End Times Prophecy

This Week: Lesson: Isaiah Next Week: Ezekiel

Who was Isaiah:

Isaiah was well educated, had access to the royal courts, and a 60 year ministry. Prophesied to both Israel and to Judah, warning Judah of Babylonian judgment before Babylon came to power. He had a prophetess wife and at least 2 sons. Traditions says he was sawn in two under King Manasseh.

Isaiah's end-time prophecies include the Messiah, the Day of the Lord, and the Millennial Kingdom.

The Day of the Lord 24:1-27:13

24:1-6 The devastation of the whole world

24:21-23 Final judgment

The Messiah 53:1-12

53:1-3 53:4-5 53:6-7 53:10, 12

Millennial Kingdom and Eternal State

66:17-19 Eternal State (?)
Revelation 21:1-5 New Heaven and Earth
66:20-25 Millennial Kingdom
Revelation 20:4-5 Millennial Kingdom

Discussion:

- Discuss the principal of mountaintop prophecy how that prophecies which are all future events from the prophet's perspective can become confusing chronologically.
- **Discuss** the passages in Isaiah in comparison to the passages in Revelation. Consider the chronology (Assyrians/Babylonians, Day of the Lord, Millennium, and eternal state).
- Discuss for each passage whether it is symbolic or literal, or which elements are symbolic
- **Note** the familiar descriptions of Jesus Christ, but here in Isaiah 700 years early. These passages are quoted by Matthew in his Gospel.

Question to the Class:

How do the Old Testament prophecies to Israel and Judah relate to, or effect, our use of the Bible today?