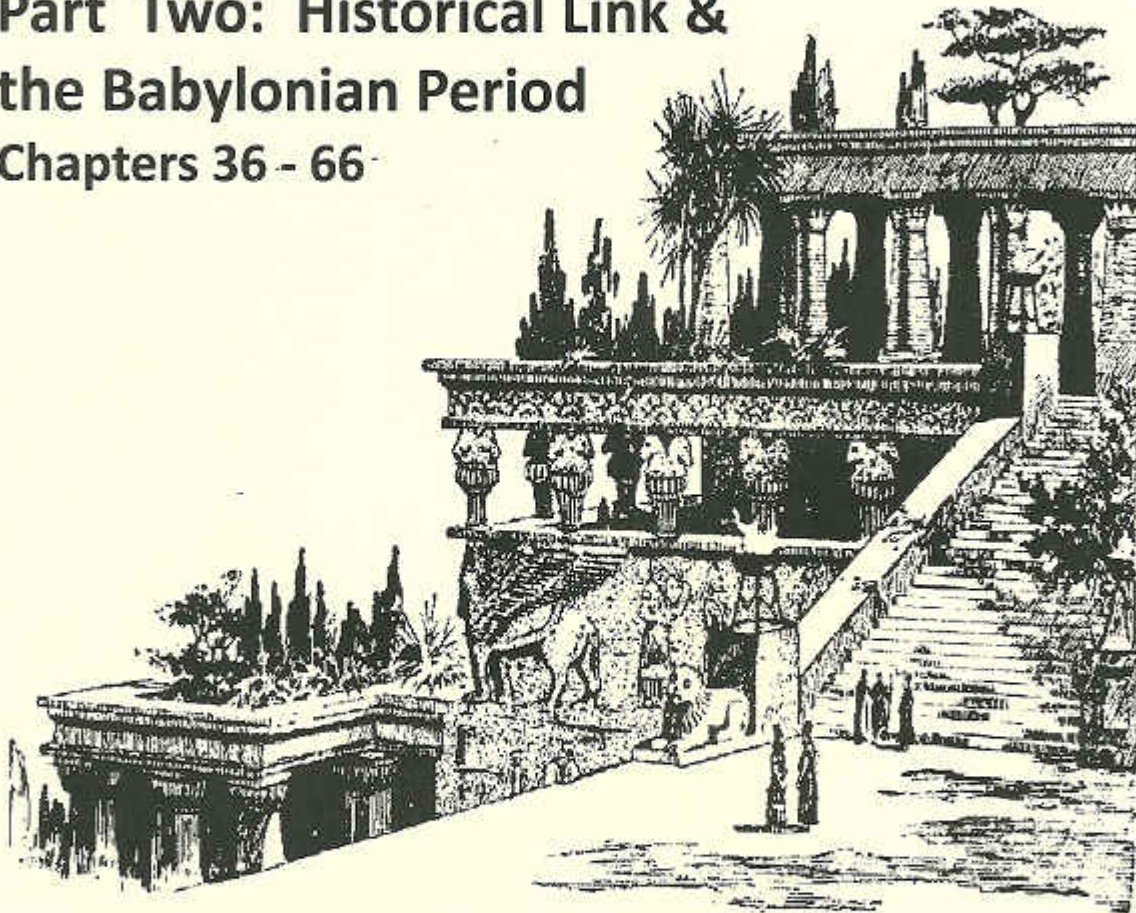


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Jerusalem Saved From Assyrian Threat

Section V: The Historical Link, Isaiah 36 - 39

Assyrians Threaten Jerusalem, *Isaiah 36*

36:1-3 - The Assyrian Envoy

1. When did the Assyrians come against Judah?
2. Where did the Jewish leaders meet Rabshakeh?

36:4-10 - Rabshakeh's Speech To The Judean Leaders

3. To what does Rabshakeh compare Egyptian aid?
4. What does Rabshakeh believe that Hezekiah has done which will their chances of trusting in aid from God?
5. What would Rabshakeh give them and on what condition?
6. According to Rabshakeh's claim who sent the Assyrians against Judah?

36:11,12 - The Jews' Request

7. Why is Rabshakeh requested not to speak in the language of the Judeans?

36:13-20 - Rabshakeh's Speech To The Soldiers On The Wall

8. Why are the people instructed not to trust in Hezekiah to deliver them?
9. What offer does Rabshakeh make with the people on the wall?

