



OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY III

POETS & PROPHETS



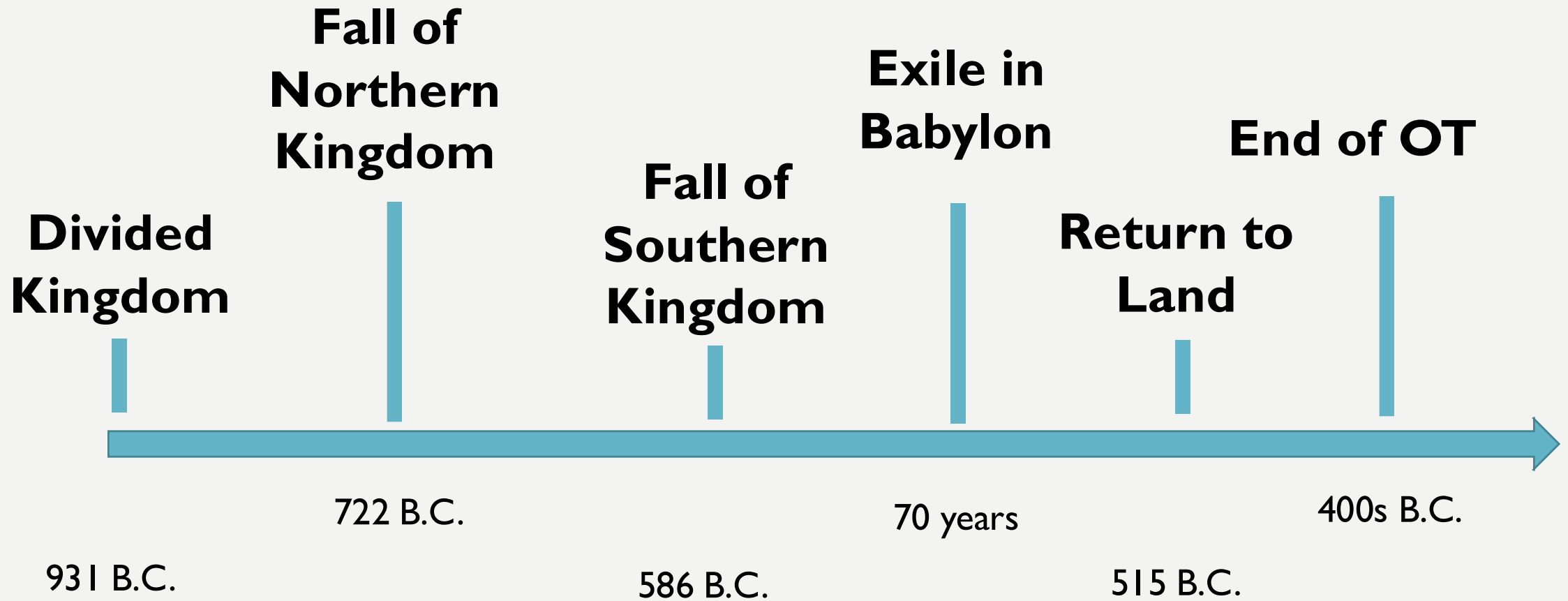
PROPHETIC LITERATURE

WEEK 6: PRE-EXILIC PROPHETS – ISAIAH

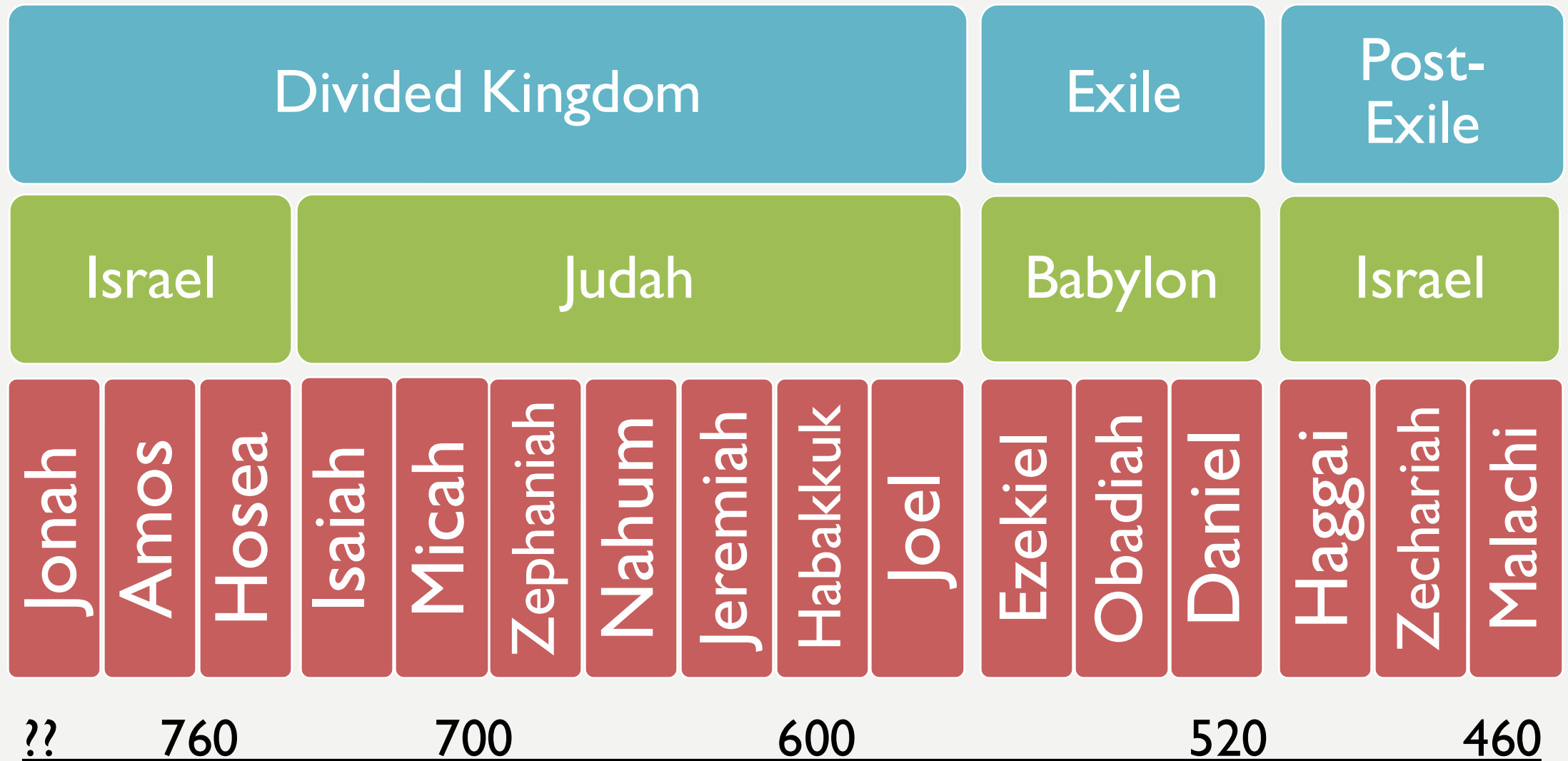
PROTESTANT ENGLISH BIBLES

LAW	HISTORY	POETRY	PROPHETS	
			MAJOR	MINOR
Genesis	Joshua	Job	Isaiah	Hosea
Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Jeremiah	Joel
Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Lamentations	Amos
Numbers	1 Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel	Obadiah
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel	Song of Solomon	Daniel	Jonah
	1 Kings			Micah
	2 Kings			Nahum
	1 Chronicles			Habakkuk
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	Ezra			Haggai
	Nehemiah			Zechariah
	Esther			Malachi

