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“LET THE METAPHORS  
SPEAK TO YOU”

An LDS Commentary on Isaiah

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*Dedicated to those who live in the time about which Isaiah prophesied*

## **Isaiah 35**

**35:3.** This verse begins with strengthening the feeble hands and steadying the knees that give way. “Be strong and do not fear.” This is a reference to the second coming and continues, describing that time, with eyes of the blind being opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped and the lame leaping like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow (note that papyrus will only grow in water).

**35:8–10.** These verses describe a highway that will be there called “the way of holiness,” and only the clean will journey on it. It will be only for those who “walk in that way” [of holiness]. Wicked fools will not go about on it. No ferocious beasts will get *up* on it. *Only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of Jehovah will return.* They will enter Zion with singing; sorrow and sighing will flee away. These will surely be those whom President Russell M. Nelson has often described as continuing on the covenant path.

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