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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:1-9

Background: Isaiah prophesied around 740–700 B.C., when the Assyrian Empire was becoming more powerful. Isaiah spoke the prophecies from God to the people of Judah.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The book was introduced as the vision of Isaiah. [1:1]
- ☐ Yahweh spoke and said that Judah had rebelled against him. [1:2-3]
- ☐ Israel was characterized as a nation of sinners who had despised and abandoned Yahweh. [1:4]
- ☐ Even though the nation was rotting away they continued to rebel. [1:5-6]
- ☐ The country was ruined, and Yahweh had left only a few survivors. [1:7-9]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who saw the vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem? [1:1]
Isaiah the son of Amoz saw the vision.
2. When did Isaiah have his vision? [1:1]
Isaiah had his vision in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
3. Why should the heavens hear and the earth listen? [1:2]
The heavens should hear and the earth should listen because Yahweh had spoken.
4. What had Yahweh's children done? [1:2]
They had rebelled against Yahweh.
5. Who did not know or understand? [1:3]
Israel did not know or understand.
6. What had the sinners in the nation done? [1:4]
They had abandoned and despised Yahweh, estranging themselves from the Holy One of Israel.
7. Why do you think Yahweh asked the questions “Why are you still being beaten” and “Why do you rebel more and more”? [1:5-6]
He asked these questions because it was so unbelievable that the nation would continue sinning after being punished so severely. They were like a person who was beaten from head to foot and was sick and weak.
8. What was happening in the presence of the people? [1:7]
Their country was ruined and their cities were burned.
9. How was the daughter of Zion left? [1:8]
She was like a hut in a vineyard, a shed in a garden, and like a besieged city.

Isaiah 1:1-9 continued

10. If Yahweh had not left a few survivors what would Israel have been like? [1:9]
It would have been like Sodom and Gomorrah.

Comment Section:

1:16-20

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told the people to stop doing evil and do good. [1:16-17]
- ☐ Yahweh invited the people to reason together with him and offered to turn their sins from scarlet to pure white. [1:18-20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What three things did Yahweh tell the people to do? [1:16]
He told them to wash themselves, remove the evil deeds from his sight and stop being evil.
2. What did Yahweh tell the people they must learn to do? [1:17]
They must learn to do good.
3. What did Yahweh invite the people to do? [1:18]
He invited them to come and reason together with him.
4. What do you think it meant for sins to be like scarlet, but they would be white like snow? [1:18]
Here “scarlet” represented sin and guilt, and “white” represented innocence. Yahweh meant that if they would repent, he would forgive their sins and treat them as if they were innocent.
5. What would happen if the people were willing and obedient? [1:19]
They would eat the good of the land.
6. What would happen if the people refused and rebelled? [1:20]
The sword would devour them.

Comment Section:

2:6-22

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh abandoned the house of Jacob because there were many idols in the land. [2:6-9]
- ☐ Isaiah said the people should hide because the terror of Yahweh would come and humble the people. [2:10-11]
- ☐ There would come a day when Yahweh would stand against everything that had been raised up against him. [2:12-18]
- ☐ On the day of Yahweh, people would be terrified and throw all of their wealth and idols away and hide from Yahweh's terror. [2:19-22]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Yahweh abandon the house of Jacob? [2:6]
He did this because the people were acting like people from the east, practicing divination like Philistines, and making alliances with foreigners.
2. What was the land full of? [2:7]
The land was full of silver, gold, horses, and chariots.
3. What else was the land full of? [2:8]
The land was full of idols.
4. What did the people do? [2:9]
They worshiped idols and degraded themselves.
5. Where were the people told to go because of the terror of Yahweh and the glory of his majesty? [2:10]
They were told to go to the rocky places and hide in the ground.
6. Who would be exalted when the lofty gaze of men was abased and the haughty brought down? [2:11]
Yahweh alone would be exalted on that day.
7. What kind of things would Yahweh be against on the day of Yahweh? [2:12-16]
Yahweh would be against all people who were proud and arrogant. He will also be against everything considered high and lifted up like the oaks of Bashan, mountains, towers, and sailing vessels.
8. What would be brought down and what would be abased? [2:17]
The pride of man would be brought down and the haughtiness of men would be abased.
9. Who would be exalted? [2:17]
Yahweh alone would be exalted.
10. What would completely pass away? [2:18]
Idols would completely pass away.

