

It's not about Cyrus!

Christ, the theme of Scripture – John 5:39

The prophet's ministry

- Contemporary ministry
- Near future
- Distant future

Isaiah's ministry

- Confront a sinful generation
- predict deliverance from Assyria and Babylon
- proclaim the final solution

Isaiah's view of the final solution

- Deliverance from sin
Isaiah 1:18; 4:2-4
- A righteous King
Isaiah 9:6-7; 32:1
- The Holy Spirit
Isaiah 32:14-18; 44:3-4

The Deliverance (Isaiah 40-48)

The message

- Contemporary failure
- Deliverance from Babylon
- Future glory – deliverance from sin

The hope of deliverance

- The Sovereign LORD
in secular matters
in spiritual matters
- The Servant of the LORD
the failed servant
the Servant of the LORD

The Deliverance of the LORD

Isaiah 40-48

1. Introduction (40-42:17)

- A message of comfort (40)
- The sovereign LORD (41)
- The Servant of the LORD (42:1-17)

2. The deliverance (42:18-48:22)

- Temporal deliverance (42:18-43:21)
- Spiritual deliverance (43:22-44:5)
- The Redeemer (44:6-28)
- Historical deliverance (45-48)

The God Who Carries Isaiah 46

1. Bel and Nebo on a cart
46:1-7
 2. The LORD God carries and saves
46:8-13
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The God Who Avenges Isaiah 47

1. Divine vengeance
1-7
2. Security of wickedness
8-11
3. Idol impotence
12-15

The God Who Leads

Isaiah 48

1. The house of Jacob
1-8
 2. The glory of God
9-11
 3. The plan of salvation
12-16
 4. The invitation
17-22
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The Servant of the LORD

Isaiah 49:1-13

1. The call to the nations
1a
2. The incarnation
1b-4
3. The mission
5-6
4. The work of the Servant
7-13