

"Discipline & Salvation"

1. How was Assyria the Lord's rod and staff or club (v. 5, 24)? What did He send Assyria to do (v. 6)? Who are the "godless nation" and the "people of His fury" (or wrath or anger)? What did Assyria intend to do instead (v. 7)?
2. What were the implications of what Assyria had to say in verses 8-9? Where were those cities mentioned in verse 9?
3. What is the implication of what Assyria had to say in verses 10-11? What grave mistake did Assyria make?
4. What were the sins of the king of Assyria (v. 12-14)? How are we guilty of similar sins, at times? What were the consequences of those sins (v. 12, 16)? Does God believe in spanking? What absurd scenario was the king of Assyria falling into (v. 15)?
5. Who is the "Light of Israel" and the "Holy One" (v. 17)? What do the thorns, briars, forest, garden or fields of verses 17-19 represent? What will the Light of Israel do to them?
6. What lesson will the remnant learn from all this (v. 20-21)? Who do we tend to rely on, rather than the Lord, at times? How was the destruction "overflowing with righteousness" (v. 22)? Whose complete destruction or end will the Lord execute (v. 23, 25)?
7. How long does the Lord tend to stay indignant with His people, if they repent of their sins (v. 25, Ps. 30:5)? What happened at the rock of Oreb mentioned in verse 26 (Judges 7:20-25)? What do verses 26-27 signify for Assyria?
8. What happened in these cities of Israel as the Assyrian army approached Jerusalem (v. 28-31)? How did that change as the army approached Jerusalem itself (v. 32)?
9. What do the trees and Lebanon represent in verses 33-34? What will the Lord, the Mighty One, do to these "lofty" or "haughty" ones? What warning is there for the proud (1 Peter 5:5)?