

“A MESSAGE OF SALVATION”

The Book of Isaiah

Who wrote The Book of Isaiah?

The Book of Isaiah was written in three parts by the prophet Isaiah and two of his disciples sometimes referred to as Second and Third Isaiah.

How did The Book of Isaiah get its name and/or what does that name mean?

The name Isaiah, in its original Hebrew (YESHAYAH), means “Jehovah Saves.”

When did these events take place?

The Book of Isaiah spans nearly 250 years from 742 B.C. to 500 B.C.

For more about The Book of Isaiah:

See page 746 in the [Fireside Catholic Youth Bible](#).

Take a moment to think about the place Abraham Lincoln has in American history, or how Mahatma Gandhi is revered by the people of India, or why Winston Churchill is honored in England. They are all considered great not just because of what they did but also because of how they communicated their message of hope to a troubled world. Each led their people through crisis with strength, determination and honor. They were men of principle who clearly saw wrong, injustice and evil in the world around them and were determined to do something about it. Their careful words were full of inspiration that have stood the test of time.

At a critical time on their journey of faith through the Old Testament, Isaiah did the same thing for the Jewish people. He is one of the most revered figures in the Old Testament who lived in one of the darkest moments in the history of Israel – the Assyrian conquest of the Northern Kingdoms and the Babylonian exile of all of Judah. But he is honored because God chose him to be a great prophet to send a message to the Israelites that their future would be brighter. Isaiah freely accepted this role in the words “Here I am, Send Me!” Because of his direct prophecy of Christ, the sixty-six chapters in The Book of Isaiah contain some of the most familiar Scripture in the Old Testament.

Only The Book of Psalms is quoted more often than The Book of Isaiah in the gospels. Many times, Christ even pointed out how His own words and actions were sometimes the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah. Even though he preached between 740 and 687 BC, the words of Isaiah are as relevant today as they were nearly 2,700 years ago. That’s truly a legacy of greatness!

Interesting Fact: Isaiah was greatly concerned by the gap he saw between the holiness of God and the sinfulness of man.

Bonus Point: Whose sins were removed when a hot coal from the Altar of the LORD touched his lips?