

The Book of Isaiah

Introduction to Chapter 4

Author and Date

Who does Jewish and Christian tradition attribute as the author of the Isaiah and when did this prophet live?

What did Jesus and the New Testament authors believe as to the authorship of the book of Isaiah?

What are the arguments for the traditional view of the Isaianic authorship?

What is the modern scholarship view of the Isaianic authorship?

Title

What does the Hebrew name for Isaiah mean?

Place in the Canon

Where is the book of Isaiah located in the Christian canon?

Structure

What is the structure of the book of Isaiah?

The Prophet and His Times

Who is the Prophet Isaiah?

The Message of the Prophet

What is the message of the Prophet?

Christian Perspective

How is the Christian message present in Isaiah?

(Read 1:1–3) Which kingdom did Isaiah minister to? How long was his ministry?
(Note 1:1)

What does Isaiah accuse Israel of violating? (Note 1:2-20)

(Read 1:4) Who is the holy one of Israel? (Note 1:4)

(Read 1:7–9) What was the effect of the Assyrian military campaign on the southern kingdom? (Note 1:7-9)

Who is the daughter of Zion? (Note 1:8)

Who is the Lord of hosts? (Note 1:9)

Does there need to be a harmony between the worship of God and the care of your neighbor? (Note 1:10-17)

(Read 1:15) Can iniquity render prayer ineffective? (Note 1:15)

(Read 1:16-17) What are some of the social demands of the Mosaic covenant?
(Note 1:17)

(Read 1:21) Does Jerusalem commit adultery? (Note 1:21)

(Read 1:29-30) What does the imagery of oaks and gardens mean? (Note 1:29)

(Read 2:2-4) What do these verses speak about? (Note 2:2-4, Note 2:2, Note 2:3,
Note 2:4)

(Read 2:5-6) Who is the house of Jacob? Why is Israel handed over for judgment?
(Note 2:5, Note 2:6)

What is Isaiah's warning in verses 3:1–4:6? (Note 3:1-4:6)

(Read 3:10-11) Are you judged by your actions? (Note 3:10-11)

(Read 3:13-17) What are the men and women charged with? (Note 3:13-17)

What is meant by grinding the face of the poor? (Note 3:15)

(Read 4:2-6) What do these verses mean? (Note 4:2-6)

What is the symbolism of the branch? (Note 4:2)