

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.

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## 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.

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## "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.

h. Isaiah 29:4, 9–14, 18, 24. The Savior will restore the gospel to the earth.

i. Isaiah 30:19–21. The Savior knows our trials and directs our paths.

- How does the Savior “wipe away [our] tears”? (Isaiah 25:8).
- Isaiah prophesied that when the Messiah would come, he would die and be resurrected (Isaiah 25:8). Who else will be resurrected? (See Isaiah 26:19; 1 Corinthians 15:20–22; Alma 11:43–44.) What does Isaiah 26:19 suggest about how we will feel when we are resurrected? (See also D&C 138:12–16, 50.)

Compare the following verses in Isaiah 29 with the corresponding passages to

see how some of Isaiah's prophecies have been fulfilled:

Isaiah 29:4	Moroni 10:27
Isaiah 29:9–10, 13	Joseph Smith— History 1:18–19
Isaiah 29:11–12	Joseph Smith— History 1:63–65
Isaiah 29:14	Doctrine and Covenants 4:1; 6:1

- Isaiah told of people drawing near to the Lord with their mouths while their hearts are far from Him (Isaiah 29:13). How can we make sure that we are close to the Lord in our thoughts and actions as well as in our words?

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## “Beside Me There Is No Saviour”

*Isaiah 40–49*

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Study Isaiah 40–49.

- Review Isaiah 40:28–31; 42:16; 43:1–4; 44:21–23; and 49:14–16. As you read each passage, look for answers to the following questions: Which attribute of the Savior is mentioned in this passage? How does knowing of this attribute help increase our faith in the Savior?
- Babylon is often used in the scriptures as a symbol for the wickedness

of the world. What are the results of seeking after the ways of the world? (See Isaiah 47:1, 5, 7–11.) What has the Lord promised to those who seek him rather than the world? (See Isaiah 48:17–18.)

- Many of the prophecies in Isaiah 49 apply both to the work of the Savior and to the work of his servants. What does Isaiah 49:1–6 teach about our responsibilities in the latter days?

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## “How Beautiful upon the Mountains”

*Isaiah 50–53*

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Study Isaiah 50–53.

- What does Isaiah 53:2–5 tell us about the life of the Savior? Why can he understand our sorrows and our grief? (See Alma 7:11–13;

Hebrews 2:16–18; 4:15.) How have you sensed that he understands your sorrows and grief? Why was the Savior willing to suffer the pain of being wounded, bruised, and scourged? (See 1 Nephi 19:9.)