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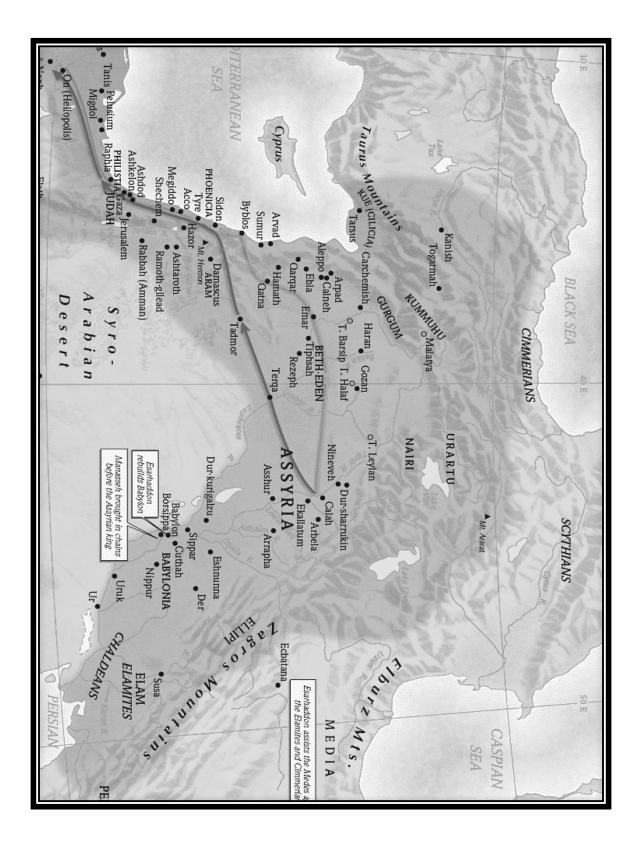
## Introduction

The words of the prophet Isaiah rang out with uncompromising judgment against the people of Judah about 700 BC. Living for many had become easy and the worship of God a mere formality. Isaiah's words were intended to disturb a proud and complacent people and draw their hearts back to God.

Woven throughout the book of Isaiah, written in beautiful poetic language, are promises of great hope. The God who judges is also the God who saves. Ultimately, in His tender mercy He will send the Messiah.

God said through the prophet Isaiah, "I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who 'tremble' at My Word." As you encounter the Holy One in this study, may this blessing be yours.

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# The Assyrian Empire

#### LESSON ONE: ISAIAH 1:1-31

**OPENING QUESTION:** What did your parents want most from you when you were a child?

- 1. Read through the entire chapter slowly and write down the names for God.
- 2. If this was the only information you had about God, how would you describe Him?
- 3. Who was Isaiah?

Note: Isaiah, whose name means "The LORD saves" or "YAHWEH (is) salvation," began his 40year ministry to the southern kingdom of Judah about 740 B.C.

- 4. Four kings reigned during Isaiah's service.
  - a. For each king's rule list newspaper headlines that might have appeared about his activities.
  - b. What phrases describe the condition of each king's heart?

Uzziah: READ 2 Chronicles 26

Headlines

Heart Condition:

Jotham: READ 2 Chronicles 27

Headlines:

Heart Condition:

Ahaz: READ 2 Chronicles 28

Headlines:

Heart Condition:

Hezekiah: READ 2 Kings 18:1-16

Headlines:

Heart Condition:

5. Why was God displeased with His people?

Isaiah 1:1-4

Isaiah 1:11-15

Isaiah 1:21-23

- 6. What did the people look like in their rebellion? (vv.5-9)
- 7. What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah? And why do you think Isaiah compared his nation to theirs? (See Genesis 18:20, 19:1-29)
- 8. Which verse or insight in this lesson has been most meaningful for you and why?

Memory Verse: "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD, "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." *Isaiah 1:18*Prayer Guide: LORD, help me listen to You.

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## LESSON TWO: ISAIAH 1:16-2:22

## **OPENING QUESTION:** *What do you do when you have a hard choice to make?*

1. What makes it possible for God's people to return to Him?

People's actions: 1:16-19

God's actions: 1:18

2. How can you experience God's forgiveness? Have you?

1 John 1:9

Psalm 51:1-12

Note: "The last days" began with Christ's first coming and will be completed when He returns. "In that day" refers to God's decisive intervention to either bless or judge.

3. Describe what God holds in store for Judah's future.

Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah 4:2-6

4. Describe how the people preferred to live.

Isaiah 2:6-8

Isaiah 2:22

- 5. Why do you think people choose to live in darkness instead of light? (see also John 3:20-21)
- 6. What were the consequences of their choices? (Isaiah 2:9-21)
- 7. What does God call you to choose?

Isaiah 2:5

1 John 1:5-7

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

Galatians 6:7-10

- 8. How can you move from darkness into light? (see also John 8:12)
- 9. How will God be lifted up even as people are brought low? (Isaiah 2:10-21)
- 10. **READ PSALM 145**. How are people to respond to God's majesty? How do these verses challenge you to respond?

Memory Verse:"Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD." Isaiah 2:5Prayer Guide:Almighty God, lead me out of darkness into Your light.

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# LESSON THREE: ISAIAH 3:1-5:30

**OPENING QUESTION:** What have you built into your life to keep yourself growing?

# READ ISAIAH 3:1-4:1

- 1. What would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah? (vv.1-3)
- 2. What would be the people's reactions to the disorder? (v.5)
- 3. How did the people try to fill the empty leadership roles? (vv.5-6)

Are there any lessons you can learn from their mistakes?

- 4. How were the women living and why were they condemned? (Isaiah 3:16-4:1)
- 5. How were their preoccupations like those of women today? What warning do these verses provide?

# **READ ISAIAH 5**

- 6. Describe the well-tended vineyard.
- 7. Who is the owner of the vineyard?
- 8. In this parable, who does the vineyard represent and what kind of fruit did they produce?
- 9. According to Jesus, what allows you to bear good fruit? John 15:1-17

10. What practices made Judah unfruitful?

Write down the practices that brought "woe" upon the people then. What are the practices today that might bring "woe" on people?

