

## INTRODUCING OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

- Counseling Scenario
- Forthtelling and Foretelling
- Seven Tips for Interpretation
  - 1. Discern the immediate context
  - 2. Discern the kind of oracle employed
  - 3. Study the balance between the historical and predictive
  - 4. Determine what kind of language is being used
  - 5. Place the text in its place in redemptive-history
  - 6. Be aware of recurring and sweeping themes
  - 7. Consider New Testament usage

Chapter 1:

Chapter 2:

# **Principle 1: Know the Structure**

- Isaiah 1-39
- Isaiah 40-66

# Principle 2: Be Alert for Recurring & Sweeping Themes

- 1) Pride (2:11; 5:21)
- 2) Trust (chs. 1-39)

3) God as the Holy One (ch. 6) 4) God as the Sole and Incomparable Ruler of Creation and History (chs. 40-48) 5) God as the Sole Redeemer (54:5,8) 6) The Remnant (10:20-21; 11:1-2; see chs. 56-59) 7) The Servant (42:1; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12) 8) The Conqueror (59:15-21; 61:1-4; 61:10-62:7; 63:1-6) 9) New Jerusalem—the Bride (62:3-5) **Principle 3: Consider the NT Authoritative Interpretation** 1) Jesus Is the Promised Messiah (Rom. 15:12)

2) Jesus Is the Holy One (Jn. 12:41)

- 3) Jesus Is the Promised Redeemer (Lk. 3:4-6)
- 4) Jesus as Suffering Servant (Matt. 12:17-18)
- 5) Jesus as Conqueror (Rev. 22:12)

#### **Conclusion**

## A Study Outline for Isaiah

- I. Historical Jerusalem and the failure of the Davidic kings (chs. 1-39)
  - a. Chapters 1-5: Prologue. Darkness gathering around the people of Israel.
  - b. Chapter 6: Isaiah's call to the prophetic ministry.
  - c. Chapter 7: Historical narrative concerning trust # 1 Ahaz
  - d. Chapter 8-11: Two prophecies of woe to Israel and Judah foretelling destruction but ending with a prophecy of the coming Messiah
  - e. Chapter 12: Song of praise to God.
  - f. Chapters 13-27: Three cycles of prophecy against the nations surrounding the two kingdoms of Israel.
  - g. Chapters 28-35: A series of six poems, each starting with the word "Woe." The Lord upbraids his people for looking for security in Egypt. Israel's main problem is not political, but spiritual.
  - h. Chapters 36-39: Historical narrative concerning trust # 2 Hezekiah
- II. Eschatological Jerusalem and the triumph of the Servant and Conqueror (chs. 40-66)
  - a. Chapters 40-42:17: Consolation to Israel and the nations
  - b. Chapters 42:18-44:23: Israel's Two Problems; God's Two Promises
  - c. Chapters 44:24-48: A great deliverance (Cyrus)
  - d. Chapters 49-55: A greater deliverance (Suffering Servant)
  - e. Chapters 56-59:13: Ethical sermons: the needs and sins of the Lord's people
  - f. Chapters 59:14-63:6: The coming conquerer
  - g. Chapter 63:7-66: Paradise regained—the new heavens and earth