



ISAIAH

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Cease to do evil; learn to do well (1:16-17)

Isaiah 1-4

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

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Isaiah Outline (LAB adapted)

A. Words of Judgment 1-39

1. Sins of Israel and Judah (1-12)
2. Judgment against heathen nations (13-23)
3. God’s purpose in judgment (24-35)

B. Events during the reign of Hezekiah (36-39)

C. Words of Comfort 40-66

1. Israel’s release from captivity (40-48)
2. The future Redeemer (49-57)
3. The future kingdom (58-66)

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 1:1-20, and answer the following questions from the first three verses.

1. Who was Isaiah’s dad? _____ During the reigns of which kings of Judah did Isaiah prophesy (1:1)? _____

2. Who is the antecedent of “I” in 1:2, and whose voice do we hear in this v.2 and in the verses immediately thereafter? _____

3. Summarize Isaiah’s (the LORD’s) description of Israel in verses 2-8. _____

(Bonus) What kept them from being completely overthrown by the LORD (v.9)? _____

4. How many things did Isaiah list as being useless on the part of the “worshipping” Israelites (1:10-15)? List one or two of these which speak to you. _____
5. How many things did Isaiah list as to what the Israelites should be doing (1:16-18)? List one or two of these which speak to you. _____
6. Take a verse (or thought) with you for the day that you can percolate (possibly vs.19-20).

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 1:21-31, and continue answering questions.

1. Isaiah continues his lament over “the faithful city” (Jerusalem), meaning the **formerly** faithful city; how did Jerusalem differ now (when Isaiah was writing this) from before (1:21)? _____

2. What do you suppose the LORD meant in vs.24-25 in saying “I will ease me of my adversaries”? You must look at both verses to get the point. _____

3. What will the LORD restore to His people, after first purging them, and what will Jerusalem then be called (1:25-26)? _____

4. Who will be consumed (1:28)? _____

(Bonus) What two emotional states will overtake those of the LORD’s children who are here being disciplined (1:29-30)?

5. Give something you can apply to your life in this section (and actually do apply it). _____

6. Take a verse(s) with you for the day that you can apply to your life (perhaps v.21 in considering that this could happen to me).

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 2, and answer the following.

1. What will be established in the last days, and where shall it be established (2:2-3)? Scofield notes that a “mountain, in Scripture symbolism, means a kingdom (Dan.2:35; Rom.13:1; with Rev.17:9-11).” _____

(Bonus) Who will teach his ways, and how many other things which are listed will happen at this time (2:3-4)?

(Double bonus) Do you think 2:5 is speaking of “the last days,” or for that time? _____

2. What three reasons are given for the LORD’s having forsaken the house of Israel (mentioned in v.6)? _____

3. Why was there not to be forgiveness (2:9)? _____

4. What shall be humbled, and in how many ways is this described (2:11-17)? _____

(Bonus) What can we surmise from this (the LORD’s view of pride), and do you see any specific ways you are tempted to manifest pride yourself? _____

5. What two phrases are repeated that tell us what will help us to a right response to God (2:10, 19, 21)? _____

(Bonus) When will these attitudes be awakened (v.21)?

6. Take a verse (or thought) with you for the day. (**Don't miss 2:22!**)

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 3:1-15, and answer the following.

1. What will the LORD take away from Jerusalem (and Judah) in the day of her judgment, and identify two which speak to you perhaps more than the others (3:1-3)? _____

2. What judgment on these people do we also see today on people in our world (which truly is grievous and sickening) (3:4)?

(Bonus) What second similar judgment do we see today which was predicted then as well (v.12)? _____

3. What will people refuse to do in these days of judgment (3:6-8)? _____

4. What witnesses against them (3:9)? _____

(Bonus) What beautiful encouragement is between these two verses (vs.9, 11) of woe on the wicked? _____

5. Who is held responsible for their moral falling apart (3:14-15)?

6. Take a verse (or thought) with you for the day that you can percolate (perhaps vs.4 and 12).

Friday—prayerfully read Isaiah 3:16-26, and answer the following.

1. What was the first problem listed regarding the ladies of Jerusalem and Judah (“the daughters of Zion”) (3:16)? _____

2. What seemed to be the primary focus of these wicked ladies of Jerusalem (3:16-24)? _____
3. How did the LORD respond to their obsession with their appearance (3:17-24)? _____

4. What would be happening to the men (3:25)? _____

5. Give something you can apply to your life from this section.

6. Take a thought or a verse with you for the day (or review the whole book so far “for the day”).

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 4, and answer the following.

1. Is “that day” in this chapter 4 a day of blessing or punishment (correction)? _____
2. What do you suppose the women of verse 1 meant in what they said? _____
3. Who has died (apparently) in 4:3-4, and by what two spirits will the Lord have washed away the filth (and blood)? _____

4. What does the cloud of 4:5 remind you of, and in a word what was it for? _____

5. What would the tabernacle of 4:6 provide? _____

The book of Isaiah is the first of the writings of the Prophets in the Bible; and Isaiah, the author, is generally considered to be the greatest prophet. He was reared in an aristocratic home and married to a prophetess. In the beginning of his ministry he was well-liked... Isaiah had an active ministry for 60 years before he was executed during Manasseh's reign (according to tradition). As God's special messenger to Judah, Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of several of its rulers, and many of those messages are recorded in his book: Uzziah and Jotham (1-6), Ahaz (7-14), and Hezekiah (15-39). (The "office" of prophet was instituted during the days of Samuel, the last of the judges. Prophets stood with the priests as God's special representatives. The role of the prophet was to speak for God, confronting the people and their leaders with God's commands and promises.) *Life Application Bible*

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 1-4.

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

Isaiah 5-8

Monday—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—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 it 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—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—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 of these two kings coming up against them (7:2-4)?

2. Why were 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 v.14).

Friday—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—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)?

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

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him (11:2)
Isaiah 9-11

Monday—prayerfully read Isaiah 9:1-12.

1. This chapter begins “Nevertheless” which seems to connect it to the previous two verses (8:21-22), and Isaiah seems to be saying that the darkness Israel next will be facing will be even worse than what they faced before; but then, 9:2 says that amid this darkness, what will happen? _____

2. What (or who) do you suppose that great light of 9:2 is, based on the following verses, specifically verses 6-7? _____

3. What was the joy being experienced by the nation being multiplied based on (9:3)? _____

(Bonus reading) Verses 4-5 are difficult to understand (without looking at different translations or commentaries), but they seem to be saying that there will be a little break in their (Judah’s) current oppression (being under attack), but their final deliverance was not yet.

4. For what were Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria (two names for the same place) being condemned (9:9)? _____

5. In whom were the Ephraimites trusting in 9:9? _____

(Bonus) What two adversaries (nations) did the LORD set up against Israel (Ephraim) (vs.11-12)? _____

6. Take a verse (or thought) with you for the day that you can percolate (vs.6-7)!

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 9:13-21.

1. To whom were the Israelites not turning (9:13)? _____

2. Because the people were not turning to Him, who would the LORD cut off (9:14-15)? _____

(Bonus) What two categories of people would the LORD cut off, and who is held responsible (v.16)? _____

3. What actually was burning up the people (9:17-18)?

(Bonus) What anomaly (something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected) is in verse 19? _____

4. What wrath will they be experiencing as identified in 9:20?

5. Who is against Judah (9:21)? _____

(Bonus) What do you think is the antecedent of “this” in verse 21? (Is it just the first half of that verse, or does it refer back to the whole chapter?) _____

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

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 10:1-14.

1. What four groups were the unrighteous abusing (10:1-2)?

2. What is the implied answer to the second question being asked in 10:6 (to whom will ye flee for help)? _____

(Bonus) Who is the antecedent of “me” and who is the antecedent of “his” in 10:4? _____

3. Who did the LORD choose to be the rod of his anger (to be used against Israel) (10:5)? _____

(Bonus) Who do you suppose were “the people of His wrath” in v.6? _____

4. Who is making the speech of 10:8-11 (you must look a little earlier in the chapter to find out)? _____

(Bonus) What was the root problem of the one making this speech? _____

(Double bonus) What do you suppose “his whole work” of 10:12 means? _____

5. What would the LORD do with proud Assyria after He finished using her as the rod of His anger (which we see in v.1) (10:12)?

6. Take a verse (or thought) with you for the day. (Perhaps the thought would be helpful to consider how the Lord sometimes uses the wicked to discipline His children)! Did you? _____

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 10:15-27.

1. Who is the axe, and who is the “him that hews therewith” in 10:15? _____

2. What shall be for a fire (the _____ of Israel), and what shall be for a flame (his _____ One), and what do you suppose is the forest (including thorns and briars) which these shall consume (burn up) (10:16-19)? _____

3. What shall the remnant (and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob) in that day now do (10:20-21)? _____
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(Bonus) “Consumption” can mean “destruction” in verses 22-23; what do you suppose is being consumed by the Lord God of hosts? _____

4. Of whom were those dwelling in Zion not to be afraid, and how soon would God’s indignation (apparently against His people) cease (10:24-27)? _____

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

5. Scofield entitles the remaining verses of this chapter (10:28-34) “The approach of the Gentile hosts to the battle of Armageddon (Rev.16:4; 19:11.” What kind of people especially are singled out to be brought down (10:33)? _____
6. Take a verse (or thought) with you for the day that you can percolate (perhaps v.20).

Friday—prayerfully read Isaiah 11:1-10.

1. Out of what tribe shall a rod and a Branch appear, and whose spirit shall rest upon him (11:1-2)? _____

(Bonus) Describe that sevenfold Spirit briefly in your own words. _____

2. Give two things that will characterize this leader’s rule (11:3-5). _____
3. What will characterize animals during this coming time (11:6-8)? _____

(Bonus) What three formerly-wild animals will a child at this future time lead (v.6)? _____

4. At this future blessed time, what shall fill the earth (11:9)?

5. In that day, what shall be a flag (ensign) to be sought (for a glorious rest!) (11:11)? _____

6. Take a thought or a verse with you for the day (perhaps v.10).

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 11:11-16.

1. In that day, what shall the Lord recover for the second time, and from how many different locations will he gather them (11:11)? _____

(bonus) What is this remnant called in verse 12? _____

2. What two groups which before had tangled would now get along (11:13)? _____

3. Who is the “they” of verse 14, and what shall they do together (11:13-14)? _____

4. What shall the LORD do again for His people (11:15-16)?

5. Take a break.

6. Take a truth with you for the day, perhaps one from 11:10 (or perhaps read chapter 12, which is a song of praise which ends this first section of Isaiah).

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 9-11.

Therefore with joy (12:3)
Isaiah 12

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

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1. The future Release (40-48)
2. The future Redeemer (49-57)
3. The future kingdom (58-66)

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 12, and answer the following questions from verse 1.

1. Who is being addressed directly by Isaiah (12:1)?

(Bonus) what is the antecedent of “I” in verse 1?

2. What two things changed for the one praying in verse 1?

3. When were the events of 12:1 to take place, and when do you suppose that will be? _____

4. In one word, what was the response of those who were addressing the LORD, to His bringing them comfort?

5. What kind of prayer is this verse, using the categories in the **FACTS** acronym for prayer (that is **F**ellowship-**A**doration-**C**onfession-**T**hanksgiving-**S**upplication)? _____

6. Take a thought with you for the day from this verse that you can percolate! _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 12:2, and continue answering questions.

1. Is verse 2 a continuation of verse 1 (the people’s prayer), or is it Isaiah speaking? _____
2. Who specifically did the people (individually and collectively) claim was their salvation? _____
3. Give the two (or three) names for God used in this verse.

4. What three things was God to those speaking these words?

5. What two-fold response (opposite sides of the same coin) did the speaker declare in this praise? _____

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

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 12:3, and answer the following.

