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

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

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   - Temporal deliverance (42:18-43:21)
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   - The Redeemer (44:6-28)
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The God Who Carries
Isaiah 46

1. Bel and Nebo on a cart
   46:1-7
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