

The Prophet Isaiah



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☞ Why do we
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newspapers?

☞ To learn about what is
happening in the world.

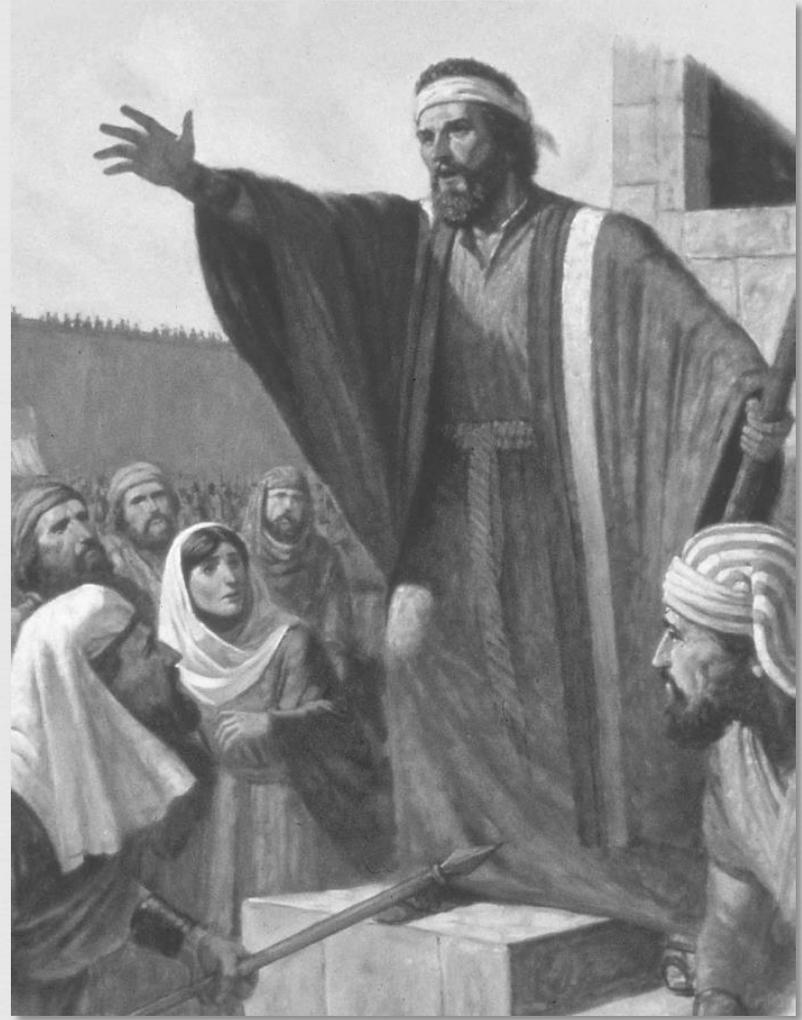


☞ I need one or two volunteers to come to the front of the class to read a headline.

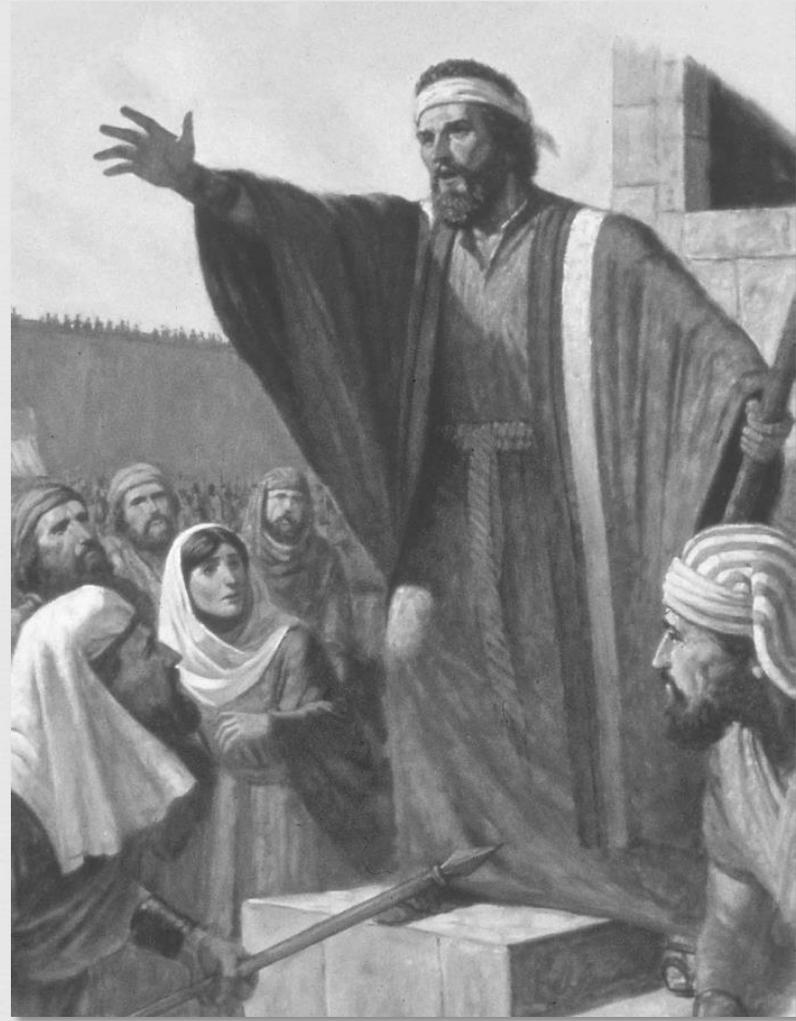
☞ Can you tell me what the article is about?

☞ Is this an important event?

Many prophets during Old Testament times told the people about important future events, including some that would occur in the last days.

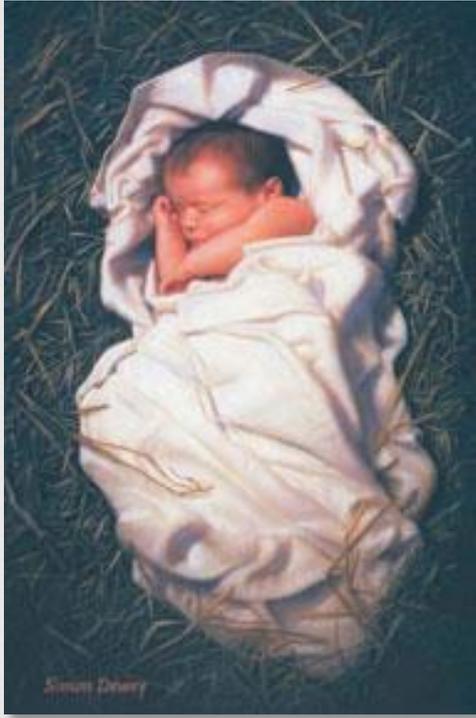


∞ The articles we read in the newspaper often describe events that fulfill these ancient prophecies about the last days.

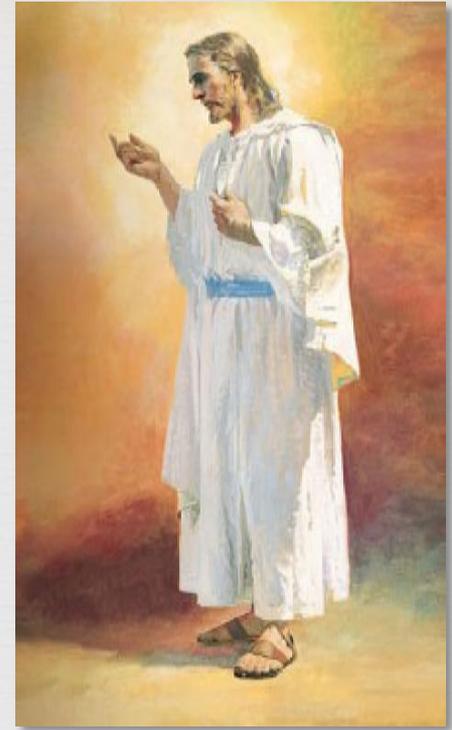


☞ In this lesson we will learn about some of the important events the prophet Isaiah foretold over 700 years before Jesus Christ was born.





❧ The prophet Isaiah lived over 700 years before the birth of Jesus Christ.



❧ Many of Isaiah's teachings and prophecies have been quoted by other prophets in the Book of Mormon and the New Testament and by the Savior himself.

☞ Isaiah prophesied many events that have already happened and many that haven't happened yet.

☞ When Jesus visited the Nephites after his Resurrection, he counseled them to study the words of Isaiah.

☞ Let's read
3 Nephi
23:1



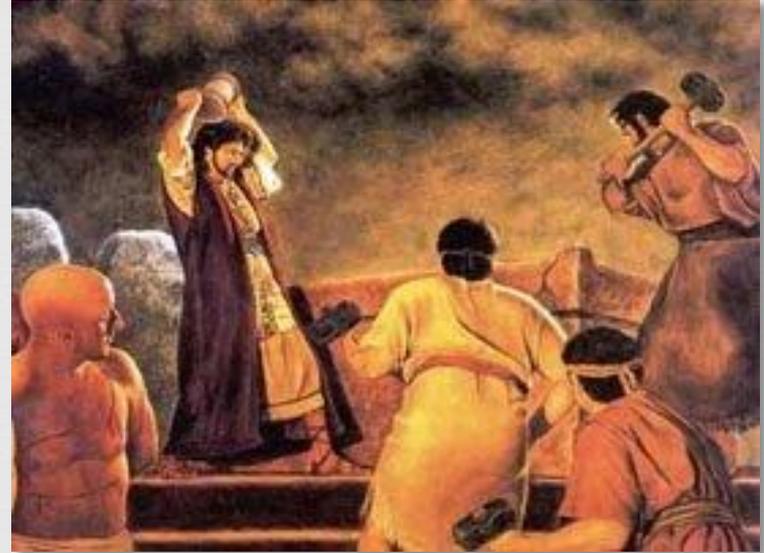
King Hezekiah and Isaiah

☞ King Hezekiah of Judah was a righteous leader.



☞ He prayed for the Lord's help in defending his country from its enemies, and he followed the counsel of the prophet Isaiah.

☞ Hezekiah's goal when he became king was to end the worship of idols and false gods in his kingdom.



☞ He had the brass serpent of Moses destroyed because the people had been worshipping it.



☞ Hezekiah ordered the repair and reopening of the temple at Jerusalem. It had been defiled by his father, King Ahaz.



☞ When the temple was rededicated, King Hezekiah invited all of Israel and Judah to come to the temple and celebrate Passover.

☞ His leadership brought about a spiritual renewal of the people.

☞ Unfortunately, his father had become enemies with the king of Assyria.

☞ King Hezekiah fortified the walls of Jerusalem and had a tunnel built to bring water to the city in case it was attacked.



