

Unit 15, Session 1

Isaiah, Prophet to Judah

Isaiah 6; 53

Story Point: The prophet Isaiah told about the Messiah.

Isaiah was worshiping God in the temple when he had a vision. Isaiah saw God sitting on a throne. Seraphim stood above Him. They each had six wings, and they called out: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord; His glory fills the whole earth."

Isaiah said, "I am ruined! I am sinful. I do not deserve to be in the presence of the King, the great and holy God." Then a seraphim touched Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal from the altar and said, "Your wickedness is removed and your sin is wiped away."

Then Isaiah heard God's voice: "Who should I send? Who will go for Us?" Isaiah said, "Here am I! Send me."

Isaiah told the people of Judah about God's plan. God was going to send the people away from Judah, but He would bring some of the people back. God was going to keep His promise to Abraham through them. Isaiah explained that a Messiah was coming, Israel's Savior. The Messiah would be a servant who would suffer and be a sacrifice to rescue people from sin.

This was God's plan all along. The Suffering Servant would give up His life as an offering for sin and give life to many people. He would take away their guilt, and they would be righteous by His righteousness. This is how God would prove that what the Messiah does has worked—He wouldn't stay dead. God would bring Him back to life,

Then God would reward Him with great honor.

Christ Connection: God planned all along that Jesus would die on the cross for our sin. Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote that this would happen! Jesus is the Servant who suffered so that those who trust in Him would be forgiven.

EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

• Match each word to its definition or description:

Judah	the place where Isaiah had a vision
prophet	Isaiah saw God sitting on this.
Messiah	Isaiah said, "Here I am, me!"
send	someone who serves other people
servant	lsaiah's was wiped away.
sin	Isaiah was a prophet to this kingdom.
temple	one who speaks God's words
throne	"anointed one" or "Christ"

• What does this story teach us about God?

• What did Isaiah say about God's Servant?

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• What do all of the prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament show about God? Do they help you trust Him more?

• How can people who are sinful approach a holy God?

• How could Isaiah's story encourage someone who is nervous about the future?

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• Find 2 Chronicles 7:14 in your Bible and write the words below.

• Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His Word and for His faithfulness. Thank Him for Jesus, the Messiah who came as promised to bring us forgiveness and eternal life.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Luke 24:44

2 Corinthians 1:20

Hebrews 4:14-16

Isaiah 35:5-6

- Psalm 16:5

Isaiah 61:1