1. Who now is speaking? _____
2. What do you suppose are (or is) the wells of salvation?

3. What do you suppose is the water? _____
4. How do you suppose we “draw”? _____

5. What is the antecedent of “Therefore”?! _____

6. Say this verse from memory! Did you? _____

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 12:4, and answer the following.

1. How many different exhortations were the people to speak in that day? _____
- 2-5. Distinguish these things they were to say in that day.

6. Take these thoughts (admonitions) with you today.

Friday —prayerfully read Isaiah 12:5-6, and answer the following.

1. What three commands are given in these last two verses?

2. What is known in all the earth? _____
3. What do you suppose “excellent things” includes?

4. Who is being addressed in these verses? _____

5. What reason is given for the Israelites to cry out and shout?

6. Take a thought or a verse with you for the day (perhaps that this Holy One of Israel is now in our “midst”).

Saturday—prayerfully read and meditate on Isaiah 12, and give the outline of the book of Isaiah from memory!

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 12.

The burden of Babylon (13:1)
Isaiah 13-14

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

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Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 13:1-8, and answer the following questions.

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

1. After describing the coming joy of Israel (“in that day,” 12:1), Isaiah turns to address what nation (13:1)? _____

2. The LORD (through Isaiah) seems to be calling nations to come up against Babylon in 13:2-4 (remember that “mountain” is used to refer to a nation)—what people specifically are being called (v.3)? _____
3. Where do these nations come from, and what is the LORD’s purpose for them (13:5)? _____

- *4. “The day of the LORD” (v.6) is an expression that includes the thought of the Lord’s direct intervention in the affairs of men—how were the Babylonians to respond to what was about to happen to them (13:6)? _____

5. List some of the miseries that were about to come upon the Babylonians (13:7-8). _____

6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses.

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 13:9-22, and continue answering questions.

1. Who will be destroyed out of the land (13:9), and in one word what will happen in verse 10? _____

2. What four groups to be punished are identified in verse 11? _____

*3. What “emotion” of the LORD is being seen (13:13)? _____

4. What will happen to the people as a whole (13:14-16)? _____

5. What nation will rise up against the Babylonians, and what two characteristics are brought out regarding this attacking nation (13:17-18)? _____

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

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 13:19-22, and answer the following.

1. What shall Babylon now be like (13:19)? _____

2. Who will not dwell any longer in Babylon (13:20)? _____

*3-5. Take 2-5 minutes imagining the picture being painted by Isaiah in an overthrown Babylon (13:19-22)—did you? _____

6. Talk to the Lord about His coming! Did you? _____

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 14:1-11, and answer the following.

1. What will the LORD do for Jacob and Israel (14:1-3)? _____

2. Who was the golden city, and what characterized this city when she ruled (14:4-6)? _____

3. Why was the whole earth at rest and happy (“they break forth into singing”) (14:7-8)? _____

4. Who will Babylon be joining, and where (14:9-10)?

5. Contemplate the picture Isaiah paints for us in these verses (9-11), at least for a little bit of time.

6. Take these thoughts with you today.

Friday—prayerfully read Isaiah 14:12-17, and answer the following.

1. These verses seem to be addressing the driving force behind the wickedness of Babylon—what (or who) would this be (14:12)? _____

(bonus) What two titles are given this being in this verse (v.12)? _____

2. What do these verses seem to be describing (14:13-14)?

*3. Describe this fall (verses 13-14), specifically Lucifer’s (Satan’s) problem. _____

4. From what sides (verse 13) to what sides (verse 15) did Lucifer descend? _____

5. What catches the attention of those that see this spectacle (of Satan being brought down) (14:16-17)? _____

6. Take a thought or a verse with you for the day (perhaps how powerless Satan is when the Lord chooses to weaken him).

Saturday—prayerfully read and meditate on Isaiah 14:18-32.

1. It seems that Isaiah returns from addressing Lucifer directly to addressing Babylon (in these verses). How would Babylon's demise differ from other kings and nations which had gone before her (14:18-20)? _____

(Bonus) What reason did Isaiah give for Babylon's being treated more severely than the other deceased nations before her (verse 20)? _____

2. What did God intend for the future of Babylon (14:21-23)? _____

3. Where next does Isaiah (the LORD) turn his attention (14:24-25)? _____

(Bonus) Where will the LORD take down the Assyrians?

4. Whose hand is stretched out upon all the nations, and why will what Isaiah is proposing come to pass (14:26-27)? _____

5. The people of Palestina are better known to us as the Philistines. 14:28 tells us that in the year King Ahaz died, Isaiah delivered his burden (grievous message) pertaining to the Philistines. In this section, who do you suppose is the rod that was broken who would then come back and do the Philistines damage (14:28-32)? _____

6. Take these thoughts with you today.

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 13-14.

The burden of Moab (15:1)
At that day shall a man look to his Maker (17:7)
Isaiah 15-18

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 15, and answer the following questions.

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

1. Isaiah 15 is about what nation (15:1)? _____

(Bonus) What do you suppose “burden of Moab” means?

2. What do you suppose are Ar, Kir, Bajith, Dibon, Nebo, Medeba, Heshbon, Elealeh, Jahaz, Zoar, Luhith, Horonaim, Nimrim, Eglaim, Beerelim, and Dimon, all proper names found in this chapter? _____

3. What is the spirit and attitude (emotional state) of the people of this chapter (the Moabites) at this time? _____

(Bonus) Why is this their spirit and attitude (vs.1, 5-6, 9)?

*4. What was Isaiah’s attitude regarding their grief (15:5)?

5. Are we told in this chapter what the Moabites had done to bring this destruction upon them, and if so what was it?

6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses.

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 16, and know that it is hard to understand—I think that if you read it continually praying for understanding, and then simply answer the questions, it won't be that hard!

1. Isaiah 16 continues the burden of (message to) Moab. In verse 1, who is being addressed directly? Verse 3 gives a big hint.

(Bonus) In the first five verses of this chapter 16, it seems mercy is being extended to at least some in Moab; considering verses 1 and 5, where does this mercy seem to be coming from? _____

*2. What seems to be the primary sin of Moab, and what are two other sins which seem to be present in him (16:6-7)?

3. Who are the ones punishing Moab (16:8)? _____

4. What primarily is being broken down and destroyed of Moab (16:9-10)? _____

(Bonus) How soon from the time of Isaiah's giving his message was this destruction to Moab to happen (16:14)?

5. What is written which indicates that the prophet was moved by compassion toward Moab (16:9)? _____

(Bonus) Who (besides Isaiah) cared about this destruction coming to Moab (16:7)? _____

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

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 17:1-8, and answer the following.

1. Isaiah’s burden (message) in this chapter pertains to what country? The capitol of the country is given in verse 1 and the country is named in verse 3. _____
2. The glory of this country (Syria) is compared to the glory of what other nation (17:3-6)? _____
- *3. What would God leave in both of these nations (17:3-7)? This will take a little extra thought! _____
- *4. What change will come on at least some of the people (apparently the ones who would be spared) (17:7-8)?

5. Contemplate the picture Isaiah paints for us in these verses (6-8), at least for a little bit of time.
6. Talk to the Lord about your not wanting to trust the work of your hands! Did you? _____

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 17:9-14, and answer the following.

- *1. What shall happen in that day to Moab, and why (17:8-9)?

2. What picture did Isaiah paint in the last half of verse 10 and all of verse 11? _____

3. Isaiah seems to expand his point from Moab to all (or many) nations in 17:12-13a; how are these nations pictured?

4. What will happen to these nations, apparently rushing on Israel (Judah) (17:13)? _____
5. What reason is given for the trouble pronounced on Moab and other nations in 17:14? _____
6. Take these thoughts with you today.

Friday—prayerfully read Isaiah 18, and answer the following.

1. Assuming the “rivers of Ethiopia” to include the Nile River, what land probably is being addressed in this woe (18:1)?

(Bonus) What do you suppose “shadowing with wings” might mean? _____

2. Compare 18:2 and 7, and what they have in common. Who do you suppose is this nation “scattered and peeled”? _____

3. Who do you suppose is lifting up the ensign in 18:3, and what else is being done in that verse to attract the people who are being called (seemingly)? _____

4. Isaiah 18:4-7 seem to be describing the dispersion of the Israelites (which we know about today because of the rest of the Bible story and through history)—what seems to be the Lord’s attitude toward His scattered people in verse 4?

5. What do you suppose is the present in verse 7? _____

6. Take a thought or a verse with you for the day (perhaps how the LORD grows His precious people, using hardness).

Saturday—enjoy your other Bible study today—this is a hard-to-understand section, and I’m sure that you worked hard and need a break!

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 15-18.

The burden of Egypt (19:1)
He shall send them a savior, and a great one (19:20)
Isaiah 19-21

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

Remember to pray for Spirit-filling to understand and enjoy this study as you **mark, meditate, memorize, and master** these scriptures (Lk.11:13)!

Isaiah Outline (LAB adapted)

A. Words of Judgment 1-35

1. Judgments of Israel and Judah (1-12)
2. Judgment of heathen nations (13-23)
3. Judgment in God’s purpose (24-35)

B. Events during the reign of Hezekiah (36-39)

C. Words of Comfort 40-66

1. The future Release (40-48)
2. The future Redeemer (49-57)
3. The future kingdom (58-66)

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 19:1-7, and answer the following questions.

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

1. Isaiah 19 is about what nation (19:1-8)? _____

(Bonus) What do you suppose “burden of Egypt” means?

2. How will the LORD bring down Egypt (19:2)? _____

(Advanced interrogation technique, aka bonus) How also will the LORD bring down Egypt (19:3)? _____

3. What is a third way in which the LORD will bring down Egypt (19:4)? _____

4. What is a fourth way in which the LORD will bring down Egypt (19:5-7)? _____

5. Are we told in this chapter what the Egyptians had done to bring this destruction upon them, and if so what was it?

6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses.

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 19:8-17, and then simply answer the questions.

1. What three groups of workers are identified in 19:8-10 who will lose their jobs (or at least be frustrated in their work)?

(Bonus explanation on verse 10, please don't spend much time with this unless it is a blessing to you) There has been a great variety of opinion in regard to the interpretation of this verse [v.10], and much difficulty in the construction of the Hebrew words (Barnes). [Verse 10 could be interpreted] "all that make an enclosure of ponds of soul," or for delight and pleasure; that is, not only such shall be broken in their purposes, ashamed and confounded, and be dispirited, mourn and lament, whose business and employment it is to catch fish, or make nets for that end, and **get their livelihood thereby**; but even such who enclose a confluence of water, and make fishponds in their fields and gardens for their pleasure, will be disappointed; for their waters there will be dried up, and the fish die, as well as in the

common rivers. The Septuagint version renders it, “and all they that make zythum shall grieve”; “zythum” was a sort of malt liquor of the ancients; and the word for “sluices” is of affinity with a word that is often used for strong drink; and so the Syriac version here, “and all they shall be humbled that make strong drink, for the drink of the soul”; or for men to drink for pleasure (Gill).

- *2. What was lost to the leaders of Egypt (19:11-13)? _____

- 3. What picture is Isaiah painting (with words) in 19:14? _____

- 4. What will there not be in that time for Egypt (19:15)? _____

- 5. What emotion will the Egyptians be experiencing at this time (19:16-17)? _____

(Bonus) Why are the Egyptians experiencing this emotion?

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

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 19:18-25, and answer the following.

- 1. What seems to be happening to the Egyptians in that coming day (19:18-19)? _____
- 2. What will the LORD send to the Egyptians when they cry unto Him (19:20)? _____

(Bonus) What leads the Egyptians to cry unto the LORD?

