

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 10:5-34 (NIVUK)

⁵ ‘Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger,
in whose hand is the club of my wrath!
⁶ I send him against a godless nation,
I dispatch him against a people who anger me,
to seize loot and snatch plunder,
and to trample them down like mud in the streets.
⁷ But this is not what he intends,
this is not what he has in mind;
his purpose is to destroy,
to put an end to many nations.
⁸ “Are not my commanders all kings?” he says.
⁹ “Has not Kalno fared like Carchemish?
Is not Hamath like Arpad,
and Samaria like Damascus?
¹⁰ As my hand seized the kingdoms of the idols,
kingdoms whose images
excelled those of Jerusalem and Samaria –
¹¹ shall I not deal with Jerusalem and her images
as I dealt with Samaria and her idols?”’

¹² When the Lord has finished all his work against Mount Zion
and Jerusalem, he will say, ‘I will punish the king of Assyria for
the wilful pride of his heart and the haughty look in his eyes.

¹³ For he says:
“By the strength of my hand I have done this,
and by my wisdom, because I have understanding.
I removed the boundaries of nations,
I plundered their treasures;
like a mighty one I subdued^a their kings.
¹⁴ As one reaches into a nest,
so my hand reached for the wealth of the nations;
as people gather abandoned eggs,
so I gathered all the countries;

^a Or *treasures*; / I subdued the mighty,

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1. God uses the King of Assyria for judgement... (10:5-6)

...but Assyria does not
consider himself God’s tool...
(10:7-11)

- ‘I have destroyed both
Israel and Syria...’

- ‘...why don’t I destroy
Jerusalem too?’

...so God will punish the
King of Assyria’s pride
(10:12-19)

- ‘I am super strong’



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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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not one flapped a wing,
or opened its mouth to chirp.”

- ‘A tool usurping its toolmaker?!’

¹⁵ Does the axe raise itself above the person who swings it,
or the saw boast against the one who uses it?

As if a rod were to wield the person who lifts it up,
or a club brandish the one who is not wood!

- cf. Isaiah 31:8, 37:36
185,000 Assyrians struck

¹⁶ Therefore, the Lord, the LORD Almighty,
will send a wasting disease upon his sturdy warriors;
under his pomp a fire will be kindled
like a blazing flame.

¹⁷ The Light of Israel will become a fire,
their Holy One a flame;
in a single day it will burn and consume
his thorns and his briers.

¹⁸ The splendour of his forests and fertile fields
it will completely destroy,
as when one who is ill wastes away.

¹⁹ And the remaining trees of his forests will be so few
that a child could write them down.

2. God will save a remnant of the Northern tribes... (10:20-23)

²⁰ In that day the remnant of Israel,
the survivors of Jacob,
will no longer rely on him
who struck them down
but will truly rely on the LORD,
the Holy One of Israel.

²¹ A remnant will return,^b a remnant of Jacob
will return to the Mighty God.

²² Though your people be like the sand by the sea, Israel,
only a remnant will return.

Destruction has been decreed,
overwhelming and righteous.

²³ The Lord, the LORD Almighty, will carry out
the destruction decreed upon the whole land.

^b Hebrew *shear-jashub*; also in 10:22 (cf. 7:3)

9:8-10:4 God judges the terrible leaders of Israel	10:5-34 God judges the arrogant King of Assyria	11:1-10 A promised God-King who brings safety and harmony	11:11-12:6 God promises a 2 nd Exodus
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²⁴ Therefore this is what the Lord, the LORD Almighty, says:

‘My people who live in Zion,

do not be afraid of the Assyrians,

who beat you with a rod

and lift up a club against you, as Egypt did.

²⁵ Very soon my anger against you will end

and my wrath will be directed to their destruction.’

²⁶ The LORD Almighty will lash them with a whip,

as when he struck down Midian at the rock of Oreb;

and he will raise his staff over the waters,

as he did in Egypt.

²⁷ In that day their burden will be lifted from your shoulders,

their yoke from your neck;

the yoke will be broken

because you have grown so fat.^c

...and Jerusalem from Assyria!

(10:24-27)

- cf. Judges 7-8 Gideon’s
easy win

²⁸ They enter Aiath;

they pass through Migron;

they store supplies at Michmash.

²⁹ They go over the pass, and say,

‘We will camp overnight at Geba.’

Ramah trembles;

Gibeah of Saul flees.

³⁰ Cry out, Daughter Gallim!

Listen, Laishah!

Poor Anathoth!

³¹ Madmenah is in flight;

the people of Gebim take cover.

³² This day they will halt at Nob;

they will shake their fist

at the mount of Daughter Zion,

at the hill of Jerusalem.

**3. Map: Assyria’s ominous
invasion south to Jerusalem
(10:28-34)**

- terrify some towns of Judah

- get all the way to Nob

^c Hebrew; Septuagint *broken / from your shoulders*

