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Isaiah 40-49



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Isaiah 40–66 is prophetic. Although reference is made to Isaiah's immediate future, the burden of his prophecy is for the latter days. Most Bible scholars feel that these chapters are historical and that they were written by others after Judah was exiled to Babylon. Yet Book of Mormon prophets quote parts or all of Isaiah 48–53, indicating these chapters must have been included on the Brass Plates before the Babylonian exile. Christ told the Nephites that Isaiah "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" (3 Nephi 23:2). Isaiah's prophecies concerning Israel's destiny are more reliable than the limited perspective of historians.

spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it*: I shall go softly all my years in the ^abitterness of my soul.

16 O Lord, by these *things men* live, and in all these *things is* the life of my spirit: ^aso wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

17 Behold, ^afor peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul ^bdelivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day: the ^afather to the children shall make known thy ^btruth.

20 The LORD *was ready* to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

21 For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and ^alay it for a plaster upon the ^bboil, and he shall recover.

22 Hezekiah also had said, What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

CHAPTER 39

Hezekiah reveals his wealth to Babylon—Isaiah prophesies the Babylonian captivity.

At that time ^aMerodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

2 And ^aHezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house

of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

3 ¶ Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, *even* from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, ^aHear the word of the LORD of hosts:

6 Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

7 And of thy ^asons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

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2c Jer. 16:18; 17:18.

3a Matt. 3:3;
D&C 88:66; 128:20.

b Matt. 11:10 (7–10);
1 Ne. 10:8;
D&C 65:1.

TG Foreordination.

c TG Jesus Christ,
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d TG Jesus Christ, Second
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4a Luke 3:5;

f HEB the mountains into
a plain.

5a TG Jesus Christ, Glory of.

b TG Jesus Christ, Second
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c D&C 101:23.

6a TG Mortality.

b Ps. 102:11;
D&C 124:7.

8a TG Jesus Christ, Messen-
ger of the Covenant.

9a TG Jerusalem, New.

11a TG Church; Sheep.

b TG Jesus Christ, Good
Shepherd; Jesus Christ,
Millennial Reign;
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13a Job 21:22.

b TG God, Spirit of.

c TG Counselor.

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b 1 Ne. 22:21 (20–22).

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Luke quoted Isaiah 40:3–5 (see Luke 3:4–6)—not only verse 3 but also verses 4 and 5, which are clearly millennial in application. When Joseph Smith revised Luke’s passage, he added five verses that also apply to the Second Coming and clearly identify the Savior as Him for whom the forerunner would prepare the way.

Since the five verses the Prophet Joseph added were put in the middle of Luke’s quotation of Isaiah, it can be assumed they were part of Isaiah’s original text. They are therefore cited here (they were inserted between verses 3 and 4 of Luke).

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“Yea, even the dispersed and afflicted; and also to prepare the way, and make possible the preaching of the gospel unto the Gentiles;

“And to be a light unto all who sit in darkness, unto the uttermost parts of the earth; to bring to pass the resurrection from the dead, and to ascend up on high, to dwell on the right hand of the Father,

“Until the fulness of time, and the law and the testimony shall be sealed, and the keys of the kingdom shall be delivered up again unto the Father;

“To administer justice unto all; to come down in judgment upon all, and to convince all the ungodly of their ungodly deeds, which they have committed; and all this in the day that he shall come.” (JST, Luke 3:5–9.)

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Clearly John the Baptist fulfilled this prophecy twice. But there was to be yet another fulfillment of the prophecy.

Another forerunner who prepared for Christ's coming was the Prophet Joseph Smith.

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Elder Robert D. Hales

“In the scriptures, the word wait means to hope, to anticipate, and to trust. To hope and trust in the Lord requires faith, patience, humility, meekness, long-suffering, keeping the commandments, and enduring to the end...

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“As we follow the promptings of the Spirit, we discover that ‘tribulation worketh patience’ [Romans 5:3] and we learn to ‘continue in patience until [we] are perfected’ [D&C 67:13]” (Robert D. Hales, “Waiting upon the Lord: Thy Will Be Done,” GC Oct 2011, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2011, 72).

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3 He pursued them, *and* passed safely; *even* by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet.

4 Who hath wrought and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the ^afirst, and with the last; I *am* he.

5 The isles saw *it*, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

6 They ^ahelped every one his neighbour; and *every one* said to his brother, Be of good courage.

7 So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, *and* he that smootheth *with* the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, *that* it ^ashould not be moved.

8 But thou, Israel, *art* my servant,

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29 Behold, they *are* all ^avanity; their works *are* nothing; their molten ^bimages *are* wind and confusion.

CHAPTER 42

Isaiah speaks about the Messiah—The Lord will bring His law and His justice, be a light to the Gentiles, and free the prisoners—Praise the Lord.

BEHOLD my ^aservant, whom I uphold; mine ^belect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have ^cput my ^aspirit upon him: he shall bring forth ^ejudgment to the Gentiles.

2 He shall not cry, nor ^alift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 ^aA bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the ^aisles shall wait for his law.

5 ¶ Thus saith God the LORD, he that ^acreated the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth ^bbreath unto the people upon it, and ^cspirit to them that ^awalk therein:

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hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a ^acovenant of the people, for a ^blight of the ^cGentiles;

7 To ^aopen the ^bblind eyes, to bring out the ^cprisoners from the ^dprison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

8 I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

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23 Who among you will give ear to this? *who* will hearken and hear for the time to come?

