

## It's Time To Leave This Place

Names in the bible had a significance to them, and Isaiah's name means "the salvation of Jehovah." The prophet Isaiah preached the message of salvation for 60 years under the rulership of Uzziah, Jotham, Hezekiah, and Ahaz.

Under Ahaz's reign, Israel committed the worst idolatry and sins ever, and Isaiah prophesied doom and gloom to the people until they decided to turn back to God.

200 years before Isaiah the 10 tribes of Israel in the South revolted against the portion in the North. The kingdom was split, and Isaiah pronounced judgement against them both. After Assyria had wiped out Israel, Babylon moved in.

When God sent word by Isaiah to leave the place they were in, many did not want to leave Babylon. They had become comfortable and adopted the religion, customs, idols and attitudes of the Babylonians. God instructed them to leave everything. Leave every unclean thing behind.

When King Saul was supposed to destroy the Amalekites, he took some of the plunder and because he did so, God took the kingdom away from him.

God expects us to be obedient and if we are not we will suffer the consequences. When you come into the presence of God you have to be a clean vessel, just as in

his temple there are vessels of honor that are holy and sacred.

When the Israelites left Babylon, they were instructed not to rush, but take their time. God had been planning their future the 70 years they were in captivity. God has been planning our future. We must continue to live a life of purity and one of obedience, if we expect to receive the blessings of God and walk into our destiny.