*3. Isaiah 19:22 summarizes the future of Egypt—what is the sum? (There are six words, a clause, in this verse which you could give as the answer, or you could put it in your own words.)

*4. What three nations will serve together to be a blessing to each other and to others (19:23-25)?

5. What will the LORD do at that time to these three co-serving and co-blessing nations (19:25)?

6. What does this passage indicate to us about the Lord's attitude toward all the nations?

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 20, and answer the following.

1. What was Tartan's country, and what city did he take (20:1)?

2. What did the LORD tell Isaiah to do, and for how long was he to do this (20:2-3)?

3. What the LORD told Isaiah to do was a sign for what two nations (20:3-4)?

4. What do you suppose is the antecedent of "they" in 20:5-6?

5. Put these thoughts together to explain briefly what those speaking in 20:6 were saying.

6. Take these thoughts with you today (don't look to the world for deliverance when the going gets rough).

Friday—prayerfully read Isaiah 21:1-10, and answer the following.

1. What is the burden of this section (21:1-10)? (We will have to search this out further to see what specific place is being talked about, as it is not apparent at first.) _____

2. What kind of vision for Isaiah is this one (21:2-4)?

3. Who was appointed to see what was happening (21:5-6)?

4. What two or three things did the watchman see (21:7-8)?

(Bonus) What shift did this watchman work? _____

5. What message did the watchman (or those in the chariot) announce (21:10)? _____

6. What did the prophet declare (as should we) (21:10)?

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 21:11-17, and answer the following.

1. What is the burden of 21:11-12? _____

(Bonus) Who do you suppose is the watchman (being called out of Seir) in these verses)? _____

2. What was the second half of what the watchman said (21:12)?

3. What is the burden of 21:13-17? _____

4. What three cities within Arabia (apparently) are identified in these verses (21:13-17)? _____

(Bonus) What terrain (kind of land) was identified in these verses (v.13)? _____

5. The travelling companies of Dedanim (v.13) appear to be those fleeing from the grievousness of war (v.15). What did the inhabitants of Tema do for them (21:14)? _____

6. What comes to pass according to 21:17? _____

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 19-21.

The burden of Jerusalem and Tyre (22:1; 23:1)
You have not looked unto the Maker (22:11)
Isaiah 22-23

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

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Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 22:1-6.

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

1. What is the burden (message regarding) in Isaiah 22 (22:1)?
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(preliminary help in this survey of the book of Isaiah) “That Isaiah was speaking of Jerusalem is evident in 22:9-10” (*Bible Knowledge Commentary*, John Walvoord/Roy Zuck). It would be helpful to read this chapter in another translation; I recommend either the ESV or GW (*God’s Word Bible*). The ESV is a literal translation while GW is more “dynamic,” meaning that it gives up a little of the word-for-word (literal) translation to use words that interpret a little more, to make it more immediately understandable.

2. Read the GW translation of the first two verses (following), and then explain what you think is happening. Feel free to stay with the KJV on this (and ignore other translations, if you so desire)!

(GW) *Isa.22:1 This is the divine revelation about the valley of Vision. What’s the matter with you? Why do all of you go up on the roofs?*

Isa.22:2 You are a city filled with shouting, a town filled with noise and excitement. Your people weren't killed with swords. Your dead didn't die in battle.

Explain what you think is happening in these first two verses.

3. Do you think 22:3 is future relative to verses 1-2 (I am returning to the KJV for my questions.)? _____
 4. Who does Isaiah see as breaking down the walls of this city, and of bringing grief to her (22:5)? _____
 5. Who was attacking Jerusalem (22:6)? _____
 6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses.
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Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 22:7-18.

1. What is happening in 22:7-9? _____
2. What are the Israelites doing in 22:10-11, and what are they failing to do (v.11)? _____

3. What had the LORD called for, and what were the people doing (22:12-13)? _____

4. When would this partying iniquity be purged from this people (22:14)? _____
5. Who was the treasurer, and what had he built (22:15-16)? _____

(Bonus) Would Shebna get to enjoy what he had built for himself (22:17-18)? _____

(Double bonus) What thought in this section could be used to begin to develop a theology for basketball? _____

*6. Apply to your life 22:12-13 (and take with you for the day).

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 22:19-25.

1. Isaiah seems to be continuing to talk to Shebna (begins in verse 15); whom does the LORD call to take the leadership position of Shebna (22:19-21)? _____

2. What do you suppose the key of 22:22 represents? _____

*(Bonus) Does this verse make you think of any NT passage, and do you think there is a connection? _____

3. What word picture does Isaiah paint in 22:23-24 pertaining to the nail and cups? _____

4. What nail do you suppose will be cut down (and removed and fall) in 22:25? _____

5. Why will these prophecies come to pass (22:25)?

6. Please let this passage talk with you (Proverbs 6:22) (and take it with you for the day).

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 23:1-6.

1. What is Isaiah's burden in this chapter (23:1)? _____

(Help) "This was a famous city in Phoenicia, which exceeded in renown and grandeur all the cities of Syria and Phoenicia [country

near Israel on Mediterranean coast including where modern day Lebanon and Syria are], and was much known for its trade and navigation, for which it was well situated by the sea; and indeed new Tyre stood in it, about half a mile from the shore, before it was joined to the continent by Alexander the Great: but this seems to be old Tyre, and, was upon the continent, which was built by the Phoenicians before the Trojan war, and two hundred and forty years before the temple of Solomon.” John Gill

(Additional help) John Gill also writes that Tarshish was a Spanish city which traded with Tyre and helped make Tyre rich, and that Chittim was a city in Greece which also was witnessing what was happening to Tyre.

2. What seems to have been the source of Tyre’s wealth (23:2-3)?

3. Who also was told by Isaiah to be ashamed (23:4)? _____

(More help from John Gill) “[Zidon was a] city near to Tyre, about twenty five miles from it; [one scholar] says it was within a day’s walk of it; these two cities, as they were near to each other, so they were closely allied together, and traded much with one another, so that the fall of Tyre must be distressing and confounding to Zidon; and besides, Tyre was a colony of the Zidonians, and therefore is called the daughter of Zidon (23:12), and could not but be affected with its ruin, and the more, as it might fear the same would soon be its case...”

4. To what nation is the painful fall of Tyre compared (23:5)?

5. “Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle” (23:6). The meaning here seems to be that Isaiah is telling the inhabitants of Tyre to flee to Tarshish (“inhabitants of the isle” is another name for the inhabitants of Tyre)—John _____ gives this as a possible meaning.

6. Take these thoughts with you today (that the Lord is sovereign over all nations).

Friday—prayerfully read Isaiah 23:7-13.

1. Had the “joyous city” been around long (23:7)? _____

(Bonus) What city do you suppose was the “joyous city?”

2. What city was “the crowning city,” and who purposed to stain (pollute) its pride (23:8-9)? _____

3. Tyre (apparently) is called “the joyous city” in verse 7 and “the crowning city” in verse 8; what is she called in verse 11?

4. What two things would be no more for Tyre (“daughter of Zidon”) (23:12)? _____

5. Take a break.

- *6. Contemplate that joy is a blessing (inferred from verses 7 and 12), and that it is God’s plan for our lives!

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 23:14-18.

1. Who founded and developed the land of the Chaldeans (23:13)? _____

(Bonus) Who do you suppose is the “he” in “he brought it [land of the Chaldeans I suppose] to ruin”? _____

2. What do you suppose was “the strength of Tarshish” in 23:14?

3. For how many years shall Tyre be forgotten (23:15)? _____

4. How will Tyre be remembered (23:15-16)? _____

5. After seventy years the LORD apparently will restore Tyre—
what shall she do then (23:17)? _____

(Bonus) Who will benefit from Tyre's merchandise (v.18)?

6. Contemplate (think about) how the Lord takes care of His
children in different ways (considering v.18). _____

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 22-23.

We have waited for Him (25:9)!
Wherefore Glorify Ye the LORD in the Fires (24:15)
Isaiah 24-25

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

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Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 24:1-6.

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

1. What does the LORD make empty and waste and turn upside down, and scatter its inhabitants (24:1)? _____

2. Explain what you think could be the point of 24:2.

(Bonus) How do we know that these things of these first three verses of Isaiah 24 will come to pass? _____

3. What people are being chastised in these verses (24:4-5)?

4. What will happen to the inhabitants of the earth at this time (24:6)? _____

5. What is left in the earth at this time (24:6)? _____

6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses.

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 24:6-12, and then simply answer the questions.

1. What two joys (“happiness-bringers”) are taken away (24:6-7)?

2. What happens to the “mirth of tabrets,” “the noise of them that rejoice,” and “the joy of the harp” (24:8)? _____
3. When we are grief stricken (or depressed), little-if-anything brings us joy (general principle)—what experience no longer would make them happy (24:9)? _____
- 4-5. This passage is poetic, and Isaiah is painting a word picture, which explains why it seems he repeats himself—put what Isaiah is describing in prosaic (non-poetic) terms (24:7-12).

6. Even though we are not told in this passage (vs.1-12) what leads to such an end as is being described, from our knowledge of the Lord (and other scriptures), what always leads to such an end? _____

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 24:13-23, and answer the following. These questions will take some thought and maybe a little sanctified imagination.

1. What change seems to occur between verse 12 and verse 13? (Hints: look at verse 14 as a continuation of verse 13, and we are looking for a simple answer.) _____
2. What do you suppose 24:15 (KJV) means (especially the first part of the verse)? _____

*(Bonus) Isaiah writes that he is hearing songs (speaks of happiness, I presume) from afar (“the uttermost”), but what is he experiencing where he is (24:16-17)? _____

3. What is happening in 24:18 when people were trying to get away from hardness? _____
4. What is happening to the earth at this time (24:19-20)? _____
5. When do you think these prophecies will come to pass (24:21-23)? _____
6. Please let this passage talk with you (Proverbs 6:22) (and take it with you for the day).

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 25:1-6, and answer the following.

1. What is Isaiah’s “burden” (term not used) in this chapter (25:1-6)? _____
2. What has God done, and what are His counsels for us of old (25:1)? _____
3. What city do you suppose the LORD made a heap, mentioned in 25:2-3? _____
4. Who shall glorify the LORD, and who shall fear Him (25:3)? _____

(Bonus) Who do you suppose are the strong people of verse 3? Hint: see verse 4. _____

5. One term is repeated three times to describe the anti-God forces in 25:3-5 (KJV)—what is that term? _____

6. Take these thoughts with you today (especially the first two verses).

Friday—prayerfully read Isaiah 25:7-12, and answer the following.

1. Do you think that the feast of 25:6 is a happy or sad feast for the people of God? _____

(Bonus) What do you suppose is “the face of the covering cast over all the people” (verse 7)? _____

2. When do you suppose Isaiah 25:8 will happen? _____

3. What was God’s people’s responsibility before “that day” (25:9)? _____

4. With what theme does Isaiah end this praise chapter (regards God’s enemies) (25:10-12)? _____

5. What sport does Isaiah picture God’s doing (25:11)? Earlier Isaiah had pictured God’s tossing a ball, in 22:18 (only mention of “ball” in KJV). _____

- *6. Contemplate the application of this chapter to our lives (today, experientially—are we to experience any of this happiness today?)!

Saturday—prayerfully review Isaiah 24-25.

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When thy judgments are in the earth [people] will learn (26:9)!
Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace (26:3)
Isaiah 26-27

Remember to pray for Spirit-filling to understand and enjoy this study as you **mark, meditate, memorize, and master** these scriptures (Lk.11:13)!

PRAY FOR ILLUMINATION AS YOU DO THIS STUDY!!

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 26:1-8.

