

# Memory Verse

## Isaiah 6:1-3 – Summarized

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# Isaiah 6

The Holiness of God:

Seeing God,

Seeing Me,

Seeing Reality

Isaiah prophesied from about 740 – 681BC. The **theme** of his prophecy is *God and His work with and in His people, the Jews*. There are **3 sections to the book**: 1-39 – the Assyrian danger and Northern Kingdom of Israel, 40-55 – the Babylonians and captivity of Judah, 56-66 – prophecies about end times.

*Isaiah 6:1-13*: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is

the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds  
shook at the voice of him who called,  
and the house was filled with smoke.

And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for  
I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in  
the midst of a people of unclean lips; for  
my eyes have seen the King, the  
LORD of hosts!” Then one of the

flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." And he said, "Go, and

say to this people: “Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.” Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities

waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.



## A. 1-4 - Seeing God

1 - King Uzziah was a godly king overall in the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

There was a danger of Assyrian invasion and all seemed hopeless for the people.

The king is dead, an army is about to invade, the people were scared and Isaiah sees God in a vision.

## A. 1-4 - Seeing God

1 - In Isaiah's vision, the **train of God's robe filled the Temple!** In other words, the "length" of the **majesty** of God filled the Temple, and *His glory surpasses ALL others!* In a *difficult time*, God reveals *His majesty, authority and glory!*

## A. 1-4 - Seeing God

1 - The filling of the Temple here is reminiscent of the Shekinah glory of God filling Solomon's Temple when it was dedicated to God in *1 Kings 8:10-11* and what the Apostle John will see in *Revelation 15:8*.

## A. 1-4 - Seeing God

2-3 - Above the LORD were 2 Seraphim, similar to the *Ark of the Covenant*, which were Cherubim. *Seraphim* are a high order of angelic beings with **6 wings**: 2 cover their face and 2 cover their feet. With 2 they flew. They say to *each other* ...*Holy, holy, holy*

## A. 1-4 - Seeing God

2-3 - What is holiness? *He is ethically pure in all things and separate from sin.*

He is light and in Him is no darkness – 1 *John 1:5*. He is complete and utter **perfection**.

*Every character quality of God is connected to His holiness.*

## A. 1-4 - Seeing God

2-3 - This is the ...*LORD* – His *covenant* keeping personal Name – **YHWH**. As the world seemed to be falling apart, Isaiah see's the covenant keeping and holy God on the throne, in His *majesty* and *sovereignty*. What a comfort and encouragement that *must have been...*

## A. 1-4 - Seeing God

2-3 - Then we learn the **earth** ...*is full of His glory* – it wasn't just the Temple.

This is a Messianic prophecy, for what *will come in the future*, when Christ rules from Jerusalem. It also *refers to His authority* over all affairs of earth with His **glory** being displayed everywhere.

## A. 1-4 - Seeing God

4 - The foundations of the **earth** shook. He is the *true and living God* who **spoke!** This shows His **power!** The Temple was ...*filled with smoke* – a picture of His glory and presence. In the *Exodus*, God led the nation by a pillar of *fire* by night and pillar of *cloud* by day.



## B. 5-7 - Seeing Me

5 - As a response to seeing God, Isaiah sees himself.

What was his response?

## B. 5-7 - Seeing Me

5 - **First**, he *recognized his sinfulness* and *pronounced judgment upon himself*. “*Woe*” was the pronouncement of judgment. A prophet pronounced judgment on people who **refused to repent** now calls God’s judgment on himself for his sins.

