

people with their sins, he prophesied dire penalties. Nevertheless, he emphasized that God was eager to cleanse anyone who would repent. Amos also prophesied about the latter days.

Joel ministered to the people of the kingdom of Judah. Many of Joel's prophecies were about the latter days.

- What did the prophet Amos teach about the importance of prophets? (See Amos 3:7.) What does Doctrine and Covenants 1:37–38 teach about the respect we should have for the messages of the prophets?
- What did Amos prophesy would be the result if Israel rejected or

ignored prophets' messages? (See 8:11–13.) In what ways can the absence of the word of the Lord be compared to a famine? How can having the blessings of the restored gospel be compared to a feast?

- Review Joel 2:12–32 and 3:16–17 and look for answers to the following questions: What invitations has the Lord given to those living in the latter days? What blessings has the Lord promised to those who follow him in the latter days?

Additional reading: Joseph Smith—History 1:41; Doctrine and Covenants 1:14–28, 37–38.

The Glory of Zion Will Be a Defense

Isaiah 1–6

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Study Isaiah 1–6.

Isaiah prophesied many things about the earthly mission of the Savior, about the destruction that would follow Israel's wickedness, and about the mission and destiny of latter-day Israel.

- Many of Isaiah's warnings and prophecies apply both to his time, which was a time of great wicked-

ness, and to our time. How are the conditions described in Isaiah 1–5 evident in the world today?

- What three holy places mentioned in Isaiah 4:5–6 offer safety from evil? What expressions are used in these verses to describe how these holy places will protect us?

Additional reading: 2 Nephi 11.

"Thou Hast Done Wonderful Things"

Isaiah 22; 24–26; 28–30

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Study the following scriptures:

- a. Isaiah 22:22. The Savior opens the door to Heavenly Father's presence.
- b. Isaiah 24:21–22. The Savior shows mercy for those in spirit prison.
- c. Isaiah 25:1–4; 32:1–2. The Savior is a strength and a refuge.

d. Isaiah 25:6–9. The Savior will prepare a feast and destroy the "vail."

e. Isaiah 25:8. The Savior wipes away our tears.

f. Isaiah 26:19. The Savior will bring the Resurrection.

g. Isaiah 28:16. The Savior is our sure foundation.