

according to "moderns" the span was only forty years.<sup>1</sup> Naegelsbach<sup>2</sup> holds to the view of Delitzsch<sup>3</sup> that his ministry was 61 years and his life about 81 years. Alexander is of the same opinion.<sup>4</sup> But by our chronology, if he died in the beginning of Manasseh's reign his ministry would be only some 38 years, which is not extraordinary length. If he prophesied from 735 to 680, his ministry would be 55 years and his age at his death about 75, which is perfectly possible. The only reason against such a view is the absence of Manasseh in Isa.1: 1, which may be accounted for by supposing that the last sixteen years of Isaiah's life were not public but were spent in literary work. Many problems would be answered if we could date the book as late as this, but we shall say more of this in the section on the Babylonian prophecies.

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1. Commentary, p.2.

2. Commentary, p. 4.

3. *Commentary in loc.*

4. *Commentary in loc.*