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## Verse for the weak

*“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint”.*



*Isaiah 40:31*



# Isaiah

- First of the ‘major prophets’
  - So named because of the *quantity* of their writings
- The “Messianic Prophet”
- The “Statesman Prophet”
  - *“Isaiah heads the list as the greatest of all the prophets. He is the standard by which others are measured. As a statesman, he had no equal among the prophets. As a preacher of social reform, none excelled him”.*

# Isaiah

- Quoted in the New Testament 308 times,  
– more than any other Old Testament book.
- It is more like the New Testament in its message than any other Old Testament book.
- Nowhere else in the Old Testament have we such a clear view of God's grace.
- Isaiah has been called "the fifth evangelist" and "the Gospel according to Isaiah"
- "Isaiah is the St. Paul of the Old Testament"

Robinson

# Isaiah

## Reason for writing:

- To correct, reprove and admonish the Hebrews of his day.
- To reveal coming judgment on Israel's heathen neighbours for evils done to the people of God.
- To declare and explain the redemptive plan of Jehovah for Israel and all nations.
- To prepare God's people for the coming Babylonian captivity.

# Isaiah

## Reason for writing:

- To teach the Hebrews that salvation would come only from God - not man. Therefore, no alliances should be made with neighbouring nations.

# Isaiah

## Literary qualities:

- From the literary standpoint, it is unexcelled.
- It stands at the head of all books of prophecy.
- His style marked the high point of Hebrew literary art.
- No other Old Testament writer uses so many beautiful, picturesque illustrations.
- The style is poetic except for chapters 36-39.



# Isaiah

- No prophet *"combined more perfectly than Isaiah, earthly wisdom and sagacity, courage and conviction, versatility of gifts and singleness of purpose...with a clear vision and spiritual intuition, a love of righteousness, and a keen appreciation of Jehovah's majesty and holiness..."*

George Robinson.

# Isaiah

- *"It may be safely asserted that nowhere else in the literature of the world have so many colossally great ideas been brought together within the limits of a single work"*

Richard Moulton

- *"He was an artist with words. His poetic genius is superb"*

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# Isaiah

- As were the other prophets, Isaiah was unpopular in his day.
- Prophets were not only foretellers, i.e., unveiling future events...
- ...they were primarily forth-tellers, declaring God's will to their generation.

# Isaiah

- Son of Amoz
  - not Amos: 1st and last letters are different in the Hebrew
- Amoz: Brother of king Uzziah's father?
- Tradition: cousin of King Uzziah.
  - Access to the King (7:3);
  - intimacy with high priest (8:2).
  - He prepared a biography of Hezekiah 2 Ch 32
- Jerusalem was his home; served as court preacher.

# Isaiah

- His name means "Jehovah saves."
- His ministry extended from 750-698 B.C.
- His call to the prophetic office came in the year that king Uzziah died (6:1)
  - It is interesting to note how often God uses a personal tragedy to cause us to reflect on the meaning and purpose of life
  - And to re-evaluate *"what makes life worth living"*
  - cf: Abraham / Jonah / Jeremiah / Paul

# Isaiah's Family

- Married, two sons
  - His wife is called a prophetess (8:3).
  - His two sons bore prophetic names:
- *Shear-jashub*
  - “a remnant shall return”;
- *Maher-shalal-hash-baz*
  - “swift is booty, speedy is prey”; a prophetic
  - indication that Damascus and Samaria were soon to be plundered by the king of Assyria.

# Isaiah the Martyr?

- Martyrdom tradition (Mishna):
- King Manasseh cut him in half with a wooden saw
- Hebrews 11:37 makes allusion to God's servant/s who died in this way
- Justin Martyr, 150 A.D. supported this view

# Background

- His ministry spanned the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah and Manasseh; approximately 750-698 B.C.
- Contemporary prophets with him were Amos and Hosea in the Northern Kingdom and Micah in Judah.
- While Isaiah served in the King's court, Micah preached in the country-side.



# The History of the Kings of Israel

(c.985 B.C.)

Jeroboam 22y

Nadab 2y

Baasha 24y

Elah 2y

Zimri 1wk

Tibni

Omri 12y

Elijah

Ahab 22y

Ahaziah 2y

Elisha

Jehoram 12y

Jehu 28y

Jehoahaz 17y

Joash 16y

Jeroboam 64y

Hosea / Amos

Zachariah 6mth

Shallum 1mth

Menahem 10y

Pekahiah 2y

Pekah 20y

Hoshea 9y

(722 B.C.)

Elisha

Isaiah

# The History of the Kings Judah

(c.985 B.C.)

Rehoboam 17y

Abijam 3y

Asa 41y

Jehoshaphat 25y

Jehoram 8y

Ahaziah 1y

Q. Athaliah 6y

Jehoash 40y

Amaziah 29y

**Isaiah** (Uzziah) Azariah 52y

Hosea  
Amos

Micah  
Hosea

**Isaiah**

Jotham 16y

Ahaz 16y

Hezekiah 29y

(722 B.C.) Israel go into captivity

Manasseh 55y

Amon 2y

Zephaniah

**Josiah** 31y

Jehoahaz 3mts

Jeremiah

(Eliakim) Jehoiakim 11y

Jehoiachin 3mts (606 B.C.)

Zedekiah 11y (587 B.C.)

# Background

- The reigns of Uzziah and Jeroboam II were years of great prosperity and relative peace.
- Judah was making military preparation.
- The upper strata of society lived indulgent, extravagant, sensual lives, while the masses lived in abject poverty.
- Land grabbing and oppression of the poor were major problems.

# Background

- Religious conditions were intolerable. Idolatry was rampant in Judah and Israel.
- Lifeless ritual was the order of the day.
- Religious leaders had compromised themselves.
- The true worship of Jehovah was intertwined with pagan practices.
- Morals and ethics were at a low ebb.

# Background

- Four great political crises marked his ministry:
  - The Syro-Ephraimitic War, 735-732.
  - Pekah of Israel and Rezin of Damascus conspired against Ahaz of Judah to depose him and place "the son of Tabeel" on his throne. Ahaz appealed to Tiglath-pileser of Assyria who captured Damascus in 732 and took all of Israel east of Jordan and north of Mt. Carmel.
    - See II Kings 15:37-16:9 for background.

# Background

- Four great political crises marked his ministry:
  - The fall of Samaria in 722 B.C.
  - Shalmaneser IV of Assyria besieged Samaria for three years in the reign of Hoshea. Upon Shalmaneser's death, Sargon, his commander-in-chief seized the Assyrian throne and took Samaria.
  - He deported 27,280 of Israel's most prominent citizens.
    - See II Kings 17:1-6.

# Background

- Four great political crises marked his ministry:
  - The siege of Ashdod in 711 B.C.
  - This brought the Assyrians right into Judah's heart-land.
    - See Isaiah 20:1-6.

# Background

- Four great political crises marked his ministry:
  - The invasion of Judah by Sennacherib of Assyria in 701 B.C.:
  - He captured 46 fortified cities, took 200,150 captives and laid siege to Jerusalem.
  - An angel of the Lord smote 185,000 of his troops at Jerusalem's gates, driving him away.
    - See II Kings 18:13-19:36.



# Background

- In Isaiah's generation Rome, Athens and Sparta were founded (750-700 B.C.),
- In Egypt the twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth dynasties reigned.
  - Many of the small kingdoms looked to Egypt for military assistance against Assyria.

- Key Verse:
  - 30:18-19 "Therefore will Jehovah wait, that he may be gracious unto you;...for Jehovah is a God of justice..."
- Key Word:
  - "Salvation". This word and its derivatives are used 32 times by the Isaiah.
- Key Phrases:
  - "The Holy One of Israel." This and the shorter "Holy One" are used 33 times. Key Thought: Israel shall be saved by Jehovah through judgment and grace.

# Overview

- The materials of Isaiah are grouped together topically not chronologically.
  - The great Isaiah scroll found in the caves of Qumran was 24 feet long. It dates from the 2nd century B.C.
- Isaiah is a 'miniature Bible' 66 chapters, two great divisions, 1-39 and 40-66.
- The first deals with law, sin and judgment,
- The second with the Messiah, grace, forgiveness and redemption.

# Overview

- **Division I: Chapters 1 - 35**
  - 1-6 Judah
  - 7-12 Israel
  - 13-23 Nations
    - Babylon, Philistia, Moab, Syria, Egypt, Edom, Arabia, Tyre
  - 24-27 World:
    - “Day of YHWH” (Called, the “Little Apocalypse”)
  - 28-33 Six “Woes” upon Jerusalem
  - 34-35 Tribulation & Millennium

# Overview

- **Division II: Chapters 36 - 39**
  - **Historical Parenthesis**
    - Cf. 2 Kings 18:13-20:19 [written by Isaiah?]; 2 Chron 32
  - **36 Hezekiah's Trouble:**
    - Assyrian invasion threat
  - **37 Hezekiah's Prayer**
    - Re the Assyrian invasion – God answers!
  - **38 Hezekiah's Illness**
    - 15 years added to his life
  - **39 Hezekiah's Folly**
    - Babylonian envoys shown 'everything'

# Overview

- **Division III: Chapters 40 - 66**
  - 40-48 The Purpose of Peace
    - 48:22 “There is no peace, saith YHWH, to the Wicked.”
  - 49-57 The Prince of Peace
    - Ch 53 (Christ) right in the middle.
    - The “Holy of Holies” of OT
  - 58-66 The Program of Peace

# Messianic Prophecies

Only exceeded by the Psalms!

- Deity, eternity, preexistence, creatorship, omnipotence, omnipresence: 40:12-18; 51:13
- Incarnation: 9:6; 7:14
- Youth in Nazareth: 7:15; 9:1-2; 11:1; 53:2
- Anointed as Servant of the Lord: 11:2
- Chosen; delighted in: 42:1
- Mild manner: 42:2
- Ministering kindness: 42:3

# Messianic Prophecies

Only exceeded by the Psalms!

- Obedience: 50:5
- Message: 61:1,2
- Miracles: 35:5-6
- Sufferings: 50:6; 52:14
- Gathering to exultation: 52:13-15
- Rejection by Israel: 53:1-3
- Shame, struck, bruised: 53:4-6
- Vicarious death: 53:8



# Messianic Prophecies

Only exceeded by the Psalms!

- Burial: 53:9
- Resurrection: 53:10
- Ascension: 52:13
- Spiritual offspring: 53:10
- High Priestly ministry: 53:12
- Future glory: 59:20; 63:1-6; 66:15-19
- Not mentioned as a servant after Ch 53!

# Attacks on Isaiah

- Isaiah has been subjected to severe attack by sceptical scholars for 200 years:
  - In 1780 J. B. Koppe first challenged the unity of the book.
  - George Adam Smith popularized this theory in the 'Expositor's Bible Commentary'.
  - This led to a 'Deutero Isaiah' and even a Trito-Isaiah
  - Today, totally discredited by competent scholarship... and the Bible...