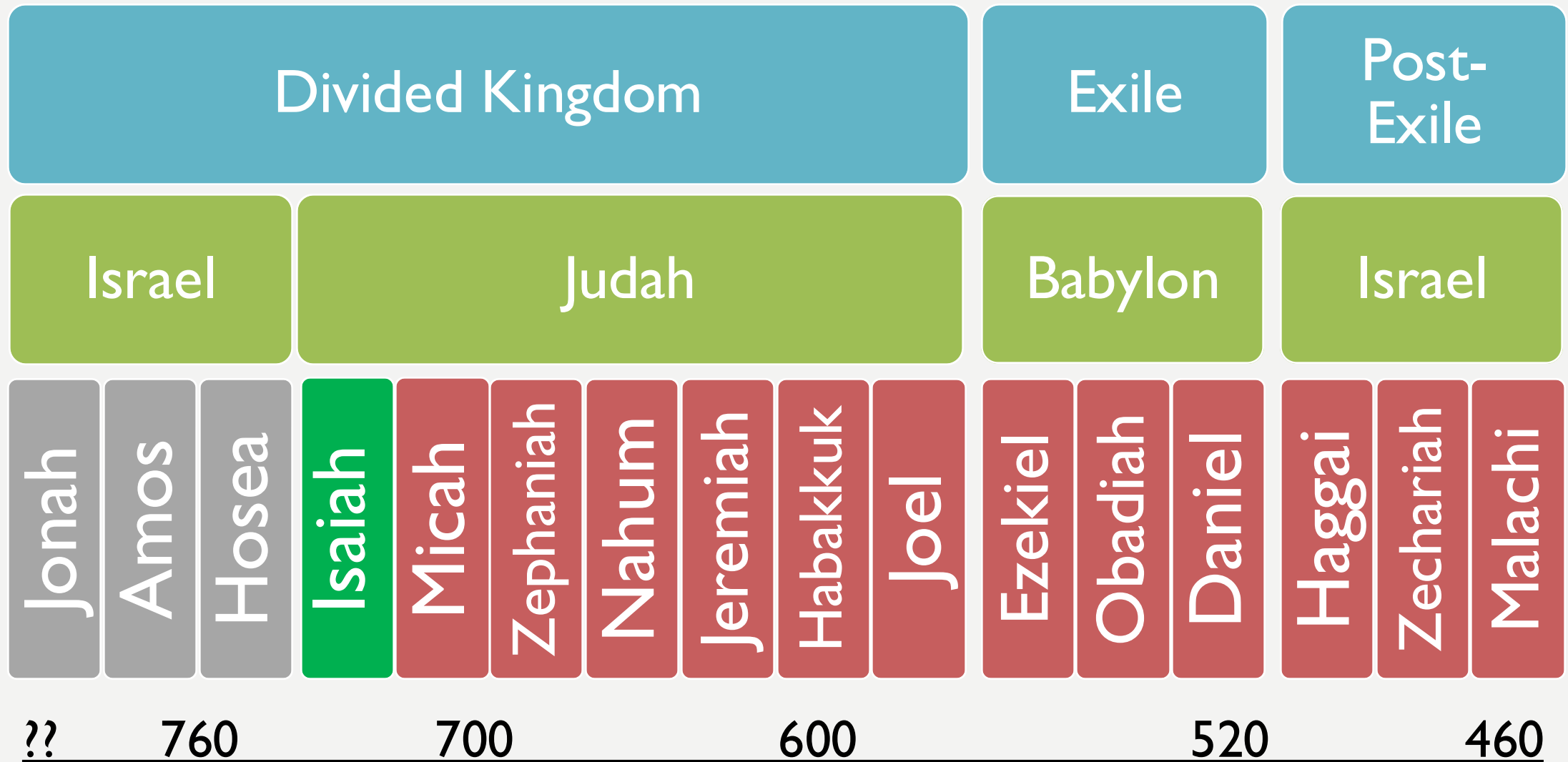
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ISAIAH

