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## LESSON ONE

### Chapters Forty and Forty-One

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:  
Observation Worksheets of Isaiah 1, 40, 41  
“The Historical Chart of the Kings and Prophets of Israel and Judah”  
“Isaiah at a Glance”  
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#### COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE

**What a privilege—to be called by God to comfort His people, especially when you’ve also been the messenger of His displeasure and His forthcoming judgment.**

**If you studied Isaiah Part 1 (chapters 1-39), you sensed its stern tone—like a father’s lecture before discipline.**

**The tone of the second segment which we are about to study, chapters 40-66, is entirely different. It is more like *after*—when your Father takes you in His everlasting arms drawing you so close you can feel the beat of His heart as your head rises and falls with His every eternal breath.**

#### DAY ONE

As we begin, we can’t help but stop and tell you how very thrilled we are that you are doing this segment of Isaiah. We would be so grieved if you missed this incredible portion of Isaiah. It is so filled with truths you need to make it through the days ahead. And it’s filled with promise. Do you realize that no other Old Testament prophet is quoted more in the New Testament by the Son of God than Isaiah?

Over the past two years, we’ve spent hours, days, weeks in these chapters simply basking in the Word of God—hanging on His every word. And it pays off as life takes surprising and difficult twists and turns! You’ll find life will be joyously manageable because you know that you know to an even greater depth who God is and what is to come when the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Christ.

We’re so excited for you! You are going to be so equipped, so strengthened, so readied for the days ahead as you gain a deeper understanding for yourself of what it means that God is your Lord, your Holy One, your King—and there is no other. And there doesn’t need to be!



1. In preparation for our study of Isaiah 40 and 41 this week, read the Observation Worksheet of Isaiah 1 in the Appendix. It will put you in context for the second segment of Isaiah. Read Isaiah 1 and color-code the key subjects in broad segments of color. This will help you focus on the big picture.
  - a. the *Lord* in yellow
  - b. *Israel* in blue
  - c. *sin* (*disobedience, failure, hypocrisy, etc.*) in brown
  - d. references to *the future* in pink.
2. Look at where you marked “Israel.” What is their condition?
3. Now, let’s make sure you know the essential who and when of the book of Isaiah. Read Isaiah 1:1-2. Note below the answers to these W’s.
  - Who is speaking and for whom?
  - To whom? Who does this vision concern?
  - When is it given?
4. Look at the “The Historical Chart of the Kings and Prophets of Israel and Judah” in the Appendix of this book.
  - a. Note where the kings mentioned in Isaiah 1 appear on the chart.
  - b. Read Isaiah 6:1 and 14:28. Who among those mentioned in Isaiah 1:1 dies? Write their names.
  - c. Now read Isaiah 39:1-8. Write the name of the king of Judah at this time and the name of the foreign power who visits him. Also note what Isaiah says is going to happen with respect to this foreign power and Israel. (By the way, Isaiah 36–39 focuses on a portion of this king’s reign)





- d. Finally look at the historical chart again and list the dates of the three stages of Judah’s captivity.
  
- e. Does Isaiah prophesy before or after the captivity?

*Great! You are ready for Isaiah 40 tomorrow. Just remember, faithful student, this is only a nine-week commitment. You can do it. In the days and months and years to come you’ll find it an investment that will pay great dividends for your future.*

## DAY TWO

Our desire for you, Beloved, in doing this study is to have *you* encounter God—for *you* to hear and know what these chapters *say*. There are so many different interpretations of Isaiah, approaches, understandings, suppositions, that we can easily become confused. We rush to “the meaning”—to another’s insights—and miss the message. Has anyone ever said to you, “But that is not what I said!”? This can happen with God also. Do you wonder how often we misunderstand God simply because we did not hear what He said? Or because we listened to someone else’s opinion of God and life?

Our goal over these next nine weeks is to have you hear God. To savor His words. To know what He says. And then to patiently wait for understanding to come.