# Quotes in the Gospel of John

*That the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?*

John 12:38 (Isaiah 53:1)

*Therefore they could not believe, because*

*that Isaiah said again,*

John 12:39

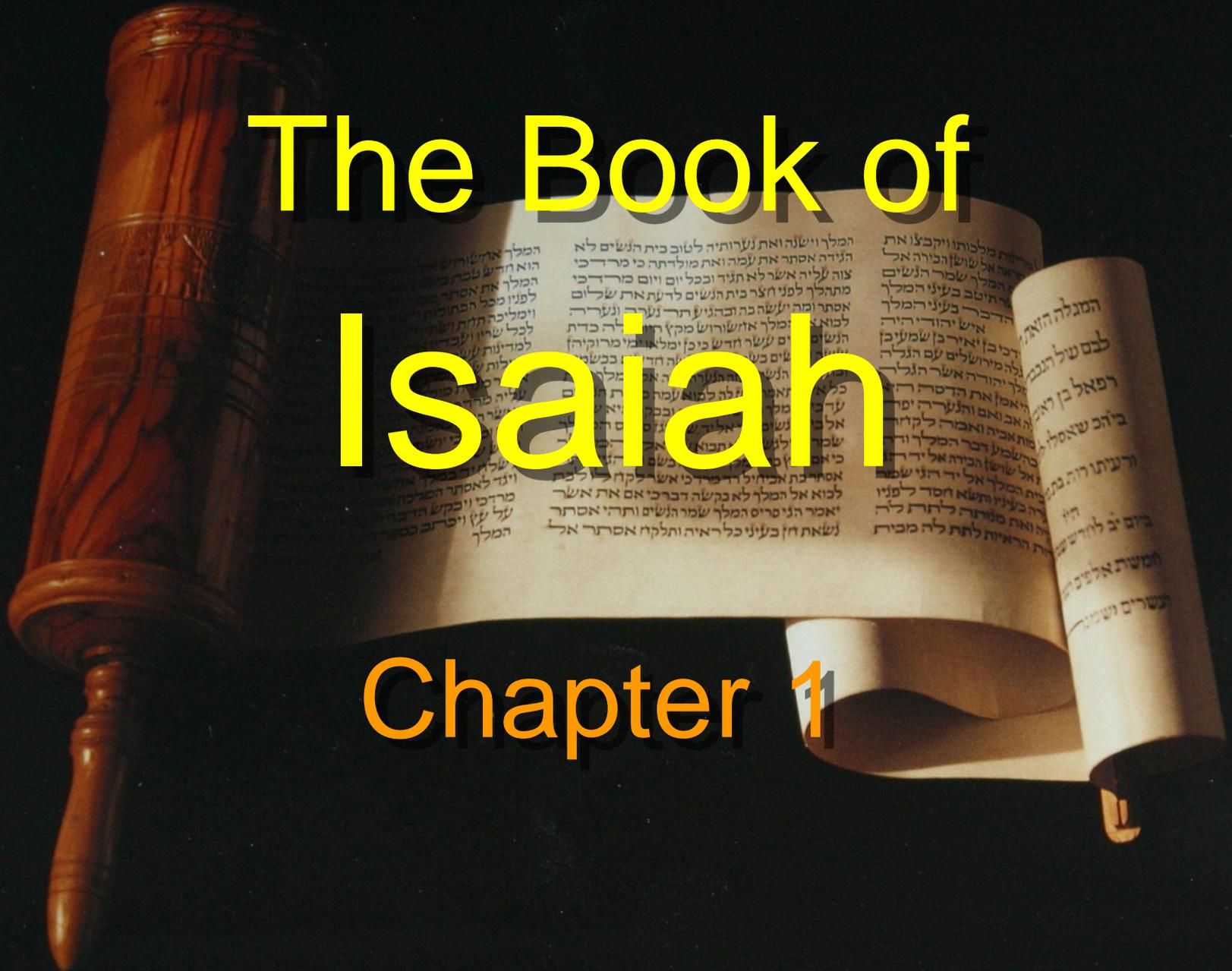
*He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Isaiah, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.*

John 12:40, 41 (Isaiah 6:9, 10)

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 1



<sup>18</sup> Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

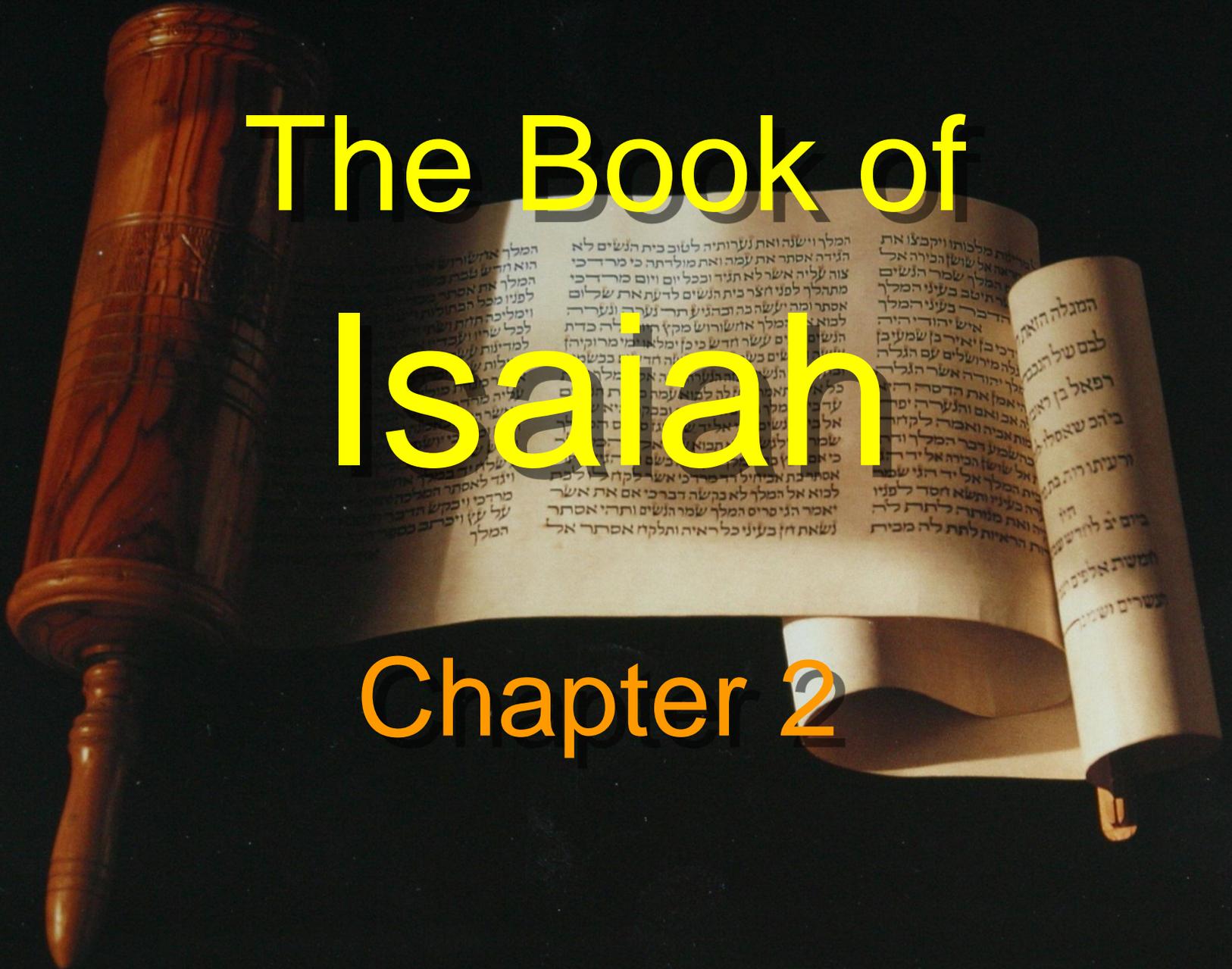
Isaiah 1:18

- We need to realise just how unreasonable this offer is!
- We have no entitlement or right!

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 2



<sup>2</sup> And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

<sup>3</sup> And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:2-4

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**Isaiah 2:2-4**

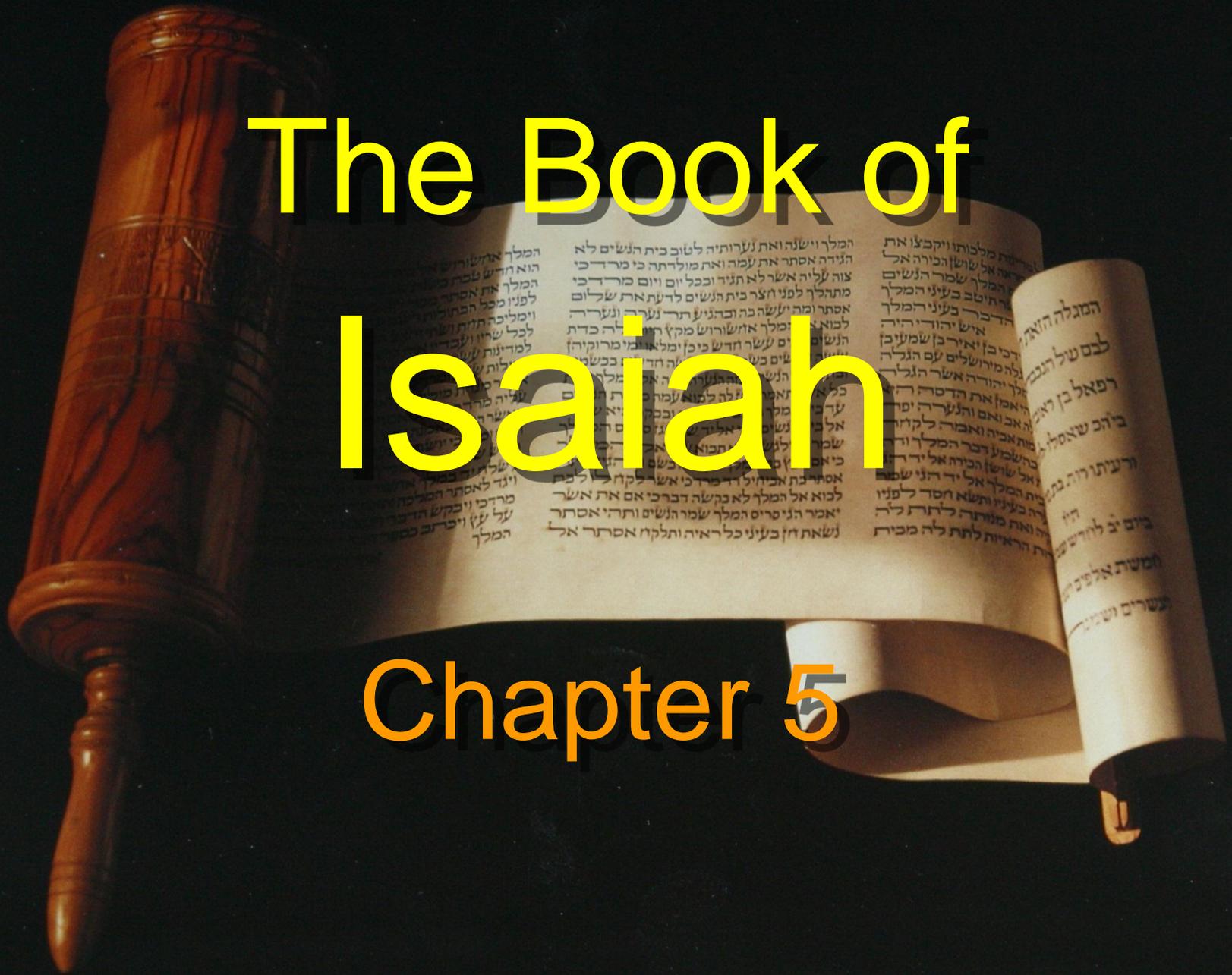
- Expounded by Jesus in Mathew 25



# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 5



# The Three Vines

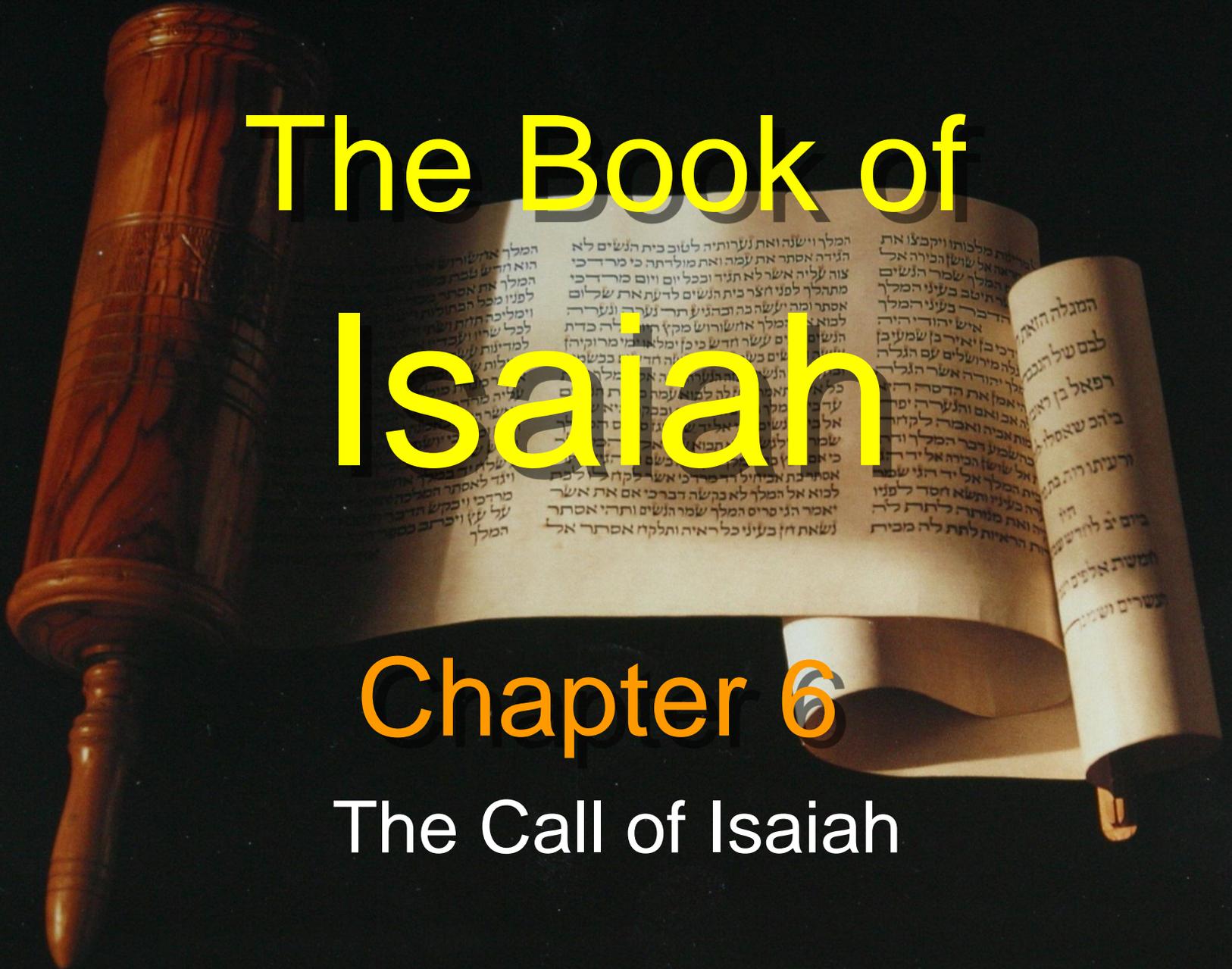
- In Isaiah Ch 5 Israel are compared to a vine that God tended
- However it brought forth 'wild grapes'
  - Became something it was not intended to be
- Israel should have been a witness to the world revealing God to the nations
- Rev 16 speaks for the 'vine of the earth'
  - The false vine designed to lead all away from God
- Jesus comes as the true vine [John 15:1](#)

