

ISAIAH, “THE EVANGELICAL PROPHET”:
ISAIAH’S BIOGRAPHY
(Isaiah 1:1)

I. His CONTEXT

- A. His FATHER—Amoz (1:1*a*)
- B. His ERA—about 750 – 680 BC (1:1*b*)
- C. His FAMILY (7:3; 8:3)
 - 1. His wife is called only “the PROPHETESS” (8:3)
 - 2. His SONS were Shear-Jashub (“a REMNANT will return”) and Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (“SWIFT the booty, SPEEDY the prey”)

II. His COMMISSION (6:1-13)

- A. The TIMING—the year of King Uzziah’s DEATH, 740 BC (6:1*a*)
- B. The EVENT (6:1*b*-4)
- C. The RESULT (6:5-8)
 - 1. He CONFESSED his own sin and the sins of his PEOPLE
 - 2. He experienced God’s FORGIVENESS
 - 3. He ACCEPTED God’s call for a MESSENGER
- D. The CHARGE (6:9-13)
 - 1. He was to bring HARDNESS, DEAFNESS, and BLINDNESS to his people
 - 2. He was preparing the nation for JUDGMENT
 - 3. He was promised a TITHE would be RESTORED

III. His MINISTRY

- A. During the reign of AHAZ (chs. 7-8)
 - 1. Confronting his ALLIANCE with ARAM/SYRIA
 - a. Brought a message of ENCOURAGEMENT
 - b. Offered a SIGN of confirmation
 - 2. Demonstrating the importance of HONORING GOD
 - a. Display on a large SIGN the words “swift is the BOOTY, speedy is the PREY”
 - b. NAME his newborn son with the words on the SIGN
 - c. Announce that Judah’s allies would be DESTROYED by ASSYRIA
 - d. PRESERVE God’s Word among “my DISCIPLES”
- B. During the reign of HEZEKIAH
 - 1. Counseling against joining the REBELLION against ASSYRIA (ch. 20)
 - a. Go NAKED and BAREFOOT for THREE YEARS
 - b. Assyria would destroy JUDAH with EGYPT and CUSH
 - 2. Announcing the king’s approaching DEATH (ch. 38; cf. 2 Kings 20:1-11)
 - 3. Confronting the king for ENTERTAINING the king of BABYLON (ch. 39)
 - 4. Sending to the king a POSITIVE answer of HOPE (37:5-7, 21-35)

IV. His CHARACTER

- A. He was FOCUSED on his ministry
- B. He OBEYED God in a DIFFICULT ministry
- C. He TRUSTED God and REBUKED KINGS