

MON) July 29**Ch. 29 - The Fallen People of Judah and Restoration**

The prophet Isaiah calls the people of Judah Ariel (altar of burnt offering or brazier of the altar), implying that this people will be judged by God and shed blood and be burned. In particular, verses 15-16 show that the hearts of the corrupt people despise God's sovereignty and rule. "Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" You turn things (.....)!"

Ch. 30 - Do not rely on anything else, but rely only on God.

When Judah faced a difficult situation, they did not rely on God, but tried to escape the crisis by relying on the power of Egypt and Pharaoh (v. 1-7). In response, God told them He will smash it like a potter breaks a vessel (v. 14), but at the same time, He still has hope for restoration for His people. "Therefore the Lord (.....) to be gracious to you, and therefore he (.....) himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him."

Ch. 31 - Those who go down to Egypt to seek help

God's warning to those seeking help in Egypt continues. Just as when a lion is biting the sheep and the shepherds come, no one can stop the sheep from the lion's mouth, just as no one can stop God's judgment (verse 4). However, at the same time, it speaks of how God protects His people. "Like birds (.....), so the Lord of hosts will (.....) Jerusalem"

Ch. 32 - Eternal King – The Coming Messiah

Prophet Isaiah continues to warn the Israelites who rely on Egypt to avoid the threat of Assyria, pointing to the time when the king will come in the future, and exhorts them to live with hope in that time. Find out in verse 2 what kind of person this king is.

TUE) July 30**Ch. 33 - Lord, be gracious to us**

The prophet who warned that Assyria would become God's tool to discipline Judah now prophesies that Assyria also will eventually be destroyed by Babylon according to God's judgment (verse 1). However, the prophet is confident that God will keep His people safe from all troubles. "and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the (.....) is Zion's treasure."

*No matter what tribulations come, the most precious treasure for God's people is the fear of God.

Ch. 34-35 - Judgment (Chapter 34) and Hope (Chapter 35)

Chapters 34-35 record the universal judgment of the wicked in the day of the Lord (chapter 34) and the endless joy of the redeemed, depicted as flowers blooming in the desert (shown in chapters 40-66) (chapter 35). This shows that the day of the Lord is both a day of judgment and a day of salvation. In particular, the most surprising passage in this message of hope in chapter 35 is verses 8-10. A great highway will be built in the desert and wilderness, which will be called the Holy Way. But who will be able to walk that road?

*How many times in life do our faith waver? What sustains us then? May God bless you so that you will be able to overcome all today's difficulties with hope for the kingdom of God.

Ch. 36 - Do not listen to Hezekiah.

This chapter describes the Assyrian invasion of Jerusalem in 701 B.C., where Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, came to attack Judah for not paying tribute to him while Judah relied on Egypt. Sennacherib speaks in the Jewish dialect so that all the people can understand:

- 1) V. 14: Do not let (.....) deceive you
- 2) V. 15: Do not let (.....) make you trust in the Lord
- 3) V. 16: Do not listen to (.....)
- 4) V. 18: Beware lest (.....) mislead you by saying, "The Lord will deliver us."

WED) July 31**Ch. 37 - Pray for every problem.**

The first action King Hezekiah took in a difficult situation was to go up to the Temple of the Lord and pray. In verse 21, God says through Isaiah to King Hezekiah, "You prayed to me about Sennacherib king of Assyria." What are you praying for these days? "God, I pray for ".....". Please solve these problems, God.

Ch. 38 - Why so much pain was added to me

This chapter records that Hezekiah was sick with a fatal illness, but was healed by praying to God, and his life was extended by 15 years. This prayer is an answer not only to the prayers of individuals, but also to the nation that was suffering from the Assyrian invasion. "Behold, it was for my (.....) that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back."

Ch. 39 - Humility vs. Pride

Shortly after receiving an extension of 15 years to his life, Hezekiah showed all the treasures in the palace and everything in his armory to the Babylonian envoy who acknowledged him (2). Prophet Isaiah prophesied that because of this, everything shown to the messengers would be transferred to (.....), and some of Hezekiah's descendants would be captured and become (.....) (5-7).

