

# Book of Mormon Prophecy Podcast Series Scripture Outline

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## 1. Avraham Gileadi Testimony

**Description:** How did receiving an intellectual as well as spiritual testimony of the Book of Mormon influence Avraham Gileadi? What impact has it had on others?

### **Isaiah Writes a Book for the Endtime—Isaiah 30:8**

Go now, write on tablets concerning them;  
record it in **a book for the endtime**,  
as a testimony forever.

### **Isaiah's Words Will Be Understood in the Endtime—Isaiah 29:18**

**In that day shall the deaf hear  
the words of the book**  
and the eyes of the blind see  
out of gross darkness.

### **Isaiah's Prophecies Fulfilled in the Endtime—2 Nephi 25:7-8**

In the days that the prophecies of Isaiah shall be fulfilled men shall know of a surety, **at the times when they shall come to pass**. . . . for I know that they shall be of great worth unto them in the last days; for in that day shall they understand them; wherefore, for their good have I written them.

### **People Have Neglected Isaiah's Prophecy—Isaiah 48:6**

You have heard **the whole vision**;  
how is it you do not proclaim it?

### **A Commandment to Search the Words of Isaiah—3 Nephi 23:1–3**

Behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to **search these things**. Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah. For surely he spake as touching all things concerning my people which are of the house of Israel; therefore it must needs be that he must speak also to the Gentiles. And **all things that he spake have been and shall be**, even according to the words which he spake.

## 2. Who Are the Gentiles Spoken of?

**Description:** Why is it important to know Latter-day Saints are called “the Gentiles” in the Book of Mormon? How does that impact our role toward the house of Israel?

### **The Book of Mormon Comes Through the Gentiles—Title Page**

Written to the Lamanites, who are **a remnant of the house of Israel**; and also to Jew and Gentile—Written by way of commandment, and also by the spirit of prophecy and of revelation—Written and sealed up, and hid up unto the Lord, that they might not be destroyed—To come forth by the gift and power of God unto the interpretation thereof—Sealed by the hand of Moroni, and hid up unto the Lord, **to come forth in due time by way of the Gentile**.

### **Latter-Day Saints Are Gentiles—Doctrine & Covenants 109:60**

Now these words, O Lord, we have spoken before thee, concerning the revelations and commandments which thou hast given unto us, **who are identified with the Gentiles**.

### **Ephraim’s Descendants Assimilate into the Gentiles—Hosea 7:8**

Ephraim hath **assimilated among the nations**; Ephraim is a cake unturned.

### **Ephraim’s Offspring “the Fulness of the Gentiles”—Genesis 48:19**

He [Manasseh] also shall become a people, and he also shall be great, but truly his younger brother [Ephraim] shall be greater than he, and **his offspring shall become the fulness of the Gentiles**.

### **To the Gentiles, Then the Jews—Doctrine & Covenants 19:26–27**

The Book of Mormon, which contains the truth and the word of God—Which is **my word to the Gentile, that soon it may go to the Jew**, of whom the Lamanites are a remnant, that they may believe the gospel, and look not for a Messiah to come who has already come.

### **First to the Gentiles, Then to the Jews—1 Nephi 13:42**

The time cometh that he shall manifest himself unto all nations, both unto the Jews and also unto the Gentiles; and after he has manifested himself unto the Jews and also unto the Gentiles, **then he shall manifest himself unto the Gentiles and also unto the Jews**, and the last shall be first, and the first shall be last.

### **From the Gentiles to the House of Israel—1 Nephi 15:13–14**

In the latter days, when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, . . . then shall the fulness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and **from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed**—And at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the house of Israel, and that they are the covenant people of the Lord.

### **Through “the Fulness of the Gentiles”—3 Nephi 16:4–5**

These sayings which ye shall write shall be kept and shall be **manifested unto the Gentiles, that through the fulness of the Gentiles**, the remnant of their seed, who shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth because of their unbelief, may be brought in, or may be brought to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer. And then will I gather them in **from the four quarters of the earth**; and then will I fulfil the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.

### **Kings and Queens of the Gentiles Restore the House of Israel—Isaiah 49:22–23; cf. 1 Nephi 21:22–23; 2 Nephi 6:6–7; 10:9**

Thus says my Lord Jehovah:

**I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles,**  
raise my ensign to the peoples;  
and they will bring your sons in their bosoms  
and carry your daughters on their shoulders.

**Kings shall be your foster fathers,  
queens your nursing mothers.**

## 3. Who Are the House of Israel?

**Description:** Why is it important to know whom the Book of Mormon identifies as the “house of Israel”? What role do Latter-day Saints have toward the house of Israel?

### **Israel Is Like a Tame Olive Tree—Jacob 5:1–3**

Do ye not remember to have read **the words of the prophet Zenos**, which he spake unto the house of Israel, saying: Hearken, O ye house of Israel, and hear the words of me, a prophet of the Lord. For behold, thus saith the Lord, **I will liken thee, O house of Israel, like unto a tame olive-tree.**

### **Natural Branches Are Grafted Back In—1 Nephi 10:12, 14**

My father spake much concerning the Gentiles, and also concerning **the house of Israel, that they should be compared like unto an olive-tree**, whose branches should be broken off and should be scattered upon all the face of the earth. . . . And after the house of Israel should be scattered they should be gathered together again; or, in fine, **after the Gentiles had received the fulness of the Gospel, the natural branches of the olive-tree, or the remnants of the house of Israel, should be grafted in, or come to the knowledge of the true Messiah**, their Lord and their Redeemer.

### **The Gentiles Nourish the House of Israel—1 Nephi 22:8–9**

After our seed is scattered the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which shall be **of great worth unto our seed**; wherefore, it is likened unto their being

**nourished by the Gentiles and being carried in their arms and upon their shoulders.** And it shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles; and not only unto the Gentiles but unto **all the house of Israel**, unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham, saying: In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

#### **The Lord Bares His Arm to All Nations—1 Nephi 22:11–12**

The Lord God will proceed to **make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations**, in bringing about his covenants and his gospel **unto those who are of the house of Israel**. Wherefore, he will bring them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the lands of their inheritance; and they shall be brought **out of obscurity and out of darkness**; and they shall know that the Lord is their Savior and their Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel.

#### **Isaiah Prophecies Concerning the House of Israel—2 Nephi 6:5**

There are many things which have been spoken by Isaiah which may be likened unto you, because **ye are of the house of Israel**.

#### **The House of Israel Believes and Gathers Home—2 Nephi 9:1–2**

I have read these things that ye might know concerning the covenants of the Lord that he has **covenanted with all the house of Israel**—That he has **spoken unto the Jews**, by the mouth of his holy prophets, even from the beginning down, from generation to generation, until the time comes that they shall be restored to the true church and fold of God; when they shall be **gathered home to the lands of their inheritance**, and shall be established in all their lands of promise.

#### **Three Main Branches of the House of Israel—2 Nephi 29:12**

I shall speak unto **the Jews** and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto **the Nephites** and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto **the other tribes of the house of Israel**, which I have led away, and they shall write it; and I shall also speak unto **all nations** of the earth and they shall write it.

#### **God Fulfills His Covenant with Abraham—3 Nephi 20:25**

Ye are the children of the prophets; and **ye are of the house of Israel**; and ye are of the covenant which the Father made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham: And **in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed**.

#### **The Saints' Ministry to the Jews—Doctrine & Covenants 98:16–17**

Seek diligently to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers, and the hearts of the fathers to the children; and again, **the hearts of the Jews unto the prophets, and the prophets unto the Jews**; lest I come and smite the whole earth with a curse, and all flesh be consumed before me.

## 4. Book of Mormon Keys to Isaiah

**Description:** Why is it important to apply the Book of Mormon's keys to understanding Isaiah? Have Latter-day Saints been confused because they haven't done this?

#### **Obtaining the Spirit of Prophecy—2 Nephi 25:4**

Hearken, O my people, which are of the house of Israel, and give ear unto my words; for **because the words of Isaiah are not plain unto you, nevertheless they are plain unto all those that are filled with the spirit of prophecy.**

#### **What Is the Spirit of Prophecy—Revelation 19:10**

The testimony of Jesus is **the spirit of prophecy.**

#### **Learning the Letter of Prophecy—2 Nephi 25:5**

Yea, and my soul delighteth in the words of Isaiah, for I came out from Jerusalem, and mine eyes hath beheld the things of the Jews, and I know that the Jews do understand the things of the prophets, and **there is none other people that understand the things which were spoken unto the Jews like unto them, save it be that they are taught after the manner of the things of the Jews.**

#### **Isaiah's Prophecies Are of Great Worth—2 Nephi 25:7–8**

In the days that the prophecies of Isaiah shall be fulfilled men shall know of a surety, at the times when they shall come to pass. Wherefore, they are of worth unto the children of men, and he that supposeth that they are not, unto them will I speak particularly, and confine the words unto mine own people; for **I know that they shall be of great worth unto them in the last days; for in that day shall they understand them;** wherefore, for their good have I written them.

#### **A Commandment to Search Isaiah's Words—3 Nephi 23:1–3**

I say unto you, that ye ought to search these things. Yea, **a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently;** for great are the words of Isaiah. For surely he spake as touching all things concerning my people which are of the house of Israel; therefore it must needs be that he must speak also to the Gentiles. And **all things that he spake have been and shall be, even according to the words which he spake.**

#### **Ancient History Repeats Itself in the Endtime—Ecclesiastes 1:9**

The thing that has been, **it is that which shall be; and that which has been done is what shall be done;** and there is no new thing under the sun.

## 5. What Are the Missing Covenants?

**Description:** Do Latter-day Saints realize that many plain and precious parts removed from the scriptures consist of the covenants God made with the house of Israel?

#### **The Gentiles Receive the Bible in its Purity—1 Nephi 13:24–25**

Thou hast beheld that the book proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew; and when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew **it contained the fulness of the gospel of the Lord,** of whom the twelve apostles bear record; and they bear record according to the truth which is in the Lamb of God. Wherefore, **these things go forth from the Jews in purity unto the Gentiles,** according to the truth which is in God. . . .

#### **Plain and Precious Parts Are Removed—1 Nephi 13:26–27**

And after they go forth by the hand of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, from the Jews unto the Gentiles, thou seest the formation of that great and abominable church, which is most abominable above all other churches; for behold, **they have taken away from the gospel of the Lamb many parts which are plain and most precious; and also many covenants of the Lord have they taken away.** And all this have they done that they might pervert the right ways of the Lord, that they might blind the eyes and harden the hearts of the children of men.

#### **The Lord's Covenant with Abraham—1 Nephi 15:18**

Our father hath not spoken of our seed alone, but also of all the house of Israel, pointing to the covenant which should be fulfilled in the latter days; **which covenant the Lord made to our father Abraham,** saying: In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

#### **The Lord God Makes Bare his Arm—1 Nephi 22:10–12**

I would, my brethren, that ye should know that **all the kindreds of the earth cannot be blessed unless he shall make bare his arm in the eyes of the nations.** Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, **in bringing about his covenants and his gospel unto those who are of the house of Israel.** Wherefore, he will bring them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the lands of their inheritance; and they shall be brought out of obscurity and out of darkness.

#### **The Endtime Gentiles Reject the Gospel—3 Nephi 16:10–11**

If they [the Gentiles] shall do all those things, and **shall reject the fulness of my gospel,** behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fulness of my gospel from among them. And then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and **I will bring my gospel unto them.**

#### **The House of Israel Believes and Gathers—2 Nephi 10:7–9**

When the day cometh that **they shall believe in me,** that I am Christ, then have I **covenanted with their fathers** that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance. And it shall come to pass that they shall be **gathered in from their long dispersion, from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth;** and the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance. Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers.

#### **The “Fulness of the Gentiles” Ministers to Israel—3 Nephi 16:4–5**

These sayings which ye shall write shall be kept and shall be manifested unto the Gentiles, that **through the fulness of the Gentiles,** the remnant of their seed, who shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth because of their unbelief, may be brought in, or may be brought to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer. And then will I **gather them in from the four quarters of the earth;** and then will I **fulfill the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.**

#### **Deliverance and Destruction Occur Together—1 Nephi 14:17**

When the day cometh **that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots,** which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose founder is the devil, then, at that day,

the work of the Father shall commence, in **preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenants**, which he hath made to his people who are of **the house of Israel**.

### **Opposition to the Lord's Fulfilling His Covenant—3 Nephi 29:9**

Ye need not suppose that ye can turn the right hand of the Lord unto the left, that he may not execute judgment **unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the house of Israel**.

### **The New Jerusalem, a Land of Inheritance—3 Nephi 20:22**

This people will I establish in this land, **unto the fulfilling of the covenant** which I made with your father Jacob; and **it shall be a New Jerusalem**. And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea, even I will be in the midst of you.

### **The Old Jerusalem, a Land of Inheritance—3 Nephi 20:29**

And I will **remember the covenant which I have made with my people**; and I have covenanted with them that I would gather them together in mine own due time, that I would give unto them again the land of their fathers for their inheritance, which is **the land of Jerusalem, which is the promised land unto them forever**, saith the Father.

### **The Lord's Covenants Are a Delight to the Soul—2 Nephi 11:5**

**My soul delighteth in the covenants of the Lord** which he hath made to our fathers; yea, my soul delighteth in his grace, and in his justice, and power, and mercy in the great and eternal plan of deliverance from death.

## 6. We Ephraimite Kings and Queens

**Description:** What does it mean for Latter-day Saints to serve as kings and queens? Who are the spiritual kings and queens of the Gentiles who restore the house of Israel?

### **The Gentiles' Kings and Queens Nurture Israel—2 Nephi 6:4, 6–7**

I will read you the words of Isaiah. And they are the words which my brother has desired that I should speak unto you. . . . **I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people**; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And **kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers**; they shall bow down to thee with their faces towards the earth, and **lick up the dust of thy feet**.

### **The Gentiles' Kings and Queens Nurture and Gather Israel—Isaiah 49:22–23; cf. 1 Nephi 21:22–23; 2 Nephi 6:6–7; 10:9**

Thus says my Lord Jehovah:

I will **lift up my hand to the Gentiles**,  
raise my ensign to the peoples;  
and they will bring your sons in their bosoms  
and carry your daughters on their shoulders.

**Kings shall be your foster fathers,  
queens your nursing mothers.**

They will bow down before you,  
their faces to the ground;  
**they will lick the dust of your feet.**

### **Gentiles Unite with the Abominable Church—2 Nephi 6:12–13**

Blessed are the Gentiles, they of whom the prophet has written; for behold, **if it so be that they shall repent and fight not against Zion, and do not unite themselves to that great and abominable church**, they shall be saved; for the Lord God will fulfil his covenants which he has made unto his children; and for this cause the prophet has written these things. Wherefore, they that fight against Zion and the covenant people of the Lord shall **lick up the dust of their feet**.

