

We will begin with the seventh lecture on the book of Isaiah. / We will begin with chapter 35. / The title is "Restoration of the Desert."

/First, the wilderness and desert are restored and flowers bloom. / Verses 1-2./ Second, the weak become strong and the ill become healthy. / Verses 3-7. / Third, those who dwell in Zion. / Verses 8-10.

/Read verses 1-2. / The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.

/This means that spiritual work of Israel would be accomplished through Christ. / Our hearts were like the desert and the wilderness before we believed in Jesus.

/If sinners receive salvation, their spirits will be revived. / We have joy because we have been saved. / There is the work of life. / Our withered souls become revived when we drink the water of life.

/There were the regions of Lebanon, Carmel, and Sharon. / They were regions in the land of Judah. / They were fertile and beautiful lands. / This means that believers who participate in Christ's salvation would be beautiful before God.

/Believers who participate in salvation would become noble. / Acts 8:8 / John 16:22 / Psalm 16:11 / People's spirits are changed in joyfulness and delight after they believe.

/Verses 3-4./ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

/Christ makes the weak, strong. / He gives steadiness to those who fear. / Isaiah 41:10 / He makes the fearful, strong. / John 16:33

/God pays back the enemies. / He saves the believers. / God also gives life and power to believers.

/Verses 5-6. / Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

/The eyes of the blind are opened through Christ. / The ears of the deaf are opened. / The lame will leap like a deer. / The mute will sing songs. / Matthew 9:17 / Matthew 11:5

/This means that Christ would heal the spiritual illnesses of believers. / Jesus heals the sicknesses of our hearts. / Jesus also heals our physical sicknesses.

/Jesus healed many people when He was on this earth. / However, not only did He heal physical sicknesses, but sicknesses of the heart as well.

/It says, "Water will gush forth." / There will be revival. / There will be joy. / There will be works of life. / Malachi 4:2 / Acts 3:8

/Verse 7. / The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

/The burning sand will become a pool. / The spiritual states of the people were like a desert, but now the river of life would overflow in them.

/Verse 8. / And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it.

/The "highway" is the road to Zion. / Only those who have been redeemed and become clean can walk down this road. / We have become clean through faith in Jesus.

/Now, we must become more and more clean now that we believe. / Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. / John 14:6 / “Wicked fools” do not know this road.

/“Wicked fools” are those who do not believe in God’s Word. / Luke 24:25 / Psalm 14:1 / Therefore, only those who have wisdom to believe can walk down this spiritual road. / Only they can walk down the road to Zion.

/Verse 9. / No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there,

/The road to Zion symbolizes the road of life. / There are no lions or ferocious beasts there. / There is nothing to fear. / The road is clean and peaceful.

/Verse 10. / and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

/There is joy in the believers who believe in Christ’s redemption. / Jesus Christ is the believers’ refuge and life. / Our spirits have been revived through belief in Jesus.

/In the past, our eyes of faith were dark, but now our eyes have been opened. / We see God with eyes of faith. / We see the spiritual world. / We look upon heaven. / We go forward with hope.

/Also, our ears have opened. / Jesus said, “He who has ears, let him hear.” / We hear God’s Word. / We hear the gospel. / We believe in God’s Word.

/Next, it says they will “leap like a deer.” / In the Old Testament times, the people were not allowed to eat insects that did not jump. / We must run forward in faith.

/We must run towards Jesus. / We must run towards eternal life. / We must not stop in the middle.

/ We must not turn back. / Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt for looking back.

/Now, the "mute" will sins. / We preach about Jesus. / We testify to Jesus' teachings. / We must not be mute, but diligently testify about Jesus.

/We drank the water of life through faith in Jesus. / John 4:14 / Our spirits have been revived. / There are still many people around us who do not believe in Jesus. / Those who do not believe have dead spirits. / They are dry. / They have no joy. / They have no blessings.

/Now, we must introduce Jesus to these people. / We must give them the water of life. / Then, those who are in the desert will gain life.

/Next, we will continue with chapter 36. / The title of chapter 36 is "Threat." / This means to threaten others.

/First, the Assyrian army attacks. / Verses 1-3. / Second, the field commander's interference and temptation. / Verses 4-20. / Third, the officials report to King Hezekiah. / Verses 21-22.

/Read verse 1./ In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

/This is the time of King Hezekiah's reign. / The king of Assyria attacked during the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign. / The king of Assyria was named "Sennacherib."

/God sent Assyria because of the sins of the people of Judah. / God used Assyria as his rod. / Isaiah 28:10-13.

