

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 5, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 7:1-25

Memory Passage: Isaiah 7:14

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 7:1-25, 2 Kings 16:1-7, & 2 Chron. 28:1-15.** To understand this wonderful passage, we need some historical context. What do you learn about King Ahaz from 2 Kings 16:1-7 & 2 Chronicles 28:1-15?

(b) Explain what Syria (ruled by King Resin) and Israel (ruled by King Pekah) are up to in these passages.

(c) How many invasions are mentioned in 2 Kings 16:1-7 & 2 Chronicles 28:1-15?

(d) Where do the events of Isaiah 7 (cf. 7:1-2) fit into the timeline of 2 Kings & 2 Chronicles?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 7:1-25.** Why were the king and his people so afraid (v. 2)?

(b) Though the text does not tell us, why might Ahaz have been “at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer’s Field” (cf. Is. 22:9-11 & 36:2)?

(c) What purpose did Isaiah’s son serve in accompanying Isaiah (“Shear-jashub” means “A remnant shall return”)?

(d) What was the 4-fold command Isaiah gave to Ahaz, and what was it intended to provoke in him and the nation?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 7:1-25.** How does Isaiah describe the actions of the kings of Syria and Israel (vs. 4b-6)? Why do you think Isaiah mentions Pekah by his father’s name rather than his own?

(b) Explain what God says to Ahaz in vs. 7-9. Is this prophecy fulfilled (cf. 2 Kings 17:24-31, 2 Chron. 33:11, & Ezra 4:1-2)?

(c) Note the two occurrences of “you” in v. 9 are plural. Why is this important to know?

(d) Why does God (through Isaiah) offer for Ahaz to ask Him for a sign? Was Ahaz's response godly? How do you know?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 7:1-25.** What sign does the Lord promise to provide (v. 14), and what would his life ensure (vs. 15-16)?

(b) What countries will be involved in God's judgment (the near fulfillment of this prophecy)?

(c) Who will be God's agent (vs. 17-18), and what will His agent accomplish (marked by the repeated phrase "in that day," four times in vs. 18-25)?

(d) What is the far fulfillment of this prophecy (cf. Matthew 1:18-25)?

(e) Is the sign of Immanuel a sign of judgment, a sign of blessing, or both (explain your answer)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 7:1-25.** What situations do you face that cause you to identify with Ahaz and the nation's fears (v. 2)?

(b) In what ways do you struggle in these times to stand "firm in faith?" How are you tempted each day to trust in someone or something other than God?

(c) Because Christ is our Immanuel ("God with us"), how does His person & work motivate and equip you to stand firm in your faith and "be careful, be quiet (or "rest"), not fear, and not let your heart be faint" because of any and all "smoldering stumps of firebrands" in your life?

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