

Isaiah | Desolation and Deliverance

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Isaiah 4:2-5:30 *Read this week: Isaiah 6*

A Bible Study Rule – a text apart from its context is a pretext

Pretext - a false and incorrect impression designed to hide or disguise the real intent

5 Questions to understand context:

1. Who is the author?
2. Who was the text written to?
3. When was the text written?
4. What is the inspired author's intent of the text?
5. How does the text apply to me?

WHAT DOES GOD PROVIDE DESPITE HIS JUDGMENTS?

1. God provides hope to those who trust what He will do (vv 2-6)

a. God will send “the Branch of the Lord” (vv 2-3)

(Isaiah 11:1; Zechariah 3:8; Jeremiah 23:5; 33:15)

b. God will cleanse Jerusalem's heart (v 4)

c. God's glory returns to Israel (vv 5-6)

Chapter 5 - The Song and the Woes

2. God's hedge of protection is removed because of Israel's distrust (5:1-7)

a. Isaiah's song about the vineyard

- Isaiah - writer of the song
- God - “One I love”
- Vineyard - Israel

b. Jesus' parable of the vineyard owner (Matthew 21:33-46)

3. God's holiness requires His hand to bring justice (vv 8-30)

The Six Woes

- Woe to materialists (v 8)
 - **Deuteronomy 28:20-24**
- Woe to drunkards (v 11)
 - Verses 13-17 expound on the results of Judah's lifestyles
- Woe to the doubters of God (v 18)
- Woe to promoters who call evil good (v 20)
 - Promote what God calls good
 - **Hebrews 13:4-6**
- Woe to conceited intellects (v 21)
- Woe to the drunkards who thrived off of bribes (v 22)

HOW CAN WE HOPE WHILE STUDYING THE BOOK OF ISAIAH?

- Always view Scripture through the lens of the Gospel of Christ, trusting His Word
- God reassures us of His faithfulness and surety of His Word
- God's holiness humbles us, exposes sin, and shows us our need for the Savior – Jesus Christ
 - **Ephesians 2:1-10**