Therefore our one goal will be to immerse ourselves in the text. With it will come an unfolding of truth—in His time. Like the opening of a bud, petal after petal reveals the shape and beauty of the flower until you stand in delight beholding the wondrous and delightful center of its being. The center will be Messiah—the Lord’s servant, the Redeemer—in all His wonder.

So relax. Enjoy the revelation and breathe deeply the sweet aroma of the fragrance of the Messiah, the Christ, whom God will name *Jesus*.

1. Before observing Isaiah 40, make a bookmark with the following key words and color-code them the way you want to mark them. You could use the back of the perforated card on the back cover of your Precept book. Marking suggestions for some frequently used words are on the front of the card. **Key words** are repeated words that help to unlock the meaning of the text. If removed, the text would lose its meaning. The bookmark will become your ready reference for Isaiah Part 2, so make it big enough to add more words as you go along. *For those of you who want extra help in marking, we’ve given you some suggestions as to how you might mark the words. Note we said they are “suggestions.”*



- a. *Jerusalem, Zion* (diamond colored blue)
  - b. the *nations* (colored green and underlined in brown)
  - c. *iniquity, sin* (color it brown)
  - d. *comfort* (pink cloud)
  - e. *glory* (do not mark *glorious, glorified, etc.*)
  - f. references to *the coming of the Lord* (purple cloud colored light blue with yellow center)
  - g. *idol* (big **I** in black over the *i* of idol)
  - h. *wait* (*waits*) You want to observe what God says about waiting and those who wait.
  - i. *Creator* (*created, Maker, references to God as the Creator*) This is very important as this is a predominant theme in reference to God.
  - j. You might want to color references to *God*. (See front of key word card for a marking suggestion.) Doing that and then seeing what you learn from each occurrence helps you develop your systematic theology on the person of God.
  - k. *fear* (Watch for the phrase “Do not fear.”)
2. Now, do your observations on Isaiah 40. Begin by talking to the Author. Tell Him you want to hear what He’s saying, that you don’t want to miss a single truth He has for you. Observation Worksheets for Isaiah 40 are in the Appendix.
    - a. Mark the key words on your bookmark including synonyms and pronouns. If you have done this before, you know marking key words helps you focus on and retain what God is saying.
    - b. Mark references to time in a distinctive way. See the front of your bookmark for a marking suggestion.
    - c. Double underline in green all geographical locations.  
**NOTE:** You’ll want to mark references to time (when) and geographical locations (where) throughout your study. If you are new to Precept Bible studies and need a reminder to mark these, put them on your bookmark.
    - d. As you observe the text, if something speaks to your heart, write **LFL** (Lessons for Life) in the margin and write down what you learn for yourself. By the way, use a good pencil—it mobilizes your notes! You can erase and/or move them without a hassle.
  3. Now, look at what you’ve marked. Choose one of the words you marked. What do you learn from its use in the text? Does it answer any of the 5 Ws and an H: who, what, when, where, why and how? For example, look at what you learn from marking “comfort.”
    - a. Who is to be comforted?



- b. Who is giving the order? Who says they need to be comforted?
  - c. What brought or created the need for comfort?
  - d. How are they to be comforted?
  - e. Now look at the other words you marked and see what you observe about them.
4. One last insight. As you observe the second half of Isaiah, you are going to notice that God often combines Jacob and Israel indicating that the entire nation is still before Him; He hasn't abandoned the Northern Kingdom although by this second segment of Isaiah they have gone into captivity. The captivity happens in the sixth year of Hezekiah, king of Judah, the ninth year of Hoshea, king of Israel. Isaiah 36-39 occurs after the Assyrian captivity of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

The combination of Jacob and Israel which appeared several times in Isaiah 1-39 greatly increases in Isaiah 40–66. You might want to mark this, or at least pay attention to it.