### **A Marvelous Work Among the Gentiles—1 Nephi 22:8–9**

And after our seed is scattered the Lord God will proceed to **do a marvelous work among the Gentiles**, which shall be of great worth unto our seed; wherefore, **it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles and being carried in their arms and upon their shoulders**. And it shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles; and not only unto the Gentiles but unto all the house of Israel, **unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven** unto Abraham, saying: In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

### **The House of Israel Gathers from the Four Parts of the Earth—1 Nephi 19:15–17; cf. Isaiah 11:10–12.**

When that day cometh, saith the prophet, that they no more turn aside their hearts against the Holy One of Israel, **then will he remember the covenants which he made to their fathers**. Yea, then will he remember the isles of the sea; yea, and all the people who are of **the house of Israel, will I gather in**, saith the Lord, according to the words of the prophet Zenos, **from the four quarters of the earth**. Yea, and all the earth shall see the salvation of the Lord, saith the prophet; every nation, kindred, tongue and people shall be blessed.

### **The Tribe of Joseph Is the Birthright Tribe—1 Chronicles 5:2**

Judah prevailed above his brethren, and **of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's**.

### **Endtime Kings from the House of David—Jeremiah 17:25**

There shall enter into the gates of this city **kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David**, riding in chariots and on horses.

### **God Promises Kings from Jacob's Lineage—Genesis 35:10–11**

God said to him, Your name shall not be called Jacob anymore but Israel will be your name. **And he called his name Israel**. And God said to him, I am God Almighty, be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations will come from you and **kings will come out of your loins**.

### **The House of Israel Believes and Gathers—2 Nephi 10:7–9**

When the day cometh that **they shall believe in me, that I am Christ**, then have I covenanted with their fathers that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance. And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion, from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth; and the nations of the Gentiles shall



be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance. Yea, **the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers**; wherefore, the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles.

#### **Endtime Kings Restore the House of Israel—Isaiah 60:3–4**

Nations will come to your light,

**their kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Lift up your eyes and look about you!

They have all assembled to come to you:

**your sons shall arrive from afar;**

**your daughters shall return to your side.**

#### **Saviors or Savorless Salt—Doctrine & Covenants 103:9–10**

They were set to be a light unto the world, and to be the saviors of men; And **inasmuch as they are not the saviors of men, they are as salt that has lost its savor**, and is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.

## 7. Isaiah: Key to the Book of Mormon

**Description:** How does understanding the words of Isaiah help Latter-day Saints understand the Book of Mormon? Have we missed many central truths by not doing so?

#### **The Book of Isaiah Is an Endtime Prophecy—Isaiah 30:8**

Go now, write on tablets concerning them;

**record it in a book for the endtime,**

as a testimony forever.

#### **Jehovah’s Endtime People Apostatize—Isaiah 1:4**

Alas, **a nation astray,**

a people weighed down by sin,

the offspring of wrongdoers,

**perverse children:**

they have forsaken Jehovah,

they have spurned the Holy One of Israel,

**they have lapsed into apostasy.**

#### **Jehovah’s Endtime People Resemble Sodom—Isaiah 3:9**

The look on their faces betrays them:

**they flaunt their sin like Sodom;**

they cannot hide it.

Woe to their souls;

they have brought disaster upon themselves!

#### **Jehovah’s Endtime People Nullify His Covenant—Isaiah 24:5–6**

The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants:

**they have transgressed the laws,**

changed the ordinances,  
set at nought the ancient covenant.  
**The curse devours the earth,**  
for those who dwell on it have incurred guilt;  
because of it the population of the earth  
shall be diminished and little of mankind remain.

**The King of Assyria Punishes Jehovah's People—Isaiah 10:5–7**

Hail the Assyrian, the rod of my anger!  
He is a staff—my wrath in their hand.  
**I will commission him against a godless nation,**  
appoint him over the people deserving] of my vengeance,  
to pillage for plunder, to spoliage for spoil,  
to tread underfoot like mud in the streets.  
Nevertheless, it shall not seem so to him;  
this shall not be what he has in mind.  
**His purpose shall be to annihilate  
and to exterminate nations not a few.**

**Foreign Armies Invade their Promised Land—Isaiah 13:4–6**

Hark! A tumult on the mountains, as of a vast multitude.  
Hark! An uproar among kingdoms, as of nations assembling:  
**Jehovah of Hosts is marshaling an army for war.**  
They come from a distant land beyond the horizon—  
Jehovah and the instruments of his wrath—  
**to cause destruction throughout the earth.**  
Lament, for the Day of Jehovah is near;  
it shall come as a violent blow from the Almighty.

**A Remnant of Jehovah's People Exits Babylon**

—Isaiah 48:20–21; cf. 1 Nephi 20:20–21

**Go forth out of Babylon, flee from Chaldea!**

Make this announcement with resounding voice;  
broadcast it to the end of the earth.  
Say, Jehovah has redeemed his servant Jacob.  
**They thirsted not when he led them through arid places:**  
he caused water to flow for them from the rock;  
he cleaved the rock and water gushed out.

**They Return from the Four Directions—Isaiah 43:5–7**

**I will bring your offspring from the east**  
and gather you **from the west;**  
I will say to **the north,** Give up!  
to **the south,** Withhold not!  
Bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

all who are called by my name,  
whom I have formed, molded and wrought for my own glory.

### **The Ransomed Return to Zion—Isaiah 51:11; cf. 2 Nephi 8:11**

Let the ransomed of Jehovah return!

**Let them come singing to Zion,**  
their heads crowned with everlasting joy;  
let them obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing flee away.

### **No Elements Can Prevent Their Return Home—Isaiah 43:2**

When you **cross the waters**, I will be with you;

[when you traverse] the rivers,  
you shall not be overwhelmed.

Though you **walk through the fire**,  
you shall not be burned;  
its flame shall not consume you.

## 8. How Will History Repeat Itself?

**Description:** Why does the Book of Mormon include only select portions of Nephite history and exclude so much else? What impact did Isaiah have on Nephite prophets?

### **Book of Mormon History Was Selectively Written—Jacob 3:13**

**A hundredth part of the proceedings of this people**, which now began to be numerous, **cannot be written upon these plates**; but many of their proceedings are written upon the larger plates, and their wars, and their contentions, and the reigns of their kings.

### **Less Than a Hundredth Part Written—Words of Mormon 1:5**

I chose these things, to finish my record upon them, which remainder of my record I shall take from the plates of Nephi; and **I cannot write the hundredth part** of the things of my people.

### **Less Than a Hundredth Part Written—Ether 15:33**

The hundredth part I have **not written**.

### **Less Than a Hundredth Part Mentioned Seven Times**

Jacob 3:13; Words of Mormon 1:5; Helaman 3:14; 3 Nephi 5:8; 3 Nephi 26:6–7; Mormon 8:35–36; Ether 15:33.

### **Ancient History Is a Type of the Endtime—3 Nephi 23:1–3**

Great are the words of Isaiah. For surely **he spake as touching all things** concerning my people which are of the house of Israel; therefore it must needs be that he must speak also to the Gentiles. And **all things that he spake have been and shall be**, even according to the words which he spake.

### **Ancient History Repeats Itself—Ecclesiastes 1:9**

The thing that has been, it is **that which shall be; and that which has been done is what shall be done**: and there is no new thing under the sun.

#### **An Exodus Pattern in the Book of Mormon:**

Lehi to the new world; Nephi to the land of Nephi; King Mosiah to Zarahemla; Alma the elder to the land of Helam; Alma the elder to Zarahemla; King Limhi to Zarahemla; Anti-Nephi-Lehi's to Zarahemla; Jaredites to the new world.

#### **A War Pattern in the Book of Mormon:**

Alma the younger—Alma 2; Captain Moroni—Alma 43–44, 46, 48–55 59–62; Helaman—Alma 56–58; Moronihah—Alma 63; Helaman 1, 4. Cf. Isaiah 2–14 in 2 Nephi 12–24.

#### **Jesus' Appearance in the Book of Mormon:**

(1) Wickedness and great and terrible destructions—3 Nephi 8; (2) Jesus' descent—3 Nephi 9–11; (3) Jesus' teaching the people—3 Nephi 12–28; (4) (See below.)

#### **The Type of a Millennial People of God—4 Nephi 1:16**

There **could not be a happier people** among all the people who had been created by the hand of God.

## 9. Who or What Is the Lord's Arm?

**Description:** Why does Isaiah use the metaphor of God's "arm" to identify a person"? Does God have one or two arms? What are the key endtime roles of God's arms?

#### **Nephi Is Forbidden to Say More—1 Nephi 14:28**

Behold, **I, Nephi, am forbidden** that I should write the remainder of the things which I saw and heard.

#### **God Makes Bare His Arm—1 Nephi 22:10–12; cf. Isaiah 52:10**

I would, my brethren, that ye should know that all the kindreds of the earth cannot be blessed **unless he shall make bare his arm in the eyes of the nations**. Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to **make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations**, in bringing about his covenants and his gospel unto those who are of the house of Israel. Wherefore, he will **bring them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the lands of their inheritance**.

#### **The Two Arms of God—2 Nephi 8:5; cf. Isaiah 51:5**

**My righteousness** is near; **my salvation** is gone forth, and mine **arm** shall judge the people. The isles shall wait upon me, and on mine **arm** shall they trust.

#### **The Two Arms of God—Isaiah 51:5; cf. 2 Nephi 8:5.**

**My righteousness** shall be at hand  
and my **salvation** proceed;  
**my arms** shall judge the peoples—  
the isles anticipate me, awaiting my **arm**.

**Jehovah Is His People's Arm of Salvation—Isaiah 33:2**  
Be our arm from morning to morning,  
our salvation in troubled times.

**God's Servant Is His Arm of Righteousness—Isaiah 59:16**  
his own **arm** brought about **salvation** for him;  
his **righteousness** rallied to his cause.

**The Person Righteousness Is Empowered of God—Isaiah 41:2**  
Who has raised up **Righteousness from the east,**  
**calling him to [the place of] his foot?**  
Who has delivered nations to him,  
toppled their rulers,  
rendering them as dust to his sword,  
as driven stubble to his bow?

**God Gives His Servant Power over Babylon**  
—Isaiah 48:14–15; cf. 1 Nephi 20:14–15  
All of you, assemble and hear:  
Who among you foretold these things?  
It is him Jehovah loves,  
**who shall perform his will in Babylon;**  
**his arm shall be against the Chaldeans.**  
I myself have spoken it, and also called him;  
**I have brought him, and I will prosper his way.**

**God Empowers His Arm to Lead the New Exodus**  
—Isaiah 51:9–11; cf. 2 Nephi 8:9–11; Ezekiel 29:3.  
Awake, arise; **clothe yourself with power,**  
**O arm of Jehovah!**  
Bestir yourself, as in ancient times,  
as in generations of old.  
Was it not you who carved up Rahab,  
you who slew the dragon?  
**Was it not you who dried up the Sea, . . .**

**God Empowers His Arm to Lead the New Exodus, Cont.**  
—Isaiah 51:9–11; cf. 2 Nephi 8:9–11; Ezekiel 29:3.  
the waters of the mighty deep,  
and made of ocean depths a way  
by which the redeemed might pass?  
Let the ransomed of Jehovah return!  
**Let them come singing to Zion,**  
their heads crowned with everlasting joy;  
let them obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing flee away.

### **Baring of the Lord's Arm Is an Endtime Event**

—3 Nephi 16:17–20; cf. Isaiah 52:8–10

Then the words of the prophet Isaiah shall be fulfilled, which say: **Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice**; with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. **The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations**; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God.

### **The Jews Believe in Jesus Their Messiah—3 Nephi 20:30–35**

It shall come to pass that the time cometh, when the fulness of my gospel shall be preached unto them; And **they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God**, and shall pray unto the Father in my name. Then shall **their watchmen lift up their voice**, and with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye. Then will the Father gather them together again, and give unto them Jerusalem for the land of their inheritance. Then shall they break forth into joy—Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Father hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. **The Father hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Father**; and the Father and I are one. . . .

### **God Empowers Zion—3 Nephi 20:36–37; cf. Isaiah 52:1–2**

And then shall be brought to pass that which is written: **Awake, awake again, and put on thy strength, O Zion**; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city, for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

## 10. Is a Great Division Prophesied?

**Description:** Do the scriptures predict an endtime division among all people, including the Latter-day Saints? How should we prepare ourselves to choose the right?

### **An Endtime Great Division—2 Nephi 30:8–10; cf. Isaiah 11:4**

It shall come to pass that the Lord God shall commence his work among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, **to bring about the restoration of his people upon the earth**. And with righteousness shall the Lord God judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. For the time speedily cometh that **the Lord God shall cause a great division among the people, and the wicked will he destroy; and he will spare his people**, yea, even if it so be that he must destroy the wicked by fire.

### **An Endtime Separation—1 Nephi 14:7; cf. Isaiah 29:13–14**

For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work **a great and a marvelous work among the children of men; a work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other**—either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal, or unto the deliverance

of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being brought down into captivity, and also into destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil.

#### **Gentiles Fight against Zion—2 Nephi 6:12–13; cf. Isaiah 29:7–8**

Blessed are the Gentiles, they of whom the prophet has written; for behold, **if it so be that they shall repent and fight not against Zion, and do not unite themselves to that great and abominable church**, they shall be saved; for the Lord God will fulfil his covenants which he has made unto his children; and for this cause the prophet has written these things. Wherefore, they that fight against Zion and the covenant people of the Lord shall lick up the dust of their feet.

#### **The Church of God and Church of the Devil—1 Nephi 14:10**

And he said unto me: Behold **there are save two churches only**; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil; wherefore, whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church, which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth.

#### **God Endows His People with Power—1 Nephi 14:14–15**

And it came to pass that **I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord**, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory. And it came to pass that I beheld that the wrath of God was poured out upon that great and abominable church.

#### **Saviors or Savorless Salt?—Doctrine & Covenants 103:9–10**

They were set to be a light unto the world, and to be the saviors of men; And **inasmuch as they are not the saviors of men, they are as salt that has lost its savor**, and is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.

#### **Wilful Rebellion a Type of Our Day—4 Nephi 1:34–35, 38**

The people **did harden their hearts** . . . and they did smite upon the people of Jesus; but the people of Jesus did not smite again. And thus they did dwindle in unbelief and wickedness, from year to year, even until two hundred and thirty years had passed away. And now it came to pass in this year, yea, in the two hundred and thirty and first year, there was **a great division among the people**. . . . And it came to pass that they who rejected the gospel . . . did not dwindle in unbelief, but **they did wilfully rebel against the gospel of Christ**.

