

## **QUESTIONS**

- 1. At the same time he was prophesying the punishment of Israel and Judah, what effect do you imagine was created when Isaiah also foretold the destruction of all the major powers around them?**
- 2. In what ways are you tempted to turn to a powerful but worldly "ally" when you are in trouble?**
- 3. What is sometimes frustrating about the timing of God's punishment of those who mistreat His people?**
- 4. In the midst of all the judgment, what evidences of compassion and reconciliation with former enemies are contained in these chapters?**
- 5. What symbol of the mercy of God had itself become an idol in Judah and how is it possible for symbols of Christian faith and history to become idols to us?**