Isaiah 2:6-22 continued

11. Where would men go to escape the terror and majesty of Yahweh? [2:19]
They would go into caves and holes in the ground.
12. What would people do on that day? [2:20}
They would throw away their idols of silver and gold.
13. Where would people go from the terror of Yahweh? [2:21]
They would go into the crevices and clefts in the rocks.
14. Who were the people told to stop trusting in? [2:22]
They were to stop trusting in man.

Comment Section:

4:1-6

Background: In Chapter 3, Isaiah said that Yahweh would humiliate the women of Zion, and the men would be killed by the sword. In Chapter 4, Isaiah continued to describe what it would be like on the day of Yahweh.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A day was coming when women would take one man and ask that he marry them. [4:1]
- ☐ After Yahweh passed judgment on Israel his branch would be beautiful, the land would be fruitful. [4:2-4]
- ☐ Yahweh would create a cloud of smoke by day and flaming fire by night over Mount Zion to protect his people. [4:5-6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why would seven women take hold of one man? [4:1]
They all wanted to marry the man so they would no longer be ashamed. (There would not be enough men for the women to marry because many of them were killed in battle.)
2. What would be beautiful and glorious on that day? [4:2]
The branch of Yahweh.
3. What would be the pride and delight of the escaped remnant of Israel? [4:2]
The fruit of the land.
4. What would happen to the one left in Zion and the one who remained in Jerusalem? [4:3]
They would be called holy.
5. How would Yahweh wash away the filth of the daughters of Zion and the blood stains in the midst of Jerusalem? [4:4]
He would do this by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of flaming fire.
6. What would Yahweh create over the site of Mount Zion and the place of assembly? [4:5]
He would create cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night.
7. What would the cloud, smoke and shining flaming fire be for the people? [4:5-6]
They would be a shelter for shade in the daytime from the heat and a refuge and cover from storm and rain.

Comment Section:

6:1-13

Background: This chapter records Isaiah's call to prophetic ministry.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Isaiah had a vision of Yahweh in his temple, and seraphim called out “Holy, holy, holy, is Yahweh of host.” [6:1-4]
- ☐ Isaiah was afraid that he was doomed because he was sinful and had seen Yahweh. Then a seraphim took away Isaiah's guilt by touching him with a coal from the altar. [6:5-7]
- ☐ Yahweh asked who he could send to the people and Isaiah said to send him. [6:8-10]
- ☐ Isaiah had to speak to the people until the land was desolate and the cities destroyed. [6:11-13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened to Isaiah in the year King Uzziah died? [6:1]
He saw the Lord sitting on his throne.
2. What was above the Lord? [6:2]
Seraphim with six wings were above him.
3. What were the seraphim calling to each other? [6:3]
“Holy, holy, holy is Yahweh of hosts! The whole earth is full of his glory.”
4. What did the seraphim's voices do? [6:4]
They shook the foundations of the temple.
5. Why did Isaiah say he was doomed? [6:5]
He said this because he had unclean lips and lived among people with unclean lips and he had seen Yahweh.
6. When the seraphim flew to Isaiah, what did he have in his hands? [6:6]
He had a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar.
7. What did the seraphim say when he touched Isaiah's mouth with the coal? [6:7]
He said Isaiah's guilt had been taken away and his sin atoned for.
8. What did Isaiah say when he heard the Lord ask whom he should send to the people? [6:8]
He said, “Here I am; send me.”
9. What was Isaiah to tell the people? [6:9]
He was to tell them that they would hear and not understand, see and not know what they had seen.
10. What was Isaiah supposed to do to the people's hearts, ears, and eyes? [6:10]
He was supposed to make their hearts insensitive, ears dull, and eyes blind.

Isaiah 6:1-13 continued

11. How long was Isaiah to tell the Lord's message to the people? [6:11-12]

He was to speak until the cities were in ruins, the people were gone and the land was desolate and abandoned.

12. What do you think it meant that "the holy seed was in its stump"? [6:13]

Perhaps it meant that just like a tree that is cut down will once again grow from its trunk, the "holy seed" would grow out of whatever remained of the people of Israel.

