



Isaiah, Looking Beyond

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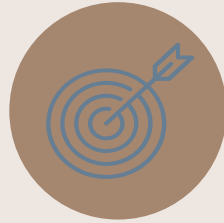
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Three Sections in the Book of Isaiah



The Book of
the King

ISAIAH 1-37



The Book of
the Servant

ISAIAH 38-55



The Book of the **Anointed**
Conqueror

ISAIAH 56-66



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Isaiah 1:1

ISAIAH confronted the King

2Chron 26:22

And the Lord said to Isaiah,
"Go out to meet Ahaz"

**Isaiah 7:3;
Isaiah 7:10**



Time Span for the Book of Isaiah



Assyrian Threat

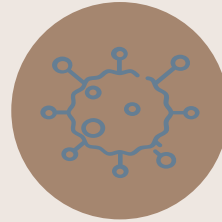
Conflict with Philistia, Edom, Syria and Samaria is overshadowed by the Assyrian threat

734-701 BCE



Babylonian Conquest

After wresting control from Assyria, 626-609 BCE, Babylon conquered Jerusalem in 597 BCE. Temple is destroyed in the second wave. 605-586 BCE



Persian Period

Exile & return
There were waves of both exiles, and returnees, between Babylon and Jerusalem 538-322 BCE



Future events

Events that will take place, some in the near future, some in the far future (re: Christ), and some in the distant future

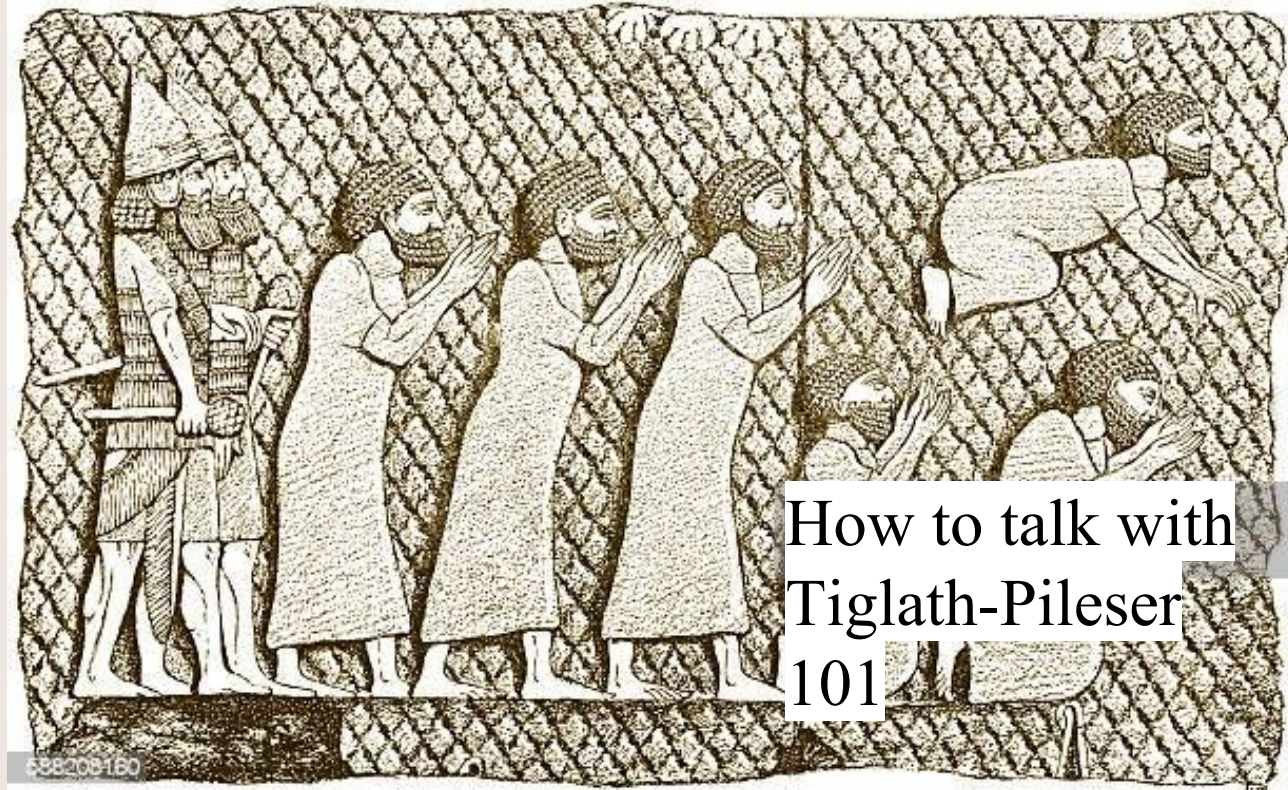
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What kind of
leader was
Tiglath-
Pileser?