10. What proof does Rabshakeh offer to the people that their God would not be able to deliver them?

36:21,22 - The Jews' Response

11. Why didn't they answer him?

12. How did they respond?

Jerusalem Saved From Assyrians, *Isaiah 37*

37:1-7 - An Appeal To Isaiah

13. Why did Hezekiah send his embassy to Isaiah?

14. Why did Isaiah say the King should not be afraid of the Assyria Monarch?

37:8-13 - Sennacherib's Letter To Hezekiah

15. Where did Rabshakeh find Sennacherib?

16. Who was coming out to fight the Assyrians?

17. What cities does Sennacherib mention and why?

37:14-20 - Hezekiah's Prayer

18. What did Hezekiah do with the letter?

19. What does Hezekiah tell God concerning the military might of the Assyrians?

20. Why does he implore God to deliver Jerusalem from Assyria?

37:21-29 - God's Answer

21. Why is Jerusalem referred to as a virgin?

22. What did the Assyrians boast that they would do?

23. What had God planned for Assyria to do from ancient times?

24. Why will God put a hook in Sennacherib's nose and a bridle on his lips and send him back?

37:30-35 - A Message Of Assurance To Hezekiah

25. Would Sennacherib come against Jerusalem?

37:36-38 - Sennacherib's Defeat And Death

26. What became of Sennacherib's army?

27. How did he die?

Application & Discussion:

1. Our enemies often use the past mistakes of the righteous against them, *36:4-6*.
2. Our enemies often misunderstands our acts of obedience, *36:7*.
3. The wicked sometimes say they are acting in accordance with the will of God, *36:10*.
4. Our enemies will often attack our spiritual leaders, *36:14, 15*.
5. Our enemies will tempt us to lose faith in God, our leaders, and tempt us with lustful desires and false promises, *36:16-20*.
6. Sometimes the best way to answer foolish accusations and ridicule is with silence, *36:21, 22*.
7. In times of troubles turn to men of God and men of prayer for assistance, *37:1-7*.
8. Take your problems to the Lord in prayer, *37:14-21*.
9. God uses arrogant nations and men for His purpose, then brings them to judgment as well,

37:22-29.

10. The false worship and prayers of the wicked will not save them, 37:36-38.

Lesson 2: *Wednesday, October 12, 2016*

Hezekiah's Illness & Babylonian Guests

Hezekiah's Illness, *Isaiah 38*

38:1-8 - Hezekiah's Sickness And Prayer

1. When did he become ill?
2. What message did Isaiah bring him?
3. What did he do upon hearing this prophecy?
4. How many more years will he be given and what else would the Lord do for him?
5. What sign would be given that these prophecies would take place?

38:9-20 - Hezekiah's Psalm Of Recovery

6. Approximately, how old is Hezekiah?
7. What is his untimely death compared to in verse 12?
8. Like what does he mourn?
9. Who or what is unable to thank and praise God according to Hezekiah?
10. How will Hezekiah demonstrate his thankfulness?

38:21,22 - A Summary Of Hezekiah's Recovery

11. What remedy is to be used on his boil?

Babylonian Guests, *Isaiah 39*

39:1-4 - Isaiah Verses Hezekiah

12. Why did Merodach-baladan send an embassy to Hezekiah?
13. Why did Hezekiah show the embassy all his treasures?
14. How did Hezekiah respond to Isaiah's third question?

39:5-8 - Prediction That The Treasures And Royalty Would Be Taken To Babylon

15. What was to be left in Hezekiah's house after the prediction was fulfilled?
16. Show from the scriptures where the prediction of verse 7 is fulfilled?
17. What consolation did Hezekiah think of after hearing this prophecy?

Application & Discussion:

1. All men need to be prepared to meet death, 38:1.
2. We need to prayer for health, life, and protection, 38:3-8.
3. Death can come at the most inconvenient time, 38:9-14.
4. All chances to praise, thank, and pray for forgiveness is removed in death, 38:15-20.
5. Men are often lifted up with pride through flattery and riches, 39:2-4.
6. The sins of today can have far reaching effects upon our future, 39:5-8.

God's Greatness & Power Over Idols

Part Two: The Babylonian Period, *Isaiah 40 - 66*

Section I: God Verses Idols, *Isaiah 40-48*

God Is Greater Than Idols, *Isaiah 40*

40:1-11 - Comfort For God's People

1. What comforting news is there for Jerusalem?
2. What will happen after the way has been leveled and made smooth?
3. How are people contrasted to the word of God?
4. What is the Lord's care for His people compared to?

40:12-14 - God Is Greater Than Creation

5. How should you answer the questions in verse 12?
6. How would you answer the questions in verse 14?

40:15-17 - God Is Greater Than The Nations

7. What are the nations in comparison to the greatness of God?

40:18-21 - God Is Greater Than The Idols

8. Where do the idols come from?

40:22-26 - God Is Greater Than Rulers

9. Who is the ruler of all the earth?

10. To what are earthly rulers compared?

11. What relationship does God have with the stars?

40:27-31 - Divine Strength For The Faint-Hearted

12. Do God's people feel that God is powerful and caring enough to comfort them?

13. Who will be strengthened?

God is More Powerful than Idols, Isaiah 41

41:1-7 - God's Challenge To The Nations

14. Why are the people called together?

15. Who will the Lord call forth to deliver up nations, subdue kings, etc.?

16. Why do they encourage each other in the making of idols?

17. Why is the idol fastened with nails?

41:8-16 - God's Help And Protection

18. How does God refer to Abraham?

19. Why shouldn't they be afraid of the enemies any more?

20. Into what has God made Israel?

41:17-20 - Spiritual Support And Refreshment

21. What will God do about their thirst?

22. What trees will grow in the desert?

23. For what purpose had God done this for His people?

41:21-29 - The Futility Of Idols

24. What is requested of the idols?

25. Are the idols able to do anything?

26. What is the one who God will bring from the north going to do?

27. How are the idols described in verse 29?

Application and Discussion:

1. There is comfort in the sure promises of God, *40:1-11*.
2. God is the sole Creator of the universe, *40:12-14*.
3. All men of all nations are nothing compared to God, *40:15-17*.
4. Man will never create a religion adequate for God's greatness, *40:18-21*.
5. God is the greatest leader mankind can ever follow, *40:22-25*.
6. There is strength for the spiritually faint if we but trust in God's power and care, *40:26-31*.
7. Only God can make a prediction and bring it about, *41:1-4*.
8. When faced with adversity the world often turns to and makes more false religions for hope and safety, *41:5-7*.
9. God is the only true source of help and security in times of trouble, *41:8-16*.
10. Without the living waters from God, life is a spiritual desert, *41:17-20*.
11. False religion is powerless, helpless, hopeless, and useless, *41:21-29*.

God's Servant

God's Servant Brings Judgment, *Isaiah 42*

42:1-9 - Announcement And Work Of Jehovah's Servant

1. What will the Servant not do?
2. For what will the coast lands wait for?
3. According to verse 6 what has the Servant been appointed to be to the people?
4. To what will the Lord not allow His glory and praise be given?

42:10-17 - The New Song Of Praise To Jehovah

5. Locate Kedar and Sela.
6. To what is the Lord compared to in verse 13?
7. What will the Lord do for the blind?
8. Who will be put to shame?

42:18-25 - Israel's Obstinate Disobedience

9. What is wrong with the way they see and hear?

10. Who had given them up as plunder to their enemies? Why?
11. When Divine chastisement fell upon Israel did he recognize it?

God's Servant and Redemption, *Isaiah 43*

43:1-7 - Promised Redemption Of Israel

12. Why shouldn't Israel fear?
13. What will happen if they walk through the fire?
14. From where will the remnant of Israel be redeemed?

43:8-13 - Israel As God's Witness

16. Who is called together before God?
17. What are they to witness concerning God?
18. How should the question in verse 13 to be answered?

43:14-21 - Removal Of Obstacles For Redemption

19. Why will the Lord bring down the Babylonians?
20. To what is the destruction of Babylon's army compared?
21. Why will the beast glorify the Lord?

43:22-28 - Consequence Resulting From Israel's Despising Of Divine Grace

22. What have they failed to do for the Lord?

23. What have they done for the Lord?
24. Why will the Lord forgive them?
25. Could Israel argue for God's grace based on their forefather or their prophets and priests?
26. Why will Israel be polluted and consigned to revilement?

Application & Discussion:

1. The Servant, Christ, did not come with boisterous, noisy sensationalism, nor to destroy the weak but help them, nor did he fail in His mission, *42:1-4*.
2. The Servant will bring a covenant and light to the world, *42:5-9*.
3. Even the remotest parts of the world rejoice over the work of the Servant, *42:10-13*.
4. The Servant is the cure for spiritual blindness, *42:14-17*.
5. Spiritual blindness is seen through man's indifference and inattention toward God's Will, *42:18-23*.
6. The spiritually blind and deaf may not even respond to Divine chastisement, *42:24,25*.
7. Redemption is for those prepared by God and who wear his name, *43:1-7*.
8. God's Redeemed are to witness to the world God of their salvation, *43:8-13*.
9. Only God can provide for our redemption, *43:14-21*.
10. Often we burden God by our sins in spite of all our worship, *43:22-24*.
11. Man has no ground or merit in which to argue for redemption, *43:25-28*.

Man's Idols, God's Man

The Idiocy of Idolatry, *Isaiah 44*

44:1-5 - God's Blessing On Israel

1. By what three names are God's people called?
2. Why will the Lord pour out His Spirit?
3. What will some write upon their hands?

44:6-8 - There Is No Other God

4. In order for any one to be like God what must they be able to do?

44:9-20 - The Foolishness Of Idolatry

5. Why will all the idol-makers be put to shame?
6. What happens as the idol-maker works hard over the coals fashioning an idol?
7. What must be done before the idol-maker can even have a block of wood from which to make an idol?
8. Explain how the idol-maker uses the two parts of the tree?
9. What is it that the idol-makers do not comprehend?