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

1. Where will the song mentioned in 26:1 be sung? _____

(Bonus) This song begins in verse 1—in what verse of this chapter do you suppose this song ends? _____

2. Who is invited to enter in the gates (of the strong city of verse 1) (26:2)? _____

*3. Who is kept in perfect peace (26:3-4)? _____

(Bonus) We remember this verse 3 as Mrs. Shirley Zumkehr’s favorite verse (SZ was a faithful and godly woman who was long-time LCA secretary)—see if you can recite this verse from memory. Did you? _____

4. Who does the LORD use to bring down the high (26:5-6)? _____

5. In what way (path) should we find ourselves (26:7-8)? _____

(Bonus) What is the desire of our soul? _____

6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses.

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 26:9-12, and then simply answer the questions.

1. When did we desire and seek the LORD (26:9)? _____

*2. When will people learn righteousness (what is right) (26:9)?

(Bonus) For how many verses is this theme continued? _____

*3. When will the wicked not learn righteousness, and when will they see it (26:10-11)? _____

4. What will the LORD ordain for His people (26:12)? _____

(Bonus) What doctrine is being seen magnificently (!) in 26:12? Hint: this doctrine also can be seen as an attribute of God. _____

5-6. The word “in” in verse 12 also can be rendered “for” (according to the Nelson Bible marginal reference); compare this verse with Philippians 2:13 (It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure), and take it with you for the day.

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 26:13-21, and answer the following.

1. What is Isaiah doing in 26:13, apparently ending it in verse 19?

2. What is forgotten in 26:13-14? _____

(Bonus) Who is the only lord remembered? _____

3. What nation do you suppose is being talked about in 26:15-16?

4. Isaiah compares God's people to a woman expecting to give birth to a child, but fails to deliver that child (26:16-18); what had Israel literally failed to do (26:18)? _____

(Note) Perhaps 26:19 is speaking of the "valley of dry bones" developed in Ezekiel 37:1-10.

5. What did Isaiah exhort his people to do at this time (26:20)?

6. Please let this passage talk with you (Proverbs 6:22) (and take it with you for the day). _____

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 27:1-7, and answer the following.

1. What shall the LORD punish and slay in that day (give its four different names) (27:1)? _____

2. What picture does Isaiah paint of the LORD's people (apparently) (27:2-8)? _____

3. How does Isaiah picture the LORD's enemies, and what will He do with them (27:4)? _____

*4. What four things will the LORD do for those who come of Jacob (I think we would say "born again") (27:6)? _____

5. What do you suppose is the meaning of 27:7? _____

6. Take a thought with you for today from this section (perhaps the thought of the LORD’s continual care of His people, v.3).

Friday—prayerfully read Isaiah 27:7-13, and answer the following.

1. Isaiah 27:7-8 seem especially difficult to understand (certainly in the KJV). The GW (God’s Word) translation is plausible (could be accurate, and is more understandable), and without further research, I will accept that. *“Will the LORD hurt Israel as he hurt others who hurt them? Will he kill them as he killed others? He [The LORD] punished Israel by sending it away. He removed it with a fierce blast from the east winds”* (GW vs.7-8). These verses seem to be telling us that the LORD dealt even more severely with Israel’s enemies than with Israel herself. Do you have a better explanation (and if so, please give it)?!

2. Isaiah 27:9 tells us that the LORD will make all the stones of the altar as what? _____
3. What do you suppose was the “defensed city [which] shall be desolate,” and what will He that formed them (the people of that city) not show them (27:10-11)? _____
4. What will the LORD do for His people “in that day” (27:12)?

5. From where will God’s people come, and where will they go (27:13)? _____

- *6. Is there anything you get out of this section which feeds you (delights or helps you)?! _____

Saturday—prayerfully review Isaiah 26-27.

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Their lips do honor Me (29:13)!
Precept Must Be upon Precept (28:10,13)
Isaiah 28-29

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 28:1-8.

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

1. What of Ephraim has faded, and what seems to have caused this fading (28:1)? (This is a difficult verse to understand in KJV; consider the *God's Word* translation of it following.)

(God's Word translation) How horrible it will be for the arrogant drunks of Ephraim. Their glorious beauty is like a withered flower. They are at the entrance to a fertile valley where they lie drunk from wine.

2. Who will tread down the drunkards of Ephraim (28:2-3)?

3. What will replace “the glorious beauty which is on the head of the fat valley” (28:4-5)? _____
4. In addition to being a crown of glory to the residue (presumably those who trust in the LORD and are not given to drink), what will the LORD be to them (28:6)? _____

5. How do wine and strong drink also affect the priest and prophet (apparently the first six verses are speaking of the civil leaders) (28:8)? _____
6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses to think about. _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 28:9-20, and then answer the questions.

- *1. What age group shall He (presumably the LORD through the parents and church) teach knowledge, and how shall they be taught (28:9-10)? _____
2. What will He (presumably the LORD) speak to His people through foreigners (apparently people whose first language is not the same as the people they are speaking to) (28:11-12)? _____
3. Because they would not hear (verse 12), what happened to them (28:13)? _____
4. What group was Isaiah addressing in this message (28:14)? _____

(Bonus) What did these “misleaders” say would deliver them from the scourge that would be passing through Israel (presumably the mighty and strong one of verse 2) (28:15)? _____

5. What did the LORD place in Zion (Jerusalem) which would be for the believers (28:16)? _____
6. Read through 28:17-20; Isaiah is painting a picture of the coming judgment sweeping through the land, and like a flood, it is washing away lies and the covenant with death and hell (which flood continues numerous days). In verse 20 he uses another picture (a bed too short and a covering too narrow).

(Bonus) What do you suppose the last part of verse 19 means (“*it shall be a vexation only to understand the report*”)? _____

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 28:21-29, and answer the following.

1. Who will rise up and be wroth that he may do his work and act, and how are his work and act described (28:21)?

2. What did Isaiah hear from the LORD was coming, and what did he tell his audience not to be (28:22)? _____

3. What extended word picture does Isaiah give in 28:24-28?

4. Isaiah 28:25 seems to have to do with planting different seeds in different places (according to what is best-verse 26, following ground preparation in verse 24). How many different kinds of seeds are planted? _____
5. Isaiah 28:27-28 seems to have to do with threshing (or harvesting) the different crops; both planting (verse 25) and harvesting (verses 27-28) are followed by similar thoughts (verses 26 and 29)—what thought do verses 26 and 29 share?

6. What is the point of 28:23-29? I think that Isaiah here is communicating to his audience that just as a wise farmer plants and harvests in wisdom, so does the LORD deal with people—do you have a better explanation?! (Please take an applicable thought with you for the day!) _____

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 29:1-8, and answer the following.

1. What city is being distressed, and by whom (29:1-3)?

2. Can you see any possible connection between the dust of 29:4 and the dust of 29:5? _____

3. We are not actually told in these verses (until verse 7) that there is an attacking army (that I can see); what does the LORD bring against Ariel (Jerusalem) (29:6)? _____

4. What are we told that the nations which fight against Ariel shall be like (29:7-8)? _____
5. Take a break (this has been difficult)!
6. Take a thought with you for today from this section (perhaps the thought of the LORD's current mercy to His people).

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 29:9-16, and answer the following.

1. What was not causing the staggering people to stagger (29:9)?!

2. What was causing the people to stagger (29:10-11)? _____

3. What two reasons were given by the people for not reading “the vision” (presumably from the LORD) (29:11-12)?

4. What two reasons were given by the LORD for the wisdom of the wise men perishing (29:13-14)? _____

5. What foolishness were the people manifesting in 29:15-16?

- *6. Give something you can apply to your life, and take with you for the day. _____

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 29:17-24, and answer the following.

1. (Advanced!) What change (shift) is seen in 29:17-18?

2. What shall be increased in that day (29:18-19)? _____

3. What will be weakened (and perhaps even eliminated) (29:20-21)? _____

*(Bonus) Sinfulness (what will be cut off) includes “*lay[ing] a snare for him that reproveth in the gate*”; what do you suppose that means? _____

4. What apparently had caused Jacob to be ashamed (which shame-causing thing would be no more!) (29:22-23)?

5. What apparently encourages (provokes) complaining (29:24)?

6. Please let this passage talk with you (Proverbs 6:22) (and take it with you for the day). _____

Their lips do honor Me (29:13)!
Their Strength Is to Sit Still (30:7)
Isaiah 30-32

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Isaiah Outline (LAB adapted)

A. Words of Judgment 1-39

1. Sins of Israel and Judah (1-12)
2. Judgment against heathen nations (13-23)
3. God’s purpose in judgment (24-35)

B. Events during the reign of Hezekiah (36-39)

C. Words of Comfort 40-66

1. Israel’s release from captivity (40-48)
2. The future Redeemer (49-57)
3. The future kingdom (58-66)

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 30:1-8.

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

1. What are two characteristics of rebellious children identified in 30:1? _____

2. Who were the rebellious children (of verse 1) looking to for protection (30:2)? _____

3. Who was the shame (and confusion) of whom (30:3-7)?

 4. What was Isaiah’s counsel to the Israelites (rebellious children) (30:7)? _____
 5. What did the LORD tell Isaiah to do with what He was telling him (or at least what he was about to tell him in the following verses) (30:8)? _____
- (Bonus) What reason did the LORD give for Isaiah to write it down? _____
6. Take a thought with you for the day from these verses. _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 30:9-22, and then answer the questions.

1. In 30:8, the LORD told Isaiah to “write it”; what was Isaiah to write (in general or specifically) (30:9-11)? _____

2. What were the rebellious children (of Judah, the people being addressed by Isaiah) trusting in, in addition to oppression (fraud, cheating others) (30:12)? _____
3. What wall do you suppose would be ready to fall (because of their iniquity), and what King James expression communicates how quickly this will happen (30:13)? _____

4. What was Isaiah clearly telling them not to do (30:13-17)?

(Bonus) Where would their saving and strength be (30:15)?
(Take this thought with you for the day, and for the rest of your life!) _____

5. What two wait (30:18)? _____

(Bonus) What two attributes of God are mentioned in this verse (verse 18)? _____

*6. What will the LORD restore to His people (when they cry unto Him, and He is “very gracious” unto them) (30:19-21)?

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 30:23-33, and answer the following.

1. List the five or six blessings specified (made specific) that would come upon the Israelites in that day when the LORD blesses them (“*in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of His people...*” verse 26) (30:23-26). _____

2. Against what do you suppose the anger of the LORD burns (30:27-28)? _____

3. Where is the mighty One of Israel located in Isaiah 30:29?

4. With what shall the LORD put down the enemy (30:30-31)?

5. What also is part of the LORD’s arsenal (implements of war and punishment to direct against the enemy) (30:32-33)?

6. Give the whole (overall) picture of these verses (30:27-33), and view it momentarily as a work of literary art. _____

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 31:1-9, and answer the following.

1. What is the main (deepest) problem of the Israelites (31:1)?

2. Who do you suppose is wise in 31:2; that is, what (who) is the antecedent of “he”? _____

*3. What reason is given in 31:3 for the Israelites (Judeans) not to trust Egypt? _____

4. Who are the lion and the young lion (31:4), the birds flying (31:5), and the “him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted” (31:6)? _____

5. When shall the Assyrian fall with the sword (31:8)?

(Bonus) What happened that is the solution to the riddle of 31:8? The text doesn’t tell us the answer to this riddle (that the Assyrians shall fall but not by the sword of either mighty or mean man but he nevertheless shall flee by the sword).

6. Take a thought with you for today from this section (perhaps the thought of the LORD’s current mercy to His people).

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 32:1-11, and answer the following.

