

# OT 553 - Prophetic Books

## Worksheet #4

Read the Book of Isaiah in one sitting. Try to “hear” it as if you were in that first audience.

- 1 Discuss the main theme(s) of the book. What is the book driving at? What does it want to accomplish with its audience?
- 2 In what ways does Isaiah demonstrate transformational leadership?
- 3 Read three (more literal) versions of Isa. 7:14?
  - 3.1 Identify the main verb in the phrase הַהֲעֵלְמָהּ הָרְהָהּ וַיִּלְדֶּת בֶּן and explain the grammar & syntax of it.
  - 3.2 Explain the form of הָרְהָהּ.
  - 3.3 Explain the function of הַהֲעֵלְמָהּ with respect to וַיִּלְדֶּת. Check out the use of הַהֲעֵלְמָהּ + ptc. in Gen 6:17; 20:3; 1 Sam 3:11; 1 Kgs 20:13; 2 Kgs 7:2.
  - 3.4 How do the versions treat the grammar of הַהֲעֵלְמָהּ? What is the issue and how does it affect the meaning of the sentence?
  - 3.5 Scan the 4 times that עֲלֵמָהּ is used as a singular fem. noun in the Heb. Bible. How does the LXX translate it in those passages? What are the implications of that translation?
  - 3.6 Look up the synonym of עֲלֵמָהּ. Is this term more precise or less precise in its semantic range?
  - 3.7 Compare this phrase with similar phrasing in Gen 16:11 and Jdg 13:3.
- 4 Analyze the syntax of Isa. 9:5 [Eng. 6].
  - 4.1 Pay attention to the term commonly translated “government” here and in v. 6. Would the first audience have linked it to anything else they heard in the context?
  - 4.2 Pay attention to the naming sequence. What does syntax of the last two of the four word-pairs tell you about how to read the entire set?
  - 4.3 Review the “**Guide to Word Studies.**” Then analyze the usage of פְּלֵאָה using a good concordance or lexicon. How does that data inform your reading of this phrase פְּלֵאָה יוֹעַ ?