

## BSF Scripture for Kingdom Divided Lesson #19

### FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

### SECOND DAY:

#### Read Selections below from Isaiah 1-39

#### Question 3a

#### Isaiah 1:1-15; Isaiah 1:1 (NIV)

[Isa 1:1] The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

#### **A Rebellious Nation**

[2] Hear me, you heavens! Listen, earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me.

[3] The ox knows its master, the donkey its owner's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand."

[4] Woe to the sinful nation, a people whose guilt is great, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him.

[5] Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted.

[6] From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness—only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with olive oil.

[7] Your country is desolate, your cities burned with fire; your fields are being stripped by foreigners right before you, laid waste as when overthrown by strangers.

[8] Daughter Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a cucumber field, like a city under siege.

[9] Unless the LORD Almighty had left us some survivors, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.

[10] Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

[11] "The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?" says the LORD. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

[12] When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts?

[13] Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

[14] Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

[15] When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!

#### Isaiah 3:1-4:1;

#### **Judgment on Jerusalem and Judah**

[3:1] See now, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, is about to take from Jerusalem and Judah both supply and support: all supplies of food and all supplies of water, [2] the hero and the warrior, the judge and the prophet, the diviner and the elder,

[3] the captain of fifty and the man of rank, the counselor, skilled craftsman and clever enchanter.

[4] "I will make mere youths their officials; children will rule over them."

[5] People will oppress each other—man against man, neighbor against neighbor. The young will rise up against the old, the nobody against the honored.

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[6] A man will seize one of his brothers in his father's house, and say, "You have a cloak, you be our leader; take charge of this heap of ruins!"

[7] But in that day he will cry out, "I have no remedy. I have no food or clothing in my house; do not make me the leader of the people."

[8] Jerusalem staggers, Judah is falling; their words and deeds are against the LORD, defying his glorious presence.

[9] The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves.

[10] Tell the righteous it will be well with them, for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds.

[11] Woe to the wicked! Disaster is upon them! They will be paid back for what their hands have done.

[12] Youths oppress my people, women rule over them. My people, your guides lead you astray; they turn you from the path.

[13] The LORD takes his place in court; he rises to judge the people.

[14] The LORD enters into judgment against the elders and leaders of his people: "It is you who have ruined my vineyard; the plunder from the poor is in your houses.

[15] What do you mean by crushing my people and grinding the faces of the poor?" declares the Lord, the LORD Almighty.

[16] The LORD says, "The women of Zion are haughty, walking along with outstretched necks, flirting with their eyes, strutting along with swaying hips, with ornaments jingling on their ankles.

[17] Therefore the Lord will bring sores on the heads of the women of Zion; the LORD will make their scalps bald."

[18] In that day the Lord will snatch away their finery: the bangles and headbands and crescent necklaces, [19] the earrings and bracelets and veils, [20] the headdresses and anklets and sashes, the perfume bottles and charms, [21] the signet rings and

nose rings, [22] the fine robes and the capes and cloaks, the purses [23] and mirrors, and the linen garments and tiaras and shawls.

[24] Instead of fragrance there will be a stench; instead of a sash, a rope; instead of well-dressed hair, baldness; instead of fine clothing, sackcloth; instead of beauty, branding.

[25] Your men will fall by the sword, your warriors in battle.

[26] The gates of Zion will lament and mourn; destitute, she will sit on the ground.

### **Isaiah 4**

[4:1] In that day seven women will take hold of one man and say, "We will eat our own food and provide our own clothes; only let us be called by your name. Take away our disgrace!"

### **Isaiah 28-31;**

### **Isaiah 28**

#### **Woe to the Leaders of Ephraim and Judah**

[28:1] Woe to that wreath, the pride of Ephraim's drunkards, to the fading flower, his glorious beauty, set on the head of a fertile valley—to that city, the pride of those laid low by wine!

[2] See, the Lord has one who is powerful and strong. Like a hailstorm and a destructive wind, like a driving rain and a flooding downpour, he will throw it forcefully to the ground.

[3] That wreath, the pride of Ephraim's drunkards, will be trampled underfoot.

[4] That fading flower, his glorious beauty, set on the head of a fertile valley, will be like figs ripe before harvest—as soon as people see them and take them in hand, they swallow them.

