

This second week, we will be focusing on the worship of the Holy One, the LORD of Hosts. We will be ushered into the very presence of God through Isaiah, the prophet, when he received his commissioning by God to speak to His people. We will also study the visions of God's presence given to the prophets Ezekiel, and John the Revelator, in order to understand more clearly God's holiness and Man's sinfulness.

Day 1 - Isaiah's Commissioning

Please read Isaiah chapter 6 and answer the following questions:

When in history is Isaiah writing this chapter and where does it fit on the timeline in Jewish history (see timeline on page 13 of this lesson).

What is Uzziah's other name?

N. B. When Isaiah received his commissioning, the Assyrians had not yet taken the Northern Kingdom into captivity.

Where is this vision of Isaiah's taking place? (This is a very tricky question; be sure to read all of chapter 6 before forming your answer).

Is the temple heaven?

Who is Isaiah according to chapter 6?

How is God described in this chapter?

How are the angels described here?

How are the people of unclean lips described here?

How is the Temple described here?

For those of you who have done other Bible studies with me in the past, where have we seen this picture of the Temple before, with the smoke, the threshold, the burning coals, and the burning altar?

How could the burning coal touched to the mouth of Isaiah take away and forgive him of his sin? I thought without the shedding of blood there was no remission of sin.

How can your sin be taken away?

Isaiah (a sinner) was not consumed in God's holy presence. How could this be?

What will be your covering in the presence of a holy God? How will you be able to stand before Him, and not be consumed?

Now, finally, what theme would you give to Isaiah chapter 6? Please write this on the double-spaced worksheet for Isaiah 6 and the Isaiah-theme-summary chart, both found in the Appendix.

Day 2 - Ezekiel's Vision of God's Holiness

Please read Ezekiel chapters 1-3:15. This is a lot of reading, but please do not neglect to read these passages before answering the questions below.

When is this vision given to Ezekiel?

Was this before or after Isaiah's vision?

Where is this on the timeline (see page 13 of this lesson)?

Where is this vision taking place?

What did Ezekiel see?

Who is Ezekiel?

How are the four living beings described in this vision?

How are the spirits of the living beings described starting in Ezekiel 1:15?

How is God described here? (Ezekiel 1:26)

What does God tell Ezekiel to do? (Ezekiel 2)

How are the sons of Israel described?

Day 3 -Ezekiel's Vision of God's Glory Leaving the Temple

Please read Ezekiel 9:1 through Ezekiel 10:22. Some of you will not see the importance of today's study until we encounter this information in later parts of Isaiah. Please do the study anyway. It is good background information and this is the best place to introduce this material.

In this vision, the Shekinah Glory, prepares to leave Solomon's Temple, hovers over the threshold of the Eastern door, and departs from the Mount of Olives.

What or Who is the Shekinah Glory? How is the Shekinah Glory like the cloud/fire that filled the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle of God? (See Leviticus 16.)

What does God tell the man with the writing case to do?

What does God commission the executioners of the city to do?

How are the house of Israel & the house of Judah described here?

How is the Remnant described?

How are the cherubim described in Ezekiel 10?

How is the LORD described?

Day 4 - John, the Revelator's Vision of God's Holiness

Please read Revelation 4:2 through 5

Where did this vision occur?

How is God described?

How is the throne described?

How are the living creatures around the throne described?

How is Jesus described in Revelation 5?

Day 5 - God is Holy, Man is Sinful

What have we learned about God that stands out from these three prophets?

What have we learned about mankind that stands out from these three passages?

Who is the remnant?

Please read Deuteronomy 28 and Deuteronomy 29:22-28 and answer the following questions:

What was the covenant Israel had entered into with the Lord GOD?

What would happen if they obeyed Him?

What would happen if they disobeyed Him?

Now that you have seen the holiness of God and the sinfulness of Man, what or who can possibly bridge the great gap between God and Man?

