

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR 4/15/13 TO 4/21/13

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013 Read Isaiah 7 and 8

"Trust me," God said. But such trust made no earthly sense. And so most of the people in Judah persisted in their self reliance. Before your reading in Isaiah, you may want to review the conditions in Judah under Ahaz (2 Chronicles 28:19-25). Then read Isaiah 7-8. Don't get bogged down in the historical details or the Hebrew names. Focus instead on the class struggle between faith and unbelief.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013 Read Isaiah 9 and 10

Hope for the humble; punishment for the proud. Those themes echo back and forth in today's chapters. Note the refrain of judgment in 9:12b, 17b, 21b; and 10:4b. but also note the sweet promises of peace and deliverance for those who rely on Yahweh, the Lord.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013 Read Isaiah 11 and 12

How flexible is your imagination? Today's chapters will stretch it, regardless. As you read Isaiah 11, try to imagine the wonders of heaven, especially the perfect relationships we will enjoy with our Lord, with one another, and with the new heavens and earth, Christ has promised to give us (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1).

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 Read Isaiah 13 to 20

In chapters 13 to 23, Isaiah pronounces the Lord's judgment against many nations that oppose Him. As we read some of these prophecies today, we can do so knowing that nothing and no one can stand against our God or stop His plan to bring salvation to the world. In justice, God destroys His enemies and shares His victory with us.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013 Read Isaiah 21 to 23

Isaiah continues to deliver the indictments heaven's court has handed down. Each is an "oracle"- a message that carries a burden, a heavy word of judgment. Look for evidence of this as you read.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013 Read Isaiah 24 and 25

When Christians use the word *apocalypse*, we mean the unveiling or revealing of the end times. The Book of Revelation is an apocalypse, for example. So are chapters 24 to 27 of Isaiah. Both Revelation and Isaiah show God's judgment and the blessings of His coming kingdom. Look for this contrast as you read.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2013 JOIN US FOR THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE FOR 3 OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE MORNING AND THEN TAKE SOME TIME LATER IN THE DAY TO CATCH UP ON ANY READINGS YOU MISSED DURING THE WEEK.