

3. Isaiah 54:15 sounds like Armageddon where, at the end of the Great Tribulation, all the unbelieving nations will gather in the plain of Megiddo outside Jerusalem to destroy her; what do you suppose the phrase means “but not by Me” in that verse?

4. Whom do you suppose the waster in verse 16 will be destroying?
Hint: it is not Israel. _____

5. Give one of the two parts of the heritage of the servants of the LORD (54:17). _____

6. Meditate on something from this section that is helpful to you (perhaps the final verse which teaches that while criticism of God’s children is to be shut down, it is because their righteousness is God-given)! Did you meditate on something?! _____

Saturday (January 13)—prayerfully meditate a little further about the following considered earlier this week, and enjoy this time of gazing on the beauty of the Lord!

*Monday 5. What is beautiful in 52:7-8?

*Monday 6. One lesson we could get from this section is that God is willing to hide Himself from His people while they go through hard times, later to show Himself (through bringing to life some scriptural truth that strengthens/comforts them and sometimes through deliverance from the oppression) (verses 4-6); have you experienced this?

*Wednesday 1. A rhetorical question is a question with an answer so obvious that it does not need spoken. What is the answer to the rhetorical questions of 53:1 (which maybe isn’t so obvious!)?

*Thursday 6. Do you think the LORD expected his people to be singing (verse 1) and not fearing or being confounded (verse 4) at that time, before their promised deliverance came (and take thought with you for the day)?!

Friday 2(bonus) What do you suppose it means for children to be taught of the LORD (verse 13)?

Sunday (January 14)—prayerfully review Isaiah 52-54.

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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**All we like sheep have gone astray (53:6)!
He is despised and rejected of men (53:3)?!
Isaiah 52-54**

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

Monday (January 8)—prayerfully read/enjoy Isaiah 52:1-8 (thinking in terms of gazing on the beauty of the Lord, Jeremiah 15:16).

1. Who is being addressed in the first three verses of Isaiah 52?

2. What is she (the one being addressed) being told to do (52:1-2)?

(bonus) What do you suppose Isaiah is picturing when he says “arise and sit down” in verse 2?! _____

3. Apparently Israel (Judah) fled to Egypt on their own (52:3-4); who oppressed them there? _____

4. What did those who took away the LORD’s people “for nought” make them do, and what happened continually every day (apparently at the same time) (52:5)? _____

*5. What is beautiful in 52:7-8? _____

(bonus) Who do you suppose shall see “eye to eye (verse 8)?

*6. One lesson we could get from this section is that God is willing to hide Himself from His people while they go through hard times, later to show Himself (through bringing to life some scriptural truth that strengthens/comforts them and sometimes through deliverance from the oppression) (verses 4-6); have you experienced this? _____

Tuesday (January 9)—prayerfully read Isaiah 52:9-15.

1. What are the waste places of Jerusalem told to do, and why (52:9)?

2. What shall all the world see (52:10)? _____

3. From where do you suppose the Lord's people are to go out (hint: verse 4), and how were they to go out (52:11-12)?

4. Who shall deal prudently, and be exalted, and be very high (52:13)?

(bonus) What do you suppose astonished many (verses 13-14)?

5. What do you suppose had not been told them that they would see (52:15)?

(bonus) What do you suppose is meant by "so shall he sprinkle many nations"?

6. Take something with you to apply to your life for this day (perhaps 52:15).

Wednesday (January 10)—prayerfully read Isaiah 53:1-12.

*1. A rhetorical question is a question with an answer so obvious that it does not need spoken. What is the answer to the rhetorical questions of 53:1 (which maybe isn't so obvious!)?

2. What is being revealed in 53:2-5 (and in the rest of the chapter)?

3. How did mankind (as a whole) respond to the Messiah's first coming (53:3-8)?

4. How did the Messiah (the one being described in this chapter) make his grave with the wicked, and with the rich, as we are told in 53:9?

5. Give two (or more) lines you think you understand in 53:10-11, and explain what they mean.

6. Pick a verse, and take it with you for the day!

Thursday (January 11)—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 54:1-8.

1. Give two (or three) things Israel ("O barren") could expect in future days (54:1-3).

(bonus) What line in these three verses sounds a little like "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God"?

2. What would Israel forget (54:4)?

3. How does the LORD identify himself in 54:5?

4. For how long had the LORD forsaken them (54:6-8)?

(bonus) What Hebrew word do you suppose is translated "kindness" in verse 8 (and in verse 10)?! Hint: it is not "selah" or "shalom" or "adios," and it is the same word we have been studying (especially Psalm 143:8).

5. How did the LORD identify Israel in these verses (54:6-8)?

*6. Do you think the LORD expected his people to be singing (verse 1) and not fearing or being confounded (verse 4) at that time, before their promised deliverance came (and take the thought with you for the day)?!

Friday (January 12)—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 54:9-17.

1. Explain 54:9-10, particularly the connection to Noah (this takes a little meditation, and meditation often is painful, and I truly am sorry, but not for asking you to meditate!).

2. What three things will the LORD do for His people (never to be undone) when that day of deliverance comes (54:10-14)?

*(bonus) What do you suppose it means for children to be taught of the LORD (verse 13)?
