

Life-Study of Isaiah Review

Subject: The salvation of Jehovah through the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, ascended, and coming Christ.

Content: God's dealing in love with His beloved Israel and His righteous judgment upon the nations bring in Christ, the Savior, who is God incarnated to be a man, possessing both the divine and human natures, living on this earth, crucified, resurrected, ascended, and coming to meet the need of God's chosen people and the nations in God's all-inclusive salvation, that the restoration of all things may be brought in, which will consummate in the new heaven and new earth for eternity.

Central thought: Christ is God incarnated in humanity to be the Savior of man, that all the God-created universe, which is fallen, might be restored and consummate in the new heaven and new earth for eternity.

The Salvation of Jehovah to His Beloved People and to the Nations

God's judgment on the haughty nations ushers in the God-man, Christ, issuing in the restoration of the nation of Israel.

Isa 4:2 – In that day the **Shoot of Jehovah** will be beauty and glory, and the **fruit of the earth**, excellence and splendor, to those of Israel who have escaped.

The shoot of Jehovah is a new development of Jehovah God for His increase and spreading through His incarnation. Christ as the Shoot of Jehovah is for the branching out of Jehovah God, in His divinity, into humanity. The incarnated God, in His divinity, will be the beauty and glory of God's chosen people in the day of restoration.

Christ is also the Fruit of the earth. As the Fruit of the earth, Christ was a man born of human blood and flesh from the earth. Christ as the Fruit of the earth is for the multiplication and reproduction of the divine life in humanity. Such a man, the Man Jesus, in His humanity, which expresses His divine beauty and glory, will be the excellence and splendor of God's chosen people in the day of restoration.

Isa 4:5-6 – ... for the glory will be a **canopy** over all. And there will be a **tabernacle** as a daytime shade from the heat and as a refuge and a cover from storm and rain.

Christ as a covering canopy of glory is the divine glory covering all the interests of Jehovah God in His holy mountain. This covering canopy of glory is also a cloud of smoke as a shade from the heat and the brightness of a fiery flame by night against the darkness.

Christ will also be an overshadowing tabernacle of grace in humanity. He is presently overshadowing His believers in His grace as a daytime shade from the heat and as a refuge and a cover from storm and rain.

Isa 6:1 – In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a high and lofty throne, and **the train of His robe filled the temple**.

In Isaiah 6 Christ is the God in glory sitting on the throne. Because He is wearing a long robe, He is also a man. This One is the God-man with divine glory and human virtues.

Isa 7:14 – Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, **the virgin** will conceive and **will bear a son**, and she will call his name Immanuel.

The child born of a human virgin is Immanuel, God with man. He was a human child born of a human virgin, yet He was also the very God. The child born of the virgin is Jesus and Immanuel,

and this child is the gift given as the Son. This Son, this gift, is the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Eternal Father, and the Prince of Peace.

Isa 8:14 – Then He will become a **sanctuary**, yet a **stone** to strike against/And a **rock of stumbling**...

Christ is a sanctuary to the positive ones. Because He is our dwelling place, we can rest within Him. When we enjoy Him as our dwelling place and as our roommate, we have light, air, water, food, and everything that we need. To the negative ones, He is a stone to strike against, a rock of stumbling, a trap, and a snare.

Isa 9:2 – The people who walked in the darkness/Have seen a **great light**;/Upon those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death/Light has shined.

Christ is the great light—the true light, the light of life. Christ is unveiled as the great light for the shining in darkness. He shines upon the people walking in darkness, shining upon those dwelling in the shadow of death. The shining of the light is the release, and the darkness is the bondage. Christ is a great light for the release from bondage.

Isa 11:1 – Then a **sprout** will come forth from the stump of Jesse,/And a **branch** from his roots will bear fruit.

11:10 – And in that day the root of Jesse,/Who stands as a **banner** to the peoples...

11:12 – He will lift up a **standard** to the nations,/And will gather the outcasts of Israel;/And the dispersed of Judah He will assemble/From the four corners of the earth

Christ is a twig from the stem of Jesse and a branch from the roots of Jesse. The stem of Jesse indicates the deprived human royal source. A twig from the stem of Jesse indicates the restoring power of life in freshness. The roots of Jesse indicate the hidden deepening power of life. A branch from the roots indicates the growing power of fruitfulness.

Christ is a banner to all the peoples. A banner indicates an ensign as a gathering and collecting mark. Christ is also a standard to the nations, indicating the influence of the calling and gathering power. Christ as the banner to the peoples and the standard to the nations will bring in the return of God's people and the submission of the Gentiles.

Isa 12:3 – Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing/From the **springs of salvation**.

The springs issue out of the fountain. The springs are Christ. These springs become the rivers, which are the Spirit. The salvation is the source, the fountain, out of which Christ springs up. The processed Triune God is the fountain, the springs, and the river of water of life. The Father is the fountain, the Son is the springs, and the Spirit is the river of water of life. As God incarnated, He is the very embodiment of the Triune God.

The Judgment of Jehovah upon the Nations

The nations are used by God's enemy to disturb God's chosen people and to frustrate God from carrying out His economy. Thus, God would be compelled to come in to judge them. All these judgments issue in one things, that is, the ushering in of Christ.

