Opening

Gathering: Which of God's promises are most important to people today?

Today's Focus: God continued to call His people back to Him even after they continued to reject Him.

Key Verses: *The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets and seers: “Turn from your evil ways. Observe My commands” … The Israelites persisted in all the sins … until the Lord removed them from His presence, as He had warned through all His servants the prophets.*

2 Kings 17:13, 22-23

*I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”* Isaiah 6:8

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Ahab's Evils (1 Kings 21:20-26)

Who brought Israel into its worst period of faithlessness?
1 Kings 16:29-33

How did God respond to the evils introduced and promoted by Ahab?
1 Kings 21:20-26

What king of Israel fulfilled Elijah's prophesy that Ahab's evil family would be destroyed?
2 Kings 10:17

How faithful was Jehu?
2 Kings 10:28-29

Jehu's Dynasty (2 Kings 10-15)

Who followed Jehu and how faithful was he?
2 Kings 13:1-3 (1-9)

Who came next and how faithful was his reign?
2 Kings 13:10-11 (10-25)

Who came next and how faithful was his reign?
2 Kings 14:23-24 (23-29)

Who came next and how faithful was his reign?
2 Kings 15:8-9

Why was Jehu blessed with 4 succeeding generations of kings?
2 Kings 10:30

Israel's Last Kings (2 Kings 15)

What happened that ended Jehu's dynasty?
2 Kings 15:10 (10-13)

Who came next and how faithful was his reign?
2 Kings 15:14, 18 (14-22)

How did God respond to the continual evils of Israel's kings?
2 Kings 15:19
The Final Days of Israel  *(2 Kings 15-17)*

Who came next and how faithful was his reign?  
2 Kings 15:23-24  (25-28)
Why did Pekahiah reign only 2 years and who followed him?  
2 Kings 15:25, 28
How did God respond to these continued evils?  
2 Kings 15:29
Who came next and how faithful was his reign?  
2 Kings 15:30; 17:2
How did God respond?  
2 Kings 17:5-6  (3-6)

God's Judgment on His People  *(2 Kings 17:7-23)*

What did God require of the kings of His people?  
1 Kings 11:37-38
In summary, how faithful were the kings of Israel, the northern kingdom?  
2 Kings 17:21-22  (7-23)
How faithful was Judah, the southern kingdom?  
2 Kings 17:19
Did God give up on the people immediately after Jeroboam turned them away?  
2 Kings 17:13-14

The Prophet's Message  *(Isaiah 1)*

What did God do for the southern nation of Judah as the northern nation of Israel crumbled?  
Isaiah 1:1
How does Isaiah begin his ministry?  
Isaiah 1:2-4

Did God want His people to become more religious?  
Isaiah 1:11-14
What did God want?  
Isaiah 1:16-17
But what about their guilt of past evils? Was it too late to be accepted by God?  
Isaiah 1:18

What would happen if the people returned to God?  
Isaiah 1:19
What would happen if the people didn't return to God?  
Isaiah 1:20

The Prophet Foretells God's Judgment on Israel  *(Isaiah 6:8)*

How did God call Isaiah and how did Isaiah accept his call?  
Isaiah 6:1, 8
What propheesy did Isaiah give against Israel and Aram?  
Isaiah 8:5-7 (see 7:1)
The Prophet Foretells God's Judgment on Judah  *(Isaiah 3:8-9)*

What prophesy did Isaiah have for Judah?  
*Isaiah 3:8-9*

Would this judgment permanently eliminate God's chosen people?  
*Isaiah 1:25-26*

Six Specific Promises of Hope

- The coming of a Messiah out of David's seed  
  *Isaiah 11*
- The birth of a new era  
  *Isaiah 32*
- The restoration of paradise  
  *Isaiah 51*
- The exaltation of Mount Zion  
  *Isaiah 2*
- The return of a remnant  
  *Isaiah 10*
- The suffering servant  
  *Isaiah 53*

The Coming of a Messiah Out Of David's Seed  *(Isaiah 11)*

Where do we first learn that a messiah would come from Judah?  
*Genesis 49:1, 10*

What promise did God make to David that included the promised messiah?  
*2 Samuel 7:16*

How did the prophet remind the Jews that David's kingdom would never end?  
*Isaiah 9:6-7*

What kind of messiah would the Jews expect?  
*Isaiah 11:1-5*

What would this messiah do for the nation?  
*Isaiah 11:10, 12 (10-16)*

Why did Jesus tell his disciples not to tell others who he was?  

Did the disciples have a good grasp on Jesus' mission?  
*Acts 1:6*

The Birth of a New Era  *(Isaiah 32)*

What kind of new era did the prophet promise?  
*Isaiah 32:1-4*

What atmosphere would be characteristic of this new era?  
*Isaiah 32:16-18*

The Restoration of Paradise  *(Isaiah 51)*

How would paradise be restored?  
*Isaiah 51:3*

How peaceful will this paradise be?  
*Isaiah 11:6-9*
The Exaltation of Mount Zion  *(Isaiah 2)*

What was Mount Zion?  
Psalm 2:6  (2 Chronicles 33:15)

How would Mount Zion be exalted?  
Isaiah 2:2-4

Why would non-Jews want to learn of God and His ways?  
Isaiah 49:6

How did Jesus clarify the nature of this new kingdom?  
John 18:36  
John 4:21-23  
Matthew 28:19-20

The Return of a Remnant  *(Isaiah 10)*

What would happen to the survivors of the house of Jacob?  
Isaiah 10:20-22

The Suffering Servant  *(Isaiah 53)*

What role of God's calling had the Jews forgotten?  
Isaiah 41:8-9

How would God's new servant suffer for the sake of others?  
Isaiah 53:4-6, 10-11

Isaiah's Four Servant Songs

. Isaiah 42:1-7
. Isaiah 49:1-6
. Isaiah 50:4-9
. Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Did Isaiah and the other prophets fully understand what God told them to say?  
1 Peter 1:10-12

Closing Prayer

**Response** - Consider and meditate on one each day this week

1. How have I stood up for the Lord when I have been in the company of unbelievers?  
   *(1 Kings 22:1-8; 2 Kings 9-10; Matthew 10; Acts 4:1-21; Philippians 1:12-14)*

2. How have I assassinated others in my eagerness to get or achieve something?  
   *(2 Kings 15:10, 14, 25, 30; Matthew 5:21-22, 38-48; James 5:1-6; 1 John 3:11-24)*

3. Do I recognize, listen and heed the messages that God sends to me through others?  
   *(2 Kings 17:13-14; Isaiah 1; Matthew 13:11-17; 23:29-39; 1 John 4:4-6)*

4. Do I recognize and respond to the call God gives me to take His message to others?  
   *(Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 5:20-21a; Ephesians 3:1-13; 2 Timothy 4:2-5)*

5. What promises has God made that are personally important to me and my faith?  
   *(Genesis 12:1-3; Joshua 23:14; Isaiah 11, 32, 51, 2, 10, 53; 2 Peter 3:9-13)*