

Isaiah 56-66 Set in Time

“The vision which Isaiah the son of Amoz envisioned”

חֲזוֹן יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ בֶן-אַמּוֹץ אֲשֶׁר חָזָה עַל-יְהוּדָה וִירוּשָׁלַם

- 1. Babylonian king sends a glad-you're-better card to Hezekiah
- 2. Hezekiah shows off his wealth to the king's messengers
- 3. Isaiah to Hezekiah: all you showed will be taken to Babylon
- 4. Application: Even the best fail
- 5. Remainder of Isaiah pictures Judah's return from exile 150 years later

Isaiah 39

Both future messages written to the prophet's real time audience to impact their behavior

Concludes with “All is well in the end,” but struggles in the mean time

Isaiah the Book 56-66: “Back Home but Sinning” #2

Isaiah the Book 40-55: “You're about to go home” #1

Isaiah's description of the “End time”

“Real Time?”

Isaiah the Book 1-23 24-27 28-39

Isaiah the Prophet: “Judah refuses to recognize her sin”

3 Deportations of Judahites
603 Daniel
597 King, Ezekiel, 10,000 Elite
586 Jerusalem destroyed, Poorest Remain

Cyrus the Persian captures Babylon; Allows Judahites to return home

Some Judahites return
Rebuild Altar
Begin Sacrificing

Begin Temple rebuilding
Local enemies obtain stop-work order 536-520

Restart Temple Rehabilitation

Haggai & Zechariah Encourage Rebuilding

Complete Temple Rehabilitation

Nehemiah: Governor

Ezra: (High) Priest

All Dates BC and subject to interpretation

Babylon Babylon: Many Judahites Remain until 1948

Ezekiel Prophecies in Babylon

Jeremiah: Prophecies in Jerusalem; Dies in Egypt

Short term: “God will destroy Jerusalem”
Long term: “God will restore and bless”

Micah: “Judah becoming like Israel”

739 Jotham (+)
Uzziah (+)

Ahaz (–) Hezekiah (++)

7 Kings (+/–)

Gedaliah: 1st Governor
Zedekiah (–) final king

Local Judahite Governors

Zerubbabel: Governor
Joshua: High Priest

Local Judahite Governors

Hosea: “God will end Israel”

722 Assyria Exiles Israel, Never to Return

20 Kings (All –)

Shalmaneser

722

Esarhaddon

Sargon II

Sennacherib

Ashurbanipal

Final Kings

Nebuchadnezzar

Evil-Merodach

Nabonidus

Belshazzar

Cyrus

Cambyse

Darius

Ahasuerus

Artaxerxes

Assyria

Babylon

Persia

1050

930

739

686

586

539

538

536

525

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516

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445

The Big Bad Guys