

## THE THREAD | A PEOPLE RISE. A PEOPLE FALL.

### Lesson 13: Messianic Prophecy From Isaiah

Dear Parents,

We just completed our 13th and final lesson of *A People Rise. A People Fall.*, studying the story of Israel seeking to establish itself as a nation. This lesson was entitled “Messianic Prophecy from Isaiah.” The whole plan for a Messiah and salvation was so we could be rid of our sin in order to be close to Him once again. Yet, even to this day, we get distracted and wander away from Him. Sometimes, we focus so much on the fact that our “sin has been taken care of” that we can forget that it’s so we can be free and at peace at the Lord’s side. But what if we dedicated time and attention to continuing to seek God and ponder who He is? What if we moved our focus from what we have been saved from and focus instead on what we have been saved TO?

**Lesson Overview:** As we’ve progressed through the big-picture story of the Bible, this is our last lesson in the Old Testament. And it serves as a bridge, of sorts, from the story of the Old Testament to the story of the New Testament. As we’ve learned through this study, all of Scripture points toward Christ and His coming. But the Old Testament prophecies were so much more direct in doing this. There are hundreds and hundreds of prophecies that predicted Jesus’ coming. We’ll use this lesson in Isaiah as a representative example of the way God predicted the coming of the Messiah. Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God spoke through Isaiah to give God’s people hope. The same message gives us hope today, as well.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Learn:** Understand that the Messiah (God’s perfect rescue plan for His people) was predicted centuries before Jesus came to earth and that Jesus was the Messiah, the predicted, once-and-for-all redeemer of all who will believe in Him.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned:** Have a better understanding of the fact that Jesus paid the price so that they could “live to righteousness” and what this looks like in their lives.

**Scripture Passages We Studied:** Isaiah 9:6-7; Isaiah 53:1-6; 1 Peter 2:21-25

*Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.*

### NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- Have you ever really thought about what it would have been like to hear about Christ’s coming but never meet Him face-to-face?
- Why do you think the Lord waited so long to fulfill these promises of the coming Messiah?
- Tell me what it means to you to not just be saved from sin but to have a relationship with Jesus.
- If we are all like sheep who wander off, how can we stay true to remembering to follow Christ?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.