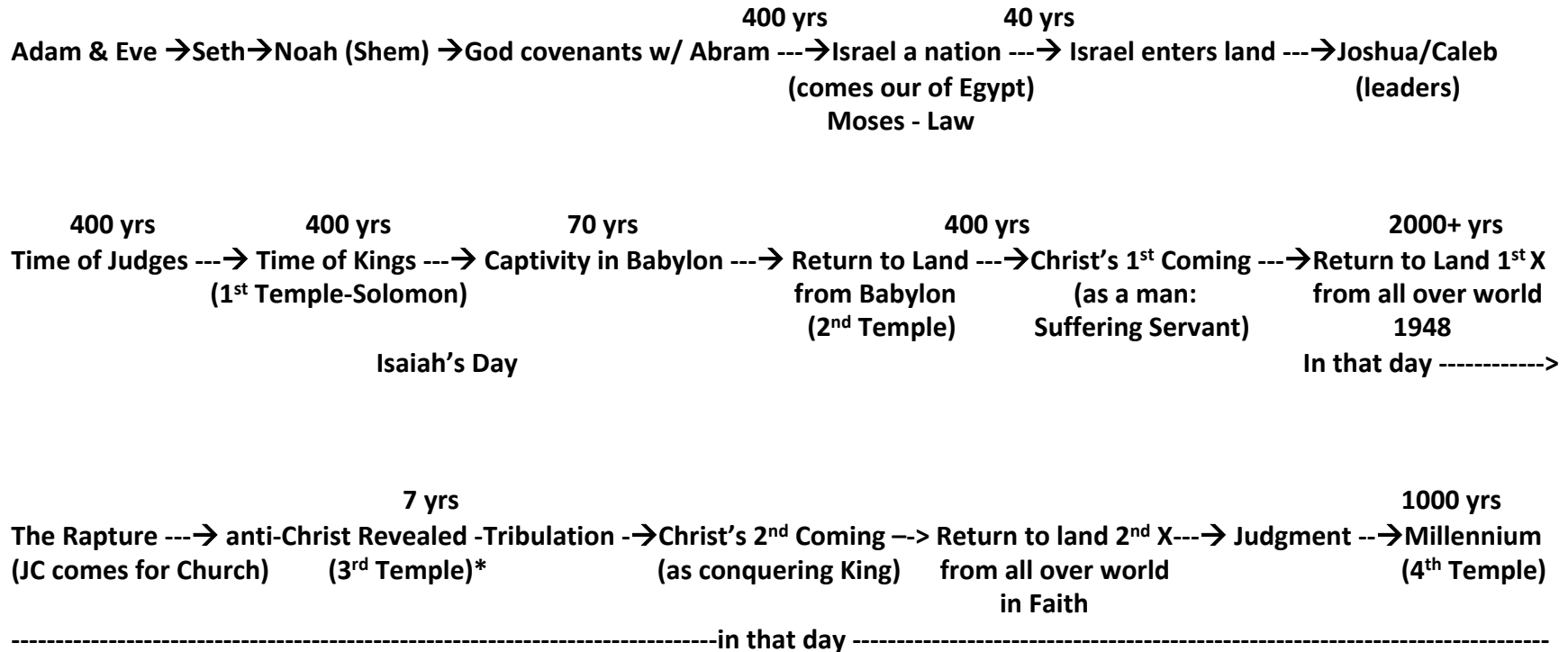
Does a blood covering exist that can keep God's wrath from consuming you in your sin when some time in the future you stand before Him?

When God looks upon you today, in your earthly state, how does He see you?

