

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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ISAIAH

OUTLINE

- I. Introduction (1:1-31)
- II. Messages about Judah and Israel (2:1-5:30)
- III. Events from Isaiah's Ministry (6:1-9:7)
- IV. More Messages about Judah and Israel (9:8-12:6)
- V. God Will Punish Other Nations (13:1-23:18)
- VI. Messages of Hope for the Lord's People Who Are Suffering (24:1-27:13)
- VII. The Lord Will Punish His Rebellious People (28:1-31:9)
- VIII. The Lord Will Punish Edom and Bless Jerusalem (32:1-35:10)
- IX. Assyria, Babylonia, King Hezekiah, and Isaiah (36:1-39:8)
- X. The Lord Will Rescue His People (40:1-48:22)
- XI. The Lord's Servant (49:1-53:12)
- XII. The Lord Will Keep All His Promises (54:1-55:13)
- XIII. All Nations Will Be Part of God's People (56:1-8)
- XIV. Leaders Unfaithful to God Will Be Punished (56:9-59:21)
- XV. The Future Glory of Jerusalem (60:1-62:12)
- XVI. God's Wonderful New Creation (63:1-66:24)

BIBLE BLURB (from @bible summary)

Isa22: The oracle concerning the valley of vision: The LORD has taken away the covering of Judah. I will give to Eliakim the key of David.

Isa23: The oracle concerning Tyre: Wail, O ships, for Tyre is laid waste. The LORD has planned it. Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years.

Isa24: Behold, the LORD lays the earth waste. Its people are held guilty. Fear and pit and snare await you. The LORD of hosts will reign.

Isa25: O LORD, I will praise you. You have done marvellous things. The LORD will swallow up death forever. Moab will be trampled as straw.

Isa26: A song will be sung in Judah: The LORD is the eternal Rock. Your hand is lifted high. We gave birth to wind, but your dead will rise.

Isa27: In that day the LORD will slay Leviathan. By exile the guilt of Jacob will be purged. Those who were perishing will worship the LORD.

Isa28: Woe to the drunkards of Ephraim! They will be snared. Behold, I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone. The LORD will do his alien work.

Isa29: Woe to Ariel, the city of David! But your enemies will be like dust. I will astound these people. No longer will Jacob be ashamed.

Isa30: Woe to the stubborn children who seek help from Egypt! The LORD will wait to show mercy. The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria.

Isa31: Woe to those who trust in chariots! As a lion roars, so the LORD will come down to fight for Mount Zion. Turn back to him, O Israel.

Isa32: Behold, a king will reign in righteousness. Tremble, you women of ease. The city will be deserted until the Spirit is poured upon us.

Isa33: Woe to you, O destroyer! The fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure. "I will arise," says the LORD. You will see the king in his beauty.

Isa34: The LORD is enraged against the nations. His sword is filled with blood. He has a day of vengeance for Zion. Edom shall lie waste.

Isa35: The desert shall rejoice and bloom. The eyes of the blind shall be opened. The ransomed of the LORD shall return to Zion with songs.

Isa36: The king of Assyria came against Judah. His commander said, "Do not listen to Hezekiah. Have any of the gods delivered their lands?"

Isa37: Hezekiah prayed to the LORD. Isaiah said, "The king of Assyria will not enter the city." The angel of the LORD struck the Assyrians.

Isa38: Hezekiah became sick, so he prayed. The LORD said, "I will add fifteen years to your life." Hezekiah wrote, "The LORD will save me."

Isa39: The king of Babylon sent envoys. Hezekiah showed them his treasure houses. Isaiah said, "All you have shall be carried to Babylon."

Isa40: Comfort, comfort my people. A voice cries: Prepare the way of the LORD! He is the everlasting God. He gives strength to the weary.

EPHESIANS

Paul begins his letter to the Christians in Ephesus with a powerful reminder of the main theme of his message. Christ died on the cross to set us free. But God raised Christ from death, and he now sits at God's right side in heaven, where he rules over this world. And he will rule over the future world as well.

Christ brought Jews and Gentiles together by "breaking down the wall of hatred" that separated them and he united them all as part of that holy temple where God's Spirit lives. This was according to God's eternal plan.

There is only one Lord, one Spirit of God, and one God, who is the Father of all people. This means that Christians must let the Spirit keep their hearts united, so they can live at peace with each other. The idea of all Christians being one with Christ is so central to this letter that it occurs twenty times. There is one faith and one baptism by which believers become one body.

Ephesus was a port city on the western shore of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). In Paul's time this was the fourth largest city in the Roman empire. It was also an ancient center of nature religion where the goddess Artemis was widely worshiped.

