



Cover to Cover: (Isaiah, pt. I)

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Watch: [Isaiah pt. I](#)

Context: Isaiah is such a large book that today will be one of three stops that we'll make here. Isaiah has a lot to say about Judgement but also hope. It is in light of this bad news that the good news and prophecies of Jesus have earned the book the title of the 5th Gospel.

In chs. 1–4 key themes are laid out that echo throughout the book: judgement on Jerusalem and the hope of a new Jerusalem. Indeed, the opening chapters are full of memorable judgements, perhaps best encapsulated in **4:4**.

This old Jerusalem must pass in order to make room for the New Jerusalem and her Messiah.

Question: Where there any verses, pictures or sayings that stood out to you? (I quite liked 1:6, 16, 18; 2:8, 11, 22; 5:20; and many more).

It's after these opening chapters that Isaiah receives his call to further ministry or has this grand vision, which we'll study today.

First, a.m. Sermon Recap:

- Watch: [Jonah](#)
- Have you ever run away from God, why?
- Why did Jonah run away? Why did Jonah want to be thrown overboard? Can you run away from God? (boat, fish).
- What are the consequences of running away from God?
- How were these rough and ready sailors shown to be more godly than God's own prophet? Compare their prayer with Jonah's, who was more repentant?

Reading: Isaiah 6:1–8

**In the 5th Gospel it is no surprise that we find the heart of the Gospel message present at Isaiah's calling/vision and though not the story of his conversion is nevertheless a helpful picture for us of the Gospel.*

Questions:

- What is the Gospel?
- Why do even Christians need to know the Gospel?

- How salvation unfolds is often called the order of salvation. John Ryland helpfully condensed this order to help us see how the Gospel works itself out in a believer's life:
 - *awakened* to the reality of his sin;
 - *convinced* of the need for salvation from sin by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone; and
 - *comforted* [assured] that the promises of salvation in Christ have been applied to him

Awakened to who God is and the reality of his sin (vv. 1–4)

- What do many people picture if they think of God? What do you think of?
- What things stand out in Isaiah's vision of the LORD and what do you think they teach us about Him? (hint: throne, robe, angels, chorus, foundation, smoke).
- Why do you think it is significant that the angels say the LORD is thrice holy?
- *The Bible notes a few ranks and varieties of angelic beings, Seraphim are one of them. These sixed winged "burning ones" praise God and communicate His will.*

Convicted of sin and thus open to trusting God's solution (vv. 5–7)

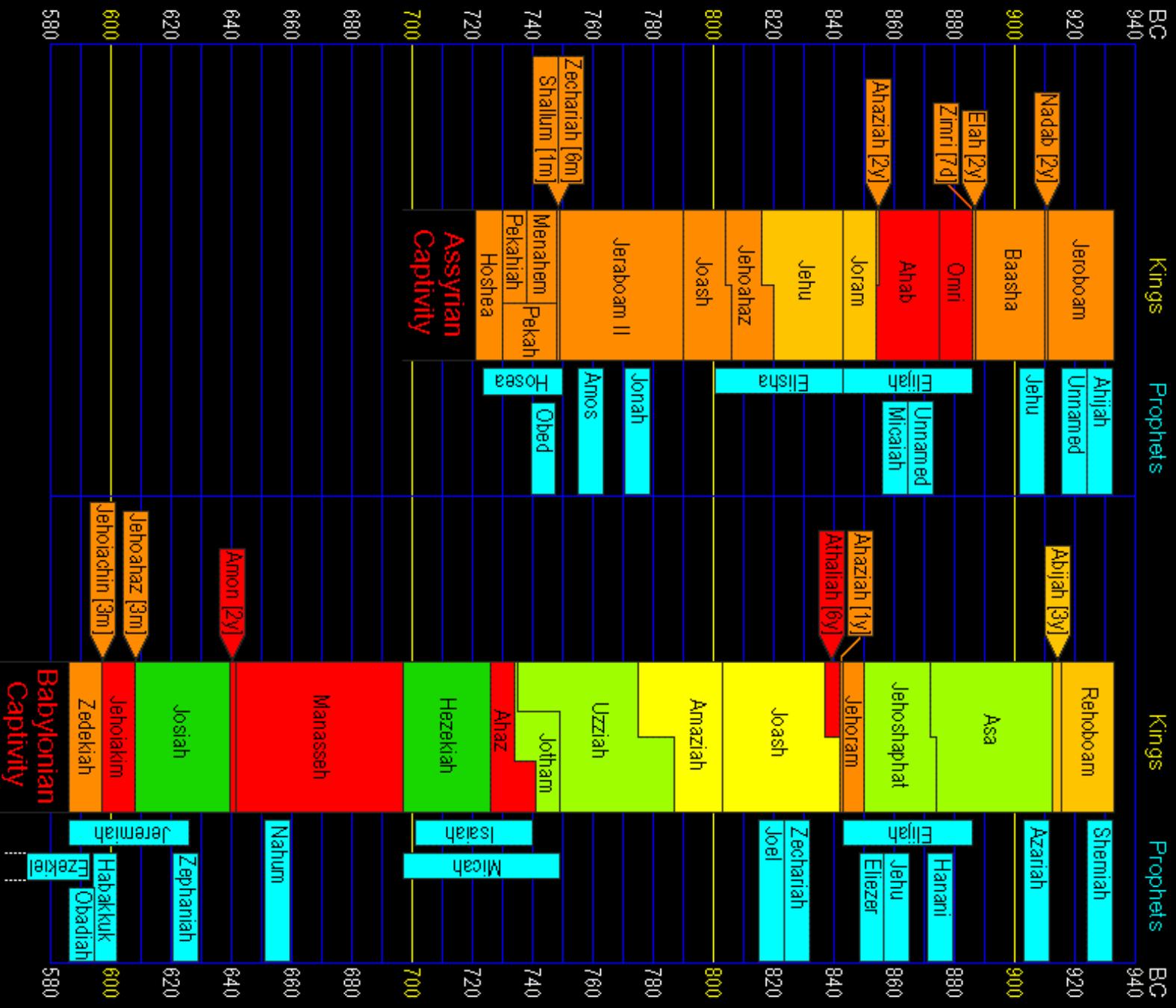
- How would you describe what Isaiah had just seen?
- In v. 5, as a result of seeing "the King, the LORD of hosts," what is Isaiah's response in v. 5a? What three things does he recognize? What does sin create (Isa 59:2)?
- Isaiah recognized it is not only his people but he himself who is a sinner. What hope does He have apart from God's activity and grace? *The angel flew outside of the temple to the altar and back again.* What is the solution to sin (or in this case to purify Isaiah for his ministry)? Why must sin be atoned for? What does atonement mean?

Comforted that the Promises of Salvation had been applied to Him by Faith (v. 8)

- We say we are saved by God's grace alone through faith alone, in Christ alone. What does this mean? How can we see a picture of this here?
- How can some people live under a spiritual delusion/comfort that they are saved when in fact they are not? What in the Gospel/order of salvation may they have missed? What might be the source of their comfort? What is true comfort to be ground in? How is it produced?

Israel

Judah



Righteous

Evil