44:21-23 - God Forgives While Man And Nature Praise

10. What illustrations does God use to describe His forgiveness of Israel?

11. Why is nature called upon to rejoice?
12. What does God do to the boasters, diviners, and wise men?

13. Who will be the Lord's shepherd?

14. What will he do for Jerusalem and the Temple?

Divine Instrumentality of Cyrus, Isaiah 45

45:1-7 - The Mission Of Cyrus

15. What did God commission Cyrus to do?

16. Why will God help Cyrus?

17. What all does the Lord do?

45:8 - The Blessed Results of Israel's Deliverance

18. What is the earth to do?

45:9-13 - God Defends His Method Of Deliverance

19. To what is their complaining compared?

20. What will Cyrus do for God?

45:14-17 - The Lord Is The Only Savior

21. What will people from Egypt, Cush, and the Sabeans do?

22. Who will be humiliated?

23. Who will not be humiliated?

45:18-25 - Jehovah's Purpose In Creation

24. How has the Lord spoken to Israel concerning the coming events?

25. Who is without knowledge?

26. Why should all turn to God and be saved?

27. Who will be put to shame?

Application & Discussion:

1. The Redeemed belong to the Lord, *44:1-5*.
2. The One and only God has the ability to fulfill His predictions, *44:6-8;24-28*.
3. False religion is fashioned after the likeness and desires of man, but can satisfy none of His desires, *44:9-17*.
4. Many men cannot see the folly of false religion, *44:18-20*.
5. Heaven and earth rejoice over souls being redeemed, *44:21-23*.
6. God upholds speakers of the truth while bringing shame on false teachers, *44:24-26*.
7. God has planned to use us and bless us before we even knew Him, *45:1-7*.
8. Complaining against God's arrangements is foolish and wicked, *45:9-13*.
9. Salvation for the Gentile world is found only through the only true God and Savior, *45:14-17*.
10. Both creation and revelation bear witness to the one true God, *45:18,19*.
11. There is no other Savior but God, *45:20-25*.

God's Glory Over Babylon

God's Glory Over Babylon's Idols, *Isaiah 46*

46:1,2 - The Downfall Of Babylon's Gods

1. What is Bel and Nebo?
2. What are they unable to do?

46:3-7 - The Glorious God Of Israel

3. What has God done for Israel all these years?
4. How do the idolaters obtain their gods?
5. What is the result of their worship of these idols?

46:8-11 - Encouragement To Have Faith In The True God

6. What are they to remember?
7. How can they be assured that the unaccomplished promises will be fulfilled in the future?
8. Who is God calling from the east or far country?

46:12,13 - The Nearness Of Salvation

9. Who is to listen to God?
10. Where will God grant salvation?

God's Glory Seen in Babylon's Fall, *Isaiah 47*

47:1-3 - Babylon Is Humiliated

11. How is Babylon described in verse one?

12. To what extent will the Lord bring vengeance upon Babylon?

47:4-7 - Babylon Judged For Lack Of Mercy Upon Israel

13. How did the Babylonians treat God's people in captivity?

14. What does Babylon boast?

47:8-11 - Babylon's Self-Deification

15. What will happen to Babylon suddenly in one day?

16. What has Babylon been deceived into believing?

17. What is the evil and disaster that God is sending against Babylon?

47:12-15 - The Humiliation Of Babylon's Astrologers

18. How long has Babylon used spells and sorceries?

19. What are the astrologers called upon to do?

20. What will happen to the foreign merchants and laborers when Babylon is judged by God?

God's Glory Seen in Israel, *Isaiah 48*

48:1-11 - Israel's Obstinacy

21. Does God recognize their swearing by His name and prayers? Explain.

22. Why did God declare certain prophecies long ago?

23. What is God going to declare?

24. Why didn't God let them know about the things He was going to declare?

25. Why has God delayed His wrath?

48:12-15 - God's Faithfulness

26. Why should they be attentive to what God is about to say?

27. Who has God loved?

48:16-22 - Jehovah's Ancient Plan To Redeem Israel

28. What would have happened if they would have obeyed God?

29. What are they to declare as they flee from Babylon?

30. When will the events of verse 21 be fulfilled?

Application & Discussion:

1. Man made religion is a burden to man. True religion bears man's burdens, *46:1-7*.
2. The fact the God has fulfilled his promises and purposes in the past assures us that He will fulfill others in the future, *46:8-11*.
3. Salvation is near for those who will hearken to God, *46:12,13*.
4. Haughtiness ends in humiliation, *47:1-3*.
5. Those who are without mercy will be so judged, *47:4-7*.
6. Pride causes man to exalt himself above God, *47:8-11*.
7. It is vain to use astrology to guide and save oneself, *47:12-15*.
8. God's power to predict the future should remove man's stubborn attitude, *48:1-7*.
9. God restrains his judgment to show mercy, *48:8-11*.
10. Creation should be attentive to its Creator, *48:12-15*.
11. God loves those who work according to His Will, *48:14,15*.
12. The blessedness of obedience, *48:16-19*.
13. The righteous should flee from the wicked, *48:20-22*.