Isaiah 5:8	Then:
	Now:
Isaiah 5:11-12 (see also Proverbs 23	Then: 3:29-35)
	Now:
Isaiah 5:18-19	Then:
	Now:
Isaiah 5:20	Then:
	Now:
Isaiah 5:21	Then:
	Now:
Isaiah 5:22-23	Then:
	Now:

11. Which of these unfruitful practices do you find most personally convicting? What help for change is offered in Ephesians 5:8-21?

Note: The "distant nations" (referred to in Isaiah 5:26-30) such as Assyria, attacked Israel and Judah in 722 and 701 B.C. Babylon began its invasions in 605 B.C.

Memory Verse: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." *Isaiah* 5:20

Prayer Guide:	LORD deliver me from evil.
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## LESSON FOUR: ISAIAH 6:1-13

### **OPENING QUESTION:** What was the most difficult job that you have ever been given to do?

Note: The opening chapters have shown us the conditions in Judah and in the hearts of its people. We understand now what it will mean for Isaiah to work as a prophet among these people.

1. Read Chronicles 26:16-23. Under what conditions did King Uzziah die?

Note: the seraphim are angelic beings mentioned nowhere else in Scripture, although they resemble the "living creatures" in Revelation. Their name means "to burn."

- 2. Describe what Isaiah saw. (vv.1-4)
- 3. What was Isaiah's response to God's holiness? (v.5) Why do you think this was so? (See also Job 42:5-6, Luke 5:8-11)
- 4. Isaiah's encounter with God provides a model for worship. Describe the aspects of worship found in verses 3-8 and reflect on the importance of each.

Isaiah 6:3

Importance (See also Psalm 99, 1 Chronicles 29:10b-11)

Isaiah 6:5

Importance (See also Romans 3:23, Romans 7:24-25)

Isaiah 6:6-7

Importance (See also John 1:29, Hebrews 10:22-23

Isaiah 6:8a

Importance (See also John 17:17-19)

Isaiah 6:8b

Importance (See also Mark 1:17-18, 1 Samuel 3:10)

- 5. How do you think Isaiah's encounter with God prepared him for the work that God had for him to do?
- 6. How have such encounters prepared you for the work God has for you or how could they? (See also Ephesians 2:10)
- 7. What work was Isaiah given?
- What insight did Jesus provide when He spoke of this work? Matthew 13:11-23

John 12:37-45

- 9. How long was Isaiah's work to last (vv.11-13)
- 10. What was God's assurance?

Memory Verse:	"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." <i>Isaiah 6:3</i>
Prayer Guide:	God Almighty, let my life bring glory to you.
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## LESSON FIVE: ISAIAH 7:1 – 8:10

**OPENING QUESTION:** What do you hang on to in times of personal crisis?

Note: Ten years have passed since Uzziah's death. Ahaz, Uzziah's grandson has become king. King Rezin of Syria and King Pekah of Israel have tried to form an alliance with Judah against the threat of Assyria. Ahaz has refused to join with them.

- 1. Why were the people afraid?
- 2. What was God's advice to Ahaz in the midst of this crisis?

Isaiah 7:4

Isaiah 7:9

- 3. Why do you think it was difficult for Ahaz to take God's advice?
- 4. Why is it sometimes difficult for you to take this advice? What difference does it make if you do?
- What enables you to stand firm?
   Ephesians 6:10-18

1 Peter 5:8-9

- 6. What perspective did God provide to help Ahaz trust Him? (Isaiah 7:4-9)
- 7. What perspective does Jesus provide to help you trust Him? (see Luke 12:4-7)

- 8. In whom did Ahaz place his trust? (see also 2 Kings 16:7-9)
- 9. Why do you think God offered Ahaz a sign? What do you learn about Ahaz from his response and how can this help you? (Isaiah 7:10-13)

Note: Within prophetic literature a sign is a special event, either ordinary or miraculous, that serves as a pledge to confirm an impending threat or promise. (Child's Isaiah commentary)

Note: "Immanuel" means "God with us."

- 10. What sign did God promise?
- 11. What was the initial fulfillment? (Isaiah 8:3)
- 12. How did Jesus ultimately fulfill this prophecy? (see Matthew 1:18-25)
- 13. What hope was there in the midst of judgment for those who clung to Immanuel? (Isaiah 8:10)
- 14. What difference would it make to have full assurance of Immanuel (God being with you) in the midst of crisis?
- 15. Describe the physical consequence of Judah's lack of trust. (Isaiah 7:18-8:10)

Memory Verse:	"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel." <i>Isaiah</i> 7:14
Prayer Guide:	Immanuel, help me stand firm in faith.
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## LESSON SIX: ISAIAH 8:11-10:4

**OPENING QUESTION:** What qualities do you most yearn for in government leaders?

- 1. How were people under attack told to live in order to remain faithful to God? (Isaiah 8:11-22)
- 2. What do you usually do when you feel you are "under attack?" What changes in your response are called forth in this passage?
- 3. How did Isaiah view himself and his children and what do you think this meant? (Isaiah 8:18)
- 4. How do you view yourself?
- 5. Describe the darkness and the choices that led people into it.

### **READ CHAPTER 9**

Note: Zebulun and Naphthali fell to Assyria within months of Isaiah's meeting with Ahaz. In Jesus' time these regions were part of Galilee and the scene of much of His public ministry.

6. What changes were promised?

Isaiah 9:1 Isaiah 9:2 Isaiah 9:3

Isaiah 9:4

Isaiah 9:5

7. How did Jesus fulfill this prophecy?

Matthew 4:12-17

Luke 2:10-14

Luke 2:27-32

John 1:1-14

- 8. What would the Messiah be called? (Isaiah 9:6) List His names and your thoughts about what each means.
- 9. Describe Messiah's kingdom.
- 10. Why do you think Jews, who looked for such a Messiah, failed to accept Jesus?
- 11. In what ways has this prophecy been fulfilled? In what ways has it been fulfilled personally, in your life? In what sense is it still to be fulfilled?
- 12. With such a promised kingdom, in what wickedness did people continue to live? (Isaiah 9:8-10:4)
- 13. How is wickedness like a fire in its search for fuel? (Isaiah 9:18-21) What happens, even in your own life, if it is not halted?