1. Isaiah lists four things a man shall be in 32:2 (hiding place, covert, dry place, shadow); what do these four things have in common? _____

(Bonus) Putting together the first two verses of this chapter, who is this man (or men)? _____

2. In this apparently future day, what shall be true of the vile person and churl (a stingy, impolite and mean-spirited person) (32:5-7)? _____

*3. What person is contrasted with the churl, and why do you suppose he is called that, in contrast to the churl of verse 7 (32:8)? _____

*4. What is the weakness of the women being addressed in 32:9-12? _____

5. How are these women to address their weakness (32:9, 11)?

*6. Are you a liberal (generous) person, or are you a churl (stingy)? Thank God for His grace in your life if you practice generosity, or repent if you have been practicing stinginess, and take a right attitude with you for the day! Did you? _____

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 32:12-20, and answer the following.

1. What did Isaiah prophesy would happen to their land (because of their unconfessed sin, their spiritual carelessness) (32:12-13)? _____

2. What shall happen to their buildings (32:14)? _____

3. When will these sad things change (32:15)? _____

(Bonus) How did Isaiah identify with his backslidden audience (verse 15)? _____

4. When the Spirit is poured out upon them, then judgment and righteousness shall be displayed (verse 16); what then will God's people experience (32:17-18)? _____

(Bonus) What can we do with verse 19?! _____

5. What seems to be being commended in 32:20? _____

6. Please let this passage talk with you (Proverbs 6:22) (and take it with you for the day). _____

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 30-32.

The fear of the LORD is his treasure (33:6)!
The LORD Is Our Judge, Lawgiver, and King (33:22)
Isaiah 33-35

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“Open thou mine eyes, that I may [regard with pleasure] wondrous things out of thy law” (Ps.119:18)!

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 33:1-9.

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

1. What will come to those who take from (“spoil”) and deal treacherously with others (33:1)? _____

2. Isaiah’s prayer begins in verse 2; through what verse does his prayer continue? _____

*(Bonus) Pray this prayer!
3. Isaiah prays in verse 3, “*Be thou their arm every morning*”; who is he praying for (do you suppose)? _____

4. What shall be “*the stability of thy times*” (and your strength) (33:6)? _____
5. Who do you suppose (in general) is crying and mourning in 33:7-9? _____

*6. What is our treasure, identified in verse 6 (and take this thought with you for the day!)? _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 33:10-18, and then answer the questions.

1. (This question will take some extra thinking!) Based on the previous verses (33:7-9), when do you suppose the LORD will arise (33:10)? _____
2. In verses 11-12, it seems that those people who have not been living in the fear of the LORD will be as chaff easily burned up (combusted); what are those both far off and near told to acknowledge (33:13)? _____
3. Who will survive the devouring fire and the everlasting burnings (33:14-15)? _____

4. What will these survivors of the LORD's wrath (those "*among us who shall dwell with the devouring fire,*" verse 14) be enabled to see (33:17)?! _____
5. What shall these people (the survivors) not see (but only "meditate," that is, think about) (33:15)? _____
6. Take a thought with you for today from this section (perhaps the thought of the LORD's showing mercy to those who fear Him even when those around them are being punished).

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 33:19-24, and answer the following.

1. What will those who behold the land that is very far off (verse 17) see in that land, and what is the name of that land (33:20)?

2. What will the Lord be unto us in this place (33:21)?

*3. This beautiful verse (33:22) contains the three branches of government—please identify them. _____

4. What does 33:23 seem to be teaching regarding the ability of those who fear God to be victorious? _____

5. Who will not say, “I am sick,” and what do you suppose they mean by that (33:24)? _____

6. Meditate today at least a little on verse 22.

Thursday—prayerfully read Isaiah 34:1-8, and answer the following.

1. Who is to listen to what Isaiah has to say next (34:1)?

2. Who has the LORD utterly destroyed (34:2)? _____

3. What will happen to the heavens (34:4)? _____

4. Upon whom shall this judgment come (34:5)? _____

5. What shall there be a lot of at this time of coming judgment, and when shall this be (34:6-8)? _____

6. Take a thought with you for today from this section (perhaps the thought that everything is either Creator or created, and that is what they always will be).

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 34:9-17, and answer the following.

1. What shall characterize the surface of the earth, following the LORD's vengeance (34:9-10)? _____
2. While the land shall be a wasteland as pertains to people, it will be inhabited by animals; how many animals are identified by name, and name one of them which interests you at least a little (34:11-14)? _____
3. Who will respond when the nobles (and princes) shall be called (to lead presumably) (34:12)? _____
4. What activity will these animals continue, even in the devastation (34:14-16)? _____
5. What shall not fail, in principle and specifically (34:16-17)?

- *6. What attribute of God do you think this passage most displays (34:16-17)? _____

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 35:1-10, and answer the following.

1. What shall happen to the desert, and what shall be seen (35:1-2)? _____
2. Who is being addressed in 35:3-4? _____
3. What four groups of infirm people will be healed at this coming time (35:5-6)? _____

4. What shall be prepared through the former wilderness, what shall it be called, and what won't go on it (35:8-9)? _____

(Bonus) Who shall walk there?! _____

5. What will be in abundance, experienced by those returning to Zion (35:10)? _____

6. Please let this passage talk with you (Proverbs 6:22) (and take it with you for the day). _____

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 33-35.

SAVE US!
That All May Know That Thou Art the LORD (37:20)!
Isaiah 36-37:20

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Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 36:1-7.

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

1. Who was the king of Assyria at this time, and who was the king of Judah, and how many of the defended cities of Judah did Assyria take (except Jerusalem, v.2) (36:1)? _____

2. Sennacherib sent Rabshakeh to Jerusalem with a great army (v.2)—name the three who represented Hezekiah (36:3).

3. Rabshakeh said that Judah’s position regarding war with Assyria was “*I have counsel and strength for war*”; what do you think he meant by that (36:5)? _____

4. What two entities did Rabshakeh say the Judeans were trusting (36:6-7)? _____

5. How was Rabshakeh misunderstanding or misrepresenting Hezekiah and Judah’s trusting in the LORD God in 36:7?

- *6. We can expect attacks from those who don't understand and/or misrepresent our position as well as from those who do (and take this thought with you for the day!)

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 36:8-12, and then answer the questions.

1. What did Rabshakeh invite the Judeans to do (36:8)?

2. What did Rabshakeh mock Judah for trusting (36:10)?

3. Who sent Assyria against Judah to destroy it, according to the Assyrian speaker (Rabshakeh) (36:10)? _____
4. What language did Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah request for Rabshakeh to speak (36:12)? _____
5. What political move did Rabshakeh use, similar to how President Trump operates (36:15)? _____
6. Take a thought with you for today from this section (perhaps to recognize that it is easy for God's people to be politically naïve).

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 36:13-22, and answer the following.

- 1-3. What (and how) did Rabshakeh speak to persuade the Judeans to surrender—in other words, how did he try to get the Judeans to surrender (36:13-20)? _____

4. Who do you suppose “*answered him not,*” according to verse 21? _____

5. How did this speech affect Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah (36:22)?

6. Meditate today at least a little on verse 20 and the many different religions and churches.

Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 37:1-9, and answer the following.

*1. In what three ways did Hezekiah respond upon hearing the fearsome words spoken by Rabshakeh (37:1-2)? _____

2. What did Hezekiah send unto Isaiah (37:3-4)? _____

3. How did Isaiah respond (in your own words) (37:6-7)?

4. Where had the king of Assyria (Sennacherib) been stationed while Rabshakeh was terrorizing the Judeans (37:8 and 36:2)?

5. Against whom were the Assyrians led away to fight (37:8-9)?

*6. What attribute of God do you think this passage most displays, and take this thought with you for the day (37:1-9)? _____

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 37:10-16, and answer the following.

1-3. These first four verses (37:10-13) record the message Rabshakeh sent to Hezekiah as he left off attacking Jerusalem

(for the moment) and returned to Sennacherib who was warring against Libnah. Put Rabshakeh's message in your own words.

4. What three or four things did Hezekiah do upon receiving this threatening message from Rabshakeh (37:14-15)? _____

5-6. How did Hezekiah address God (that is, how did he begin his prayer) (and take this with you for the day, seeking to incorporate it into your prayer life!) (37:16)? _____

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 37:17-20, and answer the following.

1. What was Hezekiah asking God to do in this part of his prayer (37:17)? _____

2-3. What was Hezekiah doing in verses 18-19 (what was his point, what part does this have in prayer)? _____

4-5. What specific request did Hezekiah make of the LORD, and what reason did he give for the LORD to grant this request (37:20)? _____

6. Please let this passage talk with you (Proverbs 6:22) (and take it with you for the day, again incorporating these patterns into your prayer life!).

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 36-37:20.

HORRORS!
There Shall Be Peace and Truth in My Days (39:8)!
Isaiah 37:21-39:8

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 37:21-28.

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

1. Who is speaking to whom for whom about whom (37:21)?!

2. Who is shaking her head at whom (37:22)? _____

3. Who was being reproached and blasphemed by Sennacherib (37:23-24)? _____

4. Who is taking credit for the defeat of Lebanon (“*I will cut down the tall cedars*” of Lebanon) and for drying up all the rivers of the besieged places (37:25-26)? _____

5. The LORD (speaking through Isaiah) says in verses 26-27 that He is the one who has done this (caused Sennacherib to be successful in his conquests, making these other inhabitants of small power); what (or whom) did the LORD also say was the object of Sennacherib’s rage (37:28)? _____

*6. Sennacherib thought that he was being moved against his enemies by his rage against the LORD, when actually he also was being moved by the LORD’s invisible hand—this is called the sovereignty of God (“God’s invisible hand moved by His invincible arm working His inexorable will”)—take this or another scriptural thought with you for the day!

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 37:29-38, and then answer the questions.

1. The LORD is speaking through Isaiah in these verses (beginning at verse 21). To whom is the LORD (Isaiah) speaking in verse 29, and then to whom do you suppose He begins speaking in verse 30? _____

2. What will bring about the restoration of the house of Judah (37:31-32)? _____
3. Who will not come into this city (Jerusalem), nor even fight against it, but shall return the way he came (37:33-34)?

4. How many of the Assyrian soldiers were killed, and who killed them (37:36)? _____

(Bonus) What were they when they arose early in the morning (verse 36, KJV)? _____
5. What was the end of Sennacherib (37:38-39)? _____

6. What two reasons does the LORD give for defending His people in verse 37 (and take this thought with you for the day)?

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 38:1-8, and answer the following.

1. Who was sick unto death, and what did Isaiah tell him to do (38:1)? _____
2. What do you suppose it means to “*set your house in order*”?

3. To what two “things” did Hezekiah turn (38:2)? _____

4. What two things did the LORD say He would do for Hezekiah in response to his prayer and tears (38:5-6)? _____

5. What sign did the LORD give Hezekiah that what He had spoken would come to pass (38:7-8)? _____

6. Meditate today at least a little on 38:3, and take it with you for the day. Is it good for godly people to want to live longer?

Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 38:9-15, and answer the following.

1. The remaining verses of this chapter appear to be Hezekiah's written record of his sickness and recovery. Verses 9-15 record his agonizings before deliverance. When did he write these things (38:9)? _____

2. Was Hezekiah relatively young when he became sick (support your answer) (38:10, 12)? _____

3. What two things would Hezekiah have missed out on if he had died prematurely (38:11)? _____

4. Describe Hezekiah's symptoms (38:12-14). _____

5. Who did Hezekiah see as being behind (causing) his sickness (38:15)? _____
6. Take a thought with you for the day from this section, perhaps the embedded prayer in verse 14.

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 38:16-22, and answer the following.

1. The first verse of this section (v.16) is difficult to understand (on initial KJV reading)—what do you suppose is the meaning of “*by these things*”? _____

2. What did Hezekiah need, along with physical healing (38:17)?

3. What two things did Hezekiah indicate he would do (presumably continue doing) if the LORD allowed him to live (which things he couldn’t do if he died) (38:18-19)?

