

Xay Kong – OT651 Isaiah – Spring 2023

What is one new thing you learned or idea to which you were exposed?

Stepping foot into this course, I've had very little interaction with the book of Isaiah. I can only recall a handful of sermons that I've heard and can count on one hand the number of times that I've read through the text (in its entirety). Much like the you mentioned in the 2nd video lecture for this week, my preconceived notions on the book were formed through my lack of understanding of how the material was written.

Thus, new thing that I've really appreciated from this week's read lesson is simply gaining clarity as to how the book is written both stylistically and thematically. Stylistically "Along with this intricacy is a style that moves back and forth from sonorous to lyrical." (Oswalt 2003, 17). Thematically "In many ways the book of Isaiah is the Bible in miniature. Like the Bible, the book has two major divisions, and like the Bible the main theme of the first part is judgment and the main theme of the second is hope." (Oswalt 2003, 17).