

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS – WEEK 40

1. Who is being described in Isaiah 11:1-9? What is prophesied about this person?

2. What is the main emphasis of the oracles in Isaiah 13-23? What are they prophesying?

3. What vision of the future does Isaiah present in Chapters 24-27? What is going to happen to Judah, Jerusalem, and the world according to Isaiah's vision?

4. What judgment does Isaiah pronounce against Jerusalem and Judah in Chapters 28-29? Why? Following this judgment, to what hope can the people of Judah cling according to Isaiah?

5. According to Paul, what are the spiritual gifts Christ gives to people of faith? How are these gifts distributed? What is the purpose of these gifts?

6. In Ephesians 5:21-33 Paul puts forward his ideas for how to establish a "Christian" household. What are wives to do in this household? What are husbands to do? Why does Paul promote this model of marriage? What does it symbolize for him? How do you interpret this text today? Does it hold any authority for you? Why or why not?

7. What makes up the "armor of God" Paul describes in Ephesians 6:10-20? Why do we need it? How do you put on this metaphorical armor?

8. What does Paul mean when he says in Philippians 3:7, "Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ"?