*Don't want you to be worn out, so call "time" when you are ready. There's more to be learned tomorrow. As you bring your study time to a close, why don't you talk to God about what you've observed—your questions—what He brings to your heart. By the way, it's always good to talk to Him aloud; it helps keep you focused.*

*Thank you again for wanting to discover truth for yourself. It's a sanctifying process—and an answer to Jesus' prayer (John 17:17) for you as He prepared to die on the cross for your sins. By the way, it was His death that enabled you to have an "in-resident" Comforter! Read John 14:16. The word Comforter or Helper is "Parakletos" in Greek and is used for one called alongside another to help or comfort.*

*Can you hear His heartbeat for you?*

## DAY THREE

1. After you pray, read Isaiah 40 so you can go over the text again and review your markings.
2. Now, read Isaiah 40:1-11. Underline references to speaking, a *voice*, *lifting up your voice*, *cry*, *saying*. Then thoroughly answer the questions that follow.









8. Once again in Isaiah 40:31 God speaks about waiting on Him. Waiting isn't easy, is it? We are people of action. People who want what we want now. And what can get us past the impatience? It's what we have seen—remembering who God is!

“Wait,” *qavah*, in the Hebrew means “to look for, hope, expect . . . to wait or look eagerly for.”<sup>1</sup> Think about Isaiah 40:31 in light of this.

If you did Isaiah Part 1, you looked at references to waiting on God. It would be good to look at a couple of those again and be reminded of why we are to wait and/or what happens to those who wait on God. Record what you learn from each of them.

a. Isaiah 25:9

b. Isaiah 33:2



9. Why don't you consider memorizing Isaiah 40:31? Write it down on a card and read it out loud three times in succession at three different times of the day. Saying it aloud nine times a day will soon make it yours for keeps. Then the Spirit of God will have it to bring to your remembrance when you need to wait on God—to hope in Him alone. He is enough!
10. Record the main theme of Isaiah 40 on the “Isaiah at a Glance” chart in the Appendix under chapter themes. This will become an invaluable chart helping you to see the content and flow of material in Isaiah. (By the way, if you don't know how to do this, look it up in the book, *How to Study the Bible*.<sup>2</sup>)
11. Finally, let's think “application.” What has God done in your mind and in your heart? Has He spoken to you to any way? Brought questions to your mind? Stirred your heart? What have you heard (learned) from listening to His voice? And what difference might it make if you live in light of it? Would it change anything? Would it please God? Talk to God about it.

<sup>1</sup> James Strong, *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2001). H6960.

<sup>2</sup> You may buy this book by going to your local bookstore, or by going online to [www.precept.org](http://www.precept.org) or calling 800-763-8280, or by writing to PO Box 182218, Chattanooga, TN 37422-7218.



DAY  
FOUR

1. Observe Isaiah 41 today. Add the following to your Key Word Bookmark and mark them along with those words already on your bookmark:
  - a. *servant*—note who the servant is and what you learn about him.
  - b. *Redeemer*—*redemption*, and *redeemed* are key words in this second segment of Isaiah. You don't want to miss a single reference.
  - c. *righteousness* (*righteous*, *righteously*)
  - d. *chosen*
  - e. *declare* (in any form when it is a declaration of God)
  - f. *listening*, *hearing* or *not hearing*. We usually mark it with an ear like this  and then put a slash through it if they are deaf or not hearing/listening.
  - g. If you did Isaiah Part 1, you know that *the Holy One of Israel* is used only of God in the book of Isaiah with the exception of several places outside the book—in Psalms (about 3x), Jeremiah (2x), and once in 2 Kings 19:22. Therefore it is good to mark it in a distinctive way.
  - h. *water(s)* (*rivers*, *springs*, *thirst*, *thirsty*) we mark it with a blue line like waves above the word: .
  - i. *what is to happen*, *what is coming*—terms that talk about future things — underline in a distinctive color.
2. Now read Isaiah 41 again. Make sure you marked all references to time and geographical locations. Look up the Hebrew word for “Redeemer.” References to redemption and a redeemer are going to become predominant in this second segment of Isaiah, therefore you want to pay attention to its usage and meaning. Write the Hebrew word along with its definition. If you're not sure how to do a word study, check the book, *How to Study the Bible*, or ask your leader or another student to help you.
3. Now, as we bring today to a close, think about what is happening in Isaiah 41 and its relationship to Isaiah 40. Record the theme of Isaiah 41 on the At a Glance chart.







