

**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
<b>6) 11 Oct</b>	<b>Isaiah 31-36</b>	<b>God Protects</b>
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**

- In these chapters, God promises to deliver Israel out of all woes; the Messiah's glorious reign is foretold; Israel's enemies will one day be annihilated; & Jerusalem will be a place to go to for healings

**Lifeway's ETB Focus:** ..... **Isaiah 31:1-9**

**OPENING QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

- In God's eyes, which sin is the worst?  Adultery?  Murder?  Idolatry?  Lying?  Rape?  Homosexuality?  Bestiality?  Lust?  Pride?

Passage	Comments
31:1-9	<p><b>Idolatry is the Worst of All Sins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v1. Israel relied on anyone &amp; anything else but God                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do we put before God? <input type="checkbox"/> Family? <input type="checkbox"/> Work? <input type="checkbox"/> TV/Computer? <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure time? <input type="checkbox"/> Other things?</li> <li>How should we keep God #1 in all areas of life?</li> </ul> </li> <li>v2. In wisdom, God brings disaster on the wicked, and He also brings disaster on those who help the wicked                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Benevolence Principle:</b> We need to avoid helping those who exhibit prodigal or wicked behavior, even if they are homeless orphans and widows – Else we could incur God's wrath meant for them.....cf <b>2Chron 19:2; Is 9:17</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>vv4-5. God will eventually defend and deliver Jerusalem from all of her enemies – as surely as birds fly</li> <li>vv6-7. God is willing to welcome home His wayward children if only they would willingly return to Him and forsake their idols (essentially, all sin is a form of idolatry) ..... cf <b>John 5:40</b></li> </ul>
32:1-20	<p><b>One Day Peace will be the Norm – BUT Not Today</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vv1-4; 15-18. Behold a special King will reign – Peace will prevail, healings will abound. Possible allusion to Millennium</li> <li>vv5-14. BUT not Today. Fools still rule, the needy go hungry, and the righteous are still oppressed</li> <li>v8 &amp; v20. BUT we still need to be righteous, merciful, &amp; wise in tough times, and remember to diversify ..... <b>Ecc 11:1-2, 6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How should we diversify? <input type="checkbox"/> Stock/Bond portfolio? <input type="checkbox"/> Have more kids? <input type="checkbox"/> Take on more jobs? <input type="checkbox"/> Other?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
33:1-24	<p><b>One Day the Lame will be Rich When the Lord is King</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presumably the Day when the Lord reigns supreme will be in the Millennium (when He rules with a rod of iron, <b>Rev 12:5</b>), and definitely in the New Heavens and Earth)</li> <li>v1. When the Destroyer finishes destroying then God will destroy the Destroyer ..... cf <b>Zech 1:15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note:</b> God can use the wicked to discipline the wayward, but the wicked will not go unpunished ..... <b>Mat 7:2</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>vv6, 13. Though we might live in tumultuous times, God provides stability, salvation, wisdom, and knowledge – and it begins with us have a proper fear of Him ..... <b>Prov 1:7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do we exhibit proper fear of the Lord? <input type="checkbox"/> Do what we want when we want to do it? <input type="checkbox"/> Obey? <input type="checkbox"/> Other ways?</li> </ul> </li> <li>vv10-12. God will burn people to lime (i.e., utterly destroyed)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note.</b> It may sound cruel for God to burn people, but God is cruel to the cruel (<b>Ps 18:26</b>) yet still righteous and just in all His dealings with His creation (<b>Deut 32:4</b>), though we do not fully understand it all on this side of Glory..... <b>Isaiah 55:8-9</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>vv15-24. When God is King the lame will be rich &amp; healthy</li> </ul>

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34:1-17	<p><b>The Day of Vengeance is Coming Upon All Nations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>But When? Possible partial fulfillment during Isaiah's time, but ultimate fulfillment during the Tribulation</li> <li>v4. The sky will roll back like a scroll ..... of <b>Rev 6:12-14</b></li> <li>v5. God has devoted certain people to destruction                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some take this to mean people have no choice. They are either destined for Hell or Heaven (i.e., Calvinists)</li> <li>Rather, consider that someone's willful behavior destines them to destruction (either temporal or eternal)</li> <li>Even believers can suffer temporal or earthly destruction at the hands of the wicked (<b>Ps 72:14</b>), or possibly die an early death for backslidden behavior ..... <b>1Cor 11:30</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>vv6-17. <b>The Day of Vengeance.</b> Again, partial fulfillment during Isaiah's time and ultimate fulfillment in the future when Israel's enemies meet their judgment. Weeds and wild animals will inherit the cities of the wicked – and it is God's doing (vv16-17)</li> </ul>
35:1-10	<p><b>A Day Comes When God Heals the Blind, Deaf, &amp; Lame</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vv1-6. Passage foretells the Healings of Christ ..... <b>Mat 11:4-5</b></li> <li>vv7-10. The Highway of Holiness Leads to Jerusalem                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible allusion to the New Heavens and Earth since there will be no sorrow &amp; sighing there ..... <b>Is 25:8</b></li> <li>...and where non-Jews will grab a Jew, not to hurt them, but to follow them to Jerusalem for worship..... <b>Zech 8:23</b></li> <li>This could also be an allegorical representation of the Gospel which leads those who choose to listen ("having ears to hear") to eternal life ..... <b>Mat 7:14</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
36:1-22	<p><b>Foolish Mocking Invokes Silence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vv1-2. The Assyrian army is at Jerusalem's doorstep</li> <li>vv10-12, 15, 18. Assyrian General Rabshakeh mocks the Jews and their God</li> <li>v21. Hezekiah's response is SILENCE                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likewise, Jesus was silent before his mocking accusers ..... <b>Acts 8:32; Isaiah 53:7,8; Mat 26:62,63</b></li> <li><b>Principle to Live By:</b> When should we take a silent approach to accusations? When our accusers are fools. We should not cast pearls to swine..... <b>Mat 7:6</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- Better days for oppressed believers are coming, but NOT today
- In the meantime, we need to always put God first in all areas of life, else we could be putting an idol before our Lord and Savior
- NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 37-39.** As seen in Hezekiah's request to live longer we see that God has given Man an indomitable will to live for as long as possible on this sin-soaked planet