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 6

### The Call of Isaiah



<sup>1</sup> In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

<sup>3</sup> And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isaiah 6:1-10

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

**Isaiah 6:1-10**

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

**Isaiah 6:1-10**

**10** *Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.*

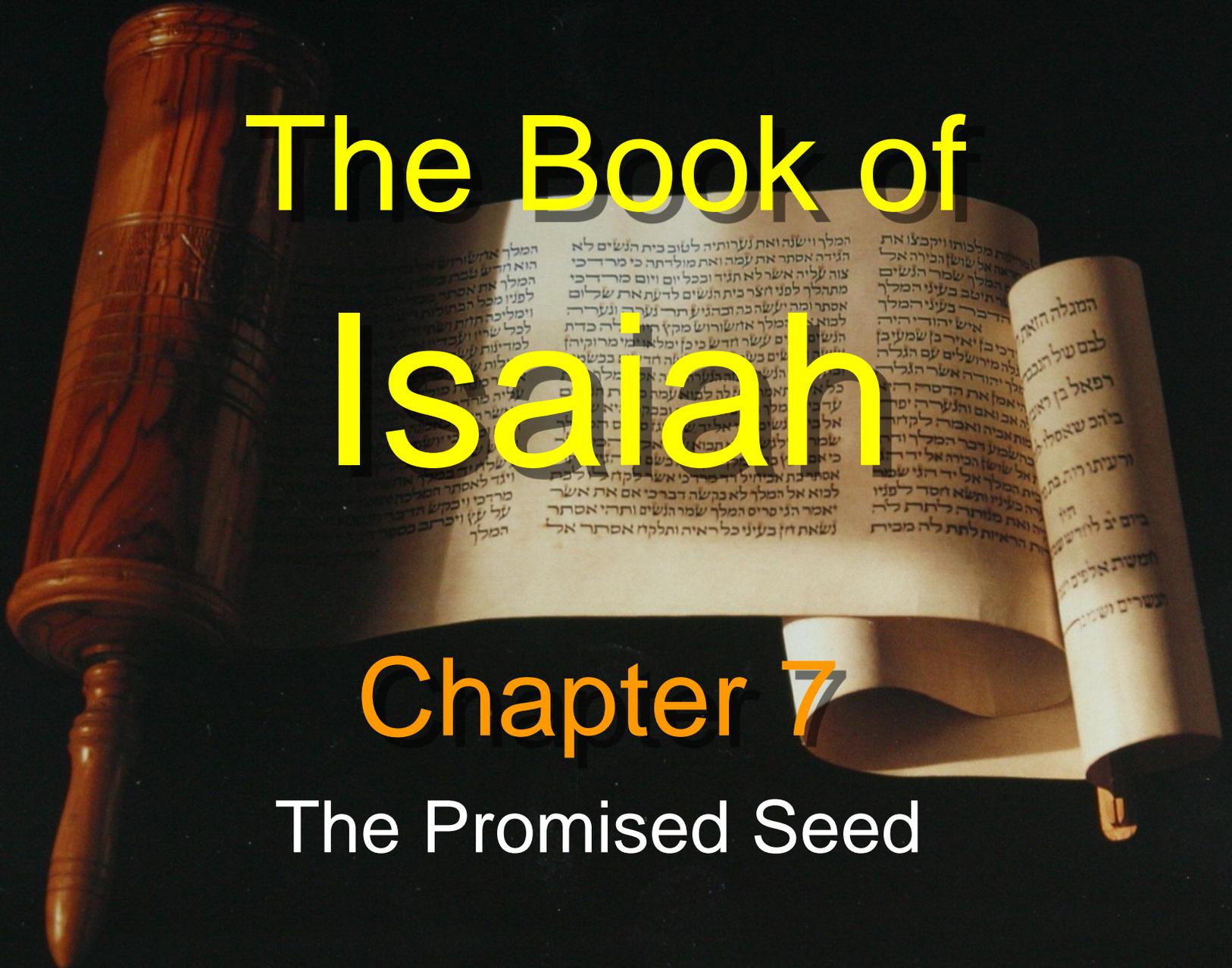
**Isaiah 6:1-10**

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 7

## The Promised Seed





**14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**15** Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

**16** For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

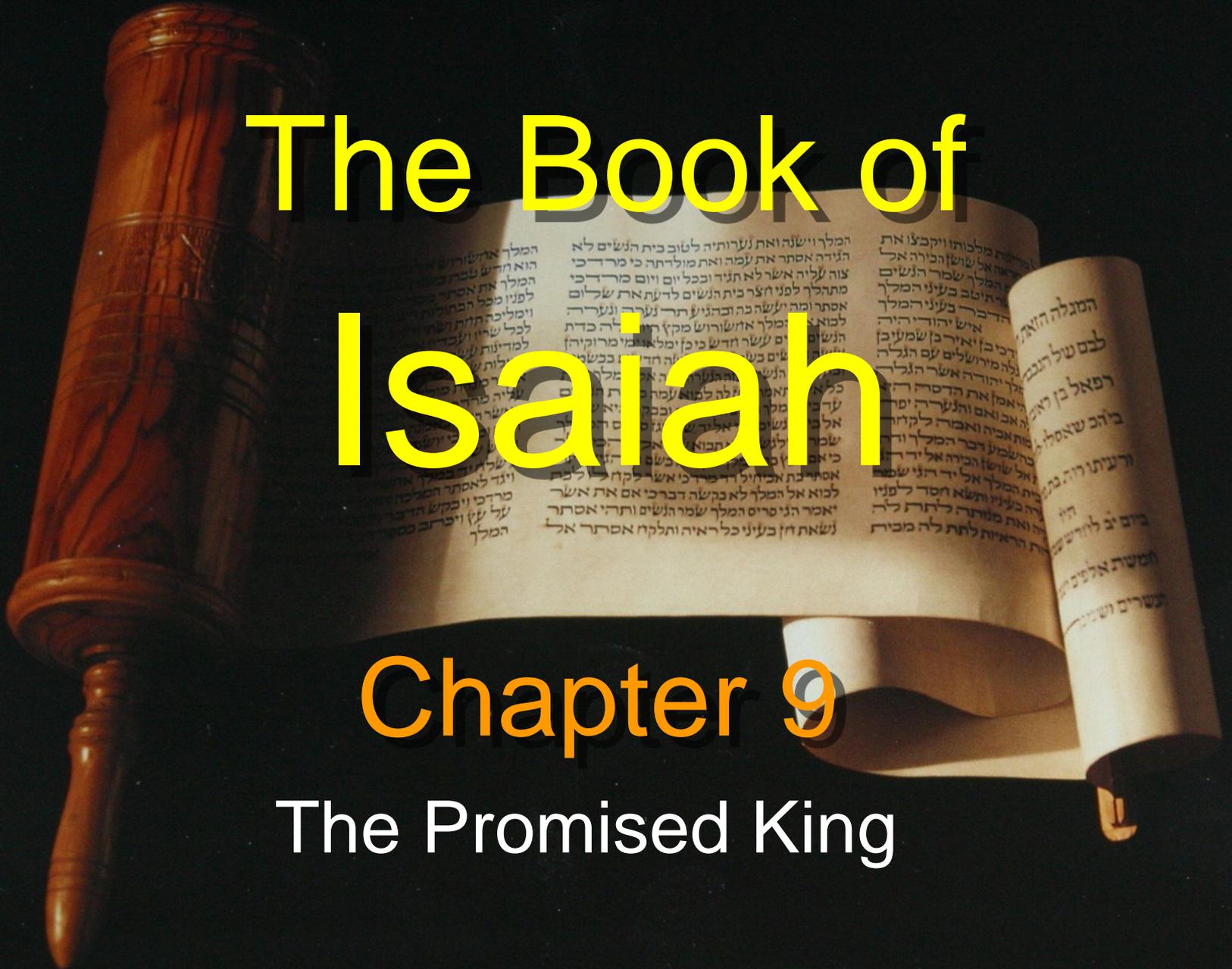
Isaiah 7:14-16

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 9

## The Promised King



<sup>6</sup> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

- A national Jewish throne, in Jerusalem!

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 11

## The Coming Kingdom



*<sup>1</sup> And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:*

*<sup>2</sup> And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;*

*<sup>3</sup> And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:*

**Isaiah 11:1-12**

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:1-12

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:1-12

**IO** And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

**II** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

**Isaiah 11:1-12**



*12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.*

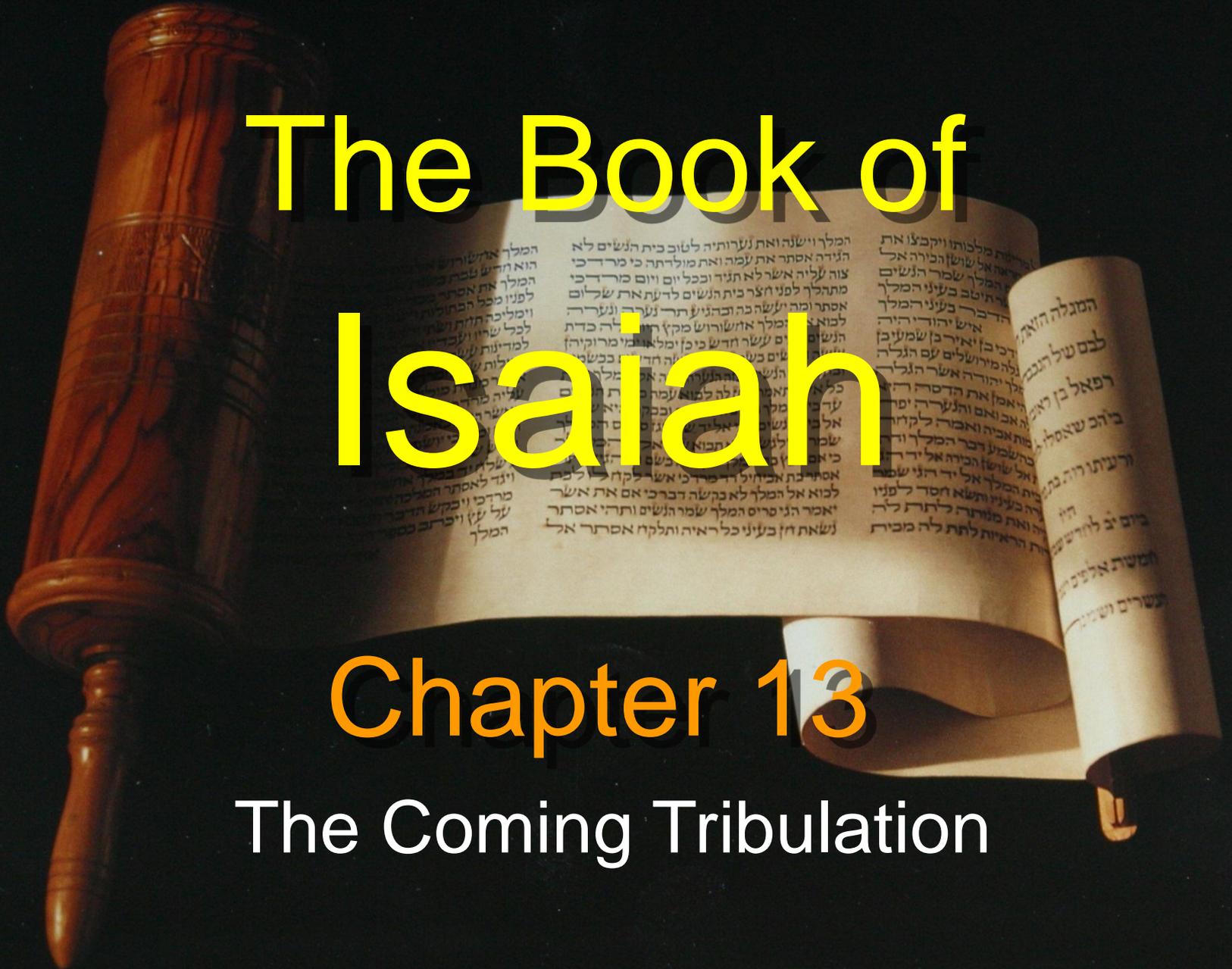
**Isaiah 11:1-12**

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 13

## The Coming Tribulation



- 6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.
- 7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:
- 8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.
- 9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

