



We Need a Messiah! | Isaiah 61:1-7

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The Spirit of the Lord God is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

— Isaiah 61:1

Introduction

Learn something new about someone that you already know well.

1. 14 weeks in the book of Isaiah
2. Highlights and familiar passages
3. Something new, meaningful reminders, Inspiration, correction, call to Christ.

Background Information and Themes

Historical Details about Isaiah

1. **Who was Isaiah?**
 - a. Prophet
 - b. Son of Amoz
 - c. Royal Family?
 - d. In the Court of Kings
2. **When did Isaiah live and prophesy?**
 - a. Time range: ~740-680 BC (between 50-60 years)
 - b. Roughly 700 years before Jesus.
 - c. Kings: Uzziah (Azariah), Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah : 2 godly 2 evil
 - d. Israel's exile following Assyrian Capture
 - e. Contemporary prophets: Amos, Hosea, and Micah
3. **Other insights**
 - a. Quoted often in the NT 60 or more times
 - i. "Let's eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" Is. 22:13
 - b. Possibly among the prophets martyred by King Manasseh
 - c. Sons: "A remnant shall return" and "Quickly to spoils, plunder speedily"



Themes of Isaiah's Prophecy

1. **Calling out Idolatry**
 - a. In northern kingdom of Israel
 - b. Surrounding nations: Babylon, Assyria, Philistia, Moab, Damascus (Syria), Egypt
 - c. Specifically kingdom of Judah

2. **Warning about the Consequences**
 - a. Look at the Kingdom of Israel
 - b. Impending War and Conquer of Judah
 - c. Sending into Exile

3. **A Future Hope**
 - a. A promised Restoration of God's People
 - b. An Anointed One who would Fulfill the Promise
 - c. Place hope in nothing else
 - d. Meaning of his name: God is Salvation or the Salvation of the Lord.

We are Broken People living in a Broken World

1. **Examples of brokenness**
 - a. Violence/crime/malice
 - b. Broken relationships
 - c. Addictions
 - d. Poverty/homelessness
 - e. Immorality
 - f. Depression/anxiety/fear/isolation

2. **Exiled because of our rebellion**
 - a. Sinful rebellion against the Creator God is the root of our brokenness.
 - b. Just as Israel and Judah were sent into exile for their idolatry, we are living in this world as exiles unable to restore ourselves to the glory we were created for.



We Need a Redeemer

1. **We try to deny our need / "it's not as bad as all that"**
2. **Our old ways will betray us: Judah looked to Egypt**
3. **Our good works will not be enough**
 - a. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...
Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)

Jesus is the Redeemer we Need

The book of Isaiah points directly and repeatedly to Jesus!

1. **Jesus fulfills the prophecy | Luke 4:16-30**
2. **Taking on our sins and becoming the sacrifice to make us clean**
3. **Exposing our brokenness/confronting our sin**
4. **Leading us to repentance**
5. **Restoring us to the glory that honors God**
6. **Fulfilling the heart of the Year of Jubilee or the Year of the Lord**

Jesus Fulfills the Prophecy

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



Year of Jubilee

The word “jubilee”—literally, “the blast of a horn” in Hebrew—is defined in Leviticus 25:9 as the sabbatical year after seven cycles of seven years (49 years). The fiftieth year was to be a time of celebration and rejoicing for the Israelites. The ram’s horn was blown on the tenth day of the seventh month to start the fiftieth year of universal redemption.

The Year of the Jubilee involved a year of release from indebtedness (Leviticus 25:23-38) and all types of bondage. Prisoners and captives were set free, slaves were released, debts were forgiven, and property was returned to its original owners. In addition, all labor was to cease for one year, and those bound by labor contracts were released from them. One of the benefits of the Jubilee was that both the land and the people were able to rest.

*The Jubilee presents a beautiful picture of the New Testament themes of redemption and forgiveness. Christ is the Redeemer who came to set free those who are slaves and prisoners to sin (Romans 8:2; Galatians 5:1; 3:22). The debt of sin we owe to God was paid on the cross as Jesus died on our behalf (Colossians 2:13-14), and we are forgiven the debt forever. We are no longer in bondage, no longer slaves to sin, having been freed by Christ, and we can truly enter the rest God provides as we cease laboring to make ourselves acceptable to God by our own works (Hebrews 4:9-10). -GotQuestions.org

Chapter 3 Compared with Chapter 61

God judges and charges

Their vineyards will be devastated

They sinfully oppress the poor

God will strip them of their finery

They will live in shame and dishonor

They will fall by the sword

God has favor and comforts

Their vineyards will abound

God brings good news to the poor

God will give them a beautiful headdress

God will dress them in blessing and praises

They will live in everlasting joy

Bind up the brokenhearted,

Proclaim liberty to the captives,

Open the prison to those who are bound

The will be called oaks of righteousness,

the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified



Now What

1. **Depend:** We need Jesus not once, but always.
2. **Rejoice:** We are brought out of exile to live a new life. (Jubilee)
3. **Walk:** Follow Jesus daily in faith, obedience, and growth.
4. **Proclaim:** Tell the world that Jesus can set them free.