

# SOME PROPHECIES OF ISAIAH

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Isaiah prophesied approximately 50 years, from 745 to 695 B.C. He was a man of much foretelling as well as forth-telling. Some of Isaiah's prophecies and their fulfillment are as follows:

Fulfilled during Isaiah's lifetime: *made by him*

1. Judah to be delivered from Syria and Israel. (7:4-7; ch. 16-17)
2. Syria and Israel to be destroyed by Assyria. (8:4; 17:1-14)
3. Assyria to invade Judah. (8:7-8)
4. Philistines to be subjugated. (14:28-32)
5. Moab to be plundered. (Chs. 15-16)
6. Egypt and Ethiopia to be conquered by Assyria. (20:4)
7. Arabia to be plundered. (21:13-17)
8. Tyre to be subdued. (23:1-12)
9. Hezekiah's life to be extended 15 years. (38:1-5)

Fulfilled after Isaiah's lifetime: *before our time but after his death*

1. Babylonian captivity; 39:5-7. (Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem in 589 B.C.)
2. Babylon to be overthrown by Cyrus; 46:11 (occured about 559 B.C.) *200 yrs before he was born*
3. Babylon to be overcome by the Medes; 13:17-22. (A union of the Medes and the Persians resulted in a weakening of Babylon in about 538 B.C.)
4. Cyrus, the Persian king, was named by Isaiah about 200 years before Cyrus was born; 44:28; 45:1-4.
5. Cyrus to liberate the captive Jews from Babylon; 45:13. (This was done about 537 B.C.)
6. Cyrus to rebuild Jerusalem; 44:23; 45:13.
7. Events relative to the life and mortal ministry of Jesus Christ; his birth, 7:14; 9:6-7; sufferings, ch. 53; resurrection, 26:19; and also the second coming, ch. 63-64.
8. The sealed book, 29:11-14. (Fulfilled in experiences of Joseph Smith and Martin Harris with Professor Anthon, 1829.)
9. The mountain of the Lord's house in the last days; all nations flowing unto it. See 2:2-3. This has an allusion to LDS temples, but will yet have a greater fulfillment.

Yet to be Fulfilled: (or in process, not yet completed)

1. The gathering of Israel and Judah. 5:25-30; 49:12-26
2. Redemption of Zion and Jerusalem. Ch. 11; ch. 35
3. Second Coming of Jesus, the Redeemer. Chs. 63-64; 40:1-11.
4. A new heaven and a new earth. 65:17-25; 66:22-23.

It is an all-pervading message in the Book of Isaiah that the Lord has something to do with the shape of things to come. He is involved in world affairs. Isaiah talks about the interaction of his covenant people with the world, and the destiny of nations. He uses other nations to keep his covenant people in line, and it is by the wicked that the wicked are destroyed. Isaiah shows that eventually the world will rest in peace and righteousness; a triumph of good over evil.

# SOME THEOLOGICAL CONCEPTS FROM ISAIAH

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Isaiah's writings are rich in theological teachings and ideas. Consider the following, which are only a few of many:

*similar to J.S. lectures on faith*

## Character and attributes of God

1. Only one true God (Jehovah)
  - a. 43:10-11
  - b. 45:5-6
  - c. 46:9-10
2. God is Supreme; All Power
  - a. 40:10-31 *summation of mattheus*
  - b. 42:13-25
  - c. 43:13
  - d. 48:12
3. God is eternal, everlasting
  - a. 40:28
  - b. 41:4
4. God is also Redeemer and Savior
  - a. 43:3, 11, 14
  - b. 45:15
  - c. 48:17
  - d. 49:26
5. God is the Creator
  - a. 40:26-28 *mattheus*
  - b. 42:5
  - c. 43:1, 7
  - d. 43:15
  - e. 44:24
  - f. 45:12
  - g. 48:13
  - h. 54:16
6. God is a Holy Being
  - a. 40:25
7. God is a being of Knowledge; reveals future events
  - a. 42:9
  - b. 46:10
  - c. 48:5-7

*mattheus Isaiah 40:10*

*In these chapters he is trying to convince Jesus there is only one true God "Jehovah"*

## Miscellaneous Doctrines

1. Proper fasting, 58:1-11
2. Proper Sabbath observance, 58:13-14
3. Forgiveness after repentance, 1:18; 55:7, 8; 40:1-2.
4. The irrationality of idol worship, 44:13-20. Very interesting argument.
5. The greatest theological teaching of Isaiah is concerning the coming of a Redeemer, whom Isaiah calls the "Holy One of Israel". The Book of Mormon uses this term frequently, and identifies the Holy One as Jesus Christ. (See 2 Nephi 25:29). Isaiah uses the term 27 times in the Book of Isaiah. It is also found in 2 Kings 19:20, but it is Isaiah speaking here also. Psalms uses the term 3 times; Jeremiah twice. It is almost exclusively an Isaianic term.

