

Isaiah - Lesson 1

“Sovereign Creator, Compassionate Redeemer”

Isaiah 1-5 (1:1-2:5)

Day 1 – Read Isaiah 1:1-4

Ask God by His Spirit to teach you as you begin this study of Isaiah. Thank Him for His Word.

- 1) What do we learn about the author and details of this book in Isaiah 1:1?
- 2) What do you learn about the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, from the following texts? These were the days of Isaiah, the prophet.

Uzziah – 2 Kings 15:1-7; 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

Jotham – 2 Kings 15:32-38; 2 Chronicles 27:2, 6-9

Ahaz – 2 Kings 16:1-5; 2 Chronicles 28:22-27

Hezekiah – 2 Kings 18:1-9,13

3) How are God's people described in Isaiah 1:2?

What is true of God's people according to Isaiah 1:3-4?

What does this word picture tell you about God's relationship with His people? What feelings or emotions does it invoke?

Day 2 – Read Isaiah 1:5-20

4) As you read through Isaiah 1:5-8, what can you note about the effects and consequences of sin?

5) Sodom and Gomorrah are referenced in Isaiah 1:9-10. Read about this story in Genesis 19:1-29. Briefly describe what happens.

According to Isaiah 1:9, who rescues?

What does this name of God tell you about His character and heart?

- 6) God references Himself with two other names in this first chapter of Isaiah. See Isaiah 1:4. List these two names below. What do they teach you about the character and heart of God?

1. _____

2. _____

- 7) What is true of God's people according to Isaiah 1:11-14?

What is God's response in Isaiah 1:14-15? He is brutally honest.

What are God's people called to do in Isaiah 1:16-17? (List the 9 things.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

Does anything strike you about this list?

Day 3 – Read Isaiah 1:18-31

8) What does the Lord say to His people in Isaiah 1:18?

Define reason.

Why is this choice of words significant?

9) What hope does Isaiah 1:18-20 offer?

How is this possible?

Psalm 51:1-2 –

Psalm 103: 8-13 –

1 John 1:7-9 –

10) What have the people of God become according to Isaiah 1:21?

What deep meaning is being communicated by the use of this description?

11) What hope does this “whore” have, according to Isaiah 1:26-27?

12) In Isaiah 1:24, what new title is used to reference God, and what does it reveal about his character and heart?

13) What two types of people are contrasted in Isaiah 1:27-31?

14) In Isaiah 2:1-5, what future is in store for the people of God?

How is this the reality for God's people in the "now" but also in the "not yet"?

- 15) In Isaiah 2:5, God's people are called to walk in the light. Consider what that might look like from the following passages.

Ephesians 5:8-20	Philippians 2:12-18

Day 5 -Read Isaiah 4:2-5:7

Isaiah 2:6 – 4:1

God continues to reveal distinguishing characteristics of His people, which are in direct opposition to Him: idolatry, trusting in other things, and a lofty spirit. We hear clearly in these words, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5) Chapter 2 ends with this admonishment, "Stop regarding man in whose nostrils is breath, for of what account is he?" Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem is sure, but we must understand that its purpose is redemption and restoration. This is a theme throughout the prophetic books. We see a glimpse of that hopeful redemption in Isaiah 4:2-6.

- 16) Summarize what you read about in Isaiah 4:2-6. What do you learn about the redemption of God's people?

17) What metaphor is used to describe God's people in Isaiah 5:1-7?

What do we learn about the people of God from this passage?

Consider John 15:1-11. How is Jesus the answer for God's people?

18) **Sovereign Creator, Compassionate Redeemer.** How have you seen Him this week?

19) How might these living words from Isaiah 1-5 transform your life this week? Pray for the Spirit to help you.