

## The Bible Panorama – The Major Prophets I: Isaiah

“The Word of the LORD”

Isaiah 55:1-14

*Going Beyond* the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on May 7, 2017

### *Entering In:*

*How do water, wine, and milk benefit your body?*

1. Fill the blanks with the background facts about Isaiah:

A. Isaiah ministered in Jerusalem, \_\_\_\_\_ from 740 through 700 BC.

B. Samaria, the Northern Kingdom, fell to \_\_\_\_\_ in 722 BC.

C. Isaiah consists of \_\_\_\_ chapters, the same number of Bible books.

D. First 39 chapters are mainly the prophecies of \_\_\_\_\_ just as 39 books of the Old Testament are.

E. Next 27 chapters are mainly the prophecies of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ just as 27 books of the New Testament are.

F. Two main purposes of Isaiah are to speak of the coming judgment on Judah because of her many sins and of the coming of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. What is the invitation in verse 1?

To whom is God extending his invitation to “come”?

What promises does God extend to those he has invited?

Read John 7:37 – 44. After Jesus issued his invitation to “Come to me and drink”, why do you think this angered some of the Jews, while others concluded that he was the Messiah?

3. What does buying without money signify spiritually?

How have you seen that to be true in your own life?

Who pays then? (See 1 Peter 1:18-19)

Verse 2 refers to “spending on what is not bread” and “laboring for what does not satisfy.” What are some things in this life that are not bread and that do not satisfy?

What may the word “good” in verse 2 imply?

4. To whom is God referring when he says, “I have made *him* a witness to the peoples”? (verse 4)

What promise did God make to Israel in his covenant with David? [cf. 2 Samuel 7:16]

How is the *mystery* of the inclusion of the Gentiles hidden in this prophecy?

5. How can a person go about seeking the Lord?

What does it mean to “Seek the Lord” in the context of verses 6 and 7?

- A. To search your inner being through meditation and introspection until you find the divine within yourself
- B. To use reason alone to discover God
- C. To turn from your own sinful endeavors and to run to God for mercy and forgiveness because you have heard his invitation

Is there ever a time when He will not be found?

Why will the philosopher or the scientist, who think that this world is all there is, never know God no matter how hard they look for him?

What is the only way a man can know God? [cf. John 1:18]

Do you know God? If so, how did you come to know him?

6. Describe God’s thoughts and ways in one word, respectively. (cf. verse 7)

How does this impact your relationship with Him?

7. How is God’s spoken word like the rain and the snow?

Find in verse 10 all the benefits (blessings) that the rain and snow (God’s Word) may bring to us.

What promise does God make to His people in verse 12?

8. What do thorns and briars represent in the larger context of redemptive history? [cf. Genesis 3:18]

Who will accomplish the restoration envisioned in verses 12-13? Why is it important that we clearly understand that?

***Living It Out:***

Share one thing you may try or continue to do in order to “*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen*” (2 Peter 3:18).