/Verses 2-3./ Then the king of Assyria sent his field commander with a large army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. When the commander stopped at the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Washerman's Field, Eliakim son of Hilkiah the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph the recorder went out to him.

/Sennacherib, king of Assyria, sent his field commander to Jerusalem. / The field commander is the secretary of the army of Assyria. / The field commander attacked Jerusalem with his army. / 2 Kings 18:13

/Lachish is located about 45 kilometers southwest of Jerusalem. / When the commander attacked, he mocked King Hezekiah and the people of Judah. / Then the commander told King Hezekiah to surrender.

/Now, we will proceed to chapter 37. /The title of this chapter is “Victory.”

/First, King Hezekiah puts on sackcloth and goes to the temple to pray. / Hezekiah goes to the temple to pray. / Verse 1. / Second, King Hezekiah asks Isaiah to pray. / Verses 2-5. / Third, answers to his prayer. / Verses 6-7.

/Fourth, the king of Assyria insults God and tells the people to surrender. / Verses 8-13. / Fifth, King Hezekiah spreads out the letter before the Lord and prays. / Verses 14-20.

/Sixth, the Lord answers prayer through Isaiah. / Verses 21-35. / Second, God sends his angel to destroy the Assyrian army. / Verses 36-38.

/The Assyrian army attacked. / The field commander of Assyria insulted Judah and King Hezekiah. / King Hezekiah put on a sackcloth and repented. / He relied on God. / He called out to God.

/God heard his prayers. / Then God sent his angel to destroy the Assyrian army. / King Hezekiah, Jerusalem, and the people of Judah received salvation.

/Read verse 1./ When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and went into the temple of the LORD.

/King Hezekiah tore his clothes and put on sackcloth. / The “sackcloth” is worn by sinners. / King Hezekiah repented and became humble.

/Then Hezekiah prayed earnestly to God. / He relied on God’s powers. / He cried out to God to save him.

/Verse 2. / He sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and the leading priests, all wearing sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.

/Hezekiah sent his officials to the prophet Isaiah. / He sent his men to the prophet Isaiah to ask him to pray. / When we encounter difficulties, we must ask pastors to pray for us.

/Verse 3. / They told him, "This is what Hezekiah says : This day is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, as when children come to the point of birth and there is no strength to deliver them.

/Hezekiah sent his word to Isaiah. / This day is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace. / There is no strength to deliver children.

/When the king of Assyria attacked, Hezekiah knew that there would be great benefits if he overcome them. / However, he did not have the strength to defeat Assyria. / Therefore, he cried out to God.

/Verses 4-5. / It may be that the LORD your God will hear the words of the field commander, whom his master, the king of Assyria, has sent to ridicule the living God, and that he will rebuke him for the words the LORD your God has heard. Therefore pray for the remnant that still survives." When King Hezekiah's officials came to Isaiah,

/The field commander ridiculed the living God. / Hezekiah knew that God would hear everything that the field commander said. / The “remnant” here refer to the people who remained in Jerusalem.

/King Hezekiah thought that it was horrible that God’s name was being ridiculed.

/Verses 6-7. / Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'This is what the LORD says : Do not be afraid of what you have heard--those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Listen! I am going to put a spirit in him so that when he hears a certain report, he will return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword.'"

/God answered his prayer. / God told him not to be afraid. / God told King Hezekiah, "Do not be afraid."

/Then God said that the Assyrian army would return to their own country. / Then the king of Assyria would be put to death.

/In verse 7, God said, "I am going to put a spirit in him." / This meant that God would send an angel to kill the king.

/Verse 8-9. / When the field commander heard that the king of Assyria had left Lachish, he withdrew and found the king fighting against Libnah. Now Sennacherib received a report that Tirhakah, the Cushite king of Egypt, was marching out to fight against him. When he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah with this word :

/The king of Assyria was fighting against Libnah. / The Cushite king, Tirhakah, came to fight the king of Assyria. / God moved the Cushite king to fight Assyria.

/Therefore, the king of Assyria was not able to reach Jerusalem because of the Cushite king. / In this way, God protected Israel through other kings.

/Verse 10. / "Say to Hezekiah king of Judah : Do not let the god you depend on deceive you when he says, 'Jerusalem will not be handed over to the king of Assyria.'

/The people that the king of Assyria sent threatened King Hezekiah. / Then they told Hezekiah to surrender. / The king of Assyria did not come himself, but he sent his people to tell King Hezekiah to surrender.

/Then they said that the king of Assyria would overtake other nations. / They conquered the region of "Gozan." / This was the upper region of the Euphrates River. / They also conquered "Haran." / This was the northern region of the Mesopotamia.

