

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 28

According to the prophet Isaiah, will adhering to religious ceremony and practice alone put us in right relationship with God? Why or why not? (Isaiah 1:10-17)

What is the vision the prophet is presenting to the people of Israel and Judah in Isaiah 2:2-4? What is this vision meant to do?

Why is God's pronouncement of judgment against Israel and Judah tempered with hope in Isaiah's prophecies? Is God's judgment a "good" or "positive" thing for Israel and Judah? Why or why not?

What people is King Ahaz of Judah worried about in Isaiah 7:1-9? Why does Isaiah tell him not to worry about those people? Who does Isaiah tell King Ahaz he should be worried about instead? Why?

According to the prophecy of Amos, why is God so angry with all of the Israelite people? What does God want in place of their religious "hypocrisy"? Why? (Amos 5:21-24)

What does it mean to be exiled? Who, according to Amos, will be the first be exiled from the Promised Land? (Amos 6:1-7) Why?

What does Amos prophecy will happen to the Israelites on "Judgment Day"? Who and what will be destroyed? Who and what will be restored? (Isaiah 8 & 9)

What do you think Isaiah 9:1-9 would have meant to its original audience of Israelites facing the threat of invasion, exile, and death? How do we interpret it from a Christian perspective or lens today?

When and why will God “turn the tables” on Assyria according to Isaiah? (Isaiah 10) What will this mean for Israel? What will a restored and redeemed Israel be like? (Isaiah 11) What will be the expected response of the Israelites to God for their redemption? (Isaiah 12)

According to Malachi 6:8, what does God ask of us as human beings? What is one thing you could you do today to live up to those expectations?