## "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

## **ISAIAH 6**

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Isaiah is the "prince of prophets" and is quoted by the Lord Jesus in the New Testament more than any other prophet. The entire Hebrew Bible, what we call the Old Testament is broken down into only three sections as outlined by Luke 24:44. The Torah (Instruction), The Prophets (Nebi'im) and The Ketuvim (Writings); the first book of the Writings was the Psalms. Together these books formed the Sacred Scriptures called by the Jewish people, the TNK, pronounced TaNak (tah-nawk). This is the only Bible Jesus and the early disciples had. Jesus quoted from one book from each section more than all the rest in that section. In the Torah, it was Deuteronomy, in the Prophets, it was Isaiah, and in the Writings, it was the Psalms.

Isaiah lived and prophesied during a critical period in the history of Israel. The Kingdom of Israel had split into North and South after the death of King Solomon and the northern kingdom only lasted a little over 200 years and fell to the dreadful Assyrian Empire in 722 B.C. This was during the life and prophetic ministry of both Isaiah and Micah. Isaiah's prophesy spanned more than fifty years, over the course of many kings of the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Isaiah's prophesy has some of the

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most beloved of all the Messianic prophesies. Isaiah prophesied the exile and captivity of Judah and the name of the King whom God would raise up to send the Jews back to their homeland to rebuild the House of God, the Temple, after a period of Exile. His name would be Cyrus. This was predicted by Isaiah over two hundred years before it happened. This Biblical prophesy has led some "scholarship" to say that there were two or three Isaiah's that wrote the book of Isaiah because it so accurately predicted the future. Unfortunately for the liberal and non-believing scholars, much learning has made them mad/foolish. This is exactly what Biblical prophecy is, namely, forth-telling the true words of God. The words of God about the past or the future are true. History has what God has done; prophesy is what God is going to do. In other words, prophesy is history, actual historical events spoken and written before they happen!

## **Prayer and Action Steps**

Dear God in heaven, please help me to believe the words you have spoken about the future, as though they had already happened.

**Amen** 

<ul> <li>Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.</li> <li>Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.</li> <li>Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.</li> </ul>	
Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?	Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?
What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?	Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?
Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?	Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

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