PRINCE OF THE PROPHETS

ISAIAH: BACKGROUND

- **Author** ~ Isaiah (means, “the LORD is salvation”)
- **Key terms** ~ LORD (413x), day (87x), holy (53x), king (53x), righteousness (50x), glory (35x), justice (26x), salvation (25x), servant (22x), woe (20x)
- **Context** ~ Isaiah had a long ministry (740-680 BC) during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, & Hezekiah. Assyria began to gain power & encroach west into Israel, overtaking them in 722 B.C.

ISAIAH: CENTRAL THEME

“The central theme of the book is God himself, who does all things for his own sake. Isaiah defines everything else by its relation to God, whether it is rightly adjusted to him as the gloriously central figure in all of reality.”

(ESV Study Bible: *Introduction to Isaiah*)

ISAIAH: KEY VERSES

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’ “Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.”

(Isaiah 45:22–25 ESV)

ISAIAH: IMPORTANCE

“The book of Isaiah...is the centerpiece of the story of Israel in the biblical story. Standing at the beginning of the Latter Prophets, even though it is not first chronologically, it serves to guide your reading of the rest of the tradition...”

(Fee & Stuart, *How to Read the Bible Book by Book*, p. 174)

ISAIAH: IMPORTANCE

“...its theological scope is all-embracing, constantly reminding Israel that Yahweh is the living God, the Creator and majestic Sovereign – and Judge – of all that is, as well as the compassionate Redeemer of Israel.”

(Fee & Stuart, *How to Read the Bible Book by Book*, p. 174)

ISAIAH: OVERVIEW

Condemnation			Consolation		
1-39			40-66		
Judgment & Hope		Historical Transition	God's Greatness	God's Servant	God's Kingdom
1-35		36-39	40-48	49-57	58-66
For the Nation	For the Nations	Hezekiah's Illness	Character of God	Person & Work of Savior	Nature & Destiny of Believers

ISAIAH: SYMPHONIC ORGANIZATION

- **Exposition**: Musical themes are introduced, typically with two contrasting melodies.
- **Development**: The melodies are developed in much the same way ideas grow and develop in a conversation. Each section of the orchestra takes a turn with a melody, changing the key and using different musical styles
- **Recapitulation**: After the different sections of the orchestra take turns shifting the melodies, the original themes are reintroduced and played in their original keys and styles.

ISAIAH: SYMPHONIC ORGANIZATION

Major Movements

1. The Grace of God
2. Rebellion of Man
3. Judgment of God
4. Kingdom Glory

(David Needham, *Isaiah-Malachi Class Notes*, p. 10)



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ISAIAH: COURTROOM SCENE

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. The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master’s crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.”

(Isaiah 1:2–3 ESV)

ISAIAH: SHATTERED DREAMS

- Judgment speech #1: Judgment for false religion, riches, & pride (2:5-21)
- Judgment speech #2: Judgment of Judah's leaders who used power for dishonest gain (2:22-3:15)
- Judgment speech #3: Judgment of Judah's women arrogant & obsessed with external beauty (3:16-4:1)

ISAIAH: SHATTERED DREAMS

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

(Isaiah 5:1–2 ESV)

ISAIAH: SHATTERED DREAMS

- Woe #1 ~ Oppressors who gained at expense of others (5:8-10)
- Woe #2 ~ Drunkards (5:11-17)
- Woe #3 ~ Those who put God to the test (5:18-19)
- Woe #4 ~ Morally twisted who call good evil and evil good (5:20)
- Woe #5 ~ Self-exalted (5:21)
- Woe #6 ~ Immoral opportunist (5:22-23)

ISAIAH'S CALL

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

(Isaiah 6:1–6 ESV)

ISAIAH'S CALL

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

(Isaiah 6:1–6 ESV)

ISAIAH'S CALL

And he said, “Go, and say to this people: “‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

(Isaiah 6:9–10 ESV)

ISAIAH'S CALL

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

(Isaiah 6:11–13 ESV)

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IMMANUEL

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

(Isaiah 7:14 ESV)

IMMANUEL

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore...