Memory Verse:	"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." <i>Isaiah</i> 9:6
Prayer Guide: 12	Lord Jesus, reign in me. © CFIMBibleStudies
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## LESSON SEVEN: ISAIAH 10:5-12:6

**OPENING QUESTION:** *Can you remember anything important you learned through the discipline you received as a child?* 

- 1. What purpose can punishment serve? (see also Hebrews 12:4-11)
- 2. Why did God send Assyria to fight against Judah? (Isaiah 10:5-6)
- 3. Why would the Assyrians face judgment from God? (Isaiah 10:12-15, see also Psalm 18:27) What personal warning to you find in this?
- 4. When are you most likely to take credit for your own accomplishments? What is the danger in this?
- 5. What would the future hold for Assyria? (Isaiah 10:16-19; see also Isaiah 37:36-38 for fulfillment)

Note: Throughout the Bible we find the promise of a surviving "remnant" of God's people who live through all the terrors of judgment to experience a life of hope as God's faithful people.

6. How will the remnant be preserved?

Isaiah 10:20-23

Jeremiah 23:3-4

Micah 7:18-20

Romans 9:27-29

- 7. As you reflect on your life and the things that would destroy you, what preserves you?
- 8. What do you learn of God's mercy and judgment in this passage? What questions are raised for you?

Note: In Isaiah 10:28-32 Isaiah describes, as if seeing a vision, the main battle points that had to be won by the powerful Assyrian army as they approached Jerusalem.

9. In what areas of your life is it easier to trust an "Assyrian army" rather than God?

#### **READ CHAPTER 11**

Note: The Messiah will grow as a shoot from the dormant stump of David's dynasty. Jesse was King David's father.

Note: The "fear of the Lord" is a respect and awe of God that grows from an intimate relationship with Him.

- 10. What are the qualities of the promised Messiah? (vv.1-5)
- 11. What most fills you with hope as you envision such leadership?
- 12. How can you delight in the "fear of the Lord?" (see also Isaiah 33:5-6, Psalm 34:9)
- 13. What effect will Messiah's reign have on the world? (vv. 10-16)

### **READ CHAPTER 12**

Note: The hymn of praise for deliverance in this chapter harkens back to Israel's song of deliverance from Egyptian bondage (Exodus 15)

14. What does the faithful remnant praise God for? Which of these words of praise are yours today and why?

Memory Verse:	"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation." <i>Isaiah 12:2</i>
Prayer Guide:	Lord, be my strength and my salvation.
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## LESSON EIGHT: ISAIAH 13-23

**OPENING QUESTION:** Where do you go or what do you do when you want to feel safe?

Note: Chapters 13 – 23 present prophecies of judgment against nations. The judgments were designed to draw nations to God and unite them into one kingdom under His rule.

- 1. Read **quickly** <sup>(i)</sup> through these chapters. Look for places people sought security outside of God. What were they?
- 2. Where do you seek your security?
- 3. What can happen to the things you trust in outside of God? (Isaiah 20:3-6) Reflect on instances where you have seen this to be true in your own life.
- 4. Why will God judge the nations? (Isaiah 13:9-11)
- 5. What nations will be judged? List the phrases that reveal God's control over these nations.

Isaiah 13:19

Isaiah 14:24-27

Isaiah 14:28-31

Isaiah 16:13-14

Isaiah 17:1-3

Isaiah 18:1-6

Isaiah 19:3-4

Isaiah 21:13-17

Isaiah 23:1-9

6. What were God's purposes in His judgment?

Isaiah 16:5

Isaiah 17:7-8

Isaiah 19:19-22

7. Read Isaiah 45:22-25. What does God want from you? How can this provide you with true security?

Memory Verse:"You have forgotten, God your Savior; you have not remembered the Rock, your<br/>fortress." *Isaiah 17:10a*Prayer Guide:God my Savior, rescue me.

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### WEEK NINE: ISAIAH 24-26 and 34

**OPENING QUESTION:** *Do you remember a time when you trusted God in a difficult situation and the difference it made?* 

#### **READ ISAIAH 24 and 34**

1. Describe the judgment that God will bring against the whole earth.

Isaiah 24:1-3

Isaiah 24:17-23

Isaiah 26:20-27:1

Isaiah 34:2-3

Isaiah 34:4

Note: The Edomites were descendants of Esau and came to represent the pagan world. Edom opposed Israel at every opportunity and rejoiced when Jerusalem was destroyed.

- 2. What special judgment awaits Israel's great enemy Edom? (Isaiah 34:5-15)
- 3. What changes will occur in people's lives during the judgment? (Isaiah 24:7-12) What kind of lifestyle do they seem to have lived?
- 4. How will the righteous remnant respond? (Isaiah 24:13-16a)
- 5. What awaits the wicked? (Isaiah 24:16b-20)
- 6. What will God's position be when the judgment is completed? (Isaiah 24:23)
- 7. As you reflect on today's injustices, what hope does the above passage provide?

#### READ ISAIAH 25 & 26

- 8. List Isaiah's praises (Isaiah 25:1-5)
- 9. What will be the attitude of "strong peoples" and "ruthless nations" in that day (Isaiah 25:3, see also Philippians 2:10-11)
- 10. Who will be the host of the feast and what is its significance? (Isaiah 25:6-7, see also Revelation 19:6b-8)
- 11. What does the Lord promise to remove? (Isaiah 25:7-8, see also Revelation 21:4)
- 12. How has Christ accomplished this and what remains to be accomplished? (1 Corinthians 15:50-57)
- 13. What promises are made in Isaiah 26:19 more clearly than anywhere else in the Old Testament?
- 14. What happens in the lives of those who trust God and live to please Him? Has this been a part of your experience or would you like it to be?

Isaiah 25:9

Isaiah 26:3-4

Isaiah 26:7

Isaiah 26:8-9

Isaiah 26:12

Isaiah 26:19

15. Why do you think peace seems to come and go even from the lives of people of faith? What do you see as contributing factors in your life?

Memory Verse:	"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You." Isaiah 26:3
Prayer Guide:	Lord, keep me in peace as I trust in You.
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## LESSON TEN: ISAIAH 27-28

**OPENING QUESTION:** If a friend asked you to explain what empowers you, what would you say?

#### **READ ISAIAH 27**

Note: In Isaiah 5:1-7 the prophet used imagery of an unfruitful vineyard to illustrate the spiritual condition of Judah. In contrast he uses the image of a fruitful vineyard here to illustrate Israel's restoration in the last days.

