

I. Background to Ahaz's Situation

- A. Assyria heading to the Palestinian region
- B. Israel and Aram (Syria) led a coalition to oppose Assyria
- C. Judah and Ahaz refused to join
- D. Israel (Pekah) and Syria (Rezin) attacked Judah

II. Key Factors in Understanding

Isaiah

- A. Isaiah's view of God from the vision
 - 1. Sovereign God
 - 2. Holy God
 - 3. Redeeming God
- B. Only two kinds of men on earth
 - 1. Men of faith
 - 2. Proud men
- C. Basic movement of the book
 - 1. Describe the sad condition of sinfulness among men
 - 2. Describe the gracious intervention of God to deliver

III. Pattern of Isaiah 1-12

- A. 1-5 The sin of Israel and its refusal of God
- B. 6 Isaiah's vision of God
- C. 7-12 God's promised intervention to deliver

Assignment:

Isaiah 40-66 forms one long Messianic Poem. The 27 chapters are divided into three sections each containing 9 chapters.

Read through the section nine chapters at a time making note of the changes in theme in each section

IV. The Prophecies of the Messiah

- A. Ahaz and the Immanuel Prophecy (Ch. 7)
 - 1. Opportunity to ask for a sign of God's grace
 - 2. Ahaz arrogantly refuses
 - 3. Sign of the virgin birth
- B. Prediction of the extent of the Assyrian invasion (Ch. 8)
- C. The delivering power of the Son who will be born (Ch. 9)
- D. Judgment on Israel and Assyria (Ch. 10)
- E. Blessings of the rule of the shoot of Jesse (Ch. 11)
 - 1. His righteous wisdom (Vs. 1-4a)
 - 2. His strength (Vs. 4b-5)
 - 3. The blessing that results from His rule (Vs. 6-16)
- F. Song of thanksgiving from the redeemed (Ch. 12)
 - 1. I will give thanks
 - 2. God is my salvation
 - 3. You will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation