

## 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)**

Isa56: Keep justice, for salvation is near. I will bring the outcasts of Israel to my house and gather still others. The watchmen are blind.  
Isa57: The righteous find peace in death. As for you rebels, you make your bed wide. Let your idols save you! But I will not accuse forever.

Isa58: You seek pleasure on your fast days. Is this not the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice? Then your ruins will be rebuilt.  
Isa59: Your sins have separated you from God. Justice is far from us. Truth is nowhere. So the LORD put on garments of salvation and fury.

Isa60: Arise, shine, for your light has come! The nations will come to you. I will make you majestic forever. Your God will be your glory.  
Isa61: The Spirit of the LORD is on me. He has sent me to proclaim freedom. My people will inherit a double portion. I delight in the LORD.

Isa62: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent. You will be given a new name. Your God will rejoice over you. Raise a banner for the nations!

Isa63: Why are your robes red? I have trampled the nations. Israel remembered who brought them through the sea. You, O LORD, are our father.

Isa64: Oh that you would rend the heavens! You meet those who do right. We are all the work of your hand. Do not remember our sins forever.

Isa65: I held out my hands to an obstinate people. My servants will eat, but you will go hungry. I will create new heavens and a new earth.

Isa66: Listen! The LORD is repaying his enemies. Rejoice with Jerusalem and be comforted. All flesh will worship before me, says the LORD.

## JEREMIAH

The world of Jeremiah's time was full of wars as new empires conquered the old ones. The tiny kingdom of Judah was caught in the middle, and during Jeremiah's lifetime, Babylonia conquered Judah and ended its freedom as a nation.

Jeremiah began bringing the Lord's message to the people of Judah when he was young, possibly less than 20 years old. He continued until 586 BC, when the Babylonians captured Jerusalem. Some of the people of Judah soon forced him to go with them to Egypt, where he continued to speak to them for the Lord.

Many of Jeremiah's messages include the date when they were originally spoken. But when his friend Baruch helped him put the messages into writing, they did not arrange the messages by these dates. Usually the messages are grouped together because they are about similar subjects.

Jeremiah acted out many of his messages, so that the people would know exactly what the Lord was saying.

Time after time, Jeremiah said God was going to punish Judah. But because he also said the people of Judah should surrender to the Babylonians, his enemies accused him of being a traitor. They had him thrown in prison and even tried to have him killed. Jeremiah complained to God about his problems, and these complaints are now known as his "Confessions."

Jeremiah often reminded the people of Judah that they had broken their agreement to worship only the Lord. And so the Lord was going to punish them by letting the Babylonians take them away to Babylonia. But the Lord had also promised to bring his people back to their land someday, and at the time the Lord would make a new agreement with them.

## **OUTLINE**

- I. God Chooses Jeremiah to Speak for Him (1)
- II. God Will Punish the People of Judah and Jerusalem (2-26)
- III. Jeremiah Against the Lying Prophets (27-29)
- IV. God Will Someday Bring His People Back to Their Land (30-33)
- V. Scenes from Jeremiah's Ministry (34-38)
- VI. The Fall of Jerusalem and Later Events in Judah (39-42)
- VII. Jeremiah in Egypt (43-44)
- VIII. A Message for Baruch (45)
- IX. The Lord Speaks About the Nations (46-51)
- X. Another Account of the Fall of Jerusalem (52)

## **BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

Jer1: The LORD said to me: I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Do not be afraid. I am calling the northern kingdoms against Judah.

Jer2: Go and proclaim: My people have exchanged their glory for idols. You have all rebelled against me. Now I will bring you to judgement.

Jer3: Israel played the whore on every hill. Her false sister Judah saw it. Return, O faithless children! Surely the LORD is our salvation.

Jer4: Flee to safety! I am bringing disaster from the north, says the LORD. I have heard the trumpet! The whole land shall be a desolation.

Jer5: Israel and Judah have been utterly unfaithful to me. I am bringing a distant nation against you. Your sins have deprived you of good.

Jer6: Flee from Jerusalem! I appointed watchmen but you would not listen. An army is coming from the north. My people are rejected silver.