A Servant Commissioned

Section II: The Servant and the Glory of Zion, *Isaiah 49-66*

The Servant of the Lord, *Isaiah 49*

49:1-4 - Commission Of The Servant

1. When was the Servant called by God?

2. Why does the Servant complain?

49:5-7 - The Servant's World Mission

3. Why was the Servant commissioned by God?

4. How will the world treat the Servant?

49:8-13 - The Servant Of Salvation And Guidance

5. How will the Lord help those who come forth?

6. Where will they come from?

49:14-21 - Zion's Complaint And Amazement

7. What is the Lord's compassion compared to?

8. Who will depart from them and who will come to them?

9. How many will come to Zion?

49:22-26 - The Glory Of Zion Verses The Humiliation Of Their Oppressors

10. How will the kings and princes treat God's people?

11. Who will rescue the captives from their mighty enemies?
12. What will come of their oppressors?

The Hope of Servant, *Isaiah 50*

50:1-3 - Captives Rebuked For Thinking Themselves Rejected

13. Why were they sold into captivity and put away?
14. How would you answer the questions in verse 2?

50:4-9 - The Suffering Prophet

15. Why has God given the Servant open ears?
16. What will the Servant subject Himself to?
17. Why does the Servant endure this ill treatment from His enemies?
18. What will become of His enemies?

50:10,11 - Light For Believers, Sorrow For Unbelievers

19. What are the believers required to do?
20. In whose light do the unbelievers walk?

The Servant of Good News, *Isaiah 51*

51:1-8 - As Exhortation To Attentiveness

21. To whom are they to look?
22. Like what will Zion become?

23. Why should they be attentive to God?

24. Why shouldn't they fear man?

51:9-16 - Divine Comfort In Spite Of Strong Oppressors

25. What historical event is being referred to in verses 9 and 10?

26. According to verse 12 why shouldn't they fear man?

27. What will God do for the exile?

51:17-20 - No Comfort In A Cup Of Wrath

28. From what has Jerusalem drunk?

29. What two things have befallen Jerusalem?

51:21-23 - The Passing Of The Cup

30. With what are the afflicted drunk?

31. Who will drink the cup of wrath in the future?

32. Why will they drink this cup of wrath?

Application & Discussion:

1. Christ was commissioned to be a light of the world from His birth. His efforts were often despised and initially without reward, 49:1-7.
2. God has provided a way to lead us out of darkness and captivity, 49:8-13.
3. God's everlasting love for His children, 49:14-21.
4. The new superior position of God's people is promised, 49:22,23.

5. God can rescue His people from any oppression, *49:24-26*.
6. Man's estrangement from God and captivity is the result of his own sins, *50:1*.
7. God is powerful enough to deliver man, *50:2,3*.
8. Christ received His message from God, *50:4,5*.
9. Christ was able to endure suffering and false accusations through the help of God, *50:6-9*.
10. Those who trust in Divine guidance will walk in light, but those who trust in their own guidance will fall, *50:10,11*.
11. There is comfort in the promises of God to our spiritual forefathers, *51:1-4*.
12. The old system has passed away, but the way of salvation will be forever, *51:4-8*.
13. There is reassurance in Divine deliverance in considering God's past assistance to His people, *51: 9-11*.
14. The comfort of God should nullify our fear of men, *51:12-16*.
15. Comfort cannot come from men nor during a time of rebuking from God, *51:17-20*.
16. Divine justice demands that the Divine cup of judgment be passed to all those who deal wickedly, *51:21-23*.

The Suffering Servant Saves

The Necessity of Redemption, *Isaiah 52*

52:1-6 - The Lord Redeems The Captives

1. Why was Zion to awake and put on beautiful clothing?
2. Why will Zion be redeemed without money?
3. Who is blaspheming the name of God?

52:7-12 - The Joy And Easy Of The Remnant's Return

4. Why do the watchmen lift up their voices?
5. Why has the Lord bared His holy arm?
6. What are they to do as they go out from the land of their captivity?
7. What will the Lord do for them as they travel?

52:13-15 - The Servant Exalted Through Suffering

8. What has been done to the appearance of the Servant?
9. What will be done to the nations?

The Suffering Servant, *Isaiah 53*

53:1-3 - Suffering The Disdain Of Men

10. To what is the Suffering Servant compared?

11. How did men treat Him?

53:4-6 - Suffering For the Sins of Men

12. Give a passage or passages showing that Jesus Christ suffered due to our sins.

13. To what is sinful man compared?

53:7-9 - Wicked Hands Upon A Willing Victim

14. Give a passage or passages showing that Jesus Christ remained silent when He was persecuted?

15. What caused him to be taken away according to verse 8?

16. Give a passage or passages showing that Jesus Christ was "with a rich man in His death"?

53:10-12 - Exalted For Vicarious Suffering

17. Why was the Lord pleased with His suffering?

18. Why will the Lord exalt Him?

19. Give a passage or passages showing that Jesus Christ was "numbered with the transgressors"?

Application & Discussion:

1. The price of redemption is paid to no man, but its paid by God to God, 52:1-6.

2. The preaching of the gospel brings peace, joy, salvation, and redemption, 52: 7-10.

3. Purification from wickedness is a necessary part of Redemption, 52:11,12.

4. Jesus Christ is our Redeemer has been exalted by God after His suffering, 52:13-15.

5. Even today, the Suffering Servant is not appropriately esteemed by mankind, 53:1-3.

6. Man's sins willingly suffered the consequences of our sins, 53:4-8.

7. Christ's sacrifice of Himself from man's sins was accepted and rewarded by God, 53:9-11.

Future Glory for Zion & the World

Blessings for Zion, *Isaiah 54*

54:1-10 - Zion Becomes Both Wife And Mother Again

1. Why is Zion to shout for joy?
2. Why are they to enlarge their dwelling places?
3. What will they forget?
4. Who is Zion's husband?
5. When had God forsaken Zion?
6. Why is it like the days of Noah?

