

LESSON 9 ? 2 Nephi 11-25
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(Objective: inspire members to read & understand prophecies of Isaiah)

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- 1Nephi 19:23 To “more fully persuade them to believe in the Lord”
- 2Nephi 11:2-4 To provide another witness of Jesus Christ
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Keys to Understanding Isaiah

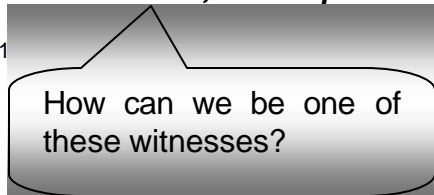
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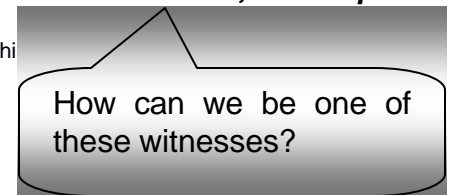
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Three witnesses / all saw Christ

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Supplement #2 *Why Nephi quoted Isaiah more reasons*

2Nephi 25:1 Why didn’t people understand Isaiah?..... What does this mean?

Supplement #3 *Keys to understanding Isaiah..... Discuss 5 keys*

All temples can be a place of communion and revelation for worthy members

2. Isaiah sees latter-day temple and gathering of Israel

2Nephi 12:2-3 How does Salt Lake temple fulfill prophecy? Why is temple described as “mountain of the Lord”?

2Nephi 12:3-4 How can we help build the kingdom of God? We build kingdom by ‘walk in paths, spears to plows”

2Nephi 12:5 Isaiah exhorted house of Jacob to do what? “walk in the light” to not do sins in verses 7-9—prevalent today?

2Nephi 14:6 How does Isaiah describe temples? How can temples be a place of “refuge from storms”?

Ensign = standard = church magazine

Hissers (missionaries) will go forth with power!

3. Isaiah prophesies that Lord will raise ensign

2Nephi 15:26 Isaiah prophesied Lord would lift up what? “ensign to nations” What is an ensign? Why do snakes hiss?

2Nephi 15:26-29 What would happen when ensign is raised? Gather without being weary / be energetic

JS History 1:40 Moroni quoted Isaiah 11 (same as 2Nephi 21) How is restored gospel an ensign to all nations?

2Nephi 21:12 How is this prophecy being fulfilled? Did this help Joseph Smith maintain his focus?

4. Isaiah and Nephi testify of Christ’s redeeming power

2Nephi 16 summary Isaiah’s account of what? Isaiah sees the Lord (remember chapter 11 above?)

2Nephi 16: 1-4 What is setting of vision? Seraphims = angels who administer / scene depicts Lord’s power

2Nephi 16: 5 How did Isaiah feel in Lord’s presence? How will we feel?

2Nephi 16:6-7 What does burning coal on lips signify? Isaiah’s sins were forgiven (remember Isaiah’s unclean lips?)

2Nephi 16: 8 How did Isaiah respond to Lord’s voice? When we can respond likewise?... “Here am I, send me”

2Nephi 22:1-6 What excellent things has Lord done for us? Isaiah’s describes how all people will praise Savior during millennium

2Nephi 25:23,26 Nephi’s testimony about grace & family We labor diligently to save our children & leave rest to Lord

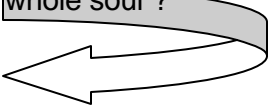
2Nephi 25:29 Think about how we each can do this! What can we each do this week to worship with **“whole soul”**?

How does this apply to me?

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Supplement #4 *Can we add our name as a witness?*

Let each of us show our approval of Isaiah’s words by worshipping Lord with whole soul.. Lets do one thing better this week than we did last week!



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