**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**ISAIAH – LESSON 7**

Day 1 – Read Isaiah 13:1 – 14:23

1. What was meaningful to you in last week’s lesson/lecture?

2. a. Write the memory verse (Isaiah 14:12).

 b. What was the root cause of Satan’s fall?

NOTE: The prophecies of chapters 13-23 have some near term fulfillment for Isaiah’s time, some for the not too far distant future and some yet to be fully fulfilled when the Lord returns. God had used Assyria to chastise Israel (the ten tribes of the North). See Isaiah 10:5. Isaiah now saw a Babylon of the future. Remarkably, a century before it would be God’s judgment instrument against Judah’s sin, Isaiah saw Babylon’s fall.

Day 2 – Read Isaiah 13:1-13

3. a. From Jeremiah 5:11-12, why were Israel and Judah to be punished by God?

 b. From these verses in Jeremiah, what were Babylon’s sins that brought judgment?

 50:11

 50:24

 50:31-32

 51:11

 51:49

4. In Isaiah 13:1-5, what did the Lord do and why?

5. a. The announcement that judgment was at hand brought what reaction?

 b. Do you think punishment brings repentance? Why or why not?

 c. What do we learn in these Scriptures?

 Hebrews 12:10-11

 Revelation 16:10-11

6. The description of God’s wrath in vs. 9-13 says what about:

 a. the environment?

 b. the people?

Day 3 – Read Isaiah 13:14-22

7. a. From vs. 14-18, what impression do you get about the Medes as they would attack Babylon?

 b. Read Daniel 5:22-30. Who was . . .

 . . . warned of God’s judgment?

 . . . honored for delivering the truthful message?

 . . . the conquering Medes?

8. a. Isaiah 13:19 equates Babylon’s devastation to that of

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 b. What else is foretold about the desolation of the area?

 c. What is the most deserted place you’ve ever been in physically or spiritually?

 d. What assurance is found in Psalm 139:1-7?

Day 4 – Read Isaiah 14:1-11

9. a. In the midst of desolation and destruction, the Lord will have

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 b. What changes will take place for God’s people?

10. In Isaiah 14:4-8, what insight are we given of the king of Babylon’s treatment of those people he conquered?

11. a. What value does great earthly power and wealth have for a person in the grave?

 b. Death is something each one of us will face regardless of our station in life. What did Jesus teach in Matthew 6:19-21?

 c. What did Paul confirm in Romans 6:23?

 . . . in Romans 8:1?

Day 5 – Read Isaiah 14:12-23

NOTE: Isaiah 14:4-23 is a prophecy concerning the king of Babylon. Ezekiel 28:1-19 is a prophecy about the king of Tyre. Because of the similarities to descriptions of Satan in Luke 10:18, Revelation 12:9-12 and 20:1-3, 10, some believe the descriptions in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 are “types and shadows” descriptive not only of the kings of Babylon and Tyre, but also of Satan.

12. a. From Isaiah 14:12-15, list the five “I will” statements of the king of Babylon.

 b. What attitude does that express?

 c. How does God feel about that in these Scriptures?

 Proverbs 6:16-19

 Proverbs 8:13

 Proverbs 16:18

13. a. From Ezekiel 28:2, what had the king of Tyre been proclaiming?

 b. In Ezekiel 28:12-19, describe the . . .

 . . . dazzling appearance

 . . . deceitful actions

 . . . destruction announced

14. a. Read Isaiah 14:16-23. How would the king of Babylon be humiliated in death?

 b. How would he forfeit his legacy for his family and for his kingdom?

15. Summarize this lesson: What will God do . . .

 . . . in retribution to the Babylonians?

 . . . in redemption for His people?