[5] In that day the LORD Almighty will be a glorious crown, a beautiful wreath for the remnant of his people.

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[6] He will be a spirit of justice to the one who sits in judgment, a source of strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

[7] And these also stagger from wine and reel from beer: Priests and prophets stagger from beer and are befuddled with wine; they reel from beer, they stagger when seeing visions, they stumble when rendering decisions.

[8] All the tables are covered with vomit and there is not a spot without filth.

[9] “Who is it he is trying to teach? To whom is he explaining his message? To children weaned from their milk, to those just taken from the breast?”

[10] For it is: Do this, do that, a rule for this, a rule for that; a little here, a little there.”

[11] Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people,

[12] to whom he said, “This is the resting place, let the weary rest”; and, “This is the place of repose”—but they would not listen.

[13] So then, the word of the LORD to them will become: Do this, do that, a rule for this, a rule for that; a little here, a little there—so that as they go they will fall backward; they will be injured and snared and captured.

[14] Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem.

[15] You boast, “We have entered into a covenant with death, with the realm of the dead we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place.”

[16] So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.

[17] I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line; hail will sweep away your refuge, the lie, and water will overflow your hiding place.

[18] Your covenant with death will be annulled;

your agreement with the realm of the dead will not stand. When the overwhelming scourge sweeps by, you will be beaten down by it.

[19] As often as it comes it will carry you away; morning after morning, by day and by night, it will sweep through.” The understanding of this message will bring sheer terror.

[20] The bed is too short to stretch out on, the blanket too narrow to wrap around you.

[21] The LORD will rise up as he did at Mount Perazim, he will rouse himself as in the Valley of Gibeon—to do his work, his strange work, and perform his task, his alien task.

[22] Now stop your mocking, or your chains will become heavier; the Lord, the LORD Almighty, has told me of the destruction decreed against the whole land.

[23] Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say.

[24] When a farmer plows for planting, does he plow continually? Does he keep on breaking up and working the soil?

[25] When he has leveled the surface, does he not sow caraway and scatter cumin? Does he not plant wheat in its place, barley in its plot, and spelt in its field?

[26] His God instructs him and teaches him the right way.

[27] Caraway is not threshed with a sledge, nor is the wheel of a cart rolled over cumin; caraway is beaten out with a rod, and cumin with a stick.

[28] Grain must be ground to make bread; so one does not go on threshing it forever. The wheels of a threshing cart may be rolled over it, but one does not use horses to grind grain.

[29] All this also comes from the LORD Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent.

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### Isaiah 29

#### Woe to David's City

[29:1] Woe to you, Ariel, Ariel, the city where David settled! Add year to year and let your cycle of festivals go on.

[2] Yet I will besiege Ariel; she will mourn and lament, she will be to me like an altar hearth.

[3] I will encamp against you on all sides; I will encircle you with towers and set up my siege works against you.

[4] Brought low, you will speak from the ground; your speech will mumble out of the dust. Your voice will come ghostlike from the earth; out of the dust your speech will whisper.

[5] But your many enemies will become like fine dust, the ruthless hordes like blown chaff. Suddenly, in an instant, [6] the LORD Almighty will come with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with windstorm and tempest and flames of a devouring fire.

[7] Then the hordes of all the nations that fight against Ariel, that attack her and her fortress and besiege her, will be as it is with a dream, with a vision in the night—[8] as when a hungry person dreams of eating, but awakens hungry still; as when a thirsty person dreams of drinking, but awakens faint and thirsty still. So will it be with the hordes of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion.

[9] Be stunned and amazed, blind yourselves and be sightless; be drunk, but not from wine, stagger, but not from beer.

[10] The LORD has brought over you a deep sleep: He has sealed your eyes (the prophets); he has covered your heads (the seers).

[11] For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I can't; it is sealed." [12] Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," they will answer, "I don't know how to read."

[13] The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.

[14] Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."

[15] Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, "Who sees us? Who will know?"

[16] You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, "You did not make me"? Can the pot say to the potter, "You know nothing"?

[17] In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest?

[18] In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.

