



# Chronological Bible Study

Week 22:

**Judgment and Salvation**

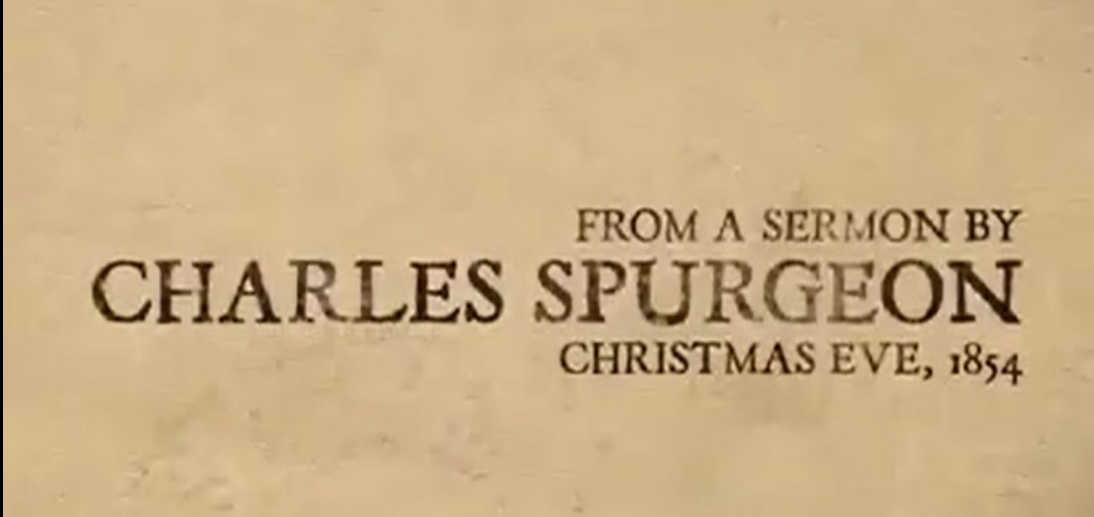
2 Kings 15:1-16:20

Isaiah 1:1-10:4, 14:24-32, 17:1-14

2 Chronicles 26:1-23

# Opening

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# Welcome

Adjusted for inflation, the following films have the best time all-time domestic earnings at the box office. Which do you consider to be the best movie?

- Gone with the Wind
- Star Wars: A New Hope (the first movie)
- The Sound of Music
- ET: The Extra-Terrestrial
- Titanic

## **Introductions**



# Questions?

# Comments?

## **Summary of This Week's Readings**

Jeroboam and Azariah (Uzziah)  
Isaiah's Commission and visions  
Jotham and Ahaz  
Israel and Aram Besiege Judah  
After the Syro-Ephraimite War

# King Uzziah

- Also known as Azariah Uzziah
- A long-ruling contemporary of Jeroboam II in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC (790-739 BC)
- Prophets Hosea, Isaiah, Amos, and Jonah ministered during his reign





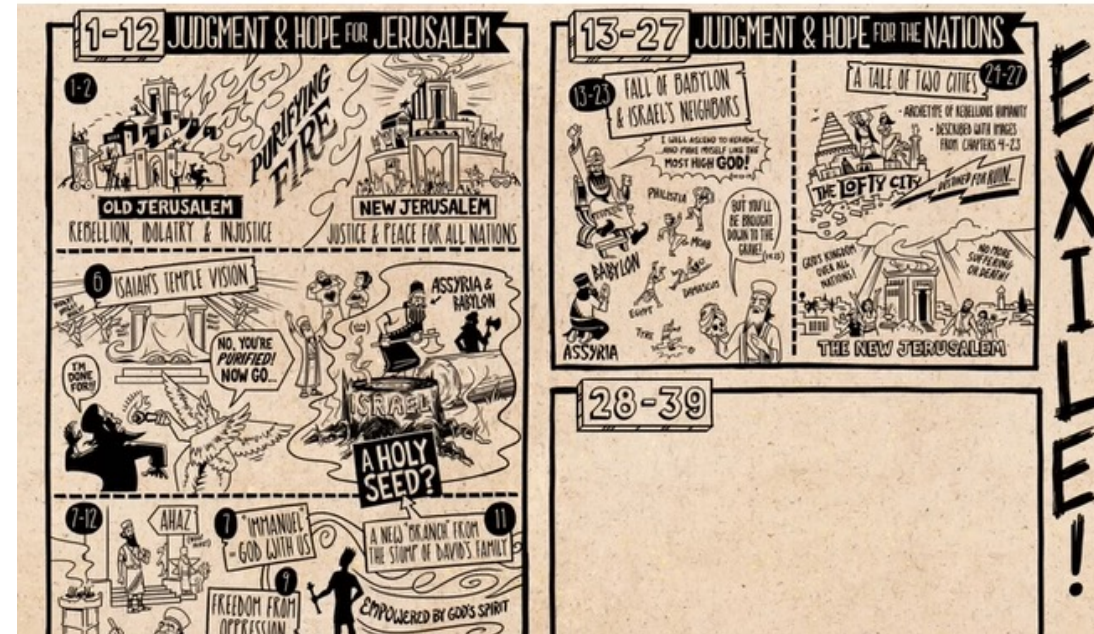


# Discussion

Is success sometimes a danger to our relationship with God?  
What does Uzziah's story (2 CH 26) say to you about this?

