

ABOOK OF MORMON STUDY

Hebrew Characteristics of the Record—Why a Portion of the Prophecies of Isaiah Were Transcribed upon the Plates—The English Version Not Copied by the Prophet Joseph—Double Fulfillment of Prophecies.

Continued from Saturday, Sept. 13.

III. ISALIAH, L.

To understand the first portion of this chapter, it must be remembered that Jewish husbands in many instances gave bills of divorce to their wives, as under the laws of Moses, Deut. xxi. 1; and that fathers sometimes sold their children—bound them out—into a term of years, not to exceed seven years, as a debt by their father, Ex. xxi. 2. Zion had expressed fears more than once that God would forget and forsake her, Isa. xlii. 14, 24, and in verse 17, she said: "I have been forsaken, forsaken, forsaken."

He called for them, but received no answer; they had passed beyond the reach of His voice. It may here be asked why Isaiah did not begin his chapter with an answer to the question that Zion voiced at the close of the last one. But let us make haste slowly on this point. We have here a new and perfect illustration of God's love for Zion, and if we look deeper than the surface, we shall find that Isaiah did take up the answer to Zion's last question. Who can look on this scene of God's love for her—a love that is filling with the immensity of eternity the great heart—the whole being—of the Infinite God, and fail to understand what is coming—what it all means. It means that her sorrow, her burden, her bonds shall be borne or broken; that her life shall be preserved at the price of His who is her lover. The picture is one of what the tenderest and most overwhelming love in the heart of a man would inspire him to do for a suffering bride. His design, which is yet half hidden, shall soon be made quite apparent. The culminating proposition of all that God's love impels Him to make, is now about to be announced.

Before making it, however, attention is called to (2) the omnipotent and glorious character of (3) Him whose it is. What He now offers for Zion's comfort in her last extremity is nothing more or less than the redemption of His people through the vicarious sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ, and their justification through Him. This is announced in verses 4-9 inclusive. That this is the sense and substance of this scripture is evident from a cursory glance at it. But there is a strange peculiarity connected with the language in which the proposition is made that gives us a double assurance. In this chapter altogether, three different names are used when speaking of the Divine Being. These are: Lord, Lord God and God. Lord is used once in the first verse, and twice in the tenth, where we also find the name God; but in the fourth and ninth verses we find a sudden change to the title Lord

God, and this only is used there. Let our readers personally look this matter up, for the change is a remarkable one, and remember, too, that it is in this same scripture where the proposition of the vicarious sufferings, etc., of Jesus Christ are set forth, Now, it is so well known that the Lord God, (Jehovah) in the Old Testament applies to the Lord Jesus Christ, that no proof of this fact need be produced. This showing with the evident sense of the scripture itself makes sure the interpretation offered for verses (10) & (9). The next verse contains practically a statement that no one who fears God and who walks in the light of His servant, Jesus Christ, can be in darkness and have no light. This is followed with an exhortation to those who have the light of His word and the bond of His covenant, to trust in, and stay themselves on Him for the performance of all His (11) contracts. Verse 11 calls attention to the utter futility of trying to accomplish the grand purposes of God by agencies that are purely human—the end of such a course is sorrow. The announcement of the vicarious work of the Savior is now made to quiet Zion's fears respecting the possibility of freeing her—the lawful captive. The Lord God Himself shall pay the debt she owes to justice, and let His people go free, released from the bondage to whom they have sold themselves. The last and most tormenting fear that pierced Zion's heart is, or ought to be, allayed, banished forever from her soul. It is wonderful how God has condescended to reason with her. It is not less surprising that she so doubts, fears and trembles hereof. Step by step she has cautiously and in fear and trembling, approached the last dread question of how her lawful bonds can be broken. Step by step the great God follows her until at last the whole Divine plan is disclosed. In this whole matter Isaiah has given us one of the most brilliant gems of inspiration to be found this side of heaven. Here the question may be suggested why, if God pays the price for Israel's redemption they should also suffer. To answer, we find that God's creatures of high intelligence are prone to lapse from a state of holiness. One-third of the angels in heaven fell from their exalted estate. Man in Eden trespassed on the laws of immortality and absolute innocence. The Israelites, in great part, East and West, ran like bridle of sinners possessed by evil spirits into an abyss of sin. If, therefore, should offer to us unconditional deliverance from the effects of sin, there are

not many who would not in some way trespass on His goodness and mercy. We go it as the case stands at present, but with a fair taste of the wages of sin people are less liable to rush headlong into wrongdoing. Ezekiel answers the question thus: "That thou mayest remember and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord God." xvi. 43. The points particularly made in Isaiah, 4, are: 1) God's great love for Zion. 2) The atonement.

ISALIAH LI.