Requesting an audience



How to talk with
Tiglath-Pileser
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Ahaz and Tiglath- Pileser



2 Kings 15:29; 16:7,

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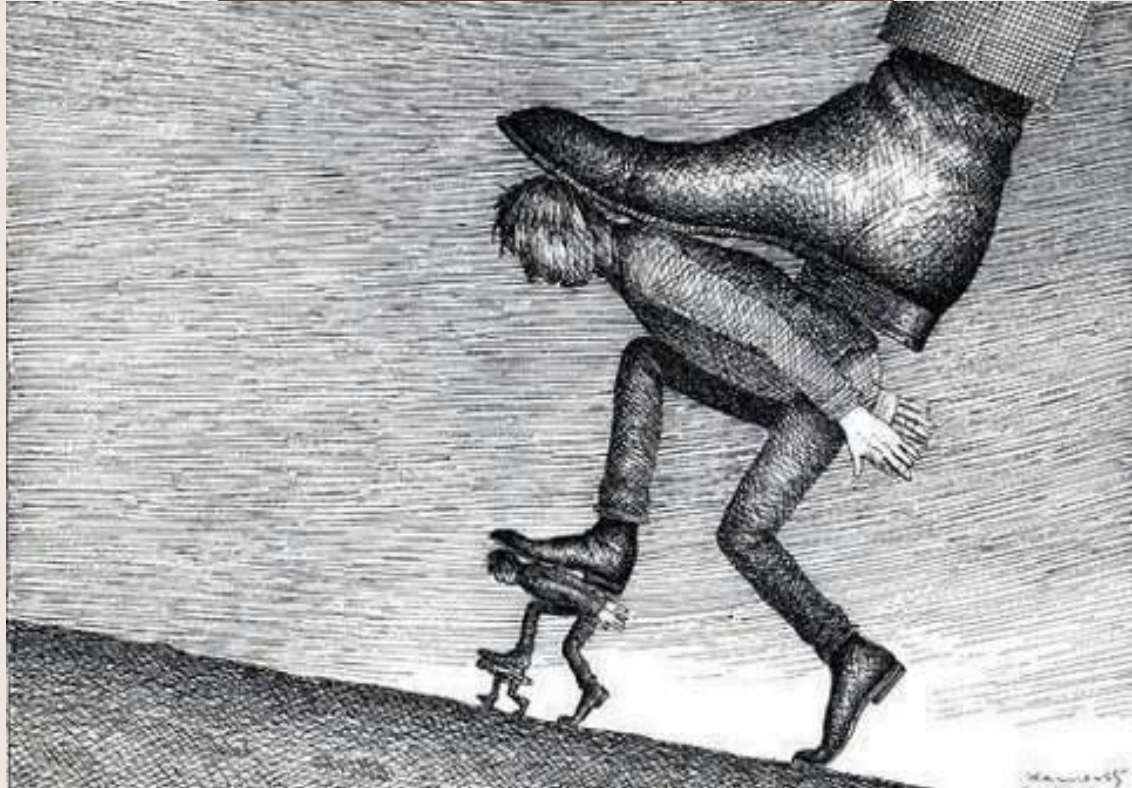
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For the LORD humbled Judah because of Ahaz King of Israel, for he had made Judah act sinfully and had been very unfaithful to the LORD. So Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came against him and afflicted him instead of strengthening him.

