

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, August 28, 2022

Passage: Isaiah 14:1-27

Memory Passage: Isaiah 14:1-2

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 14:1-27.** Write a paragraph summarizing what you learned last week from your study of Isaiah 13. Include what you gleaned from your own study, the Sunday school discussion, and the sermon.

(b) What applications from last week's study have you implemented or plan to implement? Be ready to testify in your Sunday school class about how the Holy Spirit has used your study of chapter 13 to further your sanctification.

(c) Read through chapter 14 and note any grammatical or structural markers that help you see how the text flows, hangs together, and connects to chapter 13.

(d) What questions do you have about chapter 14 as you begin this week's study?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 14:1-27.** 14:1 begins with "For." What does this tell you about the connection between 4:1-3 & chapter 13?

(b) Explain Yahweh's "compassion on Jacob" found in vs. 1-3.

(c) After Yahweh provides comfort and rest, what will God's people do (v. 4a)?

(d) How many sections do you find in Jacob's taunt (vs. 4-21)? Where does each section begin, and what is the topic of each?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Is. 14:1-27.** Describe what the king of Babylon and his people did (vs. 4b, 6) and what Yahweh did (v. 5).

(b) Explain the responses of the earth (vs. 7-8) and Sheol and its inhabitants (vs. 9-11).

(c) What does the king of Babylon do, and what do his actions tell you about his character (vs. 12-14)?

(d) What happens to the king and his people (vs. 15-20a), and what causes these things to happen (v. 15 begins with "But")?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 14:1-27.** Who is speaking in vs. 20b-21? How does the future of the Babylonians compare to the future of the remnant?
- (b) What function do vs. 22-23 serve in the oracle against Babylon and her king?
- (c) What purpose do Yahweh's promises concerning Assyria (vs. 24-25) and the whole earth (vs. 26-27) serve in the oracle against Babylon (notice that vs. 24-27 do not contain the word "oracle")?
- (d) Why turn from Babylon (who reigned after Assyria and took the southern kingdom captive) to Assyria (who reigned before Babylon and took the northern kingdom captive)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Is. 14:1-27.** What do you learn about God from these verses? What do you learn about nations? What do you learn about yourself?
- (b) What do you learn about arrogance in these verses? About God's reaction and response to it? What does this tell you about the importance of humility?
- (c) What is Isaiah's purpose for this chapter and his original audience? What did he want them to do?
- (d) In what ways did God encourage and/or convict you this week as you studied in these areas: humility, pride, self-will, oppression, and compassion? What are several ways you intend to repent and pursue change as a response to his kindness of conviction?

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