

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

I. God’s Denunciation of Judah (1:1-12:6)

- A. The **Condemnation** of Judah (1:1-2:1-4)
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1. Isaiah’s Ministry to **Ahaz** (7:1-25)

2. Isaiah’s Affirmation of **Assyria’s Invasion** (8:1-22)

a. The **Sign** of **Maher-shalal-hash-baz** (8:1-4)

8 Then the LORD said to me,
“Take for yourself a **large tablet**

and **write on it** in ordinary letters:
Swift is the booty, speedy is the prey.

2 And I will take to **Myself faithful witnesses** for testimony,
Uriah the priest and **Zechariah** the son of Jeberechiah.”

3 So I approached the **prophetess**,
and she **conceived** and gave birth to a **son**.

Then the LORD said to me, “Name him **Maher-shalal-hash-baz**;

4 for before the **boy** knows how to cry out ‘**My father**’ or ‘**My mother**,’
the **wealth** of **Damascus** and the **spoil** of **Samaria**
will be **carried away** before the **king of Assyria**.”

b. The **Coming Invasion** of **Assyria** (8:5-8)

5 Again the LORD spoke to me further, saying,

6 “Inasmuch as **these people** have **rejected**
the **gently** flowing waters of **Shiloah**

And rejoice in **Rezin** and the **son of Remaliah**;

⁷ “Now therefore, behold, **the Lord** is about to bring on them
the **strong** and **abundant waters** of the **Euphrates**,

Even the **king of Assyria** and all **his glory**;
And it will **rise up over** all its channels and go **over** all its banks.

⁸ “Then it will **sweep on** into **Judah**,
it will **overflow** and pass through,
It will reach even to the **neck**;

And the spread of **its wings** will fill the breadth of **your land**, **O Immanuel**.

c. The **Warning** to the **Nations** (8:9-10)

⁹ “Be **broken**, **O peoples**, and be **shattered**;
And **give ear**, all **remote places** of the **earth**.

Gird yourselves, yet be **shattered**;
Gird yourselves, yet be **shattered**.

¹⁰ “Devise **a plan**, but it will be **thwarted**;
State **a proposal**, but it will **not stand**,
For **God is with us**.”

d. The **Warning** to **Judah** (8:11-15)

¹¹ For thus the **LORD** spoke to me with **mighty power** and **instructed me**
not to **walk** in the **way** of **this people**, saying,

¹² “**You are not** to say, ‘*It is a conspiracy!*’

In regard to all that **this people** call a **conspiracy**,
And **you are not** to **fear** what **they fear** or be in **dread** of *it*.

¹³ “It is the **LORD of hosts** whom **you** should regard as **holy**.
And **He** shall be **your fear**,
And **He** shall be **your dread**.

¹⁴ “Then **He** shall become a **sanctuary**,
But to **both** the **houses of Israel**,

a **stone** to **strike** and a **rock** to **stumble over**,
And a **snare** and a **trap** for the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**.

¹⁵ “**Many** will **stumble over** them,
Then they will **fall** and **be broken**;
They will even be **snared** and **caught**.”

e. The **Witness** of **Isaiah** and **his Family** (8:16-18)

¹⁶ Bind up the *testimony*, seal *the law* among *my disciples*.

¹⁷ And I will *wait* for the LORD
who is *hiding His face* from the *house of Jacob*;
I will even *look eagerly* for Him.

¹⁸ Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me
are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts,
who dwells on Mount Zion.

f. The *Despair* of Judah (8:19-22)

¹⁹ When *they say* to you,
“*Consult* the *mediums* and the *spiritists* who *whisper* and *mutter*,”
should not a people *consult* their God?

Should they consult the dead on behalf of the *living*?

²⁰ To the *law* and to the *testimony*!
If they do *not* speak according to this word,
it is because *they* have *no dawn*.

²¹ They will pass through the land *hard-pressed* and *famished*,
and it will turn out that when they are *hungry*,

they will be *enraged* and *curse* their king
and *their God* as they *face upward*.

²² Then they will *look* to the *earth*, and behold, *distress*,
and *darkness*, the *gloom of anguish*;
and *they will be driven away* into *darkness*.

Immanuel: The *Stone* of Stumbling and the *Rock* of Offense

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But to *both* the *houses of Israel*,

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Then they will *fall* and *be broken*;
They will even be *snared* and *caught*.” (8:14-15)

{ *New Testament Fulfillment* }

Jesus said to them (His disciples), “Did you never read in the *Scriptures*,

'THE **STONE** WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF **CORNER stone**;
THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'...

And *he* who falls on this **stone** will be **broken to pieces**;
but on *whomever* it falls, it will **scatter** him like dust." (Matthew 21:42, 44)

And **Simeon blessed them (Jesus' parents)** and said to **Mary His mother**,
"Behold, **this Child** is appointed for the **fall** and **rise** of many in Israel,
and for a **sign** to be **opposed**—(Luke 2:34)

...but **Israel**, pursuing a **law of righteousness**,
did **not** arrive at **that law**. Why?
Because *they did not pursue it by faith*,
but as though *it were by works*.
They **stumbled over** the **stumbling stone**, just as it is written,

"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION
A **STONE OF STUMBLING** AND A **ROCK OF OFFENSE**,
AND HE WHO **BELIEVES IN HIM** WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."
(Romans 9:31-33)

...but **we preach Messiah crucified**,
to **Jews** a **stumbling block** and to **Gentiles** foolishness,

but to those who are **the called**, both **Jews and Greeks**,
Messiah the **power of God** and the **wisdom of God**.
(I Corinthians 1:23-24)

...you also, as **living stones**, are being **built up** as a **spiritual house**
for a **holy priesthood**, to offer up **spiritual sacrifices**
acceptable to God through Jesus the Messiah.

For *this* is contained in **Scripture**:
"BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE **STONE**, A PRECIOUS **CORNER stone**,
AND HE WHO **BELIEVES IN HIM** WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

This **precious value**, then, is for **you who believe**;
but for those who **disbelieve**,

"THE **STONE** WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE VERY **CORNER stone**," and,

"A **STONE OF STUMBLING** AND A **ROCK OF OFFENSE**";

for **they stumble** because they are **disobedient to the word**,
and to **this doom** they were also **appointed**. (I Peter 2:5-8)