

**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

1 Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother’s divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

2 Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

Was Israel defeated and scattered because they stoped listening to the Lord or because the Lord lost His ability to deliver and redeem?

Isa 50:10-11

10 ¶ Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

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

-Progress according their own understanding and works (just the light of sparks) and not the fire of the Lord

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

(walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled
for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves
when I called, was there none to answer)

Now for Jacob’s explanation.

2 Nephi 9:28-30

28) O that cunning plan of the evil one! O the vainness, and the frailties, and the foolishness of men! When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the counsel of God, for they set it aside, supposing they know of themselves, wherefore, their wisdom is foolishness and it profiteth them not. And they shall perish.

29) But to be learned is good if they hearken unto the counsels of God.

30) But wo unto the rich, who are rich as to the things of the world. For because they are rich they despise the poor, and they persecute the meek, and their hearts are upon their treasures; wherefore, their treasure is their god. And behold, their treasure shall perish with them also.

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

(When they are learned they think they are wise, and they hearken not unto the counsel of God
because they are rich... their hearts are upon their treasures)

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

Christ allowed wicked men to cause him great suffering during his mortal mission.

Isa 50:6

6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I

hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Now for Jacob's explanation.

2 Nephi 10:3-5

3) Wherefore, as I said unto you, it must needs be expedient that Christ—for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be his name—should come among the Jews, among those who are the more wicked part of the world; and they shall crucify him—for thus it behooveth our God, and there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God.

4) For should the mighty miracles be wrought among other nations they would repent, and know that he be their God.

5) But because of priestcrafts and iniquities, they at Jerusalem will stiffen their necks against him, that he be crucified

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

22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

Isa 50:7-9

7 ¶ For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8 He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.

9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

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

(the Lord and thy God pleadeth the cause of his people

For the Lord God will help me

He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me)

Now for Jacob's explanation

2 Nephi 9:19,25-26

19) O the greatness of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel! For he delivereth his saints from that awful monster the devil, and death, and hell, and that lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.

25) Wherefore, he has given a law; and where there is no law given there is no punishment; and where there is no punishment there is no condemnation; and where there is no condemnation the mercies of the Holy One of Israel have claim upon them, because of the atonement; for they are delivered by the power of him.

26) For the atonement satisfieth the demands of his justice upon all those who have not the law given to them, that they are delivered from that awful monster, death and hell, and the devil, and the lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment; and they are restored to that God who gave them breath, which is the Holy One of Israel.

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

(O the greatness of the mercy of our God... For he delivereth his saints the Holy One of Israel have claim upon them, because of the atonement)

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

The Gentiles will raise the standard around which Israel will gather.

Isa 49:22-23

22 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they

shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

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)

Isa 51:3-5

3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4 ¶ Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

5 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

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

(he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein)

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)

Now for Jacob's explanation.

2 Nephi 10:8-10

8) And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion, from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth; and the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance.

9) Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers; wherefore, the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute?

10) But behold, this land, said God, shall be a land of thine inheritance, and the Gentiles shall be blessed upon the land.

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

(Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers)

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

1 Nephi 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.

Isaiah also stated, “a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people”

2 Nephi 10:11-14,19

11) And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles, and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles.

12) And I will fortify this land against all other nations.

13) And he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, saith God.

14) For he that raiseth up a king against me shall perish, for I, the Lord, the king of heaven, will be their king, and I will be a light unto them forever, that hear my words.

19) Wherefore, I will consecrate this land unto thy seed, and them who shall be numbered among thy seed, forever, for the land of their inheritance; for it is a choice land, saith God unto me, above all other lands, wherefore I will have all men that dwell thereon that they shall worship me, saith God.

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

(this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles, and there shall be no kings upon the land
I will fortify this land against all other nations)

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)

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

(I will consecrate this land unto thy seed, and them who shall be numbered among thy seed, forever)

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

23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

Isa 52:1-2

1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

Now for Jacob's explanation.

2 Nephi 6:8,11

8) And now I, Jacob, would speak somewhat concerning these words. For behold, the Lord has shown me that those who were at Jerusalem, from whence we came, have been slain and carried away captive.

11) Wherefore, after they are driven to and fro, for thus saith the angel, many shall be afflicted in the flesh, and shall not be suffered to perish, because of the prayers of the faithful; they shall be scattered, and smitten, and hated; nevertheless, the Lord will be merciful unto them, that when they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer, they shall be gathered together again to the lands of their inheritance.

2 Nephi 9:2

20 That he has spoken unto the Jews, by the mouth of his holy prophets, even from the beginning down, from generation to generation, until the time comes that they shall be restored to the true church and fold of God; when they shall be gathered home to the lands of their inheritance, and shall be established in all their lands of promise.

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

(they shall be restored to the true church and fold of God)

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)

The Restoration of the Gospel in the Last Days

The Lord uses chapter 52 to explain to the Nephites that the gospel will once again be restored and that Israel will be gathered.

To introduce the topic the Lord states:

3 Nephi 20:29-31

29) And I will remember the covenant which I have made with my people; and I have covenanted with them that I would gather them together in mine own due time,

that I would give unto them again the land of their fathers for their inheritance, which is the land of Jerusalem, which is the promised land unto them forever, saith the Father.

30) And it shall come to pass that the time cometh, when the fulness of my gospel shall be preached unto them;

31) And they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and shall pray unto the Father in my name.

And then He paraphrases verses from Isaiah 52.

Isa 52:8-10

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

9 ¶ Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Then He adds this comment

3 Nephi 20:33

33) Then will the Father gather them together again, and give unto them Jerusalem for the land of their inheritance.

What events will take place before “the Father gathers them together again?”

(The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God)

Christ then returns to the beginning of chapter 52 to emphasize the restoration of the gospel.

Isa 52:5-7

5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

7 ¶ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

What has Israel experienced under the rule of others?

(they that rule over them make them to howl... my name continually every day is blasphemed)

How will Israel respond to the good tidings of the gospel?

(How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tiding)

Jeffrey R. Holland

“Peace and good tidings; good tidings and peace. These are among the ultimate blessings that the gospel of Jesus Christ brings a troubled world and the troubled people who live in it, solutions to personal struggles and human sinfulness, a source of strength for days of weariness and hours of genuine despair.... As the Book of Mormon prophet Abinadi made clear in a slight variation of Isaiah’s exclamation:

“‘O how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that is the founder of peace, yea, even the Lord, who has redeemed his people; yea, him who has granted salvation unto his people’ (Mosiah 15:18).” (CR, Oct. 1996)

He speaks to those who are sent to bring good tidings and proclaim salvation.

Isa 52:11-15

11 ¶ Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rearward.

13 ¶ Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

What does the Lord require of those who are called to teach and administer His gospel?

(touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently)

Thomas S. Monson

“We are engaged in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. We, like those of olden times, have answered His call. We are on His errand. We shall succeed in the solemn charge: “Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.”” (CR. Oct. 1967)

And then the Lord concludes with this promise.

3 Nephi 20:46

46) Verily, verily, I say unto you, all these things shall surely come, even as the Father hath commanded me. Then shall this covenant which the Father hath covenanted with his people be fulfilled; and then shall Jerusalem be inhabited again with my people, and it shall be the land of their inheritance.

What does the Lord prophesy concerning Jerusalem and His people?

(the fulness of my gospel shall be preached unto them
they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ
give unto them Jerusalem for the land of their inheritance
then shall Jerusalem be inhabited again with my people)

To what extent has this prophecy been fulfilled, is being fulfilled, or remains to be fulfilled?

LeGrand Richards

"It would be an interesting thing were there time to consider the prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled.... So many of the prophets, and the Savior of the world, himself, and particularly when he visited the Nephites, have told of the day when the Jews would be gathered back to that land and how the Lord would fight their battles and how he would do a marvelous work among them. And when you read what is going on and see how they have become a nation today, it is a wonderful thing." (CR, April 1954)

Christ's Life and Mission

In the Book of Mosiah, Abinadi uses Isaiah 53 to explain how Christ would take upon Himself the sins of the world.