3) verse 20—the end result?

*Are you in a similar condition, Beloved? Any insight into what to do? believe? cling to?*

f. Isaiah 41:21-24

g. Isaiah 41:25-29

2. Now, review what you have just written and think through what God is doing in Isaiah 41 and why. *Why* is important. Israel is God's covenant nation (remember His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his descendants); a nation He will never abandon although He has to chasten them. What does God want them to see, to know, to do? Think about it, Beloved.







## ISAIAH 1

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

- 2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth;  
for the LORD has spoken:  
“Children have I reared and brought up,  
but they have rebelled against me.
- 3 “The ox knows its owner,  
and the donkey its master’s crib,  
but Israel does not know,  
my people do not understand.”
- 4 Ah, sinful nation,  
a people laden with iniquity,  
offspring of evildoers,  
children who deal corruptly!  
They have forsaken the LORD,  
they have despised the Holy One of Israel,  
they are utterly estranged.
- 5 Why will you still be struck down?  
Why will you continue to rebel?  
The whole head is sick,  
and the whole heart faint.
- 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head,  
there is no soundness in it,  
but bruises and sores



and raw wounds;  
they are not pressed out or bound up  
or softened with oil.

7 Your country lies desolate;  
your cities are burned with fire;  
in your very presence  
foreigners devour your land;  
it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left  
like a booth in a vineyard,  
like a lodge in a cucumber field,  
like a besieged city.

9 If the LORD of hosts  
had not left us a few survivors,  
we should have been like Sodom,  
and become like Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom!  
Give ear to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

11 “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD;  
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of well-fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

12 “When you come to appear before me,  
who has required of you  
this trampling of my courts?



- 13 “Bring no more vain offerings;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—  
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.
- 14 “Your new moons and your appointed feasts  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me;  
I am weary of bearing them.
- 15 “When you spread out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.
- 16 “Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,  
17 learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
correct oppression;  
bring justice to the fatherless,  
plead the widow’s cause.
- 18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.
- 19 “If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;  
20 but if you refuse and rebel,  
you shall be eaten by the sword;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”



- 21 How the faithful city  
has become a whore,  
she who was full of justice!  
Righteousness lodged in her,  
but now murderers.
- 22 Your silver has become dross,  
your best wine mixed with water.
- 23 Your princes are rebels  
and companions of thieves.  
Everyone loves a bribe  
and runs after gifts.  
They do not bring justice to the fatherless,  
and the widow's cause does not come to them.
- 24 Therefore the Lord declares,  
the LORD of hosts,  
the Mighty One of Israel:  
"Ah, I will get relief from my enemies  
and avenge myself on my foes.
- 25 "I will turn my hand against you  
and will smelt away your dross as with lye  
and remove all your alloy.
- 26 "And I will restore your judges as at the first,  
and your counselors as at the beginning.  
Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness,  
the faithful city."
- 27 Zion shall be redeemed by justice,  
and those in her who repent, by righteousness.
- 28 But rebels and sinners shall be broken together,  
and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed.





- 29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks  
that you desired;  
and you shall blush for the gardens  
that you have chosen.
- 30 For you shall be like an oak  
whose leaf withers,  
and like a garden without water.
- 31 And the strong shall become tinder,  
and his work a spark,  
and both of them shall burn together,  
with none to quench them.





## ISAIAH 40

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

COMFORT, comfort my people, says your God.

- 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.
- 3 A voice cries:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- 4 "Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.
- 5 "And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
- 6 A voice says, "Cry!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.



