The Nation Israel

- a failed experiment
- a page in history
- an unfulfilled promise

 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

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

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

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

The Glory of the LORD (35)

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