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“Then, just as you settle in to move comfortably along, you will meet a barrier. ... Interspersed in the narrative, are chapters reciting the prophecies of the Old Testament prophet Isaiah. They loom as a barrier, like a roadblock or a checkpoint beyond which the casual reader, one with idle curiosity, generally will not go.



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“You, too, may be tempted to stop there, but do not do it! Do not stop reading! Move forward through those difficult-to-understand chapters of Old Testament prophecy, even if you understand very little of it. Move on, if all you do is skim and merely glean an impression here and there. Move on, if all you do is look at the words.”

(Conference Report, Apr. 1986, 76; or Ensign, May 1986, 61).

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23a TG Cheerful.
b TG Agency.
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b 2 Ne. 31:1.
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b 3 Ne. 23:1.
c 2 Ne. 16:1.
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4a 2 Ne. 31:2.
b Jacob 4:5;
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“Those three witnesses were to be Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris. ...

“In keeping with this same covenantal principle, it is interesting to note that there were three earlier witnesses—special witnesses—not only of the divine origins of the Book of Mormon but also of Divinity himself. These early witnesses were Nephi, Jacob, and Isaiah, and it is not by coincidence that their testimonies appear so conspicuously at the beginning of this ancient record. ...



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“... What is known is that most of the ‘greater views’ of the gospel found in the teachings of the small plates of Nephi come from the personal declarations of these three great prophetic witnesses of the premortal Jesus Christ—Nephi, Jacob, and Isaiah. These three doctrinal and visionary voices make clear at the very outset of the Book of Mormon why it is ‘another testament of Jesus Christ.’ ...



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“One could argue convincingly that the primary purpose for recording, preserving, and then translating the small plates of Nephi was to bring forth to the dispensation of the fulness of times the testimony of these three witnesses. Their writings constitute a full 135 of the [143] pages from the small plates. By the time one has read Nephi, Jacob, and Isaiah in these first pages, a strong foundation has been laid for what Nephi called ‘the doctrine of Christ.’”

(“Christ and the New Covenant” [1997], 33–35).

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“Prepare now for the temple, the mountain of the Lord. Never allow the goal of the temple to be out of your sight. Walk into His presence in purity and virtue, and receive His blessings—even ‘all that he hath’ (Luke 12:44). Within His holy house you will be cleansed, taught, and endowed with power, and His ‘angels [will] have charge over [you]’ (D&C 109:22).”

(Elaine S. Dalton, “Come Let Us Go Up to the Mountain of the Lord,” Ensign or Liahona, May 2009, 122–23).

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21 To go into the clefts of the rocks,

and from Judah, the stay and
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and the whole stay of water—

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of ^bwar, the judge, and the prophet,
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Hosts soon cometh upon all nations, yea, upon every one; yea, upon the ^bproud and lofty, and upon every one who is lifted up, and he shall be brought low.

13 Yea, and the day of the Lord shall come upon all the ^acedars of Lebanon, for they are high and lifted up; and upon all the oaks of Bashan;

14 And upon all the ^ahigh mountains, and upon all the hills, and upon all the nations which are lifted up, and upon every people;

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16 And upon all the ships of the ^asea, and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

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21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for the fear of the Lord shall come upon them and the majesty of his glory shall smite them, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

22 Cease ye from man, whose

breath is in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be accounted of?

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17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a ^ascab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the Lord will ^bdiscover their secret parts.

18 In that ^aday the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments, and cauls, and round tires like the moon;

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“At times, consequences of sin may appear to be very subtle to the sinner. We may even convince ourselves ... that no one will be able to detect our sins and that they are well concealed. But always to our Heavenly Father and often to spiritually sensitive leaders, parents, and friends, our sins are glaringly apparent.

“While attending a youth fireside with Elder Richard G. Scott, I noticed five youths scattered among the congregation whose countenances or body language almost screamed that something was spiritually amiss in their lives. After the meeting, when I mentioned the five youths to Elder Scott, he simply replied, ‘There were eight.’”

(Spencer V. Jones, “Overcoming the Stench of Sin,” Ensign or Liahona, May 2003, 88).

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Woes and Judgements

the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13 Therefore, my people are gone into ^acaptivity, because they have no ^bknowledge; and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore, hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15 And the mean man shall be ^abrought down, and the ^bmighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the ^clofty shall be humbled.

16 But the Lord of Hosts shall be exalted in ^ajudgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the ^afat ones shall strangers eat.

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19 That say: Let him ^amake speed, ^bhasten his work, that we may ^csee it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it.

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15a Isa. 2:17 (11, 17).

b 2 Ne. 12:11.

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b Moro. 7:14 (14, 18).

c 1 Jn. 1:6.

21a Prov. 3:7 (5-7);

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3a Matt. 13:43 (41-43).

4a 2 Ne. 13:24 (16-26).

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10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one ^abath, and the seed of a homer shall yield an ephah.

11 Wo unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may ^afollow strong drink, that continue until night, and ^bwine inflame them!

12 And the harp, and the ^aviol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine are in their feasts; but they ^bregard not

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13 Therefore, my people are gone into ^acaptivity, because they have no ^bknowledge; and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore, hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

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18 Wo unto them that draw iniquity with cords of ^avanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope;

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20 Wo unto them that ^acall ^bevil good, and good evil, that put ^cdarkness for light, and light for darkness, that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

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22 Wo unto the mighty to drink ^awine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink;

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25 Therefore, is the ^aanger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them; and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ^aensign to the ^bnations from far, and will hiss unto them from the ^cend of the earth; and behold, they shall ^dcome with speed swiftly; none shall be weary nor stumble among them.

