



THE MARION COUNTY MANNA PROJECT

explores what the Bible says about

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

OT/NT: [Old Testament](#) (1)

SECTION: [Major Prophets](#) (2)

PLACEMENT: The Book of Isaiah is the 23rd book of the Old Testament and the 23rd book of the [Holy Bible](#) (3). It is the 1st of 5 books in the Major Prophets section.

AUTHORS (a): [Isaiah 1:1](#) identifies the author of the book of Isaiah as the [Prophet](#) (4) [Isaiah](#) (5).

TIMELINE (a): The book of Isaiah was written between 739 BC and 681 BC. See our [Bible Timeline](#) (6) for more info.

SUMMARY (a): The book of Isaiah reveals God's judgment and salvation. [God](#) (7) is "holy, holy, holy" ([Isaiah 6:3](#)), and therefore He cannot allow [sin](#) (8) to go unpunished ([Isaiah 1:2; 2:11-20; 5:30; 34:1-2; 42:25](#)). Isaiah portrays God's oncoming judgment as a "consuming fire" ([Isaiah 1:31; 30:33](#)).

At the same time, Isaiah understands that God is a God of [mercy](#) (9), [grace](#) (10), and compassion ([Isaiah 5:25; 11:16; 14:1-2; 32:2; 40:3; 41:14-16](#)). The nation of Israel - both [Judah](#) (11) and [Israel](#) (12) - is blind and deaf to God's commands ([Isaiah 6:9-10; 42:7](#)). Judah is compared to a vineyard that should be, and will be, trampled on ([Isaiah 5:1-7](#)). Only because of His mercy and His promises to Israel, will God not allow Israel or Judah to be completely destroyed. He will bring [restoration](#) (13), [forgiveness](#) (14), and [healing](#) (15) ([43:2,16-19; 52:10-12](#)).

More than any other book in the Old Testament, Isaiah focuses on the salvation that will come through the [Messiah](#) (16). The Messiah will one day rule in [justice](#) (17) and righteousness ([Isaiah 9:7; 32:1](#)). The reign of the Messiah will bring peace and safety to [Israel](#) (18) ([Isaiah 11:6-9](#)). Through the Messiah, Israel will be a light to all the nations ([Isaiah 42:6; 55:4-5](#)). The Messiah's kingdom on earth (Isaiah chapters 65-66) is the goal toward which all of the book of Isaiah points. It is during the reign of the Messiah that God's righteousness will be fully revealed to the world.

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In a seeming paradox, the book of Isaiah also presents the Messiah [as One who will suffer](#) (19). Isaiah chapter 53 vividly describes the Messiah suffering for sin. It is through His wounds that healing is achieved. It is through His suffering that our iniquities are taken away. This apparent contradiction is solved in the Person of Jesus Christ. In His first advent, Jesus was the suffering servant of Isaiah chapter 53. In His second advent, Jesus will be the conquering and ruling King, the Prince of Peace ([Isaiah 9:6](#)).

IMPLANTING ISAIAH INTO MY EVERY DAY LIFE (a): The book of Isaiah presents our Savior to us in undeniable detail. He is the only way to [Heaven](#) (20), the only means of obtaining the grace of God, the only Way, the only Truth, and the only Life ([John 14:6](#); [Acts 4:12](#)). Knowing the price [Jesus](#) (21) paid for us, how can we neglect or reject “so great a salvation”? ([Hebrews 2:3](#)). We have only a few, short years on Earth to come to Christ and embrace the salvation only He offers. There is no second chance after death, and eternity in [Hell](#) (22) is a very long time.

Do you know people who claim to be believers in Christ who are two-faced, who are hypocrites? That is perhaps the best summary of how Isaiah viewed the nation of Israel. Israel had an appearance of righteousness, but it was a facade. In the Book of Isaiah, the Prophet Isaiah challenges Israel to [obey](#) (23) God with all of their heart, not just on the outside. Isaiah’s desire was that those who heard and read his words would be convicted to turn from wickedness and turn to God for forgiveness and healing.

COMING UP: Next up is the [book of Jeremiah](#) (24)!

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If you're seeking additional info about Christianity on a more personal level, consider visiting a [Christian Church here in Marion County](#) (25). Introduce yourself to members and ask to speak with someone to learn more about Jesus. Surrendering your life to [Christ](#) (26) (e) is the most rewarding, everlasting decision you'll ever make, and it's comforting to have someone guide you as you begin your new life as a child of the Most High! May God shower you with great favor in this endeavor!

Footnotes, Page Credits and External Resources appear on page 3. Consider printing and sharing the offered PDF narrative and other listed resources with family, friends and strangers alike for use in [Bible Studies](#) (27), Home/Church [Faith Sharing Groups](#) (28), [Discipleship Encounters](#) (29) and/or Personal Faith Enrichment! Modifications are welcome at goodnews@marionmannaproject.com.

FOOTNOTES:

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- (e) How Do I Convert to Christianity?, Got Questions Ministries, accessed January 12, 2020, <https://www.gotquestions.org/convert-to-Christianity.html>