Interesting Facts About Isaiah

MEANING: Isaiah means “Yahweh is salvation.”

AUTHOR: Isaiah

TIME WRITTEN: Isaiah’s long ministry ranged from 740 B.C. to 680 B.C. (40 to 60 years).

POSITION IN THE BIBLE: • 23rd Book in the Bible
• 23rd Book in the Old Testament
• 1st of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
• 1st of 5 major prophets (Isaiah-Daniel)
• 43 Books to follow it.

CHAPTERS: 66
VERSES: 1,292
WORDS: 37,044

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT ISAIAH:
■ Isaiah is like a miniature Bible:
  • The first 39 chapters, like the 39 books of the Old Testament, are filled with judgment upon immoral and idolatrous men.
  • The final 27 chapters, like the 27 books of the New Testament, declare a message of hope.
■ Isaiah has been called:
  • The “Messianic Prophet”
  • The “Paul of the Old Testament”
  • The Shakespeare of the prophets”
■ The Book of Isaiah has been called “The gospel according to Isaiah.”
■ Talmudic tradition says Isaiah’s persecutors sawed him in two during the reign of Manasseh. Hebrews 11:37
■ Isaiah’s long tenure ranged from 740-680 B.C.
■ Kings during Isaiah’s ministry.
  • Uzziah (790-739 B.C.)
  • Ahaz (731-715 B.C.)
  • Jotham (739-731 B.C.)
  • Hezekiah (715-686 B.C.)
■ Isaiah spent most of his time in Jerusalem.
■ Isaiah was a contemporary with:
  • Hosea
  • Micah
■ Isaiah was a prophet to the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
■ Isaiah ministered in Judah at the same time the Assyrians conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel.
■ 96 years before Babylon became a world power, Isaiah prophesied that they would be involved in judgment of Judah.
■ The word “salvation” appears some 26 times in Isaiah, but only 7 times in all the other prophet combined.
■ Isaiah presents a series of oracles against:
  • Babylon
  • Assyria
  • Philistia
  • Moab
  • Damascus (Syria)
  • Ethiopia
  • Egypt
  • Babylon (again)
  • Edom
  • Arabia
  • Jerusalem (Judah)
  • Tyre

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.” Isaiah 1:8