Comment Section:

7:10-17

Background: In 7:1-9, the king of Aram and the king of the northern tribes of Israel went to attack Jerusalem. Then Ahaz, the king of Judah, and the people were terrified. Yahweh sent Isaiah to Ahaz to tell him that Yahweh would not let Aram and Israel defeat Judah.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told Ahaz to ask for a sign, but Ahaz refused to do so. [7:10-13]
- ☐ Isaiah said that Yahweh would give a sign to the people: A young woman would bear a son and name him Immanuel. [7:14-15]
- ☐ While the child was still very young, the lands of the two kings would be desolate, and Yahweh would bring Assyria on Ahaz and Judah. [7:16-17]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who told Ahaz to ask for a sign? [7:10-11]
Yahweh told him to ask for a sign from him.
2. What did Ahaz say to Yahweh? [7:12]
He said he would not ask for a sign nor test Yahweh.
3. What did Isaiah say the house of David was doing? [7:13]
He said they were testing the patience of people and the patience of God.
4. What sign did Isaiah say the Lord would give to the people? [7:14]
A young woman would conceive, bear a son, and name him Immanuel.
5. What would the child refuse and choose? [7:15]
He would refuse evil and choose good.
6. What would happen before the child knew to refuse evil and choose good? [7:16]
The land of two dreaded kings would be desolate.
7. What would Yahweh bring on Ahaz, his people and his father's house? [7:17]
He would bring on the king of Assyria

Comment Section:

8:1-4

Background: This passage mentions a child named “Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.” This name means “Fast to the spoil, quick to the plunder.”

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told Isaiah that he would summon faithful witnesses for him. [8:1-2]
- ☐ Isaiah went to the prophetess, she gave birth to a son, and Yahweh told Isaiah to name the child Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz. [8:3]
- ☐ Yahweh said that before the child could cry, “My father” and “My mother,” the Assyrians would plunder Damascus and Samaria. [8:4]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Yahweh tell Isaiah to write on a large tablet? [8:1]
He told him to write, “Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.”
2. Who would Yahweh summon as faithful witnesses to attest for him? [8:2]
He would summon as witnesses Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberekiah.
3. What happened after Isaiah went to the prophetess? [8:3]
She conceived and gave birth to a son.
4. What did Yahweh say would happen before the child could say “My father” or “My mother”? [8:4]
He said the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria would be carried away by the king of Assyria.

Comment Section:

9:1-7

Background: Some of the prophecies in this chapter were fulfilled in Isaiah's lifetime while others are fulfilled in the distant future. Some scholars believe that there can be multiple fulfillments of each of these prophecies, while others see only one complete fulfillment.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The land of Zebulun and Naphtali would be made glorious. [9:1]
- ☐ The people who walked in darkness would see a great light. [9:2]
- ☐ The people would rejoice because Yahweh defeated their oppressor. [9:3-5]
- ☐ A child would be given to the nation, and he would rule from David's throne forever. [9:6-7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What would be dispelled from her who was in anguish? [9:1]
Gloom would be dispelled.
2. What would happen to the land of Zebulun and Naphtali? [9:1]
It would be made glorious.
3. What would the people who walked in darkness see? [9:2]
They would see a great light.
4. What did God multiply and increase? [9:3]
He multiplied the nation and increased their joy.
5. What did Yahweh break to pieces for the people? [9:4]
He broke the yoke of his burden and the rod of his oppressor. This means Yahweh defeated those who were oppressing his people
6. What would be burned as fuel for the fire? [9:5]
Every boot worn in tumult and the garments rolled in blood would be fuel. This meant that all of the boots and garments worn during battle would be burned.
7. What would be on the shoulder of the child born to us? [9:6]
The government would be on his shoulder.
8. What would his name be called? [9:6]
He would be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
9. What would there be no end to? [9:7]
There would be no end to the increase of his government and of peace.

Isaiah 9:1-7 continued

10. Whose throne would he rule on? [9:7]

He would rule on David's throne.

11. How long would his kingdom last? [9:7]

His kingdom would last from this time forward and for evermore.