New Timeline for Mankind

TIMELINE FOR MANKIND

CREATION



NEW HEAVEN & NEW EARTH –THE NEW JERUSALEM

* not certain when Temple will actually be rebuilt

THE HOLINESS OF GOD

Purpose: to reveal the holiness of God/ Sinfulness of Man				
The Shekinah Glory - God's Presence				
In the Garden (Genesis 3)	In the Covenant Walk with Abraham (Gen 15)	In the Fire with Moses (Exod. 3)	In the Tabernacle/ w/ Mo- ses (Numbers 2)	As Captain of the Lord's Host (Joshua 5:13-15)
<p><u>Were Adam & Eve in God's presence in the Garden? yes</u></p> <p>How was God's presence manifested here? (3:8) He was walking in the Garden</p> <p><u>What happened that necessitated Man be put out of God's presence? (3:6-7) Man disobeyed God and sinned</u></p> <p><u>Who guarded the way into God's presence? (3:24) the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction guarding the way to the tree of life</u></p>	<p><u>Was Abram in God's presence in Genesis 15? yes</u></p> <p>How was God's presence manifested here? (15:17) A smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between the pieces (of flesh) in Covenant</p> <p><u>What did God promise Abraham? (15:5), (Gals. 3:16) many descendants</u></p>	<p><u>Was Moses in God's presence in Exodus 3? yes</u></p> <p>How was God's presence manifested here? (3:2) the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush</p> <p><u>What did God tell Moses to do that showed God's holiness and Moses' sinfulness? (3:5) he was to remove his sandals from his feet, for the place on which he stood was holy ground</u></p>	<p><u>Who resided between the cherubim upon the lid of the ark of the covenant? God's presence</u></p> <p><u>How was God's presence manifested to the Israelites when they were wandering through the desert? as the Shekinah Glory: fire by night; cloud by day</u></p> <p><u>How did the high priest approach the holy of holies each year? with the blood of bulls and goats to atone for them and their families first & then for the people</u></p> <p><u>Who guarded the presence of God the Shekinah Glory? East? tribe of Judah standard the Lion (2:3-9) South? tribe of Rueben standard is Man (2:10-16) West? tribe of Ephraim standard is Ox (2:18-24) North? tribe of Dan standard is Eagle (2:25-31)</u></p>	<p><u>Was Joshua in God's presence in Joshua 5:13-15? yes</u></p> <p>How was God's presence manifested here? (5:13-15) as a man standing opposite Joshua w/ sword drawn in hand; came as captain of the host of the LORD</p> <p><u>What did God tell Joshua to do that showed God's holiness and Joshua's sinfulness? (5:13-15) he was to remove his sandals from his feet, for the place he was standing was holy</u></p>

THE SINFULNESS OF MAN

Purpose: to reveal the holiness of God/ Sinfulness of Man Application: how can we be in His presence? only by the shedding of innocent blood		
Isaiah 6	Ezekiel 1-3, 9-10:14	Revelation 4-5
<p><u>Who guarded God's presence? (6:2)</u> seraphim are active; seraph means 'to burn' seraphim search out sin</p>	<p><u>Who guarded God's presence? (1:4-28)</u> four living creatures (cherubim) resembling living beings with the appearance of human form and each had four faces and four wings, legs straight and feet like calf's hoof, and they were bronze. They had human hands.</p>	<p><u>Who guarded God's presence? (4:6-11)</u> cherubim: protect the holiness of God; cherubim are passive here</p>
<p><u>Where did this scene occur?</u> in heaven</p>	<p><u>Where did these scenes occur?</u> on earth</p>	<p><u>Where did this scene occur?</u> in heaven</p>
<p><u>What were the angel's guarding specifically? (6:3)</u> God's holiness</p>	<p><u>What was Ezekiel's response to the presence of the Lord? (1:28)</u> he fell on his face and heard a voice speaking</p>	<p><u>What were the angel's guarding specifically? (4:8)</u> the holiness of God</p>
<p><u>Why did Isaiah say, Woe is me, for I am ruined? (6:5)</u> because he was a man, a sinner, a man of unclean lips who lived among a people who were sinners (with unclean lips)</p>	<p><u>What did the man with the writing case do to cleanse those of the city who sighed and groaned over all the abominations which had been committed in the midst of the city? (9:4)</u> go thru the midst of the city & put mark on foreheads of these men</p>	<p><u>Why did John weep greatly? (5:4)</u> because no one was found worthy to pen the book, or to look into it</p>
<p><u>Why did the burning coal touched to Isaiah's lips take away his sin? (6:6-7)</u> b/c the coal had been taken from the blood-soaked brazen altar used for judgment</p>	<p><u>Why did the burning coals cleanse and save the remnant? the coals had been in the presence of God & probably were soaked with the blood of His Son</u></p>	<p><u>Who was worthy to open the scroll and why? (5:5-9)</u> the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its 7 seals; a Lamb standing, as if slain, having 7 horns & 7 eyes.</p>
<p><u>What ultimately saves the faithful?</u> Jesus' atoning blood of the sacrifice He made for sin</p>	<p><u>What ultimately saves the faithful?</u> the blood of the sacrifice made for atonement of sin</p>	<p><u>What ultimately saves the faithful?</u> belief in the Son who spilt His own blood as the sacrifice for the atonement of Man's sin</p>