# Isaiah

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# THE MINISTRY OF ISAIAH

ca. 750 – 686 BC

**THE PROPHETS JONAH, AMOS & HOSEA PREACHED IN THE NORTH IN THE FIRST-HALF OF THE 8TH CENTURY.**

	Beginning of Isaiah's ministry	Isaiah 1-6 believed to be written	Isaiah and Micah were contemporaries in the south. Micah's ministry took place ca. 733-700 BC	Isaiah talks with King Ahaz in Is. 7 about the Syro-Ephraimite situation	Isaiah 37 deals with the Syro-Ephraimite alliance	721 BC - The Northern Kingdom of Israel is destroyed by Assyria.	Isaiah 14:28 mentions the death of Ahaz.	Isaiah 37:36-38 records these events. Isaiah witnessed much of the date of Isaiah's death is unknown. Tradition states it was at the hands of Manasseh.
<i>Kings Uzziah &amp; Co-Regent Jotham: 750-740</i>	750-740	740	734-32	730	720	715	701	ca. 686 BC
<i>King Uzziah dies, ca. 740 BC</i>			<i>King Ahaz Reigns, 735-715. The Syro Ephraimite War, 734-32</i>		<i>Assyrian Army Marches on Neighboring Philistia. Judah is not safe.</i>	<i>Death of Ahaz. Reign of King Hezekiah begins.</i>	<i>Sennacherib's army lays siege to Jerusalem. Over night YHWH strikes down 180,000 Assyrians.</i>	<i>King Manasseh: possibly co-regent in 796, Reign was from 687-642</i>

**IN 586 BC THE BABYLONIANS DESTROYED JERUSALEM & BURNT THE TEMPLE TO THE GROUND. THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM OF JUDAH WAS NO MORE.**



# Major Theological Themes in Isaiah

- The nature and character of God
- The nature of sin
- The nature of salvation
- Servanthood
- Messiah



# Isaiah

- Lived from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> century BC during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah – kings of Judah.
- His prophecies were to Judah and he told Judah that no human power could stand in the way of Assyria . Judah's only hope was faith in God's power to protect them.
- His prophecies related to the on-going political-theological crisis produced by the dominance of the Assyrian and Babylonian empires.
- In the midrash, ancient rabbis claim Isaiah to be a descendant of Judah and Tamar and nephew to King Uzziah, grandfather to King Manasseh, and King Hezekiah was his son-in-law.







# Assyrian Threat

- Early chapters of Isaiah concerned Assyrian threat in 734-701 BC
- Assyria's ultimate goal was Egypt
- Isaiah calls for Judea and Israel to trust Yahweh
- Isaiah's predictions came true, with the ultimate fall of Judah in 701 BC (next week's readings).



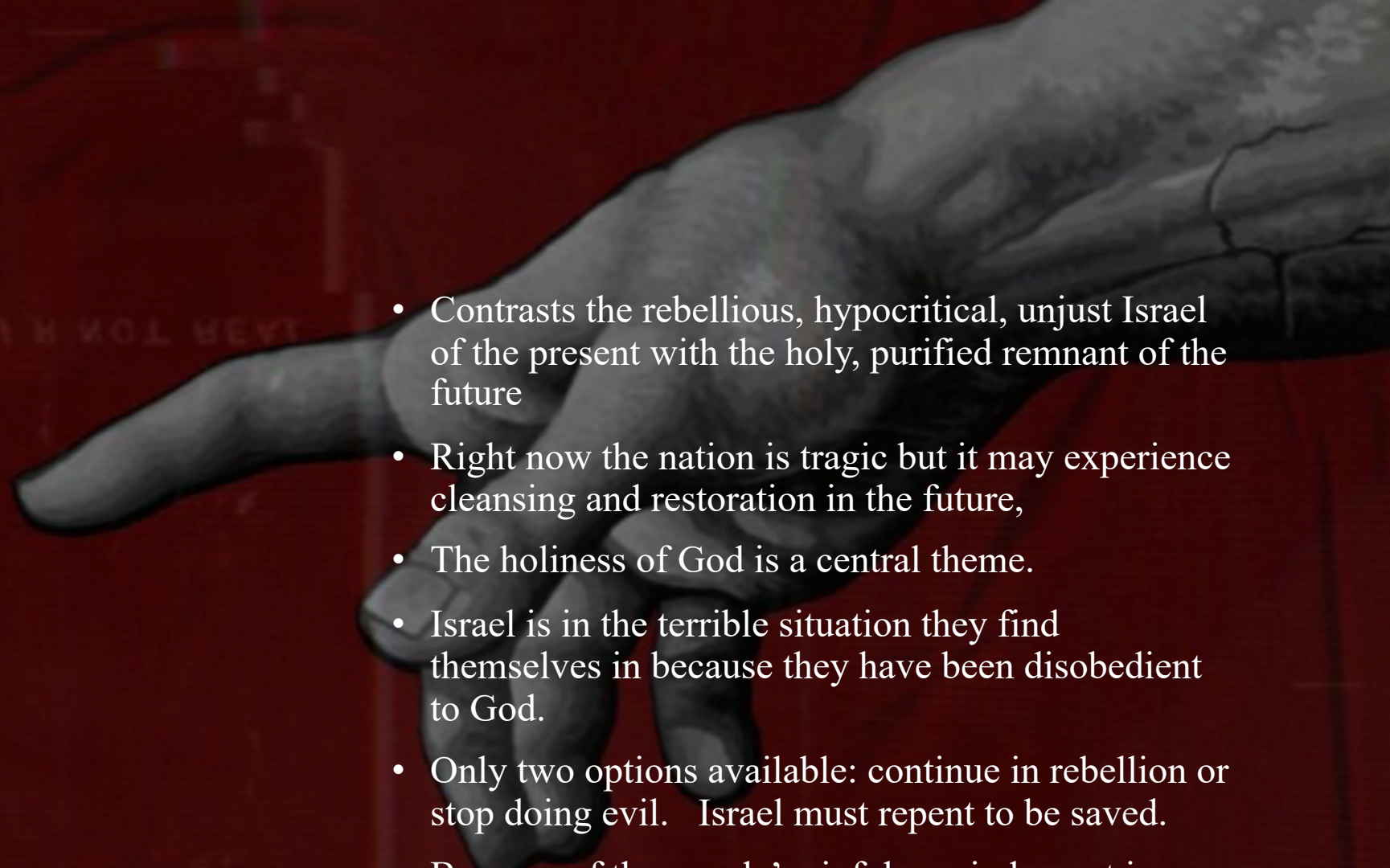
# Historical Setting of Isaiah

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*Book of Isaiah*



# Rebellion vs Obedience



- Contrasts the rebellious, hypocritical, unjust Israel of the present with the holy, purified remnant of the future
- Right now the nation is tragic but it may experience cleansing and restoration in the future,
- The holiness of God is a central theme.
- Israel is in the terrible situation they find themselves in because they have been disobedient to God.
- Only two options available: continue in rebellion or stop doing evil. Israel must repent to be saved.
- Because of the people's sinfulness judgment is coming.





# Discussion

How does the Bible's view of God's involvement in human events affect your attitude toward developments on the world scene today?



# Jerusalem Will Be Humbled

- Israel should be leading nations to walk in the light of the Lord
- Isaiah presents a view of the last days
- Image of walking with God and finding peace
- Israel's pride must be brought low.. When humans try to be God, they become meaningless. God will humble them.



# Song of the Vineyard

- Israel described metaphorically as the Lord's vineyard.
- Israel has produced bad fruit and must be destroyed.
- When people forget God and only live to fulfill their own desires they are doomed.
- Self indulgence and social injustice are linked.
- Just as the vineyard was destroyed, other nations will destroy Israel.



# Isaiah's Commission

- Isaiah sees God in all His glory (v 1-4)
- Sees himself in all his uncleanness (v 5)
- Isaiah experiences cleansing (v 6-7)
- Isaiah hears God's concern and offers himself (v 8)
- Isaiah receives his commission (v 9-10)
- Isaiah questions the commission (v 11a)
- Isaiah hears God's response (v 11b-13)







# Seraphim

- Had an appearance of flames
- Six wings suggest supernatural power
- Even they could not look on the Holy God – they had to cover their faces.
- Their covered face symbolizes their createdness



# Discussion

God's holiness and universal reign awed Isaiah (ISA 6). Which of God's attributes most impress you? If you had a vision like this, would it change your life?