/Next, they conquered "Rezeph." / This was in the vicinity of the Euphrates River. / They also conquered "Tel Assar." / This was the northern region of the Mesopotamia. / They also conquered "Hena." / This was in the vicinity of the Euphrates River.

/They also conquered "Ivvah." / This was the northern region of Syria and Aram. / In this way, the king of Assyria conquered many nations.

/The officials of Assyria said that their king had conquered many nations. / Therefore, they said that their king would surely conquer Jerusalem as well.

/Verses 14-15./ Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD :

/King Hezekiah received the letter from the king of Assyria. / He went to the temple and spread the letter out before God and prayed. / Hezekiah knew that God would know what was written in the letter.

/Verse 16. / "O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

/Our God is the one and only Almighty God. / God is sovereignty. / God reigns over everything.

/Verse 17. / Give ear, O LORD, and hear; open your eyes, O LORD, and see; listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to insult the living God.



/King Hezekiah knew that God heard the king of Assyria ridicule him. / King Hezekiah said, "Listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to insult the living God."

/Verse 18. / "It is true, O LORD, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste all these peoples and their lands.

/The king of Assyria made all the nations into a wasteland. / The nations were destroyed by Assyria. / However, those nations all served idols. / Hence, they were all destroyed.

/Verse 20. / Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone, O LORD, are God."

/However, King Hezekiah said, "O LORD our God, you alone O LORD, are God." / The Lord alone is the true God. / He is the living God. / He is the only one who can destroy our enemies.

/Hezekiah also believed that God could save Jerusalem. / Then he prayed to God.

/Verse 21. / Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah : "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says : Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria,

/God answered his prayer. / God answered Hezekiah through the prophet Isaiah. / Ultimately, God would destroy the king of Assyria.

/Verse 24. / By your messengers you have heaped insults on the Lord. And you have said, 'With my many chariots I have ascended the heights of the mountains, the utmost heights of Lebanon. I have cut down its tallest cedars, the choicest of its pines. I have reached its remotest heights, the finest of its forests.

/The king of Assyria was arrogant. / He bragged that he could conquer many nations. / However, God said that he would save the people of Judah.

/Assyria was arrogant and said that they could conquer Judah, but God would protect Judah.

/Verse 25. / I have dug wells in foreign lands and drunk the water there. With the soles of my feet I have dried up all the streams of Egypt.'

/The king of Assyria said that he would defeat Egypt.

/Verse 26. / "Have you not heard? Long ago I ordained it. In days of old I planned it; now I have brought it to pass, that you have turned fortified cities into piles of stone.

/Assyria conquered many nations by God's plan. / God allowed Assyria to grow strong.

/However, the king of Assyria was arrogant and thought that he did it with his power. / The king of Assyria bragged about himself. / He became greedy. / He gained assurance.

/Verse 27. / Their people, drained of power, are dismayed and put to shame. They are like plants in the field, like tender green shoots, like grass sprouting on the roof, scorched before it grows up.

/The nations were destroyed as God said they would.

/Verse 28-29. / "But I know where you stay and when you come and go and how you rage against me. Because you rage against me and because your insolence has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth, and I will make you return by the way you came.

/The king of Assyria was arrogant. / Therefore, God would put his hook in his nose and drag him away. / Whoever is arrogant will be ruined.

/Verse 30. / "This will be the sign for you, O Hezekiah : "This year you will eat what grows by itself, and the second year what springs from that. But in the third year sow and reap, plant

vineyards and eat their fruit.

/God said that he would give him a sign. / That year and in the second year, he would eat what grows by itself / and in the third year, he would sow and reap and eat the fruit.

/God promised that the people would be restored even if they wouldn't sow or reap for two years. / Even if they did not harvest crops for two years, they would do so in the third year and gain much fruit to eat. / They would be fruitful through God's protection and guidance.

/Verse 31. / Once more a remnant of the house of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above.

/God promised that he would save the people of Judah.

/Verse 33. / "Therefore this is what the LORD says concerning the king of Assyria : "He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield or build a siege ramp against it.

/God said that the king of Assyria would fail and run away. / The king of Assyria would not be able to shoot one arrow at Jerusalem before he is taken away.

/Verse 35. / "I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant!"

/God promised to protect the city of Jerusalem for the sake of David. / God said that he would save the people of Judah. / This meant that God would protect his people for the sake of his glory. / 2 Samuel 7:12, 13, 16

/Verse 36. / Then the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning--there were all the dead bodies!

/The angel of the Lord destroyed 185,000 men in the Assyrian army. / 2 Kings 19:35 / God's power is limitless. / God can destroy the world with one lift of his hand.