- 9     Go on up to a high mountain,  
       O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
       O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
       lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
       “Behold your God!”
- 10    Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
       and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
       and his recompense before him.
- 11    He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
       he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
       and gently lead those that are with young.
- 12    Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
       and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure  
       and weighed the mountains in scales  
       and the hills in a balance?
- 13    Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD,  
       or what man shows him his counsel?
- 14    Whom did he consult,  
       and who made him understand?  
Who taught him the path of justice,  
       and taught him knowledge,  
       and showed him the way of understanding?
- 15    Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
       and are accounted as the dust on the scales;  
       behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.
- 16    Lebanon would not suffice for fuel,  
       nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.



- 17 All the nations are as nothing before him,  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.
- 18 To whom then will you liken God,  
or what likeness compare with him?
- 19 An idol! A craftsman casts it,  
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold  
and casts for it silver chains.
- 20 He who is too impoverished for an offering  
chooses wood that will not rot;  
he seeks out a skillful craftsman  
to set up an idol that will not move.
- 21 Do you not know? Do you not hear?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- 22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
- 23 who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
- 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows on them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- 25 To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
- 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,



by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.

- 27 Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.
- 29 He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
- 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;
- 31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.



## ISAIAH 41

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

- LISTEN to me in silence, O coastlands;  
let the peoples renew their strength;  
let them approach, then let them speak;  
let us together draw near for judgment.
- 2 Who stirred up one from the east  
whom victory meets at every step?  
He gives up nations before him,  
so that he tramples kings underfoot;  
he makes them like dust with his sword,  
like driven stubble with his bow.
- 3 He pursues them and passes on safely,  
by paths his feet have not trod.
- 4 Who has performed and done this,  
calling the generations from the beginning?  
I, the LORD, the first,  
and with the last; I am he.
- 5 The coastlands have seen and are afraid;  
the ends of the earth tremble;  
they have drawn near and come.
- 6 Everyone helps his neighbor  
and says to his brother, “Be strong!”
- 7 The craftsman strengthens the goldsmith,  
and he who smooths with the hammer him who strikes the anvil,  
saying of the soldering, “It is good”;  
and they strengthen it with nails so that it cannot be moved.



- 8 But you, Israel, my servant,  
    Jacob, whom I have chosen,  
    the offspring of Abraham, my friend;  
9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth,  
    and called from its farthest corners,  
saying to you, “You are my servant,  
    I have chosen you and not cast you off”;  
10 fear not, for I am with you;  
    be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
    I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- 11 Behold, all who are incensed against you  
    shall be put to shame and confounded;  
those who strive against you  
    shall be as nothing and shall perish.
- 12 You shall seek those who contend with you,  
    but you shall not find them;  
those who war against you  
    shall be as nothing at all.
- 13 For I, the LORD your God,  
    hold your right hand;  
it is I who say to you, “Fear not,  
    I am the one who helps you.”
- 14 Fear not, you worm Jacob,  
    you men of Israel!  
I am the one who helps you, declares the LORD;  
    your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge,  
    new, sharp, and having teeth;  
you shall thresh the mountains and crush them,  
    and you shall make the hills like chaff;





- 16     you shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away,  
          and the tempest shall scatter them.  
And you shall rejoice in the LORD;  
          in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.
- 17     When the poor and needy seek water,  
          and there is none,  
          and their tongue is parched with thirst,  
I the LORD will answer them;  
          I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
- 18     I will open rivers on the bare heights,  
          and fountains in the midst of the valleys.  
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,  
          and the dry land springs of water.
- 19     I will put in the wilderness the cedar,  
          the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive.  
I will set in the desert the cypress,  
          the plane and the pine together,
- 20     that they may see and know,  
          may consider and understand together,  
          that the hand of the LORD has done this,  
          the Holy One of Israel has created it.
- 21     Set forth your case, says the LORD;  
          bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob.
- 22     Let them bring them, and tell us  
          what is to happen.  
Tell us the former things, what they are,  
          that we may consider them,  
          that we may know their outcome;  
          or declare to us the things to come.