54:11-17 - Zion To Be A Gem-built City

7. List the types of precious stones the Lord will use to rebuild Zion?
8. What will her sons be taught?
9. What will be far from them?
10. Why will no weapon formed against Zion prosper?

Invitation to the World, *Isaiah 55*

55:1-5 - The Offer To Partake Of Free Mercy

11. Who is invited to come eat and drink?
12. On what had they been spending their money?

13. What will God make with them?
14. Who will Zion call and who will come to them?

55:6-13 - The Effects Of God's Word On Those Who Come And Listen

15. What must they do before they can come to God and be pardoned?
16. How much greater is God's thoughts and ways than man's?
17. How is God's Word compared to snow and rain?
18. How will they be led?
19. How do the mountains and trees react?
20. What will be a memorial and an everlasting sign?

Rewards and Rebukes, *Isaiah 56*

56:1-8 - Rewards For Obedience To God's Law.

21. Why are they to preserve justice, and do righteousness?
22. What are they to keep from profaning?
23. What are the eunuchs to do?
24. How will God bless the eunuchs?
25. What are the foreigners to do?
26. How will the Lord bless the foreigners?
27. For whom has the Lord's house become "a house of prayer"?

28. Who will the Lord gather?

56:9-12 - The Wicked Watchmen Are Rebuked

29. To what are the watchmen compared?

30. Of what sins are these watchmen guilty?

Application & Discussion:

1. Fruitfulness and growth among God's people is a cause for great rejoicing, *54:1-3*.
2. God is the husband of the spiritually espoused to Him; whom He may put away for unfaithfulness, *54:4-8*.
3. Those who have been redeemed have the assurance of God's immovable mercy, *54:9,10*.
4. God builds Spiritual Zion with precious and beautiful souls of the righteous, *54:11-14*.
5. We need not fear the forces of this world as long as God is in control, *54:14-17*.
6. The soul's thirst and hunger can only be satisfied by the free mercy of God, *55:1-5*.
7. Repentance must precede returning to God, *55:6,7*.
8. God's ways are infinitely superior to man's, *55:8,9*.
9. God's Word always accomplishes its objectives one way or another, *55:10,11*.
10. God's redemption of those captive through sin will never testify of God's being and power, *55:12,13*.
11. Obedience to the Lord with reference to a specific day of the week is still an indication of faithful obedience to God, *56:1-6*.
12. God has created a way in which all people can come to Him in prayer, conditioned upon their obedience, *56:7,8*.
13. The watchmen over God's people must not be blind, ignorant, greedy, or given to wine, *56:9-12*.

Repent, Confess, Be Saved

Rebuking Idolaters and Call for Repentance, *Isaiah 57*

57:1,2 - The Death Of The Righteous Accounting For

1. How do the people react to the death of the righteous?

57:3-13 - Severe Rebuke For Israel's Idolatry

2. Of whom are they sons?
3. What do they do in the oaks and the ravines?
4. Where have they made their bed and what does this mean?
5. Where have they sent their envoys?
6. Who had the people forgotten?
7. What will result in looking to the idols for deliverance?
8. Who will be taking refuge in looking to God?

57:14-21 - Healing For The Backslider

9. With whom will the Lord dwell and why?
10. Why won't God be angry with them forever?
11. What will God do for his people?
12. What are the wicked like and why?

Abuses of the Sabbaths and Fasting, *Isaiah 58*

58:1,2 - Isaiah Is Told Not To Hold Back His Bold Preaching

13. What was Isaiah to declare?

14. Is verse two a true description of the spiritual condition of the people?

58:2-12 - Hypocritical Formalism Versus True Fasting

15. What do they accuse God of failing to do?

16. Why do they fast?

17. What was their idea of an acceptable fast unto the Lord?

18. What was God's idea of a proper fasting?

19. Upon what condition would the Lord hear their cry?

20. What blessings will the Lord give them?

21. What will they be called?

58:13,14 - Proper Observance Of The Sabbath

22. How do they observe the Sabbath?

23. What rewards will be given for proper observance of the Sabbath?

Separation and Salvation, *Isaiah 59*

59:1-8 - God's Charges Against The People

24. What is responsible for the separation between God and His people?

25. What is the condition of their hands and fingers?
26. What are the adders' eggs and why do they produce death?
27. What do they weave?
28. What has become of their highways?
29. Why is there no peace or justice?

