

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

ISAIAH 42

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Isaiah forty-two is a continuation of encouragement God gives to Israel through His servant Isaiah. Chapter forty-one spoke to God's faithfulness to Israel despite their idol worship and He will judge those who have come against them. God promises to redeem Israel. This redemption will be enacted through the Servant of the LORD, the Messiah as described in chapter forty-two. Israel will be a blessing to God Himself and also the nations of the earth, the gentiles. The first four verses of this chapter are quoted in the New Testament as is much of chapters forty through fifty-five. God promises help and rescue in verses fourteen through twenty, but Israel is still obstinate. God reminds the people in the first part of this chapter that He is not just the God of Israel, but He is the creator of everything and the God of all the peoples of the earth. He knows the end from the beginning.

"God, the LORD, created the heavens and stretched them out. He created the earth and everything in it. He gives breath to everyone, life to everyone who walks the earth. And it is He who says, 'I, the LORD, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness. I will take you by the hand

and guard you, and I will give you to my people, Israel, as a symbol of my covenant with them symbol of my covenant with them. And you will be a light to guide the nations. You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons. I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise with carved idols. Everything I prophesied has come true, and now I will prophesy again. I will tell you the future before it happens." (vv. 5-9)

God promises He will redeem Israel and will lead them in the way of righteousness. But all those who continue in idolatry will suffer and be kept in bondage. Isaiah foresees the nation going into captivity and laments their hardness and lack of sensitivity to the things of God. God set Israel to be a light to the nations. The promised Messiah, God's true servant would be the personification of God's promises.

Prayer and Action Steps

Dear God in heaven, please make be a blessing and a reflection of your light in me to all I come in contact with today. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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 teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?
