

Faith Church - EFCA

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Background of Isaiah

Isaiah's Family

Kings of Judah	Years of Reign
Uzziah (Azariah)	767-740 B.C.
Jotham	750-735
Ahaz	735-715
Hozekiah	715-686

Isaiah's Ministry

Isaiah's Name

Isaiah is the second most quoted book in the New Testament.

The book of Isaiah presents a problem.

- Isaiah 1 - 39 - First Isaiah (8th century)
- Isaiah 40 - 55 - Second Isaiah (6th century)
- Isaiah 56 - 66 - Third Isaiah (5th century)

The Jews never believed Isaiah had more than one author.

The New Testament claims Isaiah was written by one person named Isaiah.

so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" (Isaiah 53:1, second Isaiah)

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." (Isaiah 6:10, first Isaiah)

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. John 12:38-41 (ESV)

who says of Cyrus, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose'; saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.' " Isaiah 44:28 (ESV)

How does this tie into Christmas?

Isaiah 42:1-9

The mysterious servant of the Lord is Jesus.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him;... Isaiah 42:1 (ESV)

and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (ESV)

Jesus came to heal our broken horizontal relationships.

...he will bring forth justice to the nations. Isaiah 42:1 (ESV)

Mispah - Things are working just as they should.

The servant to the Lord is gentle.

He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; Isaiah 42:2 (ESV)

The servant to the Lord is attracted to the broken.

a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. Isaiah 42:3 (ESV)

The servant to the Lord will not give up restoring our lives.

He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Isaiah 42:4 (ESV)

God promises with a guarantee.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: Isaiah 42:5 (ESV)

Jesus came to heal our broken vertical relationship.

"I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, Isaiah 42:6 (ESV)

The servant to the Lord is without sin.

...I have called you in righteousness...

The servant to the Lord has unprecedented intimacy with God.

...I will take you by the hand and keep you...

The servant to the Lord is the new way we relate to God.

...I will give you as a covenant for the people...

And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. Luke 22:20 (ESV)

The servant to the Lord is God saving the nations.

...a light to the nations...

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." Luke 2:29-32 (ESV)

The servant to the Lord opens closed spiritual eyes and frees us from the bondage and addictions of sin..

to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. Isaiah 42:7 (ESV)

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:16–21 (ESV)

God promises with a guarantee.

I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.” Isaiah 42:8–9 (ESV)

1. **Jesus restores mispah.** He puts things back the way they should be in marriages, between people, in our body and ultimately all things in the world.
2. **Jesus is drawn to those hanging on by a thread and is gentle as he restores us.**
3. **God is in complete control of everything and he loves us. Life is not out of control.**



Isaiah 42:1-9

Jesus, God’s healing for broken relationships