4. How did Hezekiah show his gratitude for the LORD’s healing him (38:20)? _____

5. What medicine had Isaiah prescribed (38:21)? _____

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

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 39:1-8, and answer the following.

1. Who sent letters and a present to Hezekiah (39:1)? _____

2. What didn’t Hezekiah show his Babylonian visitors (39:1-4)?

3. What did Isaiah pronounce in judgment on Hezekiah for what he had done (39:5-7)? _____

4. Was Hezekiah glad for what he had just heard from Isaiah (39:8a)? _____
5. What infamous line did Hezekiah utter at this point in the story (38:8b)? _____
6. Do you have areas of your life where you are tempted to think this infamous line? Take with you for the day the prayer that you will never take this wrong position.

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 37:21-39:8.

Comfort Ye, My People (40:1)!
Isaiah 40-41

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

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Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 40:1-10.

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

1. To whom do you suppose God is speaking in 40:1-2?! _____

2. Given your knowledge of the Bible and considering the answer to the first question, what might be a double reference for "*the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness*" in 40:3? In other words, to what two people might "the voice" be referring?

3. What shall be seen by all flesh, and why do we know that this will be so (40:5)? _____

- *4. What two things are contrasted as to their longevity (40:6-8)?

5. Who is coming to rule, and what is he coming to rule (40:9-10)? _____

*6. Take a thought with you for the day! _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 40:11-20, and then answer the questions.

1. To what is the LORD God who shall come (verse 10) compared in verse 11? _____

2. What quality (or qualities) of God is (are) being presented in 40:12? _____

3. What quality (or qualities) of God is (are) being presented in 40:13-14? _____

4. What are very small before Him (40:15-17)? _____

5. What silly thing do men do in their attempt to get ahold of God (40:18-20)? _____

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

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 40:21-31, and answer the following.

1. What did Isaiah write in 40:21-22 which indicated that the earth is a sphere even before the time when scientists thought it was flat (40:21-22)? _____

(Bonus) What did the LORD stretch out as a curtain and tent for the earth's inhabitants to dwell in (40:22)? _____

2. Who shall the whirlwind take away as stubble (40:23-24)? _____

(Grammar note) "In formal writing use *whom* for all objects. ... Informal English tends to avoid the use of the objective *whom* unless it comes immediately after the preposition" (*Harbrace* 6th edition, page 50).

3. What is the implied answer to the question in 40:25? _____

4. What quality of God is indicated in 40:26-27? _____

*5. What is told us about God in 40:28-31, and what does He do with this? _____

(Bonus) Whose strength does the LORD renew (verse 31)? _____

6. Meditate today at least a little on 40:31 (and perhaps on verses 26-27), and take your meditations with you for the day!

Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 41:1-10, and answer the following.

1. The LORD calls the people (and islands) to come near for judgment; what two things come before the people are to speak (41:1)? _____

2. Who raised up the righteous man to rule (41:2-4)? _____

3. What did the ones who were afraid, and came near, do for each other (41:5-7)? _____

4. How was Israel identified in 41:8? _____

(Bonus) Who is identified as the LORD's friend? _____

5. Where did the LORD find Israel (apparently to regather them back to their Promised Land) (41:9)? _____

6. Meditate on 41:10, and take it with you for the day (or another verse).

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 41:11-20, and answer the following.

1. What will happen to those who had been angry (“incensed”) against Israel (41:11-12)? _____

2. What does the LORD repeat, that He says He will do for them (the Israelites) (41:13-14)? _____

(Bonus) How else does the LORD (“*thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel*”) refer to the men of Israel (verse 14)? _____

3. What do you suppose the LORD means in verse 16 when He says to Israel, “*the wind shall carry them away*”? _____

(Bonus) In what (or who) will the Israelites rejoice? _____

4. What specific need will the LORD address in this future day (41:17-18)? _____

5. How many kinds of trees will the LORD plant in the (former) wilderness (41:19)? _____

6. What can you apply to your life from this section (and take with you for the day, incorporating it)? Verse 20 gives much good and practical thought!

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 41:21-29, and answer the following.

1. There seems to be a change in the message beginning in 41:21—Isaiah had been speaking encouraging words of restoration to Israel, and now he returns to challenging those who think differently, against what he is presenting. He tells them to put forth their arguments against what he is saying (*“Produce your cause, bring forth your strong reasons”*) (verse 21). What specifically does he challenge them to reveal in verses 22-23? _____

2. What does Isaiah tell them their thinking is worth (41:24)?

3. What did Isaiah tell them was still ahead of them (41:25)?

4. How did Isaiah answer his own question *“Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know?”* (41:26)? _____

5. What did he (Isaiah and/or the LORD presumably) not find among them (presumably among the Israelites) (41:28-29)?

6. Given what is presented in this section, what should we pray stays upon us? Another way to ask this is, “What should we pray we will have so that we listen to God’s words and not man’s? (Take this thought with you for the day!) _____

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 40-41.

**When you pass through the waters... (42:2)!
Isaiah 42-43**

Monday—prayerfully read and enjoy Isaiah 42:1-8.

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

1. What two names (titles) are used of the one in 42:1 who will “bring forth judgment to the Gentiles”? _____
2. In what manner will this servant of the LORD come (42:2-3)?

3. What two things will not happen to this “my servant” (42:4)?

(Bonus) In one word (which is mentioned twice), what will this servant bring forth (42:1, 3)? _____

- *4. In one word (not mentioned), how is the LORD identified in Isaiah 42:5? _____
5. To what end has the LORD called His people (42:6-7)? _____

(Bonus) What does the LORD say He will hold in verse 6?

- *6. What will the LORD not give to another, and why (and take this thought [or another] with you for the day) (42:8)! _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 42:9-17, and then answer the questions.

1. What is the LORD able to do that none other is able to do (42:9)? _____

*2. What is to be done to the LORD everywhere (42:10-12)? _____

3. What will the LORD begin to do which he had not done (42:13-15)? _____

(Bonus) What two things will the LORD dry up (verse 15)?

4. Who will not be forsaken, and who do you suppose these people are (42:16)? _____

5. Who will be ashamed (42:17)? _____

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

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 42:18-25, and answer the following.

1. (difficult section, verses 18-20) Isaiah 42:18 seems to be connected to verse 23, and seems to me here at least at first to be speaking to God’s people who haven’t been hearing or seeing the LORD (“*not walk[ing] in His ways,*” verse 24; when the LORD says “*Who is blind but My servant, or deaf as My messenger*” (verse 19), He seems to be speaking of the Messiah—if this is so, **in what sense could the Messiah be blind?** _____

2. With what is the LORD well pleased, and what will He exalt (42:21)? _____

3. What was true of “*this people*” of 42:22? _____

4. For what reason was Jacob given for a plunder (42:24)? _____

5. Did Jacob respond to the LORD’s plundering of him (42:25)?

6. Meditate today at least a little on 42:24-25, and take your meditations with you for the day!

Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 43:1-7, and answer the following.

- *1. What three reasons did the LORD give Jacob for not fearing (43:1)? _____

2. In what three ways did the Lord identify Himself in 43:3? _____

3. The LORD gave five things for Jacob (Egypt, Ethiopia, Seba, men, and people); what two or three reasons did the LORD give for having done this (43:3-4)? _____

4. From where will the Lord gather Jacob? _____

5. Why did the LORD create (form and make!) every one that is called by His name (43:7)? _____
6. Meditate on 43:2, and take it with you for the day (or another verse).

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 43:8-17, and answer the following.

1. Who is to be brought forth (43:8)? _____

2. What two things were the nations invited to witness (to testify regarding) (43:9)? _____

(Bonus) How else does the LORD (“*thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel*”) refer to the men of Israel (verse 14)? _____

**3. “*Ye are my witnesses*” (the people listening to Isaiah, presumably the Israelites) that the One speaking was what three “things” (in what three ways did He identify Himself) (4:10-11)? _____

(Bonus) What were the Israelites to witness in verse 12? _____

(Double bonus!) What were the Israelites to witness in verse 13? _____

4. How does the LORD identify Himself in 43:14-15? _____

(Bonus) What has He done for His people in verse 14? (He is speaking in the prophetic perfect, meaning that the LORD/Isaiah is speaking as though a future event already has happened.) _____

5. What historical event in the life of Israel does 43:16-17 portray? _____

6. Take something with you from this section on which to meditate today (perhaps the titles of God in verses 11, 14-15).

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 43:18-28, and answer the following.

1. It seems that the LORD is saying in 43:18 “*Look at things in a different way.*” Do you agree, or do you have a better or alternative interpretation? _____

2. What would be the new thing the LORD would do, according to 23:19-20? _____

3. What did the LORD expect of His people (verse 21), but what instead was their response (to His forming them for Himself) (43:22-24)? _____

4. What great thing had the LORD done for the Israelites in 43:25?

5. What is the LORD’s appeal to His people in 43:26-28? _____

6. Give something you can apply to your life from this section, and take this thought with you for the day (perhaps verse 21)!

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 42-43.

I am the LORD, and there is none else (45:5)!
Isaiah 44-45

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

Monday—prayerfully read/enjoy Isaiah 44:1-9.

1. Who is the LORD addressing (through Isaiah the prophet) in these verses; what three names are those being addressed given (44:1-2)? _____

2. The LORD tells Israel in verse 2 to “*fear not,*” and then gives a reason for them not to fear in verses 3-4; what is that reason?

(Bonus) What is the Spirit compared to? _____

3. How will the Israelites show they are responding properly at that time (44:5)? _____

*4. How many personalities are identified in 44:6? _____

5. How does the LORD Self-identify in 44:7-8 (and end of verse 6)? _____

6. In verse 8 the LORD states that they (the Israelites) have been His witnesses (that what He foretold would happen did happen); who were the witnesses for the graven images (44:9)?

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 44:10-20.

1. Who shall be ashamed (44:10-11)? _____

2. What two types of workers are identified in 44:12-13 (who participate in building idols)? _____

(Bonus) What pattern does the carpenter use to make his idol (verse 13)? _____

3. What four kinds of trees are used in making idols (44:14-15)?

4. What startling thing does the LORD point out regarding the materials used in building the very gods the idolaters would be worshiping (44:15-17)? _____

5. Why are these idolaters so blind and foolish (44:18-20)?

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

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 44:21-28.

1. What four or five things does the LORD tell His people Israel to remember (44:21-22)? _____

(Bonus) What do you suppose is meant by “*I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins*” (v.22)? _____

2. What has the LORD done (“*the LORD hath done it*”) in 44:23?

3. In what two ways does the LORD Self-identify in 44:24-25?

4. What does God do for those speaking for Him (44:26)?

5. What leader would the LORD be making His shepherd, and what would this man be performing (44:28)?

6. Meditate at least a little on 44:24 and the two things the Lord has done for us, and take your meditations with you for the day!

Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 45:1-8.

1. What title did the LORD give Cyrus, and what would the LORD subdue before him (45:1)? _____

2. What two reasons did the LORD give Cyrus for going before him, and making crooked places straight, and giving him the treasures of darkness? _____

(Bonus) Was Cyrus a believer while God was using Him? ____

3. What is the antecedent of “they” in 45:6? _____

4. What four things does God form (and create) in 45:7? _____

(Bonus) What do you suppose God means when He says, “*I create evil*”? _____

5. In a word, what do you suppose God is bringing forth from heaven above and earth beneath (45:8)? _____

6. What truth of God most impresses you from this passage (and take it with you for the day)? _____

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 45:9-15.