Comment Section:

11:1-16

Background: This passage talks about a man named Jesse. This was the father of King David.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A shoot would sprout from the stump of Jesse, the Spirit of Yahweh would rest on him, and he would judge with righteousness. [11:1-5]
- ☐ Animals and people would live in peace with each other, and there would be no more fear or destruction between them. [11:6-9]
- ☐ Israel and Judah would be reunited and take full possession of the land and have dominion over their enemies. [11:10-16]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What would come from the stump and root of Jesse? [11:1]
A shoot and a branch.
2. What would rest on the root of Jesse? [11:2]
The Spirit of Yahweh.
3. How else was the Spirit of Yahweh described? [11:2]
The Spirit of Yahweh was described as the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, instruction, might, knowledge and the fear of Yahweh
4. What would the root of Jesse delight in? [11:3]
His delight would be in the fear of the Lord
5. How would the root of Jesse judge? [11:4]
He would judge the poor with righteousness and decide fairly for the humble.
6. What would be the belt of his waist and the belt around his hips? [11:5]
Righteous would be around his waist and faithfulness around his hips.
7. Who do you think Isaiah meant when he talked about the sprout or branch of Jesse? [11:1-5]
He probably was talking about a person who would be born in David's family and rule as king.
8. How would the animals act? [11:6-7]
Animals that once hunted and killed each other would lie down together in peace.
9. What would a baby and a weaned child be able to do? [11:8]
They would be able to play over the hole of the asp and put their hand on the den of the viper and not be harmed.

Isaiah 11:1-16 continued

10. What would the earth be full of? [11:9]

The earth would be full of knowledge of Yahweh.

11. What would the root of Jesse stand as? [11:10]

He would stand as a signal flag for the peoples.

12. Where would the Lord recover the remnant of his people from? [11:11]

He would recover his people from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamar, and the islands of the sea.

13. When the root of Jesse sets up a signal flag what would happen? [11:12]

He would gather the outcasts of Israel and the dispersed of Judah from all over the earth.

14. How would he cause Ephraim and Judah to act toward each other? [11:13]

Ephraim would no longer envy Judah, and Judah would no longer be hostile to Ephraim.

15. What would Ephraim and Judah do together? [11:14]

They would defeat all the enemy nations around them, take their plunder, and make them obey.

16. What would Yahweh do to the gulf of the Sea of Egypt and the Euphrates River? [11:15]

He would completely destroy the gulf of the Sea of Egypt and would divide the Euphrates River into seven streams.

17. What would there be a highway for? [11:16]

The return of the remnant of the people from Assyria.

Comment Section:

32:1-8

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ There would be a king who reigned in righteousness and princes who ruled in justice, and they would be like a safe place for people to hide. [32:1-2]
- ☐ The people would see, hear, think, and speak clearly. [32:3-4]
- ☐ Fools and deceivers would no longer be honored. [32:5]
- ☐ The fool planned evil, spoke against Yahweh, and took advantage of the hungry and thirsty. [32:6]
- ☐ An honorable man made just plans and would stand. [32:8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What would the king and princes do? [32:1]
The king would reign in righteousness and the princes would rule in justice.
2. What would each one be like? [32:2]
They would be like a shelter from the wind, a refuge from the storm, streams of water in a dry place and the shade of a great rock.
3. What would people's eyes and ears be like? [32:3]
Their eyes would see and not be dim and their ears would hear attentively.
4. What would happen to the rash person and the stutterer? [32:4]
The rash person would think carefully with understanding, and the stutterer would speak distinctly with ease.
5. What would the fool and the deceiver no longer be called? [32:5]
The fool would no longer be called honorable and the deceiver no longer called principled.
6. What does the fool do? [32:6]
He speaks folly, his heart plans evil and he speaks wrongly against Yahweh.
7. What does the deceiver do? [32:7]
He uses evil methods and devises wicked schemes to destroy the poor with deceitful words.
8. What does the honorable man do? [32:8]
The honorable man makes honorable plans.

Comment Section:

37:1-7

Background: In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. The chief commander of Assyria gave a message to Hezekiah that Assyria would destroy Jerusalem.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When Hezekiah heard the message, he asked Isaiah to pray for Jerusalem in hopes that Yahweh would rebuke the Assyrians. [37:1-4]
- ☐ Yahweh said not to be afraid because Yahweh would cause the king to go back to his own land and die there. [37:5-7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did King Hezekiah do when he heard the report? [37:1]
He tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.
2. To whom did Hezekiah send Eliakim, Shebna and the elders of the priests? [37:2]
He sent them to Isaiah the prophet.
3. What did Hezekiah say they were to tell Isaiah? [37:3]
They were to tell him that, "this day is a day of distress, rebuke, and disgrace."
4. What did Hezekiah want Isaiah to do? [37:4]
Hezekiah wanted him to pray to Yahweh for the remnant that was still there.
5. What message did Isaiah send to Hezekiah? [37:5-6]
Yahweh said not to be afraid of the words of the Assyrian commander.
6. What was Yahweh going to do? [37:7]
He was going to put a spirit in the Assyrian king that would cause him to hear a rumor and go back to his own land where he would die.

