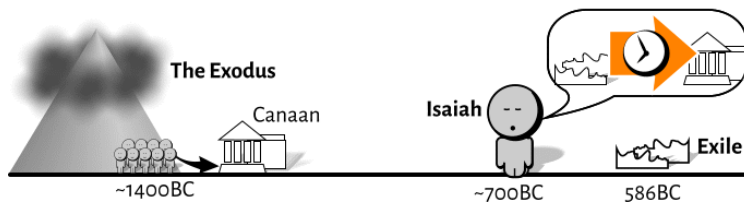


God's promise to a broken world

God's new thing

Isaiah 65:1–25



“Oh, that you would rend the heavens...
Behold, please look; we are all your people.
Your holy cities have become a wilderness...”
(64:1, 9–10)

Not a restoration...

1. ... but a new people (65:1–16)

Gentiles coming in (v1)

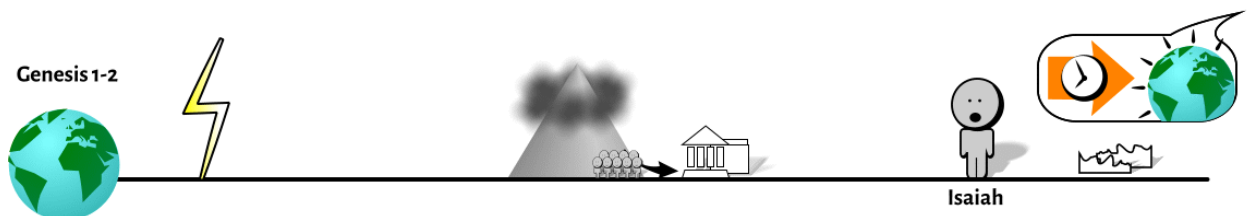
Israel left out?

“a people who provoke me” (v2–7)

“I will ... not destroy them all” (v8–16)

cf “new thing”—42:9, 43:18–19, 48:1–6

2. ... in a new creation (65:17–25)



(See also 'Meditating on the new creation')

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- Which 'this-world' solutions (“restoration”) do we find attractive? Why?
- Pick a day this week. How would it look if we were ‘in the new creation’?
- How does it make you feel about the future? How does it make you feel about God?