## 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

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1	Introduction of lawsuit	I-6 Introduction: The Problem: Judah's Sin	ISAIAH 1-39 Former things Israel's sin and impending judgment
2-4	Summary oracles		
5	Poetic reiteration		
6	Denouement: the introduction of Isaiah		
7-9:7	The children-name-signs	T	
9:8-10:4	"His anger does not turn away"	7–12 Ahaz: A Faithless King	
10:5-34	Judgment against Assyria		
11:1-12:6	Salvation for Israel and a hymn of praise	<u> </u>	
13-14	Babylon and "The Day of Yahweh"		
15-17	Philistia, Moab, Damascus	2 ag C	
18-20	Egypt	13–23 Oracles against the Nations	
21-22	Babylon and Judah	the S	
23	Tyre		
24	Cosmological judgment and coming kingdom		
25	Hymn of praise for new order	24. The Apoca	
26	Resurrection after death	24–27 The "Little Apocalypse"	
27	"In that day" Leviathan slain; Jacob exonerated	3, 5	
28-31	Drunken Ephraim; sinful Ariel; rebellious children	Wo No	
32-34	Resolution: a righteous king and judgment	28–35 A Series of Woes against Israel	
35	Hymn of redemption	s of ainst	
36-37	Hezekiah, Sennacherib and Isaiah	Fair	
38	Hezekiah (and Israel's) temporary reprieve	36–39 Hezekiah: An (Almost) Faithful King	
39	Hezekiah's foolishness: Babylon is coming	sah: Sking	
40-41	The restoration begins!	Th Th	ISAIAH 40–66  Latter things Israel's hope of restoration after judgment
42	The new servant	40-43 Transition: The Solution: Yahweh's Transformation and Restoration of Israel	
43	The new thing (The exiles come home!)	tion:	
44	The servant vs. the idol	<b>*</b>	
45-48	The idols and those who serve them humiliated; Yahweh delivers (cf. Cyrus)	44–53 "Who Will You Serve?"	
49-53	Yahweh reclaims his people by the work of his servant	-γ = ω	
54	Judgment has its limits; there is a script		
55-56	Come to the waters	54–63 The Restoration of Israel and the Nations	
57-58	The fate of the wicked	54–63 he Restoratio of Israel and the Nations	
59-62	The fate of the righteous	ns attion	
63	The winepress of Yahweh		
64	Israel finally understands, "Our Father"	Sin S	
65	Yahweh will restore: a new heaven and earth	Summary of All: "Can a Land Be Born in a Single Day?"	
66	"I extend peace like a river"	ary Be ary ay?"	

"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)