

## Isaiah And Jeremiah

### The Major Prophets

### **The Prophets**

- The rest of the Old Testament is taken up with the prophets
- There are 16 in all, 4 which we call major prophets, and 12 minor prophet
- God inspired them all to be written, so the names major and minor do not mean that some are more important than others.
- They are all important, but four of them are longer than the rest, and so are called major prophets.

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### Classification Of The Prophets

- **The Major Writing Prophets**: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel.
- **The Minor Writing Prophets**: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.
- **The Oral Prophets**: Over 38 Including, Enoch, Balaam, Ahijah, Shemaiah, Azariah, Elijah, Elisha, etc.

### **The Role Of The Prophets**

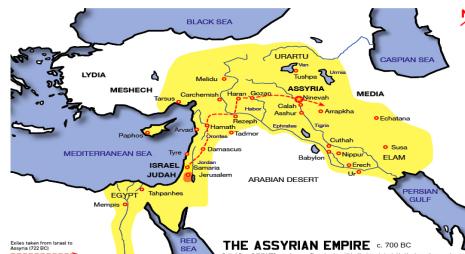
- The prophet's job was to call the people back to God and to the truth of God. It involved warning them of the consequences of their actions and a call to repentance. At times it was a message of God's plan for the future of His Kingdom. They were men through whom God spoke His message of love for sinners, and warned them of the consequences of their sins. The heart of their message was God's promise of eternal redemption through the coming of Jesus Christ the Messiah.

## The Three Time Periods Of The Prophets

- When the Jewish people were divided into two kingdoms: The Northern Israel and the Southern Judah---Assyrian is God's instrument of destruction.
- When Judah were slaves in Babylon.
- After Judah had been freed from Babylon.

## Isaiah

- Isaiah was a prophet to the people of Judah during the Assyrian empire



## Jeremiah

- Jeremiah was a prophet of Judah during both the Assyrian Empire and the Babylonian Empire



## The Book Of Isaiah The Prophet

- 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.---- Isa 1:1
- "...in the days of...kings of Judah"
- Uzziah: 783-742 B.C.--In the earlier part of his reign, under the influence of a prophet named Zechariah, he was faithful to God, and "did that which was right in the sight of the Lord" (2 Kings 15:3; 2 Chronicles 26:4-5)

- But then, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the LORD to burn **incense** on the **altar** of incense (**2 Chronicles 26:15-16**). --Instant Leprosy

### **Isaiah (740-680 B.C.)**

- The Prophet, “Born into an influential, upper-class family, Isaiah rubbed shoulders with royalty and gave advice concerning the foreign affairs of the nation. Though usually scoffed at, he warned vigorously against foreign alliances and urged Judah to trust the Lord (7:4, 30:1-17) . . .
- After living most of his life in Jerusalem tradition says that Isaiah was martyred during the reign of Manasseh (696-642) by being sawed in two inside a hollow log (cf. 11:37). Ryrie p. 1013.

### **The Prophet Isaiah and King Hezekiah Get Jerusalem to Repent!**

- In 701 B.C. Through Isaiah's prayer and advice to king Hezekiah, Jerusalem is spared!
- God miraculously intervenes--Is. 36:37
- Assyria goes home with 185,000 casualties
- Sennacherib, king of Assyria never again comes against Jerusalem

### **Themes Of The Isaiah**

- Conversion of the Gentiles
- Universal Peace--Millennial Reign
- Universal Judgment
- Prophetic
- Return of the remnant of Israel to their Homeland (May 1948) Is. 11:11-12



During the Millennium, the Dome will be gone, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple will be built on the Temple

### **Isaiah 11:11-12**

- "It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall **set His hand again the second time** To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea. He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And **gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.**"
- God had not restored Israel the first time let alone the second (1st 435 BC, 2nd 1948)

### **Isaiah 43:5-6**

- "Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth"
- "The 1990-1991 drama of the civil war was forever overshadowed on Friday-Saturday, May 24 and 25, when Israel airlifted thousands of Ethiopian Jews from Addis Ababa in a lightning operation before the rebels closed in on the capital.