- 1. How does the Lord care for his vineyard, Israel? (vv.2-3)
- 2. What promises of hope lie beyond judgment for Israel?

Isaiah 27:6

Isaiah 27:8-9

Isaiah 27:13

3. What role do you have in "fruit bearing" and what role does God have? (See also John 15:1-8)

### **READ CHAPTER 28**

- 4. Contrast what "crowned" or "wreathed" the people's lives (vv.1-2) with what will "crown" or "wreath" the believing remnant. (vv.5-6)
- 5. What negative impact did alcoholic beverages have? What warning is found in this? (vv.7-8)
- 6. What was God's desire for His people and their land?

Isaiah 28:12

Isaiah 28:16

Isaiah 28:26

Isaiah 28:29

7. What had the people chosen instead?

Isaiah 28:13

Isaiah 28:15

- 8. Can you translate the above choices into those that you are tempted to make? What personal insight do you gain from these verses?
- 9. How can what you "do" become your "undoing"?
- 10. What lies have you made your "refuge"? Explain.
- 11. Who is the "stone" in Isaiah 28:16? (See also Acts 4:10-12, 1 Peter 2:4-8)
- 12. What does the farmer parable teach you about God's provision for His people (vv.24-29)

What does it teach you about "farming" effectively?

Memory Verse:	"All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, wonderful in counsel and magnificent in wisdom." <i>Isaiah</i> 28:29
Prayer Guide:	Lord, make my life fruitful.
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## **LESSON ELEVEN: ISAIAH 29-31**

## **OPENING QUESTION:** Where do you go when you want to rest?

## READ ISAIAH 29

Note: Only here is Jerusalem called "Ariel". The opening verses of this chapter predict not only Jerusalem's destruction but that of her enemies.

1. What are the reasons for God's judgment against Jerusalem and what does each mean to you?

Isaiah 29:13 (see also Matthew 15:1-9)

Isaiah 29:15 (see also Psalm 94:7-11)

Isaiah 29:16 (see also Romans 9:20-25)

- 2. How do these remain temptations today? What potential for deeper intimacy with God is there in avoiding them?
- 3. What do you learn of God's wisdom and power in this chapter? What hope do you find here? (see also 1 Corinthians 1:18-25)
- 4. What does God have planned when the judgment is complete (vv. 17-24)

### READ ISAIAH 30 AND 31

Note: Tophet was a valley southeast of Jerusalem where child sacrifices were offered in pagan worship during Isaiah's time. By Jesus' time this valley was called Gehenna which means "hell".

5. How will God deliver His people from Assyria? (Isaiah 30:31, 31:8-9)

Why did the people go to Egypt for help?
 Isaiah 30:1-3

Isaiah 31:1-3

- 7. Why would Egypt's help prove useless?
- 8. What are the "Egypts" you turn to for help and with what results?
- 9. Why do you think collapse and brokenness often lead people back to the Lord?
- 10. What did a disobedient people, about to receive judgment, want to hear from the prophets? How does this remain true today? (Isaiah 30:9-12)
- 11. Write out Isaiah 30:15 as a personal promise. Are you experiencing this or are you running too fast?
- 12. How do these verses further encourage you to appropriate God's rest?

Matthew 11:28-30

Hebrews 4:9-11

Isaiah 30:18-26

13. Have you experienced the Lord saying "This is the way, walk in it"? If so, explain. (see also Psalm 32:8)

Memory Verse:	"In repentance and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength" <i>Isaiah 30:15</i>
Prayer Guide:	Lord, lead me to repentance and rest.

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# LESSON TWELVE: ISAIAH 32-33, 35

# **OPENING QUESTION:** *Describe an experience of transformation in your life.*

## READ ISAIAH 32

- 1. What blessings will people enjoy when a king rules in righteousness (vv. 1-3) Which of these do you most yearn for?
- 2. What are the differences between the *foolish* and the *noble* person? (vv. 4-8)
- 3. Describe the women of Jerusalem.
- 4. Before real peace can occur for women and others in the land, what must they do?
- 5. What transformation will occur in nature and in people when the Spirit is poured out?
- 6. Has your life and home undergone such a transformation by the Holy Spirit or are you making room for such changes to occur?

# **READ ISAIAH 33**

Isaiah 33:2-9 was a plea to the Lord for help against Assyria.
 Write out verse 2, personalizing it as your request for the Lord's help.

- 8. As you read through the entire chapter 33, who do you see the Lord to be? Write down all the names and descriptions for Him that you find in this chapter. Take a few minutes to praise Him for who He is.
- 9. What allows people to enjoy a relationship with such a Lord?

Isaiah 33:6

Isaiah 33:13-16

#### **READ ISAIAH 35**

Note: This chapter promises pilgrims a homecoming of joy in Zion.

- 10. What welcome will the pilgrims receive on their return?
- 11. What words of encouragement are given to strengthen them on the journey?
- 12. Describe the highway and the requirements for its travelers. (vv.8-9, see also 1 Peter 1:15-16)
- 13. How will they finally enter the city? (v. 10)
- 14. What assurance does this passage provide to help you through life's difficult journeys?

Memory Verse:	"O Lord, be gracious to us; we long for You. Be our strength ever morning, our salvation in time of distress." <i>Isaiah 33</i> :2
Prayer Guide:	O Lord, be my strength every morning.
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## LESSON THIRTEEN: ISAIAH 36-39

### **OPENING QUESTION:** *How do you process bad news?*

#### **READ ISAIAH 36**

Note: "Rabshakeh", referred to in some translations, was not a personal name but the title of a government official.

- 1. Why was Jerusalem in such a precarious position?
- 2. What reasons did the Assyrian field commander give Judah to surrender without a fight?
- 3. What techniques to you see behind the commander's manipulating words? How was the truth misused?
- 4. Is your faith being undermined by such threats? Explain.
- 5. What was the people's response to the field commander's message and when have you seen such a response to be effective? (v. 21, see also James 1:19, Proverbs 10:19)

### **READ ISAIAH 37**

- 6. How did Hezekiah respond to the ultimatum?
- 7. What assurances provided fresh hope for Hezekiah? (vv.6-7)
- 8. What intimidation attempted to discourage Hezekiah?

- 9. What did Hezekiah pray?
- 10. How did God answer Hezekiah's prayer?
- 11. Choose a current need in your own life and write out a prayer modeled after Hezekiah's. How are you helped by his example?

#### **READ ISAIAH 38**

- 12. What was Hezekiah's response to impending death? Which of his insights strike you most? (vv. 2-3, 9-20)
- 13. How did God extend grace to Hezekiah?

#### **READ ISAIAH 39**

- 14. What weakness and failure in Hezekiah was brought out through the Babylonian visitors and why do you think this was so?
- 15. What judgment was promised and what was Hezekiah's response? (vv.5-8, see also 2 Chronicles 32:24-26)
- 16. How do you respond when the Holy Spirit convicts you of your weakness or failure? (see also 1 John 1:9, Psalm 51:1-17)

Memory Verse:	"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." <i>Psalm</i> 51:17
Prayer Guide:	Our Father, have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love.
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## **LESSON FOURTEEN: ISAIAH 40-41**

## **OPENING QUESTION:** What good news have you received lately?

Note: Chapter 1-39 dealt primarily with the Assyrian threat. In Chapters 40-48 Isaiah anticipates Judah's return from exile in Babylon and God's new work among His people.

1. How does God comfort His people?

Isaiah 40:2 Isaiah 40:5 Isaiah 40:10 Isaiah 40:11 Isaiah 41:8-9 Isaiah 41:14

Isaiah 41:17

- 2. How have you experienced God's comfort?
- 3. What role does "the voice" have in preparing people to receive God's comfort?

Isaiah 40:3 Isaiah 40:6-7 Isaiah 40:9-10

Note: In Isaiah's time a herald announced the coming of a king. People literally leveled roads for a king to travel.

- 4. How did John the Baptist use his voice to prepare for the King? How are you using your voice? (see Mark 1:1-8, Matthew 3:1-12)
- 5. What do the questions in verses 12-25 of Isaiah 40 lead you to understand

about God? (see also Job 38)

about humanity?

- 6. Why is it important for a believer to grasp such a picture?
- 7. What does the image of the shepherd add to your understanding of God? (Isaiah 40:11, see also Micah 5:4, John 10:1-18)
- 8. What did Israel complain about? Isaiah 40:27) Are there times when you have the same complaint?
- 9. What strength does the Lord promise and what do you think this means for you personally? Isaiah 40:29-31
  Isaiah 41:10-13
  2 Corinthians 4:7-18
  Ephesians 3:14-21
- 10. What must you do to appropriate such strength?
- 11. How does fear keep you weak?
- 12. What insights and warnings did you gain about idols? What are you tempted to make into idols? Isaiah 40:18-20

Isaiah 41:7 Isaiah 41:22-24 Isaiah 41:29

Isaiah 44:6-20

- 13. What verse of assurance will you take with you from this lesson?
- Memory Verse: "Do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." *Isaiah 41:10*

Prayer Guide:Lord God, renew my strength.28© CFJMBibleStudies

## LESSON FIFTEEN: ISAIAH 42:1-44:23

**OPENING QUESTION:** What qualities are most important in those who serve you?

## **READ ISAIAH 42**

Note: this chapter introduces the first of four "Servant Songs". While Isaiah has referred to himself as servant, and the nation of Israel is seen as God's servant, the servant promised here is the Messiah.

1. Describe the Servant.

Who is he

What will he do?

What will he not do?

2. How did Christ fulfill the role of the Servant?

Matthew 12:15-21

Luke 22:19-20

Colossians 1:13

Philippians 2:5-11

- 3. As you look at God's model for service, how can you achieve a greater level of faithfulness in your service?
- 4. Why are the people to sing praise to God? (vv.10-17), see also Psalm 96) What challenge does this provide at difficult points in your life when you have yet to see the fulfillment of God's promises?
- 5. What caused Israel's "blindness"?
- 6. What continues to cause "blindness"? (see also 2 Corinthians 3:14, Ephesians 4:17-19)
- 7. Describe the consequences of "blindness".

8. Are there areas of "blindness" in your own life? How can you bring light into them?

### **READ ISAIAH 43**

- 9. How does the Lord preserve and care for His people? (vv.1-13) Which of these provisions do you most need to be reminded of today?
- 10. Why does God show His children such love? Have you experienced this personally?
- 11. What is God's purpose for His children? (vv.7,10,21)
- 12. How do you think others, who know you well, would describe your purpose for living?

## READ CHAPTER 44:1-23

- 13. How will the offspring of Israel, or those who find their righteousness in God, experience His blessing? (vv.3-5) Upon whom in your family will you pray such blessing?
- 14. What is God able to do with sin?

Isaiah 43:25

Isaiah 44:22

- 15. List the names of God found in these chapters. How do they expand your vision of God?
- Memory Verse: "I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth..." *Isaiah 42:17*
- Prayer Guide: Lord, lead me out of blindness and guide me along unfamiliar paths.

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### LESSON SIXTEEN: ISAIAH 44:24-47:15

**OPENING QUESTION:** Have you seen God use an unlikely person to accomplish His purpose?

#### **READ ISAIAH 44:24-45:25**

Note: Isaiah's predictions about Cyrus (King of Persia) were made about 150 years before his reign. Cyrus experienced unbroken success in eventually replacing the Babylonian empire with his own Persian empire. He conquered Babylon in 539 BC and allowed Jews to return to Jerusalem. While he gave glory to his god Marduk for all his victories, it was the Lord who chose him and used him to deliver Israel.

1. What would Cyrus accomplish?

Isaiah 41:25 Isaiah 44:28-45:5 Isaiah 45:13 Isaiah 46:11 Isaiah 48:14-15 Ezra 1:1-5

- 2. What was Cyrus' relationship with the Lord? Why do you think God chose to give him such success?
- 3. Have you seen the Lord use the "ungodly" for His purposes, even in your own life? Explain.
- 4. What phrases remind you that the Lord is the *only* God?

Isaiah 45:5-6

Isaiah 45:18

Isaiah 45:21-22

Isaiah 46:8-9

Isaiah 48:12-13

5. In light of current world turmoil what hope does this provide?

- 6. In what ways do you resist God's molding and how do you suffer as a result? What benefits come from yielding to Him? (Isaiah 45:9-10)
- 7. How will people ultimately respond to God's greatness? (Isaiah 45:23-25, see also Philippians 2:9-11)

#### **READ ISIAH 46**

Note: The two names for the chief Babylonian god of war were Bel and Marduk. Nebo was the god of education, literature, writing, wisdom, the arts and sciences.

