

Women's Bible Study

Fall 2020: Isaiah

Suggested Abbreviated Reading Plan for Tuesday, October 6th

Isaiah 24-27 can be regarded as “the climax of God’s message of judgment and salvation for the whole world” (Hunter, p. 35). The chapters combine, and move back and forth between, prophecies of judgment, promises of blessings after judgment, and words of praise thanking God for those blessings.

The full reading assignment for this week is Isaiah 24-27 and Week 5 in the workbook.

Following is a suggested reading plan for those who would like a briefer, more focused reading assignment.

1. Read the two short paragraphs on p. 35 in the workbook (“The Place of the Passage” and “The Big Picture”).
2. Skip to p. 39 in the workbook and read through the “Gospel Glimpses,” “Whole Bible Connections,” and “Theological Soundings” sections to get a sense of the major themes in this portion of Isaiah.
3. Read **Isaiah 24:1-13** and answer the first question on p. 36 (“Isaiah 24:1-20 describes...”).
4. Read **Isaiah 25:1-10** and answer the question at the bottom p. 36 (“After overthrowing human tyranny...”).
5. Read **Isaiah 26:1-5** and answer the first full question on p. 37 (“The city is an important image...”).
6. Read **Isaiah 27:1-5**. Consider: “If His vines were just briars and thorns, the Lord wouldn’t mind simply burning them up and starting again (see 27:4). But He hates to do that to good grape vines, even though they are barren. What does God wish His vines—His people—would do (see 27:5)?” (from NavPress *Isaiah LifeChange Study*)
7. Read **Isaiah 27:12-13** and answer the second full question on p. 38 (“The Jubilee Year...”). Here are the cross references for that question:
 - a. **Lev. 25:8-12:** “Count off seven sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years. Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; each of you is to return to your family property and to your own clan. The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines. For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields.”

- b. **Mt. 24:31:** “And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”
 - c. **1 Thess. 4:16:** “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”
 - d. **1 Cor. 15:51b-52:** “We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”
8. **Optional:** After you’ve completed items 1-7, if you’d like, you can go back and read the full assignment from Isaiah (chapters 24-27) and answer the remaining questions in the workbook.
9. **Optional:** Spend some time praying with Isaiah 25:
- “Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things...” (v. 1).
 - *Give praise and thanks to God for the wonderful things He has done in your life.*
 - *Ask God to do wonderful things in your life now.*
 - “You have done wonderful things, things planned long ago” (v. 1b).
 - *Pray for God’s plans and promises to be accomplished in your life.*
 - “You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress” (v. 4a)
 - *Pray for God’s help and provision for all your needs (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, etc.).*
 - “[You have been] a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat” (v. 4b).
 - *Pray for God’s protection from anything that frightens you.*
 - “On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth.” (vv. 7-8).
 - *Pray for God’s comfort for all those living with the burden of grief or disgrace.*
 - “‘Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation’” (v. 9).
 - *In closing, spend a few moments resting in God, rejoicing and being glad in the Lord’s salvation.*

(Adapted from <https://lifeandsalvationchurch.com/prayer-points-isaiah-25/>)