

October 5–11

Isaiah 50–57

“He Hath Borne Our Griefs, and Carried Our Sorrows”



Overview

Several chapters in this lesson are discussed in the Book of Mormon to help teach important principles:

- Jacob teaches from Isaiah 50 and 51.

- Christ teaches from Isaiah 52.

- Abinadi teaches from Isaiah 53.

Israel forsakes the Lord and Are Scattered

Isa 50:1-2

Isa 50:10-11

What do you think he mean by “walk by the sparks which ye have kindled”?

How can relying on our own light prevent us from receiving the blessings the Lord has promised?

Israel forsakes the Lord and Are Scattered

2Ne 9:28-30

How can the wisdom, knowledge, or riches we have acquired become a hindrance to receiving the blessings the Lord has promised?

Theodore M. Burton

“When education is becoming more and more popular and more and more necessary, there is grave danger of intellectual apostasy....

“What causes intellectual apostasy? Why do some learned men and women turn from the faith? It is not learning, for there are hundreds of us, thousands of us, equally well-trained. It isn't being exposed to different ideas, for we too were exposed to these ideas in the finest universities of the land. Why, then, do they lose their testimony? Principally out of vanity and pride. They want to impress others with their learning. To put it indelicately, it is the problem of the swelled head.”
(CR, April 1961)

Ezra Taft Benson

"The two groups who have the greatest difficulty in following the prophet are the proud who are learned and proud who are rich. The learned may feel the prophet is only inspired when he agrees with them otherwise, the prophet is just giving his opinion-speaking as a man. The rich may feel they have no need to take counsel of a lowly prophet." (1980 BYU Speeches of the Year, pg. 29)

Christ's Life and Mission

Isa 50:6

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2Ne 10:3-5

How can priestcraft cause people to reject Christ and harden their hearts against Him, even when they have witnessed His power and teachings?

2 Nephi 26:29

He commandeth that there shall be no priestcrafts; for, behold, priestcrafts are that men preach and set themselves up for a light unto the world, that they may get gain and praise of the world; but they seek not the welfare of Zion.

Christ is Our Advocate with the Father

Isa 51:22

Isa 50:7-9

Who stands with us, justifies us, and pleads our cause before the Father?

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2Ne 9:19,25-26

What gives Christ the right to plead our cause before the Father and claim mercy on our behalf?

D&C 45:3-5

3) Listen to him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your cause before him—

4) Saying: Father, behold the sufferings and death of him who did no sin, in whom thou wast well pleased; behold the blood of thy Son which was shed, the blood of him whom thou gavest that thyself might be glorified;

5) Wherefore, Father, spare these my brethren that believe on my name, that they may come unto me and have everlasting life

Dale G. Renlund

"Christ's advocacy is, at least in part, to remind us that He has paid for our sins and that no one is excluded from the reach of God's mercy. For those who believe in Jesus Christ, repent, are baptized, and endure to the end—a process that leads to reconciliation—the Savior forgives, heals, and advocates. He is our helper, consoler, and intercessor—attesting to and vouching for our reconciliation with God." (CR, Oct. 2018)

The Gathering of Israel to the Americas

Isa 49:22-23

What is the standard that God will set up among the Gentiles, and how will it contribute to the gathering of Israel?

Marion G. Romney

“This Church is the standard which Isaiah said the Lord would set up for the people in the latter days. This Church was given to be a light to the world and to be a standard for God's people and for the Gentiles to seek to. This Church is the ensign on the mountain spoken of by the Old Testament prophets. It is the way, the truth, and the life.” (CR, April 1961)

The Gathering of Israel to the Americas

Isa 51:3-5

What transformation does the Lord promise for the “waste places” of Zion?

Rudger Clawson

"This vast congregation are living witnesses of the literal fulfillment of these words of the prophet. Was not this land a veritable wilderness in the year 1847? Has it not been transformed into a garden like Eden? This land has become choice above all other lands." (CR, April 1905)

Joseph Fielding Smith

"Jerusalem of old, after the Jews have been cleansed and sanctified from all their sin, shall become a holy city where the Lord shall dwell and from whence he shall send forth his word unto all people. Likewise, on this continent, the city of Zion, New Jerusalem, shall be built and from it the law of God shall also go forth.... These two cities, one in the land of Zion and one in Palestine, are to become capitals for the kingdom of God during the millennium." (Doctrines of Salvation, 3:69-71)

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2Ne 10:8-10

What role does the Lord say the Gentiles will play in the gathering of Israel?

In what ways do you think the Gentiles are fulfilling this role?

1Ne 22:6,8

6) Nevertheless, after they shall be nursed by the Gentiles, and the Lord has lifted up his hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and their children have been carried in their arms, and their daughters have been carried upon their shoulders, behold these things of which are spoken are temporal; for thus are the covenants of the Lord with our fathers; and it meaneth us in the days to come, and also all our brethren who are of the house of Israel.

8) And after our seed is scattered the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which shall be of great worth unto our seed; wherefore, it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles and being carried in their arms and upon their shoulders.

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2Ne 10:11-14,19

What promises does the Lord make to the Gentiles who dwell in this land?

For whom does the Lord consecrate this land as a land of inheritance?

David O. McKay

"God provided that in this land of liberty, our political allegiance shall run not to individuals, that is, to government officials, no matter how great or how small they may be. Under His plan our allegiance and the only allegiance we owe as citizens or denizens of the United States, runs to our inspired Constitution which God Himself set up. So runs the oath of office of those who participate in government. A certain loyalty we do owe to the office which a man holds, but even here we owe, just by reason of our citizenship, no loyalty to the man himself. In other countries it is to the individual that allegiance runs. This principle of allegiance to the Constitution is basic to our freedom. It is one of the great principles that distinguishes this 'land of liberty' from other countries". (The Improvement Era, July 1940)

Joseph Fielding Smith

"There is strong presumptive evidence in the blessings given by Israel to his son Joseph, and his grandsons Ephraim and Manasseh, as recorded in Genesis, that they were to inherit a land far from Jerusalem and become a multitude of nations. Joseph was promised that his inheritance should be to the 'utmost bounds of the everlasting hills'; (Genesis 49:26.) that he was 'a fruitful bough by a well whose branches run over the wall.' (Genesis 49:22.) Moreover, he was to receive a greater inheritance than his progenitors, who were given the land of Palestine.

"The Book of Mormon is the record of the descendants of Joseph who were led across the 'great waters' to inherit this western land, which is designated as being choice above all other lands." (Doctrines of Salvation, 3:580)

The Gathering of Israel to Jerusalem

Isa 51:23

Isa 52:1-2

The Gathering of Israel to Jerusalem

2Ne 6:8, 11

2Ne 9:2

What does the Lord promise concerning the Jews' gathering to the lands of their inheritance?

Bruce R. McConkie

“Those who have thus chosen Christ as their Shepherd; those who have taken upon themselves his name in the waters of baptism; those who are seeking to enjoy his Spirit here and now and to be inheritors of eternal life hereafter—such people need to be gathered together to strengthen each other and to help one another perfect their lives.” (CR, April 1977)

Next Week:

October 12–18

Isaiah 58–66

“The Redeemer Shall Come to Zion”

