

Isaiah and Ezekiel

03 Isaiah 1–12

What ties these two subsections of Isaiah together is the focus on Judah and her future. In the immediate future, her distrust of God and reliance on her pagan neighbors is going to result in massive disappointment: judgment is on the way for both the nation and her neighbors. However, Yahweh is going to send a Davidic king, born of a virgin, and he will usher in an era of peace with Jerusalem as the global capital.

1. Isaiah 1–6: Introduction—Judah abandons Yahweh and is doomed to exile, but a remnant shall return.

- 1.1. Isaiah 1: Judah has become like Sodom and Gomorrah, but Yahweh will smelt away the dross.
- 1.2. Isaiah 2: Yahweh will make Zion the capital of a renewed world after purging pride.
- 1.3. Isaiah 3:1–4:1: Yahweh will humble the arrogant people who are in Zion.
- 1.4. Isaiah 4:2–6: The Branch of Yahweh, the humble city of Zion, will be beautiful.
- 1.5. Isaiah 5: Song of the Vineyard—The owner looked for fruit and found bloodshed; therefore, six woes shall come.
- 1.6. Isaiah 6: The Seventh Woe—Yahweh reveals his glory, cleanses his servant by fire, and commissions him.

2. Isaiah 7–12: Despite unbelief, a Davidic deliverer will overturn the darkness and bring everlasting peace.

- 2.1. Isaiah 7:1–17: Both Ahaz and his enemies will be defeated by Assyria, but hope remains.

- 2.2. Isaiah 7:18–8:22: Believers find a sanctuary in Yahweh, but to rejecters he is a snare.
- 2.3. Isaiah 9:1–7: Yahweh will exalt and enlighten the humbled and darkened land of Galilee.
- 2.4. Isaiah 9:8–10:4: Self-sufficiency leads to internal upheaval in every realm of society.
- 2.5. Isaiah 10:5–34: Assyria will act as an instrument of God's wrath and then its recipient.
- 2.6. Isaiah 11–12: After the Davidic Branch springs up and regathers the nation, they will sing.