## 11. How Isaiah's Prophecies Work

**Description:** Should Latter-day Saints apply Isaiah's definitions when interpreting his words or their own? Are Isaiah's main themes a key to Book of Mormon prophecy?

#### **A Religion Influenced by Precepts of Men—Isaiah 29:13–14; cf. 1 Nephi 14:7; 22:8; 2 Nephi 25:17; 27:25–26; 29:1; 3 Nephi 21:9**

My Lord says, Because these people approach me with the mouth  
and pay me homage with their lips,

while their heart remains far from me—  
their piety toward me consisting of  
commandments of men learned by rote—  
**therefore it is that I shall again astound these people  
with wonder upon wonder,**  
rendering void the knowledge of their sages  
and the intelligence of their wise men insignificant.

**Many Gentiles Fight against Zion—Isaiah 29:7–8;  
cf. 1 Nephi 22:14, 19; 2 Nephi 6:12–13; 10:13, 16; 27:3**

And the nations amassed to fight against Ariel,  
all who congregate at her stronghold to distress her,  
shall be as a dream seen in the night:  
like a hungry man who dreams he eats  
but awakens famished,  
or like a thirsty man who dreams he drinks  
but wakes up faint and craving.  
**So shall be all the nations that amass to fight against Mount Zion.**

**The Lord Bares His Arm to All Nations—Isaiah 52:8–10;  
cf. 1 Nephi 22:10–11; 3 Nephi 16:18–20; 20:32, 34–35**

**Hark! Your watchmen lift up their voice;**  
as one they cry out for joy: for they shall see eye to eye  
when Jehovah reestablishes Zion.

**Jehovah has bared his holy arm** in the eyes of all nations,  
that all ends of the earth may see our God's salvation.  
Break out all together into song,  
you ruined places of Jerusalem:  
Jehovah has comforted his people;  
**he has redeemed Jerusalem.**

**Gentile Kings and Queens Nurture Israel—Isaiah 49:22–23;  
cf. 1 Nephi 21:22–23; 2 Nephi 6:6–7; 10:9**

Thus says my Lord Jehovah:  
I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles,  
raise my ensign to the peoples;  
and **they will bring your sons in their bosoms  
and carry your daughters on their shoulders.**  
Kings shall be your foster fathers,  
queens your nursing mothers.

**An Endtime Exodus from Throughout the Earth  
—Isaiah 11:10–11, 16; cf. 2 Nephi 21:10–12, 16; 25:17; 29:1**

In that day the sprig of Jesse,  
**who stands for an ensign to the peoples,**  
shall be sought by the nations,



and his rest shall be glorious.

**In that day my Lord will again raise his hand  
to reclaim the remnant of his people—**

those who shall be left out of Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush,  
Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the islands of the sea. . . .

**An Endtime Exodus from Throughout the Earth, Cont.**

—Isaiah 11:10–11, 16; cf. 2 Nephi 21:10–12, 16; 25:17; 29:1

He will raise the **ensign** to the nations

and assemble the exiled of Israel;

he will gather the scattered of Judah

**from the four directions of the earth. . . .**

And there shall be a pathway out of Assyria

for the remnant of his people who shall be left,

as there was for Israel when it came up from the land of Egypt.

**Jehovah’s Endtime Servant Is Marred or Disfigured**

—Isaiah 52:13–15; cf. 3 Nephi 21:8, 10

**My servant, being astute, shall be highly exalted;**

he shall become exceedingly eminent:

just as he appalled many—

**his appearance was marred beyond human likeness,**

his semblance unlike that of men—

So shall he yet astound many nations,

**kings shutting their mouths at him—**

what was not told them, they shall see;

what they had not heard, they shall consider.

## 12. The Atonement of Jesus Christ

**Description:** How do the scriptures identify Jesus Christ as Israel’s God Jehovah? Do Latter-day Saints understand the interplay between God’s divine justice and mercy?

**Jesus Christ Is “God Himself” Come to Earth—Mosiah 15:1**

Abinadi said unto them: I would that ye should understand that **God himself shall come down among the children of men**, and shall redeem his people.

**“God Himself” Atones for the Sins if the World—Alma 42:14–15**

All mankind were fallen, and **they were in the grasp of justice**; yea, the justice of God, which consigned them forever to be cut off from his presence. And now, the plan of **mercy could not be brought about except an atonement should be made; therefore God himself atoneth for the sins of the world, to bring about the plan of mercy**, to appease the demands of justice, that God might be a perfect, just God, and a merciful God also.

**The Interplay between Justice and Mercy—2 Nephi 9:5–7**

It behooveth the great Creator that he suffereth himself to become subject unto man in the flesh, and **die for all men**, that all men might become subject unto him. For as death hath passed upon all men, to fulfil **the merciful plan of the great Creator**, there must needs be a power of resurrection, and the resurrection must needs come unto man by reason of the fall; and the fall came by reason of transgression; and **because man became fallen they were cut off from the presence of the Lord**. Wherefore, **it must needs be an infinite atonement**—save it should be an infinite atonement this corruption could not put on incorruption. Wherefore, the first judgment which came upon man must needs have remained to an endless duration. And if so, **this flesh must have laid down to rot and to crumble to its mother earth, to rise no more**.

#### **Only the Truly Penitent Are Saved—Alma 42:23–24**

Mercy claimeth the penitent, and **mercy cometh because of the atonement**; and the atonement bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead; and the resurrection of the dead bringeth back men into the presence of God; and thus they are restored into his presence, **to be judged according to their works, according to the law and justice**. For behold, justice exerciseth all his demands, and also mercy claimeth all which is her own; and thus, **none but the truly penitent are saved**.

#### **Those Who Inherit the Kingdom of God—2 Nephi 9:18–19**

Behold, the righteous, the saints of the Holy One of Israel, they who have believed in the Holy One of Israel, **they who have endured the crosses of the world, and despised the shame of it, they shall inherit the kingdom of God**, which was prepared for them from the foundation of the world, and their joy shall be full forever. O the greatness of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel! For he delivereth his saints from **that awful monster the devil, and death, and hell, and that lake of fire and brimstone**, which is endless torment.

#### **Jehovah Grants a Remission of Sins—Isaiah 43:24–25**

You have burdened me with your sins,  
wearied me with your iniquities.  
But **it is I myself, and for my own sake,**  
**who blot out your offenses,**  
**remembering your sins no more.**

#### **Jehovah Forgives His People's Offenses—Isaiah 44:22**

I have **removed your offenses like a thick fog,**  
your sins like a cloud of mist.  
Return to me; I have redeemed you.

#### **Jehovah Dies for His People—Isaiah 53:7–8; cf. Mosiah 14:7–8**

**Like a lamb led to slaughter,**  
like a sheep, dumb before its shearers,  
he opened not his mouth.  
By arrest and trial he was taken away.  
Who can apprise his generation  
that **he was cut off from the land of the living**  
for the crime of my people,  
to whom the blow was due?

**Jehovah Pays the Price of Peace—Isaiah 53:5; cf. Mosiah 14:5**

He was pierced for our transgressions,  
crushed because of our iniquities;  
**the price of our peace he incurred,**  
**and with his wounds we are healed.**

**Jehovah Brings about His People’s Peace—Isaiah 26:12**

O Jehovah, **you bring about our peace;**  
even all that we have accomplished  
you have done for us.

**Jehovah Heals Egypt and Its Covenanters—Isaiah 19:22**

Jehovah will smite Egypt, and by smiting **heal it:** they will turn back to Jehovah, and he will respond to their pleas and **heal them.**

**Jehovah Heals His Servant—Isaiah 57:19; cf. 3 Nephi 21:10**

**Peace,** wellbeing, to those far off  
and to those who are near,  
says Jehovah who **heals** him.

**The Role of a Proxy Savior—Isaiah 53:12; cf. Mosiah 14:12**

He **poured out his soul unto death,**  
and was numbered with criminals—  
he bore the sins of many,  
and **made intercession for the transgressors.**

### 13. Why “the Most Correct Book”?

**Description:** How accurately does the Book of Mormon agree with the Bible from a literary, prophetic, and theological standpoint? Have we examined the evidence?

**The Lord’s Great and Marvelous Work Divides the World  
—1 Nephi 14:7; cf. Isaiah 29:14**

The time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work **a great and a marvelous work among the children of men;** a work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other—either to the **convincing of them unto peace and life eternal,** or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their **being brought down into captivity, and also into destruction.**

**The Gentiles Restore Israel—1 Nephi 22:8; cf. Isaiah 49:22–23**

After our seed is scattered the Lord God will proceed to **do a marvelous work among the Gentiles,** which shall be of great worth unto our seed; wherefore, it is likened unto their **being nourished by the Gentiles and being carried in their arms and upon their shoulders.**

**The Sons of Mosiah Restore the Lamanites—Alma 26:15**

They were encircled about with everlasting darkness and destruction; but behold, he has brought them into his everlasting light, yea, into everlasting salvation; and they are encircled about with the matchless bounty of his love; yea, and **we have been instruments in his hands of doing this great and marvelous work.**

#### **The Nephites' Great and Marvelous Destruction—Mormon 8:7**

The Lamanites have hunted my people, the Nephites, down from city to city and from place to place, even until they are no more; and great has been their fall; yea, **great and marvelous is the destruction of my people, the Nephites.**

#### **Believers Depart into the Wilderness—2 Nephi 5:5–7**

It came to pass that **the Lord did warn me, that I, Nephi, should depart from them and flee into the wilderness**, and all those who would go with me. Wherefore, it came to pass that I, Nephi, did take my family, and also Zoram and his family, and Sam, mine elder brother and his family, and Jacob and Joseph, my younger brethren, and also my sisters, and all those who would go with me. And **all those who would go with me were those who believed in the warnings and the revelations of God**; wherefore, they did hearken unto my words. And we did take our tents and whatsoever things were possible for us, and did journey in the wilderness for the space of many days.

#### **Those Who Heed the Lord's Voice Flee into the Wilderness—Omni 1:12–13; cf. Doctrine & Covenants 103:15–20**

I will speak unto you somewhat concerning Mosiah, who was made king over the land of Zarahemla; for behold, he **being warned of the Lord that he should flee out of the land of Nephi**, and as many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord should also depart out of the land with him, into the wilderness—And it came to pass that he did according as the Lord had commanded him. And they departed out of the land into the wilderness, **as many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord**; and they were led by many preachings and prophesyings. And they were admonished continually by the word of God; and **they were led by the power of his arm, through the wilderness.**

#### **Moroni Champions the Cause of Freedom—Alma 46:11–13**

It came to pass that when Moroni, who was the chief commander of the armies of the Nephites, had heard of these dissensions, he was angry with Amalickiah. And it came to pass that he rent his coat; and he took a piece thereof, and wrote upon it—**In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children**—and he fastened it upon the end of a pole. And he fastened on his head—plate, and his breastplate, and his shields, and girded on his armor about his loins; and he took the pole, which had on the end thereof his rent coat, (and **he called it the title of liberty**) and he bowed himself to the earth, and he prayed mightily unto his God for the blessings of liberty to rest upon his brethren.

#### **The Nephites Enter into a Covenant—Alma 46:20–21**

Whosoever will maintain this title upon the land, **let them come forth in the strength of the Lord, and enter into a covenant that they will maintain their rights, and their religion**, that the Lord God may bless them. And it came to pass that when Moroni had proclaimed these words, behold, the people came running together with their armor girded about their loins,

**rending their garments in token, or as a covenant**, that they would not forsake the Lord their God; or, in other words, if they should transgress the commandments of God, or fall into transgression, and be ashamed to take upon them the name of Christ, the Lord should rend them even as they had rent their garments.

### **Book of Mormon Structures**

- a—Jesus fulfills the Father’s commandment concerning the house of Israel (20:10b)
  - b—The prophecies of Isaiah will be fulfilled (20:11)
  - c—The Father’s covenant with the house of Israel is fulfilled by their gathering from throughout the earth, their knowing the Lord their God, and their receiving a land of inheritance (20:12–14)
  - d—The Gentiles do not repent after receiving the Lord’s blessing (20:15)
  - e—The house of Israel treads down the Gentiles (20:16–20)
    - f—The house of Israel is established in fulfillment of the Lord’s covenant with Jacob; the New Jerusalem; the powers of heaven and the Lord abide in their midst (20:21–22)
    - g—Moses testifies of Jesus Christ (20:23a–c)
      - h—All who will not hear the words of Christ will be cut off from among the Lord’s people (20:23d; cf. Deut. 18:15–19)
    - g—The prophets from Samuel testify of Jesus Christ (20:24)
    - f—The Gentiles receive the Holy Ghost in fulfillment of the Father’s covenant with Abraham after the house of Israel defaults; they are mighty above all (20:25–27c)
    - e—The Gentiles scatter the house of Israel (20:27d–28a)
    - d—The Gentiles harden their hearts after receiving the fulness of the gospel (20:28b)
    - c—The Lord’s covenant with his people is fulfilled by their gathering together, their receiving a land of inheritance, and their believing in Jesus Christ (20:29–31)
    - b—The prophecies of Isaiah will be fulfilled (20:32–45; cf. Isa. 52:1–15)
  - a—Jesus reiterates the Father’s commandment to him about his people (20:46)
  
- a—The dispersed house of Israel gathers together and is established in Zion (21:1)
  - b—The Book of Mormon comes forth from the Gentiles to the house of Israel (21:2–3)
  - c—The Gentiles are established in America as a free people—after the house of Israel defaults—by the power of the Father (21:4–6a)
  - d—Some Gentiles, who do not harden their hearts, repent and come unto Christ; they are numbered among the house of Israel (21:6b)
  - e—The Father fulfills his covenant with the house of Israel (21:7)
    - f—The kings of the Gentiles shut their mouths when new things are preached to them (21:8; cf. Isa. 52:15)
    - g—The Father does a great and marvelous work among the Gentiles (21:9a)
      - h—Many among the Gentiles do not believe the great and marvelous work when it is declared to them (21:9b)
    - g—The Lord heals his servant after he is marred by the Gentiles (21:10)
    - f—The Lord’s servant brings forth the words of Christ to the Gentiles by the Father’s power (21:11a–c)
  - e—The Gentiles are cut off from the Lord’s covenant with the house of Israel and are trodden down by them (21:11d–21)
  - d—Some Gentiles, who do not harden their hearts, repent and hearken to the words of Christ; they are numbered among the house of Israel (21:22)
  - c—The house of Israel is established; they gather to the New Jerusalem; the power of heaven and the Lord abide in their midst (21:23–25)
  - b—The gospel comes forth from the Gentiles to the house of Israel (21:26a)
  - a—The Lord’s dispersed people gather home to the land of their inheritance (21:26b–29)

## Book of Mormon Covenants

In the Covenant of Grant, upon a vassal king's demonstrating exceeding loyalty toward his emperor or overlord, also called the "great king," the emperor may bestow on him the unconditional right of an enduring dynasty to rule over a city-state of the emperor's empire. That city-state, in effect, constitutes a Promised Land granted to a vassal.