[19] Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

[20] The ruthless will vanish, the mockers will disappear, and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down—[21] those who with a word make someone out to be guilty, who ensnare the defender in court and with false testimony deprive the innocent of justice.

[22] Therefore this is what the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, says to the descendants of Jacob: "No longer will Jacob be ashamed; no longer will their faces grow pale.

[23] When they see among them their children, the work of my hands, they will keep my name holy; they will acknowledge the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob, and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

[24] Those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding; those who complain will accept instruction."

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### Isaiah 30

#### Woe to the Obstinate Nation

[30:1] “Woe to the obstinate children,” declares the LORD, “to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin;

[2] who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh's protection, to Egypt's shade for refuge.

[3] But Pharaoh's protection will be to your shame, Egypt's shade will bring you disgrace. [4] Though they have officials in Zoan and their envoys have arrived in Hanes,

[5] everyone will be put to shame because of a people useless to them, who bring neither help nor advantage, but only shame and disgrace.”

[6] A prophecy concerning the animals of the Negev: Through a land of hardship and distress, of lions and lionesses, of adders and darting snakes, the envoys carry their riches on donkeys' backs, their treasures on the humps of camels, to that unprofitable nation, [7] to Egypt, whose help is utterly useless. Therefore I call her Rahab the Do-Nothing.

[8] Go now, write it on a tablet for them, inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness.

[9] For these are rebellious people, deceitful children, children unwilling to listen to the LORD's instruction.

[10] They say to the seers, “See no more visions!” and to the prophets, “Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.

[11] Leave this way, get off this path, and stop confronting us with the Holy One of Israel!”

[12] Therefore this is what the Holy One of Israel says: “Because you have rejected this message, relied on oppression and depended on deceit,

[13] this sin will become for you like a high wall, cracked and bulging, that collapses suddenly, in an instant.

[14] It will break in pieces like pottery, shattered so mercilessly that among its pieces not a fragment will be found for taking coals from a hearth or scooping water out of a cistern.”

[15] This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: “In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

[16] You said, ‘No, we will flee on horses.’ Therefore you will flee! You said, ‘We will ride off on swift horses.’ Therefore your pursuers will be swift!

[17] A thousand will flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you will all flee away, till you are left like a flagstaff on a mountaintop, like a banner on a hill.”

[18] Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

[19] People of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious he will be when you cry for help! As soon as he hears, he will answer you.

[20] Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, your teachers will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see them. [21] Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” [22] Then you will desecrate your idols overlaid with silver and your images covered with gold; you will throw them away like a menstrual cloth and say to them, “Away with you!”

[23] He will also send you rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the food that comes from the land will be rich and plentiful. In that day your cattle will graze in broad meadows. [24] The oxen and donkeys that work the soil will eat fodder and mash, spread out with fork and shovel. [25] In the day of great slaughter, when the towers fall, streams of water will flow on every high mountain and every lofty hill.

[26] The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven full days, when the LORD binds up the bruises of his people and heals the wounds he inflicted.

[27] See, the Name of the LORD comes from afar,

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with burning anger and dense clouds of smoke; his lips are full of wrath, and his tongue is a consuming fire.

[28] His breath is like a rushing torrent, rising up to the neck. He shakes the nations in the sieve of destruction; he places in the jaws of the peoples a bit that leads them astray.

[29] And you will sing as on the night you celebrate a holy festival; your hearts will rejoice as when people playing pipes go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.

[30] The LORD will cause people to hear his majestic voice and will make them see his arm coming down with raging anger and consuming fire, with cloudburst, thunderstorm and hail.

[31] The voice of the LORD will shatter Assyria; with his rod he will strike them down.

[32] Every stroke the LORD lays on them with his punishing club will be to the music of timbrels and harps, as he fights them in battle with the blows of his arm.

[33] Topheth has long been prepared; it has been made ready for the king. Its fire pit has been made deep and wide, with an abundance of fire and wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of burning sulfur, sets it ablaze.

### **Isaiah 31**

#### **Woe to Those Who Rely on Egypt**

[31:1] Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the LORD.

[2] Yet he too is wise and can bring disaster; he does not take back his words. He will rise up against that wicked nation, against those who help evildoers.

