

### Through-the-Bible SOAP Readings

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8/6	Habakkuk 1-3; John 8
8/7	Zeph. 1-3; John 9
8/8	Jer. 1,2; John 10

#### *Journal with SOAP*

- Scripture:** Write one verse out.
- Observe:** Write what you see in the verse and surrounding section.
- Application:** Write how you sense God wants you to apply this verse to your life.
- Prayer:** Write a short prayer of response asking God to help you do what he just showed you.

#### Context

**1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles:** These books describe the faithfulness of God throughout Israel's & Judah's monarchy from the closing days of David's rule until God allowed Babylon to Israel because of its sin.

**Isaiah:** A prophet writing beginning 740 BC (dated according to 6:1). The book is not necessarily in chronological order, but it stresses the themes of God's judgment, both on Israel and on the other nations, but also his salvation. God has compassion on his people, and Isaiah tells of a coming age where the world will be at peace and justice will reign. This will be the Lord's kingdom on earth. **Zion-** Literally the mountain on which the Temple was built, but also used to refer to Jerusalem or to all Israel. **Remnant-** A faithful minority in Israel would return to God.

**Nahum, Habakkuk:** Two prophets to preached sometime around 660-612 BC. They warned that Assyria (which God used to punish the Northern Kingdom of Israel) would now fall to the Babylonians, who would be used to punish the Southern Kingdom (Judah). The question asked by Habakkuk is how God could use a wicked kingdom (Babylon) for his purpose. Note Habakkuk 2:4, which is quoted 3 times in the New Testament (Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11, Heb. 10:38).

**The Gospel of John:** John, the "beloved disciple" of Jesus, wrote the Gospel of John. "Gospel" means "Good News" about Jesus. This book is often called the "spiritual Gospel" and the "Gospel of Life." It tells the saving story of Jesus as the Son of God dwelling among humans, sent to bring God's love, light, and life. Jesus' ministry and death give life to those who receive Him, making them God's children and recipients of God's Spirit. They in turn are commissioned to direct others to Jesus. (from The Wesley Study Bible)

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