

due December 11, 2016

**If they speak not according to this word,
it is because there is no truth in them (8:20)
Isaiah 5-8**

Monday (December 5)—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 5:1-17.

1. Who sang (_____), and to whom did he sing (his _____), and what was the song about (5:1)?

2. With what did his beloved plant the vineyard, and what did the vineyard produce (5:2)? _____
3. It seems that Isaiah is speaking in 5:1-2, but who begins speaking directly in v. 3, and what does the new speaker say that he will now do with the unsatisfying vineyard (5:3-6)?

(bonus) How do we know that it is now the LORD speaking (v. 6)? _____
4. What two things did the LORD look for from His people (which He didn't get) (5:7)? _____
5. The remaining verses of this chapter (5:8-30) contain six woes. What is the first woe (5:8-10)? _____

(bonus) What do you suppose it means to "join house to house" (v. 7)? _____
6. Take a verse (or thought) with you for the day that you can percolate (possibly v. 2).

Tuesday (December 6)—prayerfully read Isaiah 5:11-30.

1. List the remaining five woes of this chapter (5:11-30)?

2. What reason is given in 5:13 for Israel ("his people") to go into captivity? _____
3. How is the one who will descend into hell identified in 5:14?

4. Please read through 5:20 three times, and attempt to say if from memory (and let it sink into your bones). Did you? _____
(bonus) Do the same with v. 21! _____
5. What will the LORD in His anger at this time do to discipline His people (5:26-30)? _____

6. What can you apply to your life from this section (and take with you for the day)? _____

Wednesday (December 7)—prayerfully read Isaiah 6.

1. When did Isaiah have his famous vision (6:1)?

2. What stood above the throne, how many were there, and how many wings did each one have (6:2)? _____
(bonus) Describe the rest of the vision (6:3-4). _____

3. What was Isaiah's reaction to witnessing all this (in your own words)? (6:5)? _____

(bonus) What was done to take away his iniquity (6:6-7)?

(double bonus!) What happened next (6:8)? _____

4. What unusual and unpleasant assignment was given Isaiah (6:9-10)? _____

5. What simple question did Isaiah ask, and what was the LORD's answer (6:11-12)? _____
(bonus) What do you suppose 6:13 means? _____

6. Take a verse (or thought) with you for the day.

Thursday (December 8)—prayerfully read Isaiah 7.

1. What two nations came up to war against Jerusalem (Judah), and who were the rulers of these two nations? (7:1-2)?

(bonus) Who was king of Judah, and was he (and Judah) afraid at these two kings coming up against them (7:2-4)?

2. Why was Ahaz and the Judeans (people of Judah) not to be afraid of these two nations confederate (joined together) against them (7:4-8)? _____

(bonus) What would happen if Ahaz (and the people) would not believe Isaiah's message (7:9)? _____

3. What sign did King Ahaz ask of the LORD, and what sign did the LORD give him (7:10-16)? _____

(bonus) What two things did Ahaz weary (v. 13)? _____

4. Ephraim would not defeat Judah ("Ephraim departed from Judah," v. 17), but what two nations would (later on over-run Judah) (7:17-20)? _____

(bonus) What word picture did Isaiah use with Ahaz to picture how wasted Judah would be (v. 20)? _____

5. It appears that there will be some who prosper in the land after this devastation by Assyria (7:21-22); who do you suppose these people will be (7:21-25)? (While there appears to be some prosperity for these people, it appears the times will be hard even for them, vs. 23-24). _____

6. Take a verse (or thought) with you for the day that you can percolate (perhaps vs. 14).

Friday (December 9)—prayerfully read Isaiah 8:1-18.

1. What kind of pen was Isaiah to use to write the name in a roll (scroll), and who was the father of the son whose name he was to write (8:1-4)? _____

(bonus) What would happen before this child was old enough to say "dad and mom" (v. 4)? _____

2. What word picture is Isaiah now using to illustrate that because they had not "rejoiced" (trusted) in the waters God had provided ("Shiloah"), their land would be filled with Assyria (8:6-8)? _____
(bonus) Whose land was this (v. 8)? _____

3. What would happen to those who "associated" themselves (apparently with evil doers—they would associate/band together looking for strength against those who would hurt them) (8:9-12)? _____

4. Where instead should their confidence (fear and dread) be placed (8:13-15)? _____
(bonus) What do you suppose Isaiah means when he says that the LORD of hosts shall be both a sanctuary and a stone of stumbling in vs. 14-15? _____

5. Who were given for signs and for wonders in Israel (8:18)? _____

(bonus) Name Isaiah's two children (7:3; 8:3).

6. Take a thought or a verse with you for the day (perhaps 8:13 with I Pet. 3:15).

Saturday (December 10)—prayerfully read Isaiah 8:19-22.

1. Where should people speak, instead of speaking to familiar spirits and wizards (8:19)? _____

2. What do you suppose is meant in 8:19 "for the living to the dead"? _____

3. How do we know what is true, according to 8:20?

4. What shall those do who are not looking to God for a sanctuary (vs. 13-14a, apparently)—that is, what shall they do when they are hungry (8:21)? _____

5. To what shall those who look unto the earth be driven (8:22)?
