

Institute for Christian Studies
Syllabus for Isaiah
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Part I - Isaiah of Jerusalem (Chapters 1-39)

Here we will consider Isaiah of Jerusalem in the historical and cultural context of other great Jewish prophets in the 9th century B.C., including Amos, Hosea, and Micah. We will also review selected portions of I Isaiah, focusing on those passages expressing Israel's messianic hope.

Books: Isaiah 1-39; Christopher R. Seitz, *Isaiah 1-39, Interpretation Series* (Louisville: John Knox, 1993).

Part II - Second Isaiah (Chapters 40-66)

A review of the history of Cyrus the Persian's conquest of Babylon and the Jewish return to Palestine; an introduction to the prophet Isaiah of chapters 40-55, and his vision of Israel as a "light to the nations" - a vision appropriated by the Christian church as its central mission.

Books: Isaiah 40-66; Paul D. Hanson, *Isaiah 40-66, Interpretation Series* (Louisville: John Knox Press, 1995).