

Isaiah Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

When he saw the LORD, what did Isaiah learn about God?

What did he learn about himself?

What happened to prepare him to accept the LORD's assignment?

Might there have been pain involved?

Being related to King Uzziah, would Isaiah have been sensitive to the fallibility of rulers?

After seeing the LORD, was Isaiah less likely to be impressed by Sennacherib?

Why does the LORD resist the proud and lift up the humble?

What would it take for the sun's shadow to go in the opposite direction from usual?

If the earth's rotation were altered, what other things might happen?

Is the LORD master of the natural environment?

Why do you suppose the LORD gave Hezekiah a choice of directions for the shadow to go?

How do you suppose Isaiah was given the revelation of the captivity by Babylon and the permission to return by Cyrus?

What is the purpose of prophecy?

In the midst of threats from evil empires, how would it have affected the people of Israel to hear about the promised Immanuel?

Isaiah's descriptive language is powerful and unlike the any other prophet. What does that tell us about how the LORD reveals his thoughts to the prophets?

In the midst of the evils of our day, what are the prophecies that give us hope?

How do the prophecies of Scripture reveal the contents of a person's heart?

Have you personally seen or felt in some way the majesty of God?

Have you felt humbled and unclean when you think of God?

Have you been given an assignment that you cannot carry out on your own?