Isa 16:5 – Then will a **throne** be established in lovingkindness,/And upon it One will sit in truth/In the **tent of David**...

The all-inclusive Christ is the King reigning in the tent of David. We can enjoy Christ as the reigning One in the tent of David in the age of grace. Today Christ reigns in us in the tent of David, bringing in the kingdom with lovingkindness, truthfulness, justice, and righteousness.

Isa 17:10 – For you have forgotten the God of your salvation,/And the **Rock of your stronghold** you have not remembered...

Every human being apart from Christ has nothing to trust in, but we have the Lord as the eternal Rock to trust in. He is the Rock of stronghold for His people to remember Him as their salvation.

Isa 19:20 – ...for they will cry unto Jehovah because of their oppressors, and He will send them a **Savior** and **Mighty One**; and He will deliver them.

Today we enjoy Christ as our Savior and our mighty Defender.

The Issue of Jehovah's Dealing with His Beloved Israel

Jehovah's dealing with Israel's reliance on Egypt and His dealing with the nations issue in Israel's return to Him and in His return to Israel with the restoration.

Isa 28:5 – In that day Jehovah of hosts/Will become a **crown of beauty** and a **diadem of glory** to the remnant of His people,

Christ will be a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of Israel, God's chosen people, in the age of restoration after all the dealings of God. He will be His chosen people's glorification.

Isa 28:16 – ... Indeed I lay a **stone** in Zion as a foundation,/A **tested stone**,/A **precious cornerstone** as a foundation firmly established;/He who believes will not hasten away

Christ, who is our glory and our beauty, is also a stone in many aspects. This stone is a foundation firmly established for God's building in Israel. Christ is a tested stone which has been tried and which is trustworthy. This stone is also a precious cornerstone for the joint of God's building.

Isa 30:20 – ... Your **Teacher** will no longer hide Himself in a corner,/But your eyes will see your Teacher.

Today in the new testament age of grace He is already manifested to us. We have such a Teacher who will no longer hide Himself in a corner from His people but will always instruct His people to turn to the right or turn to the left at the crossroad.

Isa 32:1 – Indeed a **King** will reign according to righteousness,/And the rulers will rule according to justice.

Christ is a King for supplying us, caring for us, and covering us. Christ as the King is Jehovah, God, and He is also a man. This One who reigns and rules through the rulers according to righteousness and justice is not only God but also a lowly man.

The Servant of Jehovah and the Salvation Brought In by Him

Christ is revealed as the Servant of Jehovah in the most thorough and complete way. Since Jehovah is the Triune God, Christ as the Servant of Jehovah is the Servant of the Triune God.

Isa 41:2 – Who has stirred up someone from the east,/Called him in righteousness to His feet?/He gave up the nations before him,/And caused him to have dominion over kings...

Cyrus was raised up by Jehovah, anointed by Jehovah, and loved by Jehovah. He was God's counselor to subdue the nations and have dominion over the kings. He was also Jehovah's shepherd for the fulfilling of His desire in building up the city (kingdom) and the temple of God and in releasing God's captives. In all the above aspects, Cyrus was a type of Christ as the Servant of Jehovah.

Isa 49:3 – And He said to me, You are My servant,/Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

Israel also typifies Christ as the Witness of Jehovah. Also in Israel, Jehovah was glorified, just as God was glorified in Christ.

Isaiah also worked as a type of Christ, the Servant of Jehovah, to accomplish God's heart's desire. His prophecy helped in the release of Israel and the rebuilding of the temple and the city.

Isa 42:1 – Here is My Servant, whom I uphold,/My **chosen One** in whom My soul delights;/I have put My Spirit upon Him,/And He will bring forth justice to the nations.

As the Servant of Jehovah, Christ was chosen by Jehovah and qualified in His humanity. Christ's commission is first to raise up the tribes of Jacob, bring Jacob back to Jehovah so that Israel would be gathered to Him, and to become a covenant of the people.

Isa 42:6 – I am Jehovah; I have called You in righteousness;/I have held You by the hand;/I have kept You and I have given You/As a **covenant** for the people, as a **light** for the nations;

As a covenant, He is a surety of God being the inheritance to His people. This covenant is a guarantee. It guarantees that God Himself is our inheritance. Christ is also to be a light to the nations. He is the light of life, the true light, to shine over the world and enlighten every man.

Isa 51:9 – Awake, awake! Put on strength,/O **arm of Jehovah**...

The arm of Jehovah signifies the strength of Jehovah. Christ is the garment of God as the strength of God. The arm of Jehovah's arising and putting on strength as in the days of old is for the redeemed of Jehovah to return and come to Zion with a ringing shout and eternal joy.

Isa 52:7 – How beautiful on the mountains/Are the feet of him who brings good news,/Of him who announces peace, who brings news of good things,/Who announces salvation;/Of him who says to Zion, **Your God reigns!**

The reigning of God is to restore Zion by Jehovah, to comfort His people and to redeem Jerusalem by Jehovah. The reigning of God is the salvation of Jehovah's holy arm.

Isa 52:13 – Indeed, My Servant will act wisely and will prosper;/He will be exalted and lifted up and very high.

In the future, the returned and restored Israel will know Him not merely as the arm of Jehovah and the reigning God, but they will know Him as the exalted Christ.

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