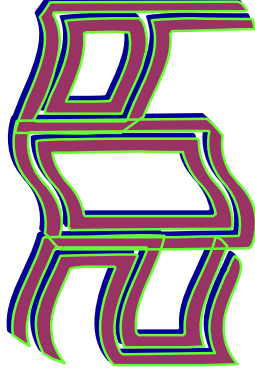


Chapter 16

The Beginning of the End

Why was this section entitled
“The Beginning of the End?”



NUMBER OF YEARS NH ENURED | EUL BING AFTER ANOTHER - ENOUGH

Northern & Southern Tribes

- Shalmanaser – Kg of Assyria
- Puppet Government
- Appointed Hosea as King
- Hosea defiant to Shal & God
- Stopped paying tribute
- Assyria captured captio/Hos
- Shalmanaser – Kg of Assyria
- Watched nervously
- Hez – removed idols
- Rebelled against Shalmanaser
- Hez trusted Lord
- Had faith, God would deliver
- Trusted prophet's prediction

Northern Kingdom Exiled

2 Kings 17: 7-17

⁷ At this time, because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt, the Lord had driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings of Israel had introduced. ⁸ The Israelites secretly did things against the Lord their God, as they had done in all their towns. ⁹ They set up sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every spreading tree. ¹⁰ At every high place they built altars to the Lord, and they burned incense and sacrificed to the idols. ¹¹ They did wicked things that aroused the Lord's anger. ¹² They worshipped idols and walked through all the prohibitions and statutes that the Lord their God had commanded them not to do. ¹³ They did not listen to the voice of the Lord their God, who was saying to them through his servants the prophets. ¹⁴ But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their ancestors, who did not trust in the Lord their God. ¹⁵ They rejected his commands and despised his word, so that they became angry with him, and he had warned them to keep. ¹⁶ They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless. ¹⁷ They imitated the nations around them although the Lord their God and made for themselves two idols cast in the shape of a calf, and they worshipped them and sacrificed to them. ¹⁸ They also practiced divination and sought omens, and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing his anger.

Isaiah

- Isaiah = 'Yahweh saves'
- Called the "Messianic Prophet"
- Message – The Holy One of Israel is your Savior
- This title is used 30 X in book
- 12 references after Chapter 40
- From the invitation to cleansing in Isa 1. 18
- To promise of a suffering servant
- Isaiah proclaims the coming promise of salvation
- Quoted 411 X in NT

Isaiah's Heavenly Vision

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.' ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ 'Woe to me! I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.' ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.'

Isaiah Called

- Called during last year of King Uzziah
- Commissioned to speak for God
- Too turn people from sin to God
- Warned – Judah was walking as No Tribes
- If continued – same results
- Seldom found an audience that listened
- Judah's pride → downfall
- Promised future restoration

"He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving. ¹⁰ Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

¹¹ Then I said, "For how long, Lord?" And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, ¹² until the Lord has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. ¹³ And though a tenth remains in the land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land."

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 52:13
- Acts 3:13 (Peter's sermon)
- The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered and disowned....
- Behold, My servant will prosper. He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 52:15
- For what had not been told them they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand.
- Rom. 15:20-21 (Paul)
- And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, ...but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see, and they who have not heard shall understand."

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:1
- Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- John 12:37-38
- But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him. This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet, "Lord who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?"

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:1
- Rom. 10:16 (Paul)
- Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord who has believed our report?"

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:3
- He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.
- Mark 9:12 (Jesus)
- And He said to them, "Elijah does first come and restore all things; and yet how is it written that the Son of Man that He will suffer many things and be treated with contempt?"

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:4
- Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God and afflicted.

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Matt. 8:16-17 (Isa. 53:4)
- When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. This was to fulfill prophet: "He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases."

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:5
- But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him and by His scourging we are healed.
- Matt. 26:67
- They they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:4-5
- But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him and by His scourging we are healed.
- 1 Pet. 2:24
- And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:5
- But He was pierced through for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him and by His scourging we are healed.
- John 1:29
- The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:6
- All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.
- 1 Pet. 2:25
- For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:7-8
- He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter...
- Acts 8:32-33 (26-40)
- Phillip and Ethiopian
- Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this... "He was led as a sheep..."

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:7-8
- He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter...
- Matt. 26:63
- But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that you tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God."

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:7-8
- He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter...
- Matt. 27:12
- And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer.

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:7-8
- He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter...
- Matt. 27:14
- And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed.

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:9
- His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.
- 1 Pet. 2:22-23
- Christ left you an example to follow in His steps, *Who committed no sin nor was any deceit found in His mouth*

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:10a
- But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief;
- Jn. 18:11
- So Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which *the Father* has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:11
- As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.
- Rom. 5:19
- For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:12b
- Luke 22:37 (Jesus)
- "For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, 'And He was numbered with the transgressors; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment.'"

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:12b
- Luke 23:33
- Because He poured out Himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors;
- When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:12c
- Luke 23:34
- Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.
- But Jesus was saying, "Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

The Prophecy and Fulfillment

- Isa. 53:12c
- Heb. 9:28
- Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors.
- So Christ also, *having been offered once to bear the sins of many*, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

Applications and Implications

- The predictive prophecies of Isaiah strengthen my faith in an all-knowing God.
- Isaiah described the Messiah so clearly that the people of Israel and the whole world could recognize Jesus as the One. The prophecies fulfilled by Jesus remind me that no one else could be the Messiah. Therefore, I should learn to trust Him more.
- The accuracy of Isa. 53 is another excellent proof that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God.
- These Messianic prophecies, written 700+ years before Christ, could be used to show others that the Bible is true and that Jesus alone saves.

Applications and Implications

- Christ who was sinless paid a horrific price for my sin.
- The saving work of Messiah was God's plan all along to reconcile helpless, rebellious sinners to Himself.
- He alone is worthy of appropriate honor, worship and praise.
- Because of the work of the Messiah, believers do not need to fear condemnation before God.

I will not be like Judah

I will not be rebellious

I will not worship insincerely, praying to God with out-stained hands

I will seek and uphold justice for the poor, oppressed and weak among us