24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and ^aIsrael to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not ^bwalk in his ways, neither were they ^cobedient unto his law.

25 Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he

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7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have ^acreated him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

8 ¶ Bring forth the blind people

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Israel's Failure to Hear and See

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b Isa. 44:9;
3 Ne. 21:17 (17–19);
D&C 1:16.

42 1a Matt. 12:18 (17–21).

4a 2 Ne. 10:20 (20–22).

5a TG Creation;
Jesus Christ, Creator.

b TG Breath of Life.
c TG Man, a Spirit Child

b Ps. 146:8;

Matt. 11:5.
c TG Genealogy and
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Salvation for the Dead.

16a 2 Ne. 3:5.

19a JST Isa. 42:19–23
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b TG Walking in
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c TG Disobedience

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c Isa. 45:14.
d Prov. 21:18.

e Ps. 72:10

nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3 ^aA bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the ^aisles shall wait for his law.

5 ¶ Thus saith God the LORD, he that ^acreated the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth ^bbreath unto the people upon it, and ^cspirit to them that ^dwalk therein:

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Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

28 For I beheld, and *there was* no man; even among them, and *there was* no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

29 Behold, they *are* all ^avanity; their works *are* nothing: their molten ^bimages *are* wind and confusion.

CHAPTER 42

Isaiah speaks about the Messiah—The Lord will bring His law and His justice, be a light to the Gentiles, and free the prisoners—Praise the Lord.

BEHOLD my ^aservant, whom I uphold; mine ^belect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have ^cput my ^dspirit upon him: he shall bring forth

hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a ^acovenant of the people, for a ^blight of the ^cGentiles;

7 To ^aopen the ^bblind eyes, to bring out the ^cprisoners from the ^dprison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

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Doctrine and Covenants 138:18–19, 30–31

18 While this vast multitude waited and conversed, rejoicing in the hour of their deliverance from the chains of death, the Son of God appeared, declaring liberty to the captives who had been faithful;

19 And there he preached to them the everlasting gospel, the doctrine of the resurrection and the redemption of mankind from the fall, and from individual sins on conditions of repentance.

30 But behold, from among the righteous, he organized his forces and appointed messengers, clothed with power and authority, and commissioned them to go forth and carry the light of the gospel to them that were in darkness, even to all the spirits of men; and thus was the gospel preached to the dead.

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Isaiah recorded the singing of the “new song” after he recorded the restoration of the gospel. The song is unique in that only those who are sanctified are worthy to sing it (compare Revelation 14:1–3). The same spirit is reflected in Doctrine and Covenants 84:98–102. In another instance, the song is simply called the “song of the Lamb” (D&C 133:56–57).

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21 *a* TG Honor.

22 *a* IE Israel of Isaiah's time (vv. 22–25).

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Tribes of.

b TG Walking in Darkness.

c TG Disobedience.

43 1 *a* IE He will provide redemption in spite of the things told in Isa. 42:22–25.

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2 *a* Ps. 66:12.

b Dan. 3:27.

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COME FOLLOW ME: OLD TESTAMENT



Isaiah 43-44

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and *there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall ^alet it?*

14 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, your ^aredeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry *is in the ships.*

15 I *am* the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your ^aKing.

16 Thus saith the LORD, which ^amaketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall ^alie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are ^bquenched as tow.

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4 And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

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44 1a Isa. 44:21; 45:4; 1 Ne. 20:20

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25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be ^ajustified, and shall glory.

CHAPTER 46

Idols are not to be compared with the Lord—He alone is God and will save Israel.

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Babylon and Chaldea will be destroyed for their iniquities—No one will save them.

COME down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of ^aBabylon, sit on the ground: *there is no* ^bthrone, O ^cdaughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 ^aTake the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, ^bpass over the rivers.

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5 Sit thou silent, and ^aget thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

6 ¶ I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and ^agiven them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

7 ¶ And thou saidst, I shall be ^aa lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these *things* to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter ^bend of it.

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9 But these two *things* shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee ^ain their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, *and* for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10 ¶ For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None ^aseeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me.

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9a Deut. 32:7.

b TG God, Foreknowledge of.

c Isa. 44:8; 45:5 (5–22);

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12a TG Hardheartedness.

13a Ps. 85:9;

b IE on the way to exile.

3a IE I will not negotiate or compromise in this matter.

18a TG Jesus Christ, Creator.

b TG Earth, Purpose of.

19a Isa. 48:16; D&C 1:34.

22a D&C 6:36; 43:34.

b TG Salvation, Plan of.

23a Rom. 14:11;

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(Richard G. Scott, “Trust in the Lord,” GC Oct 1995, Ensign, Nov. 1995, 17).

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13 ¶ ^aSing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into ^bsinging, O mountains: for the LORD hath ^ccomforted his people, and will have ^dmercy upon his ^eafflicted.

14 But Zion said, The LORD hath ^aforsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.

15 Can a ^awoman forget her suck-

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18 ¶ Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these ^agather themselves together, *and* come to thee. As I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them *on thee*, as a bride *doeth*.

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24 ¶ Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

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