

[Lesson 37](#): “Thou Hast Done Wonderful Things” (See L37 [Study Guide](#))

**Purpose:** To help us come unto Christ through recognizing some of the wonderful things he has done.

[Isaiah 9:6](#) “For unto us a child is born ... and his name shall be called Wonderful”. “Some of Isaiah’s most beautiful and profound symbolic language is about the Savior, who is the focus of this lesson.” (*Lesson Manual*)

†1. Elder Jeffrey R. Holland †2. (E-1) The Importance of Isaiah’s Writings †3. Elder Bruce R. McConkie

### 1. The Savior opens the door to Heavenly Father’s presence.

• [Isaiah 22:22](#). “And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder”.

“This is a symbolic way of saying the Savior has the power to admit or exclude any person from Heavenly Father’s presence. (See also [Revelation 3:7-8](#); and [2 Nephi 9:41](#).)” (*Lesson Manual*)

What must we do to be able to enter? (See [2 Nephi 9:45](#).)

### 2. The Savior shows mercy for those in spirit prison.

• [Isaiah 24:21-22](#). “And they shall be gathered together as prisoners ... and after many days they shall be visited.”

• [D&C 138:29-37](#). From “among the righteous, he organized his forces and appointed messengers ... to go forth”.

### 3. The Savior is a strength and a refuge.

• [Isaiah 25:1-4](#); and [D&C 32:1-2](#). “O Lord, ... I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things”.

What are some of the comforting images in these verses? What might they teach us about our Savior?

### 4. The Savior will prepare a feast and destroy the “vail.”

• [Isaiah 25:6-9](#). This mountain may be a symbol for the temple. (See [Isaiah 2:2](#); [D&C 58:8-9](#).)

The feast mentioned in verse 6 may be a “feast of the words and teachings of Christ.” (*Lesson Manual*)

How can temple attendance be like a feast?

### 5. The Savior wipes away our tears.

• [Isaiah 25:8](#). And “the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces”.

What do you do when someone you love is crying?

Imagine “a parent tears away from a child’s face. There is a sense of intimacy in this act. It is a tender gesture that is shared only by people who love and trust each other deeply.” (*Lesson Manual*)

• [Revelation 21:4](#). “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death”.

How will our Savior wipe away the tears of those who have lost loved ones?

### 6. The Savior will bring the Resurrection.

• [Isaiah 26:19](#). “Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise.” †4. Joseph Smith

### 7. The Savior is our sure foundation.

• [Isaiah 28:16](#). “I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation”.

• [Mosiah 3:17](#); [Helaman 5:12](#); and [D&C 50:44](#). “And I am the good shepherd, and the stone of Israel.”

What does Isaiah tell us about the Savior by referring to him as a “tried stone”?

What can we do to build on this foundation?

### 8. The Savior will restore the gospel to the earth.

• [Isaiah 29:4, 9-14, 18, 24](#). “And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground”.

†5. Compare Isaiah to Modern Scripture Passages

• [Isaiah 29:18, 24](#). “And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see”.

How has the Book of Mormon helped you see and hear better spiritually?

### 9. The Savior knows our trials and directs our paths.

• [Isaiah 30:19-21](#). “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying This is the way, walk ye in it”.

†6. Stephen R. Covey story †7. Wardrobe story †8. Herschel Pedersen story

Next Week: L38 “Beside Me There is No Saviour”; See L38: [Class Member Study Guide](#).

(You can download a free LDS Institute manual at: [Old Testament Student Manual: Religion 301 and 302](#).) † •

†1. **Elder Jeffrey R. Holland:** “Isaiah is by every standard *the* messianic prophet of the Old Testament and as such is the most penetrating prophetic voice in that record.” (*Christ and the New Covenant: The Messianic Message of the Book of Mormon* (1997), 75. Cited in “[Old Testament Prophets: Isaiah](#),” *Ensign*, September 2014.)

†2. **(E-1) The Importance of Isaiah’s Writings:** “Isaiah’s name means “Jehovah saves” or “the Lord is salvation.” His life and teachings proclaim the message of Christ and the way of salvation Christ provided. John wrote that “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Revelation 19:10). Using that statement as a criterion to evaluate, we must classify Isaiah among the greatest of the prophets, because he powerfully and eloquently testified of Christ and His work.