## B. 5-7 - Seeing Me

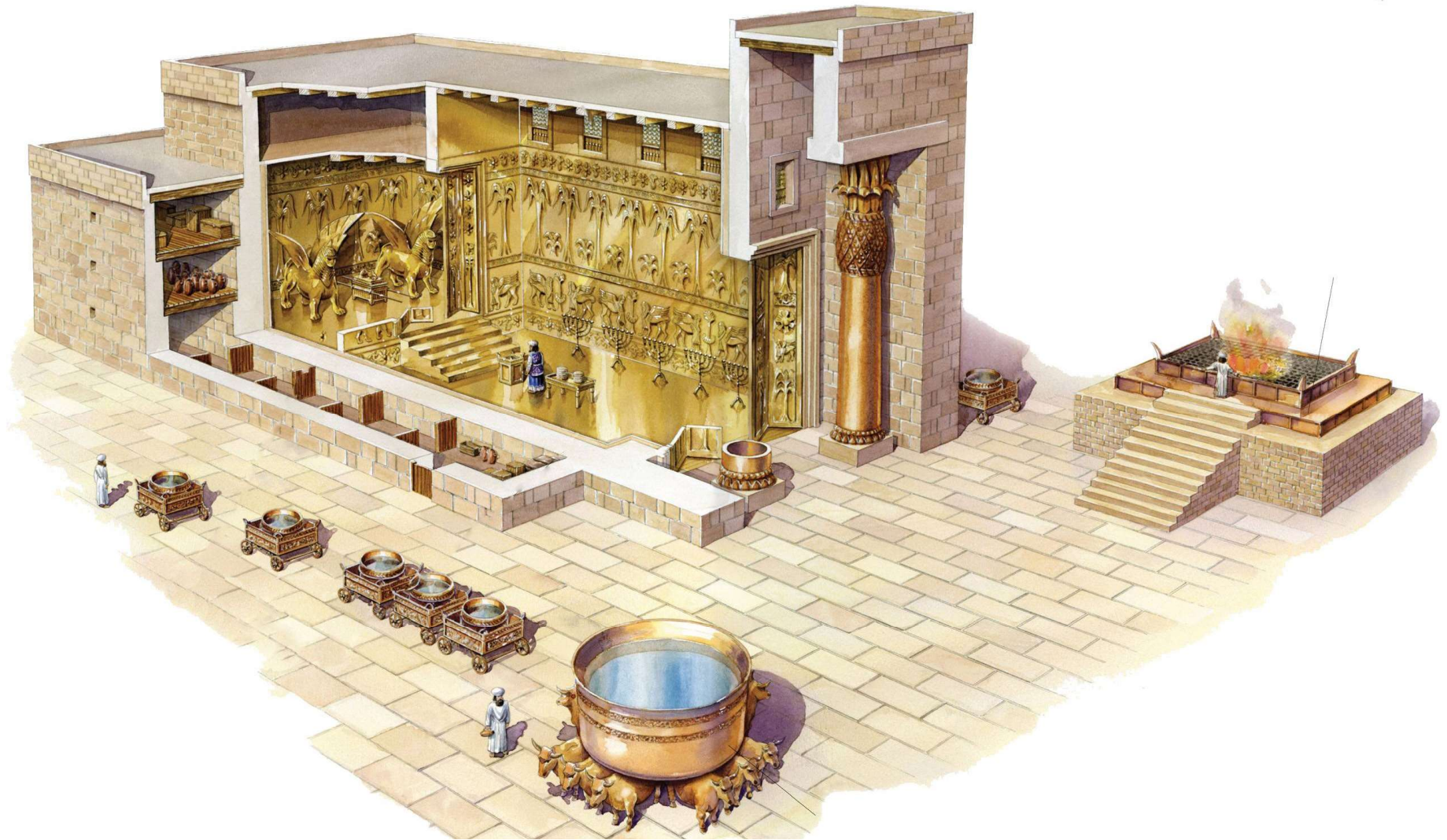
*5 - The unclean could not be in God's presence in the Temple – he has a vision of God in the Temple and saw his uncleanness. He recognizes his unworthiness to be in God's holy presence.*

## B. 5-7 - Seeing Me

5 - **Second**, he *confessed the sin of the nation*. He lived among the people of unclean lips or hearts. The **people** were not worthy to come into God's presence either. In the O.T., God judged sinful nations, but *which nation did He work most with?* **Israel...**

B. 5-7 - Seeing Me

6-7 - A Seraphim flew to Isaiah with a burning coal from the altar.





Exodus 25:38

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

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Every Christian **IS** a missionary where we are, in what we do.

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

9-10 - God tells Isaiah to go to... *this people* – Israel. He gives Isaiah the message, the call of a *prophet* – to **proclaim what God says**. Isaiah's message was judgment and hope. *Verse 10* is a *chiasm*. It is a way of writing Jews used.

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

9-10 - The form is A-B-C-C-B-A, often with the **center** as the focus and most important. We read ...*hearts* ...*ears* ...*eyes* ...*eyes* ...*ears* ...*hearts*. The message was: hearts were to be *insensitive*: ears *dull*: eyes *blind*, so they won't see, hear and won't understand...

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

9-10 - This is God's judgment for *Israel's refusal to believe*. 18 years after this vision, God sends the Assyrians to take the Northern Kingdom into captivity.

**Jesus quoted this** referring to the religious leaders of His day.

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

11-13 - Isaiah cries ...*Lord how long – how long* will my people be judged. How long will the nation be blind, deaf and not understand? *When* will they see, hear and know You?

God answers, but does not say when **(YET)**.

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

11-13 - This has application in Isaiah's day and this remnant will be purged or *...burned*. God uses the example of a stump left after a tree is cut down and says **this stump is holy** – His people, the remnant of Israel after the Assyrian invasion.

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

11-13 - This is also prophetic for the second coming of Christ. *Isaiah 10:20-25* speaks of a remnant coming back from Assyria. *Isaiah 11:11-16*, God will bring back a remnant at the return of Christ.

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

11-13 - God gives the final answer to Isaiah's question, over **700 years later** in *Romans 11:1-5*. Paul refers to the *blindness in part of the nation of Israel* in his day and today. While Paul quotes *Isaiah 29:10* and *Deuteronomy 29:4*, this is based on *Isaiah 6:10*.



## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

11-13 - Paul explains that *Gentiles* were “*grafted into*” the root (stump) of Israel in verses 11-24. The church has **NOT** replaced Israel! Then, God answers Isaiah’s question “*how long*” – in verse 25-27.

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

11-13 - When the *fullness or completeness of the Gentiles has come in*, the scales will fall from their eyes, as with Paul, when Christ returns. What is the *fullness* or “*times*” of the Gentiles? It is not when the last Gentile is saved. Jesus defines this in *Luke 21:20, 24*.

## C. 8-13 - Seeing Reality

11-13 - When Gentiles control Jerusalem. It **began** with the Babylonian destruction of the Temple in 586BC, and continues to this day. It **ends** when *Jesus returns* and the remnant of Israel that is still alive, repents and turns to their Messiah.

# Prayer

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6**

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