Ch. 40 - God's comfort reaches the hearts of the people

From chapter 40, the clouds of judgment clear and the grace of salvation begins to shine. In particular, verses 27-31 are God's words of comfort when you feel that no one, not even God, knows your situation. "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not (.....) or grow (.....); his (.....) is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength."

THU) August 1**Ch. 41 - For I am "your" God.**

The prophet's message continues with a warning to the islands and nations (verses 1-4) and a warning to the idols and gods of all foreign nations (verses 21-29). Between these two paragraphs are the words that God gives to His people (8-20).

Especially in verse 8, God calls His chosen people as follows: Let's put my name in ().

"But you, (), my servant, (), whom I have chosen, (), my friend;"

Ch. 42 - Song of the Servant 1

Beginning in chapter 42, we encounter four well-known 'songs of the servant' in Isaiah (42:1-7; 49:1-6 (or up to verse 13); 50:4-9 and 52:13-53: 12). In these texts, the servant of God refers to the Messiah. In verses 2-3, find and write about the gentleness and mercy of "my servant and my chosen one."

Ch. 43 - You are mine

This chapter describes the heart of God who loves His people dearly (1-7). Even though they were destroyed at the hands of Babylon, God's love for His people says, 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.'

(1) "When you pass through the (), I will be with you; and through the (), they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through () you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

Ch. 44 - There is no other god besides me.

Verses 6-20 of this chapter write about foolish people who make idols. Prophet Isaiah is accusing humans of how foolish they are (9,18,19a), making fire with wood, making food, and eating it, but making idols out of wood, which is just a tool, and bowing down and praying. What did Isaiah repeatedly explain what will happen to those who create useless gods and idols? (verses 9,11)

FRI) August 2**Ch. 45 - God who leads history**

From 44:28, the prophecy about King Cyrus of the Persian Empire continues, and this is a prophecy made about 100 years before King Cyrus was born. Cyrus was called by God to save God's chosen people (4) and was appointed for God's work (4-5). Find common words in (). God said, "(You are Me), I have given you a title. (You are me), and I will be your girdle." I name you, though you () me; I equip you, though you () me

Ch. 46 - I will embrace you

Chapters 46-48 are prophecies of the destruction of Babylon. The message of hope that Babylon, which destroyed Judah, will be destroyed, but Judah will be saved, stands out.

"Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been () by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your () age I am he, and to () I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save."

Ch. 47 - Babylon's fall

God will make all the luxuries of Babylon disappear (1), and the name that calls her the mistress (queen) of the nations will also disappear (5).

Verse 10 accurately records pride, which was the cause of Babylon's fall. "You felt secure in your wickedness; you said, (); your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, (), and there is no one besides me."

Ch. 48 - What God Does for Himself

In this chapter, it is said that the reason and basis for God's salvation to Israel is not the goodness of Israel, but that God acts only for the sake of God's name. "For my () I defer my anger; for the () I restrain it for you, that I may not cut you off." (v. 9)

SAT) August 3**Ch. 49 - Song of the Servant 2**

The Messiah, as recorded in verses 1-7 of this chapter, will be despised and looked down upon by the people, but God will exalt him so highly that all nations will bow their knees (7). This is a prophecy about the ministry of the Messiah (Jesus) who will come 800 years later. The love of God who does not forget His people (verse 15) is engraved on (). (V. 16)

Ch. 50 - Song of the Servant 3

Verses 4-9 of this chapter record the song of the third servant. True or false?

- 1) The Messiah has the tongue of a scholar and helps those in distress. ()
- 2) The Messiah stays away from those who hit, insult, and spit. ()
- 3) God helps the Messiah and prevents Him from being put to shame. ()

Ch. 51 - Remember the blessings of the past.

In this chapter, God turns their gaze to the past to comfort His people as they face terrible destruction. God, who called Abraham to bless him, declares: "For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like (), her desert like the (); joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song."

Ch. 52 - Beautiful feet that bring good news

The prophet clearly declares that God's day of salvation will come, as if it had already happened. God's news of salvation was good news and joyful news for Israel, who had been destroyed by Babylon and taken captive.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings (), who publishes (), who brings good () of happiness, who publishes (), who says to Zion, Your God reigns."

*Let us thank God for allowing the souls of the land to hear the good news of salvation through the beautiful feet of our missionary team that went on a short-term mission trip to Guatemala last week.