

ISAIAH: FINAL EXAM

Answer 6 questions.

1. Discuss structure of chapters 9:7-10:4. Be sure to include detailed comparison with Amos 4 and also appropriate reference to Isaiah 5.
2. Compare Isaiah 6 and Jeremiah 1 with special attention to the prophet's role and mission. Be sure to fully utilize comparison to Exodus 3-4.
3. Does the opening of chapter 11 apply to the time of Hezekiah or to Messianic king? Discuss Malbim's position.
4. Discuss in detail different rabbinic views on various actions of Hezekiah: *Pesachim*, *Avot d'Rabbi Nathan* and also views expressed in *Sanhedrin*. How does this affect our reading of chapter 22?
5. Discuss views of commentators on the opening of chapter 2: Who is the judge and how does the judgment lead to peace? See also Radak to ch. 42, 1-7.
6. What do we learn from archaeological data about the socio-economic structure during our period and how does this help illuminate the prophecy?
7. The place of the Davidic dynasty in Isaiah's prophecies in chapters 1-12. Discuss in detail and note implications of different commentators. Note also chapter 39.
8. Discuss Ibn Ezra on Isaiah 50 and broader implications. Also discuss my approach to chapter 53 and broader implications.

(SERIOUS) BONUS! Look at Isaiah 55:1-5. Pay attention to Rashi and Radak to verse 1 and to verse 3 and connect to discussion in class. Can you explain, in addition, why verse 3 is the only explicit reference to David or his house after chapter 39?

"Relaxation" bonus: א) Compose a song about drinking beer that ends up becoming a sermon of reproof; include the line "Scaramouche, Scaramouche, can you do the fandango?"; ב) Predict Israeli elections. ג) What is a fandango?

You are allowed use of 'תנ"ך and מקראות גדולות ישעי'.

Thank you for helping to make the semester enjoyable and productive. I hope you have found it equally worth your while.

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