The establishment of a father-son relationship between the emperor and the vassal—by a formula declaring the emperor's adoption of the vassal—creates a legal basis for the emperor's bestowal of an enduring dynasty on the vassal. In treaty language, the vassal is thus known both as "son" of the emperor and as his "servant."

Bound by the terms of the covenant, the emperor guarantees to protect the vassal or his ruling descendants by undertaking to annihilate a "common enemy," provided the current ruler proves loyal to the emperor, doesn't recognize another as emperor, and reports any evil word against the emperor.

The emperor protects the people of the vassal on account of the emperor's agreement with the vassal. On occasion, however, the emperor may contract an agreement directly with the people of the vassal. In that case, the separate agreement between the emperor and the people complements the emperor's primary agreement with the vassal.

In the Covenant of Grant, formal curses are directed against those who violate the rights of the vassal or his ruling descendants. If a vassal himself proves disloyal, the emperor disciplines the vassal, often replacing him with an heir of the dynasty who is loyal to the emperor. (See *The Literary Message of Isaiah*, 41–42.)

### 14. The Davidic Covenant in Action

**Description:** Have Latter-day Saints observed how God's covenants operate in the Book of Mormon and Book of Isaiah? Why is the Davidic Covenant so important?

#### **Nephi Performs the Functions of a King—2 Nephi 6:2**

I, Jacob, having been called of God, and ordained after the manner of his holy order, and having been consecrated by my brother Nephi, **unto whom ye look as a king or a protector, and on whom ye depend for safety.**

#### **Nephi Intercedes for His People—2 Nephi 33:3–4**

**I pray continually for them by day, and mine eyes water my pillow by night, because of them; and I cry unto my God in faith, and I know that he will hear my cry. And I know that the Lord God will consecrate my prayers for the gain of my people.**

#### **King Hezekiah Intercedes for His People—Isaiah 37:18–20**

O Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have indeed destroyed all peoples and their lands, committing their gods to the fire. For they were no gods, but mere works of men's hands, of wood and of

stone, and so they could destroy them. But now, O Jehovah our God, **deliver us out of his hand, that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone are Jehovah.**

#### **King Hezekiah Pays a Price of Suffering—Isaiah 38:1–6**

In those days **Hezekiah became gravely ill.** And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him and said, Thus says Jehovah: Put your house in order. You will die; you will not recover. At this Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed to Jehovah: **I beseech you to remember, O Jehovah, how I have walked before you faithfully and with full purpose of heart and have done what is good in your eyes.** And Hezekiah wept disconsolately. Then the word of Jehovah came to Isaiah: Go and tell Hezekiah, **Thus says Jehovah, the God of your father David: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears.** I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; **I will protect this city.**

#### **Protection under the Davidic Covenant—Isaiah 37:35–36**

**I will protect this city and save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.** Then the angel of Jehovah went out and slew a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. And when men arose in the morning, there lay all their dead bodies!

#### **Kings an Optimal Form of Government—Mosiah 29:13**

**If it were possible that you could have just men to be your kings,** who would establish the laws of God, and judge this people according to his commandments, yea, if ye could have men for your kings who would do even as my father Benjamin did for this people—I say unto you, if this could always be the case then **it would be expedient that ye should always have kings to rule over you.**

#### **Ammon Could Not Be Killed—Alma 19:22–23**

One of them, whose brother had been slain with the sword of Ammon, being exceedingly angry with Ammon, drew his sword and went forth that he might let it fall upon Ammon, to slay him; and as he lifted the sword to smite him, behold, he fell dead. **Now we see that Ammon could not be slain,** for the Lord had said unto Mosiah, his father: I will spare him, and it shall be unto him according to thy faith—therefore, Mosiah trusted him unto the Lord.

#### **Helaman's Father-Sons Relationship—Alma 56:45–48**

Never had I seen so great courage, nay, not amongst all the Nephites. For **as I had ever called them my sons (for they were all of them very young) even so they said unto me: Father, behold our God is with us, and he will not suffer that we should fall;** then let us go forth; we would not slay our brethren if they would let us alone; therefore let us go, lest they should overpower the army of Antipus. Now they never had fought, yet they did not fear death; and they did think more upon the liberty of their fathers than they did upon their lives; yea, **they had been taught by their mothers, that if they did not doubt, God would deliver them.** And they rehearsed unto me the words of their mothers, saying: We do not doubt our mothers knew it.

#### **Stripling Warriors Keep Helaman's Law—Alma 57:21**

**They did obey and observe to perform every word of command with exactness;** yea, and even according to their faith it was done unto them; and I did remember the words which they said unto me that their mothers had taught them.

#### **Stripling Warriors Survive Their Battles—Alma 57:25–26**

To our great astonishment, and also the joy of our whole army, **there was not one soul of them who did perish; yea, and neither was there one soul among them who had not received many wounds.** And now, their preservation was astonishing to our whole army, yea, that they should be spared while there was a thousand of our brethren who were slain. And we do justly ascribe it to the miraculous power of God, because of their exceeding faith in that which they had been taught to believe.

#### **Every Man Should Bear His Own Part—Mosiah 29:32–34**

I desire that this inequality should be no more in this land, especially among this my people; but **I desire that this land be a land of liberty,** and every man may enjoy his rights and privileges alike, so long as the Lord sees fit that we may live and inherit the land, yea, even as long as any of our posterity remains upon the face of the land. And many more things did king Mosiah write unto them, unfolding unto them **all the trials and troubles of a righteous king, yea, all the travails of soul for their people,** and also all the murmurings of the people to their king; and he explained it all unto them. And he told them that these things ought not to be; but that the burden should come upon all the people, **that every man might bear his part.**

#### **The Nephites Answer for Their Own Sins—Mosiah 29:38**

They relinquished their desires for a king, and became exceedingly anxious that every man should have an equal chance throughout all the land; yea, and **every man expressed a willingness to answer for his own sins.**

## 15. Effects of the Wilderness Journey

**Description:** How do Book of Mormon wilderness journeys of God's people to promised lands help understand Isaiah's prophecies of an endtime wilderness journey?

#### **God Provides for His People in the Wilderness—1 Nephi 17:3–4**

We see that **the commandments of God must be fulfilled.** And if it so be that the children of men keep the commandments of God he doth nourish them, and strengthen them, and provide means whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has commanded them; wherefore, **he did provide means for us while we did sojourn in the wilderness.** And we did sojourn for the space of many years, yea, even eight years in the wilderness.

#### **God Brings His People into the Wilderness—Ezekiel 20:35–38**

**I will bring you into the wilderness** of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will **bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels,** and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and **they shall not enter into the land of Israel:** and ye shall know that I am the Lord.



**The Wilderness Is a Place of Preparation—Isaiah 40:3–4**

A **voice** calls out,

In the desert **prepare the way for Jehovah;**  
in the wilderness

**pave a straight highway for our God:**  
every ravine must be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
**the uneven ground must become level**  
and rough terrain a plain.

**Jehovah Provides Water in the Wilderness—Isaiah 41:17–18**

When **the poor and needy require water,**  
and there is none,  
and their tongue becomes parched with thirst,  
I Jehovah will answer their want;  
I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.

**I will open up streams in barren hill country,**  
springs in the midst of the plains;  
I will turn the desert into lakes,  
**parched lands into fountains of water.**

**Jehovah’s People Trek through the Wilderness—Isaiah 43:19–21**

**I am making roads through the desert,**  
streams in the wasteland.  
The wild beasts do me honor,  
the jackals and birds of prey,  
for **bringing water to the wilderness,**  
streams to the dry land,  
**that I may give drink to my chosen people,**  
the people I formed for myself  
to speak out in praise of me.

**The Wilderness Turns to Paradise—Isaiah 51:3; cf. 2 Nephi 8:3**

Jehovah is comforting Zion,  
bringing solace to all her ruins;  
**he is making her wilderness like Eden,**  
her desert as the garden of Jehovah.  
**Joyful rejoicing takes place there,**  
thanksgiving with the voice of song.

**God Regenerates His People in the Wilderness—Isaiah 35:5–6**

Then shall **the eyes of the blind be opened**  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
Then shall **the lame leap like deer,**  
and the tongue of the dumb shout for joy.

Water shall break forth in the wilderness  
**and streams flow in the desert.**

### **Ransomed Ones Come Singing to Zion—Isaiah 35:8–10**

There shall be highways and roads  
which **shall be called the Way of Holiness**,  
for they shall be for such [as are holy].  
The unclean shall not traverse them;  
on them shall no reprobates wander.  
No lions shall be encountered there,  
nor shall wild beasts intrude. . . .

### **Ransomed Ones Come Singing to Zion—Isaiah 35:8–10, Cont.**

But the redeemed shall walk them,  
**the ransomed of Jehovah shall return;**  
they shall come singing to Zion,  
their heads crowned with everlasting joy.  
**They shall have won joy and gladness**  
when sorrow and sighing flee away.

### **The Elect Return from the Four Directions—Isaiah 43:5–7**

**I will bring your offspring from the east**  
and gather you from the west;  
I will say to the north, Give up!  
to the south, Withhold not!  
**Bring my sons from afar**  
**and my daughters from the end of the earth—**  
all who are called by my name, whom I have formed,  
molded, and wrought for my own glory.

## 16. When Will Zion Be Established?

**Description:** Do Latter-day Saints understand that Zion is established among the house of Israel just prior to Jesus' second coming in fulfillment of the words of Isaiah?

### **Those Who Seek to Bring Forth Zion in That Day**

—1 Nephi 13:35–37; cf. Isaiah 52:7

Behold, **these things shall be hid up, to come forth unto the Gentiles**, by the gift and power of the Lamb. And in them shall be written my gospel, saith the Lamb, and my rock and my salvation. And **blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day**, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost; and if they endure unto the end they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb; and whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great joy, **how beautiful upon the mountains shall they be.**

### **Zion Is Established in Fulfillment of the Words of Isaiah**

—3 Nephi 16:16–19; cf. Isaiah 52:8–9

Thus hath the Father commanded me—that I should give unto this people this land for their inheritance. And **then the words of the prophet Isaiah shall be fulfilled**, which say: Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye **when the Lord shall bring again Zion**. Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

### **Zion Is Established among the House of Israel—3 Nephi 21:1**

**I give unto you a sign**, that ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place—that I shall gather in, from their long dispersion, my people, O house of Israel, and **shall establish again among them my Zion**.

### **The Jews Believe and Gather When the Father Bares His Arm**

—3 Nephi 20:30–35; cf. Isaiah 52:8–10

The time cometh, when the fulness of my gospel shall be preached unto them; And **they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ**, the Son of God, and shall pray unto the Father in my name. Then shall their watchmen lift up their voice, and with the voice together shall they sing; for they shall see eye to eye. **Then will the Father gather them together again, and give unto them Jerusalem** for the land of their inheritance. Then shall they break forth into joy—Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Father hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. **The Father hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations**; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Father; and the Father and I are one. . . .

### **Zion Is Established When She Receives Good Tidings**

—3 Nephi 20:36–40; cf. Isaiah 52:1–3, 6–7

Then shall be brought to pass that which is written: **Awake, awake again, and put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city**, for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit down, O Jerusalem; **loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion**. For thus saith the Lord: Ye have sold yourselves for naught, and ye shall be redeemed without money. . . .

### **Zion Is Established When She Receives Good Tidings, Cont.**

—3 Nephi 20:36–40; cf. Isaiah 52:1–3, 6–7

Verily, verily, I say unto you, that my people shall know my name; yea, in that day they shall know that I am he that doth speak. And then shall they say: **How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings unto them**, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings unto them of good, that publisheth salvation; **that saith unto Zion: Thy God reigneth!**

### **Zion Enlarges Her Habitations—3 Nephi 22:1–3; cf. Isaiah 54:1–3**

Then shall **that which is written** come to pass: **Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear**; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child; for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them **stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations**; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

## 17. Types of a Secret Combination

**Description:** Do Book of Mormon examples of secret combinations typify an endtime secret combination that leads to the worldwide destruction that Isaiah predicts?

### **Nephite Secret Combinations Are a Type—Helaman 6:21**

Satan did stir up the hearts of the more part of the Nephites, insomuch that they did unite with those bands of robbers, and did **enter into their covenants and their oaths, that they would protect and preserve one another in whatsoever difficult circumstances they should be placed**, that they should not suffer for their murders, and their plunderings, and their stealings.

### **Secret Combinations Seize the Government—Helaman 6:38–39**

It came to pass . . . that the Nephites did build them up and support them, beginning at the more wicked part of them, until **they had overspread all the land of the Nephites**, and had seduced the more part of the righteous until they had come down to believe in their works and partake of their spoils, and to join with them in their secret murders and combinations. And thus **they did obtain the sole management of the government**.

### **Attempts to Set Up a King in the Land—2 Nephi 10:10–15**

**This land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles**, and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles. And I will fortify this land against all other nations. And **he that fighteth against Zion shall perish**, saith God. For **he that raiseth up a king against me shall perish**, for I, the Lord, the king of heaven, will be their king, and I will be a light unto them forever, that hear my words. Wherefore, for this cause, that my covenants may be fulfilled which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh, **I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness, and of murders, and of abominations**. Wherefore, he that fighteth against Zion, both Jew and Gentile, both bond and free, both male and female, shall perish; for **they are they who are the whore of all the earth**.

### **Kings and Queens of the Gentiles Restore the House of Israel**

—Prefaced by 2 Nephi 10:7–9; cf. Isaiah 49:22–23

When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ, then have I covenanted with their fathers that **they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance**. And it shall come to pass that **they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion**, from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth; and the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance. Yea, **the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers**; wherefore, the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute?

### **Opposition to the House of Israel's Restoration—Mormon 8:21–23**

He that shall **breathe out wrath and strifes against the work of the Lord, and against the covenant people of the Lord** who are the house of Israel, and shall say: We will destroy the work of the Lord, and **the Lord will not remember his covenant which he hath made unto the house of Israel**—the same is in danger to be hewn down and cast into the fire; For the

eternal purposes of the Lord shall roll on, until all his promises shall be fulfilled. **Search the prophecies of Isaiah.**

**Those Who Work in the Dark—Isaiah 29:15; cf. 2 Nephi 27:27**

**Woe to those who contrive  
to hide their schemes from Jehovah!**

They work in the dark, thinking,  
Who will see us? Who will know?

