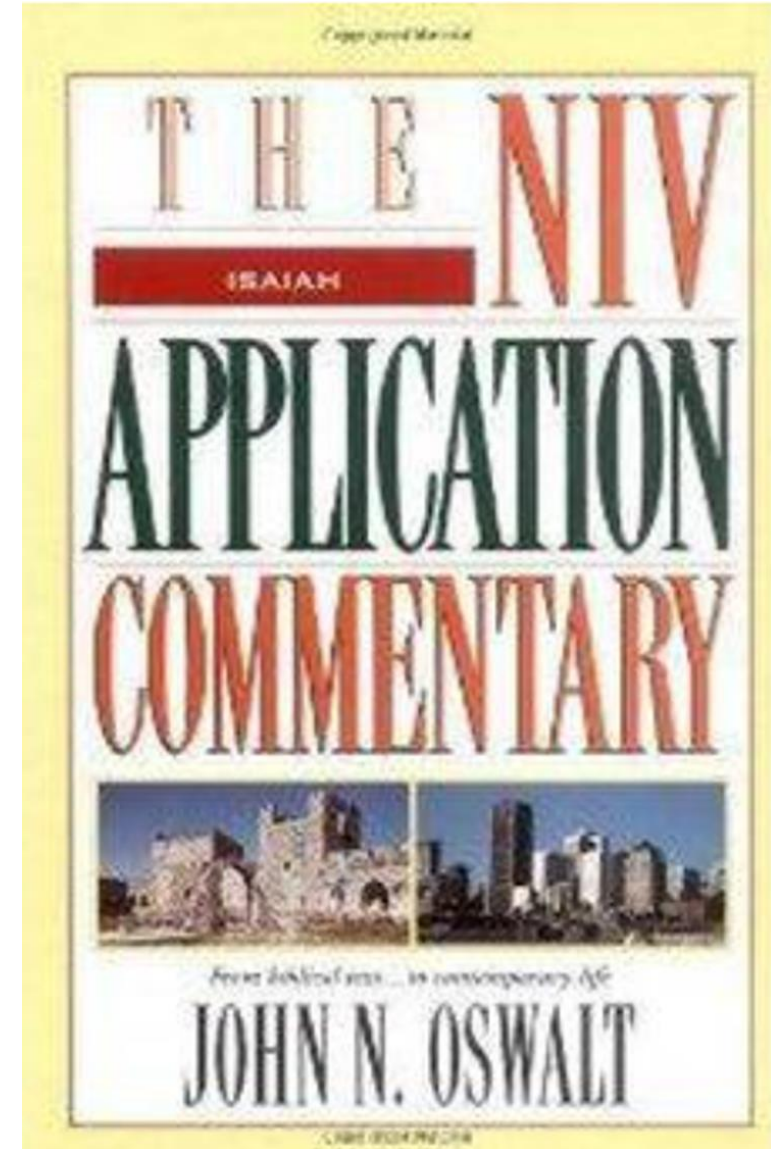
**Let's remember
that this chapter is
part of the Isaiah's
vision.**



The message of the whole section is solemn in the extreme. Divine judgment on society begins to manifest itself in the disappearance of solid leadership and the appearance of immature, capricious leaders. Society becomes divided. The age gap opens up, values are at a discount and those who should be despised take the initiative. An air of despair dominates elections. All this arises from moral and spiritual causes. It is not the result of failures of policy but speaking and acting against the Lord and provoking him; Blatant sin inviting its just reward.

