

**Title:** *“The Apologetics of Isaiah Chapter Six”*

**Sub-Title:** *“The Apologetics of the Temple”*

**Isaiah's Key Verse:** The study of the book of Isaiah has as its subject, the Lord Jesus Christ, as seen in Isaiah's theme verse: *Isaiah: 9:6 “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.”*

**Introduction:** Isaiah chapter six is a prophetic passage for the simple reason that the passage is discussing the future returning Messiah. Since the Messiah had not yet come the first time Isaiah was certainly pushing the boundaries of people's imaginations to expect his prophetic message. Why would the Hebrew people expect a prophetic message from Isaiah? There are a few reasons that come to mind. First, the Hebrew people has been promised a coming Messiah their entire lives and is a

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central part of their belief system and their Hebrew culture. The second reason that comes to mind was that Isaiah had never offered a prophecy that had come to pass, or was prophesied beyond his lifetime.

How does a prophetic event from 760 B.C. apply to our Christian lives today? First is to affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and His eminent return. Second is that every Christian advance the gospel to their sphere of influence.

According to Pew Research Center by 2010 the number of Christians will be approximately 2.2 billion worldwide. Pew Research further reported, “The world’s Christian population is expected to grow to 2.9 billion in 2050. Nearly one-in-three people worldwide (31%) are expected to be Christian at mid-century,”<sup>1</sup> That all sounds like great numbers for Christianity, except for the fate of those that do not name the name of Christ.

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<sup>1</sup> “The Future of World Religions: Population Growth Projections, 2010-2050,” The Pew Research Center, <http://www.globalreligiousfutures.org/religions/christians> (accessed May 5, 2019).

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Generation Z is embracing atheism as no previous generation. George Barna stated, “For Gen Z, “atheist” is no longer a dirty word: The percentage of teens who identify as such is double that of the general population (13% vs. 6% of all adults). The proportion that identifies as Christian likewise drops from generation to generation.”<sup>2</sup>

Our study in Isaiah and his fulfilled prophecies affirm the Christian faith and persuade the skeptic. The authenticity and reality of eternal life and salvation through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ become acceptable truth claims to the unbelieving world. The gospel converts the heart and the study of the Bible changes one’s vantage point to a biblical worldview.

***Apologetic questions:***

- If Isaiah’s prophecies come true this is a powerful truth claim, how much more if multiple prophets communicate the same prophecies?

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<sup>2</sup> George Barna, “Atheism Doubles Among Generation Z,” The Barna Group, <https://www.barna.com/research/atheism-doubles-among-generation-z/> (accessed May 5, 2019).

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- If the coming prophesied Messiah was expected by the Old Testament believers, how much more the promised indwelling Holy Spirit that was prophesied?
  - If a prophet can identify the character flaws of the human condition, how much more must the prophet understand the holiness and righteousness of the Lord?
  - If a prophet understands the mind of the Lord and the character of men, how reasonable is it that the prophet Isaiah would hear and communicate the call of God for His people to respond to the Lord's leadership?
- I. *The Lord sitting on David's throne in the temple.*  
vss. 1-2 "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.

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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.”

A. *Psalms 132;11-12* “The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.”

B. *Jeremiah 17:25* “Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever.”

C. *Ezekiel 37:24-25* “And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.”

D. ***Hosea 3:4-5*** “For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and DAVID their king; and shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days”

E. ***Luke 1:32-33*** “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

1. Multiple Old Testament prophets with the same prophet message drive home the credibility of Isaiah's message.
  
2. At one of the New Testament writers, Dr. Luke, referenced the Lord's sitting on David's throne in the temple.

## ***II. The Trinity and the temple predicted.***

***Vss. 3-4*** “And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.”

***A. The Holy Spirit given. Acts 2:17a*** “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:”

**B. *The Trinity clearly depicted. I John 5:7*** “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the *Father*, the *Word*, and the *Holy Ghost*: and these three are one.”

1. It is profound that Isaiah would have predicted a Holy Spirit even before the promised Messiah had come into the theater of the Bible.
2. In the Old Testament dispensation the Holy Spirit rested upon a believer.
  - a.) *Isaiah 11:2* “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;”



b.) *Exodus 12:13* “And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.”

### *III. The Lord's righteousness proves our sinfulness.*

**Vs. 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.”

**A. *Isaiah 53:6*** “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.”

**B. *Romans 3:23*** “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

1). For Isaiah to clearly see and state the human condition of man takes spiritual discernment and courage.

2.) Who else besides a prophet than or any man of God now has the motivation or the discernment to identify one's spiritual condition?

3.) The prophet Isaiah had this discernment, courage and calling as he had been with the Lord. As his life had been changed by the Lord he was one of the true prophets communicating these prophecies to Israel.

#### ***IV. The Lord's calling on Isaiah's life.***

**Vs. 8-9a** “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. And he said, Go, and tell this people,”

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- A. The calling is God centered not man centered.
- B. The calling is about the Lord having a mission to accomplish.
- C. It has been said that God makes men for places, and places for men.
- D. In the broader sense of the calling God is calling every Christian to His missionary work.

## **Applications:**

1. Download Knight's Notes on: Excellent Way.tv.
2. Read Isaiah chapter seven before we get together again.
3. ***Memorize Isaiah 6:8*** "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."
4. Study and discuss Isaiah chapter six with family and friends. Email me any questions that you have relative to Isaiah chapter four.
5. Share our ministry website on you social media.
6. Subscribe and share on our YouTube channel.

## **Where we began:**

- We discussed the number of Christians in the world today, and how Christianity is growing. We also discussed how atheism is growing among Generation Z young people.
- We discussed how the book of Isaiah was applicable to day as fulfilled prophecy affirms our faith and helps us to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- We discussed the number of OT prophets and NT writers that all predicted the same message about the Lord sitting on King David's throne in the temple.
- We also took talked about the significance of the Holy Spirit and that the whole Trinity was referenced in the Old and New Testaments.
- We talked about the sinful condition of mankind.
- We also talked about God's calling on the believer.

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**Next time:**

- Further background and the Apologetics of Isaiah chapter seven.
- We'll see prophecy of Jesus' virgin birth seven centuries prior to it taking place.
- We'll see Ahaz comforted by Isaiah.
- We'll see Israel subdued by Assyria