

# **The Nation Israel**

- ▶ **a failed experiment**
  - ▶ **a page in history**
  - ▶ **an unfulfilled promise**
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## **Issues of Interpretation**

- ▶ **The meaning of “Israel”**
    - **a nation**
    - **a metaphor**
    - **Israel and the Church**
  - ▶ **The place of creation**
    - **good creation**
    - **accursed creation**
    - **redeemed creation**
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## **Old Testament Hope**

- ▶ **a great nation**
- ▶ **a holy nation**
- ▶ **a New Covenant nation**
- ▶ **a universal Kingdom**

# **Structure of Isaiah**

**Historical scene 1: Ahaz**

**Historical scene 2: Hezekiah**

**Historical fulfillment: Christ**

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## **Outline of Isaiah**

**1. Introduction (1-5)**

**2. Call of Isaiah (6)**

**3. Book of Assyria (7-39)**

▶ **Book of Immanuel (7-12)**

▶ **Book of Oracles (13-23)**

▶ **Book of Apocalypse (24-27)**

▶ **Book of Grace (28-35)**

▶ **Book of Hezekiah (36-39)**

## **Book of Grace (28-35)**

- 1. Drunkards of Ephraim and Israel (28)**
- 2. Ariel destroyed (29)**
- 3. Flight to Egypt (30)**
- 4. The LORD of hosts is the Protector (31)**
- 5. The Righteous King (32)**
- 6. Assyrian invasion (33)**
- 7. Judgment on the nations (34)**
- 8. The glory of the LORD (35)**

## **The Righteous King (32)**

- ▶ **Hezekiah or Christ?**
  - ▶ **Women at ease**
  - ▶ **Spirit poured out**
  - ▶ **A peaceful habitation**
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## **Assyrian invasion (33)**

- ▶ **The destroyer**
- ▶ **A prayer for grace**
- ▶ **Desolation**
- ▶ **Deliverance**
- ▶ **The King in His beauty**

## **A Day of Vengeance (34)**

- ▶ **A word to the nations**
  - ▶ **The cause of Zion**
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## **The Glory of the LORD (35)**

- ▶ **The wilderness is glad**
- ▶ **Salvation**
- ▶ **The Way of Holiness**
- ▶ **Singing in Zion**