

# A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

## A Quick Discussion Guide on the Book of Isaiah

1. What aspects of Isaiah's prophecy make it one of the most endearing and enduring books in the Old Testament?
  
2. List at least SEVEN or up to TEN great promises/prophecies concerning the Gospel/the Messiah that come from the book of Isaiah... and then choose your TWO favorites and be ready to explain why!
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3. Isaiah isn't only a book of uplifting Gospel promises... through the mouth of Isaiah, the LORD was able to cut with the Law as with the best of the prophets. For example, in Isaiah 28-31, the prophet identified hinderances to trust in God. These range from a legalistic approach to Scripture (28), to ritualism (29), to stubborn rejection of God's Word (30) to reliance on material rather than spiritual resources (31). What is the benefit of such "law preaching"? What is the appeal of these "hinderances" that make them so dangerous? How can we avoid the dangers of which Isaiah warns?
  
4. The "servant" is featured prominently in the "second book" of Isaiah (43:8-9; 43:10; 44:1-2, 21, 26; 45:4; 48:20; 49:1-6; 50:4-19; 53). In what ways is the servant of Isaiah's prophecy (fulfilled by Jesus) different from us... even though our lives as disciples of Jesus are to be lived as servants?

What can we learn about ourselves from God's plan to save us by means of a servant?

5. Read Isaiah 55. Choose a sentence or two from the chapter and give a circumstance in which you would use that "text" devotionally with someone else. What thoughts would you share in your devotion?
  
6. Write your memory passage below: