

What is the Bible? - Isaiah to Lamentation

Isaiah

Theme: The Lord's Servant will bring real deliverance

- I. Woe and judgment (Isaiah 1-39)*
- II. Comfort and consolation (Isaiah 40-66)*

*From *The People's Bible: Isaiah 1-39* by John A. Braun, Northwestern Publishing House, (c) 2000

Time: c. 740-680 B.C.

Author: Isaiah

A Sampling of Messianic Promises: Isaiah 7:14; 9:2, 6, 7; 11:1, 2; 52:13-53:12

Well-known Verses: Isaiah 1:18, 6:1-8; 12:1-6; 40:1-8

Summary: Isaiah warns Judah of the Lord's impending judgment because of their rebellion. But true deliverance would come through the suffering Servant. He would bring real comfort for God's people.

1. Discuss the fulfillment of Isaiah 9:6,7 or another of the prophecies

Jeremiah

Theme: One last time the Lord pleads with Judah to repent*

*From *The People's Bible: Jeremiah, Lamentations* by David M. Gosdeck, Northwestern Publishing House, (c) 1994

Time: c. 625-585 B.C.

Author: Jeremiah

A Sampling of Messianic Promises: Jeremiah 23:5, 6; 33:15, 16;

Well-known Verses: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Summary: Though imprisoned and persecuted Jeremiah continues to proclaim God's judgment against Judah until Jerusalem is destroyed. But even then those left do not listen to the prophet

2. Read Jeremiah 1:6-10. What comfort do these words bring you when you face opposition for speaking God's truth?

Lamentations

Theme: Tears for Jerusalem

Time: c. 586 B.C. - the fall of Jerusalem

Author: Jeremiah

Well-known Verses: Lamentations 3:22, 23

Summary: Even in the greatest of disasters, look to the Lord. His mercy is new every morning. His faithfulness will not fail

3. What passages of hope do you turn to in your dark days?