### Old Testament Introduction

The Book of Isaiah Jerry Akers

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1) There are	_ books of Prophecy in our English Bible. These		
books are written by different prophets and are classified as			and are classified as
either "Major" or "Minor" prophets	s based prim	narily on their r	elative lengths. These
prophecies were written over a p			nturies; from about
B. C. (Obadiah) to	B. C	. (Malachi).	
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Major Prophetical Books	•		
Isaiah	Hosea		Zephaniah
Jeremiah		Micah	
Lamentations		Nahum	
Ezekiel	Obadiah	Habakkuk	Malachi
Daniel			
is" In readin in the Isaiah's name. Whenever	someone m	entions the na	
audibly reiterating the great them "Savior"—words that Isaiah uses			

#### **AUTHORSHIP**

- 1) **Traditional:** The prophet Isaiah wrote the entire book.
  - The author of this book claims to be Isaiah, the son of Amoz. (1:1)
  - All Jewish tradition attributes the whole book to Isaiah.
  - Both the Lord Jesus Christ and the writers of the New Testament attribute the book to Isaiah.
    - ✓ Matthew 3:3 cp. Isaiah 40:3
    - ✓ Luke 4:18 cp. Isaiah 61:1
    - ✓ John 12:38 & Romans 10:16 cp. Isaiah 53:1
    - ✓ John 12:40 cp. Isaiah 6:9-10
  - Isaiah is called by name (Esaias) \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament and his book is quoted at least \_\_\_\_\_ times—more than any other Old Testament book.
- 2) **The Critical view**: Critics deny the unity of the Book of Isaiah. They would say that it was written by at least two different people; one person writing chapters 1-39 and another chapters 40-66. Some would even say that there are three writers, the third writing chapters 56-66. They would also say that the book was written at a much later date than the traditional view. The Book of Isaiah is especially attacked by the critics because of their skepticism with regard to supernatural predictive prophecy.
  - Isaiah prophesied the virgin birth of Christ. (Isaiah 7:14)
  - Isaiah prophesied of Cyrus, who became king of Persia, more than
    years before Cyrus was even born. (Isaiah 44:28;
    45:1)

#### RECIPIENTS

As a prophet, Isaiah ministered primarily to the Southern Kingdom of Judah. His message was generally directed toward Judah's sinful people (1:1, 4) and particularly to its evil leaders (1:23). However, there are words of warning to the Northern Kingdom (28:1) as well as various Gentile nations.

### **DATE OF WRITING**

Isaiah's ministry covered the period from about \_\_\_\_\_ B. C. to about \_\_\_\_\_B. C., during which time the kings Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, and Manasseh, respectively, reigned as kings of Judah.

## **PURPOSE OF BOOK**

To call the nation of Judah back to God and to tell of God's salvation through the

### THEME OF THE BOOK

Salvation for both Israel in particular and for all nations in general.

# **OUTLINE**

- I. God's Judgment *1-39*II. God's Blessing *40-66*