- 8. Describe how the Babylonian gods were *carried*.
- 9. How are God's people *carried*?
- 10. Have you become burdened by things you *carry* as gods?
- 11. Are you allowing yourself to be carried by God?

#### **READ ISAIAH 47**

Note: Babylonians were sometimes called Chaldeans

- 12. Who did the "woman" represent? What was happening to her? (vv.1-3)
- 13. What sins were held against Babylon?
- 14. How did the Lord confirm His power over evil and occult? What are the implications for today?

Memory Verse:	"Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God and there is no otherBefore Me every knee will bow" <i>Isaiah</i> 45:22-23
Prayer Guide:	Almighty God, I turn to You.
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# **LESSON SEVENTEEN: ISAIAH 48-50**

**OPENING QUESTION:** *Recall a rescue operation in your own life or the life of another.* 

### **READ ISAIAH 48**

- 1. What were Judah's spiritual advantages and how were they misused? What warning is in this for you?
- 2. Why were God's revelations given long before their fulfillment? (v.5)
- 3. What guidance has been available to Israel that leaves here without excuse for disobedience? How can you make use of such guidance in your life this week?

# **READ ISAIAH 49**

Note: This is the second of the four "Servant Songs" pointing to the Messiah.

- 4. How has the servant been prepared by God? (vv.1-5)
- 5. Can you recognize ways God has prepared you for His service?
- 6. What is the servant's task?

Isaiah 49:3

Isaiah 49:5

Isaiah 49:6

Isaiah 49:8

Isaiah 49:9

7. How does the task reveal God's compassion

for Israel?

for the whole world?

- 8. List all the attributes of God that you find in this chapter.
- What assurance does God provide that in spite of sinfulness, He will never forget His children? Isaiah 49:13

Isaiah 49:15

Isaiah 49:25

Isaiah 49:26

10. Write out verse 16 putting you name in. What hope does this give you?

### **READ ISAIAH 50**

Note: The third "Servant Song" is contained in this chapter.

- 11. What gifts equip the Servant? (vv.4-9) Which of these can you seek from the Lord in order to serve Him well?
- 12. What difficulties has the Servant faced and how has He responded to them?
- 13. What does the person who refuses to trust God face?
- 14. What do you think it means to "walk in the light of your own fire?" (v.11) In what area of your life is this a temptation?

Memory Verse:	"I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go." <i>Isaiah 48:17b</i>
Prayer Guide:	Sovereign Lord teach me the way to go.
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# LESSON EIGHTEEN: ISAIAH 51-53

# **OPENING QUESTION:** *Would others call you a good listener?*

# **READ ISAIAH 51:1-52:12**

1. What must people seeking the Lord do in order to receive His words of comfort? Are you doing this?

Isaiah 51:1

Isaiah 51:4

Isaiah 51:7

Isaiah 52:8

Romans 10:14-17

- 2. Describe the message of good news, here especially referring to Israel's return from exile. (Isaiah 52:7)
- 3. In these chapters, God comforts His people in a variety of ways. In which verses does He remind them of His faithfulness in the past?

confront their fears?

identify their current crisis?

remind them who He is?

give promises of hope?

challenge them to act on their faith?

4. How are you comforted in grief? How might God's way of comforting His people provide comfort for you or allow you to comfort another? (see also 2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

### **READ ISAIAH 52:13-53:12**

Note: The fourth and longest Servant Song is often referred to as the "Gospel in the Old Testament."

- 5. What words reveal the people's rejections of the Servant? How does this rejection continue in our day? (see also John 3:19)
- 6. Describe the glory promised the Servant. (Isaiah 52:13)
- 7. Why must the Servant suffer before He is glorified?
- 8. Describe each prophecy and its fulfillment.

Prophecy:	Fulfillment:
Isaiah 52:13	Philippians 2:9
Isaiah 52:14, 53:2	Mark 15:17-19
Isaiah 52:15	1 Peter 1:1-2
Isaiah 53:1, 3	John 12:37-38
Isaiah 53:4-5	Romans 4:25, 1 Peter 2:24-25
Isaiah 53:6, 8	2 Corinthians 5:21
Isaiah 53:7-8	John 10:11, 19:30
Isaiah 53:9	John 19:38-42
Isaiah 53:10-11	John 3:16, Acts 16:31
Isaiah 53:12	Mark 15:27-28, Luke 22:37

- 9. Has your life been changed because of Christ's work? Explain.
- 10. What are you most thankful for that Christ has done for you?
- 11. Read Acts 8:26-38. How have Isaiah's words been used to bring people to faith? Have you taken this faith step? Have you shared his words?

Memory Verse:	"He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed." <i>Isaiah 53:5</i>
Prayer Guide:	Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.

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# LESSON NINETEEN: ISAIAH 54-55

**OPENING QUESTION:** *Have you ever received an invitation that delighted you?* 

# **READ ISAIAH 54**

Note: An invitation to accept the Servant's work goes out to Israel in Isaiah 54 and to the whole world in Isaiah 55.

Note: The imagery in this chapter compares an Israel humiliated by defeat and exile with a barren woman.

- 1. Describe the plight of the woman and her feelings.
- 2. Why had she suffered?
- 3. What did God instruct the woman to do?

Isaiah 54:1

Isaiah 54:2

Isaiah 54:4

- 4. How did the Lord promise to transform her barrenness? (vv.1-4)
- 5. Why could she trust Him? (vv.5-10)
- 6. What hope does this give you when you experience suffering?
- 7. How did the Lord foresee the ultimate enlargement and peace of Judah and Jerusalem (Isaiah 54:11-15, Galatians 4:26-28, Revelation 21:10-11)

8. What invitations are extended and what is promised if they are accepted?

Isaiah 55:1 John 7:37-38

Isaiah 55:2 John 6:51

Isaiah 55:3 Proverbs 4:20-22 John 5:24

Isaiah 55:6 Jeremiah 29:11-14

Isaiah 55:7 2 Chronicles 7:14

- 9. Which of these invitations are you accepting?
- 10. Is there any way in which you are spending money on labor "on that which does not satisfy?" What change does this passage challenge you to make?
- 11. What power do God's ways and God's words have? What difference can believing this make in your life?
- 12. What happens to people who accept God's invitation? (v.12) Are you experiencing this?

