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Tools & Principles in Each Unit

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14. How do the New Testament writers read Isaiah? Interpreting in the context of the whole Bible.

15. How do we live Isaiah's message today? Applying the text.

A Path for the Online SBS

- begin with the first reading
- the second reading Video 1-3
- paragraph title and structure
- Horizontal chart
- BRI
- Vertical Charts Video 4-7 for Is. 1-39 // Video 8-14 for Is. 40-66
- Video 15 Final application

Materials (www.wilrens.org/isaiah)

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The Assyrian Threat (A Chronology)

Wrestling with Eschatological Prophecy

Immanuel (Two Views on Isaiah 7:14)