“The Savior Himself affirmed the importance of Isaiah’s writings when, in His visit to the Nephites, He commanded them to search diligently the words of Isaiah (see 3 Nephi 20:11). The Lord said, “Great are the words of Isaiah. For surely he spake as touching all things concerning my people which are of the house of Israel” (3 Nephi 23:1–2). The words Jacob spoke to his people can also be applied to us. Jacob said, “There are many things which have been spoken by Isaiah which may be likened unto you, because ye are of the house of Israel” (2 Nephi 6:5). We also are of the house of Israel.

“The writings of Isaiah are quoted extensively in other scripture. In fact, Isaiah is quoted in other scriptures more often than any other prophet. There are sixty-six chapters in the book of Isaiah, making a total of 1,292 verses. The prophets in the Book of Mormon quoted 414 of those verses (32 percent of the book of Isaiah). They paraphrased at least another 34 verses (3 percent). The Nephite prophets considered Isaiah’s writings to be of such great worth that they put approximately 35 percent of the book of Isaiah in the valuable space they had on the plates. The writers of the New Testament had a similar respect for Isaiah’s teachings and prophecies. In the New Testament, Isaiah is quoted at least fifty-seven times.

“In latter-day revelation there is a similar emphasis on the words of Isaiah. The Doctrine and Covenants makes approximately one hundred references to Isaiah’s writings by quoting, paraphrasing, or interpreting his teachings...” (“[Understanding Isaiah](#),” Old Testament Student Manual Kings-Malachi at [www.lds.org](#), accessed 10/17/14.)

†3. **Elder Bruce R. McConkie:** “If, as many suppose, Isaiah ranks with the most difficult of the prophets to understand, his words are also among the most important for us to know and ponder...”

“... His prophetic words can and should shine brightly in the heart of every member of the Church.” “[Ten Keys to Understanding Isaiah](#),” *Ensign*, October 1973. p. 80.)

†4. **Joseph Smith:** “When the voice calls for the dead to arise, ... what would be the first joy of my heart? To meet my father, my mother, my brother, my sister; and when they are by my side, I embrace them and they me” (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, sel. Joseph Fielding Smith [1976], 295-96).

†5. **Compare Isaiah to Modern Scripture Passages:**  
a. Isaiah 29:4 to [Moroni 10:27](#).  
b. Isaiah 29:9-10, 13 to [Joseph Smith—History 1:18-19](#).  
c. Isaiah 29:11-12 to [Joseph Smith—History 1:63-65](#).  
d. Isaiah 29:14 to [D&C 4:1](#); [D&C 6:1](#).

#### Recommended Reading:

1. “[Old Testament Prophets: Isaiah](#),” *Ensign*, September 2014.
2. Julie Cannon Markham, “[Immersed in Isaiah](#),” *Ensign*, March 1999.
3. “[Understanding Isaiah](#),” Old Testament Student Manual Kings-Malachi at [www.lds.org](#), accessed 10/17/14. These writings from the Institute Manual are filled with wonderful ideas to help us understand Isaiah.
4. Larene Porter Gaunt, “[Technicolor Isaiah](#),” *Ensign*, August 2014.
5. “[The World of Isaiah](#),” Old Testament Student Manual Kings-Malachi at [www.lds.org](#), accessed 10/17/14. Here you will find a timeline chart with the major characters of Isaiah’s day. You can click on a link to create a full-page view. You will also find a date by date listing—including relevant scriptures—of the major events of Isaiah’s day.
6. “[Isaiah, Voice of Prophecy—The Coming of Christ](#),” *New Era*, December 1975.
7. Ryan S. Gardner and David A. Edwards, “[How Can I Understand Isaiah?](#)” *New Era*, March 2012.
8. Elder Bruce R. McConkie, “[Ten Keys to Understanding Isaiah](#),” *Ensign*, October 1973.
9. Andrew C. Skinner, “[Finding Jesus Christ in the Old Testament](#),” *Ensign*, June 2002.

#### Recommended Videos:

1. [Isaiah Prophesied of Christ](#) (4:51)
2. [The Message of the Restoration](#) (2:22)

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