

Isaiah 6

1. Isaiah had a vision full of symbols and images. (Is 6:1-5)
 - a. Describe the location and setting of the vision. (Is 6:1-2)
 - b. Describe the heavenly characters present. (Is 6:2)
 - c. What were they saying to each other? (Is 6:3)
 - d. What effect did their voices have on the building? (Is 6:4)
 - e. What effect did all this have on Isaiah? (Is 6:5)
2. What was the seraphim's song that is sung or recited by everyone at every Mass just before the Eucharistic Prayer? (Is 6:3)
3. When the seraph touched Isaiah's lips with the burning coal:
 - a. What happened to Isaiah? (Is 6:6-7)
 - b. What do you think was the purpose of touching his lips only? (Is 6:7)
4. When the Lord said: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
 - a. What was Isaiah's response? (Is 6:8)
 - b. *Reflection*: Have you ever had an experience where God was asking you to do something and you felt inadequate or unqualified to do it?
5. *Challenge*: Why do you think God would send Isaiah as a messenger if He knew the people would not listen? (Is 6:10-13)

Isaiah 7 Note: At the time of this prophecy, Ahaz was king of Judah (Southern Kingdom), Rezin was king of Amram, and Pekah was king of Israel (Northern Kingdom). The two kings, Rezin and Pekah, had joined forces and were planning to invade Judah. Instead, Assyria invaded both nations.

6. What instructions from God was Isaiah told to give to King Ahaz regarding an invasion of Judah from the kingdom of Israel (Northern Kingdom)? (Is 7:3-6)
7. The Lord spoke to King Ahaz and told him to ask for a sign from the Lord. (Is 7:11)
 - a. What was the reply of Ahaz? (Is 7:11-12)
 - b. Why do you think Ahaz responded as he did?
 - c. Do your footnotes suggest why Ahaz evaded the Lord's offer?
8. Describe the significance to Christianity of the un-asked for sign the Lord gave to Ahaz through the prophet Isaiah. (Is 7:14-16)
9. In Isaiah's understanding of God, how does Assyria become an instrument of the Lord for the breaking up of the Hebrew people into two separate kingdoms, now warring against each other? (Is 7:18-25)
10. In Is 7:18-20, select a metaphor or image Isaiah used to describe the Assyrian forces that you personally find most powerful or strange or startling, and explain why.