# Pekah

- 18<sup>th</sup> king of Israel. Became king in last year of Uzziah's reign in Judah. He died in 732 BC
- Jotham and his son Ahaz ruled in Judea during his reign
- Killed King Pekahiah to become king. He reigned 20 years.
- Allied with king of Laram to attack Judah.
- Judah allied with Assyria.
- Assyria attacked Damascus and annexed Aram, deported the population of Aram, and killed Rezin. Israel also attacked. Gilead and Galilee were taken and people were deported.
- Pekah assassinated.





# Ahaz

- Jehohahaz II, 12<sup>th</sup> king of Judah; Successor of Jotham
- King during Pekah's alliance with Damascus
- Ahaz adopted Assyrian religious practices and adapted temple worship to pagan practices.
- Died at age 36 and succeeded by his son Hezekiah.



# Children of Isaiah's Prophecies to Ahaz

- Isaiah 7:3-9: Shear-jashub (65 years time)
  - If you do not stand firm in faith, you shall not stand at all
- Isaiah 7:10-25: Immanuel (13 years time)
  - God is present and with Judah
- Isaiah 8:1-15: Maher-shalal-hash-baz (2 years time)
  - Isaiah wants Ahaz to know that Assyria is being dispatched by God to destroy Jerusalem

*Shear-jashub*

שָׂאֵר יָשׁוּב

"a remnant shall return"

*Immanuel*

עִמָּנוּאֵל

"God with us"

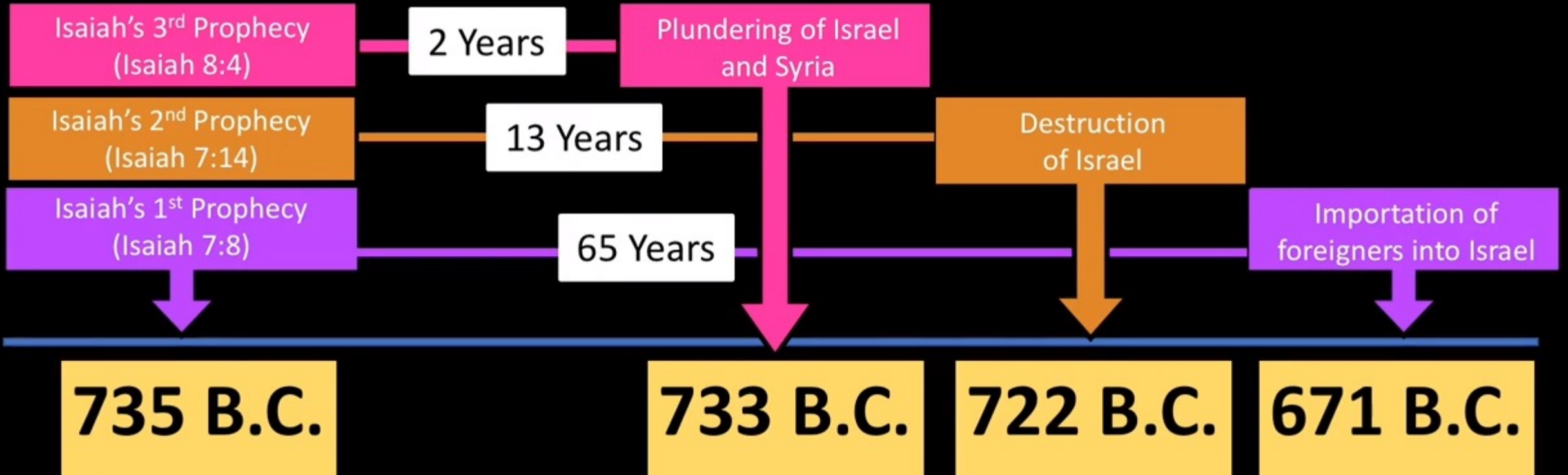
*Maher-shalal-hash-baz*

מַהֵר שָׁלַל חָשׁ בַּז

"Swift to the spoil, quick to the plunder"



Tiglath-Pileser III





# Wonderful Counselor

- A radical transformation is coming – from darkness to light
- A child will be born – most likely referring to Hezekiah who would succeed his father.
- Prophetic Perspective sees reference to Jesus in these words.







# Oracles Against the Nations

- A series of oracles against the nations are provided
- All nations are subject to the sovereign will of God.
- God is a key player in the affairs of the nations.
- Assyria, Damascus and Philistia will fall.
- God is angry with Israel, it will fall, yet God will not turn away from them
- Nations must not make unjust laws, oppressive decrees or withhold justice without judgment.





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## **Readings For 3/18/2024: The Fall of Israel**

- Micah 1-7
- 2 Chronicles 27-28
- 2 Kings 17-18
- Isaiah 10:5-12:6; 15-16; 18:1-20:6; 22:15-25; 28-32:20
- Proverbs: 25-1-29:27

# Closing Song

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NARODOWA