

INTRODUCTION TO ISAIAH:
Old Familiar Challenges, New Hopes and Dreams
Isaiah in the New Testament
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*"The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish and evoke
a consciousness and perception alternative to the
consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us."
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- I. Jesus' Ministry Predicted by Isaiah
- II. Jesus' Work Interpreted by Isaiah
- III. Jesus, Isaiah & The Church's Mission to the Gentiles
- IV. Wrapping Up Isaiah

I. Jesus' Work Predicted

Is 40:3 – John the Baptist: I am the "voice which calls in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord" [Matt 3:3, Mark 1:2, Luke 3:4, John 1:23]

Isaiah 9:2 – Jesus as the Light (Mt. 4:15-17)

Is 6:9 – "Listen but do not understand, look but do not comprehend" [Matt 13:14, Mk. 4:12, Lk 8:10, Jn 12:39, Acts 28:25]

II. Jesus' Work Interpreted

Is 61:1 – Jesus @ Nazareth: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to preach good news" [Lk 4:17]

Is 53:4 – Healing Peter's mother-in-law [Matt 8:17]

III. Jesus & The Mission to the Gentiles

Is 42:4 – Hope for the Gentiles [Matt 12:21; Rom 15:12]

Is 49:6 – A light for the Gentiles [Acts 13:4]

Is 57:19 -- Preach peace to those near and far [Eph 2:17]

IV. Wrapping Up Isaiah: Three Takeaways

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.*