

Bible Stories for Adults

Isaiah

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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

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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 prophesy did Isaiah give against Israel and Aram?
Isaiah 8:5-7 (see 7:1)

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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?

Luke 23:2 (Matthew 16:20)

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

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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

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Isaiah 42:1-7

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Isaiah 49:1-6

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Isaiah 50:4-9

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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)