

The Book of Isaiah... very interesting!

- Isaiah stands at the head of "The Prophets". Sixteen prophets are named as writers in the O.T., with 17 books. The books of the prophets belong to the time of Israel's decline, the exile and the return to their homeland. They span, altogether, a period of 250 – 300 years. There are 4 "major" prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel) and 12 "minor" prophets.
- Isaiah lived in Jerusalem in the 8th century B.C. From 740 B.C. he prophesied over a period of 40-60 years.

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- There are sixty-six books in the Bible and there are sixty-six chapters in the book of Isaiah.
- As the 66 books in the Bible are divided into the 39 of the O.T. and the 27 of the N.T., so the 66 chapters of Isaiah are divided into 39 and 27.
- As the 39 books of the O.T. are mainly occupied with the Law and the judgment which comes on those who disobey it, so the first 39 chapters of Isaiah are mainly occupied with the thought of judgment on the Old Covenant people because of their disobedience to the Law.

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- So, the 27 books of the N.T. are mainly occupied with the message of Divine Grace, and the salvation which it brings and the last 27 chapters of Isaiah are a message of divine Grace and comfort, and of coming salvation.
- The last 27 chapters of Isaiah (40-66) are a Messianic poem... this is the greatest Messianic poem in the Bible.
- The 27 chapters are arranged in three groups of nine chapters each and there is little doubt that this tripartition of these 27 chapters was definitely intended...there is Divine design.

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- By common consent the greatest of all O.T. passages concerning the atonement of Christ is Isaiah 53... and how eye opening is it that this immortal "Lamb" chapter is the middle chapter of the middle nine. At the very centre of this tremendous Messianic poem God has put the LAMB.
- Right at the heart of Isaiah 53 we read: "**He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter**" and on each side of this central declaration there is a seven-fold setting forth of vicarious suffering.... In the verses that go before it is from the human standpoint and those which follow it is from the Divine standpoint.

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Human and Divine Stand point

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Us • Borne our griefs • Carried our sorrows • Wounded for our transgressions • Bruised for our iniquities • Chastisement of our peace was upon Him • With His stripes we are healed.. made whole • The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For His Father God • Pleased the Lord to bruise Him (Heb.10:3-10) • He has put him to grief • Thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin • He (God) shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied • My Servant shall justify many. • The will and pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand |
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- Heb.10:3-10 3 But [as it is] these sacrifices annually bring a fresh remembrance of sins [to be atoned for],⁴ Because the blood of bulls and goats is powerless to take sins away.⁵ Hence, when He [Christ] entered into the world, He said, Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but instead **You have made ready a body for Me [to offer];**

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6 In burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no delight.7 Then I said, **Behold, here I am, coming to do Your will, O God— [to fulfill] what is written of Me in the volume of the Book.**8 When He said just before, You have neither desired, nor have You taken delight in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings—all of which are offered according to the Law—

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9 He then went on to say, **Behold, [here] I am, coming to do Your will.** Thus He does away with and annuls the first (former) order [as a means of expiating sin] so that He might inaugurate and establish the second (latter) order.10 And in accordance with this will [of God], we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One).

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- **Griefs...** born our **griefs**, Heb. (choliy)(khol-ee)2483 Str.= malady, anxiety, disease, grief, sickness, from 2470Str. To be weak, sick or afflicted.
- **Sorrows** (4341 Str) mak'ebah, anguish, grief, pain, sorrow.
- Our **peace, (shalowm)**Heb. Safe, well, happy, welfare, health, prosperity, wellbeing
- **HE IS OUR PRINCE of PEACE**

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- See Isaiah(Jehovah Saves) Ch.40 The first chapter of this amazing Messianic Poem.
- Vs1-2 tell Jerusalem that her warfare has ended and her iniquity is pardoned.
- Vs 3-8 John the Baptist will come to prepare hearts and minds for the coming Messiah
- Vs 9-11 Jesus will come and feed His flock like a Shepherd
- Vs 12-26 All the nations are as nothing before Him
- Vs 27-31 El Olam at the fulness of time, right time will appear.. Our High Priest neither slumbers or grows weary. "Khaw-vaw"with Him

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• **The Messiah has come, He has finished His work on earth given to Him, He has risen and as in the Messianic Ps 23, He is our Shepherd and great High Priest. He grants to us His grace and soon returns to take us to be forever with Him.**

GIVE HIM PRAISE

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