

SEE THE KING!

with Isaiah

'Your eyes will behold the King in his beauty (Is. 33:17)'



Handouts to help you read & understand –
for personal Bible study, reading the Bible with a friend or with a group

7th Session **THEME: A different way to approach the future**

1. Start with prayer. Then look at this icebreaker question. 10 minutes to get started

'And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.' (Luke 21:9). What helps you not to be terrified about the news?

2. Read Isaiah 8 30 minutes to answer these questions

Look again at 8:1-4

- When Isaiah preached, most people would not believe his word (see 6:10). However, when everything he had predicted would become true, nobody would be able to say that Isaiah had never said these things. Why not? (Look at these verses for answers).
- Isaiah foretold things, long before they would happen. And they did happen. By this we can be sure that other things which are predicted in the Bible, which have not yet happened, will also surely happen. Can you mention a few things that – according to the Bible – still have to happen? (Note: avoid discussions)

Look again at 8:5-10

- In verse 5 two reasons are given for judgements that would come. 'The waters of Shiloah' is a metaphor for how the Spirit of God, through the Word, nourishes God's people. (C. Psalm 46:4). 'Rejoice over...' points to how these threatening kings (7:1-2) would suddenly be defeated by Assyria's armies, so that the people would feel rest again (C. Is.14:29). What can we learn from verse 5?
- Verses 7-10 describe how Assyria would come like a floodriver of judgement and like a bird of prey. Nations may make many plans. But God's plan will stand. Immanuel, the promised Son, will be the King. (See also Psalm 2, Psalm 110). God is against his enemies. But He is for those who look for the Son, Immanuel, to come. Though these verses contained and contain warning, they also contain comfort. What is the comfort?

Look again at 8:11-15

- Though unbelievers will stumble over Immanuel and his followers (both in Old and New Testament), believers have a wonderful way to approach the future. What is that way? (Look at the text for answers)

Look again at 8:16-22

- Both believers and unbelievers receive a message through these verses. What is the message for each?

3. Apply and end with prayer. 15 minutes to make it personal and to pray

Read Romans 5:1-2. Take some moments of silence. Share what you received. And end with prayer.

4. Digging deeper.

Isaiah 8 is popular in the New Testament. Among many passages, you may look at I Peter 2:4-8, 3:13-17 and Hebrews 2:10-18, especially verse 12.