**IO** For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

**II** And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

**Isaiah 13:6-11**

# The Tribulation

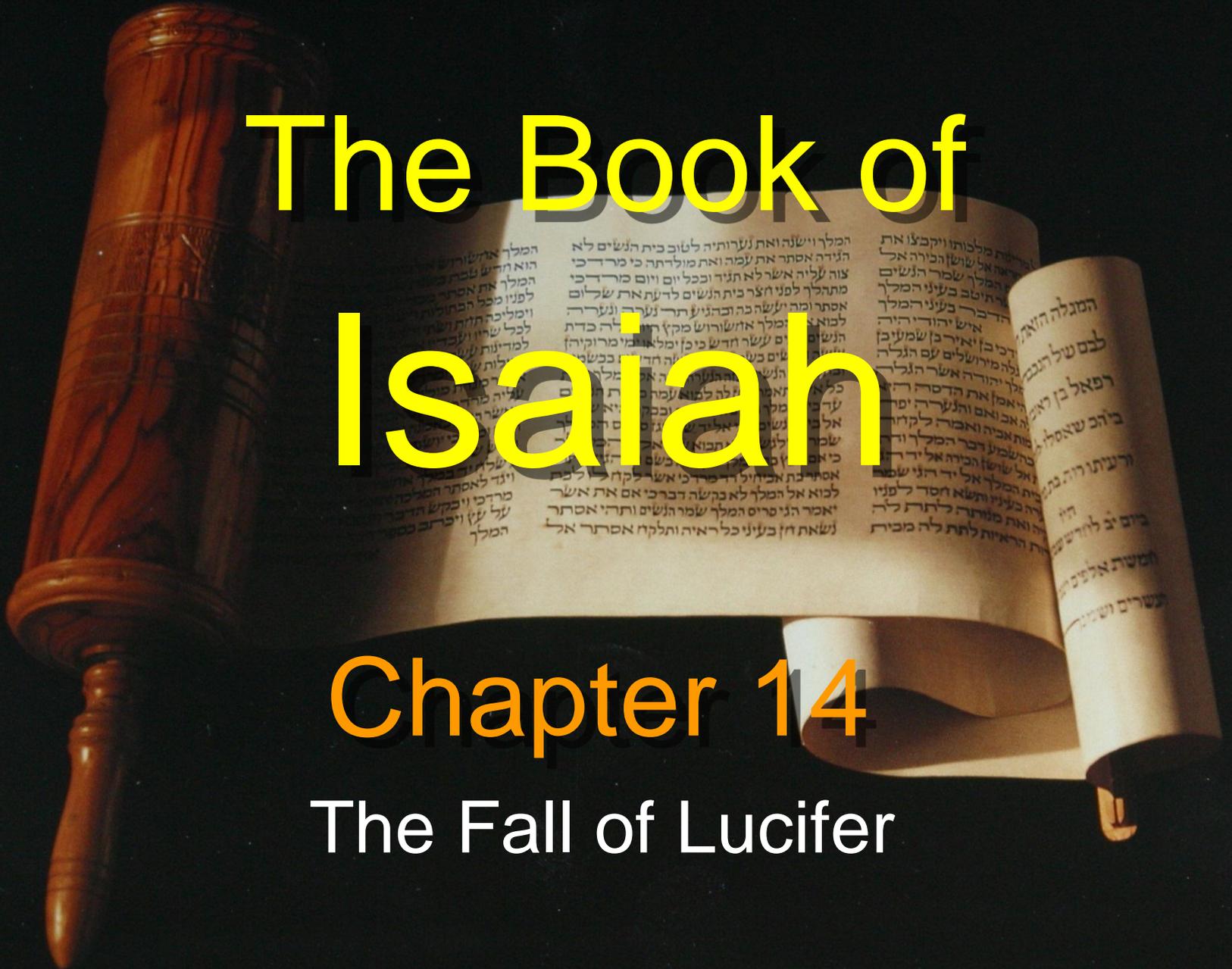
- The Tribulation is not the tribulation Jesus promised the Church
- The Tribulation is God's wrath on a Christ-rejecting world
- The Church therefore has to be removed before this time of God's judgment begins
- God cannot judge the righteous with the wicked
- The righteous have always been removed prior to the judgment of the wicked

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 14

### The Fall of Lucifer



*12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!*

*13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:*

*14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

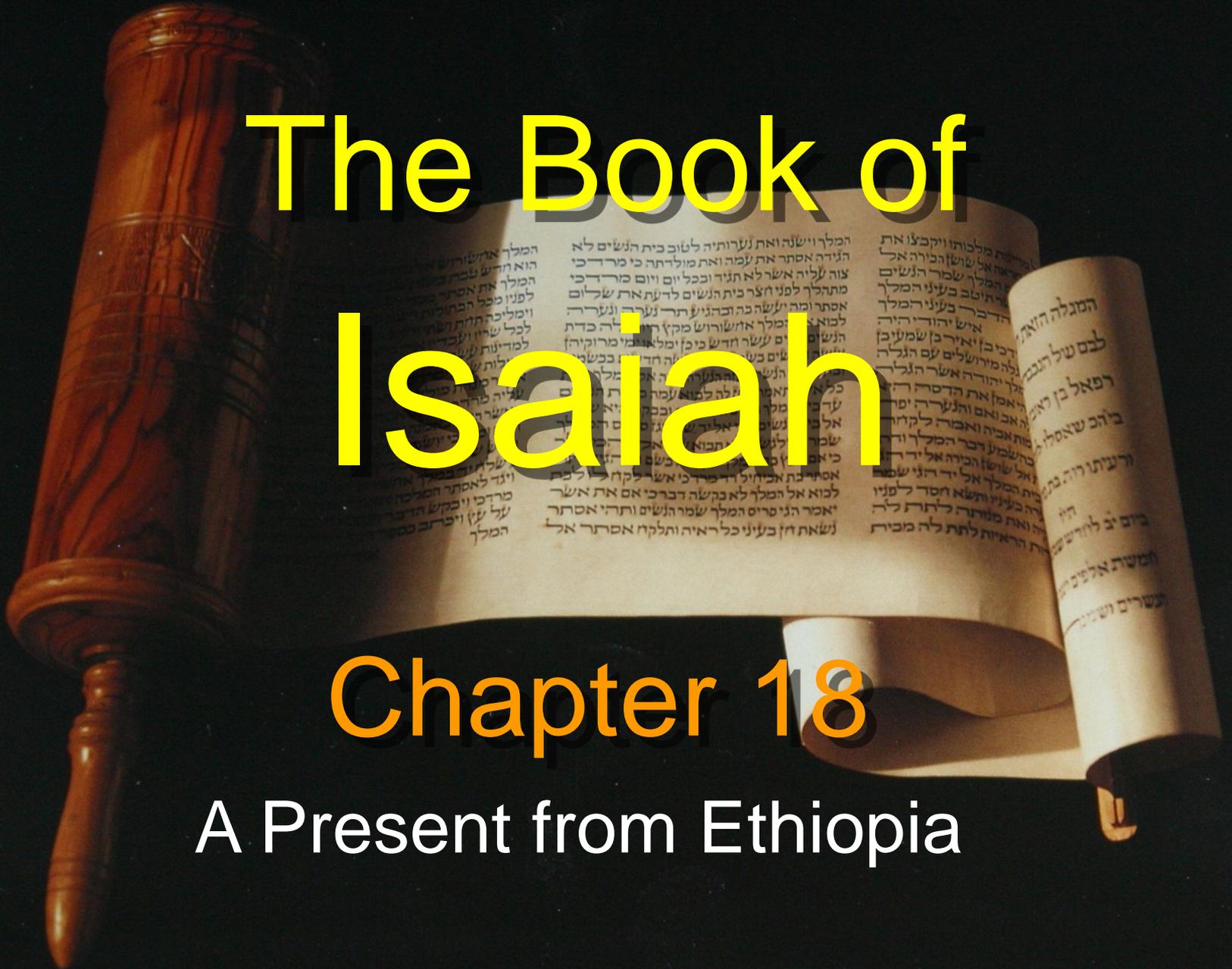
**Isaiah 14:12-14**

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 18

A Present from Ethiopia





*7 In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.*

**Isaiah 18:7**

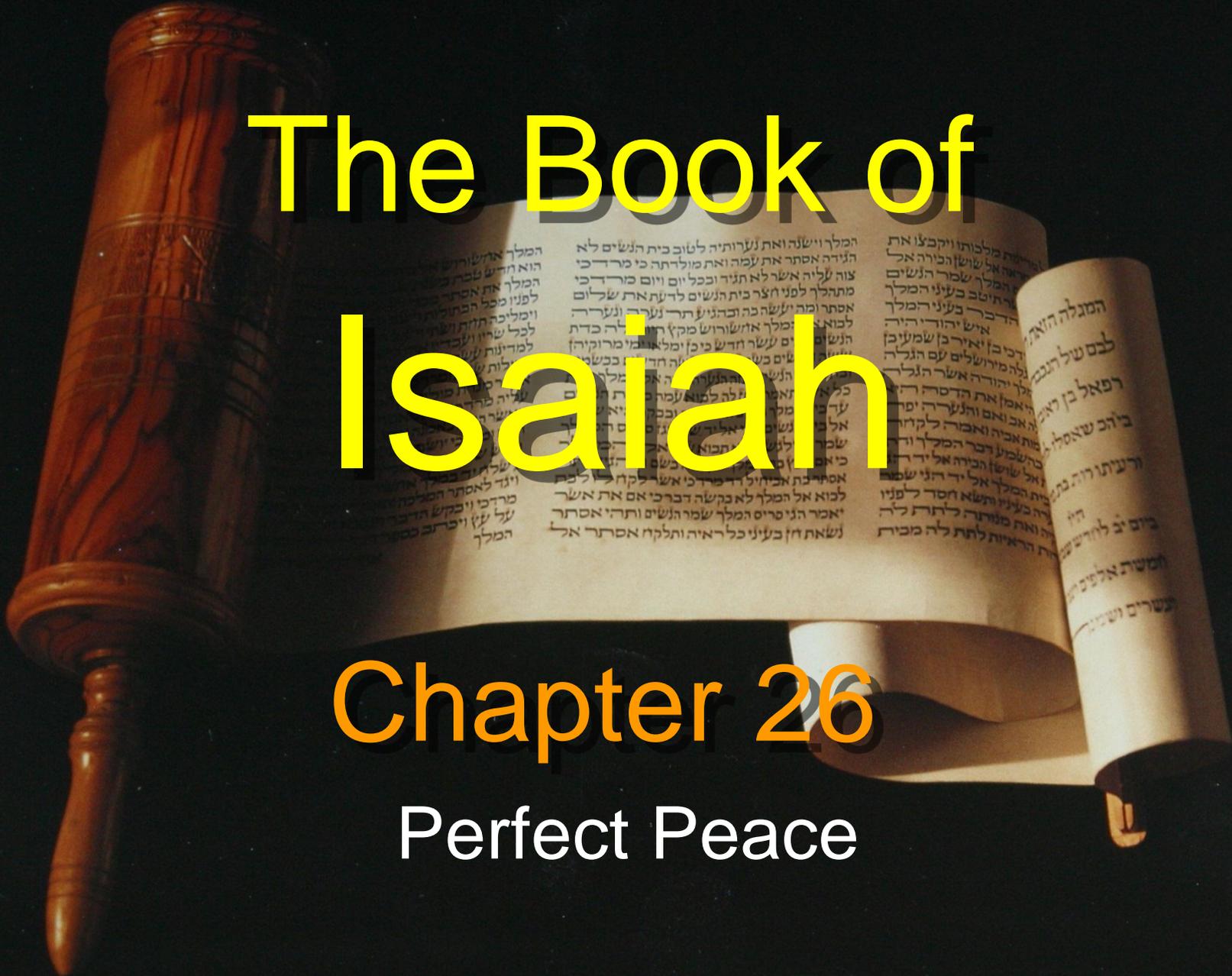
- What will be brought?
- The mercy seat?
  - The throne for the Messiah?

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 26

### Perfect Peace



3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

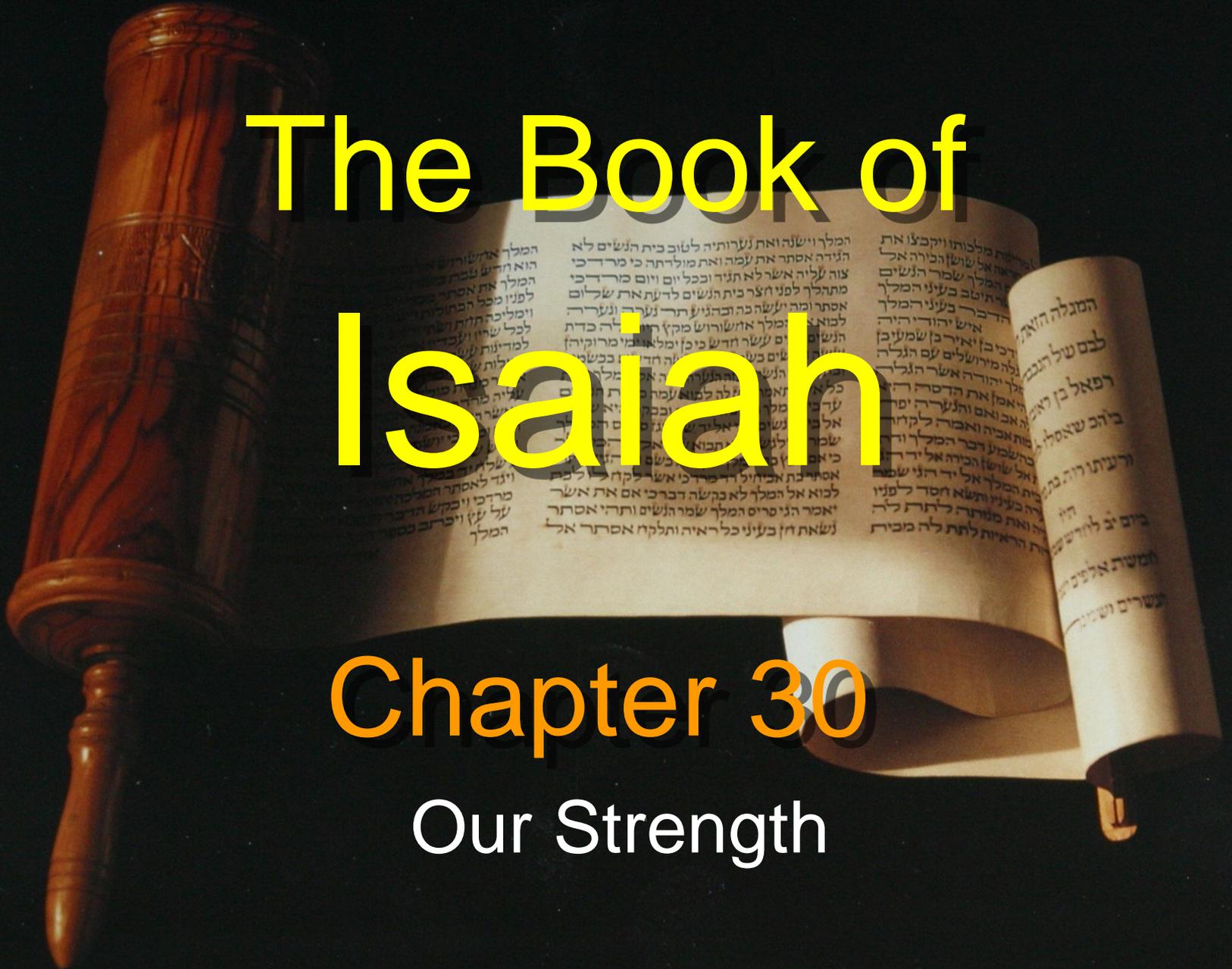
Isaiah 26:3-4

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 30

### Our Strength



*<sup>15</sup> For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength*

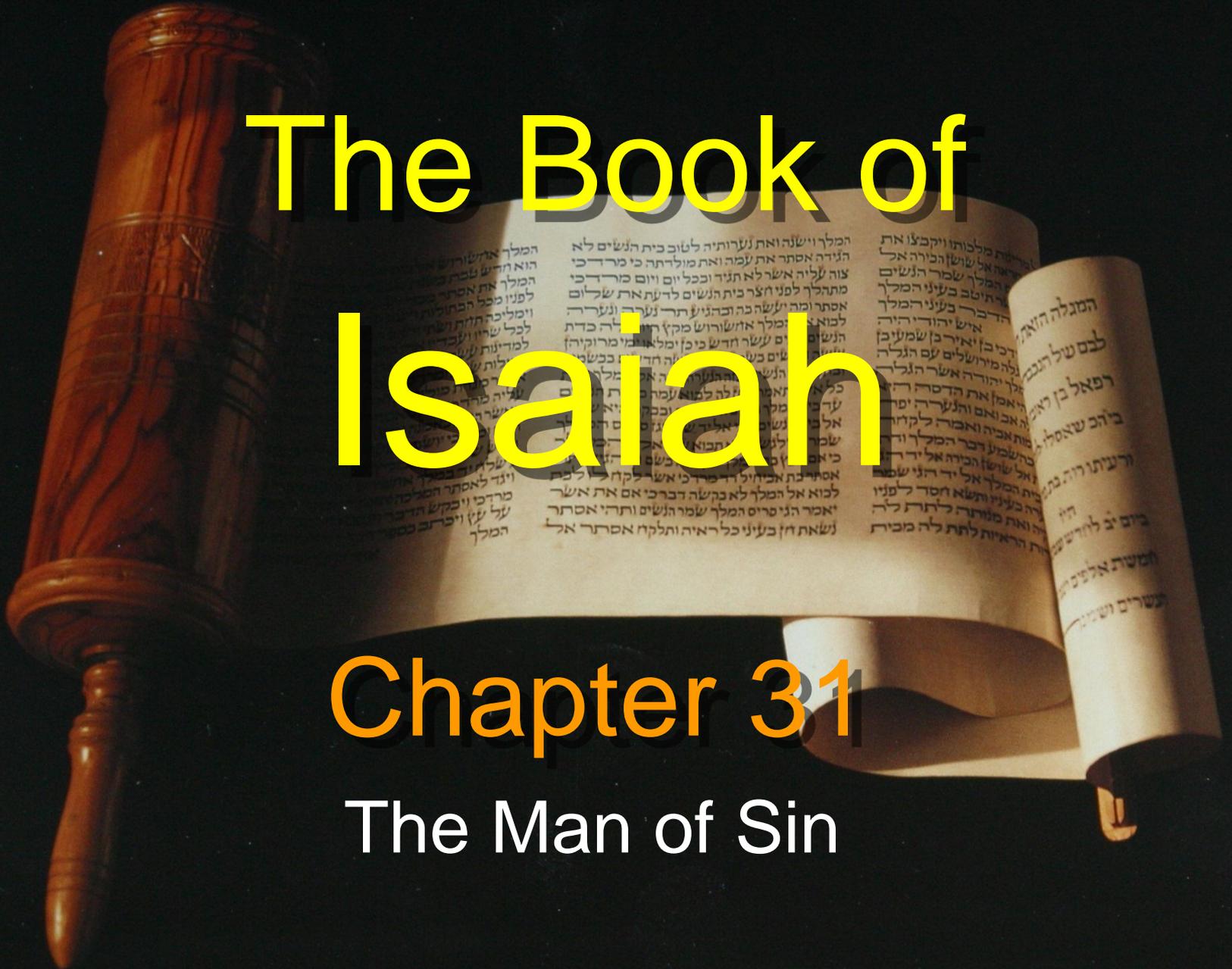
**Isaiah 30:15**

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 31

### The Man of Sin



5 As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.

8 Then shall **the Assyrian** fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited.

9 And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

# Allusions to the Antichrist

## Old Testament (33)

- Adversary Ps 74:8-10; Isa 59:19; Lam 4:11, 12; Amos 3:11
- Assyrian Isa 10:5, 12
- Belial Nahum 1:15
- Bloody and Deceitful Man Ps 5:6
- Branch of the Terrible Ones Isa 25:5 (cf. 14:19)
- Chief Prince Ex 38:2
- Crooked Serpent Job 26:13; Isa 27:1
- Cruel One Jer 30:14, 23
- Destroyer of the Gentiles Jer 4:7
- Enemy Ps 55:3; Jer 30:14, 23
- Evil Man Ps 140:1
- Head over Many Countries Ps 110:6
- Head of Northern Army Joel 2:20
- Idol Shepherd Zech 11:16, 17
- King of Princes Hos 8:10
- King of Babylon Isa 14:11-20; (cf. 30:31-33)



# Allusions to the Antichrist

- Little Horn Dan 7:8-11, 21-26; 8:9-12, 23-25
- Man of the Earth Ps 10:18
- Merchant, with Balances of Deceit Hos 12:7
- Mighty Man Ps 52:1
- Nail Isa 22:25
- Prince that Shall Come Dan 9:26
- Prince of Tyre Ezek 28:2-10
- Profane Wicked Prince of Israel Ezek 21:25-27
- Proud Man Hab 2:5
- Rod of God's Anger Isa 10:5
- Seed of the Serpent Gen 3:15
- Son of the Morning Isa 14:12
- Spoiler, Destroyer Isa 16:4,5
- Vile Person Dan 11:21
- Violent Man Ps 140:1, 10, 11
- Wicked, Wicked One Ps 9:17; 10:2, 4; Isa 11:4; Jer 30:14, 23
- Wilful King Dan 11:26

# Allusions to the Antichrist

## New Testament (13)

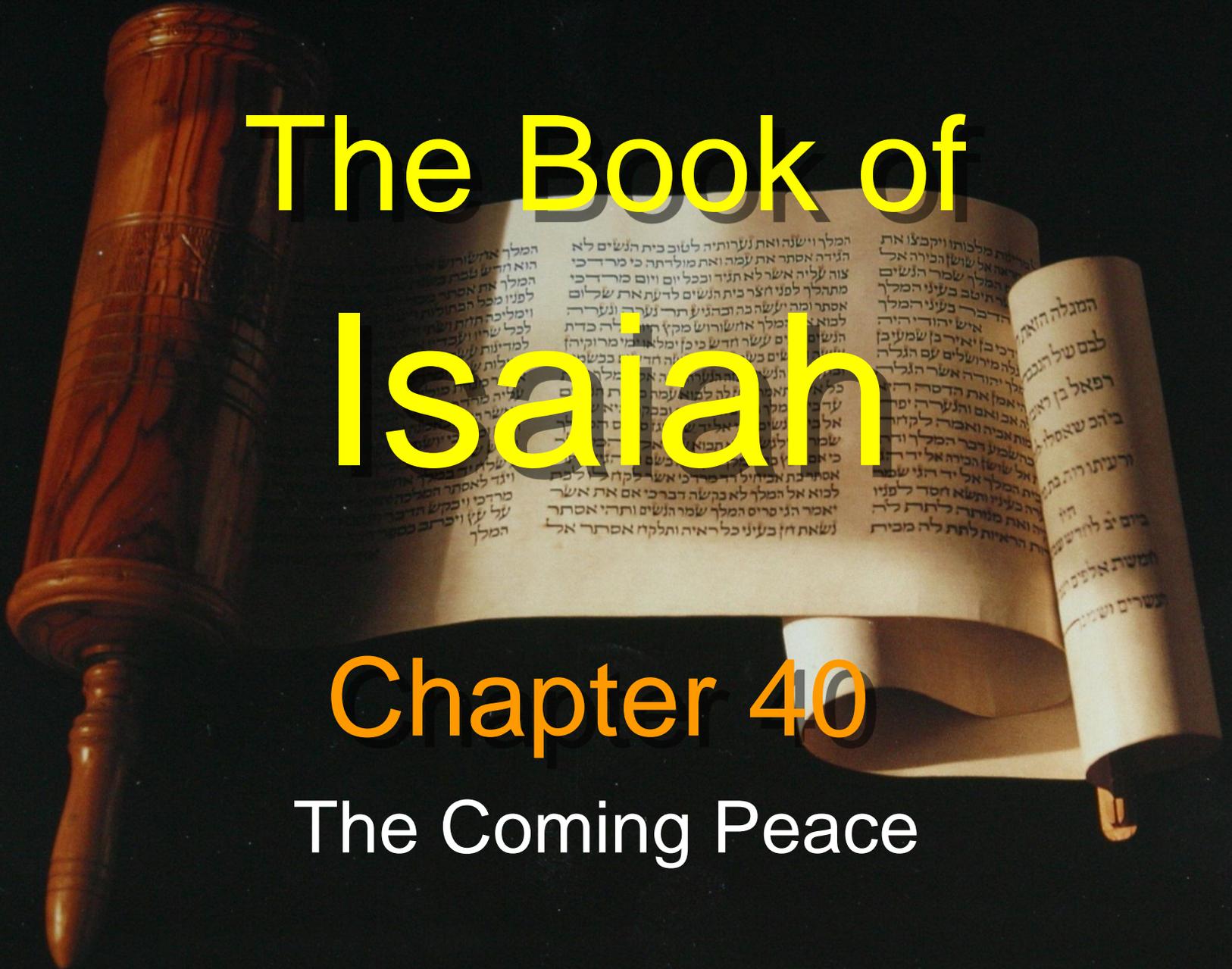
- Angel of the Bottomless Pit Rev 9:11
- Antichrist, Pseudo-Christ 1 Jn 2:22
- Beast Rev 11:7; 13
- False Prophet Rev 13
- Father of the Lie Jn 8:44; 2 Thess 2:11
- Lawless One 2 Thess 2:8
- Man of Sin 2 Thess 2:3
- One Who Comes in his Own Name Jn 5:43
- Prince of Darkness 1 Thess 5
- Son of Perdition 2 Thess 2:3
- Star Rev 8:10; 9:1
- Unclean Spirit Mt 12:43
- Vine of the earth Rev 14:18

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 40

### The Coming Peace



- 1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
- 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand **double** for all her sins.
- 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40:1-8

*6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry?  
All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the  
flower of the field:*

*7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the  
spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people  
is grass.*

*8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word  
of our God shall stand for ever.*

**Isaiah 40:1-8**

**12** Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

**13** Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

**14** With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

# How Big Is God?

- Universe is estimated to be 30 Billion light years wide
- That is: 30 Billion years travelling at the speed of light
  - The speed of light is (currently) 186,000 miles per sec.
- Therefore light travels 5.888 Trillion miles per year
  - Multiply 5.888 Trillion x 30 Billion
  - = 176.64 Sextillion
- So the span of God's hand is:  
176, 640, 000,000,000,000,000,000 miles wide.  
(Approximately!)

- 15** Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.
- 16** And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.
- 17** All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.
- 18** To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Isaiah 40:12-18



*21* Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

*22* It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

**Isaiah 40:21-22**

# “Stretching the Heavens”



- How did light from distant stars reach earth if the earth is young?
- The Bible states what Science now believes



- The Heavens have been stretched out, so the light that is distant may well have once been much closer!

# “Stretching the Heavens”

- 2 Sam 22:10
- Job 9:8
- Job 26:7
- Job 37:18
- Psalm 18:9
- Psalm 104:2
- Psalm 144:5
- Isaiah 40:22
- Isaiah 42:5
- Isaiah 44:24
- Isaiah 45:12
- Isaiah 48:13
- Isaiah 51:13
- Jeremiah 10:12
- Jeremiah 51:15
- Ezekiel 1:22
- Zechariah 12:1

*28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.*

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

- God never tires and is always there for us
- He is the Creator of all

*29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.*

*30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:*

*31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

**Isaiah 40:28-31**

- We must resign ourselves to the fact we will fail
- Only by His strength can we walk each day

# Rising on Wings Like Eagles

Eagles wait until the rocks are warm enough to know there is enough heat to lift effortlessly them on thermal currents.

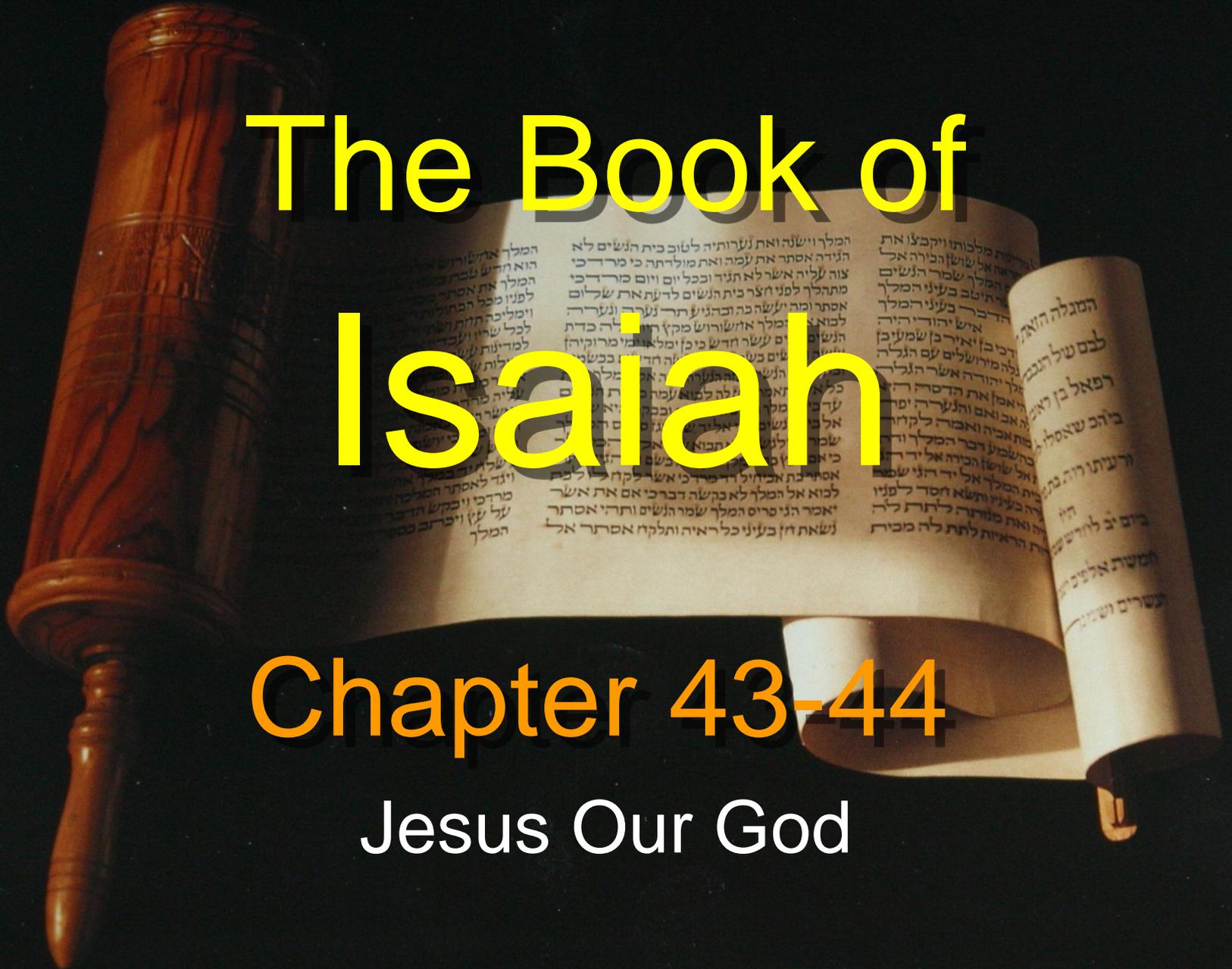


# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 43-44

Jesus Our God



*IO Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.*

*II I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.*

**Isaiah 43:10-11**

- The New Testament asserts that Jesus is the only Saviour of sinners.
- For both to be true, Jesus must be God!



<sup>15</sup> I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

Isaiah 43:15

- The New Testament asserts that Jesus is the King of Israel
- For both to be true, Jesus must be God!

<sup>6</sup> Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Isaiah 43:15

- The New Testament asserts that Jesus is the Alpha & Omega, the First & Last.
- For both to be true, Jesus must be God!

*24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;*

**Isaiah 44:24**

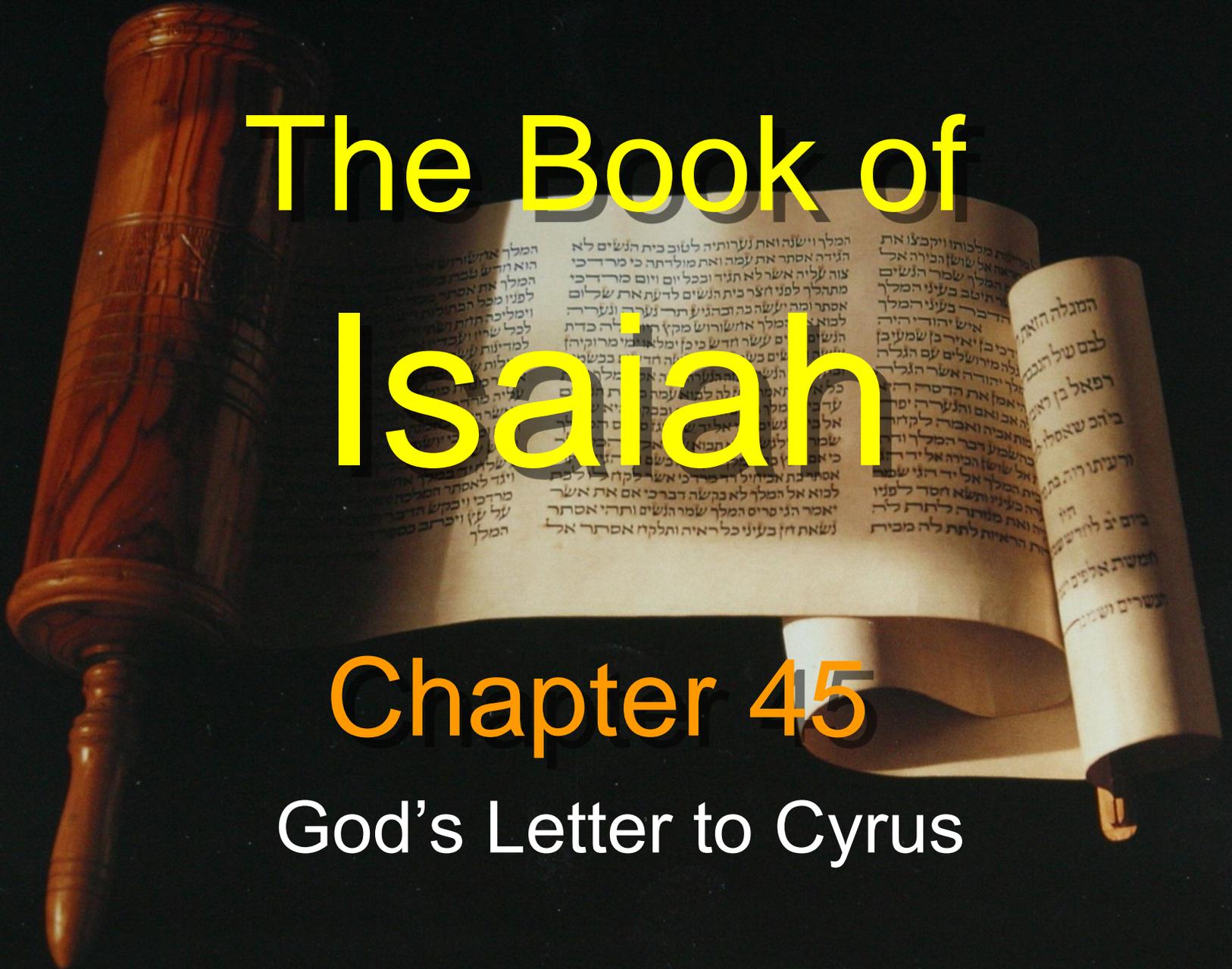
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# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 45

### God's Letter to Cyrus



# God's Letter to Cyrus

- Jewish tradition records that as Cyrus arrives at the recently captured Babylon...
- He is met at the gate of Babylon by an elderly Daniel!
- Daniel presents Cyrus with a scroll of Isaiah...
- ...written over 150 years beforehand!

