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The relevance of Isaiah

2 Nephi 9:1-5

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, And His train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphim; Each one had six wings - with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts! The whole earth is full of His glory!"

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, And the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I: "Wo is me! for I am undone because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts."

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6 Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;

7 And he laid it upon my mouth and said: "Lo, this has touched thy lips; And thine iniquity is taken away, And thy sin purged."

8 And also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us?" Then I said: "Here am I! send me."

9 And He said: "Go, and tell this people: 'Hear ye indeed' - but they understood not; 'And see ye indeed' - but they perceived not.

10 "Make the heart of this people fat, And make their ears heavy and shut their eyes, Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert and be healed."

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11 Then said I: "Lord, how long?" And He said: "Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

12 and the Lord have removed men far away, For there shall be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13 But yet, in it there shall be a tenth; And they shall return and shall be eaten, as a teil tree and as an oak whose substance is in them when they cast their leaves - So the holy seed shall be the substance thereof."

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14 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, That Rezin, king of Syria, and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it but could not prevail against it.

15 And it was told the house of David, saying: "Syria is confederate with Ephraim." And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

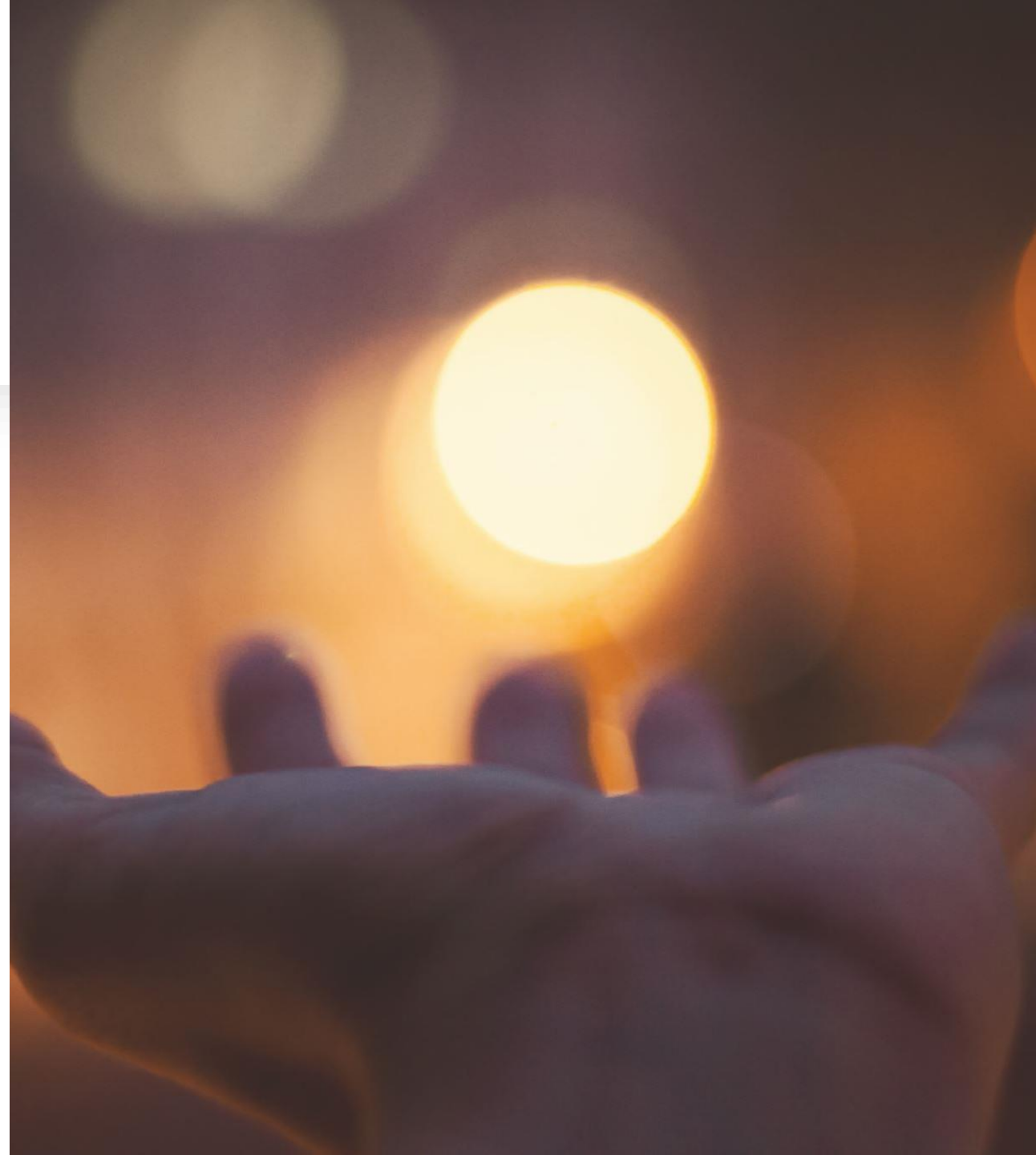
2 Nephi 9:18-19

- The Lord instructed Isaiah to meet Ahaz, the king of Judah, with his son. He reassured Ahaz not to fear Syria and Ephraim's threats, as their plans would fail.
- Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah conspired against Ahaz, saying, "Let's attack Judah, cause turmoil, and install our chosen king, the son of Tabeal, as ruler."

