

Week 3: Isaiah Chapters 6 to 7
Here am I...You're sending me to what?

- Chapter 6 & 7 will give us two historical moments in Isaiah's ministry, with prophetic significance related to the rest of the book. Ch 6 Isaiah's ministry call and Judah's judgement. Ch 7 Ahaz's warning and "sign" and Judah's Judgement
- Ch 6. King Uzziah/Azariah (2 Chronicles 26 / 2Kings 14:21) served 52 years and his reign was marked with relative stability.
- Jewish tradition is that Isaiah and Uzziah were first cousins giving more reason why Isaiah had such direct connection to prophesy directly to the kings of Judah.
- Ch 7. King Ahaz (grand son of Uzziah)

Chapter 6

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

Fiery Serpents in Numbers 21:6
Compare Isa 6:1-3 to Rev 4:5-8

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!"

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me!" For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." ⁹And he said, "Go, and say to this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' ¹⁰Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And He said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, ¹² and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. ¹³And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

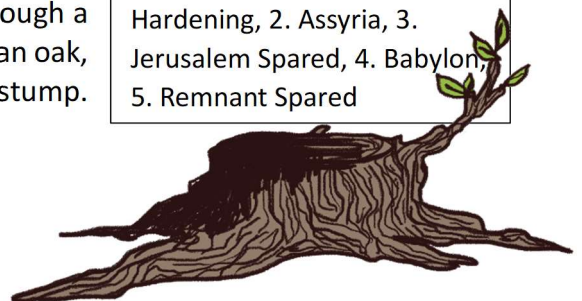
Remember the 6 "Woes" from last week: Isaiah's judgement and Atonement is statement that Judea/Israel must have the same.

What is "atonement" here?

See Matthew 13:14-15, Mark 4:12, Luke 8:10, John 12:40, and Acts 28:26-27

How does this relate to the "divine mystery" of Romans 16:25-27?

Answer to "How long": 1. Hardening, 2. Assyria, 3. Jerusalem Spared, 4. Babylon, 5. Remnant Spared



Chapter 7

In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it. ² When the house of David was told, “Syria is in league with Ephraim,” the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind. ³ And the LORD said to Isaiah, “Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer’s Field. ⁴ And say to him, ‘Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. ⁵ Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, ⁶ “Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,” ⁷ thus says the Lord GOD: “ ‘It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass. ⁸ For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. And within sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered from being a people. ⁹ And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.’ ” ¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷ The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!” ¹⁸ In that day the LORD will whistle for the fly that is at the end of the streams of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. ¹⁹ And they will all come and settle in the steep ravines, and in the clefts of the rocks, and on all the thornbushes, and on all the pastures. ²⁰ In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired beyond the River—with the king of Assyria—the head and the hair of the feet, and it will sweep away the beard also. ²¹ In that day a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep, ²² and because of the abundance of milk that they give, he will eat curds, for everyone who is left in the land will eat curds and honey.

See: 2 Kings 16

Connection to Isaiah 36:2

“Do not fear” ... “If you are not firm in faith”:
Command and warning for the representative of Judea.

Prophecy is often “Now” and “Not Yet”

An invitation of a sign from heaven, or seeing someone come back from the dead...

Matthew 1:23
Luke 1:31&34

Compare this to Zechariah’s prophecy (Luke 1:68-79) and to Simeon’s prophecy in Luke 2:29-35

The “sign” will show that Judgement is coming through Assyria.

²³ In that day every place where there used to be a thousand vines, worth a thousand shekels of silver, will become briers and thorns.

²⁴ With bow and arrows a man will come there, for all the land will be briers and thorns. ²⁵ And as for all the hills that used to be hoed with a hoe, you will not come there for fear of briers and thorns, but they will become a place where cattle are let loose and where sheep tread.

BEFORE NEXT WEEK:

- Read Isaiah 8:1 thru 12:6
- Suggested reading from *Isaiah: God Saves Sinners* – Chapters 8 thru 10
- Pray through the idea that much of what is promised in Scripture is in the category of “Now and Not Yet”. How does this help you walk in faith in the promises of God?