Memory Verse: "...Listen to Me and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to Me; hear me, that your soul may live." *Isaiah* 55:2b-3

Prayer Guide: Lord, satisfy me with Your unfailing love.

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# LESSON TWENTY: ISAIAH 56-57

### **OPENING QUESTION:** Have strangers ever welcomed you into their home?

### **READ ISAIAH 56**

- 1. Who receives a welcome into God's family as a result of the Servant's work? (vv.3-5, see also Acts 8:34-38)
- 2. Read Deuteronomy 23:1-8. What great change id this represent for former outsiders?
- 3. How are they to show their love for God? (vv.4-6)
- 4. What did God promise to give them in return? (vv.6-7)
- How did Jesus extend the welcome promised in this chapter? Mark 11:17

John 10:16

Acts 10:34-48

Galatians 3:26-29

- 6. Are their outsiders in your life to whom you should extend this welcome?
- 7. What did Israel's leaders lack? What can you learn from their failure? (vv.9-12)

Note: Israel continued to displease God by returning to idolatry with fertility rites and child sacrifice.

 What word of assurance is given about the righteous who die? Isaiah 57:1-2

2 Kings 22:19-20

Philippians 1:21

In what ways is this helpful in thinking about your own death or the death of others?

9. What most saddens you in the pictures of Israel's idolatry? (vv.3-13)

10. Why do you think they continued with such practices?

- 11. Are there displeasing practices you return to in spite of the fact that they "weary" you?
- 12. What alternative to idols pleases the Lord? (vv.13,15)
- 13. What does the Lord promise to do for those who leave their idols? (vv.15-18)

Memory Verse:	"I live in a high and holy place, but also with those who are contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and revive the heart of the contrite." <i>Isaiah</i> 57:15b
Prayer Guide:	Lord, revive my heart.
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# LESSON TWENTY-ONE: ISAIAH 58

**OPENING QUESTION:** *Share the memory of a time when you went without food.* 

Note: Fasting in Scripture meant abstaining from food and was connected with mourning, repentance, calamity and urgent supplication. From earliest times it was seen as preparation for encountering God. Fasting became a popular religious discipline and Jesus began His public ministry with a forty-day fast in the wilderness.

- 1. Why did the people think they were pleasing God?
- 2. Why was God displeased? What personal lessons are in this as you seek to please God?
- 3. How did God define true fasting?
- 4. What additional insight about fasting is gained from these verses?

Daniel 9:1-19

Matthew 6:16-18

Acts 13:2-3

of what significance is this for you?

Note: In Isaiah's day the rich exploited the poor and rulers used authority for their own gain. Such injustice broke God's heart.

5. Why do you think it is so important to God that the lives of His children reflect mercy and justice?

 What actions does God require from people of justice and what could each one look like today? Isaiah 58:6

Isaiah 58:7, James 2:14-17

Isaiah 58:9

Isaiah 58:10, Isaiah 1:17, James 1:27

Micah 6:8

- 7. Read Matthew 25:31-40. How did Jesus confirm Isaiah's message about justice?
- 8. How are you personally challenged to show justice and mercy to others?
- How did God define true Sabbath keeping? Isaiah 58:13

Exodus 20:8-11

Nehemiah 13:15-22

Mark 2:27-28

- 10. What benefits are promised to those who show justice and keep the Sabbath? (vv.8-14) Which of these are you longing for?
- 11. Are you setting aside such time for God? What will you miss if you do not?

Memory Verse: "If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." *Isaiah 58:10* Prayer Guide: Lord strengthen me to dispense your compassion and mercy
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# LESSON TWENTY-TWO: ISAIAH 59-60

**OPENING QUESTION:** What has an experience with darkness taught you about light?

# **READ ISAIAH 59**

- 1. Describe the sins that separate people from God. (vv.2-8, see also Romans 3:10-18)
- 2. What consequences are suffered as a result? (see Romans 8:5-8) Have you found this to be true?
- 3. Have you seen in your own experience that "truth stumbles" and is "nowhere to be found" when sin reigns? (vv.14-15) Explain.
- 4. What is one of the results of continuing in sin without a repentant heart? (v.8, see also Romans 3:17)
- 5. What confession is made by the repentant community? (vv.12-13)
- 6. What is God's response to repentant people?

Isaiah 59:16

Isaiah 59:17

Isaiah 59:21

2 Chronicles 7:14

- 7. Has your own personal repentance allowed you to appropriate this? Explain.
- 8. Who will God send to repentant people? (v.20, see also Isaiah 60:16, 63:16)

Note: The promise in this chapter is held out to the faithful offspring of God who await his blessings. The New Jerusalem looks beyond a rebuilt earthly city to a new heaven and earth.

9. Why will there be no need for sun and moon to give light to the city?

Isaiah 60:1-2

Isaiah 60:19-20

Revelation 21:23

10. How will other nations respond to this light?

Isaiah 60:3-5

Isaiah 60:10-14

Revelation 21:24-26

11. How will life be transformed for those in the Holy City?

Isaiah 60:15-18

Revelation 21:3-5

- 12. What difference does it make to believe that faith provides you with an eternal address in this city?
- Memory Verse: "The sun will no more be your light by day, nor the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory." *Isaiah 60:19*
- Prayer Guide: LORD, may Your Kingdom come.

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# LESSON TWENTY-THREE: ISAIAH 61

**OPENING QUESTION:** Have you ever showed up for a special event in the wrong clothes?

Note: While the literal setting for the promises in this chapter was the return of exiles to a ruined Jerusalem that needed rebuilding, Jesus became the ultimate fulfillment.

Note: "The year of the LORD'S favor" referred to the Year of Jubilee prescribed in Leviticus 25:10. In that year, servants were to be set free, debts forgiven and land returned to the original owners. The Jubilee year symbolized God's heart to liberate and restore all things which He ultimately did in Jesus.

- 1. How is the Servant equipped for His work? (v. 1, see also Matthew 3:16-17)
- 2. What is the Servant's ministry and what kind of people does He serve? (vv.1-3)
- 3. Read Luke 4:14-21. How did Jesus apply this passage to Himself and His ministry?
- 4. In what ways are you, or can you, as God's servant, proclaim this message and engage in this work? Which aspect is personally most challenging to you?
- 5. In Jesus' quotation of Isaiah, what part did He leave out and why do you think this was so? (v.2b)
- 6. What role did judgment play in Christ's ministry?