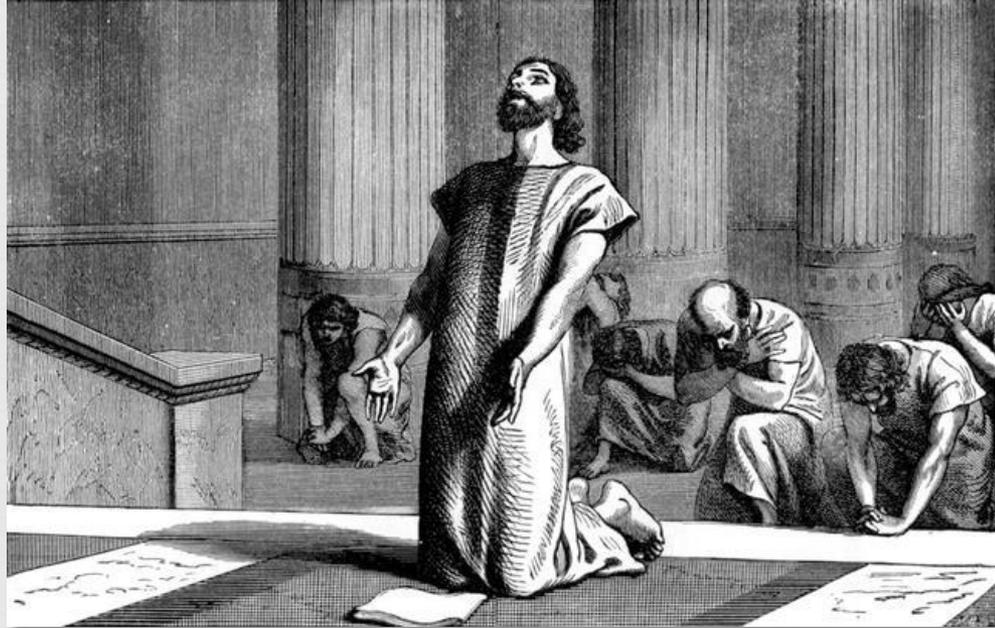
☞ Sennacherib of Assyria and his armies invaded and devastated much of the land of Judah and surrounded the city of Jerusalem.



☞ The Assyrians mocked the people of Jerusalem and told them the Lord could not protect them.

King

Hezekiah
went to the
temple and
asked Isaiah
what he
should do.



The prophet reassured him that the
Lord would protect the people of
Jerusalem.

☞ The Lord sent an angel that smote Sennacherib's army, destroying 185,000 men.



☞ The remaining Assyrians returned to Assyria.

King Hezekiah became very ill. The prophet Isaiah visited him and warned him that he would soon die.



Hezekiah did not want to die, so he prayed, crying, “Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart.”

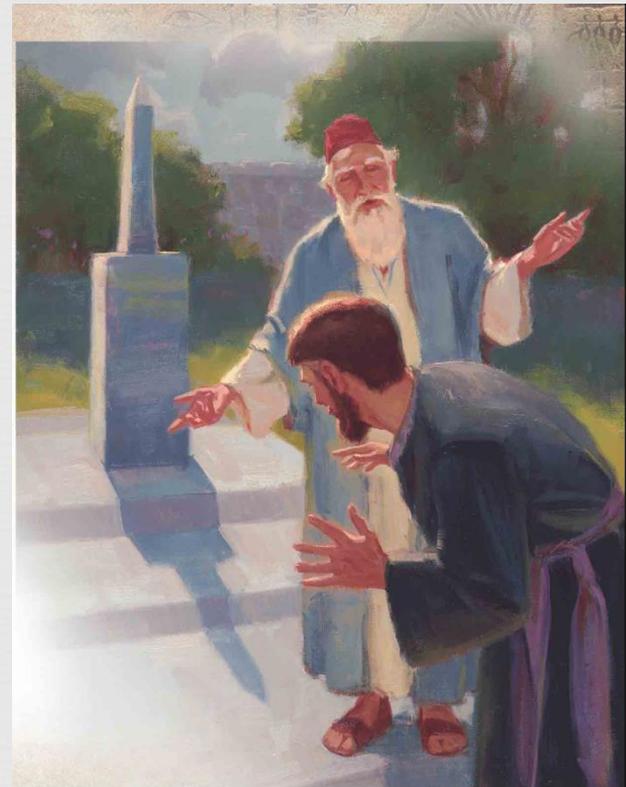
☞ The Lord told Isaiah to visit King Hezekiah again and tell him that He had seen the king's tears and had heard his prayers.



