

## THE “SCHOOL” OF ISAIAH

### Prophecies Collected from Three Different Eras

	<b>PRE-</b>	<b>EXILIC</b>	<b>POST-</b>
<b>Dates</b>	<b>740-710</b>	<b>587-538</b>	<b>538 . . .</b>
	<b>(1st) Isaiah of Jerusalem</b>	<b>2nd Isaiah</b>	<b>3rd Isaiah</b>
<b>Chs.</b>	<b>1-39</b>	<b>40-55</b>	<b>56-66</b>
<b>REMNANT THEOLOGY:</b>	Purging Idolatry UNIVERSALIZING	Purging Idolaters MONOTHEISM	What remains? >

#### FIRST ISAIAH: A. CRIME & B. PUNISHMENT

- A. CRIME = IDOLATRY - Expanding the meaning of Idolatry
- 6:9-11: So that they may NOT turn and be healed?
  - WHY? 27:11; 28:13; 29:9-10, 13, 18-19; 31:6; 32:3-4
  - HOW? 35:3-6
- B. PUNISHMENT = SUFFERING = CLEANSING = REDEMPTION

#### SECOND ISAIAH: A. (CRIME=) PUNISHMENT & B. REDEMPTION

- A. GENERALIZING: IDOLATRY is ANY false “likening” of/to God
1. Absurdity: 40:18-20, 28-31
  2. Vanity: 41:24, 29
  3. IDOL = NOTHING = IDOLATER: 44:9-18
- B. THAT is why SUFFERING is NECESSARY ... and ultimately REDEMPTIVE
1. The figure of the SUFFERING SERVANT, linked to IDOLATRY 42:18-19
  2. SUFFERING becomes EXEMPLARY: 42:6-7; 49:6
    - a. The IDENTITY of the Servant: ISRAEL & EVERYONE
    - b. The INNOCENCE of the Servant: 53:3-5
  3. The SERVANT becomes the agent of a NEW & UNIVERSAL COVENANT

#### THIRD ISAIAH: MONOTHEISM & UNIVERSALISM

- A. TRANSCENDENCE VS. IMMANENCE: 66:1-2
- God dwells utterly beyond human comprehension: 55:8-9
  - OR In the (contrite) human heart: 57:15 - NOWHERE ELSE
  - Not in Sacrifice: 66:3 - worse than useless, = SIN
  - Not even in Righteousness: 57:12-13;
    - Which is necessary but not sufficient
    - And may be only self-delusion: 58:2;
    - Genuine righteousness is found in compassion: 58:9-10
- B. A NEW AND UNIVERSAL COVENANT: 59:21 (Inclusive: Reaffirms 2nd Isaiah)
- NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH: 65:17 (Apocalyptic: Expands on 2nd Isaiah)
- Not the SUN but GOD will illumine your darkness: 60:19