

## Study through the Bible

Lesson 190 October 31- November 5, 2011

Covering "Isaiah Warns Against Egypt and Ethiopia" Page 863

Through "God Will Punish Assyria" Page 869

**Monday October 31, 2011** Read the narrative "Isaiah Warns About Egypt and Ethiopia" through "Judgment Against Cush" Pages 863, 864

1. During 715 BC, envoys of Cush ( Ethiopia) tried to persuade Jerusalem to align with them against Assyria. How would you sum up God's answer (Verses 3-6)? God will be watching to see if you can make the right choice with the information that I am giving you.
2. What does verse 4 mean? The Lord will wait patiently until the appropriate time to intervene in human affairs, until sunshine and dew have built to an opportune climatic moment.
3. What time period do verses 6, 7 refer to? Isaiah's prediction here extends to the future bringing of tribute to Jerusalem in the Messiah's kingdom.

**Tuesday November 1, 2011** Read "Judgment Against Egypt" through "Egypt Will Acknowledge God" Pages 864-866

1. Why do you suppose the idols of Egypt would tremble before God?  
All of Egypt's idols were defeated with plagues, etc. before the Exodus.
2. What in current events might lead you to believe verses 2, 3? The Egyptians cannot get along even now in Egypt.
3. What short phrase tells you the time period that Isaiah is talking about in verses 16- 22? "In that day"

**Wednesday November 2, 2011** Read "Spiritual Restoration" through "Egypt Cannot save Judah" Pages 866, 867

1. Compare Genesis 12:3 with Isaiah 19:25. What could be said of the comparison? In the future Kingdom, Israel is to be God's instrument for drawing other nations into His fold just as they were supposed to do at first.
2. Why would the capture of Ashdod be meaningful to Isaiah's prophecy?  
The Assyrians captured Ashdod in 711 BC and so frightened the Egyptians that they backed away, thus teaching Judah the folly of reliance on a foreign power such as Egypt for protection.
3. Compare Deuteronomy 17:16, Isaiah 36:9, and Isaiah 30:1-3. What is the common thread in these verses? Isaiah, God and even a pagan commander all agree it is not wise to depend on Egypt.

**Thursday November 3, 2011** Read "Judah rejects Truth" through "God is Strength" Pages 867, 868

1. What did God want Isaiah to do in Isaiah 30: 8 and why?  
The Lord's instruction to Isaiah was to make a permanent written record so that future generations could learn Israel's folly in Egypt (or anything else) instead of in the Lord.
2. How is Isaiah 30:10, 11 like so many people's attitude today? People want to make up a god that doesn't require any changes in their sinful behavior.
3. What sin is Isaiah talking about in Isaiah 30:14? Rebellion against God.

4. What is the tension that Isaiah 30:18 shows in God's character? God is a God of grace, compassion but also of justice.

**Friday November 4, 2011** Read "God Will Restore Nation" through "Assyria Will Be Punished" Pages 868, 869

1. What has happened to the Israelites in Isaiah 30:20, 21 to explain their change in behavior in Verse 22? When God opens up the spiritual eyes and ears of the Israelites to the truth of God it will change their behavior.
2. What would be the response of Israel (an agrarian society) to Isaiah's prophecy in Isaiah 30:23-26? This would be the closest thing to heaven on earth.
3. Give some other names scripture uses for Topheth and what does it come to signify? Compare Jeremiah 19:6 Valley of Ben Hinnom, Gehenna, valley of slaughter. It came to symbolize hell.

**Saturday November 5, 2011** Read "Futile Reliance On Egypt" through "God Will Punish Assyria" Page 869

1. What are the two choices given the Israelite leaders in Isaiah 31:1?  
Trust in man or trust in God.
2. What is Isaiah reminding the Israelites of in Isaiah 31:5? The Passover when God freed the Israelites from bondage to Egypt.
3. Compare Revelation 19:15 with Isaiah 31:8. What is the sword?  
The sword out of the mouth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