Comment Section:

38:1-8

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Hezekiah was very ill, and Isaiah came to him and told him that Yahweh had said he would die. [38:1]
- ☐ Hezekiah wept and prayed to Yahweh, reminding him how he had faithfully served him. [37:2-3]
- ☐ Yahweh spoke to Isaiah and told him to tell Hezekiah that he had heard his prayers and he would add fifteen years to Hezekiah's life and rescue the city from the Assyrians. [37:4-6]
- ☐ Yahweh gave Hezekiah a sign that he would do what he promised. [37:7-8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What message did Yahweh tell Isaiah to give to Hezekiah? [38:1]
Yahweh told Hezekiah to set his house in order because he was going to die.
2. What did Hezekiah do when he heard Yahweh's message? [38:2]
He turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yahweh.
3. What did Hezekiah do when he prayed to Yahweh? [38:3]
He begged Yahweh to remember how he had been faithful and did what was good, and then he wept loudly.
4. What did Yahweh tell Isaiah to say to Hezekiah? [38:5]
He told him to say that he had heard Hezekiah's prayer and seen his tears and that he would add fifteen years to his life.
5. What else did Yahweh say to Hezekiah? [38:6]
He also said that he would rescue Hezekiah and his people from the hand of the king of Assyria and he would defend the city.
6. What sign did Yahweh give Hezekiah to show he would do what he promised? [38:7-8]
Yahweh made the shadow on the stairs go back ten steps.

Comment Section:

40:1-8

Background: In Chapters 40-66, Isaiah speaks mainly about the people of Judah and their exile in Babylon. Often, Isaiah speaks to the people as if they are already in exile. In 40:1-8, it seems that Yahweh was speaking to his prophets and telling them what they should say to the people.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh told his prophets to speak words of comfort to his people because he had forgiven them. [40:1-2]
- ☐ A voice cried out to make a highway for Yahweh in the wilderness. [40:3]
- ☐ Every valley would be filled in, every mountain brought down, and all people would see the glory of Yahweh. [40:4-5]
- ☐ A voice said to cry out that all flesh was like grass and their faithfulness was like a flower, but God's word is forever. [40:6-8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did God say that his prophets should do for his people? [40:1]
They should comfort his people.
2. What did God proclaim? [40:2]
He proclaimed that warfare had ended for his people, their iniquity was pardoned and they had received double from Yahweh's hand for all her sins.
3. What did the voice cry out? [40:3]
The voice cried out to prepare a way for Yahweh in the wilderness and make him a straight highway in the Arabah.
4. What would happen to the valleys, mountains and rough places? [40:4]
The valleys would be lifted up, the mountains brought low, rugged land made level, and the rough places would become plains.
5. What had the mouth of Yahweh spoken? [40:5]
His glory would be revealed, and all people would see it together.
6. What was the voice to cry? [40:6-8]
It was to cry out that all flesh was grass and their covenant faithfulness was like the flower of the field, but the word of God would stand forever.
7. What happened to the grass and flowers when the breath of Yahweh blew on them? [40:7]
The grass withered and the flower faded.

Comment Section:

42:1-9

Background: This chapter reveals the first servant song of Isaiah.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ There would be a chosen servant that Yahweh delighted in, and Yahweh's Spirit would be upon him and he would bring justice to the world. [42:1]
- ☐ The servant would not cry out in the streets or break a crushed reed; he would execute justice. [42:2-3]
- ☐ The servant would not grow tired or be crushed until he brought justice to the earth. [42:4]
- ☐ Yahweh who created the heavens and the earth would uphold his servant and he would be a covenant to the people and a light for the Gentiles. [42:5-7]
- ☐ Yahweh would not share his glory with anyone or anything. [42:8]
- ☐ Yahweh said he would tell people about what he was going to do. [42:9]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What would Yahweh do for his servant? [42:1]
He would take delight in him and put his Spirit upon him.
2. What would the servant not do? [42:2-3]
He would not cry out nor shout in the streets, nor would he break a crushed reed or quench a dimly burning wick
3. What would happen before the servant grew faint or was crushed? [42:4]
He would establish justice on earth.
4. Who created the heavens and made the earth and gave breath to the people? [42:5]
Yahweh did this.
5. What would Yahweh do through his servant? [42:6-7]
He would call him in righteousness and hold his hand, set him as a covenant for the people, and he would be a light for the Gentiles. He would open the eyes of the blind and free prisoners from their dark dungeons.
6. What did Yahweh say about his glory and praise? [42:8]
He would not share his glory with another or his praise with carved idols.
7. What was Yahweh about to do? [42:9]
He was about to declare new events and tell about them before they occur.

Comment Section:

45:1-8

Background: This passage mentions a man named Cyrus. He was the leader of the Persians, and they would defeat the Babylonians and let the Jews return to their land.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh called Cyrus his anointed, and Yahweh said he would subdue nations and disarm kings through him, so Cyrus would know that Yahweh called him by name. [45:1-3]
- ☐ Even though Cyrus does not know Yahweh, Yahweh had called him for the sake of Israel. [45:4]
- ☐ Yahweh prepared Cyrus so all the world would know that there is no God except Yahweh. [45:5-7]
- ☐ Yahweh told the heavens to rain down righteousness so that salvation and righteousness would spring up from the earth. [45:8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who was Yahweh's anointed? [45:1]
Cyrus was Yahweh's anointed.
2. What would Yahweh do for Cyrus? [45:2-3]
He would go before him and level mountains, break bronze doors in pieces, cut iron bars in pieces and give him the treasures of darkness.
3. Why did Yahweh call Cyrus by name? [45:3]
He did this so that Cyrus may know it was Yahweh that called him.
4. Why did Yahweh call Cyrus? [45:4]
He did this for the sake of his servant Jacob and Israel, his chosen.
5. What did Yahweh say about himself? [45:5]
He said that he is Yahweh, and there is no God but him.
6. Why would Yahweh gird Cyrus? [45:5-6]
He would do this so people would know that there is no God but Yahweh.
7. What does Yahweh do? [45:7]
He forms the light, creates darkness, brings peace, and creates disaster.
8. Why did Yahweh tell the heavens to rain down righteousness? [45:8]
He said this so that salvation and righteousness would spring up from the earth.

Comment Section:

49:1-7

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh's servant told the distant people that he was called and equipped by God from birth to show Yahweh's glory. [49:1-3]
- ☐ Yahweh sent the servant to restore Jacob to him. [49:5]
- ☐ Yahweh also sent the servant to be a light to Gentiles and bring salvation to the whole world. [49:6]
- ☐ Yahweh told the servant that even though he was despised and hated, kings and princes would bow down to him because he was Yahweh's chosen one. [49:7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What had Yahweh done for his servant? [49:1]
He called him from birth by name.
2. What else did Yahweh do for his servant? [49:2]
Yahweh made his mouth like a sharp sword; he hid him in the shadow of his hand, and he made him like a polished arrow and hid him in his quiver.
3. What do you think it meant that Yahweh made the servant's mouth like a sharp sword? [49:2]
Perhaps it meant that the servant would speak powerful words that could save someone or destroy them.
4. What did Yahweh say he would show through his servant? [49:3]
He would show his glory through him.
5. How did the servant reply? [49:4]
He replied that he thought he had labored in vain and had spent his energy for nothing, but he knew his reward was with God.
6. Why did Yahweh form the servant? [49:5]
He formed the servant to restore Jacob and gather Israel to Yahweh.
7. What else would Yahweh do through his servant besides restoring Israel? [49:6]
He would make him a light to the Gentiles and be Yahweh's salvation all over the earth.
8. What did Yahweh say would happen to his servant even though he was despised and hated by the nations? [49:7]
Kings would see him and arise, and princes would bow down to him.

