

February 26–March 3: 2 Nephi 11–19,  
"His Name Shall Be Called... The Prince Of Peace"  
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Part 1



# Nephi Helps Us Understand Isaiah

2 Nephi 11:2,8

What is it that makes Nephi's soul delight in the words of Isaiah?

## Susan W. Tanner

“Nephi speaks often of delight. He delights ‘in the things of the Lord,’ ‘in the scriptures,’ and ‘in the great and eternal plan’ of our Father in Heaven. Notably, Nephi often remembers his sources of delight in the midst of affliction, serving to lift and focus his spirit on eternal blessings.

“We too should delight in the things of the Lord for it will ‘lift’ our hearts and give us cause to ‘rejoice.’... Like Nephi, ‘I glory in my Jesus,’ in His ministering and saving roles upon the earth.” (CR, April 2008)

# Nephi Helps Us Understand Isaiah

2 Nephi 25:1-2,7

What is it about Isaiah's writings that makes it hard for us to understand?

But what does Nephi say about his explanation of the words of Isaiah?

# Nephi Helps Us Understand Isaiah

Nephi emphasizes these points from Isaiah:

Destruction of Judah

Christ's earthly ministry

Scattering and scourging of the Jews

Latter-day restoration and gathering of Israel

Nephi exhorts all to come to Christ

# Destruction of Judah

2 Nephi 25:9-10

What has always proceeded any destructive event that has fallen upon the Jewish people?

# Destruction of Judah

## 2 Nephi 15:1-2

What do the metaphors in these verses represent?

Wellbeloved  
vineyard  
wild grapes

Jews  
Jerusalem  
wickedness of the Jews

# Destruction of Judah

## 2 Nephi 15:3-6

What does the Lord do because of the “vineyard” produced “wild grapes” despite the fact that the Lord did everything possible to protect it?

What is the result of this action?



# Destruction of Judah

2 Nephi 15:11-13

Why were the Jews led into captivity?

# Destruction of Judah

2 Nephi 13:16-24

What is the desire of the people of Judea?  
What are they seeking after?

How can we apply this to our day?

## Joseph Fielding Smith

"The Prophet Isaiah without question saw our day, for he speaks of the daughters of Zion who, in the latter days, would be guilty of all kinds of improprieties in their dress....

"Now, my good brethren and sisters, I am making a plea for modesty and chastity and for the members of the Church, male and female alike, to be chaste, clean in their lives, and obedient to the covenants and commandments the Lord has given us." (CR, April 1964)

# Christ's Earthly Ministry

2 Nephi 25:12-13

# Christ's Earthly Ministry

2 Nephi 17:14

2 Nephi 19:6-8

## Thomas S. Monson

"For generations, enlightened mankind anxiously sought the fulfillment of prophecies uttered by righteous men inspired of Almighty God. For did not Isaiah declare: 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.' And again, 'For unto us a child is born... and his name shall be called... The Prince of Peace.'...

"With the birth of the babe in Bethlehem, there emerged a great endowment—a power stronger than weapons, a wealth more lasting than the coins of Caesar. This child was to be the King of kings and Lord of lords the Promised Messiah, even Jesus Christ the Son of God." (CR, Oct. 1965)

# The Scattering of the Jews

2 Nephi 25:15-16

To what extent will the Jews be driven from Jerusalem?

Why will the Lord allow this to happen?

# The Scattering of the Jews

2 Nephi 13:1-8,12

What is one of the results in Judah's hardheartedness that had a direct result in their being scattered?



## Hugh Nibley

“The costly fashions reflect a world in which people are out to impress and impose themselves on others.

Everyone is after a career, everyone is aspiring to be a VIP: ‘The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient. The captain... and the honorable man, and the counselor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.’

What about them? ‘I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.’ So much for their authority--and why? Because everyone is out for himself.... They stubbornly think they can go it alone.”

(Old Testament and Related Studies, pg.224)

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