- 23 Tell us what is to come hereafter,  
that we may know that you are gods;  
do good, or do harm,  
that we may be dismayed and terrified.
- 24 Behold, you are nothing,  
and your work is less than nothing;  
an abomination is he who chooses you.
- 25 I stirred up one from the north, and he has come,  
from the rising of the sun, and he shall call upon my name;  
he shall trample on rulers as on mortar,  
as the potter treads clay.
- 26 Who declared it from the beginning, that we might know,  
and beforehand, that we might say, “He is right”?  
There was none who declared it, none who proclaimed,  
none who heard your words.
- 27 I was the first to say to Zion, “Behold, here they are!”  
and I give to Jerusalem a herald of good news.
- 28 But when I look, there is no one;  
among these there is no counselor  
who, when I ask, gives an answer.
- 29 Behold, they are all a delusion;  
their works are nothing;  
their metal images are empty wind.



## ISAAH AT A GLANCE

Segment Divisions		Chapter Themes		
Judah and Jerusalem's sin, coming judgment, and restoration	DISCOURSES REGARDING JERUSALEM	GOD'S CHARACTER AND JUDGMENT	1 You've despised the Holy One of Israel	
Isaiah's vision and calling			2 In the last days the nations come to Zion	
Judgment of Ephraim, then Assyria/Israel's restoration			3 God's pending judgment on Jerusalem	
Oracles of judgment against nations			ORACLES	4 The branch of the Lord will be beautiful
				5 Woe to the vineyard of the Lord
				6 Isaiah's vision, confession, and commission
	7 Ahaz told of Assyrian attack and Immanuel			
	8 Swift is the booty but God is with us			
	9 Light for those in darkness—a Child is born/His anger			
	10 Woe to Assyria/A remnant will return			
	11 A shoot from Jesse/A highway for the remnant			
	12 God is my salvation: The Holy One is in our midst			
	13 Oracle re: Babylon—used and destroyed by God			
	14 Taunt against king of Babylon (Oracle against Philistia)			
	Destruction of earth/Lord will reign on Mount Zion			DISCOURSES REGARDING THAT DAY
16 Moab's wailing				
17 Oracle re: Damascus/Events in that day				
18 Word to Cush (Ethiopia)				
19 Oracle re: Egypt and its future faith				
20 Assyria will lead away captives of Egypt and Cush				
21 Oracles re: wilderness of sea, Edom, and Arabia				
22 Oracle re: Valley of Vision/Key of David				
23 Oracle re: Tyre				
24 When the Lord lays the earth waste				
25 When the Lord's hand rests on the mountain				
26 The way of the righteous				
27 The day He punishes the Leviathan				