Comment Section:

50:1-11

Background: In 50:1-3, Yahweh is speaking. Here he speaks to his people as if they were children, he sold into slavery and divorced their mother. In 50:4-11, the servant was speaking.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh had turned away from Israel because of their sin and rebellion. [50:1-3]
- ☐ The servant said Yahweh had caused him to speak words to help people, and the servant did not rebel against Yahweh. [50:4-5]
- ☐ The servant allowed himself to be beaten and disgraced because he trusted Yahweh to help him. [50:6-9]
- ☐ The servant told the people to walk in Yahweh's light. [50:10]
- ☐ Those who walked in the light of their own fire would lie down in a place of pain. [50:11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Yahweh sell his people and divorce their mother? [50:1]
They were sold because of their iniquities and because of their rebellion their mother was sent away.
2. What happened at Yahweh's rebuke? [50:2-3]
He dried up the sea; made rivers a desert; clothed the sky with darkness and covered it with sackcloth.
3. Why did Yahweh give his servant a tongue as one of those who are taught? [50:4]
He would be able to speak sustaining words to the weary.
4. How did the servant respond to Yahweh opening his ears? [50:5]
He was not rebellious, and he did not turn away backward.
5. What did the servant do when people abused him? [50:5-6]
He allowed them to beat his back, pull out his beard, shame him, and spit on him.
6. Why would the servant not be disgraced? [50:7]
He would not be disgraced because Yahweh would help him.
7. Why would the servant stand and confront those who opposed him? [50:8]
He would do this because Yahweh was near him and would justify him.
8. Who would help the servant? [50:9]
The Lord Yahweh would help him.
9. What should people do if they feared Yahweh, obeyed the servant's voice and walked in deep darkness without light? [50:10]
They should trust in the name of Yahweh and lean on him.

Isaiah 50:1-11 continued

10. What would happen to those who walked in the light of torches they equipped themselves with? [50:11]
They would lie down in a place of pain.

Comment Section:

52:13-53:12

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh's servant would act wisely and be exalted. Though he would be disfigured beyond recognition, he would sprinkle many nations and bring sight and understanding to people. [52:13-15]
- ☐ When the servant grew up there was nothing remarkable in his appearance. He was despised and people hid their faces from him. [53:1-3]
- ☐ People thought the servant was being punished by God, but he was bearing their sins and afflictions. [53:4-6]
- ☐ The servant was silent before his oppressors. He was killed and put in his grave with criminals, though he did no violence or spoke a lie. [53:7-9]
- ☐ It was Yahweh's will to make his servant an offering for sin and to accomplish his purpose through the servant to justify mankind. [53:10-12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How would the servant act? [52:13]
He would act wisely.
2. Why were many horrified at the servant? [52:14]
They were horrified because his appearance was disfigured beyond that of any man, and he no longer looked like anything human.
3. What would the servant do? [52:15]
He would sprinkle many nations.
4. What two questions did Isaiah ask? [53:1]
He asked, "Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Yahweh been revealed?"
5. How did the servant grow up before Yahweh? [53:2]
He grew up like a sapling and a sprout out of parched earth.
6. How was the servant received by people? [53:3]
He was despised and rejected. They hid their faces from him and considered him insignificant.
7. What did the servant do? [53:4]
He bore people's sicknesses and carried their sorrows.
8. Why was the servant pierced and crushed? [53:5]
He was pierced and crushed for people's rebellious deeds and iniquities.
9. How were people healed? [53:5]
They were healed by his wounds.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 continued

10. What had Yahweh placed on his servant? [53:6]
Yahweh placed everyone's iniquity on the servant.
11. What did the servant do even though he was oppressed? [53:7]
He humbled himself and did not open his mouth.
12. How was the servant taken away? [53:8]
He was taken away by coercion and judgment.
13. Where did they place the servant's grave? [53:9]
His grave was placed with criminals and a rich man.
14. What was Yahweh's will? [53:10}
It was Yahweh's will to crush the servant and make him ill.
15. What would Yahweh do through him? [53:10]
Yahweh would accomplish his purpose through him.
16. What would happen after the servant had suffered in his life? [53:11]
He would see light and be satisfied by his knowledge.
17. What would the servant do? [53:11]
He would justify many and bear their iniquities.
18. What would Yahweh do for his servant? [53:12]
He would give him his portion among the multitudes and he would divide the plunder with many.
19. What did the servant do for transgressors? [53:12]
He was with transgressors, bore the sin of many, and made intercession for them.

