

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

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This past week, you've finished **Isaiah 5 - Isaiah 35**. Here are a few highlights:

- **Isaiah Chapters 5 - 12:** Note especially **chapter 6**. This is **God's call to Isaiah to be a prophet**. He is lifted up into heaven and given a glimpse of glory. It's the only place in the Bible where one adjective describes God in triplicate: **HOLY! HOLY! HOLY!** We can never forget that holiness, perhaps even above God's love, is **his major characteristic**. Also, in these chapters, you see the theme of God's **grace through judgment**. For Isaiah, for Judah, and for Israel. Promises of his judgment and restoration alongside one another.
- **Chapters 13 - 23:** God's oracles against the nations surrounding Judah and Israel. God's judgment is universal against sin. So, you have Babylon (**ch's 13, 14 and 21**). Philistia (**ch 14**). Moab (**ch's 15 and 16**). God's condemnation of the Israel/Syria alliance (**ch's 17 and 18**). Judgment against Egypt (**ch's 19 and 20**). Edom (**ch 21**). Arabia (**ch 21**). Jerusalem (**ch 22**). Tyre (**ch 23**).
- **Chapters 24 - 27:** You have a picture in these chapters of the **new world that God will one day create after his judgment**. Jerusalem is described as a wasted city (**ch 24**). The Lord will punish her for her sins (**ch 21-23**). But one day death will be swallowed up forever (**ch 25**) and peace will be ordered by God (**ch 26**). The entire world will be fruitful as the curse of sin is lifted (**ch 27**).
- **Chapter 28:** God's **judgment on Ephraim** (another name for the northern kingdom) and Jerusalem. But, for Jerusalem, also promises of restoration and hope.
- **Chapter 29:** Isaiah looks ahead at the **siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians** (after his death this happened. Final destruction occurred in 586 BC).
- **Chapter 30:** God warns Jerusalem not to go down to Egypt and make an alliance when Babylon attacks. But the second half of this chapter is about **God's promises to restore, not only Jerusalem,**

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but the entire world. Sin's corruption will be eliminated. And the world will bear fruit as God originally intended in **Genesis 1-2**.

- **Chapters 31 - 32:** God's **warning not to go to Egypt** for help when the Babylonians are used by God as his instrument against Judah. Egypt is always symbolic of the flesh, human strength and ingenuity. God wanted them to trust him, but they wouldn't.
- **Chapter 33:** God promises that he will one day deal with the destroyer, Babylon. They were extremely wicked. Though used by God as his instrument against Judah, one day he will bring a destroyer/ judgment against Babylon as well (Persia). God can use whatever instrument of judgment he pleases to judge whomever he desires to judge!
- **Chapters 34 - 35:** The two final outcomes of his judgment, their choice: **judgment or salvation**. How we respond to God's correction is our choice.

*I hope this is helpful. Some think **Isaiah is the Bible in miniature**. **Isaiah 1-39** equals the Old Testament. Judgment under God's law. **Isaiah 40-66** equals the New Testament: God's grace and forgiveness. In case you didn't know, there are 66 books in the Bible. OT has 39. NT has 27. Like Isaiah's chapters.*

I hope you are enjoying the journey through God's Word. • David