

Isaiah (OT227)

Australian College of Theology name: *Isaiah*

Unit Description

Identify the historical and social background, and investigate the major themes of Isaiah such as the Holy One of Israel and the Servant. Exegete a selection of passages and through them discover the range of literary forms, the nature of Old Testament prophecy and how the message of Isaiah can be applied for personal understanding and ministry contexts.

Exclusions: OT206, OT207, OT208 if the Isaiah option has been taken in any of these.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. *Know and understand:*

1. The contents and structure of Isaiah
2. The themes and theological teaching of Isaiah
3. The nature and methods of Old Testament exegesis
4. Selected chapters of Isaiah

B. *Be able to:*

1. Use sources such as biblical and theological dictionaries, commentaries and online resources
2. Recognise literary form and structure
3. Identify matters relating to authorship, date and purpose
4. Describe the historical, religious and socio-cultural background
5. Relate the text to the literary and canonical contexts
6. Comment on the meaning of significant words and phrases
7. Outline the contents and theology
8. Exegete a selection of passages from Isaiah

C. *Be in a position to:*

1. Exegete the text of Isaiah for personal understanding and for use in ministry contexts

Content

An exegetical and thematic survey of the three major sections of the Book of Isaiah.

About 18 chapters should be set for detailed exegesis. These should be evenly distributed between chapters 1–39 and 40–66.