[3] But the Egyptians are mere mortals and not God; their horses are flesh and not spirit. When the LORD stretches out his hand, those who help will stumble, those who are helped will fall; all will perish together.

[4] This is what the LORD says to me: “As a lion growls, a great lion over its prey—and though a whole band of shepherds is called together against it, it is not frightened by their shouts or disturbed by their clamor—so the LORD Almighty will come down to do battle on Mount Zion and on its heights.

[5] Like birds hovering overhead, the LORD Almighty will shield Jerusalem; he will shield it and deliver it, he will ‘pass over’ it and will rescue it.”

[6] Return, you Israelites, to the One you have so greatly revolted against. [7] For in that day every one of you will reject the idols of silver and gold your sinful hands have made.

[8] “Assyria will fall by no human sword; a sword, not of mortals, will devour them. They will flee before the sword and their young men will be put to forced labor.

[9] Their stronghold will fall because of terror; at the sight of the battle standard their commanders will panic,” declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

### **Question 3b**

#### **Isaiah 1:24-25;**

[24] Therefore the Lord, the LORD Almighty, the Mighty One of Israel, declares: “Ah! I will vent my wrath on my foes and avenge myself on my enemies.

[25] I will turn my hand against you; I will thoroughly purge away your dross and remove all your impurities.

#### **Isaiah 5;**

##### **The Song of the Vineyard**

[5:1] I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.

[2] He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

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[3] “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

[4] What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

[5] Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

[6] I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

[7] The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

### Woes and Judgments

[8] Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no space is left and you live alone in the land.

[9] The LORD Almighty has declared in my hearing: “Surely the great houses will become desolate, the fine mansions left without occupants.

[10] A ten-acre vineyard will produce only a bath of wine; a homer of seed will yield only an ephah of grain.”

[11] Woe to those who rise early in the morning to run after their drinks, who stay up late at night till they are inflamed with wine.

[12] They have harps and lyres at their banquets, pipes and timbrels and wine, but they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD, no respect for the work of his hands.

[13] Therefore my people will go into exile for lack of understanding; those of high rank will die of hunger and the common people will be parched with thirst.

[14] Therefore Death expands its jaws, opening wide its mouth; into it will descend their nobles and masses with all their brawlers and revelers.

[15] So people will be brought low and everyone humbled, the eyes of the arrogant humbled.

[16] But the LORD Almighty will be exalted by his justice, and the holy God will be proved holy by his righteous acts.

[17] Then sheep will graze as in their own pasture; lambs will feed among the ruins of the rich.

[18] Woe to those who draw sin along with cords of deceit, and wickedness as with cart ropes,

[19] to those who say, “Let God hurry; let him hasten his work so we may see it. The plan of the Holy One of Israel—let it approach, let it come into view, so we may know it.”

[20] Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

[21] Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.

[22] Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine and champions at mixing drinks,

[23] who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent.

[24] Therefore, as tongues of fire lick up straw and as dry grass sinks down in the flames, so their roots will decay and their flowers blow away like dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel.

[25] Therefore the LORD's anger burns against his people; his hand is raised and he strikes them down. The mountains shake, and the dead bodies are like refuse in the streets. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised.

[26] He lifts up a banner for the distant nations, he whistles for those at the ends of the earth. Here they come, swiftly and speedily!

[27] Not one of them grows tired or stumbles, not one slumbers or sleeps; not a belt is loosened at the waist, not a sandal strap is broken.

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[28] Their arrows are sharp, all their bows are strung; their horses' hooves seem like flint, their chariot wheels like a whirlwind.

[29] Their roar is like that of the lion, they roar like young lions; they growl as they seize their prey and carry it off with no one to rescue.

[30] In that day they will roar over it like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks at the land, there is only darkness and distress; even the sun will be darkened by clouds.