Comment Section:

55:1-13

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Everyone was told to come to Yahweh for food and drink without cost. [55:1-2]
- ☐ Yahweh was going to make an everlasting covenant with his people that he promised to David, and nations would run to them. [55:3-5]
- ☐ If people would leave their sin, call on Yahweh, and return to him, they would be forgiven. [55:6-7]
- ☐ Yahweh's thoughts and ways are not like people's; his thoughts are much higher than theirs. He does nothing without accomplishing the purpose that he intends. [55:8-11]
- ☐ All creation would experience great joy and peace for the name of Yahweh. [55:12-13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What were people with no money told to do? [55:1]
They were told to come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
2. What did Yahweh tell people to do? [55:2]
He told them to listen carefully to him and eat what was good and delight themselves in fatness.
3. What would Yahweh do if people came and listened to him? [55:3]
He would make an everlasting covenant with them.
4. Who has Yahweh placed as a witness to the nations and commander to the people? [55:3-4]
He has placed David as witness and commander.
5. What would happen when the people called to a nation they did not know? [55:5]
The nation would run to them.
6. When are people told to seek Yahweh? [55:6]
They are told to seek him while he may be found and call on him while he is nearby.
7. What would Yahweh do if the wicked left their path and the man of sin left his thoughts and returned to Yahweh? [55:7]
Yahweh would pity him and abundantly forgive him.
8. What did Yahweh say about his thoughts and ways and humans' thoughts and ways? [55:8]
He said that his thoughts are not the same as humans' thoughts nor are his ways the same as their ways.
9. How does Yahweh compare humans' thoughts and ways to his? [55:9]
He said that as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are his ways higher than humans' ways and his thoughts higher than humans' thoughts.

Isaiah 55:1-13 continued

10. What does the rain and snow do when it comes down from heaven? [55:10]

They saturate the earth and make it produce and sprout.

11. What does Yahweh's word do when it goes from his mouth? [55:11]

It will not return to him empty but will achieve the purpose for which he sent it.

12. What would be an everlasting sign that would not be cut off? [55:12-13]

The people would go out in joy and be led peacefully; the mountains and hills would break out in joyful shouts and all the trees would clap their hands. Instead of thornbushes, cypress would grow and instead of briers, the myrtle tree would grow.

Comment Section:

61:1-11

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh's anointed one came to proclaim good news, healing and liberty. He also came to announce the day of vengeance when Yahweh makes right all the wrongs that have been done. [61:1-3]
- ☐ The ancient ruins and desolations would be restored, and it would be a time of plenty and joy. There would be justice and great blessing for the people. [61:4-9]
- ☐ There would be great rejoicing because God has clothed his people with salvation and righteousness. Righteousness and praise would be seen by all nations. [61:10-11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why was the Spirit of the Lord on this person? [61:1]
The Spirit of Yahweh was on this person because He had anointed him to proclaim good news to the afflicted, heal the broken hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of prisons for those who were bound.
2. What else was he sent to do? [61:2]
He was to proclaim the year of Yahweh's favor, the day of vengeance of God and to comfort all who mourn.
3. What was he sent to do? [61:3]
He was sent to give the people a turban instead of ashes, oil of joy instead of mourning, a mantle of praise in place of a spirit of dullness and to call them oaks of righteousness planted by Yahweh.
4. What would they do? [61:4]
They would rebuild the ancient ruins, restore the former desolations, and restore the ruined cities.
5. What would foreigners do? [61:5]
Foreigners would stand and feed their flocks and the sons of foreigners would be their farmers and vineyard workers.
6. What would the people be called and what would they do? [61:6]
They would be called priests of Yahweh and servants of God. They would eat the wealth of nations and boast in their riches.
7. What would the people have instead of shame and dishonor? [61:7]
Instead of shame they would have double and instead of dishonor they would rejoice over their share.
8. What does Yahweh love and what does he hate? [61:8]
Yahweh loves justice and hates robbery and violent injustice.
9. How would all who see them acknowledge the people? [61:9]
They would be acknowledged as the people whom Yahweh has blessed.

Isaiah 61:1-11 continued

10. Why did the speaker rejoice in Yahweh and why was he glad? [61:10]

He rejoiced and was glad because Yahweh had clothed him with garments of salvation and a robe of righteousness.

11. What would Yahweh do? [61:11]

He would cause righteousness and praise to sprout up in front of all the nations.

Comment Section: