

SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR STUDYING ISAIAH

1. Bibles

Begin with a literal translation of the Word of God. The versions suggested are the New American Standard Bible, New King James Version, the King James Version, and the English Standard Version. Versions such as the Net Bible and the Holman Christian Standard Bible are also recommended for purposes of comparison for clarification of the Biblical text. Bibles such as the New International Version, and its revisions, the New Living Translation and the New Century Version can be consulted as references only for an overview of the Biblical text but not as a literal source. Paraphrase versions are not recommended. Study Bibles can be an invaluable resource to assist in understanding the overall theme of a book of the Bible as well as the outline of the book's contents and perhaps most importantly commentary and notes on many of the verses within the book. Good Study Bibles will include word studies, literal interpretations of many Hebrew and Greek words, extensive references, explanation of theological terms and a comprehensive concordance among other study aids. Recommended Study Bibles include those by authors: John MacArthur, Charles Ryrie, and David Jeremiah and those by publishers such as Thomas Nelson and Broadman and Holman (B &H). The Hebrew – Greek Key Word Study Bible (various Bible versions), AMG Publishers is also recommended for those desiring to know the Hebrew or Greek word (and definition) of many words in Isaiah.

2. Commentaries and Specific Studies

Many but not all of the commentaries and studies recommended below are those which are pre-millennial in their eschatological viewpoint. Some are dispensational in their hermeneutical approach to understanding the Scriptures. This is intentional as Servants Place will highly recommend authors who present these viewpoints of Scripture. Any works suggested that are amillennial and non-dispensational will be noted as such and are included due to their helpfulness in the understanding of the context of a Scriptural passage.

A. Commentaries (Printed Editions):

Recommended order:

1. Smith, Gary V. Isaiah. 2 vols. New American Commentary. B & H Publishing Group. This is an excellent in-depth and pre-millennial commentary on Isaiah. Smith provides helpful notes on the historical, social, and political background of the 8th century B.C. Smith does not ignore opposing views and honestly confronts liberal and amillennial viewpoints.
2. Moyter, J. Alec. The Prophecy of Isaiah: An Introduction and Commentary. InterVarsity Press. 1993. This is a very helpful commentary for students who wish to understand local and historical aspects of the days in which Isaiah lived. Moyter is quoted often by Thomas Constable in his Notes on Isaiah. Moyter was non-dispensational in his hermeneutic approach to the Scriptures.
3. Buksbazen, Victor. The Prophet Isaiah: A Commentary. Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry. (re-print). This is a highly recommended premillennial study of Isaiah from a scholar who is steeped in the messianic Jewish tradition. It is a concise study and one often wishes for more content from this author.
4. Grogan, Geoffrey, W. Isaiah: The Expositors Bible Commentary first edition. Volume 6. Zondervan. Grogan presents a very useful but concise study of Isaiah which may have been due to the constraints of the Expositors Bible Commentary Series in which several commentaries are bound into one volume.
5. Martin, John A. Isaiah: The Bible Knowledge Commentary. Cook Communications. Pages 1029-1121. Martin is an able expositor who presents a paragraph study rather than comment on each verse. The constraints of the Bible Knowledge Commentary Series do not allow for a detailed verse-by-verse analysis.
6. Vine, W. E. Vine's Expository Commentary on Isaiah. Thomas Nelson Publishers. This is a very brief study (mostly in point form) but is useful for understanding the overall message of Isaiah.
7. Butler, Trent C. Isaiah: Holman Old Testament Commentary. B & H Publishing Group. This is very basic study of Isaiah which may appeal to those looking for an overview of the Book.

Other significant Commentaries:

1. Oswalt, John N. The Book of Isaiah, 2 vols. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 1986 and 1998. This is a very detailed study of the social, economic and political background of the nations including Israel and Judah that are mentioned in Isaiah. Oswalt is very uneven in his eschatological viewpoint and often allegorizes passages that many scholars see as clearly premillennial.
2. Young, Edward J. The Book of Isaiah. 3 Volumes. New International Commentary on The Old Testament (NICOT). Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 1965,1969 and 1972. This was the standard commentary for studies in Isaiah for many years and is still useful for historical, social and religious background studies of the 8th century B.C. Young held to an amillennial eschatological viewpoint and must be read with discernment.

B. Online (Internet) Studies and Commentaries: (listed alphabetically by Author)

1. Constable, Thomas, L. Notes on Isaiah, latest Edition: Constable provides a brief but outstanding commentary on Isaiah with helpful insights into the background details regarding the historical and social aspects of the nations mentioned in the Book of Isaiah.
2. Cooper, David L. Isaiah Commentary in Expounding the Word Section of the Biblical Research Website. This is an insightful study of the prophecy of Isaiah from a strongly messianic and premillennial viewpoint. It was published in the Biblical Research Monthly Magazine from 1943 to 1946 and thus was a study completed prior to the establishment of the modern Jewish state in 1948.
3. Guzik, David. Commentary on Isaiah (enduringword) These studies are brief and often in point form but are helpful study materials for those who may be preaching a series on Isaiah.
4. Johnson, S. Lewis, Jr. Messages on Isaiah. These are a series of printed messages of sermons given by Dr. S. Lewis Johnson Jr. at the Believers Bible Chapel in Dallas Texas. They are not intended as a detailed study of Isaiah.
5. Ross, Allen P. The Book of Isaiah: (bible.org). This is a short series on selected chapters of the Book of Isaiah. The content is an over-view rather than a detailed study.
6. Precept Austin: Isaiah Commentaries. This is an on-line compendium of links to conservative and mostly premillennial studies and sermons on the Book of Isaiah.
7. Stedman, Ray, C. Isaiah: The Salvation of the Lord. Bible Studies in the Book of Isaiah These messages are basic but conservative in comment on the Book of Isaiah.

C. Selected Studies on the Servant of the Lord in Isaiah:

1. Baron, David. The Servant of Jehovah: The Sufferings of the Messiah and the Glory That Should Follow, Marshall, Morgan & Scott. An Internet version is available.
2. Culver, Robert Duncan. The Sufferings and the Glory of the Lord's Righteous Servant. Christian Service Foundation. An Internet version is available.
3. Lindsey, F. Duane. The Servant Songs: A Study in Isaiah. Moody Publishers.

D. Specific Studies and Sermons on the Servant of the Lord in Isaiah:

- 1 Aiken, Daniel. The Suffering Servant of the Lord Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- 2 Ross, Allen The Suffering Servant: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 (bible.org)
- 3 Dr. John MacArthur: Sermons on the Servant in Isaiah (Grace to You).
 - The Astonishing Servant of Jehovah (90-435)
 - The Startling Servant of Jehovah (90-436)

- The Scorned Servant of Jehovah: part 1 (90-437)
- The Scorned Servant of Jehovah: part 2 (90-438)
- The Substituted Servant: part 1 (90-439)
- The Substituted Servant: part 2 (90-440)
- The Silent Servant: part 1 (90-441)
- The Silent Servant: part 2 (90-442)
- The Sovereign Servant: part 1 (90-443)
- The Sovereign Servant: part 2 (90-444)