

2. What does the captive exile “hasten” (hurry) that he may do (51:14)? _____

(*God’s Word* translation gives a different thought) Chained prisoners will be set free. They will not die in prison. They will not go without food.

3. Who most likely is being addressed in 51:15-16; and, who is being addressed in 51:17-23? _____

*4. Who was not available to guide and comfort Israel during her time of tribulation spoken of here (51:18-20)? _____

(bonus) What two pairs came upon Israel during this rough time? _____

5. What was about to change for the LORD’s people (51:21-23)? _____

6. Meditate on the three main characters of this true drama (the LORD, Israel, Isaiah), and their relationships. Did you? _____

Saturday (January 6)—prayerfully meditate a little further about the following considered earlier this week! **THIS IS A CHANGE IN WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING** (at someone’s suggestion)!

*Monday 4. In what was the speaker’s (writer’s) strength (49:5)? _____

*Tuesday 3. When the LORD tells all creation to rejoice in the LORD’s comforting and having mercy on His people, why do His people (Zion) object (49:13-14)? _____

*Wednesday 6. What is the one who fears and obeys the LORD (and who also is walking in darkness) told to do (and take it with you for the day) (50:10)?! _____

*Thursday 2. What will be given for a light to the people (51:4)? _____

*Friday 4. Who was not available to guide and comfort Israel during her time of tribulation spoken of here (51:18-20)? _____

Sunday (January 7)—prayerfully review Isaiah 49-51.

Thank you for attempting this SSSG; it takes time and effort (thought), and these are not easy chapters (or questions)—we all (this church, America) benefit from your efforts!

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**He wakens morning by morning... to hear (50:4-5)!
Who fears the LORD and walks in darkness (50:10)?!**

Isaiah 49-51

Theme of Isaiah: Trust in the Holy One of Israel alone, for He only is salvation.

Isaiah Outline

- A. Words of **Judgment** 1-39
 - 1. Judgments of Israel and Judah (1-12)
 - 2. Judgment of Heathen Nations (13-23)
 - 3. God’s Purpose in Judgment (24-35)
- B. **Illustration** of theme of Isaiah—Hezekiah (36-39)
- C. Words of **Comfort** 40-66
 - 1. The future Release (Babylon/sin, 40-48)
 - 2. The future Redeemer (49-57)
 - 3. The future Kingdom (58-66)

Monday (January 1)—prayerfully read/enjoy Isaiah 49:1-7 (you might want to read the first question of this section before reading these seven verses).

Please emphasize in class time the questions marked with an asterisk (*), thanks.

1. It seems that these first seven verses refer to the coming Messiah; do you see any verses of these which could not also be said of Isaiah (and if so, which ones)? _____

2. How did the LORD address the one called from the womb (verse 1) in verse 3? _____

(another tough “extra credit” question, sorry; please don’t be frustrated by it, and just skip it if it doesn’t make sense) Why do you suppose the LORD refers to this one He is calling as “Israel” in verse 3? _____

3. What reason(s) did the speaker give in 49:5 that God formed him? _____

(bonus) Why did the speaker say that he had spent his strength in vain in verse 4 (hint: see verse 5)? _____

(double bonus) What very encouraging point can be made from the final line of verses 4-5 (putting it all together)?! _____

- *4. In what was the speaker's (writer's) strength (49:5)? _____
5. What additional privilege did the LORD give to His servant in 49:6? _____
6. Contemplate further the truth that God is glorified by our faithfulness to Him more than over humanly-noted results (verses 4-5, 7)! Did you? _____

Tuesday (January 2)—prayerfully read Isaiah 49:8-21, and then answer the questions.

1. Would the one heard of the LORD in 49:8-10 be bringing good or bad news (and give an example or two of this news)? _____
2. Why do you suppose highways will be made (49:11-12)? _____
- *3. When the LORD tells all creation to rejoice in the LORD's comforting and having mercy on His people, why do His people (Zion) object (49:13-14)? _____
4. What picture did the LORD give to show that He would not forget Israel in 49:15? _____
5. In 49:17-19, the prophet (speaking for the LORD) reveals that Israel's destroyers will flee away and others will come to them, bringing beautiful clothing. In verses 19-20, what will be restored to the Israelites? _____
- (bonus) What befuddles the Israelite regarding this (verse 21)? _____
6. Take something with you to apply to your life for this day (perhaps 49:16).

Wednesday (January 3)—prayerfully read Isaiah 49:22-50:11, and answer the following.

1. Who returned the Israelites' lost children, and who will help care for these children (49:22-23)? _____
- *(bonus) Who will not be ashamed in the midst of this? _____

2. The LORD will do the unusual in the rescue of His people (verses 24-25); to what end will the LORD do this (49:26)? _____
3. Who sold out the Israelites (50:1)? _____
4. To what does the LORD draw attention in verses 2-3, after first asking them why there was no man to hear Him? _____

- **5. What two (or three) things did the LORD give the speaker (writer) in 50:4-5, and what was the speaker's response? _____

(bonus) Who do you suppose the "me" is in these verses (and in the following, through verse 9), and why do you suppose that? _____

- *6. What is the one who fears and obeys the LORD (and who also is walking in darkness) told to do (and take it with you for the day) (50:10)?! _____

Thursday (January 4)—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 51:1-11, and answer the following.

1. To where are the people told to look (51:1-2)? _____
- *2. What will be given for a light to the people (51:4)? _____
3. What will vanish away and die, and what shall be forever (51:6)? _____
4. Where was the law in those who knew righteousness, and what should these people not fear (51:7)? _____
5. Is the "arm of the LORD" the LORD's people (doing His work), or is it the LORD Himself directly, and why (51:9-10)? _____
6. Who shall return and come with singing, and what shall they have (51:11)? _____

Friday (January 5)—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 51:12-23, and answer the following.

1. What is pointed out, and rebuked, as the Israelite's problem in 51:12-13? _____