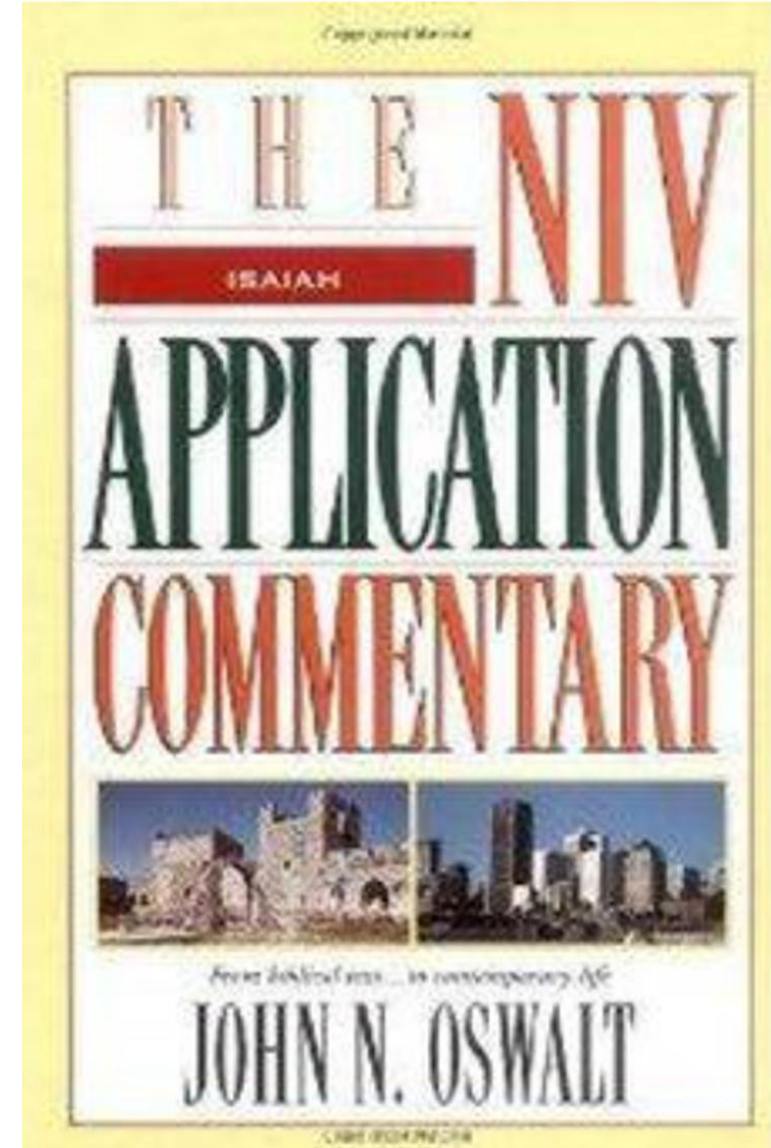
At the center of that ominous present is human arrogance and that is the theme that unites chapter 2.6 to 4.1. But the theme is not merely arrogance, it is the humiliation that arrogance necessarily brings upon itself. Because Israel and Judah have been seduced by human power and glory and have consequently abandoned the Creator in whom the only true glory exists, they are doomed to be terribly humiliated.

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**What should we have done?
Although it is not explicitly stated
here, it is still appropriate to
mention it in this context. We
should have done the very opposite.
We should have admitted that our
needs are not primary but the
relationship with our creator is. We
should have submitted our needs to
him recognizing that he is Lord of
all.**

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⁸For Jerusalem has stumbled and Judah has fallen because they have spoken and acted against the Lord, defying his glorious presence.



Judah and Jerusalem are going to collapse

Why will this happen?

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ar·ro·gance

/ˈerəɡəns/

noun

the quality of being arrogant.
"the arrogance of this man is astounding"

Similar:

haughtiness

conceit

hubris

self-importance

egotism

sense of superiority

pomposity

high-handedness

swagger

boasting

bumptiousness

bluster

condescension

disdain

contempt

imperiousness

pride

vanity

immodesty

loftiness

lordliness

snobbishness

snobbery

superciliousness

smugness

pretension

pretentiousness

affectation

scorn

mocking

sneering

scoffing

presumption

insolence

uppitiness

big-headedness

Opposite:

humility

modesty



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hu·mil·i·a·tion

/hyooˌmilēˈāSH(ə)n/

noun

the action of humiliating someone or the state of being humiliated.
"they suffered the humiliation of losing in the opening round"

Similar:

embarrassment

mortification

shame

indignity

ignominy

disgrace

dishonor

discomfiture

degradation

discredit

obloquy

opprobrium

loss of pride

loss of face

affront

insult

rebuff

snub

put-down

blow to one's pride

slap in the face

smack in the face

kick in the teeth

brush-off

disesteem

reprobation

vitiating

Opposite:

honor



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Because the daughters
of Zion are haughty,
walking with heads held
high and seductive
eyes, prancing along,
jingling their ankle
bracelets,**



**Jerusalem's
women will
see massive
tragedy**

**Why will
this
happen?**

haugh·ty

[ˈhɑːdē] 

adjective

arrogantly superior and disdainful:

"a look of haughty disdain" · "a haughty aristocrat"

Similar:

proud

vain

arrogant

conceited

snobbish

stuck-up

pompous

self-important

superior

egotistical

supercilious

condescending

lofty

patronizing

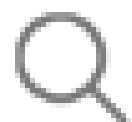
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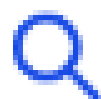
contemptuous

disdainful





seductive eyes



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Are there parallels to events in the world today?

What lessons should we take away from this chapter?





Isaiah 3

Have a blessed week