

## The Book of Isaiah

### Trusting God More #19

Some of the outlines are taken from Melissa Spoelstra's book, *Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting More*.

*Review of the previous Lesson: Chapter 39- Hezekiah's extension of time and his mistake in verse 2. The warning from Isaiah in verse 4.*

Opening Discussion: How does knowing the Word of God will never pass away comfort you? In what ways, does this increase your faith? Think about Matthew 24:34-35. Think about the use of the word **fulfilled**. How does that one word give you hope?

The takeover, so to speak, was a fulfillment of prophecy. In 2 Kings 24-25 and Daniel 1, Jerusalem was captured by Nebuchadnezzar and the city was in ruins.

Read 39:8

This completes the history part of Isaiah. Our next study begins the third section of Isaiah. The testimony of the prophets and the apostles point to Isaiah.

- John the Baptist spoke of Isaiah in Matthew 3:3.
- Jesus quoted from Isaiah in Luke 4:17-21.
- Matthew 8:17
- John 12:37-41.

This is the last section of Isaiah. In the first section, we heard repeatedly the judgment of God. In this section, we will hear about the grace of God, the suffering and the glory to follow. We can learn much from Isaiah about the sufferings of this present time.

Read Isaiah 40:1 (Comfort ye...). These words set the mood and pace for the remainder of the Book of Isaiah. God revealed Himself as a Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. Notice God said, "my people." Do you think they felt like they belonged to God in exile?

Think about the context. The Israelites are in Babylonian exile. Their nation has been destroyed, and the temple is in ruins. How do you think they felt?

Read and discuss Psalm 137. 1-6.