☞ The Lord promised to add fifteen years to King Hezekiah's life.

☞ As a sign that He would keep His promise to heal King Hezekiah, the Lord caused the sun to go backward ten degrees.

☞ Isaiah told King Hezekiah to watch the shadow on a large sundial to see the miraculous sign.



☞ King Hezekiah recovered from his illness and composed a beautiful psalm to praise the Lord's goodness.



☞ “The Lord was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments,” he wrote.

Hezekiah Prays for Guidance and Follows Isaiah's Counsel



☞ What kind of person was Hezekiah?

☞ Let's read 2 Kings 18:3, 5–6

☞ What did he do to
stop the people from
worshiping idols?

☞ Let's read 2 Kings
18:4



☞ How was Hezekiah blessed for his righteousness?

☞ Let's read 2 Kings 18:7

☞ After the Assyrian army conquered many of the cities of Judah, where did Hezekiah turn for help?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 37:2, 15

☞ What did the Lord tell Hezekiah through Isaiah?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 37:6–7, 33–34

☞ If we are ridiculed for trusting in God, how can we receive strength?



☞ Through praying, fasting, and reading the scriptures and obeying the words of the living prophet.

☞ How did the Lord protect the people of Jerusalem?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 37:36–38

☞ What happened to the king of Assyria?

☞ Although we may not see such dramatic results when we pray, our prayers will be heard and answered.

☞ Do you have an experience when you have prayed for help and received an answer?



☞ Heavenly Father may not take away our problems, but he will give us strength and comfort.

☞ When Hezekiah learned he was going to die, what did he ask the Lord to remember?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 38:3

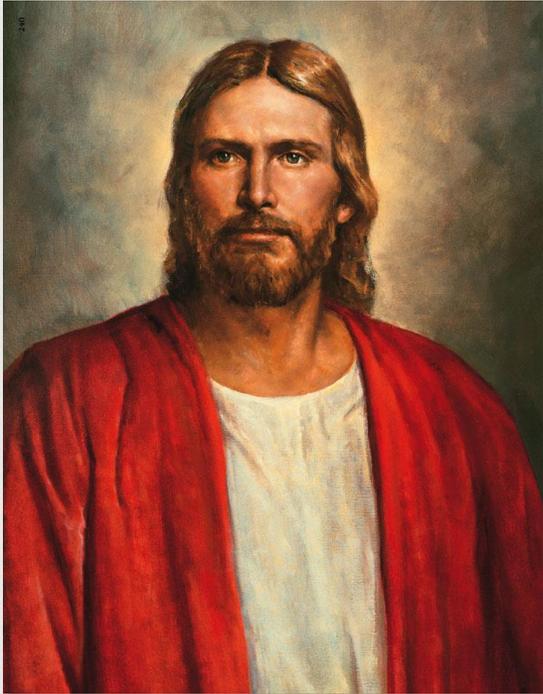
☞ How did the Lord answer his prayer?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 38:5–6

☞ When we ask Heavenly Father to heal us or a loved one, our prayer may be answered in several ways.

☞ We must be willing to accept Heavenly Father's will.

Isaiah Prophesied of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the Millennium



☞ Whom did Isaiah say would see the Savior at his Second Coming?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 40:5;
66:18

☞ How did Isaiah say Jesus would be dressed at the Second Coming?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 63:2

❧ What did Isaiah prophesy every person would someday do?

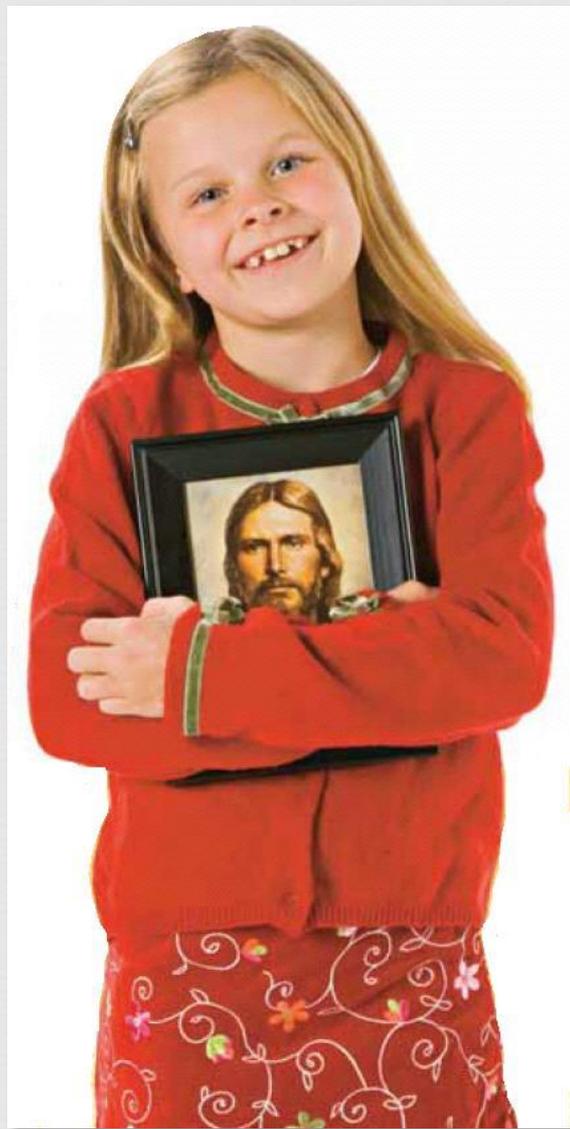
❧ Let's read Isaiah 45:23

❧ Let's read Philippians 2:10–11



❧ In these verses *swear* means to testify.

❧ This does not mean everyone will repent of their sins; however, all people will admit that Jesus Christ is our Savior.



❧ Why is it important for us to gain a testimony of Jesus now?

❧ How can we strengthen our testimonies?



☞ How did Isaiah describe Jesus' Second Coming?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 66:15

☞ For those who have been wicked, this will be a frightening time, but for the righteous it will be a great and glorious day.



Let's read Isaiah 66:13

How will the Lord know the wicked from the righteous?

Let's read Isaiah 66:18



☞ Heavenly Father and Jesus know the desires of our hearts.

☞ If we are trying to live righteously, we will be watched over and blessed during this time.



☞ What did the Lord say will happen to the Saints when the wicked are burned?

☞ Let's read D&C 109:75–76



☞ Signs tell us of Jesus' Second Coming such as:

☞ Wickedness

☞ War

☞ Turmoil

☞ The Restoration of the gospel

☞ The coming forth of the Book of Mormon



- Signs tell us of Jesus' Second Coming such as:
- The gospel preached to all the world
- The sealing power restored
- The Lamanites becoming a mighty people
- The building of the New Jerusalem



Let's read Isaiah
54:10, 13–14, 17

Those who are
righteous will be
blessed during these
difficult times.

- ☞ Close your eyes and imagine a world where all creatures live in peace.
- ☞ How might such a world be different from our world?
- ☞ Blessings such as no wars, no crime, no disease, and so on, would be a part of such a world.
- ☞ The earth will be like this during the Millennium.

☞ Let's read John 14:27

☞ What do you think it will be like to live on the earth during the Millennium?

☞ Let's read D&C 29:11

☞ What does Isaiah say about war between the nations of the earth?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 2:4

☞ How will the wild animals behave?

☞ Let's read Isaiah 11:6–9; 65:25



☞ Why do you think it will be a blessing to live in a world where everyone has been taught the gospel?