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- Thus saith the Lord God: "It shall not stand! Neither shall it come to pass.
- God has a plan and we are a part of it! Most of all God is in control!

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- How does this give you hope?



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- How does your belief in God's control influence your understanding of your own agency and responsibility in life's challenges and decisions?

2 Nephi 9:22-26

- "The leaders of Syria and Ephraim will fall within sixty-five years. If you don't believe, you won't stand firm."
- The Lord spoke to Ahaz again, offering a sign, but Ahaz refused, saying, "I will not test the Lord."
- Isaiah then admonished the house of David, asking them not to test God's patience.



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27 "Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and shall bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel.

28 "Butter and honey shall He eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and to choose the good.

29 For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, The land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

Words of Isaiah (Destruction of Israel)

- "Men will come with arrows and bows, for the entire land will be overrun with briars and thorns. But the hills, once dug with care, will no longer yield thorns; instead, they will be fit for oxen to graze and for lesser cattle to tread upon."
- Furthermore, the Lord instructed me, "Take a large scroll and write on it with a man's pen, concerning Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz."

2 Nephi 9 (Destruction of House of Israel)

- 69 And all the people shall know - Even Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria - That say in the pride and the stoutness of heart:
- 70 "The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones; The sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars."
- 71 Therefore, the Lord shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him and join his enemies together,
- 72 The Syrians before and the Philistines behind; And they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand stretched out still.

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- 73 For the people turneth not unto Him that smiteth them, Neither do they seek the Lord of Hosts.
- 74 Therefore will the Lord cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush in one day -
- 75 The ancient, he is the head; And the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.
- 76 For the leaders of this people cause them to err; And they that are led of them are destroyed.

2 Nephi 9 (The condition of the people)

- 77 Therefore, the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, Neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows; For every one of them is a hypocrite and an evildoer, And every mouth speaketh folly. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand stretched out still.
- 78 For wickedness burneth as the fire; It shall devour the briers and thorns and shall kindle in the thickets of the forests; And they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.
- 79 Through the wrath of the Lord of Hosts is the land darkened, And the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; No man shall spare his brother.

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- 81 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh - they together shall be against Judah. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand stretched out still.
- 82 "Wo unto them that decree unrighteous decrees! And that write grievousness which they have prescribed,

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- 84 And what will ye do in the day of visitation? And in the desolation which shall come from far? To whom will ye flee for help? And where will ye leave your glory?
- 85 Without Me they shall bow down under the prisoners, And they shall fall under the slain." For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand stretched out still.
- 86 "O Assyrian! the rod of Mine anger and their staff in their hand is their indignation.
- 87 I will send him against a hypocritical nation, And against the people of My wrath will I give him a charge, To take the spoil and to take the prey and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

God's Wrath on Jerusalem

- 92 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and to her idols?"



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- 93 Wherefore, it shall come to pass that when the Lord hath performed His whole work upon Mount Zion and upon Jerusalem, "I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria and the glory of his high looks."
- 94 For he saith: "By the strength of my hand and by my wisdom, I have done these things, for I am prudent; And I have moved the borders of the people and have robbed their treasures, And I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man;

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- 98 And the Light of Israel shall be for a fire and his Holy One for a flame, And shall burn and shall devour his thorns and his briers in one day;
- 99 And shall consume the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field, both soul and body; And they shall be as when a standardbearer fainteth.
- 100 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

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- 14 Behold, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, shall lop the bough with terror; And the high ones of stature shall be hewn down; And the haughty shall be humbled;
- 115 And He shall cut down the thickets of the forests with iron, And Lebanon shall fall by a Mighty One.
- 116 And there shall come forth a Rod out of the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 117 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him - the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord -

2 Nephi 9 (The Lord Shall Move His Hand a 2nd Time)

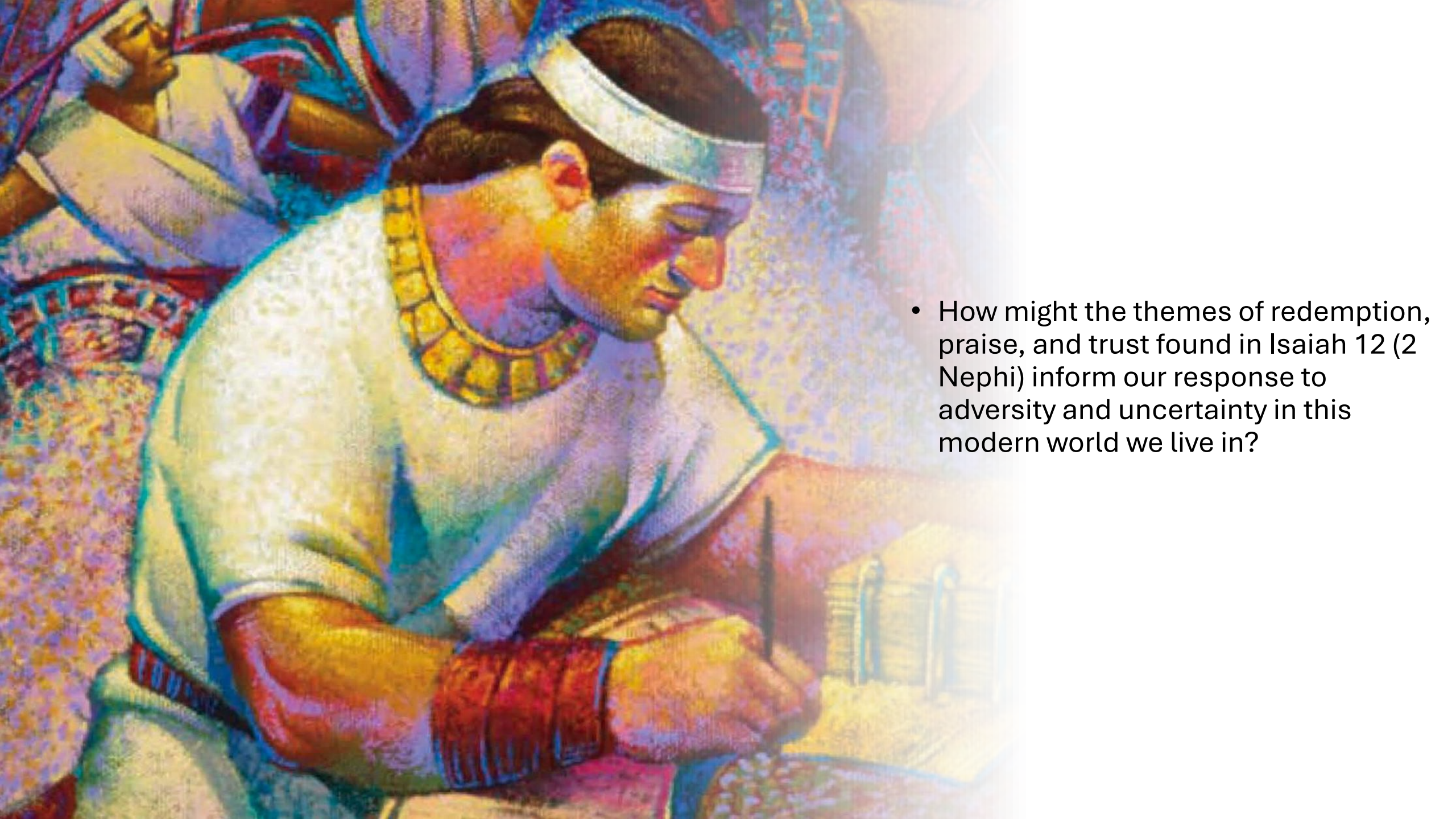
- 125 And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; To it shall the Gentiles seek, And His rest shall be glorious.
- 126 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people which shall be left - From Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.
- 127 And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, And shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

2 Nephi 9 (All Will Know the Lord Delivered His People)

- 131 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people which shall be left, from Assyria, Like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the Land of Egypt.
- 132 And in that day thou shalt say: "O Lord, I will praise Thee; Though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, And Thou comfortedst me.
- 133 Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation."
- 134 Therefore, with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation;
- 135 And in that day shall ye say: "Praise the Lord, call upon His name, Declare His doings among the people, Make mention that His name is exalted.

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- 136 Sing unto the Lord, for He hath done excellent things - this is known in all the earth.
- 137 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; For great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee!"



- How might the themes of redemption, praise, and trust found in Isaiah 12 (2 Nephi) inform our response to adversity and uncertainty in this modern world we live in?

2 Nephi 10 (Judgement on Babylon)

- 10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light; The sun shall be darkened in His going forth, And the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
- 11 "And I will punish the world for evil and the wicked for their iniquity; I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease and will lay down the haughtiness of the terrible.
- 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens and the earth shall remove out of her place in the wrath of the Lord of Hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.
- 14 And it shall be as the chased roe and as a sheep that no man taketh up; They shall every man turn to his own people and flee everyone into his own land.



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- 22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses and dragons in their pleasant palaces. And her time is near to come and her day shall not be prolonged, for I will destroy her speedily; Yea, for I will be merciful unto My people; But the wicked shall perish."
- 23 For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob and will yet choose Israel and set them in their own land; And the strangers shall be joined with them, And they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 Nephi 10 (Destruction of Babylon)

- 32 All they shall speak and say unto thee: 'Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us?'
- 33 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave; The noise of thy viols is not heard; The worm is spread under thee, And the worms cover thee.
- 34 "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! Art thou cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations!
- 35 For thou hast said in thy heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north;
- 36 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'
- 37 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

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- 48 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth, And this is the hand that is stretched out upon all nations.
- 49 For the Lord of Hosts hath purposed, And who shall disannul? And His hand stretched out, And who shall turn it back?"

- So as we consider the words of Isaiah, what is the relevance of this today?

Why did Nephi include this portion of Isaiah in his writings?