*27 [God] saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:*

*28 That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.*

*45:1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;*

**Isaiah 44:27-45:5**

*2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:*

*3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.*

**Isaiah 44:27-45:5**

- 4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.
- 5 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

**Isaiah 44:27-45:5**

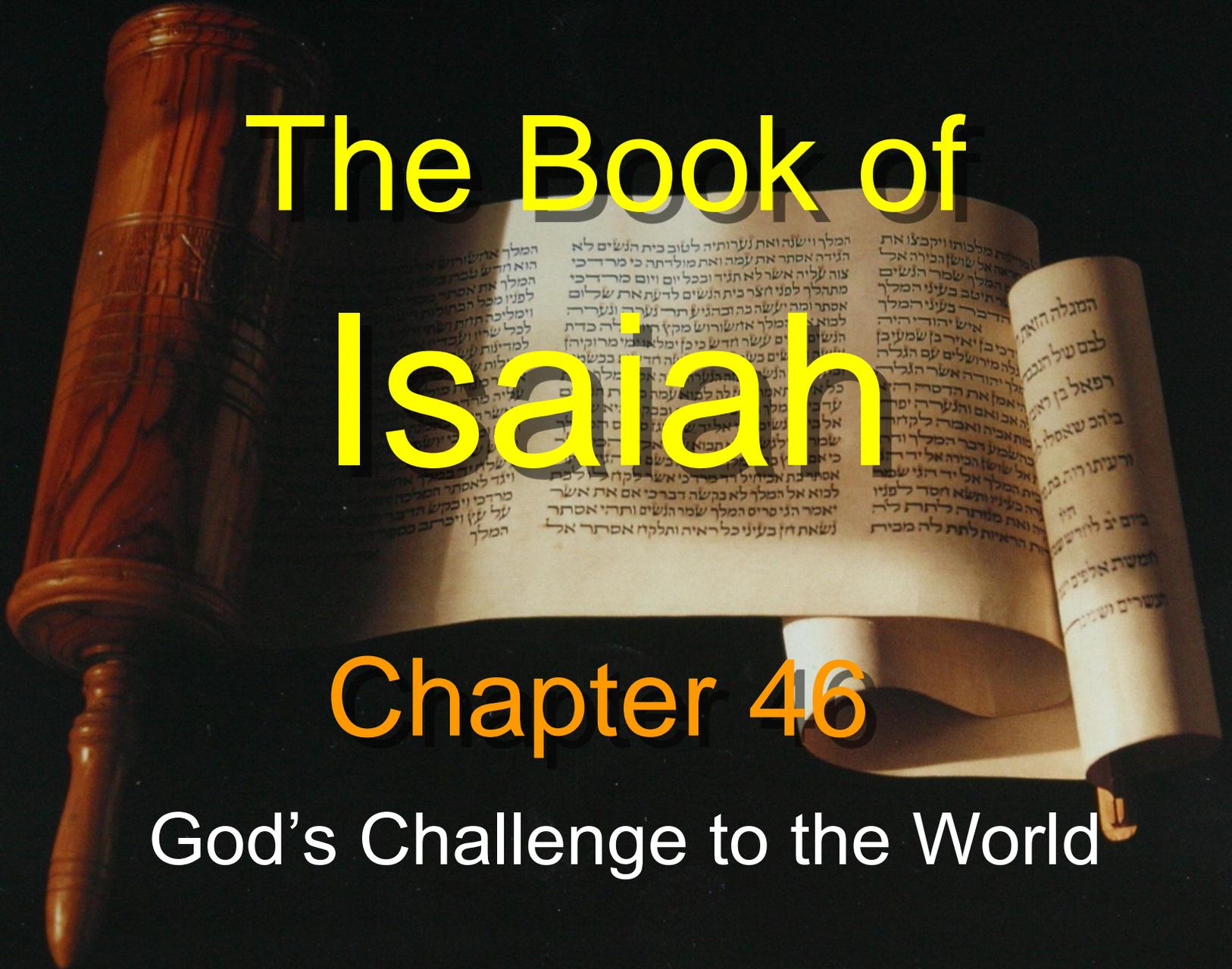


# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 46

God's Challenge to the World



*9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,  
10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

**Isaiah 46:9-10**

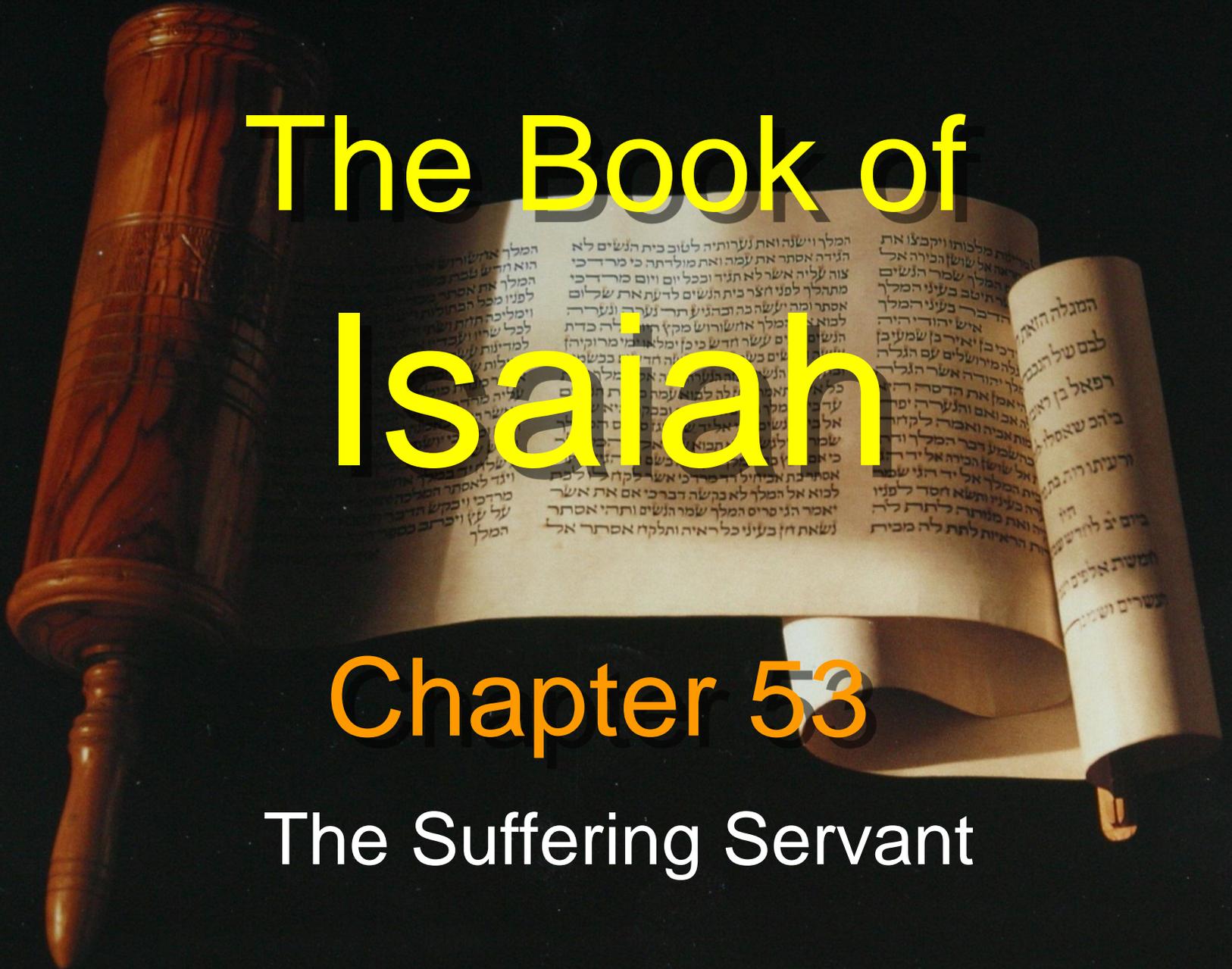
- God declares this unique attribute:
- He can tell the future in advance
- ...and has recorded it in His Word
- The Bible does not 'predict' it records history in advance

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 53

## The Suffering Servant



# Isaiah 53

- 3 **He** is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and **we** hid as it were *our* faces from him; **he** was despised, and **we** esteemed **him** not.
- 4 Surely **he** hath borne **our** griefs, and carried **our** sorrows: yet **we** did esteem **him** stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- 5 But **he** was wounded for **our** transgressions, **he** was bruised for **our** iniquities: the chastisement of **our** peace was upon **him**; and with **his** stripes **we** are healed.
- 6 All **we** like sheep have gone astray; **we** have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on **him** the iniquity of **us** all.

# 12 Key Points

- Comes in absolute lowliness: “a root out of a dry ground”
- He was “Despised and rejected of men”
- Suffered for sins, and in the place of, others: ourselves!
- God Himself caused the suffering to be vicarious
- Absolute resignation: “He opened not his mouth.”
- Died as a felon, “from prison and judgment”
- Cut off prematurely, “out of the land of the living”
- Personally guiltless; “no violence nor deceit in his mouth”
- He was to live on after his sufferings: “prolong his days”
- YHWH’s “pleasure would prosper in his hand”
- Mighty triumph after his suffering: “Divide spoil...”
- By all this God “would justify many”

# Equidistant Letter Sequences found in Isaiah 53

## Isaiah 53

Yeshua is my name	ישוע שמי	The Evil Roman City	רע עיר רומי
His Signature	מחתימו	Let Him be crucified	יצלב
Messiah	משיח	Moriah	הירמ
Nazarene	נזיר	Cross	צלכ
Galilee	גליל	Pierce	דקר
Shiloh	שילה	From the Atonement Lamb	מכפר טלא
Pharisee	פרוש	Bread	הלחם
Levites	לדים	Wine	יין
Caiaphas	כיפה	Obed	עבר
Annas	ענן	Jesse	ישי
Passover	פסח	Seed	זרע
The man Herod	איש הורד	Water	מים
Wicked Caesar perish	קיסר עמל אכר	Jonah	יונה

# Equidistant Letter Sequences found in Isaiah 53

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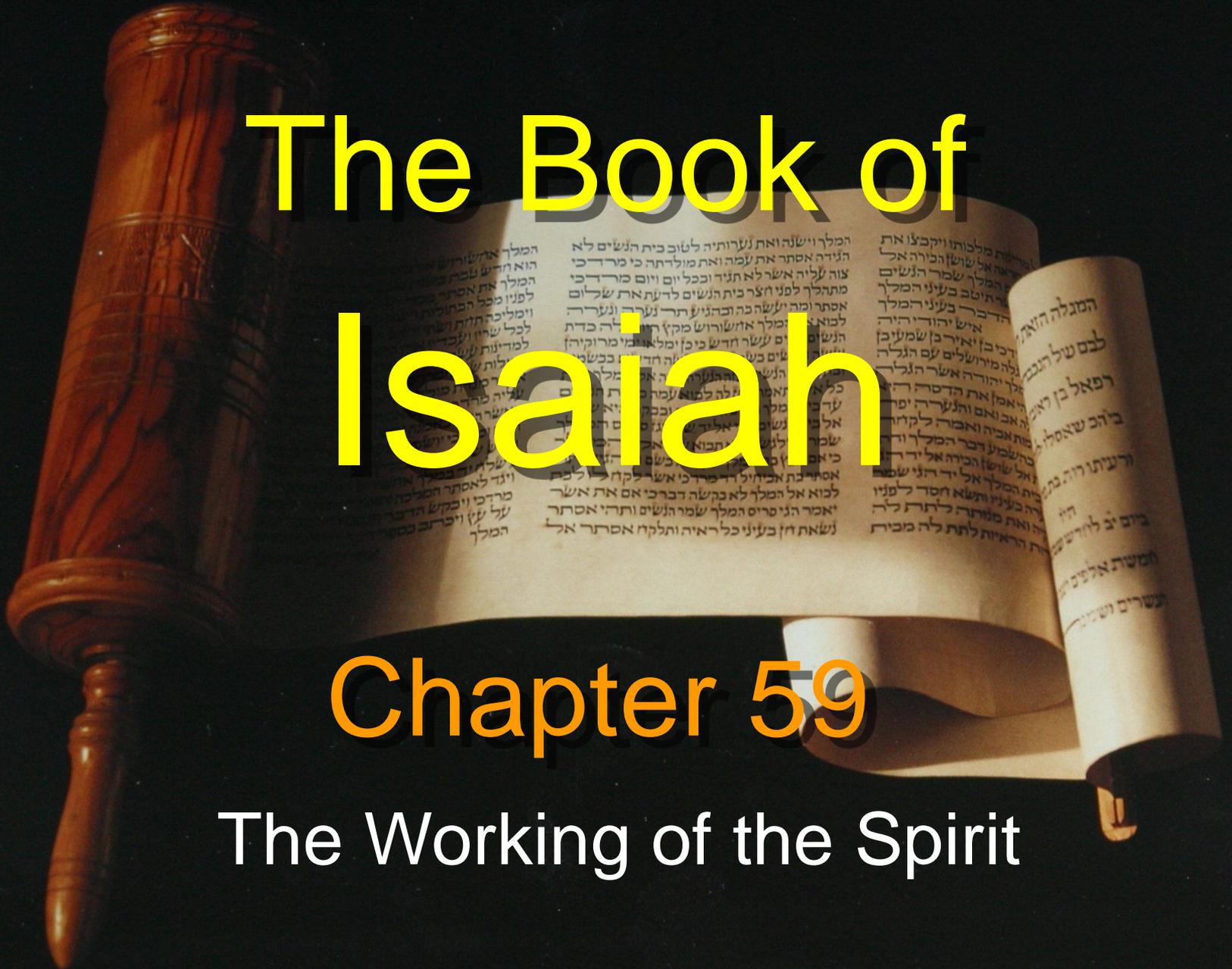
The Disciples mourn	למדים אנן	Simon	שמעון
Peter	כפת	Thaddaeus	תדי
Matthew	מתתי	Matthias	מתיה
John	יוחנן	Mary	מרים
Andrew	אנדרי	Mary	מרים
Philip	פילף	Mary	מרים
Thomas	תומא	Salome	שלמית
James	יעקב	Joseph	יוסף
James	יעקב		