27 None shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken;

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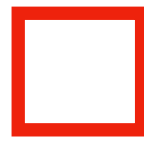
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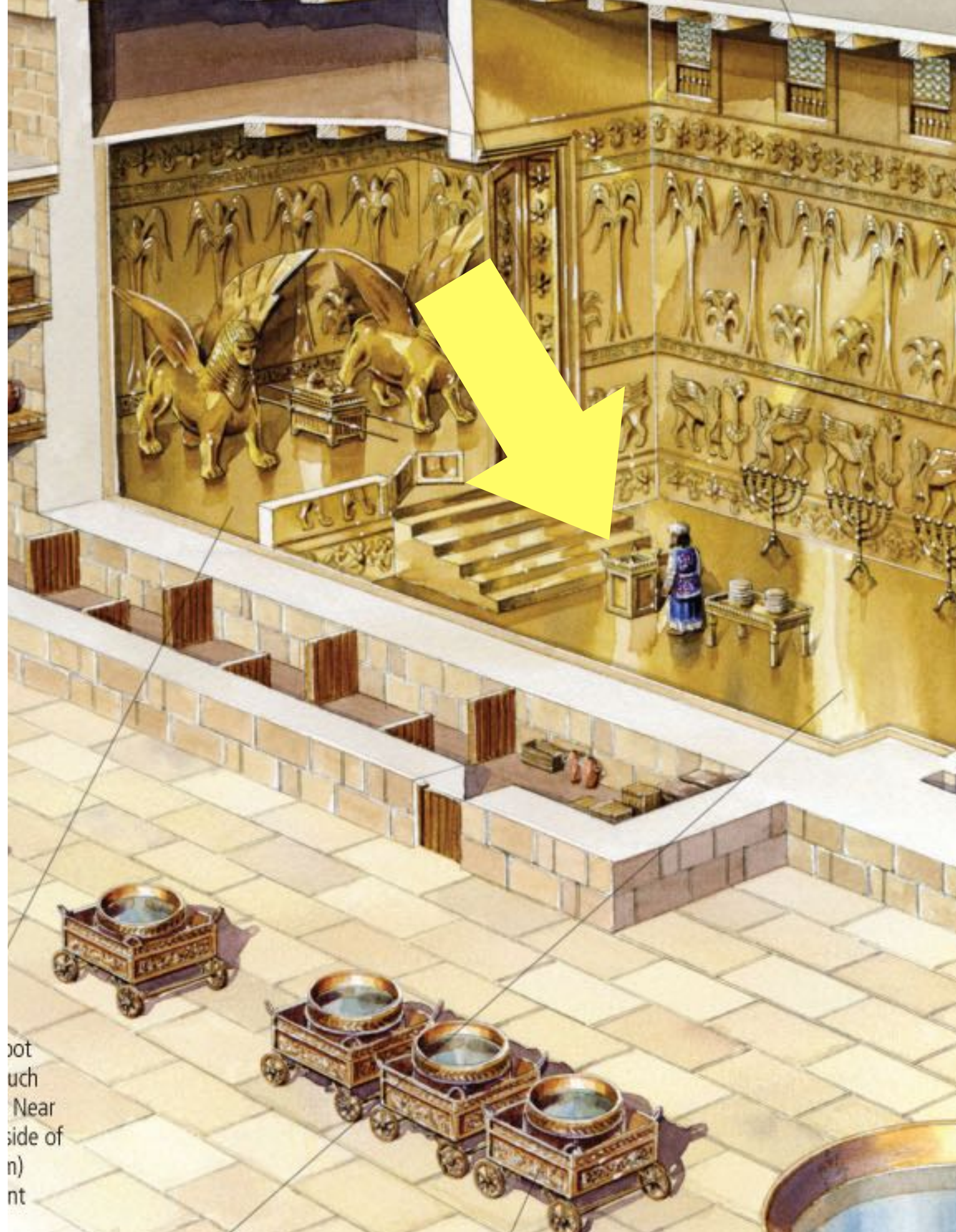
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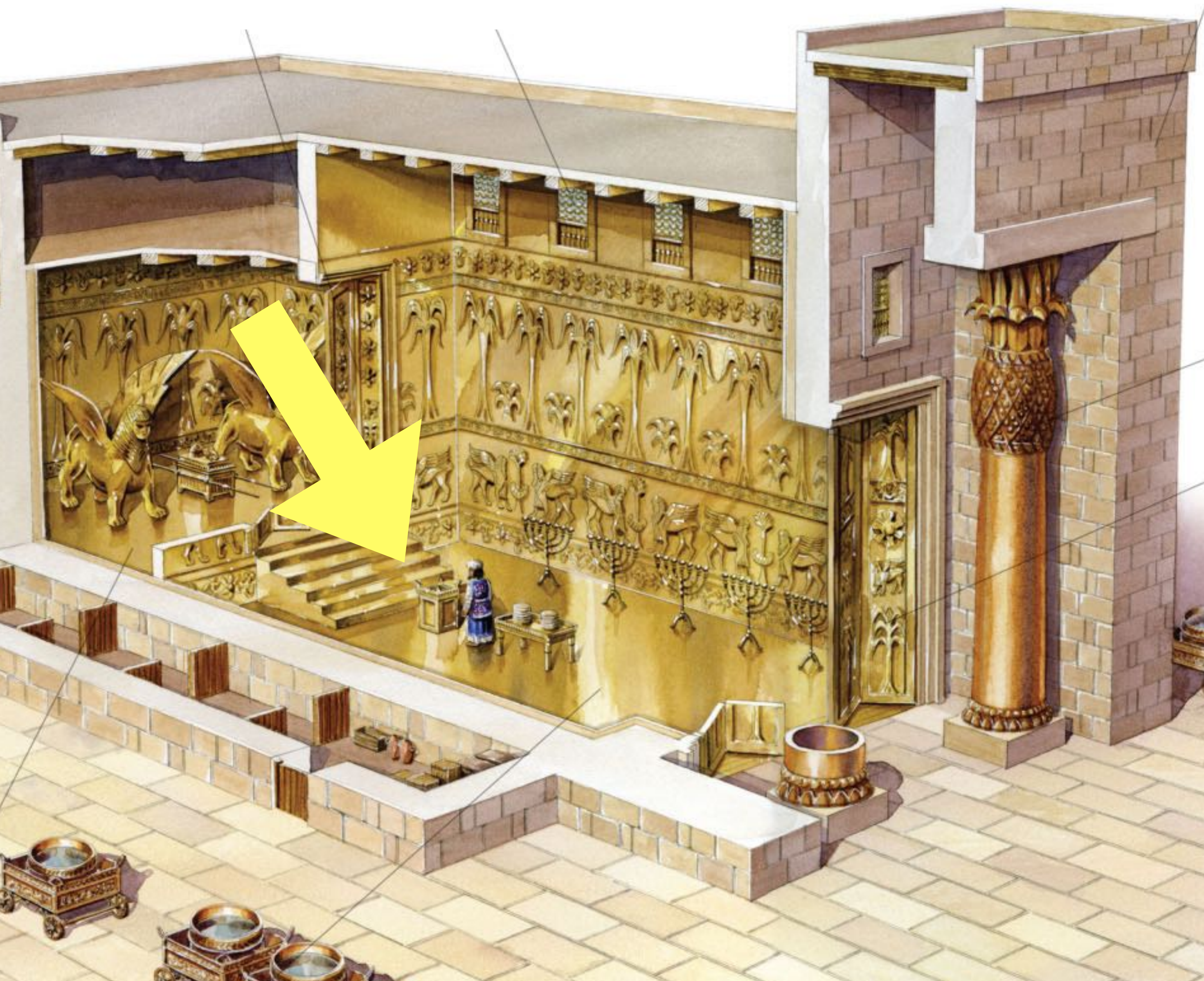
