

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Hebrew Prophets 1: Hosea 5-11, Isaiah 1-9, 2 Kings 15:27-16:20, 2 Chron. 27-28

(For class to be held on March 4, 2017)

Review Hosea 4, Read Hosea 5-7 -- Israel's Unfaithfulness and Need to Repent

1. How does Hosea 4 support God's severity toward Israel in Hosea 5? _____
_____. What is used as a metaphor for God to tear up Ephraim? _____
2. What is the call for Israel in Hosea 6:1-3? _____. What's the point of Hosea 6:4-11? _____
3. What is the problem Israel has in Hosea 7:1-10? _____. Instead of turning to the LORD, what nation did Israel look to for help but received derision instead? _____

Read Hosea 8 – 11 – The Results of Israel's Wickedness and God's Broken Heart

1. What nation is likely represented by an eagle or vulture in Hosea 8:1-3? _____. From verses 4-7 what did God call sowing the wind and reaping the whirlwind? _____
_____. What other nation seems doomed besides Israel at the end of Hosea 8? _____
2. To what terrible event in the past is Israel's corruption compared in Hosea 9:9? _____
_____. What is alluded to several times that will cause Israel's population to decline? _____
3. In Hosea 10 what nation is named as the place to which Israel and all her idols shall be carried away? _____
_____. What expression in Hosea 10 means repent and turn to the LORD? _____
4. What are God's words that show how broken hearted He is about delivering Israel up to their enemies? _____

Read Isaiah 1-5 and Psalms 58 & 82 – Isaiah's Early Messages

1. Who are Isaiah's messages for in chapter 1? _____. Why was God weary with the blood of their sacrifices, hated their feast days, and wouldn't hear their prayers? _____
_____. What does verse 17 imply were the evil things of which they were guilty? _____
2. What is the key thing God is looking for in Isaiah 1:18? _____
3. What verse shows that the harlot city (Jerusalem) can change to a faithful city? _____
4. According to Isaiah 2:1-4, what was to be the role of Judah in the salvation of people from all other nations in the last days? _____. What is the message for the last days from Isaiah 2:17-22? _____
5. What is wrong with women ruling over Judah in Isaiah 3:12-24? _____
_____. What do these women lose (3:25-4:1)? _____
6. How do Psalm 58 and 82 fit with Isaiah 3:13-15? _____
7. Read Isaiah 4:2-6 carefully. What caused the big change so that God's people are holy in verses 2-3? _____
_____. What is the end-time meaning? _____
8. What does the vineyard represent in Isaiah 5? _____. What was wrong with the vineyard? _____. What are some of the evils mentioned in verses 8-24? _____

9. In Isaiah 5, what are verses 26-30 about? _____

***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Introduction (pages 15-22)

Read Isaiah 6 – Isaiah’s Call and Deeper Conversion

1. When Isaiah saw the Lord and the seraphim, what filled the temple? _____. What was Isaiah’s initial reaction? _____. When the angel touched Isaiah’s lips with a live coal from off the altar, what did that mean? _____

***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter 25 (pages 303-310)

Review 2 Kings 15:1-27, Read 2 Kings 15:27-38 and 2 Chronicles 27 – Pekah of Israel, Jotham of Judah

1. Who became king of Israel the year that Uzziah (Azariah) finished his 52 years as king of Judah? _____
2. Who came and conquered a large portion of the land of Israel and took many away captive? _____
3. Who became king of Judah after Uzziah? _____. What two kings and countries allied together against Judah? _____. What nation did Jotham defeat? _____

Read 2 Kings 16:1-6 and 2 Chronicles 28:1-21 – Ahaz, the Wicked New King of Judah

1. What terribly evil practices did Jotham’s son Ahaz do when he became king of Judah? _____
2. Rezin took many captives from Judah, and Pekah, king of Israel, took 200,000 women and children of Judah. After Oded’s message, what was done with Israel’s Judean captives? _____
3. What two small nations took advantage of Judah by attacking border cities and villages? _____
4. After a big payoff, who was no help to Ahaz? _____

Read Isaiah 7:1-10:4 – Messages to Ahaz and Judah

1. How did Ahaz respond to the word of the Lord from Isaiah that God would not allow Rezin and Pekah to conquer Judah, and that Ahaz should believe, be established, and ask for a sign of the LORD? _____
_____. How many sons of Isaiah had names that were prophecies? ____
2. What metaphor is used to describe the coming invasion of the Assyrian army? _____
3. According to Isaiah 8:13-14, who was to be a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence? _____
4. How does the context show that Isaiah 8:20 is a test for claiming the gift of prophesy, but not for regular people? _____
5. Who is the child referred to in Isaiah 9:6-7? _____. What previous prophet does Isaiah sound like in 10:1-2? _____

Read 2 Kings 16:7-20 and 2 Chronicles 28:22-27 – Ahaz Replaces the Brazen Altar with a Pagan Altar

1. What city did the Assyrians conquer completely which seemed to help Ahaz? _____. What nation’s altar did Ahaz have copied to replace the LORD’s altar in the sanctuary? _____. What did Ahaz do with God’s temple in Jerusalem? _____

***Suggested Reading, *Prophets and Kings*, Chapter 27 (only pages 322-330)