**The Elites Take Jehovah's People Over—Isaiah 52:5**

**My people are taken over without price;**  
those who govern them  
act presumptuously, says Jehovah,  
and my name is constantly abused all the day.

**Condemned by Hearsay—Isaiah 29:20–21; cf. 2 Nephi 27:31**

Tyrants shall come to nought and scorners cease;  
**all who watch for iniquity shall be cut off—**  
**those who at a word adjudge a man to be guilty,**  
who ensnare the defender at court.

**Our Leaders Make a Covenant with Death—Isaiah 28:14–15**

Hear the word of Jehovah, **you scoffers**  
**who preside over these people** in Jerusalem.  
You have supposed, by taking refuge in deception  
and hiding behind falsehoods,  
to have **covenanted with Death,**  
or reached an understanding with Sheol, that,  
should **a flooding scourge** sweep through [the earth],  
it shall not reach you.

**Our Leaders Make a Covenant with Death—Isaiah 28:18–19**

Your **covenant with Death shall prove void,**  
your understanding with Sheol have no effect:  
when the flooding scourge sweeps through,  
**you shall be overrun by it.**  
As often as it sweeps through,  
you shall be seized by it:  
morning after morning it shall sweep through,  
by day and by night [it shall seize you];  
**it shall cause terror** merely to hear word of it.

**Jehovah's Work of Destruction—Isaiah 28:21–22**

For Jehovah will rise up  
**as he did on Mount Perazim,**  
and be stirred to anger, as in the Valley of Gibeon—

**to perform his act, his unwonted act,  
and do his work, his bizarre work.**

Now therefore scoff not,  
lest your bonds grow severe,  
for **I have heard utter destruction  
decreed by my Lord**, Jehovah of Hosts,  
upon the whole earth.

#### **Attempt to Overthrow Freedom in the World—Ether 8:24–25**

Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you; or wo be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up. For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries.

#### **The Gentiles Must Serve the God of This Land—Ether 2:11–12**

This cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God—that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fulness come, that ye may not bring down the fulness of the wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done. Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written.

## 18. God's Reversal of Circumstances

**Description:** What can Latter-day Saints learn from Isaiah's covenant theology that informs us why and at what point God reverses his endtime people's circumstances?

#### **Protection Clause of the Davidic Covenant—Isaiah 37:35–36**

I will protect this city and save it, **for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David**. Then the angel of Jehovah went out and slew a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp.

#### **Repentant Gentiles Don't Fight against Zion—2 Nephi 6:12–12**

Blessed are the Gentiles, they of whom the prophet [Isaiah] has written; for behold, **if it so be that they shall repent and fight not against Zion, and do not unite themselves to that great and abominable church**, they shall be saved; for the Lord God will fulfil his covenants which he has made unto his children; and for this cause the prophet has written these things.

#### **Peace and Life Eternal or Captivity and Destruction—1 Nephi 14:7**

For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work a great and a marvelous work among the children of men; a work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other—**either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal, or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds unto their being**

brought down into captivity, and also into destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil, of which I have spoken. . . .

### **Church of the Lamb or Church of the Devil—1 Nephi 14:8–10**

And it came to pass that when the angel had spoken these words, he said unto me: **Rememberest thou the covenants of the Father unto the house of Israel?** I said unto him, Yea. And it came to pass that he said unto me: Look, and behold that great and abominable church, which is the mother of abominations, whose founder is the devil. And he said unto me: Behold there are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil; wherefore, **whoso belongeth not to the church of the Lamb of God belongeth to that great church, which is the mother of abominations; and she is the whore of all the earth.**

### **The Power of God Descends on the Saints—1 Nephi 14:13–15**

It came to pass that I beheld that **the great mother of abominations did gather together multitudes upon the face of all the earth**, among all the nations of the Gentiles, to fight against the Lamb of God. And it came to pass that **I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord**, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory. And it came to pass that I beheld that **the wrath of God was poured out upon that great and abominable church**, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among all the nations and kindreds of the earth.

### **A Great Pit Filled by Its Own Diggers—1 Nephi 14:3**

That great pit which hath been digged for the destruction of men **shall be filled by those who digged it, unto their utter destruction.**

### **The Tyrant's Captives Are Freed, His Spoil Reclaimed —Isaiah 49:24–25; cf. 1 Nephi 21:24–25; 2 Nephi 6:16–17**

Can the warrior's spoil be taken from him,  
or the tyrant's captives escape free?  
Yet thus says Jehovah: **The warrior's spoil  
shall indeed be taken from him,  
and the tyrant's captives escape free:**  
I myself will contend with your contenders,  
and I will deliver your children.

### **Jehovah's Endtime Servant—Isaiah 49:8–9; cf. 1 Nephi 21:8–9**

Thus says Jehovah: **At a favorable time I have answered you;**  
in the day of salvation I have come to your aid:  
I have created you and appointed you  
to be a covenant of the people,  
to restore the Land and reapportion the desolate estates,  
**to say to the captives, Come forth!**  
**and to those in darkness, Show yourselves!**  
They shall feed along the way  
and find pasture on all barren heights;

## 19. Types of a Great War in the Land

**Description:** Does an explicit “war pattern” in the Book of Mormon’s war narratives typify a great war to end all wars that Isaiah predicts will precede Jehovah’s coming?

### **Kingmen Versus Lovers of Liberty—Alma 46:1–5**

As many as would not hearken to the words of Helaman and his brethren were gathered together against their brethren. And now behold, **they were exceedingly wroth**, insomuch that they were determined to slay them. Now the leader of those who were wroth against their brethren was a large and a strong man; and his name was Amalickiah. And **Amalickiah was desirous to be a king**; and those people who were wroth were also desirous that he should be their king; and they were the greater part of them the lower judges of the land, and **they were seeking for power**. And they had been led by the flatteries of Amalickiah, that if they would support him and establish him to be their king that **he would make them rulers over the people**.

### **An Agenda to Destroy the Church—Alma 46:10–12**

Yea, we see that Amalickiah, because he was a man of cunning device and a man of many flattering words, that he led away the hearts of many people to do wickedly; yea, and to seek **to destroy the church of God, and to destroy the foundation of liberty which God had granted unto them**, or which blessing God had sent upon the face of the land for the righteous' sake. And now it came to pass that when Moroni, who was the chief commander of the armies of the Nephites, had heard of these dissensions, he was angry with Amalickiah. . . .

### **Captain Moroni’s Title of Liberty—Alma 46:12–13**

And it came to pass that he rent his coat; and he took a piece thereof, and wrote upon it—**In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children**—and he fastened it upon the end of a pole. And he fastened on his head—plate, and his breastplate, and his shields, and girded on his armor about his loins; and he took the pole, which had on the end thereof his rent coat, (and **he called it the title of liberty**) and he bowed himself to the earth, and he prayed mightily unto his God for the blessings of liberty to rest upon his brethren, so long as there should **a band of Christians** remain to possess the land.

### **A Collective Covenant to Defend Their Rights—Alma 46:19–20**

And when Moroni had said these words, he went forth among the people, waving the rent part of his garment in the air, that all might see the writing which he had written upon the rent part, and crying with a loud voice, saying: Behold, **whosoever will maintain this title upon the land, let them come forth in the strength of the Lord, and enter into a covenant that they will maintain their rights, and their religion, that the Lord God may bless them**. . . .

### **A Collective Covenant to Not Transgress—Alma 46:21–22**

The people came running together with their armor girded about their loins, **rending their garments in token, or as a covenant, that they would not forsake the Lord their God**; or, in other words, if they should transgress the commandments of God, or fall into transgression, and be ashamed to take upon them the name of Christ, the Lord should rend them even as they had rent their garments. Now this was the covenant which they made, and they cast their garments at



the feet of Moroni, saying: **We covenant with our God, that we shall be destroyed, even as our brethren in the land northward, if we shall fall into transgression;** yea, he may cast us at the feet of our enemies, even as we have cast our garments at thy feet to be trodden under foot, if we shall fall into transgression.

#### **A National Cleansing of the Inner Vessel—Alma 46:35–37**

And it came to pass that whomsoever of the Amalickiahites that would not enter into a covenant to support the cause of freedom, that they might maintain a free government, **he caused to be put to death;** and there were but few who denied the covenant of freedom. And it came to pass also, that **he caused the title of liberty to be hoisted upon every tower which was in all the land,** which was possessed by the Nephites; and thus Moroni planted the standard of liberty among the Nephites. And **they began to have peace again in the land.**

#### **Moroni Covenanted to Defend His People—Alma 48:11–14**

And Moroni was a strong and a mighty man; **he was a man of a perfect understanding;** yea, a man that did not delight in bloodshed; **a man whose soul did joy in the liberty and the freedom of his country,** and his brethren from bondage and slavery; Yea, a man whose heart did swell with thanksgiving to his God, for the many privileges and blessings which he bestowed upon his people; **a man who did labor exceedingly for the welfare and safety of his people.** Yea, and he was a man who was firm in the faith of Christ, and he had sworn with an oath to defend his people, his rights, and his country, and his religion, even to the loss of his blood. Now **the Nephites were taught to defend themselves against their enemies, even to the shedding of blood if it were necessary;** yea, and they were also taught never to give an offense, yea, and never to raise the sword except it were against an enemy, except it were to preserve their lives.

#### **Amalickiah Stirs Up the Lamanites to War—Alma 47:1**

Now we will return in our record to Amalickiah and those who had fled with him into the wilderness; for, behold, **he had taken those who went with him, and went up in the land of Nephi among the Lamanites, and did stir up the Lamanites to anger against the people of Nephi,** insomuch that the king of the Lamanites sent a proclamation throughout all his land, among all his people, that they should gather themselves together again **to go to battle against the Nephites.**

## 20. The Latter-Day King of Assyria

**Description:** Based on Jesus' key that all things Isaiah spoke "have been and shall be," will an endtime "King of Assyria" conquer the world as his predecessors did?

#### **Jehovah Hails the Assyrian—Isaiah 10:5–7; cf. 2 Nephi 20:5–7**

**Hail the Assyrian, the rod of my anger!**

He is a staff—my wrath in their hand.

I will commission him against a godless nation,  
appoint him over the people of my vengeance,

**to pillage for plunder, to spoliat for spoil,**

to tread underfoot like mud in the streets.

Nevertheless, it shall not seem so to him;

this shall not be what he has in mind.  
His purpose shall be **to annihilate**  
**and to exterminate nations not a few.**

**A World Conqueror—Isaiah 10:13–14; cf. 2 Nephi 20:13–14**

He said, I have done it by my own ability  
and shrewdness, for I am ingenious.

**I have done away with the borders of nations,**

I have ravaged their reserves,  
I have vastly reduced the inhabitants.

I have impounded the wealth of peoples like a nest,

**and I have gathered up the whole world**

as one gathers abandoned eggs;

not one flapped its wings, or opened its mouth to utter a peep.

**Jehovah's Army of Nations—Isaiah 13:4–5; cf. 2 Nephi 23:4–5**

Hark! A tumult on the mountains,  
as of a vast multitude.

Hark! An uproar among kingdoms,  
as of nations assembling:

**Jehovah of Hosts is marshaling an army for war.**

They come from a distant land beyond the horizon—

Jehovah and the instruments of his wrath—

**to cause destruction throughout the earth. . . .**

**Jehovah's Day of Judgment—Isaiah 13:6–8; cf. 2 Nephi 23:6–8**

Lament, for **the Day of Jehovah is near;**

it shall come as a violent blow from the Almighty.

Then shall every hand grow weak

**and the hearts of all men melt.**

They shall be terrified, in throes of agony,

seized with trembling like a woman in labor.

Men will look at one another aghast,

their faces set aflame. . . .

**Sinners Are Destroyed—Isaiah 13:9–10; cf. 2 Nephi 23:9–10**

The Day of Jehovah shall come

as a cruel outburst of anger and wrath

**to make the earth a desolation,**

**that sinners may be annihilated from it.**

The stars and constellations of the heavens

will not shine.

When the sun rises, it shall be obscured;

nor will the moon give its light. . . .

**The Wicked Punished—Isaiah 13:11–13; cf. 2 Nephi 23:11–13**

I have **decreed calamity for the world,**  
**punishment for the wicked;**  
I will put an end to the arrogance of insolent men  
and humble the pride of tyrants.  
I will make mankind scarcer than fine gold,  
men [more rare] than gold of Ophir.  
**I will cause disturbance in the heavens**  
when the earth is jolted out of place  
by the anger of Jehovah of Hosts  
in **the day of his blazing wrath.**

**Babylon Destroyed as Sodom—Isaiah 13:19; cf. 2 Nephi 23:19**  
And Babylon, the most splendid of kingdoms,  
the glory and pride of Chaldeans, shall be [thrown down]  
as **God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.**

**The Assyrians Fought in Mortal Combat—Isaiah 30:30–32**  
Jehovah will cause his voice to resound,  
and **make visible his arm descending in furious rage,**  
with flashes of devouring fire,  
explosive discharges and pounding hail.  
At the voice of Jehovah **the Assyrians will be terror-stricken,**  
they who used to strike with the rod.  
At every sweep of the staff of authority,  
when Jehovah lowers it upon them,  
**they will be fought in mortal combat.**

**A Sword Not of Man Devours the Assyrians—Isaiah 31:8–9**  
And **Assyria shall fall by a sword not of man;**  
a sword not of mortals shall devour them:  
**before that sword they shall waste away**  
and their young men melt;  
**their captain shall expire in terror**  
and their officers shrink from the ensign,  
says Jehovah, whose fire is in Zion,  
whose furnace is in Jerusalem.

**The Archtyrant Perishes—Isaiah 14:4–7; cf. 2 Nephi 24:4–7**  
**How the tyrant has met his end** and tyranny ceased!  
Jehovah has broken the staff of the wicked,  
the rod of those who ruled—  
him who with unerring blows  
**struck down the nations in anger,**  
who subdued peoples in his wrath by relentless oppression.  
**Now the whole earth is at rest and at peace;**  
there is jubilant celebration!

## 21. What Is “Hardening the Heart”?

**Description:** Why does the Book of Mormon define a key spiritual principle on which his people’s eternal destiny depends as whether or not they harden their hearts?

### **Hardening the Heart against the Holy Spirit—2 Nephi 33:2**

There are many that **harden their hearts against the Holy Spirit, that it hath no place in them**; wherefore, they cast many things away which are written and esteem them as things of naught.

### **Not Inquiring of God Is to Harden the Heart—1 Nephi 15:8–11**

I said unto them [Laman and Lemuel]: **Have ye inquired of the Lord?** And they said unto me: We have not; for the Lord maketh no such thing known unto us. Behold, I said unto them: **How is it that ye do not keep the commandments of the Lord?** How is it that ye will perish, because of the hardness of your hearts? Do ye not remember the things which the Lord hath said?—**If ye will not harden your hearts, and ask me in faith, believing that ye shall receive,** with diligence in keeping my commandments, surely these things shall be made known unto you.

