

Reading the Bible As A Love Letter

TODAY'S PASSAGE:

Isaiah 55

TIME COMMITMENT:

30 minutes

Sometimes we perceive the writings of the prophets to be some of the least “loving” of the Scriptures. The prophets brought messages from God, and much of what they had to say pointed to what people could expect as the consequences of their sins. But God also sprinkled the prophetic books with promises and reasons for confident hope among His people.

Isaiah wrote to alert the people of Judah that they would eventually be taken into captivity by the Babylonians. Much of what he had to say was harsh, direct, and to the point. But equally to the point, was what they could expect *beyond* their captivity.

Put yourself in the place of someone who had been carried away by an enemy army, or left amid the ruins of a once-grand city. You would remember that Isaiah warned of such a future, but you might also recall something else. Your world is crumbling around you as you locate a scroll containing **Isaiah 55**. Read the text, and then consider the following questions:

- 1) How would you feel upon reading this passage, in light of your present sufferings?
- 2) What would this text tell you about God?
- 3) What would be your attitude about the future?
- 4) As you look back to see God's involvement with His people in the past, what can you determine about your own future?