Jer7: Proclaim at the temple: Has this house become a den of thieves? I sent prophets but you did not listen. Judah will become desolate.

Jer8: Why do these people refuse to return? They have no shame. The LORD has doomed us because we have sinned. Is there no balm in Gilead?

## **1 THESSALONIANS**

Paul started the church in Thessalonica while working hard to support himself. In this important city of northern Greece, many of the followers had worshiped idols before becoming Christians. But they were faithful to the Lord, and because of them the Lord's message had spread everywhere in that region. This letter may have been the first one that Paul wrote, and maybe even the first of all the New Testament writings.

Some people in Thessalonica began to oppose Paul, and he had to escape to Athens. But he sent his young friend Timothy to find out how the Christians were doing. When Timothy returned, he gave Paul good reports of their faith and love.

The church itself had problems. Some of its members had quit working, since they thought that the Lord would soon return. Others were worried because relatives and friends had already died before Christ's return. So Paul tried to explain to them more clearly what would happen when the Lord returns, and then told them how they should live in the meanwhile.

## **OUTLINE**

- I. Greetings (1:1-3)
- II. The Thessalonians' Faith and Example (1:4-3:13)

- III. A Life That Pleases God (4:1-12)
- IV. What to Expect When the Lord Returns (4:13-5:11)
- V. Final Instructions and Greetings (5:12-28)

**BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

1Th3: We sent Timothy to strengthen you. We warned you that persecution would come. We are encouraged by your faith. May you grow in love.

1Th4: Live to please God. Avoid immorality. Love one another more and more. We do not grieve without hope, for the dead in Christ will rise.

1Th5: The day of the Lord will come like a thief. Let us keep awake. Honour those who lead you. Do not quench the Spirit. Grace be with you.

## 2 THESSALONIANS

In this letter to the believers in Thessalonica, Paul begins by thanking God that their faith and love keep growing all the time. They were going through a lot of troubles, but Paul insists that this is God's way of testing their faith, not a way of punishing them.

Someone in Thessalonica claimed to have a letter from Paul, saying that the Lord had already returned. But Paul warns the church not to be fooled! The Lord will not return until after the "wicked one" has appeared.

Paul also warns against laziness, and he tells the church to guard against any followers who refuse to obey what he has written in this letter.

The letter closes with a prayer.

**OUTLINE**

- I. Greetings (1:1-2)
- II. The Lord's Return Will Bring Justice (1:3-12)
- III. The Lord Has Not Returned Yet (2:1-12)
- IV. Be Faithful (2:13-17)
- V. Pray and Work (3:1-15)
- VI. A Final Prayer (3:16-18)

**BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

2Th1: Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Thessalonians. We boast of your faith through persecution. The Lord Jesus will appear in vengeance.

2Th2: Do not be alarmed about the day of the Lord. First the lawless one will appear, whom Jesus will destroy. Hold fast to our traditions.

2Th3: Finally, pray for us. The Lord will guard you against the evil one. Keep away from anyone who walks in idleness. The Lord be with you.

## 1 TIMOTHY

Timothy traveled and worked with Paul, and because of their shared faith, Timothy was like a son to Paul. Timothy became one of Paul's most faithful co-workers, and Paul mentions Timothy in five of his letters.

Although this letter is addressed to Timothy personally, it actually addresses many of the concerns Paul had with the life of the entire church. Guidelines are given for choosing church officials, officers, and leaders.

Christians are to pray for everyone and to remember: "There is only one God, and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God" (2:5).

**OUTLINE**

- I. Greetings (1:1-2)
- II. Instructions for Church Life (1:3-3:13)
- III. The Mystery of Our Religion (3:14-4:5)
- IV. Paul's Advice to Timothy (4:6-6:21)

**BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)**

1Tim1: Paul, to Timothy my son. Stay in Ephesus to correct false teachers. Christ came into the world to save sinners. Glory to God forever!

1Tim2: Let prayers be made for all those in authority. God wants everyone to come to the knowledge of the truth. Let women learn in silence.

**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).