

THE Story

Lesson 25 Chapter 16 The Beginning of the End p.219-230

1. God allowed the Assyrian army to invade and defeat Israel (the northern kingdom) in 722 BC. (Pages 219-220) Why did God bring this judgment on his own people and what do you learn from God's response to the behavior of Israel?

2. At the bottom of page 220 we are introduced to King Hezekiah ("strength of God") What did Hezekiah do that pleased God and how can we learn from his example?

3. When Hezekiah received an intimidating letter from his enemies, he "went up to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord." (bottom of page 222) What is implied by that statement?

4. What impresses you about Hezekiah's prayer at the top of page 223?

How can Hezekiah's prayer help shape the way you pray when times are tough?

5. How did God use the prophet Isaiah ("salvation of Jehovah") to encourage Hezekiah?

How has God used others to encourage you when times are tough?

6. As you consider the fate of the once proud King Sennacherib (p.224), can you think of some verses that describe God's attitude toward pride?

What is one way we can avoid pride and grow in humility?

7. Pages 224-230 provide us with some important passages from the book of Isaiah. What did Isaiah's vision of God in His glory (p.224-225) teach him about..

the character of God?

himself and his needs?

8. On pages 227-228 Isaiah gives us a glimpse into the heart of God for His people. How could God be so merciful to His people in light of their actions toward him?

9. In Isaiah 53 (pages 228-230), the prophet shares with us a message that the final and greatest hope for all of God's people is the promise of the Messiah who would come to deliver us. What do you learn about Jesus, the promised Savior, from this prophecy?

10. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....

sins to avoid &

examples to follow

our God...

His promises to claim &

His character to embrace