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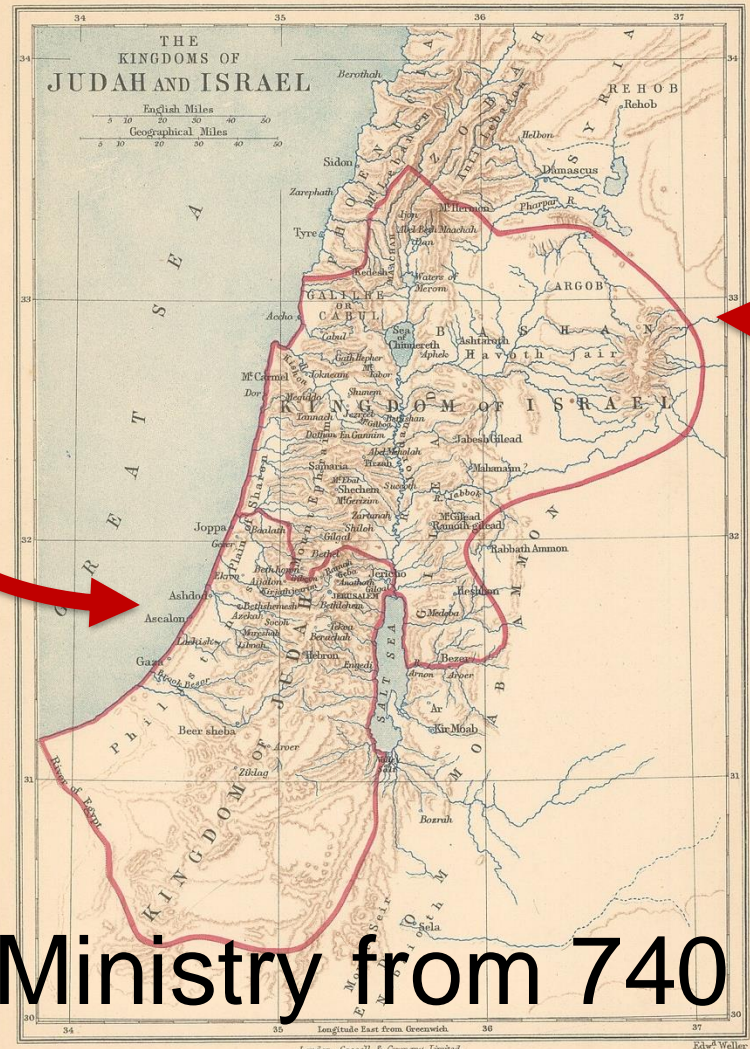
**Revealing the Rescuer
Seeing Jesus in Isaiah**

WHAT IS THE
BOOK OF ISAIAH
ALL ABOUT?

**Southern Kingdom
(Judah)
falls to the Babylonians
586BC**

**Northern Kingdom
(Israel)
falls to the Assyrians
720BC**

Isaiah's Ministry from 740 – 681BC



“The Call of Isaiah”
Isaiah 6:1-8



HERE AM *I*,
SEND *ME*
ISAIAH 6:8



The ineffectiveness of Isaiah's message

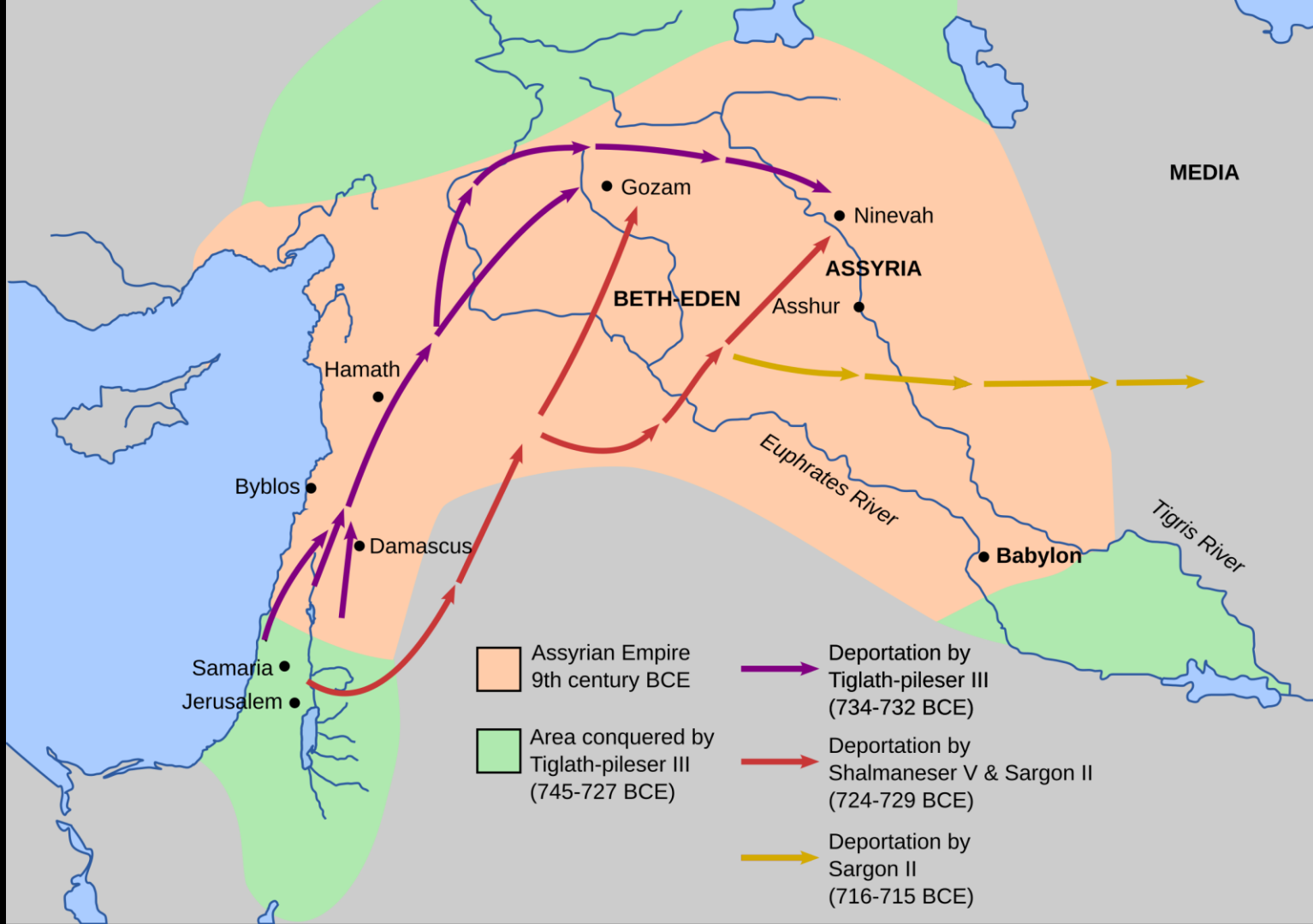
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and turn and be healed."

And, it pretty much goes that way!

Isaiah 36:1

In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign,
Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified
cities of Judah and captured them.





Israel going into Assyrian exile 734-715BC

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BLOOD
ON
THE
TRACKS



They say the darkest hour is
right before the dawn

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right before the dawn

But you wouldn't know it by me

Every day's been darkness
since you been gone



hope





**THE VOICE OF ONE
CRYING IN THE
WILDERNESS**

ISAIAH 40

Comfort is coming!!

What's that gonna look like?

How is sin paid for double?

Isaiah 40

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

The Glory of God will be revealed!

But how? By who?

Isaiah 40

³A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

What's the message?

We are mortal.

God and His word is not.

Isaiah 40

⁶A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. ⁷The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

God is coming, and will gather his people!

Isaiah 40

⁹You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.

See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

And yet, Israel is still complaining?

Why does God still care?

Isaiah 40

²⁷Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY - LAYERS OF FULFILMENT

OLD TESTAMENT



① 1st layer of prophecy fulfillment in the immediate context i.e. with the people of Israel.

NEW TESTAMENT
& PRESENT AGE



② 2nd layer of prophecy fulfillment through Jesus' life, death, resurrection and the Holy Spirit's work thru the church.

THE NEW CREATION



③ 3rd layer of prophecy fulfillment through Jesus' 2nd coming as king and judge of all the universe.



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The ineffectiveness of Isaiah's message

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Isaiah's message (9) and his task (10) constitute, at first sight, the oddest commission ever given to a prophet: to tell people not to understand and to effect heart-hardening and spiritual blindness! There is, however, no way to evade the plain meaning of the verses... According to the criticism levelled at him in 28:9-10, Isaiah taught with such simplicity and clarity that the sophisticates of his day scorned him as fit only to conduct a kindergarten...



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Isaiah 28:9-10

⁹Who is it he is trying to teach? To whom is he explaining his message? To children weaned from their milk, to those just taken from the breast?

¹⁰For it is:

Do this, do that,
a rule for this, a rule for that;
a little here, a little there.”

It is clear that Isaiah did not understand his commission as one to blind people by obscurity of expression or complexity of message. He, in fact, faced the preacher's dilemma: if hearers are resistant to the truth, the only recourse is to tell them the truth yet again, more clearly than before. But to do this is to expose them to the risk of rejecting the truth yet again and, therefore, of increased hardness of heart. It could even be that the next rejection will prove to be the point at which the heart is hardened beyond recovery.



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John 12:37-43

³⁷Even after Jesus had performed so many signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. ³⁸This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

“Lord, who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

[Isaiah 53:1]

³⁹For this reason they could not believe, because, as
Isaiah says elsewhere

John 12:37-43

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their hearts,
so they can neither see with their eyes,
nor understand with their hearts,
nor turn – and I would heal them.”

[Isaiah 6:9-10]

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The same sun which melts
wax hardens clay. And the
same Gospel which melts
some persons to repentance
hardens others in their sins.

~ Charles Spurgeon, *The Lesson of the Almond Tree*, sermon
preached at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, April 7, 1881



John 12:37-43

⁴¹Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

⁴²Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

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The Prophet Isaiah
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Luke 3:1-9, 15-16, 21-22

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar... the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

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"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
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⁵Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶And all people will see God's salvation.' "

[Isaiah 40:3-4]

The “Voice” has the same problem Isaiah had

Luke 3:1-9, 15-16, 21-22

⁷John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire...”

The "Voice" is not the Messiah, the revealed Glory of the Lord

Luke 3:1-9, 15-16, 21-22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire..."

The well-loved Son is on the Scene!!

Luke 3:1-9, 15-16, 21-22

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven:

“You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased.”

What time is it?





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Galatians 4:4-5

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Gospel Application

Three Big Take Aways:

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1. *On our own, our hearts are no different than Israel's in 740BC or 30AD.*

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Three Big Take Aways:

2. *Jesus Christ is the glory of God revealed,
and the “coal” of our salvation.*

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Three Big Take Aways:

3. *What's our response?*

"Yeah, but..."

or

"Here am I. Send me!"