

## 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)**

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.

Isa41: Let the nations meet for judgement. Do not fear, O Israel. I will help you. Idols are nothing. I will give a messenger of good news.

Isa42: Behold, my Servant! He will bring justice to the nations. Sing to the LORD a new song. Hear, you deaf! The LORD gave Israel as spoil.

Isa43: But I am with you, O Jacob. I am the LORD. There is no other saviour. Behold, I will do a new thing! Yet you have not called upon me.

Isa44: I will pour my Spirit on your offspring. Who makes an idol? A carpenter prays to a block of wood. I am the LORD who made all things.

Isa45: The LORD says to Cyrus: For the sake of Jacob I have called you. I am the LORD. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

Isa46: The idols of Bel and Nebo are burdens to be carried. O Jacob, I have made you and I will carry you. I am God and there is no other.

Isa47: Sit in the dust, O daughter of Babylon. You showed no mercy. You trusted in sorcery. Evil shall fall upon you. No one shall save you.

Isa48: Hear this, O Jacob: I have refined you for my own sake. I am the First and the Last. Thus says your Redeemer: Go out from Babylon!

Isa49: The LORD formed me in the womb to restore Jacob and to bring salvation. Can a mother forget her nursing baby? I will not forget Zion.

Isa50: Have I no power to deliver? The LORD has given me a learned tongue. I gave my back to those who beat me. He who justifies me is near.

Isa51: Listen, the LORD will comfort Zion. Awake, O arm of the LORD! The ransomed shall return. You will drink the cup of my wrath no more.

Isa52: Awake, O Zion! How beautiful are those who bring good news. The LORD has redeemed Jerusalem. Behold, my Servant will be lifted up.

Isa53: He was despised and rejected. He was pierced for our transgressions. By his wounds we are healed. Out of anguish he will see light.

Isa54: Sing, O barren woman! Your offspring will inherit the nations. Your Maker is your husband. No weapon formed against you will prosper.

Isa55: Come, all you who are thirsty. I will make an everlasting covenant. My word will not return void. The mountains will burst into song.

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.

## **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)

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

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.

## **COLOSSIANS**

Colossae was an important city in western Asia Minor, about 100 miles east of the port city of Ephesus. Paul had never been to Colossae, but he was pleased to learn that the Christians there were strong in their faith. They had heard the good news from a man named Epaphras at the time that Paul wrote this letter.

Many of the church members in Colossae were Gentiles, and some of them were influenced by strange religious ideas and practices. They thought that to obey God fully they must give up certain physical desires and worship angels and other spiritual powers. But Paul wanted them to know that Christ was with God in heaven, ruling over all powers in the universe. And so, their worship should be directed to Christ.

### **OUTLINE**

- I. Greetings (1:1, 2)
- II. A Prayer of Thanks (1:3-8)
- III. The Person and Work of Christ (1:9-2:19)
- IV. New Life with Christ (2:20-4:6)
- V. Final Greetings (4:7-18)

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

Col1: Paul, to the saints in Colossae. May you be filled with wisdom. The Son is the image of the invisible God. I make known the mystery.

Col2: Let no one deceive you. You were buried with Christ and also raised with him. Why do you follow rules that do not restrain the flesh?

Col3: Seek the things above. Your life is hidden with Christ in God. So put to death your worldliness. Do everything in the name of Jesus.

Col4: Devote yourselves to prayer. Let your speech be gracious. Tychicus will tell you our news. Aristarchus, Mark and Epaphras greet you.

## **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)**

1Th1: Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Thessalonians. We give thanks for you. Our gospel came in power. Your faith is an example to all.

1Th2: We shared the gospel with you and also our lives. You suffered like the churches in Judea. We tried to see you. Are you not our crown?

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.

### **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).