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### *Self-Study Questions for Isaiah*

1. Make an original (not taken from a study Bible or other source), general outline of the Book of Isaiah.
2. Certain passages in Isaiah contain detailed descriptions of a Golden [or “Messianic”] Age (e.g., the opening verses of chapter 2, the whole of chapters 11 and 35, etc.). In your reading through the book, identify as many of these passages as you can, and list them.
3. Christians all agree that the *Kingdom Age* is established by the coming of the Messiah. However, some think the age described was established by the first coming of Christ, while others think it awaits the second coming. What evidence can you find one way or another about this (feel free to access New Testament evidence).
4. Though the *Kingdom Age* is ruled by the Messiah, He is often not mentioned in the same passages. Isaiah does make several references to the Messiah, however. Identify as many of those as you can.
5. Isaiah often refers to certain recurring themes, using specific imagery. List any passages in the book where you find allusions to the following:
  - a. The Exodus
  - b. A highway in the wilderness
  - c. A great feast (of one kind or another)
  - d. Rivers in the desert
  - e. Barrenness Vs. Fruitfulness
  - f. Return from exile
  - g. The “remnant” of God’s people
  - h. Gentiles coming to God
6. In chapters 41-53, there are recurring references to Yahweh’s “Servant.” The identity of this “Servant” has perplexed scholars for many years, as it sometimes seems to be a reference to Israel (collectively) and sometimes a reference to an individual (the Messiah?). Find the various references to this “Servant,” and summarize what we can know about “Him” from the passages in Isaiah.
7. Jesus said that the destruction of Jerusalem, in AD70, would allow “all things that are written” to be fulfilled (Luke 21:20-22). On the view that this refers to the content of the written prophetic scriptures, identify in Isaiah any passages which (you think) may refer to the judgment upon Israel in AD70 (note, for example, Jesus’ reference to “the days of vengeance” in verse 22 and the references in Isaiah to “the day of vengeance”).