Little comment on this chapter is necessary, for it is largely a continuation of God's comforting assurances that His love for His people shall not fail. The beginning of the chapter refers to His dealing with Abraham, who alone was made the father of a great nation, and who became a blessing to the whole world. The argument, therefore, is that Zion, a great number of men and women, need not fear that He will not do likewise for them. Verses 9 and 10 deal with the natural anxiety of the people of Zion for the speedy accomplishment of the great work of deliverance and blessing. Inclusive from verse 17 to the end of the chapter it is stated that Jerusalem as well as Zion is to share in the latter-day glories after she has paid the penalty for her transgressions. The chastisement of Zion is not so severe as that of her sister—the former had no part in the crucifixion of Jesus. The chastisement of her sons is a (20) reference to events that shall transpire when the last siege of Jerusalem is being carried on. At the close of the chapter the issue of the final attempt to overwhelm the people of God is made known. Verses 24 and 25 taken from the first of Isa. li, and added here, contain an exhortation to Israel to prepare themselves for their assured glory.

Summing up, now, we find in these four chapters an epitome of Jewish history, actual or prophetic, from the earliest times onward till the dawn of the Millennial glory. In their brief compass are disclosed God's purposes respecting the greater part of the human family. In them we find the principles of divine government from that of infinite love on one hand, to that of just punishment for sin on the other. There is here an account: (1) Of an intractable people. (2) Their rebellion and lapse into idolatry. (3)

Their dispersion. (4) Their oppression. (5) The separation of Jacob from Judah. (6) The foreordination of Zion for glorious purposes. (7) Her concealment for a time on the western continent. (8) The great gathering movement of the last days. (9) God's infinite love. (10) Punishment for sin. (11) The atonement made by Jesus Christ. (12) The acceptance of His work finally by all Israel. (13) The numbering of many gentiles among the elect of God. (14) The mighty works of God in the past. (15) The terrors of the last days. (16) The destruction of God's enemies finally in great wrath and fury.

Those things, great, grand, glorious or terrible, are, and others, too, all written down in the first four chapters of Isaiah that Nephi copied into his book. They form a foundation, a comprehensive outline for nearly all prophecy that the Almighty ever gave to man. They form the grand text of which the other chapters taken from Isaiah may be likened to comments or amplifications. We shall find but little that is new in them. When all these matters are considered in connection with the grand truth that the glorious accomplishment of many of these prophecies is to be the outcome of the work that Nephi and his people began on this western continent, how can any man in his senses wonder that he copied them into his book? It would be a marvel if he had not done so. They were too grand and applicable for him to leave out. They were truly in the moient language of the Nephite preachers, "like to us—their own people. These old saints of God had a perfect knowledge, too, of the meaning of the copied Scripture. To illustrate by one point only, we find they announce the text containing the doctrine of the vicarious suffering of Jesus Christ, Isa. li, 9-10, and then follow this up with a comprehensive sermon on the atonement. See II Nephi, chaps. 7 to 9, inclusive. To whom shall this wonderful all-around harmony and appropriateness be attributed? To God, or to a young unlearned man, who if allegations were true was a wicked, depraved wretch not fit to live? Shall we refer such things to a young man who was making his first attempt to write a book—a religious romance—or to Him who does all things well? There can be but one reasonable answer to this question. The work is God's. As we have progressed with the second proposition the third one has been made plain, and may as well be closed up now. We find that when Nephi began his transcriptions from Isaiah with the forty-eighth instead of the second chapter,

that he was very properly announcing his text before he gave us the comments, or sermon; for as anyone can see, these four chapters make up a groundwork of Jewish history from beginning to end—from the calling and blessing of Abraham to the Millennium. That Nephi was able to arrange Isaiah's prophecies in this manner, shows that his knowledge of them was perfect. He was no mere copyist. He was set by a power superior to human wisdom, for of the multitude of expositors who have written on Isaiah's prophecies not one of them, so far as our knowledge extends, knows even the right order in which they should be arranged for study. Let us be informed by those who charge Joseph Smith with being a wicked man and an impostor, how he, if he wrote or compiled the Book of Mormon, hit upon such a natural arrangement of these prophecies, when good men, wise and learned men, men whose whole lives are, or have been, devoted to Biblical study, could not do it? If it ever were done by any other writer than Nephi, let us be told by whom, and where we may find his work.

In this connection it may be remarked that at least 60,000 different formal commentaries have been written upon the Bible in whole or in part, and over 100,000 other expository works not claimed as formal. Dr. Hemenway, at one time a professor in Garret Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., is our authority for this statement. The plan of arranging a book in proper order for reading and study by beginning with the forty-eighth chapter and continuing on to the close of the forty-first, and then resuming with the second, is quite new and original, and the man who did it in this case was inspired by the Almighty. Notice how, by this arrangement, the teachings are made to conform to a principle observable in other great Biblical prophecies of beginning with dimmer references or descriptions that are later made plainer. Those given by Daniel illustrate this truth, and if we begin where Nephi did with those of Isaiah and read to the close of chapter xiv, in the order he gives, we shall find he follows the same plan. There is wisdom here greater than that which a young man possesses. Comments on the remaining chapters that Nephi copied from Isaiah shall be as brief as possible, but there are some points in them that cannot be passed over justly with a slight reference only.

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