59:9-15a - A Confession Of Sin And Hopelessness

30. How blind are the people?
31. What reason do they give for their condition?
32. What has happened to truth?

59:15b-21 - Avenging And Redeeming

33. What did the Lord see which displeased Him?
34. With what did the Lord cloth Himself?
35. How will the Lord take vengeance upon the wicked?
36. Who will come to Zion?
37. What is the covenant that the Lord will make with them?

Application & Discussion:

1. The death of the righteous removes him from the wicked world to a place of peace and rest, 57:1,2.
2. Spiritual adultery results when man forgets God, 57:3-13.

3. God is willing to heal the wicked and give them comfort, *57:14-18*.
4. Peace is found for those who have been healed by God, but not for those who continue in their wickedness, *57:19-21*.
5. God's preachers shouldn't fail to boldly expose hypocrisy, *58:1,2*.
6. Mere formalistic worship doesn't attract the attention of God, *58:3,5*.
7. The performance of our religion and worship should never be used as a means to cause strife, but to help others *58:4-10*.
8. Hypocritical acts are always rejected, sincere acts of righteousness are always blessed by God, *58:8-12*.
9. Today, the Lord's Day is a day we are to enjoy take time to please and honor God, and not merely to please ourselves, *58:13,14*. (See Heb. 10:25; I Cor. 16:1,2; 11:17-22)
10. Sin separates man from God, *59:1,2*.
11. Sin destroys peace and justice among men, *59:3-8*.
12. Sin brings hopelessness and the burden of guilt, *59:9-12*.
13. Sin begins where truth ends, *59:13-15a*.
14. God is the our sole Redeemer, *59:15b-21*.

A New Zion

A New Day, *Isaiah 60*

60:1-3 - Made Glorious Through The Light Of God's Presence

1. What will be the condition of the world when the Lord shines upon His people?
2. How will the nations and kings respond?

60:4-9 - Made Glorious Through The Return Of Her Children

3. Why will their hearts thrill and rejoice?
4. Locate Midian, Ephah, Sheba, Kedar and Nebaioth.
5. What will the ships of Tarshish bring?

60:10-14 - Made Glorious Through Offerings

6. Why will the gates remain open at all times?
7. Why will the glory of Lebanon come to them?
8. What will become of those who had afflicted them?

60:15-18 - Made Glorious Through Her Eternal Excellency

9. What will they come to know?
10. What will God's people call the gates and the walls?

60:19-22 - Made Glorious Through God's Everlasting Light

11. Why will they no longer need the light of the sun or moon?

12. What will the Lord do for the least of them?

A New Life, *Isaiah 61*

61:1-3 - The Good News Of Salvation Is Proclaimed

13. Upon whom has the spirit of the Lord come?

14. What will he give them in place of their ashes, mourning and spirit of fainting?

15. What will they be called?

61:4-9 - The Mission And Blessings Of The Redeemed

16. What will foreigners become for them?

17. What will they become for the Lord?

18. What will they have instead of shame and humiliation?

19. What does the Lord love and what does He hate?

20. Why will everyone recognize God's people?

61:10,11 - The Song Of the Redeemed

21. To what is their adornment likened?

22. What will spring up in the nation?

A New Name, *Isaiah 62*

62:1-5 - A New Name To Be Given By God To Zion

23. Why will the Lord not keep silent?

24. Who will give Zion a new name?

25. What will Zion no longer be called and what will Zion be called?

26. To what is God's rejoicing over Zion compared?

62:6-9 - Protection For Zion

27. Why are the watchmen not to take rest or give God any rest?

28. What has the Lord promised?

29. How will the righteous eat and where will they drink?

62:10-12 - Salvation For The Daughter Of Zion

30. For who are they to build a highway?

31. What is to be proclaimed to the daughter of Zion?

32. What will those come to Zion be called?

Application & Discussion:

1. Christ the Light in this dark world, *60:1-3*.
2. All nations will be drawn to the shining New Zion, *60:4-9*.
3. God will turn her enemies into servants, *60:10-14*.

4. The New Zion will be built with the most precious and the most enduring of materials, *60:15 -17*.
5. Darkness dispelled by the everlasting Light producing ever-enlarging prosperity, *60:18-22*.
6. Christ came preaching the good news of healing, freedom, vengeance, comfort and joy, *61:1-3*.
7. We are the workers, priests and ministers of New Zion, *61:4-6*.
8. God amply compensates the righteous with everlasting joy, an everlasting covenant, and an enviable reputation, *61:7-9*.
9. God should be praised because He has clothed us in spiritual garments and blessed us with fruitfulness, *61:10,11*.
10. God has given His people a new name, because of His new relationship with His people, *62:1-5*. (See Ac. 11:26).
11. God gives us protection and assurance that He will fulfill His promises, *62:6-9*.
12. God has provided an easy way to salvation for all people, *62:10-12*.