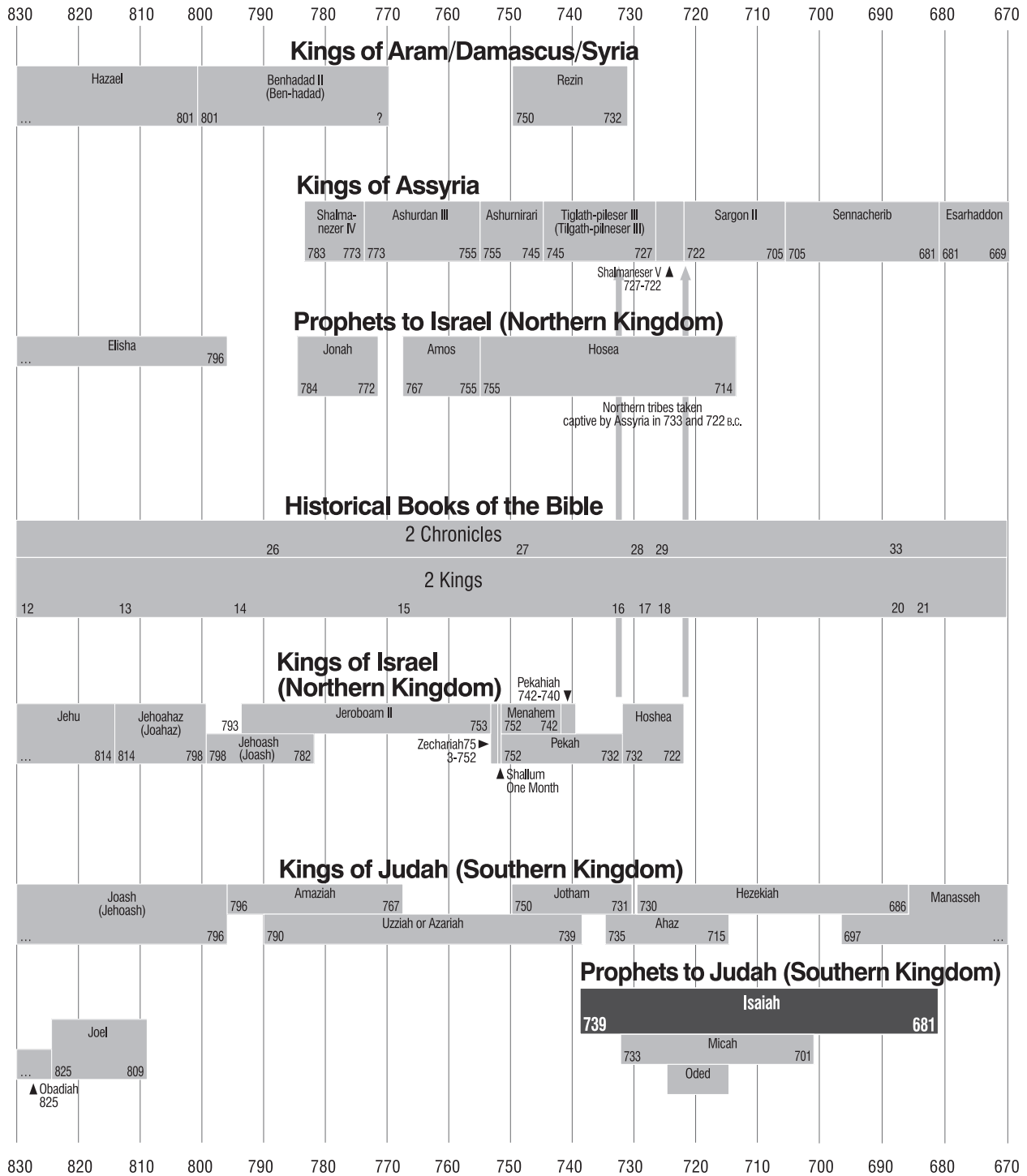


Segment Divisions		Chapter Themes	
Woes/the coming King and Kingdom	WOES	GOD'S CHARACTER AND JUDGMENT	<b>28</b> Woe to the proud/Cornerstone to be laid in Zion
	Promises for the future re: the King, Edom, the Arabah		GOD'S RANSOM
<b>30</b> Woe to rebellious who follow their own plan			
<b>31</b> Woe to those who go to Egypt—Return to Him			
<b>32</b> When the King reigns righteously			
<b>33</b> Those who live with the consuming fire, who see the King in His beauty			
<b>34</b> God's judgment on the nations and Edom			
<b>35</b> God's recompense comes/Ransomed walk Highway of Holiness			
<b>36</b> Rabshakeh asks Hezekiah to surrender Jerusalem			
<b>37</b> Hezekiah's prayers and God's promise			
<b>38</b> Hezekiah's illness, prayer, and deliverance			
HISTORICAL INTERLUDE	DISCOURSES REGARDING:	<b>39</b> Hezekiah receives Babylonians/Isaiah prophesies Babylon's conquest of Judah	
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