



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES



Bible Reading Plan Journal

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**Why we have a church-wide Bible reading plan:** God speaks to people through His Word. It is what He uses to transform our lives by revealing truth to us and aligning our heart toward what He loves. The aim of this reading plan is not to merely check a box off a list, but to encourage our church body to spend time hearing from God. Reading the Bible is critical to a Christian's growth. But it is especially powerful to read the Bible with others. This reading plan is the basis for all of our D-Groups, and we hope it fosters deeper spiritual conversations in our families and between our members.

**How you can use this booklet:** Each day has a passage of Scripture for you to read. There are one to two questions to prompt your study of the passage. We encourage the H.E.A.R. method for reading Scripture, especially if it is a new discipline for you. First, highlight a verse or verses that speak to you from the passage. Then, explain what those verses mean in relation to the broader context and how they support the main idea the author is trying to communicate. Next, apply this verse to your everyday life. What does this passage teach us about God? How does this passage point you to your need for Jesus? How do your thoughts, emotions, or actions need to change in light of this passage? Application should always be done in a spirit of prayer, as you are asking God to reveal to you how it applies. Finally, respond. This may be a specific action God is leading you to do. Very often it will be a prayer, either of thanksgiving, of confession of sin, or of petition asking for God's help.

Each new section in the biblical book is preceded by an introduction to help you focus on some key ideas of that book. There is also a general outline to that section to help you keep the overall context in mind as you read each day. This is important for every book of Scripture, but it is especially important for the larger books in the Bible.

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**Memory Verse:** Because Scripture is God's Word, it is important that a Christian spend regular time memorizing God's Word so that he or she can always find encouragement and guidance from God. This month's memory passage is provided on the next page in the ESV, NIV, and NLT.

**Isaiah 53-5-7**

**ESV**           **5** But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
                  he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
                  and with his wounds we are healed.

**6** All we like sheep have gone astray;  
                  we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
                  the iniquity of us all.

**7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
                  yet he opened not his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
                  and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he opened not his mouth.

**NIV**   **5** But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
                  he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
                  and by his wounds we are healed.

**6** We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
                  each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
                  the iniquity of us all.

**7** He was oppressed and afflicted,  
                  yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
                  and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

# Kings: The Late Divided Kingdom

## Day 1 | **2 Kings 18**

Explain:

What did Hezekiah do that was right in the eyes of the Lord?

What made Hezekiah confident to oppose the king of Assyria despite Samaria's falling?

Day 1 | **2 Kings 18**

Apply:

What things are things that could prevent you from holding fast to the Lord like Hezekiah?

Respond:

# Kings: The Late Divided Kingdom

## Day 2 | **2 Kings 19-20**

Explain:

What is Hezekiah's first response after reading the letter in v. 14 of chapter 19?

What is Hezekiah's response to the bad news of his sons?

**Day 2 | 2 Kings 19-20**

Apply:

What ways can we be like Hezekiah in response to tough situations?

Respond:

# Kings: The Late Divided Kingdom

## Day 3 | **2 Kings 21-22**

Explain:

What is the difference between Manasseh and his father Hezekiah?

How does Josiah respond to the Book of the Law, and how important does he make it?

**Day 3 | 2 Kings 21-22**

Apply:

How can we be like Josiah when it comes to making the word of God  
important in our lives?

Respond:

# Kings: The Late Divided Kingdom

## Day 4 | **2 Kings 23**

Explain:

Besides getting rid of the evil in the land, what did Josiah do to restore the kingdom?

Day 4 | **2 Kings 23**

Apply:

In what ways can we actively remember the commandments and goodness of God?

Respond:

# Kings: The Late Divided Kingdom

## Day 5 | **2 Kings 24-25**

Explain:

What do the events of this chapter say about God when looking back at what He says to Hezekiah in chapter 20?

**Day 5 | 2 Kings 24-25**

Apply:

What things can we do that would be seen as good in the sight of the Lord  
unlike these kings?

Respond:

## Introduction to the book of Isaiah

Isaiah shifts to type of book considered a prophetic book even containing some apocalyptic literature. The book is organized into oracles, which are sections all having their own specific message. The writer of this book is also the title of the book Isaiah. His ministry as a prophet began about five years before Ahaz's reign over Judah and is believed to have been written over a 20-year span.

The book itself records Isaiah proclamation to Israel, Judah, and the surrounding nations to repent. Otherwise, the judgement in his message will come true. Though he also states the comforting promises of redeeming and the future kingdom.

There are many passages that we turn to that depict the coming of Jesus, but that is not the only thing they show. It's important to acknowledge that the words of Isaiah are not just for the distant future, but also for the divided kingdoms and their captivity and exile followed by their return.

The Assyrians play a huge role in God's plans that are laid out in Isaiah. They were the conquering superpower during the life of Isaiah as leading up to the conquering of Jerusalem they had defeated the surrounding cities: Calno, Carchemish, Hamath, Arpad, Samaria, and Damascus. God uses the Assyrian's for two things, His judgement on His covenant people, and in the end to show that His hand is behind every nation that gains great power.

