[Narrator] Today we are going to meet one of the most important prophets in the entire bible. His name is Isaiah son of Amoz and he lived about 800 years before Jesus was born. When we meet Isaiah, the city where he lives, Jerusalem, had just been saved from being conquered by a country called Assyria. This is something that Isaiah predicted, and a scribe from the court of King Hezekiah wants to understand how Isaiah was able to do this. We might all be surprised at what he learns about being a prophet.

In our story are Isaiah and a chronicler from the court of king Hezekiah. We will call him Joshua. There will also be some angels, and even God. Lets say hello to them.

[scene] Isaiah is sitting at a table writing, Joshua comes in. Joshua also has writing equipment in his hands.

[Joshua] Excuse me, are you the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz?

[Isaiah] Yes young man, how can I help you?

[Joshua] Well, um, it's good to meet you sir. I'm a new chronicler at the court of king Hezekiah, the king and the head of the chroniclers' asked me to come here and ask you a few questions, if you have some time.

[Isaiah] Of course, I'll try to help you in any way that I can.

[Scene] Joshua takes extra chair and sits at table with Isaiah and puts down writing equipment.

[Joshua] Well, now that Sennacherib and his army have left, with out us having to fight with them, well we've been getting lots of notes of congratulation. Many are from priests and prophets telling us how hard they prayed to their Gods for the city and how they knew that Sennacherib and his army would miraculously leave us alone. I guess they think that King Hezekiah owes them something. Well, we went through the archives, and the only note we could find suggesting that King Hezekiah and God's people would be alright before the army left came from you. You haven't shown up and asked for a reward or anything and well we're a little confused.

[Isaiah] Confused? Why are you confused?

[Joshua] Well, I don't want to offend you, but, well, in watching the prophets at the court of King Hezekiah, well, they seem to work really hard to tell him what he wants to hear so he'll provide more sacrifices and other stuff for them.

[Isaiah] I think that what I should do is tell you how I became a prophet, maybe that will help you to understand what being a prophet is all about.

[Joshua] Yes, I'd really like to hear Mr. Isaiah, because I think that you are somehow different from the other prophets.

[Isaiah] Well, it happened awhile ago, in the year that king Uzziah died. I was in the temple and I had this very powerful experience of God. I saw angels flying around.

[Scene] Angels come on

[Angels] "holy, holy, holy, the lord is Holy.

[Isaiah] I thought that the temple would fall down, I knew that I was near God, and I knew that I just wasn't worthy and that nobody I knew was worthy of being with God. I remember saying "I try really hard to do what God wants, but I don't and nobody I know does what God wants. Now I see God, I'm really afraid."

Then a very strange thing happened, one of the angels took a coal and put it on my mouth. then the angel said.

[Angel] You have been changed Isaiah. Your sin is forgiven and you need to know that God loves you.

[Isaiah] Then I heard God ask.

[God] Who can I send to talk to my people about how I want them to live?

[Isaiah] Well, I said "I'll go God, you can send me." Then God told me something I've found to be true in all of the time that I've been a prophet.

[God] Isaiah, I'm going to send you, but you need to know that people won't listen. You'll try to teach them but they won't learn. Don't worry about that, I'll see and I'll know what you've done and it will all work out.

[Joshua] Wow, that's amazing.

[Narrator] Yes, that's how Isaiah son of Amoz was called to be a prophet. He wasn't always popular, in fact he was often misunderstood but he taught his followers what he knew about God and through what he and his followers wrote he still teaches us today.