



Cover to Cover: (Isaiah, pt. II)

Sept 16

Review: [Isaiah pt. I](#) (1–39)

Watch: [Isaiah pt. II](#) (40–66) [The classic evangelical position takes view A that the Bible Project lays out and not view B that they seem to prefer.]

Context: If Isaiah 1–37 majors on the theme of judgement (with vv. 36–39 being the hinge of the book- Why is the story of Hezekiah at the centre of the book?), then chapters 40–66 are ones of hope and comfort, Messianic promise, the advent of a New Jerusalem and glimpses of the New Heavens and New Earth. No wonder Isaiah is called the 5th Gospel!

First, a.m. Missions Recap:

- What does the religious scene look like in Spain?
- What are some of the challenges and encouragements the Castros shared?
- How can we be praying for them? (take a moment to pray).

Read: Isa 40

Questions:

- In ch. 39 we are told that one day Jerusalem would be destroyed, there would be an exile. Whether for those still in Jerusalem, those who faced this final siege or to those in exile, this is hard news to swallow, which is why ch.40 heads off the second section of Isaiah with words of comfort.
- What promise, comfort and hope are offered in vv. 1–2? Why do people living in the face of sin need such comfort, even today?
- Vv. 3–5- How is this prophetic of John the Baptist? (Malachi also makes a similar prophecy in 4:5).
 - What is with all of the lifting and lowering and straightening?
- Vv. 6–8- Why are these cries/prophecies to be trusted? (See 1 Peter 1:24–5 for a similar application).

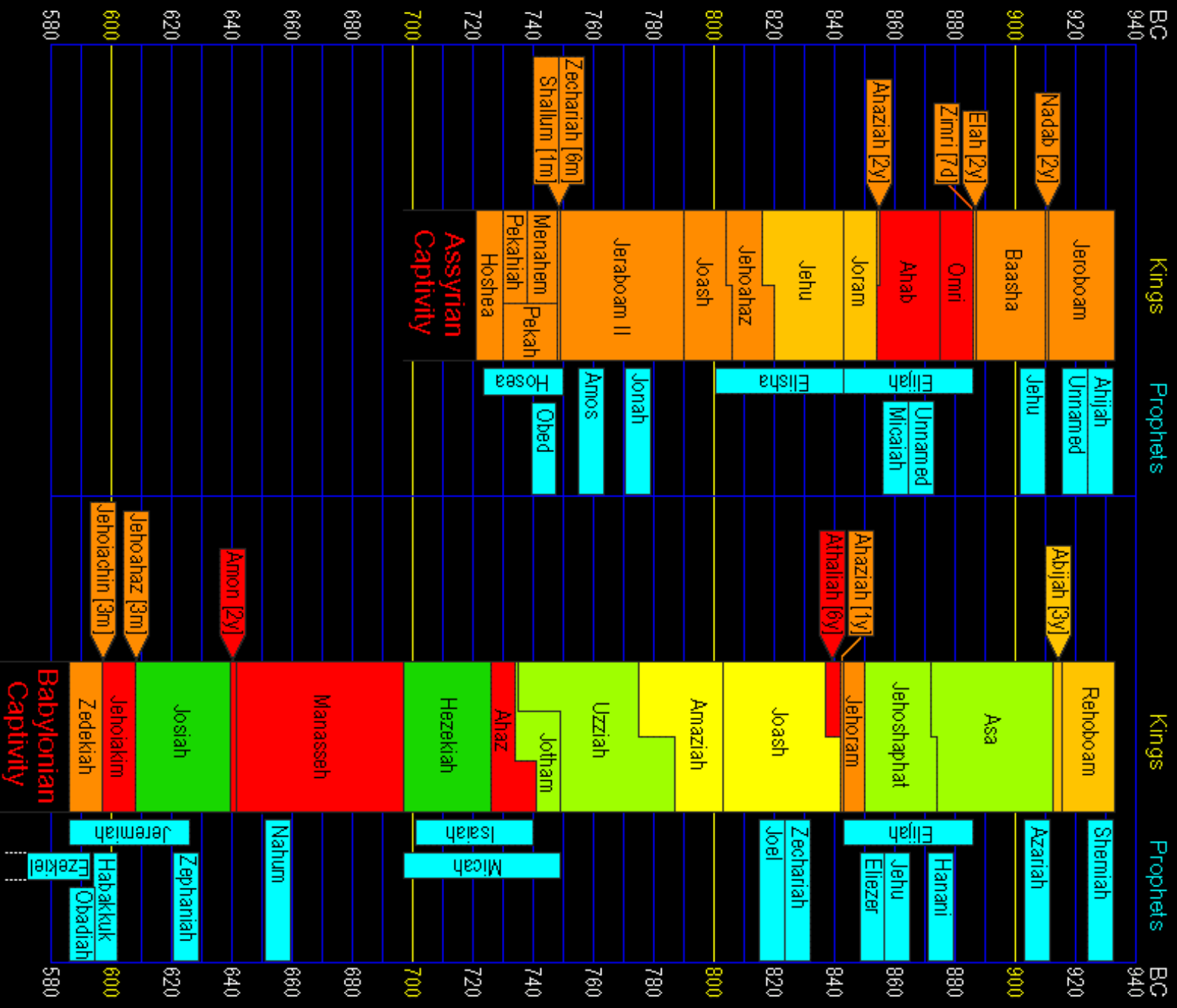
- Vv. 9–11- What good news is proclaimed? What is God going to do after John?
- *Remembering the LORD speaking from the whirlwind in Job, yet now with tenderness...* How is it that God can bring about such a great salvation in the face of such hopelessness? (see vv. 12–17 and 18–20).
- Vv. 21–24- What word would you use to describe this description of the Lord?
- Vv. 25–6- What ought a knowledge of the LORD inspire in us. How ought a knowledge of this show He is able to do what was promised in vv. 12–20?
- Despite this, what is Israel feeling (v. 27)?
- What does God say as a result? (vv. 28–31)
FOCUS (vv. 28–40)
- *This is perhaps the most well known passage in Isaiah, yet lets understand it in its context so it becomes all the more special.*
- Why is God offering these words of comfort? In the face of what kind of trial?
- When facing trials we often need reminding, reassurance and even teaching of who God is. In v. 28 what are we told about God?
- In vv. 29–31 what is He able to do, what promises are made?
- Why are youths and eagles used as illustrations here?
- What does it mean to wait on the Lord?
- What promise/hope is offered for those who do?

Pray for those facing trials of various kinds, that they might trust the Lord's promises here.

Not facing a trial? Pray that the Lord would bring this chapter and its teachings to remembrance at just the right time when you do.

Israel

Judah



Righteous

Evil