Assyrians' view of progress



A widely held
American view
of progress?



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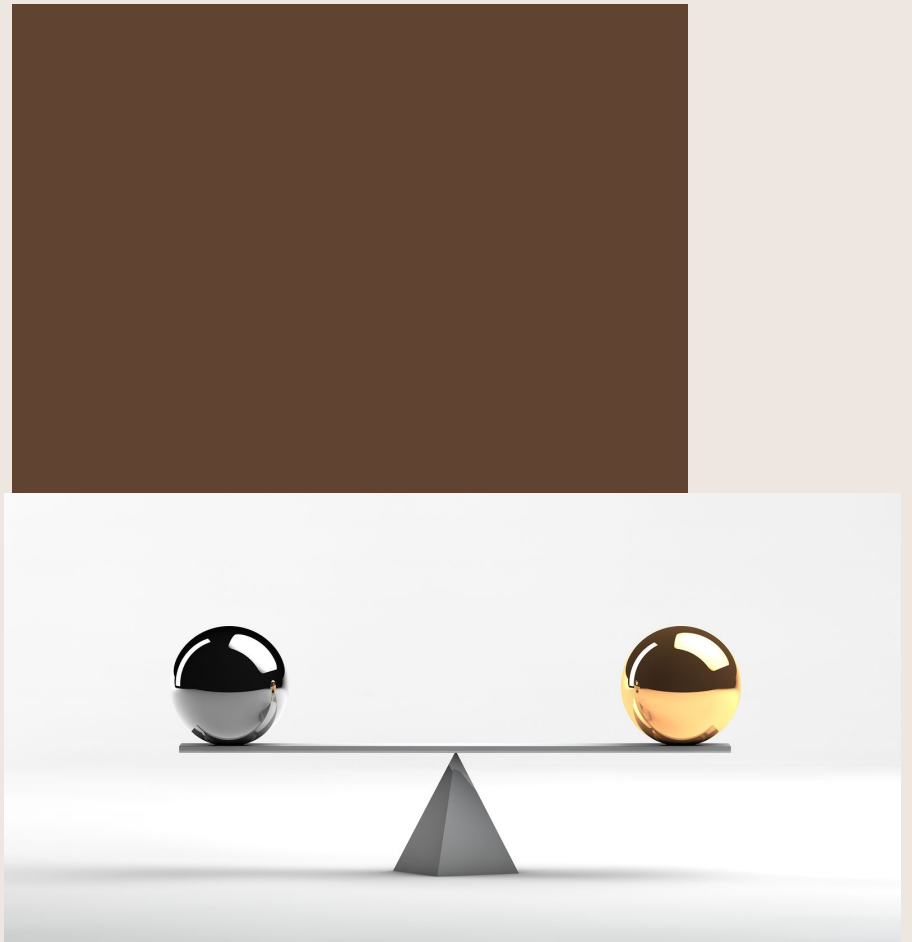
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Tiglath-Pileser
conducting
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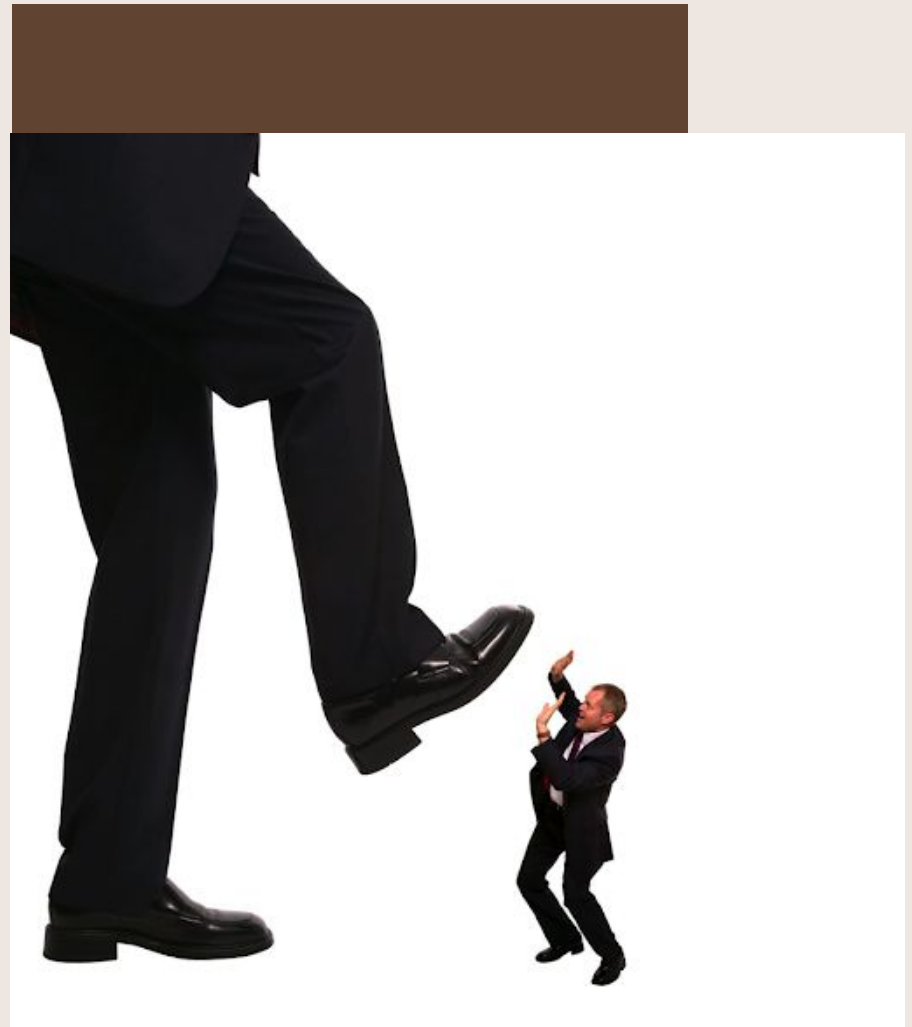
How Ahaz
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How Tiglath-Pileser viewed their relationship



