

I. Background For Isaiah

- A. Crises which form background for Isaiah's messages:
 - 1. Syro-Eprianitic Crisis (734)
 - 2. Fall of the Northern Kingdom (722)
 - 3. Invasion of Sennacherib (701)
 - 4. Babylonian Captivity (586-536)
 - 5. Day of the Lord

- B. Outline of the Book
 - I. Prophecies of the Judgment 1-35
 - II. Hezekiah 36-39
 - III. Prophecies of Peace 40-66

- C. Pattern for the Prophecies of Judgment
 - 1. Three general sections:
 - a) 1-12
 - b) 13-27
 - c) 28-35
 - 2. Each section moves from the present circumstances to the day of the Lord
 - 3. Each section ends with a song of deliverance

Assignment:

Read Isaiah 28-35

*The opposite of faith is pride.
Note how Isaiah points this out
in his calls for repentance.*

II. Isaiah's Understanding of His Own Day

- A. Judah's response to God's activity (Chapter 1)
 - 1. Begins with a rebuke because of Judah's unresponsiveness to the work of God
 - 2. Great hope for God's people (1:18-20)
 - a) Offer of deliverance - *Let us reason together*
 - b) Conditions for deliverance - *If you consent and obey*
 - c) Consequences of refusal - *You will be devoured by the sword*
- B. The Lord's vineyard (Chapter 5)
 - 1. Israel is compared to a vineyard
 - a) Prepared
 - b) Protected
 - c) Purpose was fruit
 - 2. Reality
 - a) The fruit that was there was identical to the fruit in the lives who did not have the favor of God
 - 3. The Judgment
 - a) I will stop the special care
 - b) I will stop the special protection
 - 4. The need for the vineyard
 - a) Consent to God's plan and return to obedience
 - b) Refusal will mean expulsion from the land