

Isaiah 53 and 54

Both chapters covered tonight are completely quoted in the Book of Mormon. After Jesus quotes chapter 54 he immediately makes the statement: "And now behold I say unto you, that ye had ought to search these things. Yea, a **commandment I give unto you, that ye search these things diligently**; for great are the words of Isaiah. For surely he spake as touching **all things concerning my people which are of the house of Israel**; therefore **it must needs be that he must speak also to the Gentiles**. And all things that he spake, **hath been**, and **shall be**, even according to the words which he spake. Therefore give heed to my words; **write the things which I have told you**, and according to the time and the will of the Father, **they shall go forth unto the Gentiles.**"

[Isaiah 53 : 1](#) Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

[John 12 :37-40](#) But though he had done so **many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him**: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

Thoughts on meaning of "to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Is it fair to Blind their eyes? Why would He do this?

[Isaiah 53:2](#) 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.

Thoughts on "he shall grow up before him" and "he hath no form nor comeliness".



[Isaiah 53:3](#) 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.

[Isaiah 52 : 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**:

[Isaiah 53:4](#) Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, **smitten of God**, and afflicted.

[1 Peter 2 : 24](#) **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree**, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Thoughts on “smitten of God”.

[Isaiah 53:5-7](#) 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**. 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**. 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**.



Does the “iniquity of us all” fit the punishment?

[Mosiah 8 :32-35](#) 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. And after all this, and after working many mighty miracles among the children of men, he shall be led, yea, even as Isaiah said, **as a sheep before the shearer is dumb, so he opened not his mouth**; 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**; 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**:

[Matthew 26:62-63](#) And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it **which these witness against thee?** But Jesus held his peace,

[Isaiah 53:8-9](#) 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. **And he made his grave with the wicked**, and with the rich in his death; because he had done **no violence** (**(no evil)** BOM) for he practised **no iniquity**, Septuagint), neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Which may be the better translations?

[Mosiah 8:37-43](#) Standing betwixt **them and justice**; having broken the bands of death, taking **upon himself their iniquity and their transgressions**; having redeemed them, and satisfied the **demands of justice**. 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?** Behold, I say unto you, that whosoever hath heard the words of the prophets, yea, all the holy prophets which 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 heirs of the kingdom of God:

[Matthew 27:38](#) then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

[1 Peter 2 22](#) Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Is it possible for us to live a sinless life?

[Isaiah 53:10-12](#) 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**. 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. 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.

Thoughts on “he shall prolong his days”.

[1 Corinthians 15 : 20](#) But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the **firstfruits** of them that slept.

[Isaiah 54:1-3](#) Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break **forth into singing**, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for **more are the children of the desolate** than the **children of the married wife**, saith the LORD. **Enlarge the place of thy tent**, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, **lengthen thy cords**, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and **thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles**, and **make the desolate cities to be inhabited**.

Who are the people of the married wife and the children of the desolate? Why is it that Israel needs to “Enlarge the place of the tent”? As Christ quoted this After His resurrection, does this tell us anything on when these prophecies take place?

[1 Nephi 3 : 177](#) Which is the land which the Lord God hath covenanted with thy father that his seed **should have for the land of their inheritance**; wherefore, thou seest that the Lord God **will not suffer that the Gentiles will utterly destroy the mixture of thy seed, which is among thy brethren**;

[Isaiah 54:4](#) Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

[Isaiah 47 : 9](#) But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and **widowhood**: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

[Isaiah 54:5-7](#) For thy **Maker is thine husband**; the **LORD of hosts is his name**; and **thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel**; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the LORD hath called thee **as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit**, and a **wife of youth**, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. **For a small moment have I forsaken thee**; but with great mercies **will I gather thee**.

Was not Israel gathered into a nation in 1948? Was the above verses fulfilled then?



[III Nephi 10:5-8](#) Verily, I say unto you, At that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people; yea, **even the tribes which have been lost**, which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem. Yea, the work shall commence among **all the dispersed of my people**, with the Father, to prepare the way whereby they may come unto me, that they may **call on the Father in my name**; Yea, and **then shall the work commence**, with the Father, among all nations, in preparing the way whereby his people may be **gathered home to the land of their inheritance**. And they shall go out from **all nations**; and they shall not go out in haste, nor go by flight; for I will go before them, saith the Father, and I will be their rearward. And then shall that which is written come to pass.

The above verses are what Christ said just prior to Him quoting Isaiah 54.

[Isaiah 54:8](#) In a **little wrath** I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

[Zechariah 12 : 2](#) Behold, I will make **Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about**, when **they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem**.

[Isaiah 54:9](#) For this is as the waters of Noah **unto me**: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, **nor rebuke thee**. (Underlined not in the BoM)(I will no more be wroth with thee, neither when thou art threatened,- Septuagint)

[Isaiah 54:10](#) For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

Could this statement be made about a past event?

[Isaiah 54:11-13](#) O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and **lay thy foundations with sapphires**. And I will make thy

windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. And **all thy children shall be taught of the LORD**; and great shall be the **peace of thy children**.

[Revelation 21 : 19](#) And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an **emerald**;

Thoughts on “all thy children shall be taught of the LORD”

[Isaiah 54:141-13](#) In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. Behold, they **shall surely gather together**, ((against thee) BoM) **but not by me**: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and **that bringeth forth an instrument for his work**; and **I have created the waster to destroy**. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

[Malachi 3 : 3](#) and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he **shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver**, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

[Helaman 4 : 52](#) And thus we see, that **except the Lord doth chasten his people with many afflictions, yea, except he doth visit them with death, and with terror, and with famine, and with all manner of pestilences, they will not remember him**.

