

Isaiah ¹⁷ And I will wait for the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob,
and I will hope for Him.

¹⁸ Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel—from the LORD of Hosts, who resides in Mount Zion. ¹⁹ And when they will say unto you,

The wicked “Seek mediums and spiritists,
who whisper and mutter—”

Isaiah Should not a people seek unto their God?
On behalf of the living to [hear from]⁶⁸ the dead?

²⁰ To the law and to the testimony; [and]⁶⁹ if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no dawn⁷⁰ in them.

²¹ And they will pass through it, distressed and hungry;
and it will come to pass that when they become hungry,

they will become enraged
and curse their king and their gods,

and they will look upward.

²² And they will look to the earth

and behold, distress and darkness, uttermost anguish;
and they will be thrust into darkness.

THE MESSIAH—THE SON BECOMES THE NEW KING (9:1-7)

Isaiah **9** Nevertheless there will be no more gloom for those who were in anguish. In former times he treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but afterward he will glorify Galilee of the nations, the way of the [Red]⁷¹ Sea, beyond the Jordan.

² The people who are walking in darkness have seen a great light; those who are dwelling in the land of the shadow of death, the light has shined upon them.

³ You have increased the nation;
You have magnified the rejoicing.⁷²

68. From JST and 2 Nephi 18:19–20; 19:1.

69. From JST and 2 Nephi 18:20.

70. Isaiah puts forth *dawn*, not *light* (compare KJV and other translations). *Dawn* expresses the beginning of light (as in light coming in the morning).

71. JST and 2 Nephi 2:19.

72. JST and 2 Nephi 19:3 omit “not.” Compare several medieval Hebrew Bible manuscripts.

They rejoice before You as one rejoices at harvest time,
and as they are joyful when dividing the booty,

⁴because You have shattered the yoke of their burden
and the staff of their shoulder
and the rod of their oppressor, as in the day of Midian⁷³.

⁵Because every soldier's boot that tramps with a quake
and every garment rolled in blood
will be for burning,
fuel for the fire.

⁶Because to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the dominion will be on His shoulder;
and His name will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

⁷There is no end to the increase of His dominion and peace
upon the throne of David
and upon His kingdom,
to establish it
and to sustain it
with justice
and with righteousness
from that time on
and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will do this.

JUDGMENT AGAINST THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL (9:8-10:4)

Isaiah ⁸The LORD sent [His]⁷⁴ word unto Jacob,
and it fell upon Israel.

⁹And all the people will know—
Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria,

73. "As the day of Midian" is not found in 2 Nephi 19:4.

74. JST is represented in brackets.

who say in pride
and arrogance of heart,

**Samaria's
people** ¹⁰“Bricks have fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones;
sycamores have been cut down, but we will replace them with
cedars.”

Isaiah ¹¹Therefore the LORD strengthened Rezin's adversaries
against them
and stirs up their enemies.

¹²Aram on the east,
and the Philistines on the west;
and they will devour Israel with open mouth.

For all this His anger is not turned away,
but His hand is stretched out still.

¹³But the people did not return to Him who smote them,
neither did they seek the LORD of Hosts.

¹⁴Therefore will the LORD cut off from Israel head and tail,
palm branch and reed, in one day.

¹⁵The elder, he is the head;
and a prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail.

¹⁶For those who guide this people cause them to err;
and those who are led by them are confused.

¹⁷Therefore the LORD will not rejoice over their young men,
neither has compassion on their orphans and widows;

for everyone [of them]⁷⁵ is godless and evil,
and every mouth speaks folly.

For all this His anger is not turned away,
but His hand is stretched out still.

¹⁸For wickedness burns as a fire;
it will devour the briars and thorns,
and will kindle the thickets of the forests,
and they will rise in a column of smoke.

¹⁹Through the wrath of the LORD of Hosts the land grew dark,
and the people will be like fuel for fire.

75. From JST.

No man will spare his brother.

²⁰ And he will snatch on the right hand but be hungry,
and he will eat on the left hand, but will not be satisfied;
each will eat the flesh of his own arm.

²¹ Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh;
together they will be against Judah.

For all this His anger is not turned away,
but His hand is stretched out still.

10 Woe to those who decree iniquitous laws
and who constantly write oppressive decrees,

² to turn away the needy from their legal claim
and to rob justice from the poor of my people,
that widows may be their spoil
and that they may plunder orphans.

³ And what will you do in the day of visitation,
and in the disaster that will come from afar?

To whom will you flee for help,
and where will you leave your wealth?

⁴ Nothing remains but to crouch under the prisoners
or to fall under the slain.

For all this His anger is not turned away,
but His hand is stretched out still.

GOD DESTROYS ASSYRIA FOR ITS WICKEDNESS (10:5-19)

The LORD ⁵ Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger,
and the staff of [their]⁷⁶ fury, it is in their hand.

⁶ I will send him against a godless nation,
and against the people of My wrath will I command him
to take spoil,
and to seize plunder,
and to make a trampling place, like the mire of the streets.

⁷ But such is not what he intends,
neither does his heart so think;