

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 20, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 22:1-25

Memory Passage: Isaiah 22:12-13

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 22:1-25.** To what place does “valley of vision” refer, and what evidence in this chapter supports your answer?

(b) How might the historical settings of Judah’s final two kings, Jehoiachin (2 Kgs. 24:10-17) & Zedekiah (2 Kgs. 25:4-7), inform you about the setting of vs. 22:1-3? If this connection is correct (something that is debated), when will these events take place?

(c) What is Isaiah’s response (v. 4), and why does he respond this way (v. 5)?

(d) Describe what happens in vs. 6-8a. Though the setting of vs. 6-8a is also debated, would the setting (Jerusalem’s destruction in 586 BC or some other time) affect the primary point of the passage? Explain your answer.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 22:1-25.** What repetition do you observe in vs. 8b-11, and what sinful characteristic in Jerusalem does this repetition reveal?

(b) What was it that God “did” and “planned” (v. 11b)?

(c) What did “the Lord Yahweh of Hosts” call for in v. 12, and how did the people respond in v. 13?

(d) Explain what the phrase “will not be atoned for until you die” (v. 14) says about Jerusalem’s iniquity.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 22:1-25.** As is often the case in these ten oracles, Isaiah moves from a prophecy of future events to a current event that drives home his point. Jerusalem’s arrogant self-sufficiency during the time of their destruction in 586 BC is also evident in 701 BC. What is Shebna’s role, what has he done, and what does this reveal about his character (vs. 15-16)?

(b) What is God’s response to Shebna’s actions (vs. 17-19)?

(c) God calls Eliakim (“God Establishes”) to replace Shebna. Explain everything you learn about him in vs. 20-23.

(d) Compare and contrast the actions and character of Shebna with the actions and character of Eliakim.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 22:1-25.** In what way will God “fasten (Eliakim) like a peg in a secure place?”

(b) To what does “the honor of his father’s house” refer, in what way does it “hang” on Eliakim, and who hangs it (v. 24)?

(c) What else “hangs” on Eliakim?

(d) What future (“in that day”) event is symbolized by the peg giving way, being cut down, and its load cut off (v. 25)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 22:1-25.** How does Paul use Isaiah 22:13b in 1 Corinthians 15:32?

(b) Explain how Is. 22:22 connects with Is. 9:6-7, how it is used in Rev. 3:21, and how it might stand behind Matt. 16:19.

(c) Explain why Jerusalem is referred to as “the valley of vision” in this oracle.

(d) How should the truths of this oracle affect you when you are tempted to be self-sufficient like Jerusalem and Shebna?

(e) In what ways do you throw a party on the roof rather than weep and mourn over your sin (22:12-13)? How should you respond when this happens?

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Oracle Concerning Jerusalem