In His first coming: John 3:17-18

John 5:27-30

When He comes again: 2 Timothy 4:1

Note: *Righteousness* in the Old Testament is the fulfillment of the demands of a relationship with God and others.

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- How does Jesus make a right relationship with God or "righteousness" possible for you? Romans 3:21-24
- 8. As you reread the chapter, what are the results of God's work in the lives of people? Which of these have you personally experienced or which are you longing to experience?

Isaiah 61:3 Isaiah 61:4 Isaiah 61:6 Isaiah 61:7 Isaiah 61:8 Isaiah 61:9 Isaiah 61:10

Isaiah 61:11

- 9. Write out some personal reflections on verse 3, considering especially the role of praise. (see also Psalm 42)
- 10. Consider the heart of God for those who are poor and suffering. How can you share His heart and bring relief?

Memory Verse:	"He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness" <i>Isaiah 61:10b</i>
Prayer Guide:	Sovereign Lord, equip me to bring Your good news.

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# LESSON TWENTY-FOUR: ISAIAH 62-64

**OPENING QUESTION:** *Have you ever changed your name or wanted to change your name?* 

### READ ISAIAH 62

Note: This chapter continues to describe God's love and future plans for Israel.

Note: In the Old Testament a name denoted the character of its bearer. The name Hephzibah means "I delight in her" which Beulah means "Married."

1. What new names would God give His people and what change do these new names reflect? Isaiah 62:4

Isaiah 62:12

2. As one of God's people, what difference does it make that He has called you by these new names?

How does it impact your sense of self-worth?

What hope does it provide in the midst of difficulties?

3. What will Jerusalem one day mean to each of the following? The nations: (v.2)

The Lord: (v.3, 5)

4. Describe the future Jerusalem.

Isaiah 62:1-2

Isaiah 62:3

Isaiah 62:8-9

Revelation 21:2-3

- 5. What were Jerusalem's "watchmen" to do? What can you learn from their example? (see also Psalm 122:6)
- 6. As you consider the current situation in Jerusalem what particular challenge and hope do you find in this chapter?
- 7. What judgment precedes the transformation of Zion? (Isaiah 63:1-6) Why do you think the one must precede the other?

### READ ISAIAH 63 AND 64

8. What deeds of God's kindness are remembered?

Isaiah 63:8 Isaiah 63:9 Isaiah 63:11 Isaiah 63:12 Isaiah 63:13 Isaiah 63:14 Isaiah 64:3-5

- 9. Why is it important to remember God's deeds of kindness when God seems distant? Which do you need to remember in your own life today?
- 10. What complaints are brought before the Lord?

Isaiah 63:15-19

Isaiah 64:10-12

- 11. What confession is made? (Isaiah 64:6-9)
- 12. What does recognition and confession of sin allow God to do with a life?
- 13. Reread Isaiah 64. Why does Isaiah pray that the Lord "come down?" What do you think he is asking for?
- 14. Where in your life do you pray that the Lord "come down?"

Memory Verse:	"You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God." <i>Isaiah</i> 62:2-3
Prayer Guide:	Lord help me wait in hope.
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# WEEK TWENTY-FIVE: ISAIAH 65-66

**OPENING QUESTION:** What part of your personal history do you most enjoy remembering?

### **READ ISAIAH 65**

1. Why is it important to remember God's Word?

Deuteronomy 8:10-20

Hebrews 4:12

Psalm 119:11, 130

- 2. What difference has it made in your life when you have remembered God's Word?
- 3. What are the themes of God's Word in Isaiah that we are again reminded of?

Isaiah 65:1, 52:10 Isaiah 65:2-5, 1:2-4 Isaiah 65:6-7, 11-12 Isaiah 65:8, 1:9 Isaiah 65:9, 14:1 Isaiah 65:17, 42:9, 48:6 Isaiah 65:18-19, 62:6-7

- 4. Read vv. 13-16. Contrast the future lifestyles of God's faithful servants with those who rebel against Him.
- 5. What future blessings for the faithful are again reviewed and what hope do these provide?

Isaiah 65:19 Isaiah 65:20 Isaiah 65:21 Isaiah 65:22 Isaiah 65:23 Isaiah 65:24 Isaiah 65:25

6. What final reminders about judgment are offered? Isaiah 66:3-5

Isaiah 66:6

Isaiah 66:15-16

Isaiah 66:24

7. Read Mark 9:42-50. How did Jesus reinforce the harsh reality of judgment and what was the purpose of His words?

As you grapple with judgment, what impact do His words have on you?

- 8. How is such judgment to be avoided and a right relationship with God established? Isaiah 66:2)
- 9. What do you think it means to "tremble" at God's Word? What does it mean to you personally?
- 10. Ultimately, how will people respond to God's glory? (vv.18-19, see also Isaiah 45:22-25)
- 11. How do these passages enlarge your understanding of God and encourage you to give Him glory?

Revelation 4

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 11:33-36

- Memory Verse: This is what the Lord says..."These are the ones I esteem: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and tremble at my word." Isaiah *66:2b*
- Prayer Guide: Lord might Your Word shape my heart and life.

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### **REVIEW LESSON I**

1. What verses have been especially meaningful to you?

2. What new things have you learned about God?

- 3. How have you seen God's power at work in your own life?
- 4. As you prepare for the Christmas season, what additional insight about Jesus as Messiah have you received?

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 9:6-7

Isaiah 11:1-5

- 5. What change has God encouraged in your life as a result of the study this fall?
- 6. What do you give praise for?

# **REVIEW LESSON II**

- 1. What verses do you most want to take with you from the study?
- 2. Has any verse from this study provided particular help in the midst of a difficult situation?
- 3. How have you grown in your
  - Grasp of God's glory?
  - Hope for the future?
  - Trust in the midst of difficulties?
  - Coping with fears?
  - Prayer life?
- 4. How has your vision of God been changed through this study? What difference has that made in your life?
- 5. What new insights have you received about Jesus?
- 6. What are three things you have learned that you don't want to forget?
- 7. If you were asked to give a headline for this year's Isaiah study, what would it be?
- 8. What are you grateful for?