- The 21-hour airlift of about 17,000 Falashas was launched in secrecy with military censors barring all news reports from Israel until after the last plane took off from Addis. Military sources said the 'Lost Jews' were flown out in 30 unmarked civilian and air force planes, under the code name, Operation Solomon. The first great airlift in 1984 had been dubbed Operation Moses. However, the greatest regret was they had left behind the Ark of the Covenant, still "resting" in a church in the northern town of Aksum." [http://www wnd com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=14052](http://www wnd com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=14052)

### Deutero or Trito-Isaiah?

- **Deutero-Isaiah = Chapters 1-39 vs 40-66**
- **Trito-Isaiah = Chapters 1-39, 40-55; 56-66**

### Deutero-Trito Isaiah?

- Liberal scholars with a low opinion of scripture teach that Isaiah was written over a long time span by two or three authors. Ryrie explains why,
- "These suggestions attempt to eliminate the supernatural element necessary for predictive prophecy. . . To claim two or more authors for this book is also to contradict the evidence of the New Testament. . . In John 12:38-41, quotations from Isaiah 6:9-10 and 53:1 appear together, and both are ascribed to the Isaiah who saw the Lord in the Temple vision of chapter 6.

### **Dr. Charles C. Ryrie**

- "We must therefore conclude that the same author was responsible for the entire book and that no part of it was written at the time of the Babylonian captivity."



### Jesus Quoted Both Isaiah's

- John 12:37-41
- "But although He had done so many signs before them (Jews), they did not believe in Him, that **the word of Isaiah the prophet** might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

- "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with their eyes, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." **These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.**
- Footnotes: Jn. 12:38; Isaiah 53:1; Jn. 12:40 Isaiah 6:10

### **Cyrus Isaiah 45**

- "Thus says the LORD to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held — Isa 45:1
- Isaiah prophesied 200 yrs before Cyrus
- Daniel may have shown Cyrus the prophecy in Isaiah 45
- This may be why Cyrus allowed the Jews to return to their homeland in 536 B.C.



### **The Book Of Jeremiah**

- "The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, 2 to whom the word of the LORD came **in the days of Josiah** the son of Amon, king of Judah, **in the thirteenth year of his reign.** 3 It came also in the days of **Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.**"- Jer 1:1-3

### **The Time of Jeremiah**

- "in the days of Josiah... in the thirteenth year of his reign."--Josiah reigned 639-608 B.C.
- Jeremiah began his prophecy thirteen years into King Josiah ---627 B.C.
- "It came also in the days of Jehoiakim..."-- Jehoiakim reigned 608-597 B.C.
- " until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month."- 586 B.C.
- Jeremiah was about 100yrs after Isaiah

### **Jeremiah (627-586 B.C.)**

- The dates of Jeremiah's birth and death are not known.
- The entire background of Jeremiah's life and the words ascribed to him are filled with the sense of disaster and dispersion which Judaism and Jews underwent in the 6th century B.C.
- He prophesied under the great reforms of king Josiah--639- 609 B.C.
- The Assyrians were conquered by the Babylonians.--612 B.C

- The latter invaded Judea and captured Jerusalem in 587 B.C
- A year later, 586 B.C. the Babylonians destroyed the First Temple, ended the kingdom of Judah, and deported the Jews to Babylonian captivity
- Many Jews, among them Jeremiah, fled to Egypt for safety. As far as is known, however, Jeremiah died violently, perhaps by crucifixion, or by the sword.

