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“Yahweh is salvation”
(deliverance)

Authored the Book of Isaiah.

History of the Kings:
2 Kings 14 -20;
2 Chronicles 26 - 32.

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Isaiah 1:1

The vision about Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw in the days of Judah's kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

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#1: Son of Amoz

Isaiah 1:1

- *The vision of Isaiah the **son of Amoz**, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.*

Isaiah 13:1

- *The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the **son of Amoz** saw.*

Isaiah 38:1

- *In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the **son of Amoz**, went to him and said to him, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.’ ”*

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#2:

His uncle was King Amaziah

2 Kings 14

2 Chronicles 25

Succeeded by his son Azariah (Uzziah), who likely reigned as coregent with Amaziah from 792–767 BC.

He was one of the eight good kings of Judah (along with Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Azariah, Jotham, Hezekiah, and Josiah).

Gilboy, J. J. (2016). [Amaziah, King of Judah](#). In J. D. Barry, D. Bomar, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, D. Mangum, C. Sinclair Wolcott, L. Wentz, E. Ritzema, & W. Widder (Eds.), *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Lexham Press.

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#3:

Know as the Evangelist of the Old Testament.

Isaiah is quoted or referred to some 13 times in the Gospels, 3 times in Acts, and 5 times in Romans.

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#4: ETCETERA

- He is often mentioned in Kings and Chronicles,
- His name occurs several times in his own book.
- Married to an unnamed prophetess and that he had children (**Isa. 7; 8**).

FACT: The VISION took place in the temple (Isa. 6).

FACT: Isaiah was an intimate of King Hezekiah.

FACT: His mastery of Hebrew is as rich and great as Shakespeare's grasp of English, and shows he was a highly educated man.

FACT: Isaiah sticks to facts as he describes experiences:

"Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet." And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. Then the Lord said, "... My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia." (Isa. 20:2, 3)

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#5: Place & Time

a. Civic Background:

(2 Chron. 26:16–18, 20; 27:2; 28:1–27; 29:6–9).

b. Geographical Background

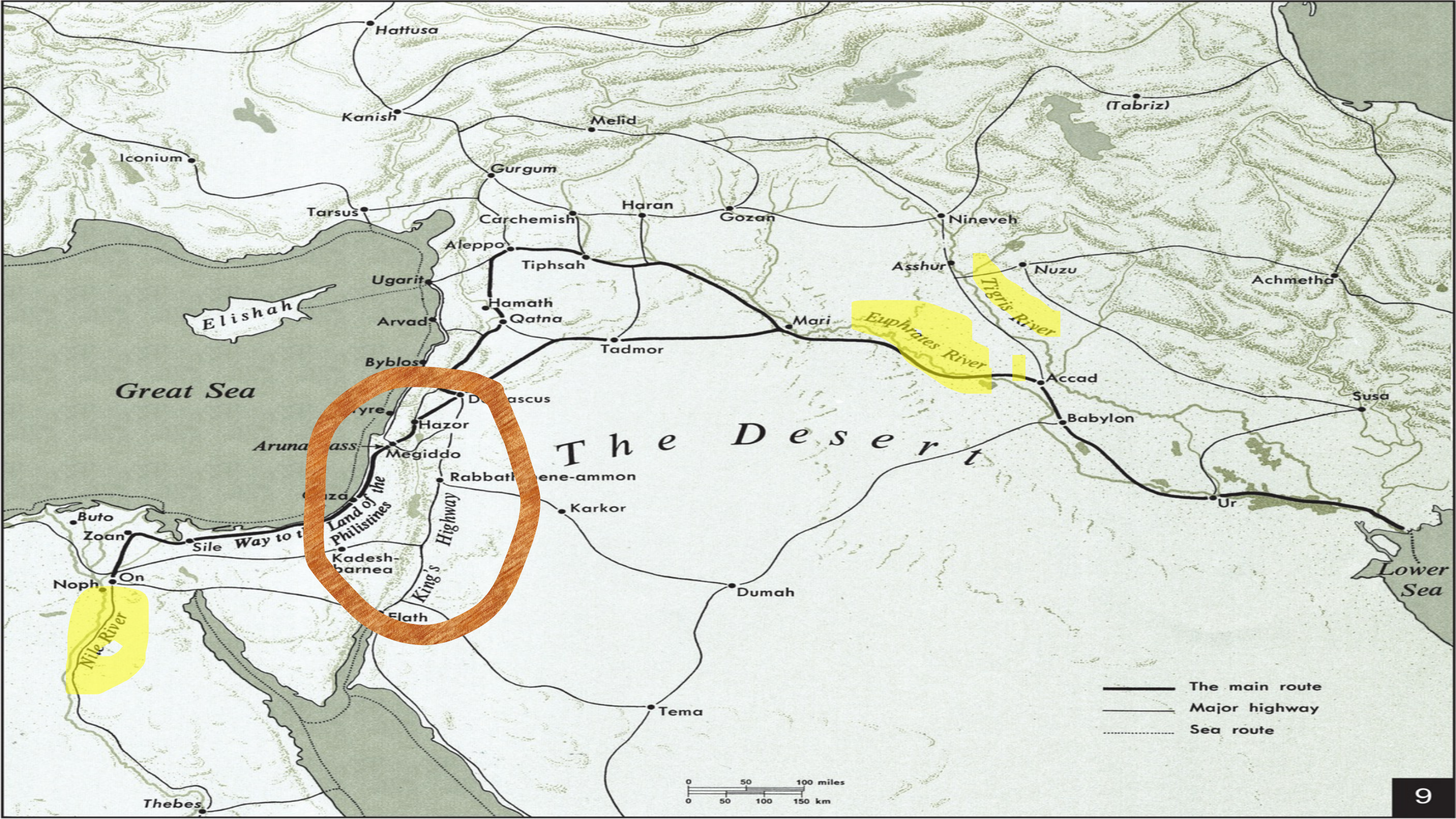
Crossroads of the ancient world:

Northeast: Assyria (dominant power)

Cities of Nineveh and Asshur on the Tigris River

Babylon, on the Euphrates River, was the cultural, commercial, and religious center for all Mesopotamia.
South: Egypt, along the Nile River.

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#6: Isaiah's Children

Isaiah 8:18 CEB

Look! I and the children the Lord gave me are signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of heavenly forces, who lives on Mount Zion.

Three Sons:

- Shear-jashub (*Isa 7:3*)
- Immanuel (*Isa 7:14*)
- Maher-shalal-hash-baz (*Isa 8:1, 4*)

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#7: The Messiah

- 7:10–17 Born of a virgin.
- 8:8 Immanuel—The *with-us* God.
- 9:1–7 Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace.
- 11:1–10 Descendant of David, Spirit-anointed. (Rom. 8:18–25.)
- 16:5 The throne of justice and love.
- 28:16 The chief Cornerstone.
- 32:1–5, 15–18 The Messiah is King.
- 42:1–12 The divinely-chosen and -sustained Servant .
- 49:1–13 The Servant is God’s weapon.
- 50:4–11 The Servant teaches and strengthens others.
- 52:13 to 53:12 “The Servant”
- 54 Israel’s growth, result of the Servant’s redemptive work.
- 55 The wide-open door to “whoever wills.”
- 61:1–11 The Messiah’s saving, healing, liberating ministry.
(Read Luke 4:16–21.)

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#8: Good King/Bad King

Amaziah = Good

Kings of Judah Isaiah dealt with:

- Uzziah/Azariah = Good
- Jotham = Good
- Ahaz = Bad King
- Hezekiah = Good

King who had Isaiah killed:

- Manasseh = Bad King
- Isaiah 1–12: Messages about Judah and Jerusalem, with references to King Ahaz
- Isaiah 13–23: Messages about the nations around, with a reference King Ahaz
- Isaiah 24–27: Messages about the destiny of the world around, with no reference to specific kings
- Isaiah 28–39: Messages about Judah and Jerusalem, with references to King Hezekiah
- Isaiah 40–55: Messages about Judah and Jerusalem, with references to King Cyrus
- Isaiah 56–66: Messages about Judah and Jerusalem, with no reference to specific kings

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#9: The Vision

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Judah Called to Repentance

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Isaiah's Call:

A **vision** of God led **to** a vision of self and sin. **Confession** led **to** cleansing and consecration. The **work** was to be difficult, = but it laid the foundation for a remnant to return and prepared the way for the Messiah (chap. 6).

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#10: Questions

That arise from the life of Isaiah:

Define Prophet:

- What does it mean to be “a Prophet”?
- What does it cost?
- Who are they today?

#1 prerequisite – Must be a **PART OF** and **ANSWERABLE** to the community.

- Understanding Visions
- The Power of Repentance
- The Cost of Anointing
- Anointed Suffering
- Embracing Mercy
- God’s Presence
- God’s Holiness = The Assurance of Judgement

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As we prepare to meet Isaiah, look to see the God he sees:

- One of holiness.
- One of power.
- One of hope.
- One who walks with us in hard.
- One of anointed suffering.

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Decisions for us as we study Isaiah:

- How will I handle my own sin?
- How will I respond to His summons on my life?
- Does my faith extend to hard?
- Can I trust His power over humanities power sources?
- Can I pick up His suffering?

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Hard Truths of Isaiah:

- God's judgement reveals that God is supreme and we are not.
- God's judgement demands a response in us. What will it be?
- God's judgement can be delayed by His mercy.
- If we do not embrace His mercy, the judgment is inevitable.
- Who should I fear more: God's judgement or my enemies?
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**What would others find out
about Jesus Christ the Messiah,
taste of Jesus Christ the Messiah,
know of Jesus Christ the Messiah
by living with me?**