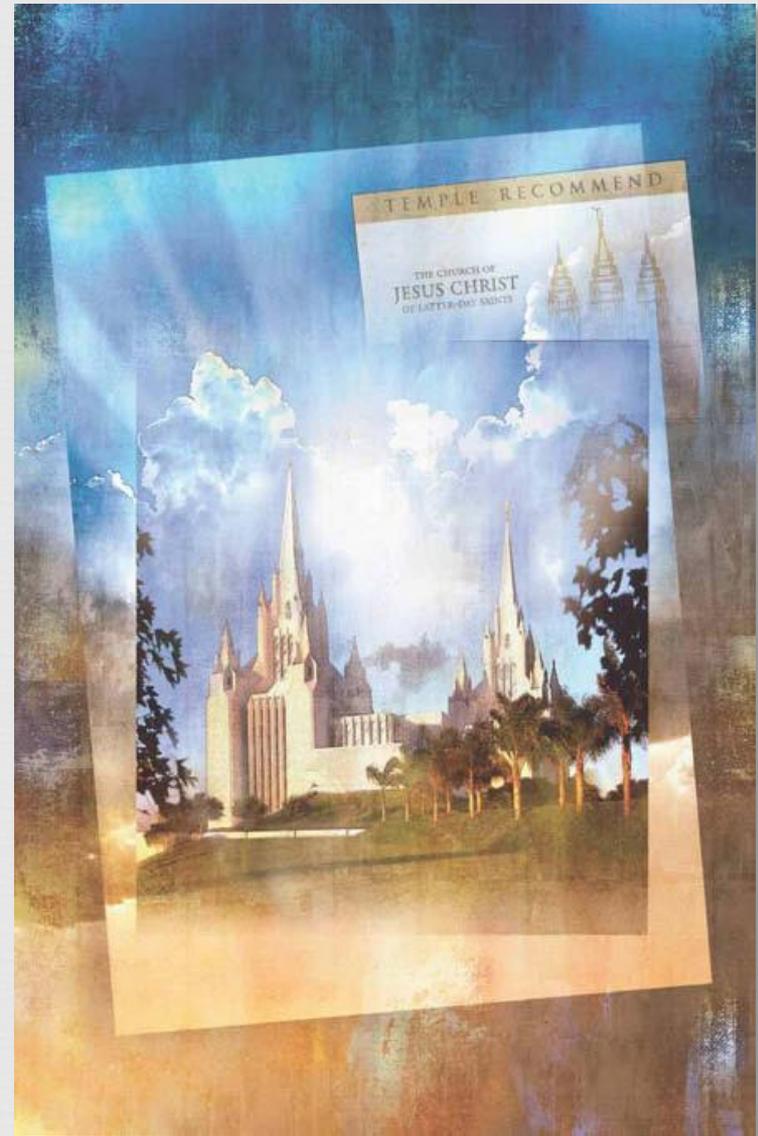
☞ Let's read Isaiah 11:9; 54:13–14



☞ What can we do to be worthy to live on the earth at this time?

☞ Only Heavenly Father knows when the Second Coming will occur and when the Millennium will begin.

☞ Nevertheless, we should be preparing for that time.



☞ The Millennium is a time to look forward to.



☞ Although there will be difficult times before the Second Coming, we will be blessed and helped through these times if we live righteously.

The Tenth Article of Faith

We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

∞ *Paradisiacal* means that the earth will return to a state of paradise like it was in the Garden of Eden.



Let's take turns pantomiming getting ready for something (school, bed, dinner, a test, and so on).



The rest of the class will try to guess what each person is getting ready for.

☞ How can we prepare for the time when Jesus will come again? I'll list your ideas on the board.

☞ Each of us are already preparing for the Second Coming by attending church and keeping God's commandments.

☞ I encourage each of you to continue to repent, keep the commandments, and do those things that will help your testimony grow.

☞ Isaiah prophesied of many events that have already happened.

