

2017 Book of Mormon

2 Nephi 6-10

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Turn to **2 Nephi 6** Why at this point in his record, does Nephi stop recording the “current events” of his people, and focus on the Israelite history, prophecies, and doctrine?

2 Nephi 5:28-34 The making of the second set of plates.

What is the major concern on Nephi’s mind as he now begins to focus on the doctrine?

2 Nephi 6:4-6a Jacob is instructed by Nephi to teach the words of Isaiah, specifically beginning where Nephi left off before his historical interjection. **1 Nephi 21:22-23**

What led to Nephi’s beginning quotations of Isaiah? Re-trace to first time Nephi quotes Isaiah.

1 Nephi 15:19-20

What had Nephi experienced or witnessed just prior to beginning to quote Isaiah? From the Vision of the Tree of Life, what did he behold?

1 Nephi 15:1-4

2 Nephi 26:7, 10, 11

Look for Jacob’s purpose in giving this sermon

2 Nephi 6:3-4; 9:1-3

Notice from the chapter headings of **1 Nephi 20, 21; 2 Nephi 7, 8** from whence these quotations come. Jacob’s discourse seems to be “the rest of the story” of a discourse which Nephi began in **1 Nephi 19-22**. Why? Grateful for the new Teacher manuals in their sequential teaching.

Interesting note: **Mosiah 14; 3 Nephi 20:11-13; 22 (chapter heading); 3 Nephi 23:1-2; Mormon 8:21-23**

It appears that one of the main purposes of all the prophets in quoting from Isaiah is to show that the Lord will fulfill his covenant made to the fathers regarding their seed (the House of Israel), and how God plans to redeem them from their lost and fallen state.

2 Nephi 6:9-18 Though the Jews will reject Jesus who will be manifested unto them in the flesh, and thus be drive, scattered, and smitten, yet God will fulfill his covenant made to the Fathers regarding their seed. Christ will come a second time to reclaim his people from death itself.

2 Nephi 7 God has not forsaken his covenant, but the people have turned from him. He will send his Son to suffer in order to redeem his people, even though they turned from his light and had to lay down in sorrow.

2 Nephi 8 Israel must look to the covenant which God made with Abraham and Sarah as to why he will extend salvation to even the rebellious Israelites. Even though earth and the inhabitants thereof shall die, yet God’s covenant and “righteousness shall be forever, and (his) salvation from generation to generation.” The redeemed of the Lord will return with singing, joy, and gladness (**D&C 128:22-24**). Even the captive exile shall be loosened from the pit. Israel will not be redeemed by any of her own sons, but eventually Israel will lay their bodies down in the ground. Through the gentiles, Israel will be able to awake, shake themselves from the dust of the grave, put on their beautiful garments, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to go no more out (**Alma 7:25**). This will only happen after the Savior has taken upon himself all of their pains, afflictions and temptations (**Alma 7:11-13**).

2 Nephi 9 Only through the infinite atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ will Israel be able to be redeemed, otherwise their bodies must remain in the grave and their spirits become subject to the devil. Christ will stand as the keeper of the gate to receive those whom he has redeemed (**9:41**). All are invited to come to the waters. (**9:51-53**)

2 Nephi 9:25

George Q. Cannon, *Journal of Discourses*, 19:107.

And the unnumbered millions who have died in ignorance of the law will not, of course, be judged by or held accountable to the law, having never known it. This would be contrary to the justice, the eternal justice of our Father in Heaven, to hold any man or being accountable for the law which they violated without their first having been made acquainted with it, hence, if they die in their ignorance they will be judged according to the light they received. But will they forever, through endless ages of eternity, remain in this ignorance? Certainly not. The work of our Father is not confined to this earthly existence.... All of the sons of our Father who ever dwelt upon the earth, and his daughters also, will hear at the proper time and under the proper circumstances the glad tidings of salvation, the name of our Redeemer and the plan by which they can be redeemed and be exalted in his presence.

(Cf. Luke 23:42-43; 1 Peter 3:18-20; D&C 137:7-9; 138:32-37)

2 Nephi 9:41

Neal A. Maxwell, *But a Few Days*, 7.

If there is anything upon which I would focus as I close, it is two scriptures actually from the Book of Mormon. The one in which we are reminded that Jesus himself is the gatekeeper and that “he employeth no servant there.”... I will tell you ... what I think the major reason is, as contained in another Book of Mormon scripture which says he waits for you “with open arms.” That’s why he is there! He waits for you “with open arms.” That imagery is too powerful to brush aside ... It is imagery that should work itself into the very center core of one’s mind – a rendezvous impending, a moment in time and space, the likes of which there is none other. And that rendezvous is a reality. I certify that to you. He does wait for us with open arms because his love of us is perfect. And when he entreats us to become like him, it is that we might have his joy, the fullness of which we presently can only guess at.

(Cf. Mormon 6:17)

2 Nephi 10 Though Israel’s children shall die, they shall be redeemed when they come to a knowledge of the Savior. They will see that he remembers his covenant with the Fathers, and through the Gentiles, he will fulfill his covenant and keep his promises. The children of Israel will be reconciled through the grace of God, the power of his resurrection, and the power of the atonement.

Notice that Nephi continues from this point to quote from Isaiah as a witness of Christ and the covenants made to the Fathers. He begins “the Isaiah passages, not with Isaiah 1, but with Isaiah 2, which testifies that in the last days, temples shall be built and the millennium will come so that the Lord can redeem even those who have gone astray.

The Major Threads of Isaiah

Israel to be purged before receiving the blessings

Isaiah 1:2-7; 22:12-14, 17-18; 42:22-24; 24:21-22

Christ to open the way for all to return to the Father

Isaiah 24:22; 25:8; 26:19; 43; 49:8-9; 52:1-3;
51:6-11; 53:1-12; 61:1-3; D&C 138:42

Gentiles to set up the standard (Gospel Restored) and bring Israel home

Isaiah 49:22; 1 Nephi 22:1-12; Isaiah 29:4, 11-14;
60:1-4; 25:6-10; D&C 58:7-13

“Mountains” (Temples) will provide a way for all to receive the covenant

Isaiah 33:20; 54:2-3; D&C 115:5-6; 57:1-3; Isaiah
49:11, 14-16, 18, 21; History of the Church, 5:423-
424; Obadiah 1:21; D&C 128:11, 24

Millennial reign of Christ – a time to fulfill the covenant

Isaiah 60:10-11, 18-21; 11:6-16; 12: 1-6; 65:17-25;
66:20-23

In chapters 1-2 of Isaiah, he gives an overview of all threads. **Isaiah 1:2-9** tells why Israel must die – v.16-20 speak of **repentance through Christ**. Chapter 2, v. 2, 3, 4 speak of **temples** being built, the **gospel being restored**, and conditions of the **millennium** respectively.

You can e-mail me about more detail on the missions of Christ taught in **Isaiah 61:1-3**.