How God viewed their relationship

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Looking
Beyond: An
Eschatological
Future



Isaiah

24:21

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25:8

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25:10

And Moab shall be trampled down...
God will bring down their pride despite the cleverness of their hands (Geoffrey Grogan)

Isaiah

24:1-2

Behold, the Lord will empty the earth and make it desolate, and he will twist its surface and scatter its inhabitants.

And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest;
as with the slave, so with his master;
as with the maid, so with her mistress;
as with the buyer, so with the seller;
as with the lender, so with the borrower;
as with the creditor, so with the debtor.

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The community of the City



Isaiah

24:10

The wasted city is broken down

25:2

You have made the city a heap, the
fortified city a ruin

26:1-2

We have a strong city; he sets up
salvation as the bulwarks.. That the
righteous nation that keeps faith
may enter in



Our Eschatological Future



Isaiah
26:2

Open the gates that the righteous
nation that keeps faith may enter in



Isaiah
26:3

You keep in perfect peace those
whose mind is stayed on you
because they trust in you.

26:4

Trust in the LORD forever, for the
LORD GOD is an everlasting rock

Isaiah 26:9, 10

My soul yearns for you in the
night...when your judgments are in
the earth the inhabitants learn
righteousness.

If favor is shown to the wicked...
he deals corruptly and does not see
the majesty of the LORD

Living in the End Times



Isaiah

26:19

Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise.

You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy!



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