

Correspondence Bible Study

Lesson #23 – Isaiah (Part 2)

PRAYER: Dear Lord, this world is in desperate need of Good News found only in Jesus Christ. I need to be reminded daily of Your love and care. Open my eyes to see the love I receive from studying Your word. Help me also to share the love of Christ with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Notes on Isaiah:

Isaiah is often considered the evangelist of the Old Testament. His prophecies and pictures of Christ make it seem like he was a contemporary of Jesus instead of living 700 B.C. We often read from Isaiah during the Christmas and Easter seasons because he writes directly about the birth, life and death of Jesus. The questions in this lesson will help you see Jesus in the book of Isaiah. Some of the prophecies may have had a more immediate meaning to the people of Isaiah's time, but their ultimate completion is found in the life and work of our Savior.

Questions:

1. Read Isaiah 61:1-2 – Then read Luke 4:14-30. Jesus shows beyond any doubt that Isaiah is writing about Him. What was the reaction of His hometown?
2. Isaiah 7:14 – How was this prophecy fulfilled? Find a New Testament answer.
3. Isaiah 9:6-7, 11:1-9 – What are some of the things in Jesus' life that show these prophecies were about Him?
4. Isaiah 40:3-9 & Matthew 3:1-3 – To whom is Isaiah referring in chapter 40? How did he prepare the way for the Christ?

5. In Isaiah there are 4 passages called the Servant Songs.
They are: 42:19, 49:1-13, 50:4-11, 52:13-53:12
The most famous is the last one. It seems as if Isaiah had to be there to know so much about Jesus' life – suffering – death – resurrection. Carefully read through these verses and pick out 10 specific references to the life of Jesus.

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6. Isaiah 65:17-25 – (Compare to Rev. 21:1-5) Here Isaiah is looking beyond our time to the heavenly kingdom we will live in. What images come to mind?

Your questions on Isaiah...

Begin reading Jeremiah.