

ISAIAH, “THE EVANGELICAL PROPHET”:
ISAIAH’S THEOLOGY OF JUDGMENT AND BLESSING
(Isaiah 1:1)

I. Judgments upon INDIVIDUALS

A. God’s JUSTICE for Shebna (Isa. 22:15-19)

1. He was Judah’s TREASURER under King Hezekiah
2. God accused him of PRIDE
3. God promised to DEPOSE and DESTROY him

B. God’s JUDGMENT upon King Hezekiah (Isa. 39:1-8)

1. He was guilty of FOOLISH PRIDE
2. He revealed all his WEALTH to envoys from BABYLON
3. God promised the Babylonians would PLUNDER the nation and force some of his own SONS to serve the Babylonian KING

II. Judgments upon FOREIGN NATIONS

A. God would STOP ASSYRIA by defending Jerusalem (37:33-36)

B. God would CRUSH MOAB (15:1-16:14; cf. Amos 2:1-3)

C. God would ENSLAVE CUSH (Ethiopia?) (20:2-6)

D. God would DESTABLIZE EGYPT (19:1-17)

E. God would DESTROY DAMASCUS (17:1-14)

F. God would SLAUGHTER EDOM (34:5-17)

G. God would IMPOVERISH ARABIA (21:13-17)

H. God would HUMILIATE TYRE (23:1-14)

I. God would PUNISH BABYLON (47:1-13)

III. Judgments upon ISRAEL and JUDAH

A. Israel would be EXILED for their SINS (9:8-10:4)

B. Judah would be JUDGED for their SINS (e.g., 3:1-9)

1. MURDER and OPPRESSION of the weak (1:15, 21, 23; 10:2; 59:7)
2. BRIBERY and perversion of JUSTICE (1:23; 5:22-24)
3. GREED, COVETING, and ENVY (2:7; 5:8-10; 26:11)
4. PRIDE and CONCEIT (5:21; 9:9; 28:1, 3)
5. Practicing the OCCULT (2:6; 8:19; 57:3)
6. DRUNKENNESS and MORAL perversions (5:11-17, 20; 28:7-8)
7. FORSAKING the Lord and DEPENDING on man (1:2-5; 2:6, 22; 31:1-3)
8. Failing to offer SACRIFICE (43:23-24)
9. Worship in mere RITUAL (29:13; 58:1-5)
10. Honoring IDOLS and MOCKING God (2:8; 5:18-19; 45:20; 57:5)

IV. Blessings upon the FAITHFUL

A. His judgment is TEMPERED in order to REFINE them (48:9-10)

B. He urges the people to REPENT and FORSAKE their sins (1:16-20; 56:6-7)

C. He promises to SPARE a REMNANT (1:9; 10:20-23; 11:11-16)