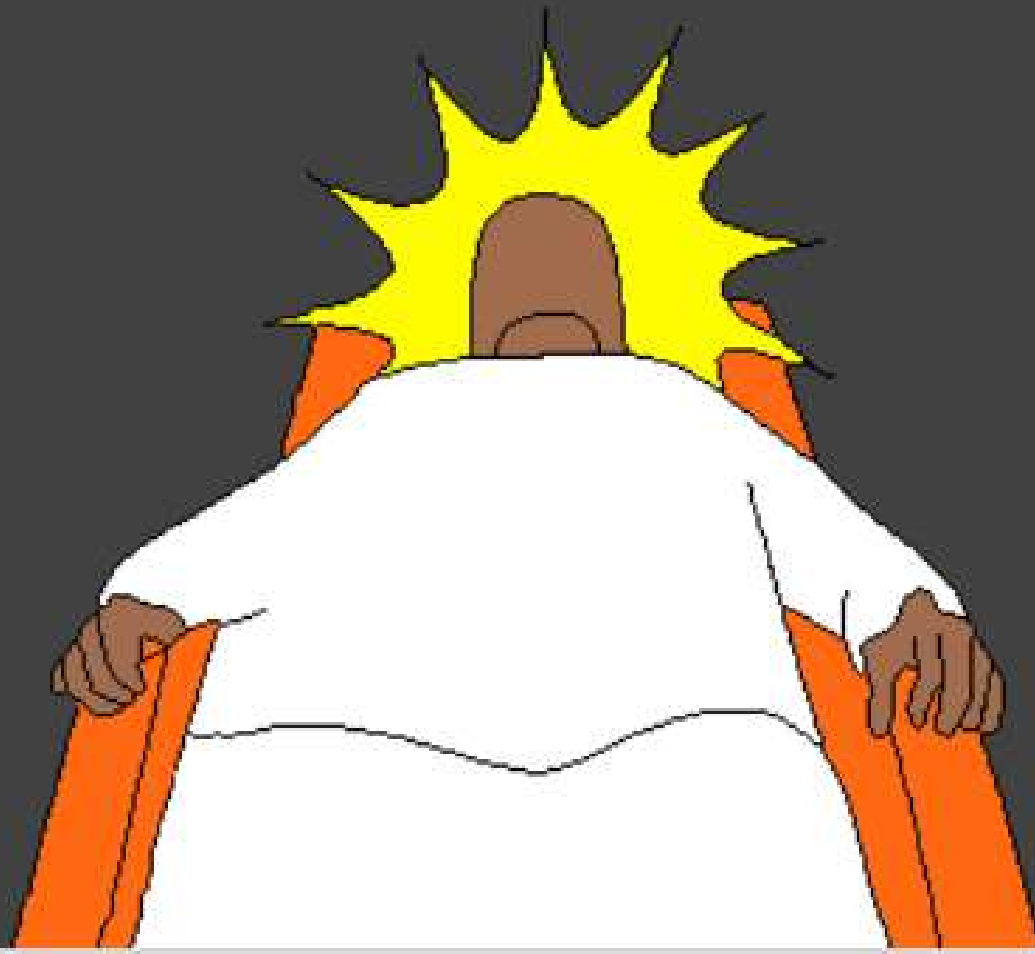


# ISAIAH SEES THE FUTURE



Isaiah was a prophet. His job was to tell people what God said. People didn't always want to hear God's Word, but Isaiah never let God down.



Jotham



Ahaz



Uzziah



Hezekiah



Isaiah preached during the reigns of four different kings.



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King Uzziah ruled the land of Judah from the city of Jerusalem. At first, God blessed Uzziah because he did what was right in the sight of the LORD. But Uzziah became proud and stopped obeying God. He became a leper and had to live alone until he died.



King Uzziah reigned for over 60 years. When he died, his son Jotham took his place and reigned for seventeen years. God blessed Jotham because he listened to what God had to say through Isaiah and other prophets.





King Jotham's son was Ahaz. Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. Ahaz didn't care about

God. He worshiped idols and false gods, and led many of God's people to do the same.

Although Isaiah warned him, Ahaz wouldn't listen to God's warnings.

He died when he was only 35 years old.



God blessed the next king, Hezekiah, because he removed all the idols and false gods, and prayed to the true God. When an enemy army attacked Judah, Hezekiah knew his army was too weak to win. He asked Isaiah to pray for God's help.





Isaiah sent this message to the King. "This is what the LORD says: Don't be afraid of this enemy ... I will cause him to fall ..." Soon after, God made the enemy army leave without even fighting Hezekiah!