### **Isaiah 7:18-25;**

#### **Assyria, the LORD's Instrument**

[18] In that day the LORD will whistle for flies from the Nile delta in Egypt and for bees from the land of Assyria. [19] They will all come and settle in the steep ravines and in the crevices in the rocks, on all the thornbushes and at all the water holes. [20] In that day the Lord will use a razor hired from beyond the Euphrates River—the king of Assyria—to shave your head and private parts, and to cut off your beard also. [21] In that day, a person will keep alive a young cow and two goats. [22] And because of the abundance of the milk they give, there will be curds to eat. All who remain in the land will eat curds and honey. [23] In that day, in every place where there were a thousand vines worth a thousand silver shekels, there will be only briars and thorns. [24] Hunters will go there with bow and arrow, for the land will be covered with briars and thorns. [25] As for all the hills once cultivated by the hoe, you will no longer go there for fear of the briars and thorns; they will become places where cattle are turned loose and where sheep run.

### **Isaiah 39:5-7;**

[5] Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD Almighty: [6] The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your predecessors have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the LORD. [7] And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.”

### **Question 4a**

#### **Isaiah 1:16-17;**

[16] Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong.

[17] Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

### **Question 4b**

#### **Isaiah 1:18-20;**

[18] “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

[19] If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land;

[20] but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.”

For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

### **Question 5**

**Isaiah Chapters 13-24; see your Bible please**

## **THIRD DAY**

**Read Selections below from Isaiah 1-39**

**Isaiah 7-14;** [14] Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

**Matthew 1:20-23;** [20] But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him



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in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [21] She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” [22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: [23] “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

**Isaiah 9:6-7;** [6] For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[7] Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

**Philippians 2:9-11;** [9] Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, [10] that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Isaiah 11:1-5;** The Branch From Jesse

[11:1] A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

[2] The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

[3] and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

[4] but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

[5] Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

**Matthew 3:16-17;** [16] As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. [17] And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

**Isaiah 11:10;** [10] In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

**Romans 15:8-13;** [8] For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed [9] and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name.”

[10] Again, it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people.”

[11] And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him.”

[12] And again, Isaiah says, “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope.”

[13] May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **FOURTH DAY**

### **Read Selections below from Isaiah 1-39**

#### **Question 8a**

### **Isaiah 2:1-5;** The Mountain of the LORD

[2:1] This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

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[2] In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

[3] Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

[4] He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

[5] Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

### **Isaiah 4:2-6;**

#### **The Branch of the LORD**

[2] In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel. [3] Those who are left in Zion, who remain in Jerusalem, will be called holy, all who are recorded among the living in Jerusalem. [4] The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire. [5] Then the LORD will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over everything the glory will be a canopy. [6] It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain.

**Isaiah 9:1-3;** [9:1] Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—[2] The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. [3] You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

### **Isaiah 11:6-9; 12-16;**

[6] The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

[7] The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

[8] The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

[9] They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

**Isaiah 14:1-8;** [14:1] The LORD will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. Foreigners will join them and unite with the descendants of Jacob.

[2] Nations will take them and bring them to their own place. And Israel will take possession of the nations and make them male and female servants in the LORD's land. They will make captives of their captors and rule over their oppressors.

[3] On the day the LORD gives you relief from your suffering and turmoil and from the harsh labor forced on you, [4] you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon: How the oppressor has come to an end! How his fury has ended!

[5] The LORD has broken the rod of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers,

[6] which in anger struck down peoples with unceasing blows, and in fury subdued nations with relentless aggression.

[7] All the lands are at rest and at peace; they break into singing.

[8] Even the junipers and the cedars of Lebanon gloat over you and say, "Now that you have been laid low, no one comes to cut us down."

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### **Isaiah 27; Deliverance of Israel**

[27:1] In that day, the LORD will punish with his sword—his fierce, great and powerful sword—Leviathan the gliding serpent, Leviathan the coiling serpent; he will slay the monster of the sea.

[2] In that day—“Sing about a fruitful vineyard:

[3] I, the LORD, watch over it; I water it continually. I guard it day and night so that no one may harm it.

[4] I am not angry. If only there were briars and horns confronting me! I would march against them in battle; I would set them all on fire.

[5] Or else let them come to me for refuge; let them make peace with me, yes, let them make peace with me.”

[6] In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit.

[7] Has the LORD struck her as he struck down those who struck her? Has she been killed as those were killed who killed her?

[8] By warfare and exile you contend with her—with his fierce blast he drives her out, as on a day the east wind blows.

