

## ***"Isaiah Prophecies in the Book Of Mormon"***

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Isaiah the prophet lived 740-681 BC which was 74 years prior to the exile of the Jews from Jerusalem and 81 years prior to Lehi leaving Jerusalem with the brass plates containing the works of Isaiah. The Jewish exile began 607 through 587 BC and ended 537 BC.

Since the Dead Sea Scrolls contain the entire Book of Isaiah we know it was written before 150 BC. Critics of the Book of Isaiah want to divide the book into two sections. The first (chapters 1-39) they ascribe to Isaiah but chapters 40-66 they want to ascribe to other authors written at a later time. The Book of Mormon quotes from 15 of the first section chapters (2-14, 18 & 29) and from 10 of the last section chapters (45, 48-55 & 65); therefore indicating the entire book was written before 600 BC. Since Lehi's grandfather was a contemporary of Isaiah Lehi might have known whether the brass plates contained the entire book. Extensive computer studies conducted by Brigham Young University show a unique authorship style throughout the various sections of Isaiah. Therefore based on style alone the Book of Isaiah is the work of one man.

**All of the following Isaiah references are found in the Book of Mormon.**

### **The words of Christ**

(3 Nephi 10:26-32 RCE / 3 Nephi 23:1-5 LDS)

*"And now, behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to search these things. Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah. For surely he spake as touching all things concerning my people which are of the house of Israel; therefore it must needs be that he must speak also to the Gentiles. And all things that he spake have been and shall be, even according to the words which he spake. Therefore give heed to my words; write the things which I have told you; and according to the time and the will of the Father they shall go forth unto the Gentiles. And whosoever will hearken unto my words and repenteth and is baptized, the same shall be saved. Search the prophets, for many there be that testify of these things."*

### **Christ quotes Isaiah:**

*Isaiah 52:1-3, 6-15, I 54:1-17*

*3 Nephi 7:43-45, 9:74-83 & 10:9-17 RCE / 3 Nephi LDS)*

### **Christ in Isaiah (p 39)**

1. His incarnation (Isaiah 7:14) (2 Nephi 9:27-38 RCE / 2 Nephi 17:14-25 LDS)
2. His youth in Nazareth (Isaiah 11:1, 2, 53:2-3) (2 Nephi 9:116-131 & Mosiah 8:16-27 RCE / 2 Nephi 21:1-16 & Mosiah 14:1-12 LDS)
3. His suffering and death (Isaiah 50:6, 52:14, 53:1-10) (Mosiah 7:77, 8:16-27 RCE / Mosiah 12:21, 14:1-12 LDS)
4. His resurrection, ascension & exaltation (Isaiah 52:13, 53:11-12) (Mosiah 8:16-27 RCE / Mosiah 14:1-12 LDS)
5. His millennial reign (Isaiah 9:7, 11:3-16, 49:1-12) (2 Nephi 9:66-81, 6:31-42 RCE / 2 Nephi 19:6-21, 9:13-18 LDS)
6. The coming of Christ's kingdom (Isaiah 2:1-4) (2 Nephi 8:18-38 RCE / 2 Nephi 12:2-22 LDS)

## **Isaiah's prophecies in the Book of Mormon that were fulfilled**

### **Those fulfilled during Isaiah's lifetime (p 145)**

1. Judah would be saved from the threatened Syrian and Israelite (Northern kingdom) invasion (Isaiah 7:4-7) (2 Nephi 9:14-30 RCE / 2 Nephi 17:1-17 LDS)
2. Assyria would invade Judah (Isaiah 8:7, 8) (2 Nephi 9:39-60 RCE / 2 Nephi 18:1-22 LDS)
3. Assyria would be judged by God (Isaiah 10:5, 6 & 24) (2 Nephi 9:82-115 RCE / 2 Nephi 20:1-34 LDS)

### **Those fulfilled after Isaiah's death (p 145)**

1. The Babylonian captivity (Isaiah 3:8) (2 Nephi 8:39-65 RCE / 2 Nephi 13:1-26, 14:1 LDS)
2. Babylon overthrown by Cyrus (Isaiah 13:17-22, 14:1-23, 48:14) (2 Nephi 10:1-54 & 1 Nephi 6:21 RCE / 2 Nephi 23:1-22, 24:1-32 & 1 Nephi 20:14 LDS)
3. Babylon to suffer perpetual desolation (Isaiah 13:20-22) (2 Nephi 10:1-22 RCE / 2 Nephi 23:1-22 LDS)
4. The birth, earthly life, sufferings, death, resurrection, ascension and exaltation of Jesus Christ (see Christ in Isaiah above.)
5. The revealing of the Book of Mormon (Isaiah 29:4-21) (2 Nephi 11:125-160 RCE / 2 Nephi 27:6-35 LDS)

### **Those yet to be fulfilled:**

#### **Tribulation (p 57)**

1. Earth to be shaken, moved out of its place, the stars of heaven to stop giving light, sinful mankind to hide in caves and holes of the earth, to suffer the pain of childbirth (Isaiah 2:10-22, 13:6-13) (2 Nephi 8:29-38, 10:1-22 RCE / 2 Nephi 12:13-22, 23:1-22 LDS)

#### **Millennium (p 43)**

1. Of gentile nations (Isaiah 2:2-4, 11:10, 52:10) (2 Nephi 9:116-131 RCE / 2 Nephi 21:1-16 LDS)
2. Of Israel and Jerusalem (Isaiah 11:12, 14:3, 49:10-13, 51:3, 11, 52:1, 6-9) (2 Nephi 10:23-54, & 1 Nephi 6:31-56, 7:13 RCE / 2 Nephi 24:1-32, & 1 Nephi 21:1-26, 22:6 LDS)
3. Of the afflicted (Isaiah 29:17, 18, 19) (2 Nephi 5:39 RCE / 2 Nephi 6:15 LDS)
4. Of all nature (Isaiah 11:6-9, 14:7, 8, 65:25) (see gentile nations above)
5. The millennial reign and the coming of Christ's kingdom (see Christ in Isaiah above.)

### **Words of Nephi**

(2 Nephi 11:12-14 RCE / 2 Nephi 25:7-8 LDS)

*"...nevertheless, in the days that the prophecies of Isaiah shall be fulfilled men shall know of a surety, at the times when they shall come to pass. Wherefore, they are of worth unto the children of men, and he that supposeth that they are not, unto them will I speak particularly, and confine the words unto mine own people; for I know that they shall be of great worth unto them in the last days; for in that day shall they understand them; wherefore, for their good have I written them."*