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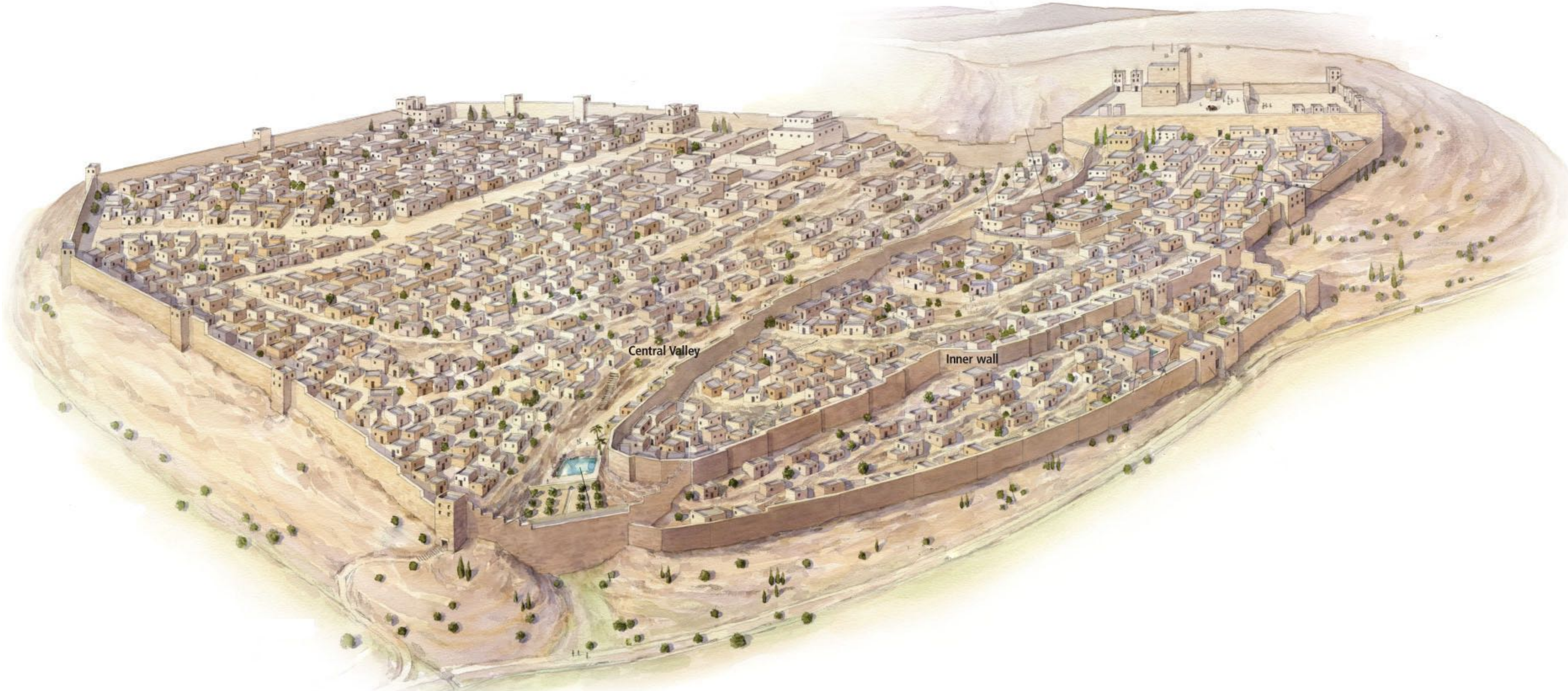
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22 And they shall look unto the earth and behold trouble, and ^adarkness, dimness of anguish, and shall be driven to darkness.

