# **Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide**

## Hebrew Prophets 1: Isaiah 22-37, 2 Kings 18:13-19:37, 2 Chron. 32:1-23

(For class to be held on May 6, 2017)

#### Read Isaiah 22-23 – Prophecy Regarding Jerusalem, Eliakim, and Tyre

- 1. What type of coming disaster is described in Isaiah 22:4-7?
- 2. What evil leader in Jerusalem was to be tossed like a ball into a foreign land to die there?
- 3. Who would replace that evil leader and be given the key of the house of David?
- 4. For what nation was Tyre and Zidon the principle cities? \_\_\_\_\_\_. What made these cities rich?

#### Read Isaiah 24-27 – General Principles: Sin and Judgment, Praises, Punishment and Preservation

- Isaiah 24 describes the Great Day of the Lord. Which verse likely refers to the 7<sup>th</sup> plague of hail and fire? \_\_\_\_, the great earthquake of the 7<sup>th</sup> plague? \_\_\_\_\_. What is the timing of verse 1? \_\_\_\_\_. Which verse applies to the 1000 years? \_\_\_\_\_.
- How would you describe Isaiah 25? \_\_\_\_\_\_. What hope do you see in verse 8? \_\_\_\_\_\_.
   What verse(s) in Isaiah 26 especially connected with you? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What verses in Isaiah 26 are about the final tribulation or time of trouble and the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming?

#### Read Isaiah 28-30 – Volumes of Woes upon the Unbelievers of Israel and Judah

- Isaiah 28:1-4 was written before the fall of Israel. What is the imagery used to describe the Assyrian of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_\_. How are the Israelites described? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What principle of Bible interpretation is found in verses 9-10? \_\_\_\_\_\_. What verse in Isaiah 28 suggests that that the destruction God was bringing upon Ephraim was contradictory to His character of love? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Who is being warned in Isaiah 29? \_\_\_\_\_\_. Read Isaiah 29:9-13 carefully. Why can't the people understand the vision written by the prophets? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Who does Judah rely upon for help against the Assyrians? \_\_\_\_\_\_. What verse in Isaiah 30 promised rest, salvation, quietness and confidence if they would return to the Holy One of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. The later part of Isaiah 30 gives a wonderful picture of what God will do for the repentant. What verses promise that the Assyrian will be stopped by the glorious voice of the LORD? \_\_\_\_\_

### Read Isaiah 31-32 – Israel's Deliverance by Divine Intervention; Man chooses his future

- 1. What would happen to Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_\_. How could the Assyrian fall by the sword if it wasn't from a mighty or mean man (vs. 8)? \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Two choices are held out in Isaiah 32. What verses brought you the most hope and comfort?

#### Read Isaiah 33-35 – The Lord Ultimately Triumphs and His Enemies Fall; Return to Zion Promised

1. When the LORD exalts Himself in the earth, people are slain by fire. Verse 14 asks who can survive everlasting burnings. What can?

- 2. How do we understand Isaiah 33:20 with the knowledge that the tabernacle in Jerusalem was
- destroyed later by the Babylonians? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. What were your favorite verses in Isaiah 33? \_\_\_\_\_\_. What does Isaiah 34 describe? \_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_. What evidence can be found in Isaiah 34 that the fire that "shall not be quenched" and the smoke that "shall go up forever" (vs. 10) will actually stop/go out?
- 4. What does Isaiah 35 describe?

#### Read 2 Kings 18:13-37, 2 Chron. 32:1-20, and Isaiah 36 – The Assyrian Invasion of Judah

- 1. Which one of the three above accounts describes how Hezekiah stopped up all water outside of Jerusalem to make it difficult for the Assyrian army to put them under siege?
- 2. Which account informs us that Hezekiah tried to pay off the Assyrians at the last minute so that they wouldn't come to take Jerusalem?
- 3. Which account describes Hezekiah's wall repairs and organization of soldiers to prepare for a defense of Jerusalem?
- 4. Which account gives the actual details of Hezekiah's instructions to the people that the LORD would "fight our battles" ?
- 5. Who led the delegation that went out to meet Rabshakeh? . What did Rabshakeh imply with a question that could not be denied?

#### Read 2 Kings 19:1-19, Isaiah 37:1-20, and Psalm 80 – The Rabshakeh's letter and Hezekiah's Prayer

- 1. Why did Rabshakeh leave Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_\_. Who had prophesied that Rabshakeh would leave? \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_. What led Hezekiah 2. What was prophesied of Sennacherib? to the special prayer for deliverance recorded in the reading?
- 3. What details in the prayer of Psalm 80 fit Hezekiah's situation?

#### Read 2 Kings 19: 20-34 and Isaiah 37:21-35 – Isaiah's Prophecy against Sennacherib

- 1. Of what particular sin was Sennacherib said to be guilty?
- 2. What acts of warfare would the King of Assyria not be able to do to Jerusalem?

#### Read 2 Kings 19:35-37, Isaiah 37:36-38, 2 Chron. 32:21-23, and Psalms 75 & 76 – Delivered from Assyria!

- 1. How many Assyrian soldiers were slain by the angel of the LORD? \_\_\_\_\_\_. What prophecy of Isaiah came true about Sennacherib after he returned to his own land?
- 2. What was noted in 2 Chron. 32:21-23 that wasn't mentioned in the other accounts?
- 3. How does Psalm 75 fit what happened to Sennacherib? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. How does Psalm 76 fit this great deliverance?

\*\*\*Suggested Reading, Prophets and Kings, Chapter 30 (pages 349-362 only)