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## Reflection

### Week I

Isaiah contains some of the most incredible prophecies of any book. It contains foreknowledge, in incredible details about the Messiah, and the future reign of Jesus Christ. The purpose of the book of Isaiah was to call God's nation, the nation of Judah, back to faithfulness and to declare the coming Messiah "Immanuel". God calls and commissions His prophet to declare to Judah and Israel condemnation, conviction, and ultimately great hope. This continue to give me hope and should give us a believer encouragement to continue to seek and trust G-d.

Isaiah son of Amoz is often thought of as the greatest of the writing prophets. His name means "The Lord saves. Many scholars today challenge the claim that Isaiah wrote the entire book that bears his name. Yet his is the only name attached to it. Isaiah wrote during the stormy period marking the expansion of the Assyrian empire and the decline of Israel, this intrigued me because very few people can write under hardship, however he managed to do so. What stands out to me is, Isaiah is a book that unveils the full dimensions of God's judgment and salvation. God is "the Holy One of Israel" (1:4; 6:1) who must punish his rebellious people. And we today, think that we will not be punished for our wrong doings. However, G=d would redeem them and us as well if they turned away and today if we turn away from our sins. The universalism is the belief that all mankind would be saved, and that there is only one wise and true G-d. Yes, Lord, I still believe and thank you for saving me! And the choice has been given to us to make the

conscience to decision to accept G-D and Israel was given the same opportunity as well. NO excuses.