### **Temptations of the Devil Blind the Eyes—1 Nephi 12:17**

The mists of darkness are **the temptations of the devil, which blindeth the eyes, and hardeneth the hearts** of the children of men, and leadeth them away into broad roads, that they perish and are lost.

### **Those Who Harden Their Hearts Are Smitten—2 Nephi 6:10**

And after they have hardened their hearts and stiffened their necks against the Holy One of Israel, behold, **the judgments of the Holy One of Israel shall come upon them.** And the day cometh that they shall be smitten and afflicted.

### **Hardeners of the Heart Are Destroyed—1 Nephi 14:6–7**

Therefore, wo be unto the Gentiles **if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God.** For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work a great and a marvelous work among the children of men; a work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other—either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal, or **unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds** unto their being brought down into captivity, and also into destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil.

### **The Endtime Gentiles Harden Their Hearts—3 Nephi 20:28–31**

They [the Gentiles] shall be a scourge unto the people of this land. Nevertheless, **when they shall have received the fulness of my gospel, then if they shall harden their hearts against me** I will return their iniquities upon their own heads, saith the Father. **And I will remember the covenant which I have made with my people;** and I have covenanted with them that I would gather them together in mine own due time, that I would give unto them again the land of their fathers for their inheritance, which is the land of Jerusalem, which is the promised land unto them forever, saith the Father. And it shall come to pass that the time cometh, when the fulness

of my gospel shall be preached unto them; And **they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and shall pray unto the Father in my name.**

#### **Hardeners of the Heart Blame Jehovah—Isaiah 63:17**

Why, O Jehovah, have you made us stray from your ways,  
**hardening our hearts so that we do not fear you?**

#### **The House of Israel Builds New Jerusalem—3 Nephi 21:22–25**

**If they will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts,** I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance; **And they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come,** that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem. And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem. **And then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst.**

## 22. What Is “Ripening in Iniquity”?

**Description:** Why is it important to know the difference between sin and iniquity? How do we know when we as a people are ripe in iniquity? What happens to us then?

#### **Parents’ Iniquity on the Heads of the Children—Exodus 34:6–7**

The Lord passed by before him [Moses], and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, **merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,** Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.**

#### **A Fulness of Wrath on Those Ripe in Iniquity—1 Nephi 17:35**

**The Lord esteemeth all flesh in one;** he that is righteous is favored of God. But behold, this people had rejected every word of God, and **they were ripe in iniquity; and the fulness of the wrath of God was upon them;** and the Lord did curse the land against them, and bless it unto our fathers; yea, he did curse it against them unto their destruction, and he did bless it unto our fathers unto their obtaining power over it.

#### **The Lamanites’ False Traditions—Helaman 15:4**

My brethren, the Lamanites hath he hated because their deeds have been evil continually, and **this because of the iniquity of the tradition of their fathers.** But behold, salvation hath come unto them through the preaching of the Nephites; and for this intent hath the Lord prolonged their days.

#### **When the Voice of the People’s Chooses Iniquity—Alma 10:19**

Well did Mosiah say, who was our last king, when he was about to deliver up the kingdom, having no one to confer it upon, causing that this people should be governed by their own voices—yea, well did he say that **if the time should come that the voice of this people should**

**choose iniquity**, that is, if the time should come that this people should fall into transgression, **they would be ripe for destruction.**

### **The Decrees of God Concerning This Land—Ether 2:9–11**

Now, we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise; and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fulness of his wrath shall come upon them. And **the fulness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity.** For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God. And **it is not until the fulness of iniquity among the children of the land, that they are swept off.** And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God—that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fulness come, that ye may not bring down the fulness of the wrath of God upon you **as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done.**

### **Perverting the Right Way of the Lord—2 Nephi 28:15–16**

O the wise, and the learned, and the rich, that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts, and all those who preach false doctrines, and all those who commit whoredoms, and **pervert the right way of the Lord**, wo, wo, wo be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty, for they shall be thrust down to hell! Wo unto them that turn aside the just for a thing of naught and **revile against that which is good, and say that it is of no worth!** For the day shall come that the Lord God will speedily visit the inhabitants of the earth; and **in that day that they are fully ripe in iniquity they shall perish.**

### **Iniquities Permeate God's People's Society—Isaiah 59:1–4**

Surely Jehovah's hand has not become too short to save,  
nor his ear dull of hearing!

It is **your iniquities that separate you from your God;**  
your sins hide his face, so that he does not hear you.

For your palms are defiled with blood,  
your fingers with iniquity;

**your lips speak guile, your tongue utters duplicity.**

None calls for righteousness;

no one sues for an honest cause.

They rely on empty words, deceitfully spoken;

**they conceive misdeeds, they beget wickedness.**

### **Perverse Preachers and Godless Predators—Isaiah 32:6–7**

The godless utter blasphemy;  
their heart ponders impiety:

**how to practice hypocrisy and preach  
perverse things concerning Jehovah,**

leaving the hungry soul empty,  
depriving the thirsty [soul] of drink.

And rogues scheme by malevolent means  
and insidious devices to ruin the poor,

and with false slogans and accusations  
to denounce the needy.

#### **God's People Engage in Predatory Dealings—Isaiah 59:12–14**

Our transgressions before you have multiplied;  
our sins testify against us.

Our offenses are evident; we perceive our iniquities:

**willfully denying Jehovah, backing away from following our God,  
perversely planning ways of extortion,  
conceiving in the mind and pondering illicit transactions.**

And so redress is compelled to back away,

and righteousness to stand at a distance;

truth stumbles in the public place and uprightness cannot enter.

#### **A Righteous People Survives Destruction—Isaiah 26:20–21**

Come, O my people, enter your chambers

and shut the doors behind you;

**hide yourselves a little while**

until the wrath is past.

For now will Jehovah come out of his dwelling place

**to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquities;**

the earth will uncover the blood shed upon it

and no more conceal its slain.

## 23. A Decreed “Utter Destruction”

**Description:** Could Isaiah’s prophecies of an utter destruction upon the whole earth be fulfilled in our day? Does Book of Mormon history illustrate what that looks like?

#### **Destruction Is Decreed—Isaiah 10:22–23; cf. 2 Nephi 10:22–23**

Though your people, O Israel,

be as the sands of the sea,

only a remnant will return;

**although annihilation is decreed,**

it shall overflow with righteousness.

For the Lord, Jehovah of Hosts,

**will carry out the utter destruction**

**decreed upon the whole earth.**

#### **Destruction by World War—Isaiah 13:4–5; cf. 2 Nephi 23:4–5**

Hark! A tumult on the mountains,

as of a vast multitude.

Hark! An uproar among kingdoms,

as of nations assembling:

**Jehovah of Hosts is marshaling an army for war.**

They come from a distant land beyond the horizon—

Jehovah and the instruments of his wrath—  
**to cause destruction throughout the earth. . . .**

**Babylon Swept Clean—Isaiah 14:22–23; cf. 2 Nephi 24:22–23**

I will rise up against them, says Jehovah of Hosts.

**I will cut off Babylon's name and remnant,**  
its offspring and descendants, says Jehovah.

I will turn it into swamplands, a haunt for ravens;

**I will sweep it with the broom of destruction,**  
says Jehovah of Hosts.

**Jehovah Decrees Worldwide Destruction—Isaiah 28:21–22**

Jehovah **will rise up as he did on Mount Perazim,**  
and be stirred to anger, as in the Valley of Gibeon—  
to perform his act, his unwonted act,  
and **do his work, his bizarre work.**

Now therefore scoff not, lest your bonds grow severe,  
**for I have heard utter destruction**  
**decreed by my Lord, Jehovah of Hosts,**  
**upon the whole earth.**

**The Great and Abominable Church Fills the Pit—1 Nephi 14:3**

That great pit, which hath been digged for them by **that great and abominable church**, which was founded by the devil and his children, that he might lead away the souls of men down to hell—yea, that great pit which hath been digged for the destruction of men **shall be filled by those who digged it, unto their utter destruction**, saith the Lamb of God; not the destruction of the soul, save it be the casting of it into that hell which hath no end.

**A Type of Being Destroyed from the Earth—Mosiah 12:6–8**

And it shall come to pass that I will send forth hail among them, and it shall smite them; and they shall also be smitten with the east wind; and insects shall pester their land also, and devour their grain. And **they shall be smitten with a great pestilence**—and all this will I do because of their iniquities and abominations. And it shall come to pass that **except they repent I will utterly destroy them from off the face of the earth**; yet they shall leave a record behind them, and **I will preserve them for other nations which shall possess the land**; yea, even this will I do that I may discover the abominations of this people to other nations. And many things did Abinadi prophesy against this people.

**A Type of Being Utterly Destroyed—Alma 9:18–19**

Behold, I [Alma] say unto you that **if ye persist in your wickedness that your days shall not be prolonged in the land**, for the Lamanites shall be sent upon you; and if ye repent not they shall come in a time when you know not, and **ye shall be visited with utter destruction**; and it shall be according to the fierce anger of the Lord. For **he will not suffer you that ye shall live in your iniquities, to destroy his people**. I say unto you, Nay; he would rather suffer that the Lamanites might destroy all his people who are called the people of Nephi, if it were possible



that they could fall into sins and transgressions, **after having had so much light and so much knowledge given unto them of the Lord their God.**

### **The Nephites Before Their Destruction—Moroni 9:20–23**

My son, I dwell no longer upon **this horrible scene.** Behold, thou knowest the wickedness of this people; thou knowest that they are without principle, and past feeling; and their wickedness doth exceed that of the Lamanites. Behold, my son, **I cannot recommend them unto God lest he should smite me.** But behold, my son, I recommend thee unto God, and I trust in Christ that thou wilt be saved; and I pray unto God that he will spare thy life, **to witness the return of his people unto him, or their utter destruction;** for I know that they must perish except they repent and return unto him. And if they perish **it will be like unto the Jaredites,** because of the willfulness of their hearts, seeking for blood and revenge.

## 24. Greater Things and Lesser Things

**Description:** Do Latter-day Saints realize the Book of Mormon contains mostly lesser things than God wants to give us. What must we do to qualify for greater things?

### **Less Than a Hundredth Part Written—3 Nephi 26:6–11**

There cannot be written in this book **even a hundredth part** of the things which Jesus did truly teach unto the people; But behold the plates of Nephi do contain the more part of the things which he taught the people. And **these things have I written, which are a lesser part of the things which he taught the people;** and I have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken. . . .

### **Less Than a Hundredth Part Written—3 Nephi 26:6–11, Cont.**

And when they shall have received this, which is expedient that they should have first, to try their faith, and **if it shall so be that they shall believe these things then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them.** And if it so be that they will not believe these things, then shall the greater things be withheld from them, unto their condemnation. Behold, I was about to write them, all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbade it, saying: **I will try the faith of my people.**

### **Jesus Expounds All from Beginning to End—3 Nephi 26:3**

And **he did expound all things, even from the beginning until the time that he should come in his glory—**yea, even all things which should come upon the face of the earth, even until the elements should melt with fervent heat, and the earth should be wrapt together as a scroll, and the heavens and the earth should pass away.

### **Great Things Manifest to the Brother of Jared—Ether 4:4–5, 8**

I have written upon these plates the very things which the brother of Jared saw; and **there never were greater things made manifest than those which were made manifest unto the brother of Jared.** Wherefore the Lord hath commanded me to write them; and I have written them. And he commanded me that I should seal them up. . . . And he that will contend against the word of

the Lord, let him be accursed; and **he that shall deny these things, let him be accursed; for unto them will I show no greater things**, saith Jesus Christ; for I am he who speaketh.

#### **The Gentiles Invited to See the Greater Things—Ether 4:13–14**

Come unto me, O ye Gentiles, and **I will show unto you the greater things, the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief**. Come unto me, O ye house of Israel, and it shall be made manifest unto you how great things the Father hath laid up for you, from the foundation of the world; and **it hath not come unto you, because of unbelief**.

#### **Unbelief Has Caused Condemnation—Doctrine & Covenants 84:54–58**

Your minds in times past **have been darkened because of unbelief**, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received—which **vanity and unbelief have brought the whole church under condemnation**. And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all. And they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and **remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon** and the former commandments which I have given them, **not only to say, but to do** according to that which I have written—That they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father’s kingdom; **otherwise there remaineth a scourge and judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion**.

#### **Things Sealed to Come Forth in Their Purity—1 Nephi 14:25–26**

The things which thou shalt see hereafter thou shalt not write; for the Lord God hath ordained the apostle of the Lamb of God that he should write them. And also others who have been, **to them hath he shown all things, and they have written them; and they are sealed up to come forth in their purity**, according to the truth which is in the Lamb, in the own due time of the Lord, unto the house of Israel.

#### **Jesus Commands to Search the Words of Isaiah—3 Nephi 23:1**

I say unto you, that ye ought to **search these things**. Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; **for great are the words of Isaiah**.

#### **Jehovah Declares New Things to His People—Isaiah 42:9**

The prophecies of the former events  
indeed came to pass,  
but **new things I yet foretell**.  
Before they spring up I declare them to you.

#### **New Things Will Happen to God’s People—Isaiah 43:18–19**

Never mind the prophecies of bygone events;  
do not dwell on things of the past.  
**See, I do a new thing; it is now springing up**.  
Surely, you are aware of it.

#### **Jehovah Announces New Things to His People—Isaiah 48:6–8**

As of now, **I announce to you new things**,  
things withheld and unknown to you,  
things now coming into being, not hitherto,

**things you have not heard of before,**  
lest you should say, Indeed I knew them!  
You have not heard them,  
nor have you known them;  
**before this your ears have not been open to them.**

### **Jehovah's Servant Prophesies New Things—Isaiah 48:14–15**

All of you, assemble and hear:

**Who among you foretold these things?**

It is him Jehovah loves,  
who shall perform his will in Babylon;  
his **arm** shall be against the Chaldeans.  
I myself have spoken it, and also called him;  
**I have brought him, and I will prosper his way.**

### **Jehovah's Endtime Servant Instructs Spiritual Kings**

—Isaiah 52:13–15; cf. 3 Nephi 20:43–45; 21:8

**My servant, being astute, shall be highly exalted;**

he shall become exceedingly eminent:  
just as he appalled many—  
his appearance was marred beyond human likeness,  
his semblance unlike that of men—  
So shall he yet astound many nations,  
kings shutting their mouths at him—  
**what was not told them, they shall see;**  
**what they had not heard, they shall consider.**

## 25. The Mission of God's Servant

**Description:** Why is God's endtime servant hidden until the time of Jesus' coming to reign on the earth? Was that a reason Nephi was forbidden to say anything about it?