☞ Let's look up the following scripture references and decide what Isaiah prophesied:

☞ Isaiah 2:1–2

☞ The kingdom of God to be established in the Rocky Mountains



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☞ Isaiah 7:14

☞ The birth of Jesus Christ



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☞ Isaiah 52:7–8

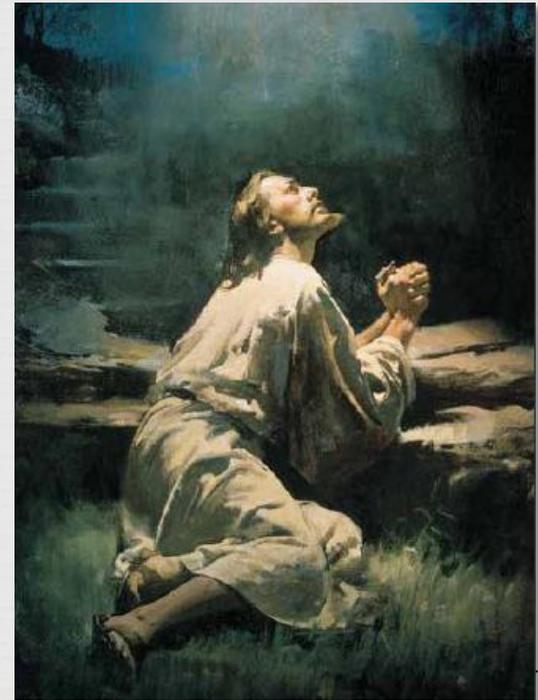
☞ Missionaries spreading the gospel

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☞ Isaiah 53:3–5

☞ The Atonement of Jesus Christ





✎ Write a headline about the Second Coming based on what you have learned in this lesson.

✎ Take this home and write a short article about preparing for the Second Coming.

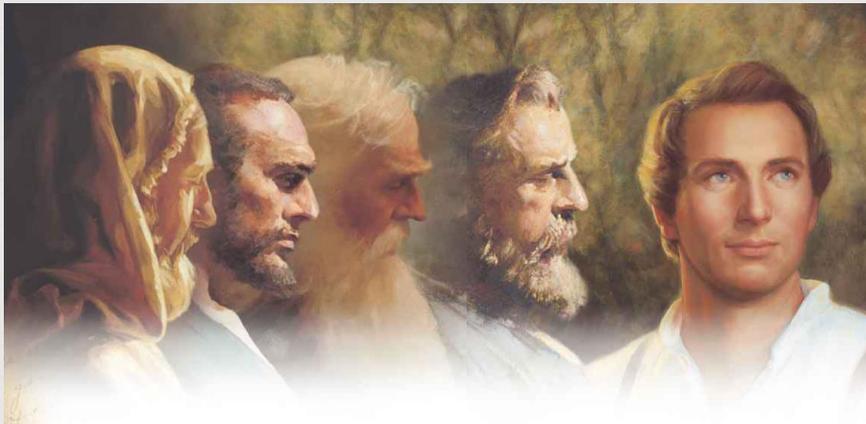


When He Comes Again

1. I wonder, when he comes again,
Will herald angels sing?
Will earth be white with drifted
snow,
Or will the world know spring?
I wonder if one star will shine
Far brighter than the rest;
Will daylight stay the whole
night through?
Will songbirds leave their
nests?
I'm sure he'll call his little ones
Together 'round his knee,
Because he said in days gone
by,
"Suffer them to come to me."
2. I wonder, when he comes again,
Will I be ready there
To look upon his loving face
And join with him in prayer?
Each day I'll try to do his will
And let my light so shine
That others seeing me may
seek
For greater light divine.
Then, when that blessed day is
here,
He'll love me and he'll say,
"You've served me well, my
little child;
Come unto my arms to stay."



☞ I bear testimony of the love Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ have for each of us and how much they want us to live righteously and be prepared for future events.



☞ I encourage each of you to study the words of the prophets.

☞ Doing this will help you to look forward to the peace and joy that will come when Jesus Christ returns to the earth.

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