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Foretold through Isaiah and his children (18)

Signs

Isaiah means: 'Yahweh is Salvation'

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Symbols

Forsaking the Word (19-22)

Consulting the dead (Leviticus 20:27)

Consistent light is needed (Psalm 119:105, 130)

Cursed (Malachi 4:5-6)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 8:11-22

What is the problem with a pure democracy – majority rules? (Jeremiah 17:9 / Ephesians 2:2 / I John 5:19 / Acts 19:32-34)

What characteristics of those who follow Christ should stand out in a culture that does not follow Him? (Ephesians 5:1-13 / John 13:34-35 / Ephesians 4:29)

Why should we not fear conspiracies among men? (Job 42:2 / Proverbs 21:30 / Psalm 2:1-6)

Would you rather fall on the Stone or have the Stone fall on you? Why? What does that look like spiritually speaking? (Isaiah 28:16 / Matthew 21:42-44 / Mark 8:34-38)

What happens when God hides His face from His people? (Numbers 6:22-27 / Judges 10:11-16 / Romans 1:24, 26, 28 / Ephesians 4:17-19))

What happens when we forsake His Word? (II Timothy 4:3-4 / I John 4:5-6 / II Peter 2:18-19)

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God's ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). The crowd cried crucify (Matthew 27:22)

Warning given with a strong hand (Philippians 3:17-20)

Those whose minds are on earthly things will perish (Romans 8:8, 13)

Way of this people (Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:17-19)

Satan's influence and our sinful hearts lead us away from God

Fear of the LORD Almighty (13-15)

It opens the door for true understanding (Proverbs 2:5-9)

Shaking over conspiracies?

Fear and dread misplaced (Proverbs 29:25) **Do not fear man, trust in God!**

Facing a Holy God (Hebrews 10:30-31; 12:26-29) **That should make us quake.**

Stone of stumbling (Psalm 118:22)

Sanctuary (Psalm 27:5) **For those who humble themselves (James 4:10)**

Snare (1 Corinthians 1:22-24) **For those who remain proud**

Face of God hidden from His people (16-17) **His face = His favor**

Sealed Testimony (Daniel 12:4) **until it is time to be revealed (Revelation 22:10)**

Still the only One to trust (John 6:66-68)

Can we trust Him for the things we cannot see? (II Corinthians 4:18)

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Signs – **the meaning of their names**

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Symbols – **representing God before the people (Numbers 6:7)**

Forsaking the Word (19-22)

Any message contrary to His Word will prove false (Proverbs 30:5-6)

Consulting the dead (Leviticus 20:27)

A pathway to demonic teaching

Consistent light is needed (Psalm 119:105, 130)

His Word is the source of that light for us

Cursed (Malachi 4:5-6) **The results of following a path that forsakes God & His truth
(as opposed to John 17:17)**

Discussion questions for Isaiah 8:11-22

What is the problem with a pure democracy – majority rules? (Jeremiah 17:9 / Ephesians 2:2 / I John 5:19 / Acts 19:32-34) ***The heart of man is deceitful and wicked. Satan has considerable influence over the affairs of this world. Crowds can easily be manipulated, even if they do not understand what is going on.***

What characteristics of those who follow Christ should stand out in a culture that does not follow Him? (Ephesians 5:1-13 / John 13:34-35 / Ephesians 4:29) ***Moral purity as defined by God's work, not according to the culture. A sacrificial love shown toward one another and toward those whose lives are in a mess resulting from sin. Speech that is honoring to God, filled with praise and thanksgiving rather than grumbling and foul words. Not compromising with those who walk in darkness.***

Why should we not fear conspiracies among men? (Job 42:2 / Proverbs 21:30 / Psalm 2:1-6) ***No conspiracy of man or Satan can thwart God's plan – He is Sovereign! God laughs at men's attempt to overthrow Him – His prophetic promises have a perfect track record, what God says is going to happen is guaranteed to happen. (Isaiah 45:5-7)***

Would you rather fall on the Stone or have the Stone fall on you? Why? What does that look like spiritually speaking? (Isaiah 28:16 / Matthew 21:42-44 / Mark 8:34-38) ***Let me fall upon Jesus and be broken rather than being crushed by His judgments upon me. He calls for me to die to myself and give up my pursuit of the things of this world. Turning away from Him would result in me facing His wrath in judgment for what I truly deserve.***

What happens when God hides His face from His people? (Numbers 6:22-27 / Judges 10:11-16 / Romans 1:24, 26, 28 / Ephesians 4:17-19) ***We are left on our own – to follow our own path. The result is that we stray further and further away from God.***

What happens when we forsake His Word? (II Timothy 4:3-4 / I John 4:5-6 / II Peter 2:18-19) ***We become deceived. We follow the ways of this world. We are led into depravity.***