### **Jehovah Speaks of His Endtime Servant—Isaiah 42:1–4**

**My servant whom I sustain,**

my chosen one in whom I delight,  
him I have endowed with my Spirit;  
**he will dispense justice to the Gentiles.**

He will not shout or raise his voice  
to make himself heard in public.  
Even a bruised reed he will not break;  
a dim wick he will not snuff out.

**He will perform the work of justice  
in the cause of truth.**

Neither shall he himself grow dim or be bruised  
until he has brought about justice in the earth.

**The isles await his law.**

**Jehovah Creates and Appoints His Servant—Isaiah 42:6–7**

I Jehovah have rightfully called you  
and will grasp you by the hand;  
**I have created you and appointed you  
to be a covenant for the people,  
a light to the Gentiles,**  
to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from confinement  
and from prison those who sit in darkness.

**Jehovah Prospers His Servant—Isaiah 48:14–15; cf. 1 Nephi 20:14–15**

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Who among you foretold these things?  
**It is him Jehovah loves,  
who shall perform his will in Babylon;**  
his arm shall be against the Chaldeans.  
I myself have spoken it, and also called him;  
**I have brought him, and I will prosper his way.**

**Jehovah’s Servant Meets Opposition—Isaiah 50:7–9; cf. 2 Nephi 7:7–9**

**Because my Lord Jehovah helps me,  
I shall not be disgraced;**  
I have set my face like flint,  
knowing I shall not be confounded.  
He who vindicates me is near me.  
**Who has a dispute with me? Let us face one another!  
Who will bring charges against me?  
Let him confront me with them!**  
See, my Lord Jehovah sustains me.  
Who then will incriminate me?  
Surely all such shall wear out like a garment;  
the moth shall consume them.

**Jehovah’s Servant Is Hidden—Isaiah 49:1–3; cf. 1 Nephi 21:1–3**

**Hear me, O isles; listen, you distant peoples:**  
Jehovah called me before I was in the belly;  
before I was in my mother’s womb,  
he mentioned me by name.  
He has made my mouth like a sharp sword—  
**in the shadow of his hand he hid me.**  
He has made me into a polished arrow—  
**in his quiver he kept me secret.**  
He said to me, **You are my servant,**  
**Israel,** in whom I will be glorified.

**The Servant Restores Israel—Isaiah 49:5–6; cf. 1 Nephi 21:5–6**

For now Jehovah has said— he who formed me from the womb

**to be his servant, to restore Jacob to him,**

Israel having been gathered to him;

for I won honor in the eyes of Jehovah

when my God became my strength—

he said: **It is too small a thing for you to be my servant**

**to raise up the tribes of Jacob**

and to restore those preserved of Israel.

I will also appoint you to be a light to the nations,

that my salvation may be to the end of the earth.

**The Servant Is Appointed—Isaiah 49:8–10; cf. 1 Nephi 21:8–10**

I have created you and appointed you

to be a covenant of the people,

**to restore the Land and reapportion the desolate estates,**

to say to the captives, Come forth!

and to those in darkness, Show yourselves!

**They shall feed along the way and find pasture on all barren heights;**

they shall not hunger or thirst, nor be smitten by the heatwave or the sun:

he who has mercy on them will guide them;

**he will lead them by springs of water.**

**Jehovah Empowers His Arm—Isaiah 51:9–11; cf. 2 Nephi 8:9–11**

Awake, arise; **clothe yourself with power,**

**O arm of Jehovah!** Bestir yourself,

as in ancient times, as in generations of old.

Was it not you who carved up Rahab,

you who slew the dragon?

**Was it not you who dried up the Sea,**

the waters of the mighty deep,

and made of ocean depths a way

by which the redeemed might pass? . . .

**Jehovah Empowers His Arm—Isaiah 51:9–11 Cont.**

Let the ransomed of Jehovah return!

**Let them come singing to Zion,**

their heads crowned with everlasting joy;

let them obtain joy and gladness,

and sorrow and sighing flee away.

**Jehovah's Servant Is Marred or Disfigured**

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he shall become exceedingly eminent:

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So shall he yet astound many nations,  
**kings shutting their mouths at him—**  
what was not told them, they shall see;  
and what they had not heard they shall consider..

### **Jesus Heals His Servant Who Is Marred**

—3 Nephi 21:10–11; cf. Isaiah 52:13–14; 57:18–19

Behold, **the life of my servant shall be in my hand**; therefore they shall not hurt him, **although he shall be marred because of them. Yet I will heal him**, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil. Therefore it shall come to pass that **whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ**, which the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, and shall give unto him power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) **they shall be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant.**

## 26. Who Are the Endtime Servants?

**Description:** Are Zenos' servants who graft in the natural branches, John's 144,000 servants, and Isaiah's servants who restore the house of Israel all the same servants?

### **The Lord's Servant Calls Other Servants—Jacob 5:60–61**

Because that I have preserved the natural branches and the roots thereof, and that **I have grafted in the natural branches again into their mother tree**, and have preserved the roots of their mother tree, that, perhaps, the trees of my vineyard may bring forth again good fruit and that I may have joy again in the fruit of my vineyard, and, perhaps, that I may rejoice exceedingly that I have preserved the roots and the branches of the first fruit—Wherefore, **go to, and call servants, that we may labor diligently with our might in the vineyard**, that we may prepare the way, that I may bring forth again the natural fruit, which natural fruit is good and the most precious above all other fruit. . . .

### **Endtime Servants Graft in the Branches—Jacob 5:62–63**

Wherefore, let us go to and labor with our might this last time, for behold the end draweth nigh, and this is for the last time that I shall prune my vineyard. **Graft in the branches; begin at the last that they may be first, and that the first may be last**, and dig about the trees, both old and young, the first and the last; and the last and the first, that all may be nourished once again for the last time.

### **The Lord Sets His Hand to Restore His People—Jacob 6:2–3**

And **the day that he shall set his hand again the second time to recover his people**, is the day, yea, even the last time, that the servants of the Lord shall go forth in his power, to nourish and prune his vineyard; and **after that the end soon cometh**. And how blessed are they who have labored diligently in his vineyard; and how cursed are they who shall be cast out into their own place! **And the world shall be burned with fire.**

**Jehovah's Servants Offer Acceptable Sacrifices—Isaiah 56:6–7**

The foreigners who adhere to Jehovah to serve him,

**who love the name of Jehovah,  
that they may be his servants—**

all who keep the Sabbath without profaning it,  
holding fast to my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and gladden in my house of prayer.

**Their offerings and sacrifices  
shall be accepted on my altar.**

**Jehovah's Watchmen Intercede for His People—Isaiah 62:6**

**I have appointed watchmen on your walls,** O Jerusalem,  
who shall not be silent day or night.

**You who call upon Jehovah, let not up  
nor give him respite** till he reestablishes Jerusalem  
and makes it renowned in the earth.

**The Gentiles' Kings and Queens Gather Israel**

—Isaiah 49:22–23; cf. 1 Nephi 21:22–23; 2 Nephi 6:6–7; 10:9

Thus says my Lord Jehovah:

**I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles,**  
raise my ensign to the peoples;  
and they will bring your sons in their bosoms  
and carry your daughters on their shoulders.

**Kings shall be your foster fathers,  
queens your nursing mothers.**

**A Remnant Is Saved for His Servants' Sake—Isaiah 65:8–9**

Thus says Jehovah: As when there is juice in a cluster of grapes  
and someone says, Don't destroy it, it is still good,

**so I will do for the sake of my servants  
by not destroying everything:**

I will extract offspring out of Jacob,  
and out of Judah heirs of my mountains;  
my chosen ones shall inherit them,  
**my servants shall dwell there.**

**Jehovah's Servants Receive Divine Protection—Isaiah 54:16–17**

**It is I who create the smith who fans the flaming coals,**  
forging weapons to suit his purpose;  
it is I who create the ravager to destroy.

**Whatever weapon is devised against you, it shall not succeed;**  
every tongue that rises to accuse you, you shall refute.

**This is the heritage of the servants of Jehovah,**  
and such is their vindication by me, says Jehovah.

**Zion's Watchmen Cry Out—Isaiah 52:8; cf. 3 Nephi 16:18; 20:32**

Hark! **Your watchmen lift up their voice;**

as one they cry out for joy:  
for they shall see eye to eye  
**when Jehovah reestablishes Zion.**

**144,000 Servants of God Are Sealed—Revelation 7:2–4**

I saw another **angel ascending from the east**, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.** And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed **an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.**

**144,000 Servants Stand on Mount Zion—Revelation 14:1**

I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, **having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

**144,000 Are High Priests—Doctrine & Covenants 77:11**

Q. What are we to understand by sealing the one hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel—twelve thousand out of every tribe? A. We are to understand that **those who are sealed are high priests, ordained unto the holy order of God**, to administer the everlasting gospel; for they are they who are ordained out of every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, by the angels to whom is given power over the nations of the earth, **to bring as many as will come to the church of the Firstborn.**

## 27. Translated Beings as Exemplars

**Description:** Do Book of Mormon instances of translated beings foreshadow what Latter-day Saints may become who qualify by doing the kinds of works they did?

**Alma Desires to Preach to Every People—Alma 29:1**

O that I were an angel, and **could have the wish of mine heart**, that I might go forth and speak with the trump of God, with a voice to shake the earth, **and cry repentance unto every people!**

**Nephi Is Unwearying, Doesn't Seek His Life—Helaman 10:4–5**

Blessed art thou, Nephi, for those things which thou hast done; for I have beheld how **thou hast with unwearyingness declared the word**, which I have given unto thee, unto this people. And **thou hast not feared them, and hast not sought thine own life**, but hast sought my will, and to keep my commandments. And now, because thou hast done this with such unwearyingness, behold, **I will bless thee forever**; and I will make thee mighty in word and in deed, in faith and in works; yea, even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word, for **thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will.** . . .

**God Endows Nephi with the Sealing Power—Helaman 10:6–7**



Behold, thou art Nephi, and I am God. Behold, I declare it unto thee in the presence of mine angels, that **ye shall have power over this people**, and shall smite the earth with famine, and with pestilence, and destruction, according to the wickedness of this people. Behold, I give unto you power, that **whatsoever ye shall seal on earth shall be sealed in heaven**; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven; and thus shall ye have power among this people.

#### **The Three Nephites Never Taste of Death—3 Nephi 28:4–7**

When he had spoken unto them **he turned himself unto the three**, and said unto them: What will ye that I should do unto you, when I am gone unto the Father? And they sorrowed in their hearts, for they durst not speak unto him the thing which they desired. And he said unto them: Behold, I know your thoughts, and **ye have desired the thing which John, my beloved**, who was with me in my ministry, before that I was lifted up by the Jews, **desired of me**. Therefore, more blessed are ye, for **ye shall never taste of death**; but ye shall live to behold all the doings of the Father unto the children of men, even until all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father, **when I shall come in my glory with the powers of heaven**. . . .

#### **The Three Nephites Are Translated—3 Nephi 28:8–10, Cont.**

And **ye shall never endure the pains of death**; but when I shall come in my glory ye shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye from mortality to immortality; and then shall ye be blessed in the kingdom of my Father. And again, ye shall not have pain while ye shall dwell in the flesh, **neither sorrow save it be for the sins of the world**; and all this will I do because of the thing which ye have desired of me, for **ye have desired that ye might bring the souls of men unto me, while the world shall stand**. And for this cause ye shall have fulness of joy; and ye shall sit down in the kingdom of my Father; yea, your joy shall be full, even as the Father hath given me fulness of joy; and **ye shall be even as I am**, and I am even as the Father; and the Father and I are one.

#### **The Three Nephites Are Caught up into Heaven—3 Nephi 28:13–16**

And behold, the heavens were opened, and **they were caught up into heaven, and saw and heard unspeakable things**. And it was forbidden them that they should utter; neither was it given unto them power that they could utter the things which they saw and heard; And whether they were in the body or out of the body, they could not tell; for it did seem unto them like a transfiguration of them, that **they were changed from this body of flesh into an immortal state, that they could behold the things of God**. But it came to pass that they did again minister upon the face of the earth; nevertheless they did not minister of the things which they had heard and seen, because of the commandment which was given them in heaven.

#### **The Three Nephites Could Receive No Harm—3 Nephi 28:19–23**

And they were cast into prison by them who did not belong to the church. And the prisons could not hold them, for they were rent in twain. And they were cast down into the earth; but **they did smite the earth with the word of God, insomuch that by his power they were delivered out of the depths of the earth**; and therefore they could not dig pits sufficient to hold them. And thrice they were cast into a furnace and received no harm. And twice were they cast into a den of wild beasts; and behold they did play with the beasts as a child with a suckling lamb, and received no harm. And **it came to pass that thus they did go forth among all the people of**

**Nephi, and did preach the gospel of Christ unto all people upon the face of the land;** and they were converted unto the Lord, and were united unto the church of Christ, and thus the people of that generation were blessed, according to the word of Jesus.

#### **The Three Nephites Have Convincing Power—3 Nephi 28:27–30**

Behold **they will be among the Gentiles**, and the Gentiles shall know them not. They will also be among the Jews, and the Jews shall know them not. And it shall come to pass, when the Lord seeth fit in his wisdom that **they shall minister unto all the scattered tribes of Israel, and unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people**, and shall bring out of them unto Jesus many souls, that their desire may be fulfilled, and also **because of the convincing power of God which is in them. And they are as the angels of God**, and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus they can show themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good.

#### **Satan Has No Power over the Three Nephite Disciples—3 Nephi 28:38–40**

Therefore, that they might not taste of death **there was a change wrought upon their bodies, that they might not suffer pain nor sorrow save it were for the sins of the world.** Now this change was not equal to that which shall take place at the last day; but there was a change wrought upon them, insomuch that **Satan could have no power over them, that he could not tempt them; and they were sanctified in the flesh, that they were holy**, and that the powers of the earth could not hold them. And in this state they were to remain until the judgment day of Christ; and at that day they were to receive a greater change, and to be received into the kingdom of the Father to go no more out, but to dwell with God eternally in the heavens.

## 28. On Becoming Brothers of Jared

**Description:** Should Latter-day Saints act on God’s invitation to see all things the brother of Jared saw by exercising faith and performing a similar ministry to his?