/The Assyrian army was arrogant and ridiculed God. / King Hezekiah prayed to God. / God heard his prayers. / God destroyed all his enemies.

/Verses 37-38. / So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there. One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer cut him down with the sword, and they escaped to the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son succeeded him as king.

/The king of Assyria was completely destroyed, and he ran away to his country. / Then his sons were eventually killed. / How pitiful is this?

/In this way, whoever is arrogant and serves idols will be ruined. / However, those who rely on God and pray to God will be saved.

/We will continue with chapter 38. / The title of chapter 38 is "Healing." / First, Hezekiah's illness and Isaiah's prophecy. / Verse 1. / Second, Hezekiah prays while he is sick. / Verses 2-3.

/Third, Hezekiah's life is extended fifteen years. / Verses 4-8. / Fourth, Hezekiah's writing after his recovery. / Verses 9-20. / Fifth, healing and a poultice of figs. / Verses 21-22.

/Read verse 1. / In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says : Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover."

/This was the time of the fourteenth year of Hezekiah's reign. / This was after the Assyrian army was defeated. / 2 Kings 18:1-2. / Isaiah 36:1 / Hezekiah became sick and was about to die. / The prophet Isaiah told Hezekiah that he would die from his sickness.

/Verse 2. / Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,

/Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord. / This means that Hezekiah turned away from the things of the world and looked and relied only on God. / Hezekiah did not rely on doctors.

/Hezekiah did not look towards the world. / 2 Chronicles 16:12 / When Hezekiah was about to die, he first prayed earnestly to God.

/Verse 3. / "Remember, O LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

/Hezekiah said that he walked faithfully and wholeheartedly before God. / This was his prayer of repentance.

/Hezekiah thought about his faith in the past and wanted to restore his first faith. / Revelation 3:3 / He sincerely repented and wanted to enter the spiritual world.

/Verses 4-5. / Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah : "Go and tell Hezekiah, "This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says : I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life.

/God answered Hezekiah's prayer. / He extended his life by fifteen years. / God hears the prayers of believers and sees their tears. / Our God kills but also saves.

/Verse 6. / "And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city.

/God heard Hezekiah's prayer. / God said that he would protect the city of Jerusalem.

/Verse 7-8. / ""This is the LORD'S sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised : I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of

Ahaz." So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down.

/God extended Hezekiah's life by fifteen years and showed him a sign. / The shadow of the sunlight went back ten steps it had gone down. / 2 Kings 20:10

/In the sign, the shadow of the sunlight went back ten steps. / It was a great miracle the sun to go back ten steps. / The sun stood still during the time of Joshua. / Joshua 10:12-14

/God created the entire universe. / He moves the sun. / Therefore, God can stop the sun from moving.

/This is as if a person who made a clock can turn back the clock's hands. / Our God made the sun, so he can control the sun.

/Verses 9-11. / A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah after his illness and recovery : I said, "In the prime of my life must I go through the gates of death and be robbed of the rest of my years?" I said, "I will not again see the LORD, the LORD, in the land of the living; no longer will I look on mankind, or be with those who now dwell in this world.

/Hezekiah was saved by God's grace. / He thought of this and praised God with thanksgiving. / We must always think of God's grace and be thankful.

/Let us go on and read verse 17. / Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In your love you kept me from the pit of destruction; you have put all my sins behind your back.

/Hezekiah received anguish because God wanted to give him more peace. / This is God's love and grace.

/Now verse 21. / Isaiah had said, "Prepare a poultice of figs and apply it to the boil, and he will recover."

/Verse 22. / Hezekiah had asked, "What will be the sign that I will go up to the temple of the LORD?"

/Hezekiah asked Isaiah for a sign that he would go up to the Lord's temple. / 2 Kings 20:8-9 / Isaiah said that he would be healed if he prepared a poultice of figs and applied it to the boil. / Then Hezekiah was healed. / 2 Kings 20:7

/God sometimes uses methods to heal sicknesses. / Of course, God sometimes heals with his power alone. / However, there are times when God uses doctors or medicine to heal sicknesses.

/Hezekiah also asked for a sign when he went into the temple. / 2 Kings 20:8 / In the main passage, the order is mixed up. / 2 Kings 20:7-9 / There is says that when Hezekiah asked for a sign, the shadow of the sun went back ten steps.

/Again, the order in today's passage is mixed up. / In 2 Kings 20:7-9, Hezekiah did ask for a sign. / He asked for a sign before the sun's shadow went back ten steps.

/Here we will conclude the seventh lecture on the book of Isaiah. / Thank you.