

THE EPIC OF EDEN: ISAIAH

Session 1 Video Notes – FIRST THINGS

1. Introductions to the Great Book of Isaiah
 - a. “The fifth gospel”
 - i. Cited 60+ times in the New Testament!
 - ii. John 12:41
 - b. The great barrier
 - i. What are the prophets and prophecy?
 - ii. Isaiah’s world?
 - iii. Sixty-six chapters!
2. The *Book* of Isaiah (see chart on reverse)
 - a. “Prophet talk” in the Bible
 - b. Hermeneutics of prophecy
 - i. Prophetic books are anthologies of oracles, not biographies
 - ii. The oracles are extremely situational, so context is king!
 - iii. The final order of the oracles is theological as well
 - c. The structure of the book of Isaiah
 - i. The “former” versus the “latter” things
 - ii. “First” versus “Second” Isaiah
 - iii. Israel as she was versus Israel as she will be
 - d. Three different audiences
 - i. Isaiah’s lifetime (chapters 1-39), 742-700 BC
 - ii. The exile (chapters 40-55), 605-539 BC
 - iii. The return (chapters 56-66), 539-400 BC
 - e. Three different theological movements
 - i. Yahweh’s covenant lawsuit against Israel
 - ii. Yahweh’s restoration of Israel
 - iii. Yahweh’s future plan for Israel
 - f. A “map” to our book

Isaiah 42:9 *“Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things; before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.”*

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Former things . . .
Israel's sin and impending judgment

Latter things . . .
Israel's hope of restoration after judgment

"For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth: the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind!" 65:17 (NRSV, emphasis mine)