

Adult Bible Study

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Introduction

This study of God's Word is centered on Isaiah 12:5—"Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world." As we meditate on this verse and read other verses from the prophet Isaiah, we will learn about the glorious things the Lord has done for His people and how we can respond to His deeds of grace and love.

Study

The book of the prophet Isaiah is frequently referred to as the "Fifth Gospel." That is because God included in this message, which He gave to the prophet, many beautiful word-pictures that are applicable to the Messiah and the work which the Messiah would do for us.

- Read Isaiah 53:4-5. What Good News do we see in this passage? _____

Isaiah wrote during difficult times for God's people. Because of their sin, the people of Israel and Judah were seeing their kingdoms decline. The entire nation would be conquered, due to their failure to repent. How does God describe His people in the following passages?

- Isaiah 14:1-2 _____
- Isaiah 5:1-7 _____
- Isaiah 10:1 _____
- Isaiah 29:15-16 _____

Many of the people would be carried away to Babylon. But God would not abandon His children forever. God announces through Isaiah that a "day" is coming when He will redeem His people, He will rescue them from Babylon. How does God speak about His rescue of His people?

- Isaiah 14:1-2 _____
- Isaiah 43:5-6 _____
- Isaiah 49:8-9 _____

How will God's people return home?

- Isaiah 11:16 _____

We easily grow accustomed to modern roads and sidewalks. When missionaries travel overseas, they sometimes have to learn to walk slowly through land that is overgrown and rough. The people returning from Babylon expected to walk, but what a pleasure it was to walk on a path that had been cleared—a highway!

God also announces through Isaiah that a "day" is coming when the Messiah, Emmanuel, will come and rescue the entire world from something more serious than captivity in Babylon. Emmanuel, the One who would come to be "God with us," will rescue all people from sin and death. God freed His people from Egypt; He would free them also from captivity in Babylon and from sin and death. In each of the following verses, note the message that God gave the Israelites through Isaiah.

- Isaiah 9:2 _____
- Isaiah 43:25 _____
- Isaiah 51:6 _____