

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR 4/22/13 TO 4/28/13

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013 Read Isaiah 26 and 27

"In that day"- you will encounter these words again and again in Isaiah. As you read now, see if you can discover to what "day" the prophet refers.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013 Read Isaiah 28 and 29

Isaiah reminds the people of Judah of the judgment that fell on her sister nation Israel. ("Ephraim," the largest tribe of the Northern Kingdom, is often the name the prophets use as they refer to that whole kingdom.) but the people of Judah refuse to repent. Jerusalem brings down on herself the fiery judgment of God. As you read, notice how well the Lord knows His people.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013 Read Isaiah 30 and 31

Threatened by the Assyrian army, Judah's leaders ignore God's invitation to repent and return to Him for safety. Instead, they forge a political alliance with Egypt. Even though the people don't want to hear God's denunciation, Isaiah speaks it anyway. As you read, keep in mind the awful slavery Israel had endured in Egypt. Ask yourself why anyone would ally himself or herself with a former slave master.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013 Read Isaiah 32

God's people have always longed for the day when all of God's priorities will be established. That day will come. But we're not there yet. We wonder when the day will come. But we wonder even more about these questions. Will we make it through? We'll be okay until then? As you read now, look for the Lord's answer.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013 Read Isaiah 33 to 35

Think back to the dead of winter. The post-Christmas blahs. About this time of the year, many of us say to ourselves, "I could use a vacation." Today's reading provides a minivacation of sorts. It reminds us again of the rest that belongs to the citizens of God's kingdom because of Christ. Many of these blessings are ours right now. Some are yet to come. Look for all of them as you read Isaiah's words of promise.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013 Read Isaiah 36 to 39

Isaiah ministered in Judah under four different kings- Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (c. 740-686 BC). We have read Hezekiah's story twice before, in 2 Kings 18-20 and 2 Chronicles 12. Isaiah adds more details and focuses on the cosmic level of Judah's battle , the Lord versus his enemies.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013 JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE MORNING AND THEN CATCH UP ON ANY READINGS YOU MISSED DURING THE AFTERNOON.