

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 29

What message from God does Isaiah preach to the nations of Babylon, Philistia, Moab, Aram, and others that invaded and enslaved the Israelites? How would these prophecies have been heard by the Israelite people living in exile?

Why do you think God has Isaiah go before the Egyptians and Ethiopians naked and barefoot for three years? What is the point of this symbolic act of prophecy? (Isaiah 20)

According to Isaiah 24 why is the earth and its people in such a sorry state of affairs? What is the hope-filled message the prophet offers in Isaiah 25? What does this tell us about God?

What words of comfort does Isaiah have for the Israelites in Isaiah 27? What does he say God will do for them? Why?

What kind of a ruler was Hezekiah? What was his first act as king? Why was this significant? (2 Chronicles 29-31)

Eugene Peterson (author of *The Message* translation of the Bible) believes that the prophet Hosea's life was a "lived parable" meant to teach us about the true nature of God's love. Do you agree? Why or why not?

According to Isaiah, how will Israel be redeemed and saved by God? (Isaiah 30:18-26) What does this tell us about the nature of God and our relationship to God as human beings?