



LESSON 58

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OBSERVATIONS

1. What was Hezekiah's response to Sennacherib's threats and what was the result of this response? (Chapters 36 & 37)
2. What was the sign Isaiah gave with the prophecy about Sennacherib? Did the prophecy come to pass? (Chapters 36 & 37)
3. What did Isaiah do after the messengers visited Hezekiah and saw all the wealth in his palace? (Chapter 39)
4. What do these chapters say about God's greatness? (Chapters 40 & 41)
5. What is the "new thing" God will do? (Chapter 43)
6. What do verses 24-28 tell us about God's Word? (Chapter 44)
7. What does God say to those who would "quarrel with their Maker"? (Chapter 45)
8. Does God limit salvation to Israel in His words through Isaiah? (Chapter 45)
9. What does God say about the gods of Babylon? (Chapter 46)
10. How will Babylon and her "priests" try to save themselves? Will it work? (Chapter 47)

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DEEPER THOUGHT

1. What was Sennacherib's character and what false assumption did he make about the God of Israel and Jerusalem that got him into trouble? (Chapters 36 & 37)
2. What was Hezekiah's response to God concerning his illness and subsequent healing with the promise of 15 more years of life? (Chapter 38)
3. Chapters 40 and 42 are full of "messianic" prophecy. What are some of the specific things prophesied? Can you remember any New Testament verses corresponding to this?
4. What is the meaning of verses 18-25? Who is blind and deaf? (Chapter 42)
5. How will God stand by His people? What is prophesied about Babylon in this chapter? (Chapter 43)
6. What does this chapter tell us about the character of man apart from God? (Chapter 44)
7. What upcoming event in Israel's history did the prophecy of "Cyrus my Shepherd" concern? (Chapter 45)
8. To what does God compare Babylon? What is the meaning behind this? (Chapter 47)

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Consider this:

The gods of Babylon were a continual burden that had to be carried in processions from place to place. What a contrast to Jehovah the Living God Who is our eternal burden-bearer! If Babylon pictures the world, it does not take much imagination to apply this to our lives today!

ANSWERS TO LESSON 58

OBSERVATIONS

1. Hezekiah prayed and sought God personally and also sought help from God's prophet Isaiah. Isaiah prophesied against Sennacherib and he was defeated. (37:1-7, 14-38)
2. The sign was that they would eat the fruit of the land without planting for two years. God killed 185,000 Assyrians, and Sennacherib was killed by his own sons. The prophecy was fulfilled. (37:30-38)
3. He prophesied the carrying away of Judah into Babylonian captivity. (39:5-7)
4. He can't be measured or fully understood with the mind. A sculpture of him cannot be made. He has created everything, yet He tends His people like a shepherd.
5. He will make a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. (43:19)
6. His word is what makes things happen. He makes His servants' words good and makes fools out of false prophets.
7. Woe to them! The clay does not argue with the potter. (45:9)
8. No, he tells all the ends of the earth to turn to Him. (45:22)
9. They are burdensome. They are a burden for the weary. They don't move, they don't hear, and they don't act. (46:1-7)
10. Use sorcery, magic spells and astrology. No. (47:9-15)

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER THOUGHT

1. Sennacherib was arrogant and prideful. He assumed that God was like the gods of the other cities he captured with handmade idols. (36:4-10, 37:5-13)
2. He cried out to God. When God healed him, he praised God for life and said that the living could praise God better than the dead. (38)
3. John the Baptist preparing the way. Jesus receiving the Holy Spirit. Jesus healing and speaking the truth. Compare to Matthew 3:3,16 & 12:18-21 (40:3, 42:1-4)
4. Israel is blind and deaf to their calling and responsibility to the Lord.
5. God will stand by His people because He wants to, not because they are faithful (they aren't). Babylon will fall under the hand of the Lord. (43:4-7,14)
6. Men apart from God are senseless, worshipping what they've made with their own hands. (44:6-20)
7. This was a prophecy concerning the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple. (45:1-13)
8. A virgin, a queen, a widow and a childless mother. Her beauty will be cut down and ruling power cut off. She will lose her allies and colonies. (47)