



Background to the chapter

The prophet Isaiah lived under the threat of the powerful Assyrian Empire which took some Israelites captive. His book contains several prophecies about God’s promised special person.

What we will see in this chapter:

- How the rule of God’s special person will be unlike that of any other ruler in the past
- What will happen to Israel and Judah

1 Read the chapter

2 Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Text note on v 1:

The verse is saying poetically that as a branch that sprouts from a tree stump, a special descendant will come from the family of Jesse, [the father of David, who was the second king of Israel].

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Your notes
2 to 5	1. How will God’s special person use his wisdom? <i>Text note: Equity is fairness without favour.</i>	
6 to 9	2. What will the natural world be like under his rule?	
10	3. How will the nations react to this person?	
11 & 12	4. What will the Lord do for the outcasts of Israel and the dispersed of Judah?	
13	5. What will happen to the envy of Ephraim and the persecution of Judah?	



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14	6. What will they do to the Philistines, Edom, Moab and the children of Ammon?	
15 & 16	7. What will happen to the remnant of his people from Assyria?	

3 Related theme: *The special person will have God's wisdom.*

Have a look at these related verses and see this theme running through the Bible. Make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Verse(s)	Main point(s)
Psalm 72 v 1 and 2	
Isaiah 32 v 1	
Isaiah 42 v 1 and 4	
Jeremiah 23 v 5	