

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 31

What covenant is God making with the Israelites in Isaiah 54 and 55? How is it similar to the covenants God made with Noah and David? Who is this covenant extended to in addition to the Israelites? Why?

How do you interpret Isaiah 55:10-11? What do you think these verses meant to the Israelites living in exile? What, if anything, do they mean in your life today?

What is the central focus and the overarching theme of the final chapters (56-66) of the book of Isaiah? What message is being shared and with whom? Why?

According to Isaiah, what worship and religious practice truly honors God? What is the “false” worship Isaiah warns people against? (Isaiah 58)

How will Israel be known in the post-exilic world following the fulfillment of God’s promises? Why? (Isaiah 62)

What is God’s vision for creation in Isaiah 65:17-25? Why do you think these are some of the most oft quoted verses from the Bible?

What kind of ruler was King Manasseh? What impact did his leadership have on Judah and Jerusalem? (2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33)

What message is Nahum sending the Israelites about God’s power versus that of the Assyrian empire? What is going to happen to Assyria according to Nahum? Does this message translate to Israel, the United States, and other nations today?

What kind of ruler was King Josiah? What discovery was made during King Josiah's reign that turned the people of Judah back to God? What festival did King Josiah have all of the people celebrate for the first time since the time of the Judges in Israel? Why? What did this symbolize? (2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35)