

Introduction to Isaiah

First of the _____ Prophets

“_____ of the Prophets

The “_____ Gospel”

“He [Isaiah] should be called an evangelist rather than a prophet because he describes all the mysteries of Christ and the Church so clearly that you would think he is composing a history of what has already happened rather than prophesying about what is to come.”

Jerome, Church Father, 4th Century

Date & Context

Structure

1-39 :

40-66:

Isaiah 6

The _____ of God’s glory also reveals the _____ of humanity.

“Jesus likens his preaching in parables to the ministry of Isaiah, which, while it gained some disciples was also intended to expose the hardhearted resistance of many to God’s warning and appeal.”

NIV Study Bible, note on Mark 4:12

Isaiah 29

Isaiah begins to lodge God’s specific complaints...

They honor me with their _____, but their _____ are far from me.

The Lord says:

*"These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.*

Worship is made up only of _____ taught by men.

Their worship of me

is made up only of rules taught by men.

They try to keep _____ from me.

Woe to those who go to great depths

*to hide their plans from the LORD,
who do their work in darkness and think,
"Who sees us? Who will know?"*

The reject my role as their _____.

*You turn things upside down,
as if the potter were thought to be like the clay!
Shall what is formed say to him who formed it,
"He did not make me"?
Can the pot say of the potter,
"He knows nothing"?*

Isaiah 53

Isaiah 58

Isaiah 64

Key Themes to Review

Prophetic words are difficult to _____.

The day of our destruction can also be the day of our _____.

_____ is always the appropriate response.

It all comes back to _____.