1. What is pointed out as foolish in 45:9? _____

2. Who should be asked, and who should not be asked (implied),
“concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands”
(45:10-11)? _____

(Bonus) What favorite title for God, used by Isaiah, appears
again in these verses? _____

3. What doctrine is being covered in 45:12? _____

4. What man is being talked about in 45:13-14 (hint: 45:1), and
whose substance would come into his kingdom? _____

(Bonus) What “supplication” shall these defeated foreign
nations declare (end of verse 14)? _____

5. Isaiah 45:16 appears to be an exclamation by Isaiah following
the declaration of the nations at the end of verse 14; if that is
the case, in what sense was God hiding Himself? _____

6. Meditate on how God “hides Himself” today (and take it with
you for the day). _____

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 45:16-25.

1. Who will be ashamed and confounded, and who shall not be
ashamed and confounded (45:16-17)? _____

2. For what reason did God form the earth, and what statement is
given to compare God with others (45:18)? _____

3. Earlier (in 45:15), God was said to be a God who hides Himself, but in verse 19 He claims, “*I have not spoken in secret*”; according to verse 20, people who set up wooden idols have no knowledge (of God, presumably); putting these thoughts together, along with verse 20, what keeps a person from the knowledge of God? _____
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(Bonus) What does the LORD speak (45:19, 23)? _____

4. Isaiah 45:22 is the verse credited with being the one the Lord used to save Charles Haddon Spurgeon. Read it at least three times, meditating on it and compare it with our chosen theme for the whole book of Isaiah (“Trust in the Holy One of Israel alone, for He only is salvation.” Did you? _____

5. Where do we have righteousness and strength (45:24-25)?
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6. Give something you can apply to your life from this section, and take this thought with you for the day (perhaps verses 24-25 or verse 22)! _____
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Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 44-45.

Thank you for attempting this SSSG; it takes time and effort (thought), and I feel appreciation for your work!

**Then had thy peace been as a river (48:18)!
There is no peace unto the wicked (48:22)
Isaiah 46-48**

Monday—prayerfully read/enjoy Isaiah 46:1-7.

1. It seems that Bel and Nebo are names of idols in Isaiah 46:1, and that 46:2 is an explanation of 46:1; if so, who (or what) could not deliver the burden mentioned in verse 2? Please skip this question if it doesn't make sense to you after wrestling with it at least a little. _____
2. For how long would the LORD (“I”) carry and deliver the Israelites (46:3-4)? _____

(Bonus) Is the LORD here saying He will carry them whether or not they look to Him? _____
3. What question does the LORD ask His people (in your own words) (46:5)? _____
4. What do the people do regarding the idols (46:6-7)? _____

5. What do the idols do for the people (46:6-7)? _____

6. Many (all) Christians grow weary, and they are tempted to find relief in God-substitutes (idols); meditate a little (or more) on this passage, and take it with you for the day! _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 46:8-13.

1. How could the Israelites show themselves to be men (46:8)? _____
2. What are they to remember (46:9)? _____

3. What ability does God declare in 46:10 to show that He is God? _____

4. What prediction does God give in 46:11? _____

5. How are the stout-hearted identified in 46:12? _____

6. What does the LORD say that He soon will accomplish (46:13)?

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 47:1-7.

1. What nation is being addressed (and judged) in most of these first seven verses of Isaiah 47? _____

(Bonus) Which verse of these seven seems to be referring to another people, and who would the other be (hint, it is between v.3 and v.5)? _____

2. What word picture does the LORD paint to communicate what is about to happen to Babylon (47:1-7)? _____

3. What titles were given the lady of Babylon (47:1-7)?

4. Does the LORD reveal in this section that He was angry with His people and why (47:1-7)? _____

(Bonus) Why do you suppose the LORD makes this point (that He was wroth with His people) here? _____

5. In this section, what seems to be the reason for punishment to fall on Babylon (47:6-7)? _____

6. Meditate at least a little on 47:4 and how it might fit in this section of verses, and take your meditations with you for the day! _____

Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 47:8-15.

1. What three failures of Babylon are identified in 47:8? _____

2. What two punishments would come upon Babylon (47:9)?

3. In what did Babylon trust, and what perverted her (47:10)?

4. What did the LORD encourage Babylon to stand with (47:12-13)? _____
5. What would be left when the fire (presumably from the LORD) burned these false things and people on which Babylon formerly trusted (47:14)? _____

(Bonus) Who else would forsake Babylon (verse 15)?

6. What truth of God most impresses you from this passage (and take it with you for the day)? _____

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 48:1-11.

1. What is pointed out as the Israelite's problem (sin) in 48:1-2?

2. The LORD prophesied, and His prophecies came to pass (48:3); what reason did the LORD give in 48:4 for doing this?

(Bonus) Do you get the idea from these verses that stubbornness is good? _____

3. The LORD declared new and hidden things to the Israelites before they came to pass; what two reasons did He give for doing this (48:5-7)? _____

4. What did the LORD know ahead of time as to how His people would act (48:8)? _____
5. What reason did the LORD give for putting off (“deferring”) His anger and also for refining them “*in the furnace of affliction*” (48:9-11)? _____
6. Meditate on how God does what He does for His Name’s sake, and for His praise (48:9) (and take it with you for the day).

Saturday—prayerfully read Isaiah 48:12-22.

1. How does the LORD identify Himself in 48:12? _____

2. What do the earth and the heaven do when the LORD calls unto them (48:13)? _____
3. The LORD says of someone “*The LORD has loved him*” (v.14) and “*I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous*” (v.15). This seems to be a prophecy, referring to someone the LORD will raise up to overcome the Babylonians/Chaldeans (v.14). Who do you suppose that is, mentioned earlier in the book (44:28/45:1, also referred to but unnamed in 46:11)? _____

(Bonus) Who do you suppose “*me*” refers to, the last word in verse 16? _____

4. When would God’s people’s peace have been “*as a river, and [her] righteousness as the waves of the sea*” (48:18)? _____

5. Isaiah 48:22 is a famous verse which many have memorized; is the wicked in this verse referring to God’s people or to the heathen, and why? _____

6. In application of 48:20, how are we to go forth in obedience to what we have been told to flee?! _____

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 46-48.

Thanks again for attempting this SSSG; it takes time and effort (thought), and these are not easy chapters—we all benefit from your efforts!

**He wakens morning by morning... to hear (50:4-5)!
Who fears the LORD and walks in darkness (50:10)?!
Isaiah 49-51**

Monday—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—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 Israelites regarding this (v.21)?

6. Take something with you to apply to your life for this day (perhaps 49:16).

Wednesday—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—**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—**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? _____

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—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—prayerfully review Isaiah 49-51.

**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—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—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—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—**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—**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)? _____

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—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—prayerfully review Isaiah 52-54.

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Let the wicked forsake his way (55:7)!
Seek ye the LORD while He may be found (55:6)?!
Isaiah 55-57

Monday—prayerfully read/enjoy Isaiah 55:1-7.

1. What is everyone to do who thirsts, and has no money (55:1)?

2. What could be an example of something we might spend money for as though we were buying bread (food that satisfies), but it turns out to be not satisfying (see 55:2)?

(Bonus) How might a soul delight itself in fatness (be contentedly satisfied), as mentioned in verse 2?! _____

*3. Apparently 55:3a gives us how to eat that which is good and satisfying—if so, how would we? _____

4. What three things was David given to the people as (55:3b-4)?

Without yet studying this out, I assume that the everlasting covenant mentioned in verse 3 speaks of either a renewal of the covenant originally made with David, or an including of those who turn to the Lord in the spiritual aspects of the covenant. What do you think? (Just something to think about)

*5. When are we to seek the Lord and call upon Him, and what do you suppose that means (55:6)? _____

6. Perhaps 55:7 answers the preceding question; if so, what would that answer be? _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 55:8-13.

1. What two things of God identified in 55:8-9 are higher than ours, and how much higher are they? _____

2. Even though His thoughts and ways are so much higher than ours, what picture does Isaiah give that communicates to us that God’s thoughts (and ways) reach to us and help us (55:10-11)? _____

- *3. What eventually will happen to God’s people (55:12)? _____

4. What do you suppose “*it*” is, when it says in verse 13, “*it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off*”? Please don’t just look this up in a commentary (at least at first), but spend a little time meditating and thinking about it! _____

5. Take a break, as wrestling with that last question certainly must have exhausted you!
6. Take something with you to apply to your life for this day (perhaps 55:8-11).

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 56:1-12.

1. What were the people to do while waiting the coming joy spoken of in the preceding two verses (55:12-13)? _____

2. What two groups might be feeling left out (until this coming of the joy of the Lord) (56:3)? _____

- *3. What does the Lord say that He will do for the eunuchs (ones unmarried and/or without children) who keep His sabbaths, choose the things that please Him, and take hold of His covenant (56:4-5)? _____
4. What shall be done by the LORD for the strangers (the Gentiles) who join themselves to the LORD to serve and love Him, to keep His sabbaths and take hold of His covenant (56:6-8)? _____
5. The remaining verses of this chapter (56:8-12) seem to be addressing another group, one who is not entering the joy of the LORD, like the ones just being talked about; what unhappy group is being addressed in these verses, and what was their sin? _____
6. Pick a verse, and take it with you for the day! _____

Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 57:1-11.

1. What wonderful blessing comes to the righteous man who perishes (perhaps “knocked off” by the wicked, perhaps in his youth) (57:1-2)? _____
2. Of what sin were the “*sons of the sorceress*” guilty (57:3-5)? _____
3. In what might these people think the LORD might find comfort (57:5-6)? We are not told specifically, and we must “suppose” an answer to this question, and it will take a little meditation and imagination! _____
4. Verses 7-10 seems to be a further description of their unfaithfulness to God and their covenant with Him. In what

were these wayward people wearied, and yet what did they not say (57:10)? _____

*5. What had the LORD done regarding their sin, for a long time (“*even of old*”) (57:11)? _____

*6. What impressed you from this section (one thing)?! _____

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 57:12-21.

1. A good debater sees the other’s perspective; what perspective of these idolaters did the LORD see and express in their own words (as they might say it) (57:12)?! _____

2. When these idolaters cry (for deliverance), what will happen (57:13)? _____

(Bonus) On the other hand, what will happen for those who trust in the LORD? _____

3. With whom does the LORD dwell (57:15)? _____

4. With what was the LORD wroth, and then what did the disobedient do when the LORD hid Himself (57:17)? _____

5. What two groups of people are identified in 57:18-21? _____

6. Meditate on something from this section that is helpful to you (perhaps the final verse which teaches that there is no peace to the wicked)! Did you meditate on something?! _____

Saturday—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 3. Apparently 55:3a gives us how to eat that which is good and satisfying—if so, how would we? _____

*Monday 5. When are we to seek the Lord and call upon Him, and what do you suppose that means (55:6)? _____

*Tuesday 3. What eventually will happen to God’s people (presumably those who keep looking to and waiting on Him) (55:12)? _____

*Wednesday 3. What does the Lord say that He will do for the eunuchs (ones unmarried and/or without children) who keep His sabbaths, choose the things that please Him, and take hold of His covenant (56:4-5)? _____

*Thursday 5. What had the LORD done regarding their sin, for a long time (“*even of old*”) (57:11)? _____

*Thursday 6. What impressed you from this section (one thing)?!

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 55-57.

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Let the wicked forsake his way (55:7)!
Seek ye the LORD while He may be found (55:6)?!
Isaiah 58-60

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

Monday—prayerfully read/enjoy Isaiah 58:1-14.

1. What was the preacher called to preach against, and what was the sin of the people (58:1-3)? _____

2. For what reasons had they been fasting, and now why were they fasting (see 58:4)? _____

3. What fasting was the LORD wanting (58:5-7)? _____

4. How many blessings are listed which will come to those who begin practicing what the LORD is calling for, and identify two which are most appealing to you (58:8-11)? _____

- *5. What reward is for those who honor the sabbath (the one day in seven) as the LORD intends (58:13-14)? _____

6. A good meditation is to ponder how to strengthen your family's treatment of the LORD's day.

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 59:1-11.

