

THE EPIC OF EDEN: ISAIAH

Session 10 Video Notes – The Restoration

1. Conclusions: The Biblical Implications of Isaiah's Messag? The Servant and His Rival?
 - a. Humanity ...
 - i. ...was create in the *śélem* ("image") of God (Gen. 1:26-27)
 - ii. ...rebelled and made their gods *pésel* in their *own image* (1 Kings 14:9)
 - iii. ...became as blind and deaf as the idols (*pésel*) they had crafted (Isaiah 44:18-19)
 - b. Jesus is ...
 - i. ..."the **image** of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15)
 - ii. ..."the **exact representation**" of God's being (Hebrews 1:3)
 - iii. ...the one who repairs the **image** in us, making us new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - iv. ...the one to whose **image** we are being conformed (Romans 8:29), and the **new self** into which we are being transformed (Colossians 3:9-10)
 - v. In Christ we are restored to our God-ordained role as the image-bearers of the Almighty.
2. What is the task of the made-new image bearers?
 - a. Witnesses! Isaiah 43:10/Acts 1:8
 - b. "You are the light of the world!" Isaiah 49:6/John 8:12/Matthew 5:14
 - c. To be conformed to the image of the son. Romans 8:29

Isaiah 66:8 *"Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be delivered in one moment?" (NRSV)*

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

"Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things, before they spring forth I declare them to you!" 42:9

ISAIAH 1-39		ISAIAH 40-66	
Former things . . . Israel's sin and impending judgment		Latter things . . . Israel's hope of restoration after judgment	
1-6	Introduction: The Problem: Judah's Sin	40-43	Transition: The Solution: Yahweh's Transformation and Restoration of Israel
7-12	Ahaz: A Faithless King	44-53	"Who Will You Serve?"
13-23	Oracles against the Nations	54-63	The Restoration of Israel and the Nations
24-27	The "Little Apocalypse"	64-66	Summary of All: "Can a Land Be Born in a Single Day?"
28-35	A Series of Woes against Israel		
36-39	Hezekiah: An (Almost) Faithful King		
1	Introduction of lawsuit		
2-4	Summary oracles		
5	Poetic reiteration		
6	Denouement: the introduction of Isaiah		
7-9:7	The children-name-signs		
9:8-10:4	"His anger does not turn away"		
10:5-34	Judgment against Assyria		
11:1-12:6	Salvation for Israel and a hymn of praise		
13-14	Babylon and "The Day of Yahweh"		
15-17	Philistia, Moab, Damascus		
18-20	Egypt		
21-22	Babylon and Judah		
23	Tyre		
24	Cosmological judgment and coming kingdom		
25	Hymn of praise for new order		
26	Resurrection after death		
27	"In that day" Leviathan slain; Jacob exonerated		
28-31	Drunken Ephraim; sinful Ariel; rebellious children		
32-34	Resolution: a righteous king and judgment		
35	Hymn of redemption		
36-37	Hezekiah, Sennacherib and Isaiah		
38	Hezekiah [and Israel's] temporary reprieve		
39	Hezekiah's foolishness: Babylon is coming		
40-41	The restoration begins!		
42	The new servant		
43	The new thing [The exiles come home!]		
44	The servant vs. the idol		
45-48	The idols and those who serve them humiliated; Yahweh delivers [cf. Cyrus]		
49-53	Yahweh reclaims his people by the work of his servant		
54	Judgment has its limits; there is a script		
55-56	Come to the waters		
57-58	The fate of the wicked		
59-62	The fate of the righteous		
63	The winepress of Yahweh		
64	Israel finally understands, "Our Father"		
65	Yahweh will restore: a new heaven and earth		
66	"I extend peace like a river"		

"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)