Paul lets the Ephesians know that much is expected of people who are called to a new life. Followers of the Lord are God's dear children, and they must do as God does. They used to live in the dark, but they must now live in the light and make their light shine.

Paul then teaches husbands and wives, children and parents, and slaves and masters how to live as Christians.

OUTLINE

- I. Greetings (1:1, 2)
- II. Christ Brings Spiritual Blessings (1:3-3:21)
- III. A New Life in Unity with Christ (4:1-6:20)
- IV. Final Greetings (6:21-24)

BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)

Eph3: I preach the mystery of Christ. The wisdom of God is made known through the church. I pray that you may know the depth of his love.

Eph4: Therefore walk worthy of your calling. Christ gave each of us gifts to build up the body. Put off your old self and put on the new.

Eph5: Walk in love as Christ loved us. Walk as children of light. Expose the darkness. Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church.

Eph6: Children, obey your parents. Slaves, obey your masters. Put on the whole armour of God to stand against the devil. Peace and grace.

PHILIPPIANS

Paul wrote this letter from jail to thank the Lord's followers at Philippi for helping him with their gifts and prayers. He hopes to be set free, so that he can continue preaching the good news. But he knows that he might be put to death.

The city of Philippi is in the part of northern Greece known as Macedonia. It was at Philippi that Paul had entered Europe for the first time, and there he preached the good news and began a church. He now warns the Christians at Philippi that they may have to suffer, just as Christ suffered and Paul is now suffering. If this happens, the Philippians should count it a blessing that comes from having faith in Christ.

There were problems in the church at Philippi, because some of the members claimed that people must obey the law of Moses, or they could not be saved. But Paul has no patience with such members and warns the church, "Watch out for those people who behave like dogs!" This letter is also filled with joy. Even in jail, Paul is happy because he has discovered how to make the best of a bad situation and because he remembers all the kindness shown to him by the people in the church at Philippi.

Paul reminds them that God's people are to live in harmony and to think the same way that Christ Jesus did.

OUTLINE

- I. Greetings and a Prayer (1:1-11)
- II. What Life Means to Paul (1:12-30)
- III. Christ's Example of True Humility (2:1-18)
- IV. News about Paul's Friends (2:19-30)
- V. Being Acceptable to God (3:1-4:9)
- VI. Paul Thanks the Philippians (4:10-20)
- VII. Final Greetings (4:21-23)

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Php1: Paul, to the saints in Philippi. I thank God for you. My imprisonment has advanced the gospel. To live is Christ and to die is gain.

Php2: Have the mind of Christ, who humbled himself even to a cross. Work out your salvation with trembling. I hope to send Timothy to you.

Php3: We put no confidence in the flesh. I count all things as loss compared to Christ. I press on towards the prize. Brothers, imitate me.

Php4: Rejoice in the Lord always! The peace of God will guard your hearts. I rejoice at your concern for me. My God will supply your needs.

Getting to Know God Through His Book - 4 Questions - Ask...

Insight—what does the passage say? Paraphrase the main point(s) and the commands to follow, promises to claim, examples to follow (or avoid), etc.

Question—what don't I understand? Need to know more about? How does this passage make me feel?

Praise—what does this passage teach me about God? Turn what the passage says into praise for the Lord's goodness, power, holiness, wisdom, etc.

Apply—what is God saying to me from this passage? Confess how you have not followed it. Pray, asking God to help you obey. Get quiet and ask God to speak to you.

Journal—write out your prayers, thoughts, responses to God and His Word

HOW TO PRAY

Scripture is God speaking to us. Prayer is us speaking to and listening to God. Jesus gave us the model in the Lord's Prayer (Mt 6). Keep your relationship fresh with the Lord by both reading and praying - two way communication. Remember to look up like Jesus did when He prayed.

1. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name – focus on God, adore, praise, thank Him – long to see His glory and honor.
2. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done – ask for what you know will please Him, pray back the Scripture – that is His will.
3. Give us this day our daily bread – ask for your needs and others to be met.
4. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us – ask for forgiveness, from God, and from others you may have hurt. Ask God to help you forgive and restore others too. Ask Him to get rid of bitterness and have love & compassion for those who have hurt you.
5. And lead us not into temptation – ask God to take over your day, protect you and others from evil.
6. For thine is the kingdom, power & glory – end by re-focusing on God, His kingdom, power, and glory!
7. Listen – ask God to speak to you by His Spirit – always test what you hear by His Word.
8. Pray the Blind Bartimaeus Prayer (Mark 10) – Tell God what you feel, what you want, and ask God what you should do to get what you want (if what you want is right).