

YOUNG TWIGS

Isaiah 51–53

Year 2, lesson 21

The book of Isaiah is the first of the major prophets in the Bible. Isaiah's name means "Jehovah Saves". Has Jehovah saved you? ▲

Observation and interpretation

Read Isaiah 51–53. Mark *God, Lord, and pronouns; comfort; salvation; servant and pronouns*.

1. Who is drinking the "chalice of God's anger" in Is 51:17?
2. What has happened to those who have been drinking from this cup? (Is 51:17–20) Think about the history of Israel that we read in the book of Kings. Check out page 652 in your Inductive Study Bible. Look for Isaiah: he was a prophet to Judah. What has happened to the Kings and people of Israel at this time? What will happen to the Kings and people of Judah in less than 100 years?
3. Who comforts the people?
4. Who will drink the "chalice of God's anger" in the future? (Is 51:22–23)
5. Describe the servant God plans to send in Is 52:13–53:12.

Interpretation: *what does the author mean?*

6. What event is described in Is 51:10?

7. God tells His people to *Listen* (Is 51:1,7), *Pay attention to Me* (Is 51:4), *Please hear this* (Is 51:21). What is He telling them?

8. God tells His people to *Awake, Awake* (Is 51:9; 52:1), *Rouse yourself* (Is 51:17), *Shake yourself and Loose yourself* (Is 52:2). What is He telling them?

9. What is the Lord planning to do for Israel/Zion in Is 52? (See Is 52:2, 3, 8, 9)

10. When you read Is 53, who do you think of? Why?

Application: *therefore, what shall I do?*

11. Read Is 53:4–6 and personalize this. Substitute “I” for the word “we”. Substitute “my” for “our”. Read it aloud. What does this mean to you?

12. In Is 51, there were repeated phrases such as “Listen to me, Pay attention, Awake, Awake”. God was trying to get their attention. God’s character never changes; He’s the same today as in Isaiah’s time. How is He trying to get your attention today? Is there anything in your life you must confess or give up?

13. In Is 51:19, it says, “How shall I comfort you?”. How does God comfort you today? What has He provided for you to give you comfort? List what those are and share them with your group.