

The Book of Isaiah

Chapter 40 – 52

What do chapters 40-55 address? (Note 40:1-55:13)

(Read 40:1-2) How does the tone of Isaiah shift beginning in Chapter 40? (Note 40:1)

Does sin create a spiritual debt with God that is expiated by suffering? (Note 40:2)

(Read 40:3-5) Who is the voice in the wilderness? (Note 40:3-5)

(Read 40:6-8) Does the spiritual world supersede the material world? (Note 40:6-8)

(Read 40:11) What is the old testament imagery for kings, rulers and for God? (Note 40:11)

(Read 41:1-2) Who is Cyrus the great? (Note 41:2)

(Read 41:4) Is Jesus the Alpha and the Omega? (Note 41:4)

(Read 41:14) What is the meaning of this passage? (Note 41:14)

(Read 42:1-9) What is the Servant Song and who is the servant? (Note 42:1-9)

What is the meaning of a bruised reed he will not break? (Note 42:3)

(Read 42:6) How does the servant reconcile the people of Israel and the nations into a covenant? (Note 42:6)

(Read 42:24) Who gave up Jacob? (Note 42:24)

(Read 43:15-21) How was deliverance from exile described as a new Exodus?
(Note 43:15–21)

How does the first Exodus from Egypt prefigure the new Exodus in Isaiah? (Read topical essay page 78)

How does the prophet Isaiah see idols and their makers? (Note 44:9-20)

(Read 44:13) How does this verse seem to be ironic? (Note 44:13)

When did the first wave of exiles return to Judah from the Babylonian captivity?
(Note 44:24-28)

How does God use king Cyrus to deliver his people? (Note 44:28)

(Read 45:23) Does God swear an oath to himself? (Note 45:23)

Why does judgment befall Babylon? (Note 47:1-15)

Do the Israelites deserve the Babylonian captivity to come to an end? (Note 48:1-22)

(Read 48:16) Does this verse manifest a veiled reference to the Trinity? (Note 48:16)

(Read 49:1-7) What does the second servant song discuss? (Note 49:1-7)

Who are the tribes of Jacob? (Note 49:6)

(Read 50:4-11) How does Christian tradition view the third servant song? (Note 50:4-11)

(Read 52:5) How does Saint Paul see the Jewish disobedience to the law bringing dishonor to God? (Note 52:5)

(Read 52:10) What is meant by his holy arm? (Note 52:10)

How does the servant appear in the fourth servant song? (Note 52:13-53:12)

(Read 52:13) How is the servant lifted up? (Note 52:13)

Read 52:14–15 how are the Gentiles evangelized? Note 52:15