

REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

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Isaiah

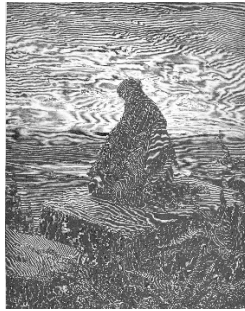


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3 major events Isaiah speaks about

- Israel tried to pressure Judah into an alliance with Syria. Isaiah said that Israel's leaders should just trust the Lord instead.
- Israel allied with Assyria.
- Assyria sieged Jerusalem.

Summary

- Chapter 1
 - o Isaiah is introduced.
- Chapters 2-12
 - o Prophecies about Judah and Jerusalem.
- Chapters 13-23
 - o Prophecies about other nations and cities.
- Chapters 24-37, 34-35
 - o Apocalyptic texts.

Traits of apocalyptic texts

- Dreams & visions
- Angels & Demons
- Major cosmic changes
- Message of a coming Messiah (savior)
- Significance of numbers
- Emphasis on judgment
- Sayings about the end of time

Context

- **Israel undergoes a lot of change in the book of Isaiah.**
- They were captured by Assyria, Assyria was captured by Babylon, and Babylon was captured by Persia.
- Cyrus is the name of the king of Persia.

- Chapters 40-66
 - o Isaiah prophesied that just as the Lord led Israel out of Egypt in Exodus, He will lead them out of their new captivity as well.
 - o He said the Lord chose Cyrus to be king of Persia and that Cyrus would let the Israelites return to their land.
 - o Israel speaks of a suffering servant who will come in the future, who is often interpreted as the coming Messiah.

Test your knowledge!

Answers are at the bottom of the document.

- 1) What was the name of the king of Persia when they took over Babylon?
 - a. Cyrus
 - b. Nebuchadnezzar
 - c. Darius
 - d. Artaxerxes
- 2) Which of the following is NOT a trait of apocalyptic literature?
 - a. Dreams & visions
 - b. Important numbers
 - c. Images of futuristic militaries
 - d. Emphasis on judgement
- 3) What event in the book of Exodus does Isaiah use to encourage the children of Israel after they had been taken captive?
 - a. The deliverance of the 10 commandments
 - b. The 10 plagues
 - c. The worshipping of the golden calf
 - d. The journey out of Egypt

Answers: 1) a. 2) c. 3) d.