(Isaiah 9:6–7 ESV)

IMMANUEL

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD...

(Isaiah 11:1–3 ESV)

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ORACLES OF JUDGMENT

“Isaiah reveals the sovereign ways of God with the nations, for he is no local, tribal deity but the Judge and Savior ruling over all the world. His purpose is moving human history forward for the benefit of his people.”

(ESV Study Bible note on Isaiah 13-27)

ORACLES OF JUDGMENT

Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless.

(Isaiah 13:9–11 ESV)

ORACLES OF JUDGMENT

Behold, the LORD will empty the earth and make it desolate, and he will twist its surface and scatter its inhabitants...The earth shall be utterly empty and utterly plundered; for the LORD has spoken this word.

(Isaiah 24:1–3 ESV)

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FUTURE HOPE

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined... He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

(Isaiah 25:6–8 ESV)

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TRAGEDY OF MISPLACED HOPE

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help
and rely on horses, who trust in chariots
because they are many and in horsemen
because they are very strong, but do not look to
the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD!

(Isaiah 31:1 ESV)

DAY OF RECOMPENSE

DAY OF JUDGMENT

For the LORD is enraged
against all the nations, and
furious against all their host;
he has devoted them to
destruction, has given them
over for slaughter.

(Isaiah 34:2 ESV)

DAY OF DELIVERANCE

And the ransomed of the
LORD shall return and
come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon
their heads; they shall
obtain gladness and joy, and
sorrow and sighing shall flee
away. (Isaiah 35:10 ESV)

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HISTORICAL INTERLUDE

- Sennacherib, king of Assyria, comes against Judah & defeats its fortified cities (36:1)
- Hezekiah, king of Judah, initially refuses to pay tribute to Assyria (2 Kings 18:7), and after losses, offered to pay (2 Kings 18:13-16)
- But Sennacherib decides to press on & attack Jerusalem itself (36:4-20)

HISTORICAL INTERLUDE

- Hezekiah sought the Lord & God answered by protecting Jerusalem (37:14-35)
- Hezekiah became mortally ill & prayed for God's mercy; God answered & gave him 15 more years (38)
- Hezekiah hosted delegation from Babylon & foolishly showed him treasures of city (39:1-2)
- Isaiah confronts Hezekiah & warns Babylon will return to take all of it (39:3ff)

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26-Song of the Strong City
27-Song of the Vineyard

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Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
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.

(Isaiah 40:1–2 ESV)

THE REDEMPTION

- Fear not, I am with you (41:10)
- Behold my servant (42:1)
- Fear not, I have redeemed you (43:1)
- I have blotted out your transgressions (44:22)
- Turn to me and be saved all the ends of the earth (45:22)
- For I am God and there is no other (46:9)
- I will not give my glory to another (48:11)

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- You are my servant in whom I will be glorified (49:3)
- I gave my back to those who strike (50:6)
- His appearance was marred beyond human semblance (52:14)
- He was pierced for our iniquities (53:5)
- Come everyone who thirsts (55:1)
- My house shall be a house of prayer for all people (56:7)

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- I dwell with him who is lowly & contrite of spirit (57:15)
- They seek me daily & delight to know my ways (58:2)
- Your people shall all be righteous (60:21)
- They shall be called the holy & redeemed people of the Lord (62:12)
- Behold, I create a new heavens and a new earth (65:17)

SCOPE OF PROPHETIC HOPE

“He is, therefore, the Savior God who restores the kingdom in which he, his people and the created order relate perfectly. Salvation is the whole process by which God restores his people and the creation to the kingdom. This means the regeneration of all things.”

(Goldsworthy, According to Plan, p. 189)



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