

WORKSHEET FOR SESSION 9

Contemporary Concerns and the Study of Isaiah

Your full name _____ Box number _____ Today's date _____

A. SESSION ASSIGNMENT.

1. Begin reviewing for Exam #1.
2. Locate and read online resources for completing this worksheet.

B. SESSION RESEARCH AND WRITING. *In advance of class, please do the necessary research in order to address the questions below.*

1. What is the Great Isaiah Scroll? What's the story here? What makes it "great"?
2. What is the Masoretic Text (MT)? Why is it important? (remind me of what the LXX is in this context).
3. How does the discussion of the texts "behind" the English translation of Isaiah (I'm thinking of the Great Isaiah Scroll, the MT, and the LXX) impact your confidence in the translation?

4. What and where is Hezekiah's Tunnel? What was its purpose? When and why was it dug?

5. Eilat Mazar has found two seals at the City of David excavations in Jerusalem. One is connected to the name Hezekiah and the other may be connected to the name Isaiah. Describe these two finds, any controversies surrounding them, and why, ultimately, they are important to our study.