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 59

### The Working of the Spirit





*19 When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*

**Isaiah 59:19**

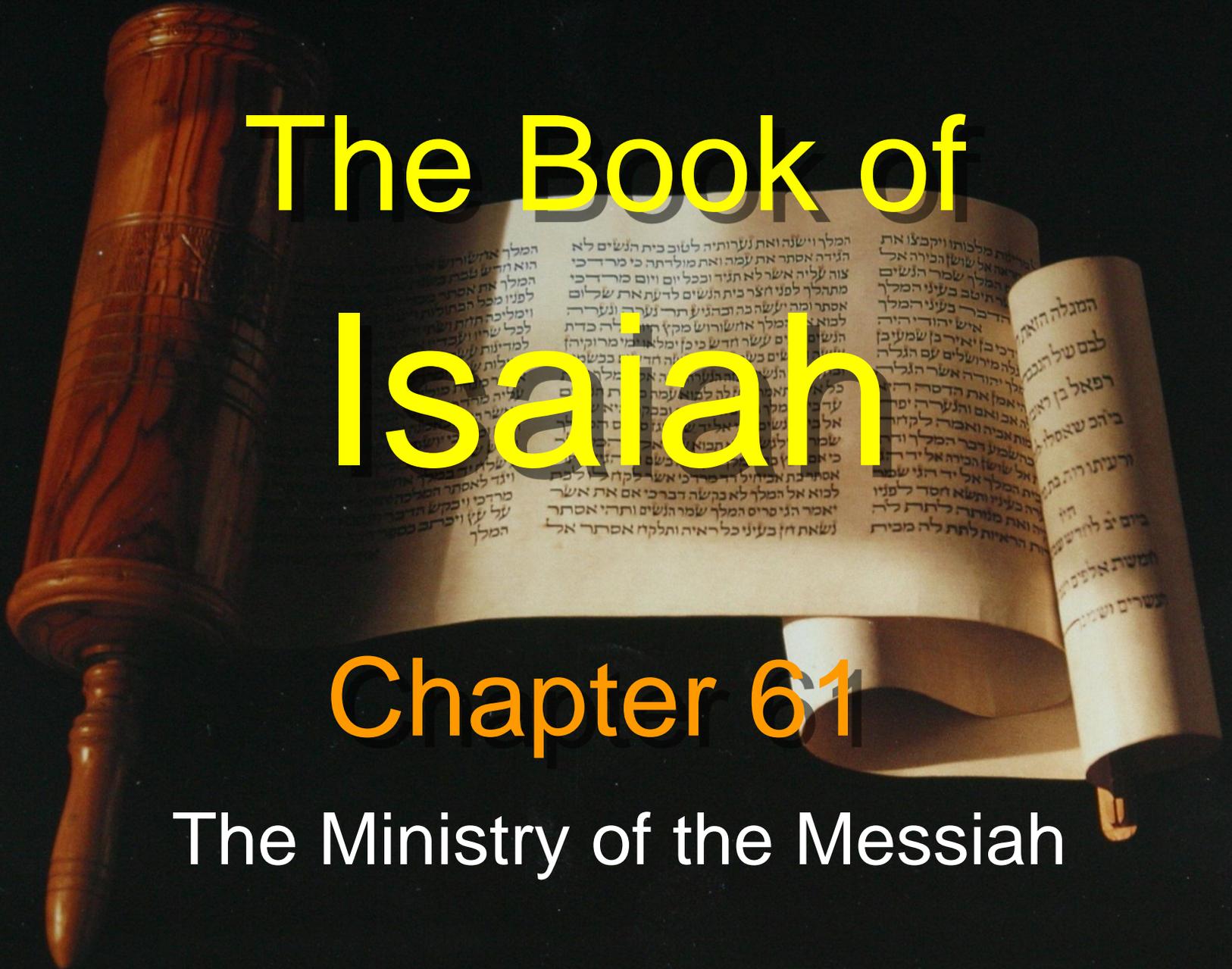
- There is nothing the enemy can do that God is not more than a match for.
- Paul reminds us in Romans 8 that we are more than conquerors through Christ

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 61

### The Ministry of the Messiah



# Ministry Mandate

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;  
because the LORD hath anointed me  
to preach good tidings unto the meek;  
He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the  
opening of the prison to them that are  
bound;  
To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,  
and the Day of Vengeance of our God...*

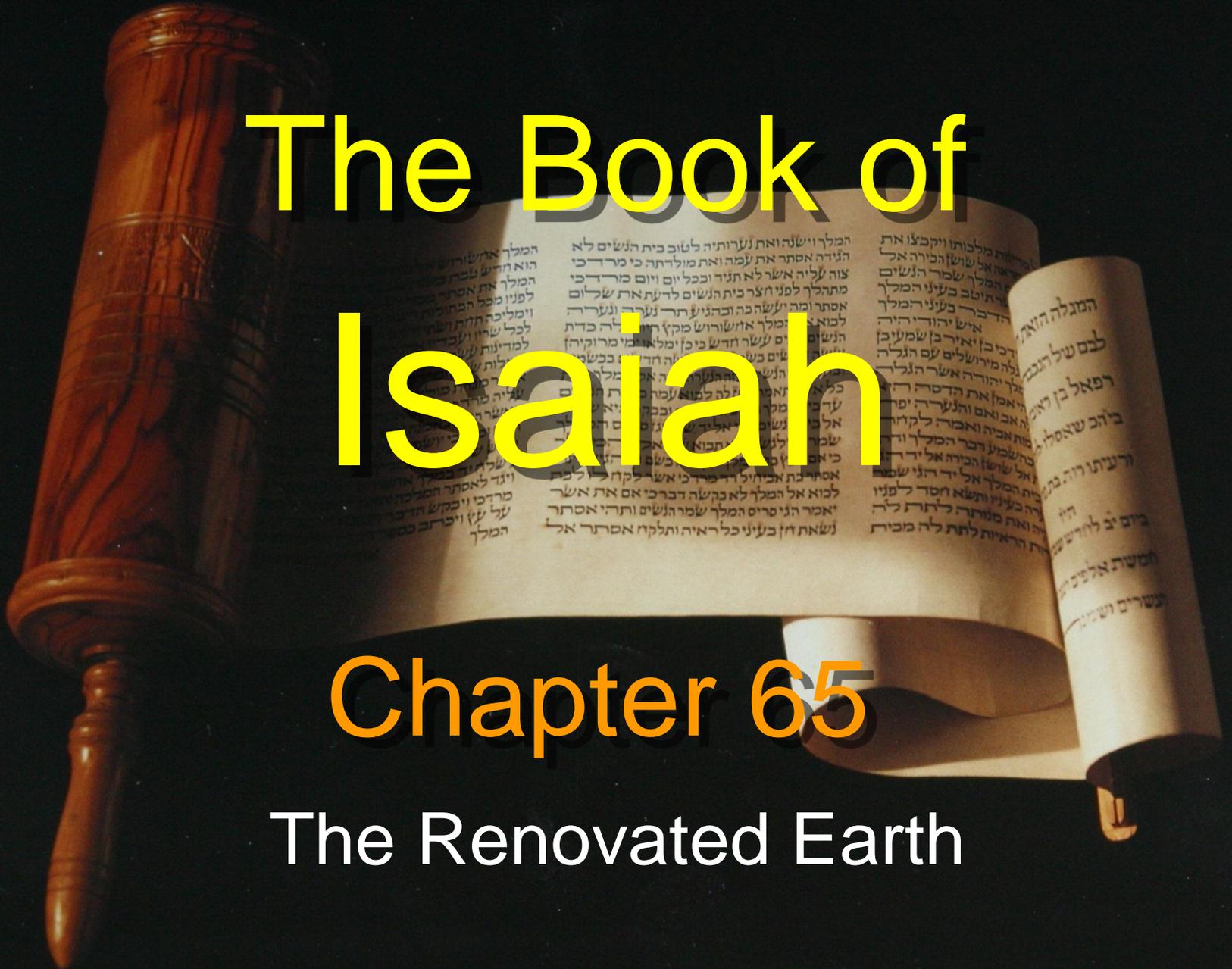
Isaiah 61:1,2

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 65

## The Renovated Earth



*17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.*

*18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.*

*19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

*20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

*21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.*

*22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.*

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

*23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.*

*24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*

*25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.*

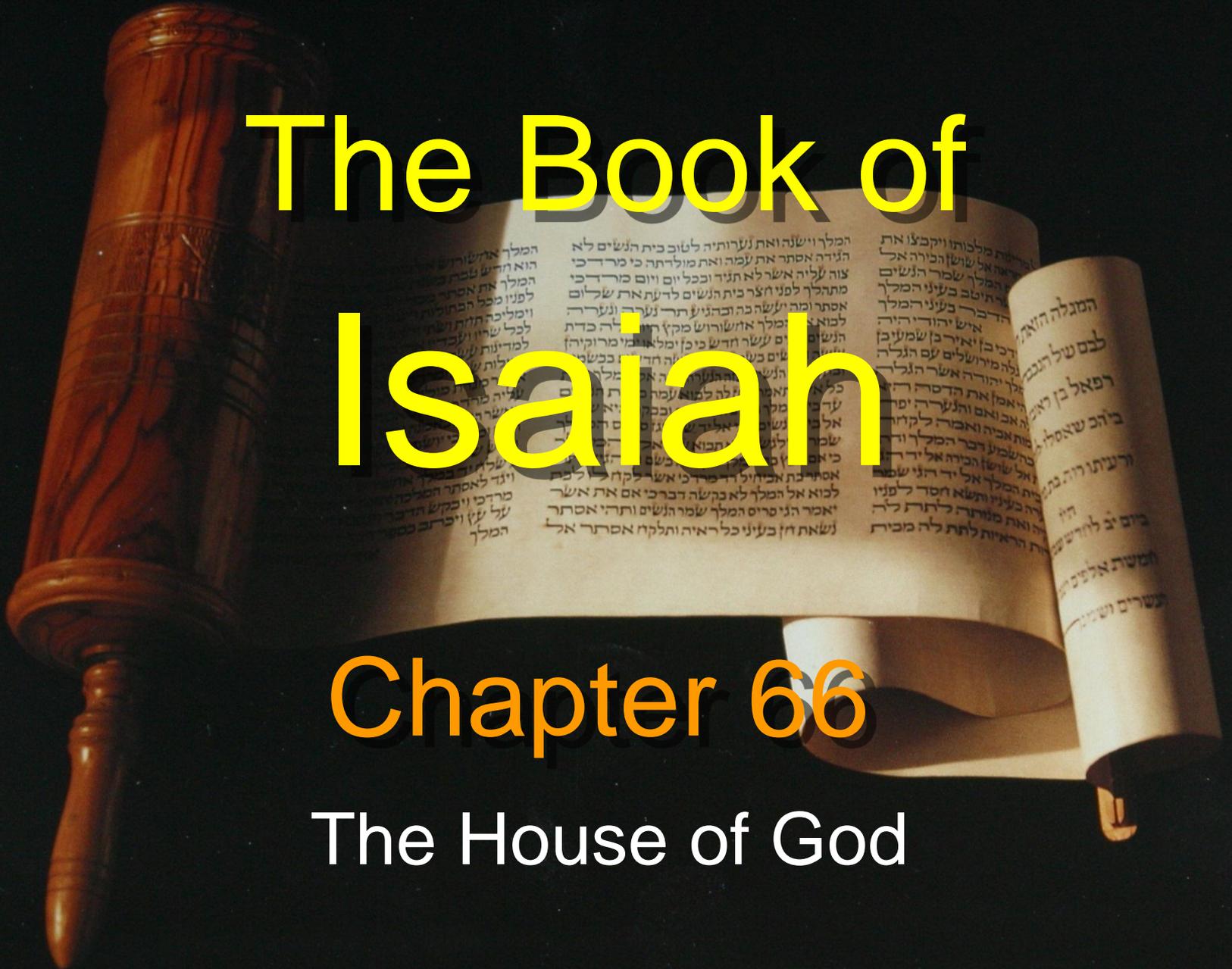
**Isaiah 65:17-25**

# The Book of

# Isaiah

## Chapter 66

### The House of God





<sup>1</sup> Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

<sup>2</sup> For all those things hath mine hand made, and those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Isaiah 66:1-2

- The greatest lesson?
- Despite all that is coming, your greatest concern should be the condition of your heart



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