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^aNEVERTHELESS, the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at first he lightly afflicted the ^bland of ^cZebulun, and the land of ^aNaphtali, and afterwards did more grievously afflict by the way of the **Red** Sea beyond Jordan in Galilee of the nations.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

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4 For thou hast broken the yoke of ^ahis burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his ^boppressor.

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7 Of the increase of ^agovernment and peace ^bthere is no end, upon the throne of ^cDavid, and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.

8 The Lord sent **his** word **unto** Jacob and it hath lighted upon Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the **inhabitants** of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart:

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn ^astones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into ^bcedars.

11 Therefore the Lord shall set up the adversaries of ^aRezin against him, and join his enemies together;

12 The Syrians before and the Philistines behind; and they shall ^adevour Israel with open mouth. For all this his ^banger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

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Summary of 2 Nephi 18:1-10

In the days of King Hezekiah—the son of Ahaz—Isaiah compared the Assyrian army to a river that would symbolically flood the land of Judah and “reach even to the neck”—meaning the walls of Jerusalem (2 Nephi 18:8). This prophecy was fulfilled when 185,000 Assyrian soldiers came to attack Jerusalem, stopping at the walls of the city.

18 1a Isa. 8:1 (1–22).

b HEB To speed to the spoil, he hasteneth

6a Neh. 3:15;

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19 And when they shall say unto you: Seek unto them that have ^afamiliar spirits, and unto ^bwizards

18 1a Isa. 8:1 (1–22).

b HEB To speed to the spoil, he hasteneth

6a Neh. 3:15;

John 9:7.

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19c 1 Sam. 28:11 (8–20).

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CHAPTER 20

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Significant changes or additions to the King James Version of Isaiah.

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“As ‘Wonderful Counselor,’ he will be our mediator, our intercessor, defending our cause in the courts of heaven. . . .

“Of course, as noted by Isaiah, Christ is not only a mediator but also a judge [see Mosiah 3:10; Moroni 10:34; Moses 6:57]. It is in that role of judge that we may find even greater meaning in Abinadi’s repeated expression that ‘God himself’ will come down to redeem his people [Mosiah 13:28; see also Mosiah 13:34; 15:1; Alma 42:15].



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“It is as if the judge in that great courtroom in heaven, unwilling to ask anyone but himself to bear the burdens of the guilty people standing in the dock, takes off his judicial robes and comes down to earth to bear their stripes personally. Christ as merciful judge is as beautiful and wonderful a concept as that of Christ as counselor, mediator, and advocate.

“‘Mighty God’ conveys something of the power of God, his strength, omnipotence, and unconquerable influence. Isaiah sees him as always able to overcome the effects of sin and transgression in his people and to triumph forever over the would-be oppressors of the children of Israel.



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“Everlasting Father’ underscores the fundamental doctrine that Christ is a Father—Creator of worlds without number, the Father of restored physical life through the Resurrection, the Father of eternal life for his spiritually begotten sons and daughters, and the One acting for the Father (Elohim) through divine investiture of authority. All should seek to be born of him and become his sons and his daughters [see Mosiah 5:7].



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“Lastly, with the phrase ‘Prince of Peace,’ we rejoice that when the King shall come, there will be no more war in the human heart or among the nations of the world. This is a peaceful king, the king of Salem, the city that would later become Jeru-Salem. Christ will bring peace to those who accept him in mortality in whatever era they live, and he will bring peace to all those in his millennial and postmillennial realms of glory.”

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