

Isaiah

Lesson for church 1-15-23

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A 3 Nephites 7:1-4

1 But behold, Zion, the city whose foundation proceedeth from heaven and expected, by all the prophets that lived before us, shall not come until the words of this book fulfill the prophecies of Isaiah, when then these seals are opened and these words are revealed to the sons of men and by the remnant of Jacob, the Lord God will show in union with the seed of the promise and to every one who will be called by His name in the fullness of times.

2 And thus prophesied Isaiah concerning these days and the chosen seed, through the covenant made with their ancestors: "Behold, the former things already fulfilled, and, behold, now I am announcing unto you new things; and before they occur, I reveal them to you. From the east I will bring his offspring, and in the west I will gather him. I'll tell the north: Deliver them! And to the south: 'Do not hold'; bring my children from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth, even every one that is called by my name, and gather in Zion, in the New Jerusalem. And, behold, I will bring forth from them a people who are blind, though they have eyes, and who are deaf, though they have ears, and I will drive them away, because they refuse to see salvation from Me, the Lord, while I gather all the nations into one place."

3 Who among them can announce this and reveal to us the ancient things written in this book? — May he present his witnesses to prove that he is right; so that my people will hear them and say: 'This is true¹'. (1) Isaiah 43:5-9

- 5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;
- 6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;
- 7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.
- 8 ¶ Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.
- 9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

4 Therefore, it must be fulfilled in this, that Isaiah's words concerning him who, with stuttering lips and by another tongue, will speak to this people¹, just as it was prophesied by Joseph in Egypt concerning him whom the Lord would call to write these words, but that he will not be able to speak to

these people because of his dialect, but that the Lord would summon to minister with him, a spokesman from the loins of Joseph, according to the promises made to our ancestors in relation to the chosen seed in the last days² . (1) Isaiah 28:11 |(2) RLDS 2Nephi 2: 32-37 / LDS 2Nephi 3:17-18

- 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

A 3 Nephites 12:29-36

29 Behold, verily, verily, I say unto you, O ye elect people in the fulness of times, even as I say to these my Nephite disciples, that you will examine these things; and I say unto you also, and verily I command you that ye should search these things diligently according to the words of Isaiah. For he not only spoke all things concerning the people of Israel, but also made an account of the things that are to be restored among the Gentiles in regard to the fulness of times, that from one new moon to another and from one sabbath to another shall all flesh come to worship before Me, the Lord¹ . (1) Isaiah 66:23

- 23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

30 And all the things that Isaiah said were and will be fulfilled according to the things that he wrote. Therefore hearken thou to my words; and that my disciple, Nephi, write the things which I have spoken unto you concerning my people in the latter days; and according to the time and the will of the Father, these things will come to your knowledge.

31 And whosoever shall hearken unto these words of mine and repent and be baptized shall be saved. Therefore examine what the prophets concerning the Sabbath have said, for many bear witness to these things, as Isaiah testified, when he spoke of the full restoration of the observance in the dispensation of the fulness of times, when saying: Thus saith Jehovah: "Take heed to judgment, and do that which is just, for, behold, my salvation is about to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that shall keep to this commandment - "To keep the Sabbath, and not to profane it¹ ". (1) Isaiah 56:1-2

- 1 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.
- 2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

32 These words, therefore, apply to the Gentiles in the last days. Yea, to whom this record is to be revealed in the fulness of times, to redeem my people, which is a remnant of Jacob, as Isaiah foretold when he wrote: "Thus saith the Lord GOD, which gathereth the dispersed of Israel, and lo, I will yet gather others unto him¹ ." (1) Isaiah 56:8

- 8 The Lord GOD which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

33 Therefore, I preserve this doctrine and preserve it by my own hand to be restored in the last days for the purpose of fulfilling the words of Isaiah concerning the day on which I, Jesus Christ, will definitely seal the law and the testimony through these ancient Records for the restoration of this important commandment among My disciples that I will gather with the house of Jacob¹ . (1) Isaiah 8:16-18

- 16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.
- 17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.
- 18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

34 And once again I will recite to you the words of Isaiah concerning this people who await me in the fullness of times: "And they that shall proceed from thee shall build the ancient ruins; and thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, and restorer of the ways of our inheritance."

35 If therefore thou turn aside thy foot from profaning the Sabbath, and to take care of thy own interests on My holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delightful and holy day of the Lord, honorable, and honor it not by following your own ways and not intending to do your own will or speaking empty words on this day, then you will delight in the Lord your God.

36 And I myself will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth of your inheritance, and I will uphold thee as the heirs of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath said, that ye are a remnant of his seed¹ (1) Isaiah 58:12-14 .

- 12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.
- 13 ¶ If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:
- 14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

A3Nephites 14:18

18 And it came to pass that a long time went by, and the Lord of the vineyard said unto his servant, come, let us go to the vineyard to work on it. And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard, and also the servant, went down into the vineyard to work¹ . It was when the words of Isaiah, both recited and researched

in the East, were fulfilled through teaching propagated by Belteshazzar in the wisdom schools of Babylon, where they studied the scriptures with all peoples in relation to the "future descendant"; and up until even among the instructed rabbis of the Hebrew people in their respective synagogues, in the distant lands of Israel. (1) RLDS Jacob 3:49-51 / LDS Jacob 5:15-16