He teaches that the Lord's life will begin in a common way

Isa 53:1-2

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Abinadi's explanation

Mosh 15:1-2

1 And now Abinadi said unto them: I would that ye should understand that God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people.

2 And because he dwelleth in flesh he shall be called the Son of God, and having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, being the Father and the Son—

How does Isaiah's prophecy describe Christ's coming among the children of men?

(he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness)

Because His life was marked by hardship and sorrow, many Jews saw no reason to believe in Him and were therefore easily led astray.

Isa 53:3-4,6-7

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 ¶ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Abinadi explains that Christ willingly submitted to being rejected, cast out, and crucified.

Mosiah 15:5-7

5) And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the Son to the Father, being one God, suffereth temptation, and yieldeth not to the temptation, but suffereth himself to be mocked, and scourged, and cast out, and disowned by his people.

6) And after all this, after working many mighty miracles among the children of men, he shall be led, yea, even as Isaiah said, as a sheep before the shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

7) Yea, even so he shall be led, crucified, and slain, the flesh becoming subject even unto death, the will of the Son being swallowed up in the will of the Father.

Why did Christ willingly submit Himself to temptation, suffering, rejection, and death?

Ulisses Soares

"With meekness and humility of heart, He descended below all things and accepted being despised, rejected, and humiliated by men, having been wounded for our transgressions and iniquities. He suffered these things for all, taking upon Himself the sins of the world, thus becoming our ultimate spiritual caregiver." (CR, April 2021)

He took upon Himself the sins of all people.

Isa 53;5,8-12

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 ¶ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Abinadi's explanation.

Mosh 15:8-9

8 And thus God breaketh the bands of death, having gained the victory over death; giving the Son power to make intercession for the children of men—

9 Having ascended into heaven, having the bowels of mercy; being filled with compassion towards the children of men; standing betwixt them and justice; having broken the bands of death, taken upon himself their iniquity and their transgressions, having redeemed them, and satisfied the demands of justice.

What did Christ take upon Himself so that we could be redeemed?

(having broken the bands of death, taken upon himself their iniquity and their transgressions)

Quentin L. Cook

“The impact of iniquity, inequality, and injustice leaves many feeling that life is inherently unfair. As significant as these trials can be, they must not distract us from rejoicing in and celebrating Christ’s supernal intercession in our behalf. The Savior literally “gained the victory over death.” With mercy and compassion He took upon Himself our iniquity and transgressions, thus redeeming us and satisfying the demands of justice for all who would repent and believe on His name.

“His magnificent atoning sacrifice is of transcendent significance beyond mortal comprehension. This act of grace provides the peace that surpasses understanding.” (CR, April 2015)

Those who receive Him will be redeemed and become His sons and daughters

Mosh 15:10-12

10 And now I say unto you, who shall declare his generation? Behold, I say unto you, that when his soul has been made an offering for sin he shall see his seed. And now what say ye? And who shall be his seed?

11 Behold I say unto you, that whosoever has heard the words of the prophets, yea, all the holy prophets who have prophesied concerning the coming of the Lord—I say unto you, that all those who have hearkened unto their words, and believed that the Lord would redeem his people, and have looked forward to that day for a remission of their sins, I say unto you, that these are his seed, or they are the heirs of the kingdom of God.

12 For these are they whose sins he has borne; these are they for whom he has died, to redeem them from their transgressions. And now, are they not his seed?

Who does Abinadi identify as the seed of Christ?

(all those who have hearkened unto their words, and believed that the Lord would redeem his people, and have looked forward to that day for a remission of their sins)

Merrill J. Bateman

"The Savior, as a member of the Godhead, knows each of us personally. Isaiah and the prophet Abinadi said that when Christ would 'make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed.' Abinadi explains that 'his seed' are the righteous, those who follow the prophets. In the garden and on the cross, Jesus saw each of us and not only bore our sins, but also experienced our deepest feelings so that he would know how to comfort and strengthen us."
(CR, April 1995)