1. What keeps the LORD from hearing our prayers (a primary consideration) (59:1-2)? _____

2. How many specific sins are being rebuked in 59:3-8? (I counted only one specific sin in verses 5 and 6, the last line.) Ponder the whole list briefly, one at a time, identifying one which is a significant weakness/temptation in your life, and look it in the face, dealing with it. _____

3. How would you describe their (the wicked's) productivity (59:5-6a)? _____
4. What is the result of their not putting away their sin (59:9-10)?

5. What is far off from them (59:11)? _____
6. Take something with you to apply to your life for this day (perhaps 59:1-2).

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 59:12-17.

1. What were multiplied before the LORD and testified against them, and what did they know (59:12)? _____

2. Who was leaving whom, and where was dishonesty happening (originating) (59:13)? _____
- *3. What do you suppose is meant in 59:15 by "*he that departs from evil makes himself a prey*"? _____

4. What did the LORD not find (59:15-16)? _____

5. List the pieces of armor someone put on, and who do you suppose that someone was (59:16-17)? _____

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6. What was fallen in the streets, and what cannot enter, and what do you suppose that means? _____
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Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 59:18-60:11.

1. What will lead people to fear the name of the LORD (from west to east!) (59:18-19)? _____

(Bonus) When will the Spirit of the LORD lift up a standard against the enemy (verse 19)? _____

2. What does the LORD promise in 59:21? _____
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3. What is the light that is come (60:1-2)? _____

4. What two groups will come (60:3-4)? _____
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5. What is emphasized that the Gentiles will bring with them (60:5-11, especially verses 5 and 11, but illustrated by the verses between)? _____

- *6. What impressed you from this section (one thing)?! _____
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Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 60:12-22.

1. What especially will be made glorious (60:13)?! _____

2. What will be reversed (60:14-15)? _____
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3. Who shall be known in that day, and by what shall He be known (60:16)? _____

(Bonus) What will the LORD make their officers and exacters (taskmasters, tax collectors?), and what shall they call their walls and gates (vs.17-18)? _____

4. Who shall be their everlasting light, and who shall be their glory (60:19)? _____

(Bonus) What seems a little strange in what verse 20 says immediately after what is said in verse 19? _____

5. What will God's people inherit, and why (60:21)? _____

6. Meditate on something from this section that is helpful to you! Did you meditate on something?! _____

Saturday—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 reward is for those who honor the sabbath (the one day in seven) as the LORD intends (58:13-14)? _____

*Tuesday 1. What keeps the LORD from hearing our prayers (a primary consideration) (59:1-2)? _____

*Tuesday 3. What eventually will happen to God's people (presumably those who keep looking to and waiting on Him) (55:12)? _____

*Wednesday 3. What do you suppose is meant in 59:15 by “*he that departs from evil makes himself a prey*”? _____

*Thursday 5. What is emphasized that the Gentiles will bring with them (60:5-11, especially verses 5 and 11, but illustrated by the verses between)? _____

*Friday 4. Who shall be their everlasting light, and who shall be their glory (60:19)? _____

Sunday—prayerfully review Isaiah 58-60.

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!

**The LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings (61:1)!
Isaiah 61-63**

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

Isaiah Outline (LAB adapted)

A. Words of Judgment 1-39

1. Sins of Israel and Judah (1-12)
2. Judgment against heathen nations (13-23)
3. God's purpose in judgment (24-35)

B. Events during the reign of Hezekiah (36-39)

C. Words of Comfort 40-66

1. Israel's release from captivity (40-48)
2. The future Redeemer (49-57)
3. The future kingdom (58-66)

Monday—prayerfully read/enjoy Isaiah 61:1-11 (thinking in terms of gazing on the beauty of the Lord, Jeremiah 15:16).

1. How many different things did the Lord anoint the speaker (Isaiah probably and Christ certainly) to do in 61:1-3? _____
Give one of these things that (most) speaks to you. _____

2. What will these people be called, the ones who are being ministered to by the anointed one (end of verse 3)?

3. What shall these people do, once ministered to (61:4)?

4. What shall strangers (Gentiles) be to them, and what shall they (Jews) be (61:5-6)? _____

*5. “*For your shame ye shall have double*”; what in 61:7 did the ones being blessed have? _____

6. What was the response of the anointed one to all this (presumably when he had completed his ministry) (61:10)?

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 62:1-7.

1. When will the LORD rest, regarding Zion (Jerusalem) (62:1)?

2. What shall happen to Jerusalem (62:2-3)? _____

3. What would Israel’s (Jerusalem’s) name no longer be, and to what would it be changed (62:4a)? _____

(Bonus) Do you think this is the new name referred to in v.2?

*4. What do you suppose it means in 62:4b-5 for her (Jerusalem’s) land to be married? _____

5. Who are not to keep silence (62:6-7)? _____

6. Verses 1 and 6 speak of one(s) who will not hold my (their) peace; could verse 1 be speaking of Isaiah in his role as a watchman to the Israelites (as verse 6 probably does, as Isaiah would be part of a group of watchmen)? _____

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 62:8-12.

1. What no longer will happen (62:8-9)? _____

- *2. How might the preceding question and answer apply to us today in our country? _____

3. What is being prepared in 62:10? _____

4. What is coming in 62:11, and what do you suppose is meant by that? _____

5. What shall Jerusalem (the people of) be called in that (no doubt) Millennial day (62:12)? _____

6. What is the future for believers (in general and in a word, and take this thought with you for the day)? _____

Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 63:1-10.

1. How are the garments described of the one coming from Edom (63:1-3)? _____
2. Whose blood do you suppose colored His garments? Hint is in verse 1. _____
3. Who was present to assist this one bringing judgment on the people, and what upheld him (63:3-5)? _____
4. Where did the speaker next turn his attention (63:7, 9)?

- *5. What was (is) characteristic of the LORD's children (63:8)?

6. What did the LORD's people do, in spite of His sympathy, love, pity and redemption, His bearing and carrying them, mentioned in verse 9 (63:10)?! _____

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 63:11-19.

1. Who do you supposed remembered, in 63:11, and why do you suppose this? _____

2. What is being remembered in verses 11-13? _____

3. Who or what caused Israel to rest, in her flight from Egypt, and to what is that compared (63:14)? _____

(Bonus) For what purpose did the LORD lead His people?

- *4. In the pray-er's cry for deliverance (verse 15), to what relationships (titles) of the LORD did He appeal (63:16)?

5. Who does Isaiah seem to hold responsible for their erring ways and hardened hearts (63:17a)? _____
6. What two reasons did Isaiah give for the LORD to restore to Israel their tribes (v.17)/land (63:18-19)? _____

Saturday—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. “*For your shame ye shall have double*”; what in 61:7 did the ones being blessed have? _____

*Tuesday 4. What do you suppose it means in 62:4b-5 for her (Jerusalem’s) land to be married? _____

*Wednesday 2. How might the preceding question and answer apply to us today in our country? _____

*Thursday 5. What was (is) characteristic of the LORD’s children (63:8)? _____

*Friday 4. In the pray-er’s cry for deliverance (verse 15), to what relationships (titles) of the LORD did He appeal (63:16)? _____

Sunday—pray for today’s discussion and fellowship, **determining to talk your fair share** (not too much or too little).

**To this man will I look,
to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit,
and trembles at My word (66:1)
Isaiah 64-66**

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

THIS IS THE FINAL SET OF QUESTIONS FROM ISAIAH, AND YOU HAVEN'T DIED YET (BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET UNTIL YOU FINISH SATURDAY'S ASSIGNMENT)! THERE HAVE BEEN SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS, AND THERE ARE A FEW MORE THIS WEEK, BUT THEN IT IS ON TO I SAMUEL!

Monday—prayerfully read/enjoy Isaiah 64:1-12 (thinking in terms of gazing on the beauty of the Lord, Jeremiah 15:16).

1. What did Isaiah pray the LORD would do, and why did he ask Him to do this (64:1-2)? _____

2. What have men not seen nor heard since the beginning of the world (64:4)? _____
3. Why was God angry (wroth) (64:5)? _____

(Bonus, perhaps most difficult question I've ever asked in all my SS questions, that is if you are using KJV and do not research, but simply pray and meditate! This question is dedicated to MJH and Lucy.) What is the antecedent of "those" in 64:5 (and what does that phrase mean, "*in those is continuance*")? _____

4. To what is our righteousness compared, and what has taken (blown) us away (64:6)? _____

5. On what grounds does Isaiah pray for the LORD to intervene in their behalf (to save them) (64:8-12)? (I see three or four reasons Isaiah gives for God to deliver them.) _____

*6. How do you suppose we can stir up ourselves to take hold of the Lord, as it says in verse 7? _____

Tuesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 65:1-12, and then answer the questions.

1. Who found the LORD (assuming He is the one speaking), and what nation was that (65:1)? _____

*2. The LORD had “*spread out His hands*” (beseeched them to come to Him) unto what kind of people, and how many bad qualities of these people are identified (65:2-5)? _____

3. Will the LORD overlook this rebellion, and what will He recompense (pay back, punish them for) (65:6-7)? _____

4. The LORD says that He will not destroy them all (the nation of Israel); what picture does Isaiah (the LORD) give to picture this (that He will spare some) (65:8-9)? _____

5. For the most part, what kind of people were they (and describe these people a little) (65:11-12)? _____

6. Achor (verse 10) means “troubled,” and was so named because it was where the trouble of Achan was handled (Joshua 7:24).

It is mentioned six times in the Bible, the final time being in Hosea 2:15 (*And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and **the valley of Achor for a door of hope**: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt*). Think about this for a moment, and see if you can see a comforting thought in this verse 10. Can you? _____

Wednesday—prayerfully read Isaiah 65:13-25, and answer the following.

1. How many groups are identified in 65:13-15, and how do they differ? _____

- *2. In what shall He who blesses himself in the earth be blessed (65:16)? _____
3. What will the LORD create, and what shall not be remembered (65:17)? _____

4. What will characterize this new Jerusalem (what emotion) (65:18-19)? _____
5. What future period of time is being described in these verses, and what age is “*too young to die*” (65:20-25)? _____

6. List two or three of the characteristics of these beautiful future days (and take these thoughts with you for the day). _____

Thursday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 66:1-13, and answer the following.

- *1. What is the LORD's throne and footstool, and to what kind of man does this mighty God look with favor (66:1-2)? _____

- 2. Isaiah ends (throughout chapter 66) with the LORD alternatingly describing two kinds of people; what are those two kinds as identified in verses 3-8? _____

- 3. An event is being described in 66:7-9; will it happen slowly or suddenly? _____
- 4. What will bring great joy to those who love her, and what will she have in abundance (66:10-11)? _____
- 5. How will Jerusalem treat those who love her (66:11-13)?

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

Friday—**prayerfully** read Isaiah 66:14-24, and answer the following.

- 1. What hand of the LORD will be known toward His servants, and what shall be toward His enemies (66:14)? _____

- 2. What will be the end of the LORD's enemies at His coming (66:15-17)? _____
- 3. Who will declare the LORD's glory among the Gentiles (66:18-19)? _____

4. Who will be brought to Jerusalem (66:20)? _____

5. Who will come to worship before the LORD, and what shall they go forth and see (66:23-24)? _____

*6. Do you really believe these things? Give something from this final section of Isaiah you really believe. _____

Saturday—prayerfully meditate a little further on the questions asterisked this week, and enjoy this time of gazing on the beauty of the Lord!

Sunday—pray for today’s discussion and fellowship, **determining to talk your fair share** (not too much or too little).