Prayer for Deliverance

Prayer for Mercy, *Isaiah 63*

63:1-6 - The Solitary Avenger Upon The Wicked Nations Like Edom

1. Who is the Lord coming against?
2. Why is the Lord's garments red?
3. Why was the Lord astonished?
4. What did the Lord do to the peoples of the earth?

63:7-14 - God's Former Acts Of Mercy Are Remembered

5. Why did God become their Savior?
6. How did God react to their affliction?
7. Why did God become their enemy?
8. What event is being recalled in verses 11-13?
9. Why did God mercifully lead Israel?

63:15-19 - A Prayer Of Penitence

10. Who is their Father and Redeemer?

11. How is it that God is accused of hardening their heart and causing them to go astray?
12. What has become of Israel and God's sanctuary?

Prayer for Forgiveness, *Isaiah 64*

64:1-7 - A Prayer For God's Presence And Action

13. Why do they request that the Lord come down?
14. What happened when He did come down? Give a passage showing that such an event did take place?
15. What kind of god have they never heard nor seen?
16. Why is God angry?
17. What are they and their iniquities compared to?
18. What have the people stopped doing?

64:8-12 - A Prayer For God To Relent Judgments On Their Sin

19. To what do they compare their relationship with God?
20. Why shouldn't God continue to be angry with them?
21. What has become of the cities of Judah?
22. What has been destroyed by fire?

Application & Discussion:

1. Vengeance belongs to God who is bringing salvation and upholding His ways, *63:1-6*.
2. God's great mercy is evident through His compassion, lovingkindness, salvation, sympathy, redemption and guidance of His people, *63:7-14*.
3. God is our only Father and Redeemer, *63:15,16*.
4. The hardening effects of our own sins destroys our relationship with God, *63:17-19*.
5. Man has never nor will he ever create a god like the God who serves man based on righteousness, *64:1-5a*.
6. The power of sin which man commits is what angers God, defiles man, and hinders our prayers, *64:5b-7*.
7. God does not chastise His children indefinitely, *64:8-12*.

Future of Zion

God Answer's Zion's Prayer, *Isaiah 65*

65:1-7 - Just Recompense For The Rebellious

1. How have they provoked the Lord to His face?
2. What do they say?
3. Why will the Lord repay them?

65:8-12 - A Remnant Saved From The Destruction Of The Faithless

4. Why will the Lord not destroy all of Israel?
5. Where is Sharon and Achor located?
6. Who will the Lord destine for the sword? Why?

65:13-16 - A Contrast Between The Condition Of The Righteous And The Wicked

7. What will come of their name?
8. Why will the servants of God be called by another name?

65:17-25 - God Creates The New Heavens And the New Earth

9. What will happen to the "*former things*"?
10. How long will the people in this new creation live?

11. What will not happen to the work of their hands and their offspring?
12. What will God do while they pray?
13. Does verse 25 require a literal fulfillment or a figurative fulfillment?

Coming of the New Zion, *Isaiah 66*

66:1,2 - Heaven Is God's Throne

14. Why can't a place for God's Throne be built or found upon the earth?

66:3-6 - Hypocritical Judgment Rebuked

15. Like what has their sacrifices and offerings become?

16. Why will they be punished?

66:7-14 - Joy To Be Found In Jerusalem's Future

17. To what is Zion going to give birth?

18. Who is to rejoice with Jerusalem and why?

19. To what is God's comforting compared?

66:15-17 - Judgment Upon The Unclean Idolaters

20. What will the Lord use to execute His judgment?

21. Who will be so judged?

66:18-24 - The Establishment And Endurance Of New Zion

22. Identify the location of the following nations: Tarshish, Put, Lud, Meshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan.

23. What modes of travel will they use to come to Zion?

24. What will the Lord make from the nations?

25. How long will those who come to Zion endure?

26. What will become of those who have transgressed against God?

Application & Discussion:

1. A rebellious heart is seen by one's rejection of God and dependence upon false religion for spiritual guidance, *65:1-7*.
2. Those who forget God will be destroyed while the faithful few are delivered, *65:8-12*.
3. Without God there is no satisfaction of man's spiritual appetite, no joy, no spiritual reputation, nor removal of troubles, *65:13-16*.
4. God's New creation will be characterized by the end of the former dispensation, rejoicing, eternal life, security, fruitfulness, speedy answer to prayers, unnatural peace, and victory over the Serpent, *65:17-25*.
5. God does not dwell in material buildings but in a humble, contrite, and obedient heart, *66:1,2*.
6. Worship becomes vain when man worships according to his will, continues in sin, fails to listen, and hate their brothers, *66:3-6*.
7. God can bring His plans to fruition, *66:7-8*.
8. We should rejoice with the church for through it we will find comfort, spiritual sustenance, and prosperity, *66:10-14*.
9. False means of sanctification will save no one from the judgment of God, *66:15-17*.
10. Those who make up the church are from all nations, bring their offerings in clean vessels, all make up a priesthood, will endure continually, and see the wretched condition of those on the outside, *66:18-24*.