

ISAIAH: Old Challenges, New Beginnings & New Hopes

OVERVIEW:

Jan 4:	Introduction-Background-Call
Jan 11:	“First” <i>Isaiah</i>
Jan 18:	“Second” & “Third” <i>Isaiah</i>
Jan 25:	Messianic Themes in <i>Isaiah</i>
Feb 1:	<i>Isaiah</i> in the New Testament

TODAY’S CLASS:

1. Quick Review of Last Week
2. Isaiah’s Commission (*Isaiah 6*)
3. The Parable of the Vineyard (*Isaiah 5*)
4. Oracles against the Nations (*Is 13-23*)
5. Good King Hezekiah (*Isaiah 36-39*)

ISAIAH 6: ISAIAH’S COMMISSION

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” ⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes and listen with their ears and comprehend with their minds and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And he said, “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate;

¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.”

ISAIAH 5: THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; **he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.**

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ **What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?**

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ **And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard:**

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ **I will make it a wasteland**; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden;

he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

ISAIAH 19:19-25 -- EGYPT

¹⁹ On that day there will be **an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt** and a pillar to the Lord at its border. ²⁰ **It will be a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; when they cry to the Lord because of oppressors, he will send them a savior and will defend and deliver them.** ²¹ **The LORD will make himself known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians will know the LORD on that day** and will serve with sacrifice and offerings, and they will make vows to the LORD and perform them. ²² The LORD will strike Egypt, striking but healing, so that they will return to the LORD, and he will listen to their supplications and heal them. ²³ On that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come into Egypt and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians will serve with the Assyrians. ²⁴ On that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, ²⁵ whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt **my people** and Assyria **the work of my hands** and Israel **my heritage.**"