

Isaiah 55 and 56

[Isaiah 55:1-2](#) Ho, **every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters**, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy **wine and milk without money and without price**. Wherefore do ye **spend money for that which is not bread?** and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and **eat ye that which is good**, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. (quoted 2 Nephi 99-101)

[John 4 :10, 13-14](#) Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee **living water**....Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever **drinketh of this water shall thirst again**: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.



[Isaiah 60 : 16](#) Thou shalt also **suck the milk of the Gentiles**, and shalt suck the breast of kings: **and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob**.

[I Corinthians 3:2](#) And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. **I have fed you with milk**, and not with **meat**: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

[Hebrews 5 :12-13](#) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of **milk**, and not of strong **meat**. For every one that useth **milk** is unskilful in the **word of righteousness**: for he is a babe.

[I Peter 2 : 2](#) As newborn babes, desire the sincere **milk of the word**, that ye may grow thereby:

[Titus 1 : 10-11](#) For there are many unruly and **vain talkers** and deceivers, **specially they of the circumcision**: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for **filthy lucre's sake**.

[Alma 1 : 30](#) Because they were not proud in their own eyes, **and** because they did impart the word of God, one with another, **without money** and without **price**. (p 299-300)

Verse 1 and 2 may be the last two Isaiah verses referred to in the Book of Mormon as we move toward the end of Isaiah. Fortunately for interpretation sake, the New Testament refers to the prophecies in these last chapters eleven times!

[Isaiah 55:3-4](#) Incline your ear, and come unto **me: hear**, and **your soul shall live**; and I will make an **everlasting covenant** with you, **even the sure mercies of David**. Behold, I have given **him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people**.

What do think this everlasting covenant might be? Who is the “witness”

[Acts 13 :34-37](#) And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the **sure mercies of David**. Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt **not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption**. For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: But **he**, whom **God raised again, saw no corruption**.

[Isaiah 55:5](#) Behold, **thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not**, and **nations** that knew not thee shall **run unto thee because of the LORD thy God**, and for the **Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee**.

When was this fulfilled?



[Psalms 18 : 43](#) **thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me**.

[Isaiah 45 : 14](#) Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, **Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God**.

[Isaiah 55:6-9](#) **Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways**, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

[Job 38:3-4](#) Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

[Isaiah 55:10-13](#) For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my **word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the

thing whereto I sent it. **For ye shall go out with joy**, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. **Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree**: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an **everlasting sign that shall not be cut off**.

Time period? Who is the “ye shall go out with joy”?

(Spoken to the Gentiles below)

[Jacob 3 : 140](#) And it came to pass that the servants did go to it, and labor with their might; and the Lord of the vineyard labored also with them; and they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard, in all things.

[III Nephi 10 :1-3](#) But if they will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant, and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, and **they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob**; And also, as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the **New Jerusalem**; And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, which are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem.



Who is assisting who?

[Isaiah 56:1](#) Thus saith the LORD, **Keep ye judgment**, and **do justice**: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

[Helaman 2 : 18](#) Nevertheless, **Helaman did fill the judgment seat with justice and equity**; yea, he did observe to **keep the statutes, and the judgments**, and the commandments of God; and he did do that which was right in the sight of God continually; and he did walk after the ways of his father, insomuch that **he did prosper** in the land.

[Isaiah 56:2](#) Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

Thoughts on polluting the Sabbath.

[Isaiah 56:3-4](#) **Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD**, speak, saying, **The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people**: neither let the **eunuch say**, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the LORD **unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths**, and **choose the things that please me**, and take hold of my covenant;

[Genesis 4 : 26](#) And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos:
***then began men to call upon the name of the LORD. (in Margin OR *”to call themselves by the name of the Lord”**

[1 Nephi 1 : 129](#) And he supposing that I spake of the **brethren of the church**, and that I was truly that **Laban whom I had slain**, wherefore, he did follow me.

[Psalms 50 : 5](#) Gather my saints together unto me; those **that have made a covenant** with me by sacrifice.

[Exodus 24 :7-8](#) And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and **they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do**, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

Thoughts on the meaning of Isaiah 56:3-4.

[Philippians 2 : 14](#) **Do all things without murmurings and disputings:**

[Isaiah 56:5](#) Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an **everlasting name**, that shall not be cut off.

[Isaiah 43 : 7](#) Even every one that is called **by my name**: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

[Isaiah 56:6-8](#) Also the sons of the stranger, **that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him**, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will **I bring to my holy mountain**, and make them joyful in **my house of prayer**: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an **house of prayer for all people**. The Lord GOD, **which gathereth the outcasts of Israel** saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

[Matthew 21 : 13](#) And said unto them, It is written, **My house shall be called the house of prayer**; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

[Isaiah 11 : 9](#) They shall not hurt nor destroy in all **my holy mountain**: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

[Matthew 24 : 31](#) And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall **gather** together his **elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Failure of Israel's leaders

[Isaiah 56:9-8](#) All ye **beasts of the field, come to devour**, yea, all ye beasts in the forest. His **watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant**, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are **shepherds that cannot understand**: they all look to their own way, every one **for his gain**, from his quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

[Matthew 24 :38-40](#) But as the days of **Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be**. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Who are the ones taken?

[Matthew 24:15-16, 24](#) When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) **Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:...** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

[1 Nephi 6 :29-31](#) And notwithstanding he hath done all this, and greater also, **there is no peace**, saith the Lord, unto the wicked. And again: Hearken, O ye house of Israel, all ye that are broken off and are driven out, because of the **wickedness of the pastors of my people**; yea, all ye that are broken off that are scattered abroad, which are of my people, O house of Israel. Listen O isles unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; the Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

