

For further study one will find many commentaries available but most of them are either too linguistic or technical in orientation for use by the general reader and student of Scripture. The following will prove helpful. MacRae, A.A. *THE GOSPEL OF ISALIAH...a helpful introduction to chapters 40-56.* Wright, G. Ernest: *ISALIAH (John Knox)*, an interesting but less conservative perspective commentary. Cundall: *ISALIAH 40- JEREMIAH* (Eerdmans) is part of the excellent Scripture Union Bible Study Book series.

- b. A study outline of Isaiah...not very analytical but helpful in the totality of the study.
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The student will realize that this is pretty simplified. We might also arrange the Isaianic material on these lines:

- Historical advice
- The character of Jehovah
- The worship requirements
- God's plans and relationship with Israel.

And you will discover that his predictions may be ranged on this order:

- Predictions regarding the nations, near and far, now and future
- Predictions of blessing and judgment
- Predictions of the practical affairs of the kingdom.

The bulk of the prophetic information falls into three categories:

- Immediate advice
 - Messianic hopefulness
 - The Golden age