Isaiah has the largest vocabulary of any of the Old Testament writers, and is the Old Testament writer most frequently quoted in the New Testament, Book of Mormon, and the Doctrine and Covenants.

SOME READINGS FROM ISAIAH  
ON THE GATHERING OF ISRAEL

AND CONDITIONS OF THE MILLENNIUM

- I. The Lord will restore his people (Israel) and use the Gentiles to help do it:  
Isaiah 49:13-26. (See 1 Nephi 22:3-9, 24-26)
- II. When the Lord restores the people of Israel, he will also restore the land (desert) to fruitfulness:  
Isaiah 35:1-10; Isaiah 41:18
- III. Conditions just previous to and during the Millennium:  
Isaiah 2  
Isaiah 3  
Isaiah 4  
Isaiah 5  
Isaiah 11  
Isaiah 12  
Isaiah 13  
Isaiah 52 (See D&C 113:7-10)  
Isaiah 60:1-4, 12-16, 18-22  
Isaiah 61  
Isaiah 62  
Isaiah 63  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
Isaiah 66

# ISAIAH PHRASEOLOGY in the DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS

## Isaiah

1:2	Hear, O ye heavens . . . . .	76:1
1:16-17	Cease to do evil, learn to do well . . . . .	88:123-124
1:18	Come, let us reason together . . . . .	50:10
1:19	The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land . . . . .	64:34
8:16	Bind up the testimony; seal up the law . . . . .	88:84; 109:46
11:1-10	An explanation by the Prophet . . . . .	113:1-6
24:5	Changed ordinances, broken the everlasting covenant . . . . .	1:15
24:20	Earth reel to and fro as a drunken man . . . . .	88:87
25:6	A feast of fat things, wine on the lees . . . . .	58:8
28:10	Line upon line, precept upon precept . . . . .	128:21
28:15	Overflowing scourge pass over . . . . .	45:31
28:21	Strange work, strange act . . . . .	95:4; 101:95
29:14	Marvelous work and a wonder . . . . .	6:1
34:4	Stars as figs fall from tree . . . . .	88:87
34:5	Sword bathed in heaven, Idumea . . . . .	1:13, 36
34:8	Day of vengeance, year of redeemed . . . . .	133:51-52
35:3	Strengthen hands and feeble knee . . . . .	81:5
35:10	Songs of everlasting joy . . . . .	66:11
		101:18; 133:33
40:5	All flesh shall see me together . . . . .	101:23
40:31	Run and not be weary; walk and not faint . . . . .	89:20
43:11	Beside me there is no Savior . . . . .	76:1
45:23	Every knee bow, etc. . . . .	76:110
50:2-3	When I called, none to answer, fish stink, heavens clothed in sackcloth	133:67-69
50:11	Ye shall lie down in sorrow . . . . .	133:70
51:10	A highway in the deep . . . . .	133:27
52:1	Put on thy strength . . . . .	113:7
52:2	Loose thyself from bands of neck . . . . .	113:9
52:10	Will make bare his arm in eyes of nations . . . . .	133:3
52:11	Be clean that bear the vessels of the Lord . . . . .	38:42; 133:5
52:12	No by haste nor by flight . . . . .	133:15
52:15	Shall consider that which they had not heard . . . . .	101:94
54:17	No weapon against thee shall prosper . . . . .	71:9
55:6	Seek the Lord while he is near . . . . .	88:62-63
60:2	Darkness cover earth, minds . . . . .	112:23
60:22	Will hasten in its time . . . . .	88:73; 52:43
63:1-6	Lord from heaven, red clothing, wine press, anger, fury, day of vengeance, year of redeemed, none to help	133:46-51
63:7	Loving kindness of the Lord . . . . .	133:52
63:9	He afflicted with their afflictions, carried them, angel, etc.	133:53
64:1-4	Rend heavens, mountains flow . . . . .	133:40-45
65:22	Children age of tree . . . . .	101:30
66:1	Earth is God's footstool . . . . .	38:17