

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 Sept Isaiah 01-05 God Comforts
- 2) 13 Sept Isaiah 06 God Sends
- 3) 20 Sept **Isaiah 07-22** **God Promises**
- 4) 27 Sept Isaiah 23-24 God Reigns
- 5) 04 Oct Isaiah 25-30 God Saves
- 6) 11 Oct Isaiah 31-36 God Protects
- 7) 18 Oct Isaiah 37-39 God Listens
- 8) 25 Oct Isaiah 40-45 God Renews
- 9) 01 Nov Isaiah 46-48 God Acts
- 10) 08 Nov Isaiah 49-52 God Comforts
- 11) 15 Nov Isaiah 53-57 God Justifies
- 12) 22 Nov Isaiah 58-64 God Expects
- 13) 29 Nov Isaiah 65-66 God Restores

INTRODUCTION

- Christ's birth is foretold; Future peace is promised; Destruction of sinners is guaranteed; and Satan's fall is highlighted.
- The only open question is WHEN will all these things happen?

Lifeway's ETB Focus: **Isaiah 7:7-17**

OPENING QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Did you know – Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible, and Iraq is 2nd (aka Babylon, Land of Shinar, Mesopotamia)

1. Iraq was the cradle of civilization!
2. Eden and Adam & Eve were possibly created in Iraq – [Gen 2:7-14](#)
3. Satan made his first recorded appearance in Iraq – [Gen 3:1-6](#)
4. Noah built the ark in Iraq.
5. Nimrod established Babylon & the Tower of Babel in Iraq – [Gen 10:8-97; 11:1-4](#)
6. The confusion of the languages was in Iraq – [Gen 11:5-11](#)
7. Abraham was from Ur, now Southern Iraq! – [Gen 11:31](#)
8. Isaac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor, Iraq – [Gen 24:3-4, 10](#)
9. Jacob spent 20 years and met Rachel in Iraq – [Gen 27:42-45; 31:38](#)
10. The events of the book of Esther took place in Iraq
11. The first world Empire was in Iraq – [Daniel 1:1-2; 2:36-38](#)
12. Ezekiel preached in Iraq
13. The greatest revival in history was in the Iraq city of Nineveh, [Jon 3](#)
14. Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel
15. One day, Assyria (Iraq) and Egypt will join with Israel to worship God – [Isaiah 19:18-24](#)
16. Amos cried out in Iraq
17. Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem.
18. Isaiah preached against Babylon – [Isaiah 13](#)
19. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq!
20. The 3 Hebrew children were in the fire in Iraq (JESUS has been in Iraq too as the 4th person in the fiery furnace!)
21. Belshazzar, the King of Babylon saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq.
22. The book of Nahum was a prophecy against a city in Iraq
23. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried Jews captive into Iraq
24. The wise men "from the East" were from Iraq
25. Peter preached in Iraq
26. The "Empire of Man" described in Revelation is called Babylon which is a city in Iraq! [Revelation 17 & 18](#)

Passage	Comments
Isaiah 7:1-25	<p>Ask for a SIGN as Low as Hell or as High as Heaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv4. With war looming how could one "relax & have no fear"? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Consider Isaiah's prophetic batting average was 100% • vv11-14. Ask for a sign, Ahaz! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Possible fulfillment in birth of Isaiah's son .. see Isa 8:3, 18 ♦ Ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ's virgin birth ♦ Was it noble for Ahaz to refuse to ask for a sign? ♦ Ahaz may have recalled David's refusal to choose a penalty from God (famine, pestilence, war) & Ahaz opted to do same (2Sam 24:14); BUT Isaiah expressed disdain ♦ What would you ask for? <input type="checkbox"/> Sun to stand still? <input type="checkbox"/> Moon to zigzag in the night sky? <input type="checkbox"/> Resurrection of a loved one? • Even with hindsight it is difficult to assess if the rest of Isaiah's prophecies were contemporary or futuristic or both