### **Jeremiah Prophesied 70 year Servitude of Israel**

"10 For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Jer 29:10-11

### **Themes in Jeremiah**

- God's ways are not always easy to understand
- God is not faithful to objects, i.e., the Temple
- God is faithful to His people
- God will restore Israel after 70 yrs
- God has a new covenant planned for His people

### **New Covenant**

- "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, **when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah** — not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 **But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days**, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

- No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."
- The New Covenant deals with restoring of Israel, they have not yet received the New Covenant
- It is the New Covenant which the Epistle to the Hebrews explains as replacing the Law

- Jesus shed blood initiates the New Covenant: "For this is My blood of the new covenant , which is shed for many for the remission of sins"-Matt 26:28
- Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant: "And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant...."--Heb 9:15,12:24

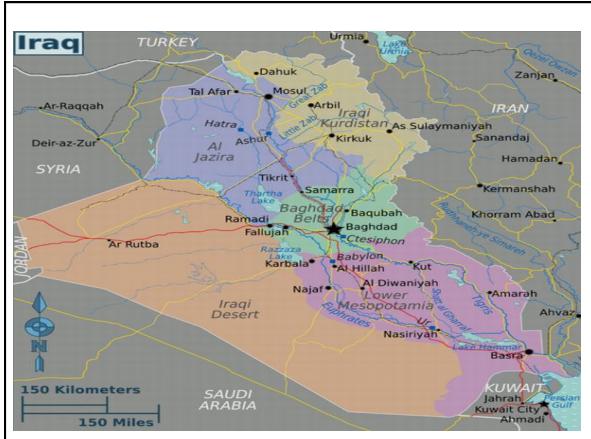
### **God's Faithfulness To Israel**

"Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): "**If those ordinances depart From before Me**, says the LORD, **Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation** before Me forever."---Jer 31:35-36

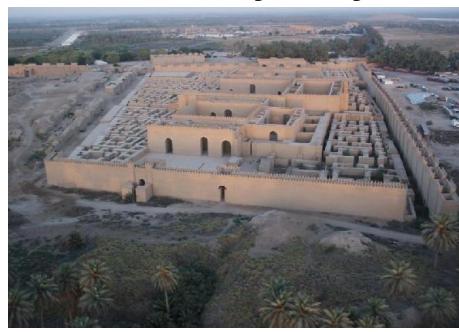
## A Modern Day Miracle

"Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that it shall no more be said, 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' 15 but, 'The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers."--- Jer 16:14-15

Both Isaiah and Jeremiah  
Both prophecy the  
ultimate destruction of  
Babylon in Isaiah 13 & 14  
and Jeremiah 50 & 51 in  
conjunction with the  
prophecy in Revelation 17  
& 18



## Present Day Babylon



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## The Mystery Of Babylon

	ISAIAH 13 & 14		JEREMIAH 50 & 51		REVELATION 17 & 18	
MANY NATIONS ATTACKING	4,5	2,26	29,41,46	7	16	
ISRAEL IN LAND, FORGIVEN		1	4,20			
LIKE SODOM AND GOMORRAH	19		40			
NEVER TO BE INHABITED; BRICK IS NEVER REUSED	20	23	13,26,39	26,19,37		
SUDDENLY DESTROYED				8		10
DURING THE DAY OF THE LORD	6,10,11, 13		25		!	!
LITERAL BABYLON	19	22	50	4,24,63		
KING'S FORNICTATE, DRUNK WITH HER WINE				7	2	3,9

	ISAIAH 13 &14		JEREMIAH 50 & 51		REVELATION 17 & 18	
DESTROYED BY FIRE	19			30,58		18
SCARLET, PURPLE, GOLDEN CUP				7	3,4	6,16
BABYLON NOT TO BE REBUILT	19,20		39-40		!	!
SITS ON MANY WATERS				13	1	
WATERS = PEOPLE AND NATIONS				13	15	
FOUL SPIRITS TO DWELL THERE	21					2
GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE OUT				45		4
SINS UNTO HEAVEN				9		5
GETS WHAT IS COMING TO HER				15		6