## Book Outline: Isaiah

- I. Words of Judgment (1:1-39:8)
  - a. The sins of Israel and Judah (1:1-7:25)
  - b. Judgment against heathen nations (8:1-28:13)
  - c. God's Purpose in Judgment (28:14-29:24)
  - d. Jerusalem's true and false hopes (30:1-35:10)
  - e. Events during the reign of Hezekiah (36:1-39:8)
- II. Words of Comfort (40:1-66:24)
  - a. Israel's release from captivity (40:1-48:22)
  - b. The future Redeemer (49:1-59:21)
  - c. The future kingdom (60:1-66:24)

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 1 | **Isaiah 1-2**

Explain:

What are some actions and characteristics that are in these chapters that cause mankind to be judged?

Day 1 | **Isaiah 1-2**

Apply:

What are the opposite actions in these passages that we could do in our own lives?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 2 | **Isaiah 3-4**

Explain:

What does v. 9 of chapter 3 say about the importance of guilt in our lives?

**Day 2 | Isaiah 3-4**

Apply:

How can we live in a way pleasing to the Lord with others unlike those talked about in v. 5 of chapter 3?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 3 | **Isaiah 5-7**

Explain:

How is Jerusalem and Judah compared to a vineyard?

Day 3 | **Isaiah 5-7**

Apply:

What are small ways that God asks, “who will go?” and how can we respond with “send me” like Isaiah?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 4 | **Isaiah 8-9**

Explain:

What things do wicked people look to in these passages for guidance?

Day 4 | **Isaiah 8-9**

Apply:

What are times we can look to God instead of the world for answers?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 5 | **Isaiah 10-12**

Explain:

How do the wicked treat others in the beginning of chapter 10?

Are the Israelites the only ones who will receive justice?

**Day 5 | Isaiah 10-12**

Apply:

What things can we give thanks for like chapter 12?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 1 | **Isaiah 13-14**

Explain:

How do these passages teach about God's impartiality toward evil?

The word "Day Star" in chapter 14 is where the name Lucifer for Satan comes from as that is the word that was used in the Latin translation of Biblical texts. The star it refers to is Venus as it is rebellious to night due to its brightness. This context uses it to represent the kings of Assyria and Babylon's brightness being defeat by the brightness of day.

**Day 1 | Isaiah 13-14**

Apply:

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 2 | **Isaiah 15-17**

Explain:

What are some examples these passages give of what it will be like for these cities when they fall?

Day 2 | **Isaiah 15-17**

Apply:

Are there boasts like Moab's in our world that we need not be envious of?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 3 | **Isaiah 18-20**

Explain:

What are some things that describe God's control over nations?

**Day 3 | Isaiah 18-20**

Apply:

God may not ask you to walk around in a sackcloth, but are there things that we are embarrassed about God that we shouldn't be?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 4 | **Isaiah 21-23**

Explain:

How does v. 15 start and v. 25 end in chapter 22? What does this mean about the speech of God?

**Day 4 | Isaiah 21-23**

Apply:

In times when we are working do we forget Who really did and planned it before we even started like v. 11 of chapter 22?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 5 | **Isaiah 24-25**

Explain:

How is the message different in chapter 25 compared to 24?

**Day 5 | Isaiah 24-25**

Apply:

What times can we respond in praise like Isaiah does in chapter 25?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 1 | **Isaiah 26-27**

Explain:

We have seen God's discipline in Isaiah. What is some other attributes of God we see in these passages?

**Day 1 | Isaiah 26-27**

Apply:

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 2 | **Isaiah 28-29**

Explain:

What are some false reasons why the Israelites would feel secure in these passages?

**Day 2 | Isaiah 28-29**

Apply:

How can we try to be more intentional about following Jesus and not just saying we are?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 3 | **Isaiah 30-31**

Explain:

Why is turning to Egypt a bad idea?

**Day 3 | Isaiah 30-31**

Apply:

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 4 | **Isaiah 32-34**

Explain:

What are some things that these passages say about God's timing?

**Day 4 | Isaiah 32-34**

Apply:

How can we pay more attention to the details of God's plan and find hope in that?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 5 | **Isaiah 35-37**

Explain:

What was Hezekiah's mistake that was predicted in earlier chapters?

**Day 5 | Isaiah 35-37**

Apply:

How can we ask of God like Hezekiah in chapter 37?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Judgment

## Day 1 | **Isaiah 38-39**

Explain:

What new perspective do we get from this telling of Hezekiah's sickness?

Week 5 – October 30-November 5

**Day 1 | Isaiah 38-39**

Apply:

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Comfort

## Day 2 | **Isaiah 40-41**

Explain:

What are some of the descriptions of God that are pleasant or interesting?

Week 5 – October 30-November 5

Day 2 | **Isaiah 40-41**

Apply:

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Comfort

## Day 3 | **Isaiah 42-43**

Explain:

These passages talk about the works God will do for the Israelites, yet what does v. 22 on to the end of chapter 43 say about God's mercy and grace?

Week 5 – October 30-November 5

**Day 3 | Isaiah 42-43**

Apply:

How can we live with confidence in response to these passages?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Comfort

## Day 4 | **Isaiah 44-45**

Explain:

What are some things that show how much God plans and is in control?

Day 4 | **Isaiah 44-45**

Apply:

How can we love the carefully planned out people that he has created more deeply?

Respond:

# Isaiah: Words of Comfort

## Day 5 | **Isaiah 46-47**

Explain:

What were some things that would make the other nations believe they were in control?

Day 5 | **Isaiah 46-47**

Apply:

God's sovereignty or control have been in the passages for this week. What can our mindset be when we acknowledge God's control?

Respond: