

Isaiah

J. Gordon McConville


Baker Academic
a division of Baker Publishing Group
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Contents

Series Preface	viii
Author's Preface	xii
Abbreviations	xii

Introduction	1
--------------	---

Part One: Yahweh's Vision for a Renewed Jerusalem (1:1–12:6) 19

1. A Rebellious People (1:1–31) 21
2. A Future Vision—and Yahweh Alone Exalted! (2:1–22) 46
3. A World Turned Upside Down (3:1–4:1) 63
4. Survivors in Purified Jerusalem/Zion (4:2–6) 74
5. Cries against Injustice (5:1–30) 82
6. Isaiah's Vision of Yahweh Enthroned (6:1–13) 101
7. The Sign of Immanuel (7:1–25) 117
8. A Child Is Given (8:1–9:7 [6]) 130
9. Yahweh's Anger Not Finished (9:8 [7]–10:4) 154
10. Assyria, “the Rod of My Anger” (10:5–34) 161
11. A Shoot from the Roots of Jesse (11:1–16) 177
12. “Sing Praise to Yahweh!” (12:1–6) 190

Part Two: Oracles about the Nations (13:1–27:13) 195

13. A “Day of Yahweh” for Babylon (13:1–22) 197
14. The Fall of the “Morning Star” (14:1–32) 204
15. Lament for Moab (15:1–16:14) 218
16. Judgment on Damascus—and “Jacob”! (17:1–14) 227
17. Ethiopians Bring Tribute to Zion! (18:1–7) 233
18. “Blessed Be My People Egypt”! (19:1–25) 238
19. Isaiah Acts Out the Humiliation of Exile (20:1–6) 248

20. “Fallen, Fallen Is Babylon!” (21:1–17) 252
21. The Key of the House of David (22:1–25) 260
22. Tyre and Sidon, Ships of Tarshish (23:1–18) 271
23. Overview of Isaiah 24–27 278
24. The Desolation of the Earth (24:1–23) 280
25. Death Swallowed Up Forever (25:1–12) 291
26. “Your Dead Will Live!” (26:1–21) 298
27. The Dragon Slain (27:1–13) 308

Part Three: True and False Trust (28:1–35:10) 317

28. A Covenant with Death (28:1–29) 319
29. The Vanishing of Ariel’s Enemies (29:1–24) 332
30. Egypt’s Help Is Worthless (30:1–33) 343
31. Yahweh Will Protect Jerusalem (31:1–9) 356
32. “In Righteousness a King Will Reign” (32:1–20) 362
33. “Your Eyes Will See the King!” (33:1–24) 372
34. Vengeance on Edom (34:1–17) 385
35. “The Ransomed of Yahweh Will Return” (35:1–10) 394

Part Four: A Miraculous Deliverance of Jerusalem (36:1–39:8) 403

36. Sennacherib Besieges Jerusalem (36:1–22) 407
37. Miraculous Deliverance! (37:1–38) 415
38. Hezekiah’s Sickness and Recovery (38:1–22) 429
39. Isaiah Predicts Babylonian Exile (39:1–8) 436

Part Five: Cyrus, the Servant, and the Redemption of Zion/Jerusalem (40:1–55:13) 441

40. Good News Proclaimed to Jerusalem (40:1–31) 445
41. “One from the East” (41:1–29) 460
42. “Here Is My Servant!” (42:1–25) 474
43. Servant-Israel as Yahweh’s Witnesses (43:1–28) 487
44. The Vanity of Idols (44:1–28) 500
45. Cyrus, Yahweh’s “Anointed” (45:1–25) 510
46. Babylon’s Gods Humbled (46:1–13) 522
47. Lament for the Daughter of Babylon (47:1–15) 529
48. Yahweh Creates New Things (48:1–22) 537
49. The Servant as Light to the Nations (49:1–26) 548
50. The Servant as Example and Teacher (50:1–11) 560
51. Rejoicing in Yahweh’s Return to Zion (51:1–52:12) 568
52. Suffering Servant (52:13–53:12) 584
53. The Barren One Made Fertile (54:1–17) 605
54. Going Out with Joy (55:1–13) 615

**Part Six: The True Character of Glorified Zion/Jerusalem
(56:1–66:24) 625**

- 55. Outsiders Included in the Covenant (56:1–12) 627
 - 56. Reviving the Spirit of the Lowly (57:1–21) 635
 - 57. Fasting as Freeing the Oppressed (58:1–14) 645
 - 58. Yahweh Himself Brings Righteousness (59:1–21) 654
 - 59. Yahweh’s Glory Comes to Zion (60:1–22) 664
 - 60. The Servant Anointed to Bring Good News (61:1–11) 673
 - 61. Jerusalem Vindicated before Kings (62:1–12) 682
 - 62. Lament, Confession, and Petition (63:1–64:12 [11]) 689
 - 63. Servants of Yahweh; New Heavens and a New Earth
(65:1–25) 704
 - 64. Yahweh’s People Redeemed Forever (66:1–24) 717
- Bibliography 729
Subject Index 741
Author Index 748
Index of Scripture and Other Ancient Writings 752