



The Stick of Joseph: another Testament of Jesus Christ



My Soul Delighteth in the Words of Isaiah

Lesson 9:

Attention Activity

Read Mosiah 8:17–18

- What are seers able to see?
- Why are seers so important for us?

Nephi testifies of Isaiah's writings and gives keys for understanding them. 2 Nephi 11; 25:1–7

- Why did Nephi find Isaiah's words important for his record?

Why did Nephi quote Isaiah?	
The Reference	The Reason For Quoting Isaiah
1 Nephi 19:23	
2 Nephi 11:2–4	
2 Nephi 11:5–6, 8	
2 Nephi 25:3	

- Why are these reasons important for us today?
- How can understanding Isaiah's words cause us to rejoice?
- What is the spirit of prophecy? (Revelation 19:10.)
- How can we obtain it?
- How can the spirit of prophecy help us understand Isaiah's teachings about the Savior?

Isaiah sees the latter-day temple and the gathering of Israel. (2 Nephi 12:1–12.)

- What can each of us do to help fulfill this prophecy?
- How does the Salt Lake Temple fulfill a portion of Isaiah's prophecy recorded in 2 Nephi 12:2–3?
- Why do you think Isaiah described the temple as "the mountain of the Lord"?
- **How can all temples be "mountains" for our worship?**
- How did Isaiah describe temples? (2 Nephi 14:6.)
- What are some examples of spiritual storms that we face in this life?
- How can the temple help protect us from these storms?
- How can we as Latter-day Saints help establish the kingdom of God on earth, as described in 2 Nephi 12:3–5? (D&C 133:7–14.)
- What phrase did Isaiah use when he exhorted the house of Jacob to walk in the ways of the Lord? (2 Nephi 12:5.)
- What are some of the specific sins mentioned in 2 Nephi 12:7–12?
- How are these sins still prevalent today?
- How can we avoid these pitfalls and "walk in the light"?
- What hymn celebrates the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of the Restoration of the gospel?

Isaiah prophesies that the Lord will raise an ensign and gather Israel. 2 Nephi 15:26–29; 21:12.

- What chapter of Isaiah (quoted in 2 Nephi 21) did the angel Moroni tell Joseph Smith was about to be fulfilled, when came to him in his room? (Joseph Smith—History 1:40).
- Isaiah prophesied that the Lord would "lift up an ensign to the nations" (2 Nephi 15:26; 2 Nephi 21:12). **What is an ensign?**

- What did Isaiah say would happen when this ensign was raised? (2 Nephi 15:26–29.)
- **How is the restored gospel of Jesus Christ an ensign to all nations?** (D&C 64:41–43; 105:39; 115:4–6.)
- **How is the prophecy that nations will be "gather[ed] together" being fulfilled today?** (2 Nephi 21:12.)

Isaiah and Nephi testify of Jesus Christ's redeeming power. 2 Nephi 16; 22; 25:19–30.

- 2 Nephi 16 contains Isaiah's account of a vision in which he saw the Lord. **How did Isaiah describe the setting of the vision?** (2 Nephi 16:1–4.)
- How did Isaiah feel in the presence of the Lord? (2 Nephi 16:5.)
- What was symbolized by the angel touching Isaiah's lips with the burning coal? (2 Nephi 16:6–7.)
- How did Isaiah respond when he heard the voice of the Lord? (2 Nephi 16:8.)
- In what other scriptural account have you seen similar language used? (Abraham 3:27.)
- **When might we need to give a similar response to the Lord?**
- **Read 2 Nephi 22:1–6.** These verses contain Isaiah's description of how all people will praise the Savior during the Millennium.
- What impresses you about these verses?
- What "excellent things" (2 Nephi 22:5) has the Savior done for us?
- **Scan 2 Nephi 25:19–30 ponder Nephi's testimony of the Savior.**
- **What impresses you about Nephi's testimony?**
- How can we, like Nephi, "labor diligently ... to persuade our children ... to believe in Christ"? (2 Nephi 25:23; 2 Nephi 25:26.)
- **What did Nephi teach about salvation by grace? (2 Nephi 25:23).**
- What does this statement teach about the relationship between the grace of Jesus Christ and our works? (2 Nephi 10:24–25; D&C 20:29–31.)
- How does this statement give you encouragement to do the best you can?
- **Read 2 Nephi 25:29**
- **What might you do this week to comply more fully with Nephi's exhortation to worship the Lord "with all your might, mind, and strength, and your whole soul"?**

Calling "evil good, and good evil" (2 Nephi 15:20)

- In what ways might we, like ancient Israel, make the mistake of calling "evil good, and good evil"? (2 Nephi 15:20).
- **How can we be sure that we recognize good and evil for what they really are?** (Moroni 7:12–17.)

Conclusion

The Savior gave His approval of Isaiah's teachings saying: "Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah" (3 Nephi 23:1).

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