

# TEN KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING ISAIAH

[Read this talk by Bruce R McConkie: Ensign, Oct. 1973](#) and then see if you can answer these questions.

1. An overall knowledge of the Plan of Salvation and how God deals with his earthly children will help you identify what Isaiah is saying. For example,

What part of the Plan does Isaiah 14:12-14 refer to?

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2. Learn the Position and Destiny of the House of Israel in the Lord's Eternal Scheme of Things.

List the three different time periods that Isaiah's prophecies may refer to:

Isaiah 1:1-24 \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 53:3-12 \_\_\_\_\_ Isaiah 4:2-6 \_\_\_\_\_

3. Know the chief doctrines and time periods that Isaiah chose to write about. Match the scripture with the doctrine it teaches and name the time period (Old Testament, New Testament, Latter-days) in which each occurs:

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| a. Restoration of the gospel through Joseph Smith.           | A. Isaiah 7:14         |
| b. Final gathering of Israel in triumph                      | B. Isaiah 1:1-4        |
| c. Book of Mormon as a witness of Christ                     | C. Isaiah 24:5         |
| d. Apostate conditions in the world before the Millennium    | D. Isaiah 35:10        |
| e. Messianic prophecies of Christ's birth and life           | E. Isaiah 11:4-9       |
| f. Christ's second coming and Millennial reign               | F. Isa 11:10-12; 54:16 |
| g. Historical information and prophecies of Isaiah's own day | G. Isaiah 29:11-14     |

4. Use the Book of Mormon as a study guide to Isaiah. Nephi and Jacob explain Isaiah in which chapters? \_\_\_\_\_ Who is speaking in 3 Nephi 23:1-2 and what does he say? \_\_\_\_\_ .

5. Use other latter-day scriptures. For example, how does D&C 115 help us understand Isaiah? \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Learn how the New Testament interprets Isaiah. Find at least one New Testament verse quoted in Isaiah (hint: look in the BD)

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7. Study Isaiah in Its Old Testament Context. For example, what verse of Isaiah does Micah 4:1-3 quote? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Learn the Manner of Prophecy Used among the Jews in Isaiah's Day. One of their methods is mentioned in the chapter heading for Isaiah 13 concerning Babylon

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9. Have the Spirit of Prophecy. What- does 2 Nephi 25:4 have to say concerning this gift?

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10. Devote yourself to hard, conscientious study. Remember what Isaiah himself said about how we learn: Isaiah 28:10

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