



LESSON 5

ISAIAH 9:8-12:6

1. What truth, verse, or insight from **Isaiah 7:1-9:7** stood out to you, and how did it prepare you to trust the LORD for peace?
2. Pray that you have ears to hear the Holy Spirit speak as you read through **Isaiah 9:8-12:6**. Read **2 Kings 17:1-23, 34-41** to better understand what the people of Judah saw taking place in the northern kingdom of Israel. From **2 Kings 17**, discuss how the judgment of God relates to Israel's lack of authentic worship of God.
3. In **Isaiah 9:8-10:4**, Isaiah sends a message to Judah based on what happened to Israel.
 - a) Choose some keywords and phrases that reveal the sad state of the people of Israel.
 - b) What refrain is repeated and why do you think it is significant for Israel? This refrain first appears in **Isaiah 5:25**.

4. In **Isaiah 10:5-11**, Isaiah speaks about how God used Assyria to judge Judah. Find some language in these verses that reflects the sovereignty of God in that judgment and share your thoughts or questions about God using a pagan nation like Assyria to judge Israel.

5. According to **V12-19**, what did the king of Assyria say that demonstrated his pride of heart, and what was his fate?

6. Outline the main points of Isaiah's message to the remnant of Israel in **V20-27**. Who do you think makes up the remnant of Israel based on these verses?

7. What does Isaiah prophesy about the Assyrian army in **V28-34**, and how will the army fare?

8. Review and delight in **Isaiah 11:1-16** about the coming of the Branch or Root of Jesse first mentioned in **Isaiah 4:2**.
 - a) Describe the Branch from **V1-5** and some of the hallmarks of His reign from **V6-16**. Paul refers to the Root of Jesse in **Romans 15:12**.

b) *Challenge*: Read the following Scriptures and comment on whether the Branch or Root of Jesse might be a fulfillment of God's promise to King David:

- **2 Samuel 7:8-17**

- **Revelation 22:16**

9. The beautiful songs of praise in **Isaiah 12:1-6** are proclaimed both to the LORD and about the LORD to others. From these verses, what aspects of God are being praised? Share your current favorite song, hymn, or **Psalm** that gives voice to your praises.

10. Reflecting on who God is: **Salvation (Yeshua)**

We learned that Isaiah's name means "The LORD is salvation." In **Isaiah 12:2-3**, Isaiah proclaims, "**the LORD Himself is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. With joy you draw water from the wells of salvation.**" In **Luke 2:29-30**, Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying: "**Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations...**" Spend some time expressing your joy and responding to the good news of your salvation.

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