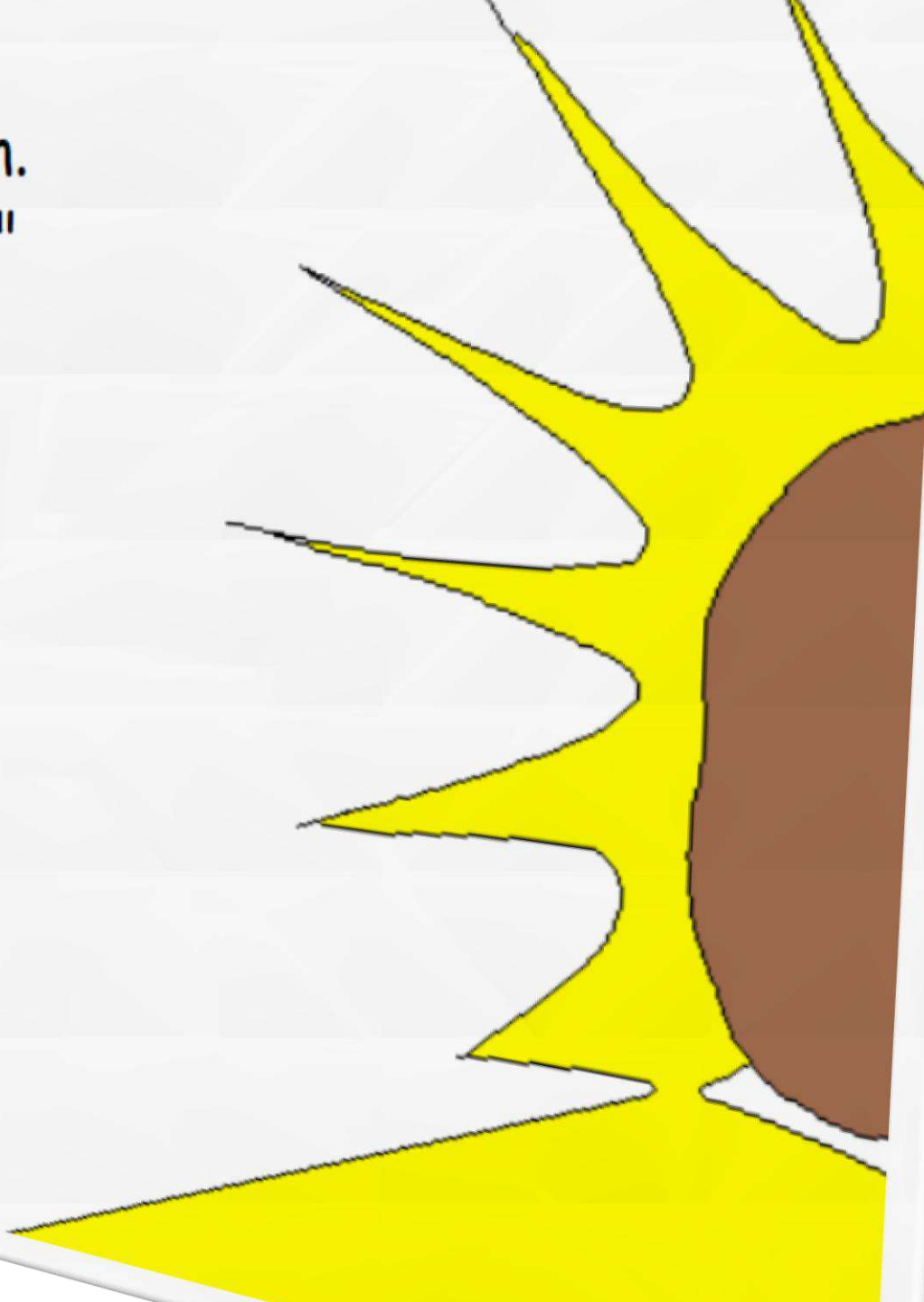
Although people around him didn't think much about God, Isaiah thought about Him a lot.



One day, he had a vision, which is kind of like having a dream when you're not asleep.

In the vision, Isaiah saw how glorious and holy the LORD is.

"Who shall I send?"  
God asked in the vision.  
"Here am I. Send me,"  
Isaiah answered.  
He was willing to do  
whatever God asked,  
and go wherever God  
sent him.





Maybe Isaiah thought God would send him to far-away people who hadn't heard about God. But no, God didn't do that. God told Isaiah to speak to his own people in his own country.

He had to tell them that God was angry at their sin.



There were other things Isaiah had to tell his people - wonderful things about a Person who would be a strong deliverer and come to save them from sin and from all their enemies.





The Jewish people called this Person "Messiah".  
Even though they expected God to send Messiah,  
many people lived as if He would never come.



All the things  
Isaiah said about  
Messiah are  
written in his  
book. Although  
he wrote these  
things hundreds  
of years before  
they happened,  
everything  
Isaiah said  
about Messiah  
would come true.





Isaiah said that God Himself  
would give a sign.  
He said,

"Behold a virgin  
shall bear a son  
and call his name  
Immanuel."



People  
knew  
Isaiah was  
talking about  
God's Messiah  
because a woman  
could not be a virgin  
and also have a child.  
Also, the name Immanuel



"For unto us a Child is born,  
unto us a Son is given; and  
the government shall be  
upon His shoulder. And  
His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace."  
Isaiah was so sure that  
God's promises would  
come true, he spoke as  
if the event had already  
happened. This is  
called prophecy.



Isaiah said that Messiah would be great and do great things. God also told Isaiah to tell the people that Messiah would suffer and be put to death. Isaiah might have wondered how Messiah could be great and powerful and also weak and injured. But Isaiah didn't argue with God - he just repeated what God told him to say. God would make sure His prophecy came true.



Messiah was coming - not just for the Jewish people. God told Isaiah that Messiah would be "a light to the Gentiles". Gentiles are all the people in the world who are not Jews. God loves everybody and His Messiah would come to bless everyone and to bring salvation to the ends of the earth.