[9] By this, then, will Jacob's guilt be atoned for, and this will be the full fruit of the removal of his sin:

When he makes all the altar stones to be like limestone crushed to pieces, no Asherah poles or incense altars will be left standing.

[10] The fortified city stands desolate, an abandoned settlement, forsaken like the wilderness; there the calves graze, there they lie down; they strip its branches bare.

[11] When its twigs are dry, they are broken off and women come and make fires with them. For this is a people without understanding; so their Maker has no compassion on them, and their Creator shows them no favor.

[12] In that day the LORD will thresh from the flowing Euphrates to the Wadi of Egypt, and you, Israel, will be gathered up one by one. [13] And in that day a great trumpet will sound. Those who were perishing in Assyria and those who were exiled in

Egypt will come and worship the LORD on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

### **FIFTH DAY**

### **Read Isaiah 12 and 25-26**

#### **Isaiah 12**

##### **Songs of Praise**

[12:1] In that day you will say: “I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

[2] Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.”

[3] With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

[4] In that day you will say: “Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

[5] Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

[6] Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

#### **Isaiah 25**

##### **Praise to the LORD**

[25:1] LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

[2] You have made the city a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners' stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

[3] Therefore strong peoples will honor you; cities of ruthless nations will revere you.

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[4] You have been a refuge for the poor,  
a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from  
the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of  
the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall

[5] and like the heat of the desert. You silence the  
uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the  
shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is  
stilled.

[6] On this mountain the LORD Almighty will  
prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet  
of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of  
wines.

[7] On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,

the sheet that covers all nations;

[8] 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.

The LORD has spoken.

[9] In that day they will say, “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.”

[10] The hand of the LORD will rest on this  
mountain; but Moab will be trampled in their land  
as straw is trampled down in the manure.

[11] They will stretch out their hands in it,  
as swimmers stretch out their hands to swim. God  
will bring down their pride despite the cleverness of  
their hands.

[12] He will bring down your high fortified walls  
and lay them low; he will bring them down to the  
ground, to the very dust.

### **Isaiah 26**

#### **A Song of Praise**

[26:1] In that day this song will be sung in the land of  
Judah: We have a strong city; God makes salvation  
its walls and ramparts.

[2] Open the gates

that the righteous nation may enter,  
the nation that keeps faith.

[3] You will keep in perfect peace  
those whose minds are steadfast,  
because they trust in you.

[4] Trust in the LORD forever,  
for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock  
eternal.

[5] He humbles those who dwell on high,  
he lays the lofty city low; he levels it to the ground  
and casts it down to the dust.

[6] Feet trample it down—the feet of the oppressed,  
the footsteps of the poor.

[7] The path of the righteous is level;  
you, the Upright One, make the way of the righteous  
smooth.

[8] Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws,  
we wait for you; your name and renown are the  
desire of our hearts.

[9] My soul yearns for you in the night;  
in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your  
judgments come upon the earth, the people of the  
world learn righteousness.

[10] But when grace is shown to the wicked,  
they do not learn righteousness; even in a land of  
uprightness they go on doing evil  
and do not regard the majesty of the LORD.

[11] LORD, your hand is lifted high,  
but they do not see it. Let them see your zeal for your  
people and be put to shame; let the fire reserved for  
your enemies consume them.

[12] LORD, you establish peace for us;  
all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

[13] LORD our God, other lords besides you have  
ruled over us, but your name alone do we honor.

[14] They are now dead, they live no more;  
their spirits do not rise. You punished them and  
brought them to ruin; you wiped out all memory of  
them.

[15] You have enlarged the nation, LORD;

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you have enlarged the nation. You have gained glory for yourself; you have extended all the borders of the land.

[16] LORD, they came to you in their distress; when you disciplined them, they could barely whisper a prayer.

[17] As a pregnant woman about to give birth writhes and cries out in her pain, so were we in your presence, LORD.

[18] We were with child, we writhed in labor, but we gave birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth, and the people of the world have not come to life.

[19] But your dead will live, LORD; their bodies will rise—let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy—your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

[20] Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.

[21] See, the LORD is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed on it; the earth will conceal its slain no longer.

### **SIXTH DAY**

**Review Isaiah chapters 1-39 and think about the themes of judgment and hope Isaiah expressed.**

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