

# **Isaiah: Behold Your God!**

**The Servant is a Light to the Gentiles  
Lesson 10  
Isaiah 40-42**

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# Isaiah, Part 1

- ▶ What historical event led Isaiah to write this prophecy?
  - The Assyrian invasion of the middle east
- ▶ What are the 2 themes of Isaiah?
  - Behold your God!
  - The just shall live by faith!
- ▶ What is the main message of Isaiah?
  - The nation is hopelessly in sin
  - “What more was there to do for My vineyard?” (5:4)
  - Assyria will invade and destroy Judah
  - Jerusalem will be spared from destruction by Assyria
  - The Assyrian invasion is a true picture of the last days
- ▶ Book 1 ends with the LORD protecting Jerusalem as promised

# Isaiah, Part 2

- ▶ Preview of question next week:
  - What historical event led Isaiah to write this prophecy?
  - Judah's captivity in Babylon and their deliverance
- ▶ Behold your God – new lessons from a new perspective
- ▶ Outline of Isaiah – The Book of Comfort (40-66)
  - Isaiah 40-48: Comfort in the Sovereign God
  - Isaiah 49-59: Comfort in God the Deliverer
  - Isaiah 60-66: Comfort in the Kingdom of God

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## **Isaiah 40-42**

- ▶ Isaiah 40 – The greatness of God
- ▶ Isaiah 41 – A challenge to make a decision: God or idol
- ▶ Isaiah 42 – The lovingkindness of the great God

# Isaiah 40 – The Greatness of God

- ▶ 1. A call to listen (40:1-11)
  - A message of comfort for “My people” (40:1-2)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> voice (40:3-5) – Prepare the way of the LORD
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> voice (40:6-8) – All flesh is grass
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> voice (40:9-11) – Behold your God
- ▶ 2. The incomparable God (40:12-26)
  - His greatness (40:12-17)
  - To whom can you compare Him? (40:18-20)
  - His sovereign rule (40:21-26)

# Isaiah 40 – The Greatness of God

- ▶ 3. The goodness of God (40:27-31)
  - The unbelief of Israel (40:27) – ignorance
  - Behold your God (40:28-30) – the goodness of God
  - A call to faith in God (40:31) – wait for the LORD

# Isaiah 41– A Time to Decide

- ▶ 1. A challenge to the nations (41:1-7)
  - Who has aroused one from the east? (41:2-4)
  - The nations are afraid (41:5-7)
- ▶ 2. The servant of the LORD (41:8-20)
  - Jacob is the chosen servant (41:8-13)
  - A worm (41:14-16)
  - The poor and needy in a dry desert (41:17-20)
- ▶ 3. The time to decide (41:21-29)
  - The abomination of idolatry (41:21-24)
  - All of them are false (41:25-29)

# Isaiah 42 – The Lovingkindness of God

- ▶ 1. The Servant of the LORD (42:1-13)
  - His work (42:1-4)
  - His deity (42:5-9)
- ▶ 2. The end of the silence of God (42:14-17)
- ▶ 3. A call to the deaf and the blind (42:18-25)
  - The servant of the LORD (42:18-19)
  - The righteous judgment of the LORD (42:20-25)

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- ▶ Behold the only God!
- ▶ Wait upon Him