

## COMMENTARY

### ISAIAH

#### Chapter 56:

GOD extends the invitation of salvation to ANYONE who will live for Him. He encourages those who were once thought of as never being able to be acceptable in God's sight, that they too, can be one of His people. His people had been desecrating the sabbath and had broken the Covenant (established with Moses). God also condemns the practice of the Jews of self-indulgence.

#### Chapter 57:

God speaks to those who have disobeyed Him. He condemns them for their uncontrolled lust, fornication, adultery (much in the name of "religion"--as it was a practice to engage in such things in worshipping some of the idols of the day), sacrificing food, drink and even their own children to these false gods. God warns them of His coming judgement and tells them to "let their collection of idols save them".

Those who have tried to obey and repent of their sin, God promises to care for and restore them with comfort and peace. Those who fail to repent will find no peace.

#### Chapter 58:

Israel had set aside a day to fast (go without food) as a symbol of their repentance. God rebukes them for their meager attempt. They had gone without food, but they were still sinning in their relationship with God and their fellow man. This is why God had not responded and blessed them on behalf of their effort.

God calls for them to truly fast. Not just going without food, but to begin providing for all of those in need and treating one another with love and patience. They are to again delight in the day set aside to worship. If they will do this; then God shall restore their land and bless them.

#### Chapter 59:

Isaiah speaks to the people of the extent of their sin. They had become so vile, that they had separated themselves from God. Those that they were trusting in, were only going to bring greater destruction upon them. The people are left without a moral leader to follow.

God will send one to redeem. This Messiah will put on the armor of God (vs. 17). He will punish the enemies of God and will give salvation to those who repent. Those who repent will also find that God's Spirit will dwell with them and remind them constantly of God's teaching and words.

#### Chapter 60:

God promises to bless and restore those who turn back to Him. Even foreign powers will God use to bless His people. God shall bless their land and they would become prosperous.

The nations would recognize the power of their God. This place will last forever and God will be their light (see Revelation 22).



**Chapter 61:**

Jesus referred to the first 3 verses of the chapter as being a prophecy of His coming and calling to people and bringing them to God. Those who respond to His message will become a part of God's eternal Kingdom and will be truly blessed.

**Chapter 62:**

God promises to restore and prepare a place for His people. This place will be bountiful and beautiful. It will be for all who have been redeemed by the Lord and are faithful to Him.

**Chapter 63:**

God is pictured as trampling on the nations and destroying them, even as one would trample grapes. The blood of the nations was then poured out upon the ground.

Isaiah now recounts God's works in the past and how God took care of His people. He calls upon God to again return the promised land to His people and to be their God once again.

**Chapter 64:**

Isaiah continues to call on the Lord to return and to deliver His people from their enemies. He recognizes that Israel has done nothing to deserve such consideration, but calls out for mercy and forgiveness.

**Chapter 65:**

God responds, reminding them of how disobedient Israel had been. Despite this, God would preserve a remnant and restore them. The others, however, would be destroyed.

God foretells of the day when He will create a new universe. The old life will be forgotten and His people shall dwell forever in the new place that will have been prepared. A place of harmony and happiness.

**Chapter 66:**

God speaks and states that only those who turn to Him in repentance and humility, will be spared the destruction that will come upon all the nations. God would send out messengers to the nations (the Church) and they would return in God's day of Triumph with faithful servants of God from all nations. These will then dwell forever in the place that God has prepared.

STUDY GUIDE

ISAIAH 56

1. Why were they to maintain justice and do what is right? (vs. 1)
2. What must foreigners do? (vs. 6,7)

ISAIAH 57

1. What would not benefit them? (vs. 12)
2. Who will inherit the land? (vs. 13)
3. Who will God revive? (vs. 15)

ISAIAH 58

1. What did they do on the day they fasted? (vs. 3,4)
2. What kind of fasting has God chosen? (vs. 6-7)
3. What would they find if they fasted and kept the Sabbath? (vs. 14)

ISAIAH 59

1. How was Israel separated from God? (Vs. 2)
2. How are the people described? (vs. 7,8)
3. What has God's chosen one put on? (vs. 17)
4. What will happen to God's words? (vs. 21)



ISAIAH 60

1. Who will come to God's light? (vs. 3)
2. What would God do to the Promised land? (vs. 15)
3. What will be the light? (vs. 19)
4. What will be true of the inhabitants? (vs. 21)

ISAIAH 61

1. What had God appointed His chosen one to do? (vs. 1-3)
2. What will God make with them? (vs. 8)

ISAIAH 62

1. What would God's chosen city become? (vs. 3)
2. What comes with the Savior? (vs. 11)

ISAIAH 63

1. Why was God's garment red? (vs. 3)
2. What was Isaiah going to tell of? (vs. 7)

ISAIAH 64

1. What did Isaiah ask for? (vs. 1)
2. What had all of Israel become? (vs. 6)
3. What did they ask God to not remember? (vs. 9)

ISAIAH 65

1. How does God describe those who He tried to love? (vs. 2,3)
2. What will God create? (vs. 17)
3. What would not be remembered or come to mind? (vs. 17)
4. What will there be no more? (vs. 19)

ISAIAH 66

1. Who is the one that God esteems? (vs. 2)
2. What will the nations come and see? (vs. 18)
3. What will some of the survivors proclaim? (vs. 19)