

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

2 Chronicles 7:11-22

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. Name three ways the LORD can punish a nation when the people turn from Him (see 2 Chronicles 7:13). From your Bible study, can you think of additional ways?

The LORD can change the climate: create a drought by refusing to send rain. He can send insects or animals to devastate crops. He can send disease or prevent healing from a disease. The LORD sent His people into exile after sending the Babylonians to make war with Israel to destroy their city, Jerusalem, and their temple. The LORD can create a situation where people will ridicule those the LORD is punishing.

2. What do those called by the LORD’s Name need to do when He disciplines them?

They need to humble themselves and stop being selfish and self-centered. The need to pray and face the LORD, rather than turning their backs to Him to do what they wanted to do. They need to turn from their wicked ways.

3. Why was the LORD’s presence not at King Solomon’s temple forever?

King Solomon disobeyed the Law of God and misled his descendants and subjects into idolatry; therefore, the Israelites did not fulfill the conditions

for God to maintain His presence among them in the temple in Jerusalem.

4. What did the LORD require of King Solomon (see 2 Chronicles 7:17)?

The LORD required King Solomon to walk before Him faithfully as David his father did, and do all the LORD commanded, and observe His decrees and laws.

5. Think about human history around the world for the past 100 years, can you think of any people or events that have become “a byword” or an example of evil choices to avoid?

Recently, “Hitler” has become a byword again, especially for the millions of Jews he murdered in prison camps.