

A Suggested Structure of the Book of Isaiah

The Book of Judgments 1 - 39	The Book of Consolation 40 - 66
<p>A. Chapters 1 – 35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – 5: The terrible spiritual state of Judah and Jerusalem 6: The call of Isaiah 7 – 35: An anthology of specific prophecies of judgment 7, 8: The coming Assyrian invasion 9: Messianic hope 10: Assyria is God’s agent in judgment 11: Another prophecy of Messianic hope 12: A prayer of thanks 13 – 23: Oracles against various nations 24: Judgment on nations 25: A poem of eschatological hope 26, 27: A song of hope and deliverance 28 – 33: Six woes on Judah and Jerusalem 34, 35: Judgment on nations and Messianic hope <p>B. Chapters 36 – 39</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sennacherib invades Judah and fails at Jerusalem 	<p>C. Chapters 40 – 66</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40: A kind of prologue involving A call to “Comfort My People” A Messianic preview A display of the incomparable greatness of God 41 – 56: This section provides passages of comfort and hope for the future to exile leaders, doing this with brief Messianic glimpses that climax in 52 – 53. This section has important Servant and Cyrus passages. As to comfort: 41:14; 42:10-17; 43:1-13, 25; 44:1-8, 21-28; 45:4-19; 50:1-11; 51: 1-23; 52:1-12 As to hope: 43:14-21; 45:20-25; 46:1-13; 47:1-15; 48:1-22; 49:1-26; 52:13; 53:12; 54:1; 55:13 57 – 59: Wickedness in Judah rebuked 60 – 62: Hope for the future of Zion 63: Judgment and comfort 64: Plea for mercy 65: Reclamation for the rebellious but there is judgment. Also an eschatological promise of a new heaven and a new earth. 66: Only the humble know the Lord; future hope for Zion