

Isaiah 6-39 God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation	Ch 6-12 God will rule with goodness and power, replacing human kings	Ch 13-27 God will destroy evil and dismantle this creation	Ch 28-35 God will instantly reverse bad and sad situations to become happy and glad	Ch 36-39 Human kings cannot enable long-term happiness
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Isaiah 8:11-10:4 (NIVUK)

¹¹ This is what the LORD says to me with his strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people:

¹² ‘Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it.

¹³ The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread.

¹⁴ He will be a holy place; for both Israel and Judah he will be a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap and a snare.

¹⁵ Many of them will stumble; they will fall and be broken, they will be snared and captured.’

¹⁶ Bind up this testimony of warning and seal up God’s instruction among my disciples.

¹⁷ I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the descendants of Jacob. I will put my trust in him.

¹⁸ Here am I, and the children the LORD has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the LORD Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.

¹⁹ When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people enquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰ Consult God’s instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.

²¹ Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished they will become enraged and, looking upwards

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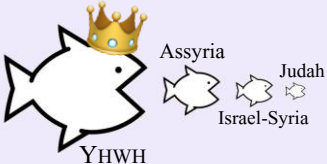
1. Listen to King God, or else! (8:11-22)

- God has a message: (8:11)
- ‘Fear God, not man’ (8:12-15)

- Isaiah’s reaction, ‘I will wait for the LORD’ (8:16-18)

- God’s further warning (8:19-22)



Isaiah 6-12 God will rule with goodness and power, replacing human kings	<u>6:1-13</u> King God is a total boss!	<u>7:1-8:10</u> Kings: 	<u>8:11-22</u> Listen to King God, or else!	<u>9:1-7</u> A promised God-King who ends war
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will curse their king and their God. ²² Then they will look towards the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.

2. A promised eternal divine King who ends war (9:1-7)

- Hope for Northern tribes who cannot see God: (9:1-3)

^{9a} Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan –

² The people walking in darkness
 have seen a great light;
 on those living in the land of deep darkness
 a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
 and increased their joy;
 they rejoice before you
 as people rejoice at the harvest,
 as warriors rejoice
 when dividing the plunder.

- The end of war... (9:4-5)

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
 you have shattered
 the yoke that burdens them,
 the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle
 and every garment rolled in blood
 will be destined for burning,
 will be fuel for the fire.

- ...brought by an eternal God-King! (9:6-7)

⁶ For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
 Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
 there will be no end.

^a In Hebrew texts 9:1 is numbered 8:23, and 9:2-21 is numbered 9:1-20.

<u>9:8-10:4</u> God judges the terrible leaders of Israel	<u>10:5-34</u> God judges the arrogant King of Assyria	<u>11:1-10</u> A promised God-King who brings safety and harmony	<u>11:11-12:6</u> God promises a 2 nd Exodus
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He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and for ever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

⁸ The Lord has sent a message against Jacob;
it will fall on Israel.

⁹ All the people will know it –
Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria –
who say with pride
and arrogance of heart,

¹⁰ 'The bricks have fallen down,
but we will rebuild with dressed stone;
the fig-trees have been felled,
but we will replace them with cedars.'

¹¹ But the LORD has strengthened Rezin's foes against them
and has spurred their enemies on.

¹² Arameans from the east and Philistines from the west
have devoured Israel with open mouth.

Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away,
his hand is still upraised.

¹³ But the people have not returned to him who struck them,
nor have they sought the LORD Almighty.

¹⁴ So the LORD will cut off from Israel both head and tail,
both palm branch and reed in a single day;

¹⁵ the elders and dignitaries are the head,
the prophets who teach lies are the tail.

¹⁶ Those who guide this people mislead them,
and those who are guided are led astray.

¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will take no pleasure in the young men,
nor will he pity the fatherless and widows,
for everyone is ungodly and wicked,
every mouth speaks folly.

Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away,

<u>Northern Tribes</u> 'Israel' = 'Ephraim' = 'Samaria'
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3. A message of judgement against the leaders of Israel (9:8-10:4)

God has a message: (9:8)

- 'You cannot rebuild' (9:9-12)

YFAT #1

- 'Leaders have led the people
astray' (9:13-17)

YFAT #2

<u>Isaiah 1-5</u> Introduction How can one be spared judgement and live happily ever after?	<u>Isaiah 6-39</u> New Creation God will rule over a new, perfect and eternal creation	<u>Isaiah 40-55</u> New relationship God will restore his people from exile to a permanent relationship	<u>Isaiah 56-66</u> Who God will choose the humble and reject the proud
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- ‘My wrath will be brutal’
(9:18-21)

YFAT #3

- ‘There’s nowhere for evil leaders to hide’ (10:1-4)

YFAT #4

his hand is still upraised.

¹⁸ Surely wickedness burns like a fire;
it consumes briars and thorns,
it sets the forest thickets ablaze,
so that it rolls upwards in a column of smoke.

¹⁹ By the wrath of the LORD Almighty
the land will be scorched
and the people will be fuel for the fire;
they will not spare one another.

²⁰ On the right they will devour,
but still be hungry;
on the left they will eat,
but not be satisfied.
Each will feed on the flesh of their own offspring:^b

²¹ Manasseh will feed on Ephraim, and Ephraim on Manasseh;
together they will turn against Judah.
Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away,
his hand is still upraised.

10 Woe to those who make unjust laws,
to those who issue oppressive decrees,
² to deprive the poor of their rights
and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people,
making widows their prey
and robbing the fatherless.

³ What will you do on the day of reckoning,
when disaster comes from afar?
To whom will you run for help?
Where will you leave your riches?

⁴ Nothing will remain but to cringe among the captives
or fall among the slain.
Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away,
his hand is still upraised.

^b Or *arm*