#### **The Lord Hears the Brother of Jared—Ether 1:40–42**

It came to pass that **the Lord did hear the brother of Jared, and had compassion upon him**, and said unto him: Go to and gather together thy flocks, both male and female, of every kind; and also of the seed of the earth of every kind; and thy families; and also Jared thy brother and his family; and also thy friends and their families, and the friends of Jared and their families. And when thou hast done this thou shalt go at the head of them down into the valley which is northward. And there will I meet thee, and **I will go before thee into a land which is choice above all the lands of the earth.**

#### **The Lord Leads the Brother of Jared’s People—Ether 2:5–8**

And it came to pass that the Lord commanded them that they should go forth into the wilderness, yea, into that quarter where there never had man been. And it came to pass that **the Lord did go before them, and did talk with them as he stood in a cloud, and gave directions whither they should travel.** And it came to pass that they did travel in the wilderness, and did build barges, in which they did cross many waters, being directed continually by the hand of the Lord. And **the Lord would not suffer that they should stop beyond the sea in the wilderness, but he would that they should come forth even unto the land of promise**, which was choice above all other lands, which the Lord God had preserved for a righteous people. And he had

sworn in his wrath unto the brother of Jared, that whoso should possess this land of promise, from that time henceforth and forever, should serve him, the true and only God, or they should be swept off when the fulness of his wrath should come upon them.

#### **The Brother of Jared Intercedes for His Brethren—Ether 2:14–15**

And it came to pass at the end of four years that **the Lord came again unto the brother of Jared, and stood in a cloud and talked with him.** And for the space of three hours did the Lord talk with the brother of Jared, and chastened him because he remembered not to call upon the name of the Lord. And the brother of Jared repented of the evil which he had done, and **did call upon the name of the Lord for his brethren who were with him.**

#### **The Brother of Jared Sees All Things—Ether 3:23–27**

Behold, **these two stones will I give unto thee,** and ye shall seal them up also with the things which ye shall write. For behold, the language which ye shall write I have confounded; wherefore I will cause in my own due time that these stones shall magnify to the eyes of men these things which ye shall write. And when the Lord had said these words, **he showed unto the brother of Jared all the inhabitants of the earth which had been, and also all that would be; and he withheld them not from his sight, even unto the ends of the earth.** For he had said unto him in times before, that if he would believe in him that he could show unto him all things—it should be shown unto him; therefore **the Lord could not withhold anything from him, for he knew that the Lord could show him all things.** And the Lord said unto him: Write these things and seal them up; and I will show them in mine own due time unto the children of men.

#### **The Brother of Jared Sees Great Things—Ether 4:4–5**

Behold, I have written upon these plates the very things which the brother of Jared saw; and **there never were greater things made manifest than those which were made manifest unto the brother of Jared.** Wherefore the Lord hath commanded me to write them; and I have written them. And he commanded me that I should seal them up; and **he also hath commanded that I should seal up the interpretation thereof;** wherefore I have sealed up the interpreters, according to the commandment of the Lord. . . .

#### **The Gentiles See What the Brother of Jared Saw—Ether 4:6–8**

**They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles until the day that they shall repent of their iniquity,** and become clean before the Lord. And in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, saith the Lord, even as the brother of Jared did, that they may become sanctified in me, **then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw,** even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations, saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them are. And **he that will contend against the word of the Lord, let him be accursed;** and he that shall deny these things, let him be accursed; for unto them will I show no greater things, saith Jesus Christ; for I am he who speaketh.

#### **The Gentiles Must Rend Their Veil of Unbelief—Ether 4:13–16**

**Come unto me, O ye Gentiles, and I will show unto you the greater things, the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief.** Come unto me, O ye house of Israel, and it shall be made manifest unto you how great things the Father hath laid up for you, from the foundation of the

world; and it hath not come unto you, because of unbelief. Behold, **when ye shall rend that veil of unbelief** which doth cause you to remain in your awful state of wickedness, and hardness of heart, and blindness of mind, then shall the great and marvelous things which have been hid up from the foundation of the world from you—

#### **The Gentiles Rend Their Veil of Unbelief—Ether 4:13–16, Cont.**

yea, **when ye shall call upon the Father in my name**, with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, then shall ye know that the Father hath remembered the covenant which he made unto your fathers, O house of Israel. And then shall my revelations which I have caused to be written by my servant John be unfolded in the eyes of all the people. Remember, when ye see these things, ye shall know that **the time is at hand that they shall be made manifest in very deed.**

#### **The Lord Shows Nephi and John All Things—1 Nephi 14:24–30**

Behold, the things which this apostle of the Lamb shall write are many things which thou hast seen; and behold, the remainder shalt thou see. But the things which thou shalt see hereafter thou shalt not write; for the Lord God hath ordained the apostle of the Lamb of God that he should write them. And **also others who have been, to them hath he shown all things, and they have written them; and they are sealed up to come forth in their purity, according to the truth which is in the Lamb**, in the own due time of the Lord, unto the house of Israel. And I, Nephi, heard and bear record, that the name of the apostle of the Lamb was John, according to the word of the angel. And behold, I, Nephi, am forbidden that I should write the remainder of the things which I saw and heard; wherefore the things which I have written sufficeth me; and I have written but a small part of the things which I saw. And I bear record that **I saw the things which my father saw, and the angel of the Lord did make them known unto me.** And now I make an end of speaking concerning the things which I saw while I was carried away in the spirit.

## 29. The Coming of One Like Moses

**Description:** Do the scriptures speak of more than one prophet like Moses besides Jesus Christ? Do Isaiah's prophecies throw light on what Jesus said about his servant?

#### **A Prophesied Prophet Like Moses—Deuteronomy 18:15, 19**

The Lord thy **God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me;** unto him ye shall hearken. . . . And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, **I will require it of him.**

#### **The Lord Is the Prophet Like Moses—1 Nephi 22:19–21**

The righteous shall not perish; for the time surely must come **that all they who fight against Zion shall be cut off.** And the Lord will surely prepare a way for his people, unto the fulfilling of the words of Moses, which he spake, saying: **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you, like unto me;** him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that all **those who will not hear that prophet shall be cut off from among the people.** And now I, Nephi, declare unto you, that **this prophet of whom Moses spake was the Holy One of Israel;** wherefore, he shall execute judgment in righteousness.

#### **A Choice Seer Is a Prophet Like Moses—2 Nephi 3:7, 9**

Joseph truly said: Thus saith the Lord unto me: **A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins;** and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins. And unto him will I give commandment that he shall **do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren,** which shall be of great worth unto them, even to the bringing of them to the knowledge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers. . . . **And he shall be great like unto Moses,** whom I have said I would raise up unto you, to deliver my people, O house of Israel.

### **Jesus Is the Prophesied Prophet Like Moses—3 Nephi 20:23**

Behold, **I am he of whom Moses spake,** saying: A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that **every soul who will not hear that prophet shall be cut off from among the people.**

### **Jesus' Servant Is a Prophet Like Moses—3 Nephi 21:10–12**

**The life of my servant shall be in my hand;** therefore they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them. Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil. Therefore it shall come to pass that **whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ,** which the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, and shall give unto him power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) **they shall be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant.** And my people who are a remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, **if he go through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces,** and none can deliver.

### **One Like Moses Leads Them—Doctrine & Covenants 103:15–20**

Behold, I say unto you, the redemption of Zion must needs come by power; Therefore, **I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel.** For ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham, and **ye must needs be led out of bondage by power, and with a stretched-out arm.** And as your fathers were led at the first, even so shall the redemption of Zion be. Therefore, let not your hearts faint, for I say not unto you as I said unto your fathers: Mine angel shall go up before you, but not my presence. But I say unto you: Mine angels shall go up before you, and also my presence, **and in time ye shall possess the goodly land.**

### **Moses Stretches out His Hand over the Sea—Exodus 14:21–28**

**Moses stretched out his hand over the sea;** and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And **the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.** And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And **Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and**

**the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.** And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

**The Lord Makes Bare His Arm—1 Nephi 22:11–12; cf. Isaiah 52:10**

The Lord God will proceed to **make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, in bringing about his covenants and his gospel unto those who are of the house of Israel.** Wherefore, he will bring them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the lands of their inheritance; and **they shall be brought out of obscurity and out of darkness;** and they shall know that the Lord is their Savior and their Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel.

**Jehovah Empowers His Arm—Isaiah 51:9–11; cf. 2 Nephi 8:9–11**

Awake, arise; **clothe yourself with power,**

**O arm of Jehovah!**

Bestir yourself, as in ancient times,  
as in generations of old.

Was it not you who carved up Rahab,  
you who slew the dragon?

**Was it not you who dried up the Sea,**

the waters of the mighty deep,  
and made of ocean depths a way  
by which the redeemed might pass? . . .

**Jehovah Empowers His Arm—Isaiah 51:9–11, Cont.**

Let the ransomed of Jehovah return!

**Let them come singing to Zion,**  
their heads crowned with everlasting joy;  
let them obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing flee away.

**Israel's Returnees Travel Unharméd—Isaiah 43:1–2**

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

**When you cross the waters, I will be with you;**

[when you traverse] the rivers,  
you shall not be overwhelmed.

**Though you walk through the fire,**

you shall not be burned;  
its flame shall not consume you.

**Jehovah Appoints His Servant as a Lawgiver—Isaiah 55:3–5**

Give ear and come unto me;

**pay heed, that your souls may live!**

And I will make with you an everlasting covenant:  
my loving fidelity toward David.

See, **I have appointed him as a witness to the nations,  
a prince and lawgiver of the peoples.**  
You will summon a nation that you did not know;  
a nation that did not know you will hasten to you—  
because of Jehovah your God,  
**the Holy One of Israel, who gloriously endows you.**

### 30. Types of the Coming of Christ

**Description:** Do the scriptures contain foreshadowings of Jesus' second coming to the earth that inform Latter-day Saints of what the events of his coming will be like?

#### **Jehovah Comes as Redeemer to Zion—Isaiah 59:19–20**

From the west men will fear Jehovah Omnipotent,  
and from the rising of the sun his glory.  
For **he will come [upon them] like a hostile torrent**  
impelled by the Spirit of Jehovah.  
But **he will come as Redeemer to Zion,**  
to those of Jacob who repent of transgression,  
says Jehovah.

#### **Preparing for Jehovah's Coming to Zion—Isaiah 62:10–12**

Pass on, go through gates;  
**prepare the way for the people!**  
Excavate, pave a highway cleared of stones;  
raise the ensign to the nations!  
Jehovah has made proclamation to the end of the earth:  
**Tell the Daughter of Zion, See, your Salvation comes,  
his reward with him, his work preceding him.**  
They shall be called the holy people, the redeemed of Jehovah;  
and you shall be known as in demand, a city never deserted.

#### **As Jesus Ascended to Heaven So He Will Descend—Acts 1:9–11**

When he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

#### **Jesus Comes in the Clouds of Heaven—Matthew 24:30**

They shall see **the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven** with power and great glory.

#### **Nephites Look for the Sign of Jesus' Coming—3 Nephi 8:3–6**

The people began **to look with great earnestness for the sign which had been given** by the prophet Samuel, the Lamanite, yea, for the time that there should be darkness for the space of three days over the face of the land. And **there began to be great doubtings and disputations**

**among the people, notwithstanding so many signs had been given.** And it came to pass in the thirty and fourth year, in the first month, on the fourth day of the month, **there arose a great storm, such an one as never had been known in all the land.** And there was also a great and terrible tempest; and there was terrible thunder, insomuch **that it did shake the whole earth as if it was about to divide asunder.**

#### **A Terrible Destruction at Jesus' Coming—3 Nephi 8:11–15**

There was a **great and terrible destruction in the land southward. But behold, there was a more great and terrible destruction in the land northward;** for behold, the whole face of the land was changed, because of the tempest and the whirlwinds, and the thunderings and the lightnings, and **the exceedingly great quaking of the whole earth;** And the highways were broken up, and the level roads were spoiled, and many smooth places became rough. And many great and notable cities were sunk, and many were burned, and many were shaken till the buildings thereof had fallen to the earth, and **the inhabitants thereof were slain, and the places were left desolate.** And there were some cities which remained; but the damage thereof was exceedingly great, and there were many in them who were slain.

#### **Jesus Descends Out of Heaven to Earth—3 Nephi 11:8–11**

They cast their eyes up again towards heaven; and behold, **they saw a Man descending out of heaven; and he was clothed in a white robe;** and he came down and stood in the midst of them; and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon him, and they durst not open their mouths, even one to another, and wist not what it meant, for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them. And it came to pass that he stretched forth his hand and spake unto the people, saying: **Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.** And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and **have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world,** in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

#### **The Nephites Fall Down and Worship Jesus—3 Nephi 11:16–17**

And when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying: **Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God!** And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship him.

#### **Jesus Comes to Dwell among His People—3 Nephi 21:23–25**

They [the Gentiles] shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, **that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem.** And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem. And **then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst.**

#### **The Lord's Glory Is upon His People Zion—Moses 7:15–18**

There went forth a **curse upon all people that fought against God;** And from that time forth there were wars and bloodshed among them; but the Lord came and dwelt with his people, and they dwelt in righteousness. The fear of the Lord was upon all nations, **so great was the glory of the Lord, which was upon his people.** And the Lord blessed the land, and they were blessed upon the mountains, and upon the high places, and did flourish. And **the Lord called his people**



**Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind,** and dwelt in righteousness; and there was no poor among them.

#### **Enoch's Zion Is Taken into Heaven—Moses 7:20–21**

The Lord said unto Enoch: **Zion have I blessed, but the residue of the people have I cursed.** And it came to pass that the Lord showed unto Enoch all the inhabitants of the earth; and he beheld, and lo, **Zion, in process of time, was taken up into heaven.** And the Lord said unto Enoch: Behold mine abode forever.

#### **Righteousness Prepares the Way for Jesus—Moses 7:61–62**

The day shall come that the earth shall rest, but before that day the heavens shall be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth; and **the heavens shall shake, and also the earth;** and great tribulations shall be among the children of men, but my people will I preserve; And **righteousness will I send down out of heaven; and truth will I send forth out of the earth,** to bear testimony of mine Only Begotten; his resurrection from the dead; yea, and also the resurrection of all men; and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, **to gather out mine elect from the four quarters of the earth,** unto a place which I shall prepare, an Holy City, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and **it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem.**

#### **Enoch Saw the Coming of the Lord—Moses 7:63–66**

And the Lord said unto Enoch: **Then shalt thou and all thy city meet them there, and we will receive them into our bosom,** and they shall see us; and we will fall upon their necks, and they shall fall upon our necks, and we will kiss each other; And **there shall be mine abode, and it shall be Zion, which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made;** and for the space of a thousand years the earth shall rest. And it came to pass that **Enoch saw the day of the coming of the Son of Man,** in the last days, to dwell on the earth in righteousness for the space of a thousand years; But before that day he saw great tribulations among the wicked; and he also saw the sea, that it was troubled, and men's hearts failing them, looking forth with fear for the judgments of the Almighty God, which should come upon the wicked.