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8:1-22	<p>"Swift is the Booty, Speedy is the Prey"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. God gave Isaiah a strong euphemism, and a name for his child, to invoke questions, not answer them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The intent was to get Israel to realize their soon conquest by Assyria. God was done with verbose responses. • How should God's saints respond to such impending doom? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ v10. Know that God is still with His chosen ones ♦ v12. We are not to fear what non-believers fear ♦ v13. It is the Lord whom we should fear & regard as holy ♦ v16. Keep God's word close to your heart ♦ v17. Continue to wait on God, tho He hides from others ♦ v18. Continue to consult God for direction in life
9:1-21	<p>We need a Messiah to save us from ourselves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Better days are coming – BUT WHEN? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ vv2-7. Seems to allude to Millennial reign of Christ ♦ v6. Provides a prophecy of Jesus' birth, but the Govt's of the world won't rest on His shoulders till the Millennium • vv 12, 17, 21. God's hands are still stretched out – not to help – but to strike His wayward people (Israel & Judah) again and again, yet they still refuse to repent and obey Him • v16. The leaders lead the sheep astray and the sheep love to have it so of Jer 5:31 • v17. God shows no mercy to orphans and widows who are wicked. OT principle of not casting pearls before swine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Principle to Live by: We should avoid helping those in need when they exhibit prodigal or wicked behavior. Else, we could inherit wrath from God as we love those who hate Him 2Chron 19:2 ♦ Some other tough passages regarding the wicked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there is no repentance, then "Let the wicked perish before God as wax melts in the fire" Ps 68:2 • "Though the wicked is shown favor [or grace], He does not learn righteousness" Isaiah 26:10 • Only God knows the heart (Ps 44:21), and when one turns away from God (no true repentance) then God causes them to perish Isaiah 29:13-14
10:1-34	<p>A Complete Destruction is Decreed for their Wickedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-19, 25-34. God often uses wicked nations to discipline His people, but these wicked nations (i.e., Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Egypt, Rome, etc.) will also be destroyed one day • vv20-34. Yet, God still allows a remnant of His people to survive. Though, a destruction is determined, it will overflow with righteousness. IOW, God will one day restore the fortunes of His people.....Jer 29:14; 30:3; 30:18; 31:23; 32:44; Jer 33:7,11,26; Ezek 39:25; Hos 6:11; Joel 3:1; Zeph 3:20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ WHEN? Millennial Reign of Christ and beyond



"DID YOU HEAR HIS PREDICTIONS FOR 2020? HE'S GOT BATS IN HIS BELFRY."

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11:1-16	<p>There Comes a Day when Animals will be Vegetarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-5. Messianic passage → Millennial and post-Mil periods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 7 Spirits or Lamps or Attributes of God.....Rev 4:5 (possible euphemism of the functions of God's Holy Spirit) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spirit of the Lord 2. Spirit of Wisdom 3. Spirit of Understanding 4. Spirit of Counsel 5. Spirit of Strength 6. Spirit of Knowledge 7. Spirit of Fear of the Lord ♦ What kind of spiritual attributes are we known by? ♦ We eventually see these "7 Spirits of God" encircling the Throne of God along with 24 Elders & 4 Living Creatures ♦ v4. "...with His breath He will slay the wicked" → Possible reference to the end of the Millennial reign of Christ when fire reigns down to slay the wickedRev 20:9 • vv6-9. There comes a day when carnivores lose their fierceness and become vegetarians as in Eden. This seems to be in the post-Millennium (new heavens and earth) • vv10-16. "Then it will come about in that day..." → The following activities also occur early in the new earth: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nations come to Jerusalem to worship (v10) 2. All Jewish remnant return to Israel (vv11-12) 3. Judah and Ephraim become 1 nation again (vv13) 4. Israel inherits all the promised territory (vv14-16)
12:1-6	<p>New Earth Prompts Gratitude</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more fear & worldwide proclamation of God's goodness and jubilant songs of Praise with loud shouts of joy
Chapts 13-19	<p>Various contemporary prophecies against Israel's enemies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chap 13. Prophecies against Babylon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 13:16. Collateral Damage: Babies dashed to pieces and wives ravished. Society's vulnerable members also suffer • Chap 14. Better days are coming – but not for Babylon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 14:1. Strangers will one day (on the new earth) attach themselves to Jews to worship God of Zech 8:23; 14:16 ♦ 14:12-14. Possible allusion to Satan "morning star" (NIV), "Lucifer" (KJ), lit. "light-bearer" – only occurrence in Bible ♦ 14:15-32. Back to prophecies against King of Babylon • Chap 15. Prophecies against Moab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall Moabites were cousins to the Jews (descendant of Lot, nephew of Abraham, grandfather of Jacob) but their volatile treatment of the Jews coming out of Egypt warranted their delayed judgement • Chap 16. More prophecies against Moab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ v14. YET Moab would not be utterly destroyed • Chap 17. Contemporary prophecies against Damascus • Chap 18. Obscure prophecy against a unnamed nation of "tall and smooth" people, powerful and yet oppressive (possibly Ethiopia or Assyria per various theologians) • Chap 19. Contemporary prophecies against Egypt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God is able to do the following to a nation for their sins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. Incite citizen against citizen (riots and bedlam) • v3. Demoralize a nation and confound their strategies • v4. Deliver a nation to other cruel masters • vv5-10. Economic ruin • vv11-15. The wisest advisors become "stupid" • vv16-17. The nation's bravest become fearful of others ♦ COULD THIS BE AMERICA TODAY? ♦ vv18-25. From Egypt's perspective, better days coming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v18. Egypt will learn to speak Yiddish • vv19-20. Egypt will have Bible-believing churches throughout the land, and God would rescue them • v21. God will make Himself known to Egypt • v22. God will heal Egypt on a national scale • vv23-25. They will worship God and Israel, Egypt, & other Arab nations will be a blessing to the world

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	<p>Some Nations were to be Obliterated from History – Others Restored</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nations to be utterly destroyed: Edom (Obadiah 1), Babylon (Jer 46-51), Tyre & Sidon (Isaiah 23; Ezek 26-28), Damascus (Jer 49:23-27), • Nations to be destroyed then restored: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Egypt, Moab, Ammonites, Elam (see Acts 2:9)
20:1-6	<p>Powerful Object Lesson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah is commanded by God to walk around naked and barefoot for 3 years – as a sign against Israel for depending on from Egypt and Cush/Ethiopia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Would you do something like this if God asked you? ♦ God sometimes employed shock-n-awe tactics with His prophets as a last-ditch effort to grab peoples' attention during critical periods of history for them to either wake up or be destroyed. In all cases, the people were destroyed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah walked around naked for 3 years Isa 20:2 • Hosea had to marry a prostitute Hos 1:2 • Ezekiel told to cook food over human dung.... Ezek 4:12
21:1-17	<p>Various prophecies against Elam, Edom, and Arabia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-10. Elam. Elam is mentioned almost 30x in Scripture, from Genesis, 1Chron, Ezra, Nehemiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. It plays a minor role where prophets prophecy destruction and restoration. The last place we see Elamites in Scripture is when they are listening to the Gospel presented by Peter on the day of Pentecost Acts 2:9
22:12-14	<p>Contemporary Prophecies against Judea – Valley of Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v5. God's patience with His people has run out. He has a day appointed for panic, subjugation, and confusion • v11. Put simply, God's people did not depend on Him <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ How much do we, as a nation, depend on God today? ♦ Can we expect "panic, subjugation, and confusion"? • vv12-14. Materialism and godlessness kills a nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God's remedy is often annihilation – "This sin will not be forgiven you until you die!" – Are we listening as a nation?

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- We should be fully aware where we stand with God, and where those around us (family, friends, co-workers, church peeps), stand with God, and where our nation stands with God and make the necessary adjustments and challenges to follow God wholeheartedly
- **NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 23-24.** One day the earth will BURN, YET all tears will be wiped away, True knowledge will be built precept upon precept, and the blind will see and the seeing will be blinded.

