

Covenants establish, maintain, repair, or strengthen relationships

Eternal marriage is not "the" new and everlasting covenant, it is "a" new and everlasting covenant

The new and everlasting covenant is designed to help us form a new relationship with God.

\*It's not that God loves those who make covenants more, but there is a deeper kind of love or a different kind of love that comes from a committed relationship.

## Commandments/laws

Things God asks us to do to be close to Him or become like Him.

## blessings

Positive outcomes from being close to God.

## curses/cursings

Negative outcomes of being distant from God and unlike Him

## repentance

Aligning our will with God's

## rebellion

Willfully disobeying what God has asked

being "in the presence of the Lord"

enjoying a close relationship with God

- having His Spirit with us
- ritually approaching Him in temple
- being with Him in celestial glory

## cast off/ cut off

losing access to God's presence after prolonged rebellion

\* How close am I to the Lord??

No matter how far we get from God, a close relationship with Him is still His goal.

When is the everlasting covenant being talked about

### Look for

- "my people" or "your God" = relationship
- multiplying or becoming populous
- inheriting land
- prosperity
- physical protection
- priesthood ordinances
- enjoying God's presence (especially in His temple)  
God helping those who have left and return to  
Him

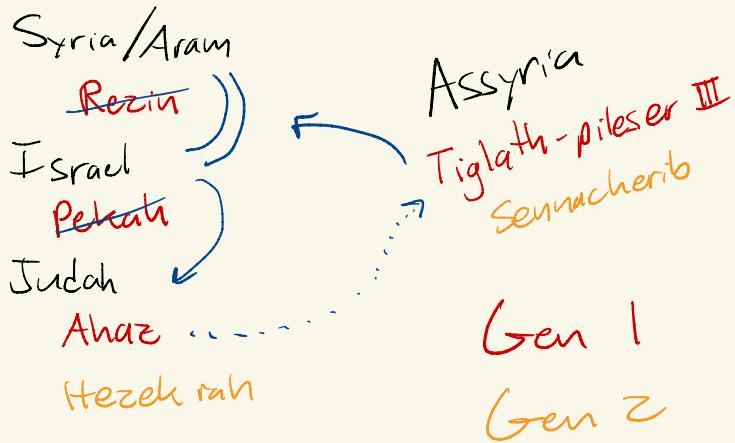
Why split Israelites up?

- Gives God flexibility  
multiple ways to spread the gospel

look into this book

# Learning to Love Isaiah

- by Kerry Muhlestein



eschaton "end times"

eschatology ↑  
Study of

eschatology adjective

→ A time when the course of history will change so dramatically you could think of it as a new reality

## Isaiah

What we know

Most quoted guy in New Testament, Book of Mormon, and D&C

Called in awesome temple vision

Tradition says he was martyred

Had kids: shear-yahub ("a remnant shall return")

Maher-shalal-hash-baz

Poet / educated

"court prophet" = worked w/ kings

wife = "the prophetess"

familiar w/ plants, animals, nature

lived at same time Amos, Micah, Hosea

# The Love and Laws of God

President Russell M. Nelson

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<https://speeches.byu.edu/talks/russell-m-nelson/love-laws-god/>

1) *You are sons and daughters of God.*

2) *Truth is truth.*

President Nelson teaches that eternal laws operate in and affect each of our lives. This is true regardless of what?

*whether we believe them or not*

3) *God loves every one of us with perfect love.*

The Father and the Son love us with infinite, perfect love. They also see everything. Because we cannot see everything They see, what have They given to guide and protect us?

*laws - There is a strong connection between  
God's love and His laws*

4) *The Lord Jesus Christ, whose Church this is, appoints prophets and apostles to communicate His love and teach His laws.*

Sometimes prophets and apostles are criticized when they teach the truth of God's laws. They are accused of being uncaring by people who would prefer Church leaders only teach God's love. Why does President Nelson say they must communicate and teach both?

*They deeply care about God's children.*

5) *You may know for yourself what is true and what is not by learning to discern the whisperings of the Spirit.*

President Nelson does not want us to thoughtlessly accept or reject His apostolic authority or the truthfulness of his teachings. He pleads with us to confirm his calling and what he teaches for ourselves by doing what?

*Seeking spiritual confirmation*

## Isaiah 1–39

## Isaiah 40–66

### Main remnant story

Jehovah allows the Assyrians to destroy most of Judah, but then He destroys the Assyrian army to save a righteous remnant

Jehovah allows the Babylonians to destroy Judah, and a remnant is exiled to Babylon—Jehovah then redeems them from captivity by using the Persians to destroy Babylon and help the remnant return home

### How the remnant is created

The majority of Judah is destroyed, leaving a minority group of survivors

A group has been physically relocated (or “scattered”) to a foreign land

### How the remnant “returns” or “gathers”

They “return unto God,” meaning they repent

They return spiritually, but also return physically by coming back to their homeland

### The remnant’s relationship to Gentiles

Their wicked/mean Gentile oppressors are destroyed

Their wicked/mean Gentile oppressors are destroyed—Nice Gentiles help them—Through these events, some Gentiles are converted to the God of Israel

### How this remnant helps Israel fulfill its Abrahamic mission

The remnant can be a light because they are now righteous

The remnant can be a light because they are now righteous, and (due to scattering) they are in close contact with many Gentiles

ga'el = to redeem (as a kinsmen)

go'el = redeemer (kinsmen redeemer)

to redeem = to pay whatever price is necessary to get  
a helpless person out of a situation where  
they are trapped/stuck

(slavery, debt, prison, kidnapping)

go'el Yisrael

Redeemer of Israel

4 most common scriptures Jews use to understand the Messiah

Without knowing Christ, what would I think about the Messiah

Numbers 24:15-19

smashes

Smites

Conquering/destroying

It is only after the crucifixion that early Christians realized Isaiah 53 is talking about the Christ

Isaiah 11:1-5

wise ruler

strong

just

Put people in their place

see next page



Amos 9:11-15

Rebuilt

Paradise

free from captivity  
in home land

Daniel 7:9-14

Thrones cast down

All see him

an everlasting, indestructible kingdom

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. *Christ trying to prepare them for His death*

21 ¶ From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence

Peter believed he was the Messiah but...

→ Seems like Peter might have still expected the common idea of a Messiah

19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

They still didn't understand

many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? *Still thought now was time to conquer*

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. *Christ said not yet*

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? *this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.* *Disciples learned of the second coming*

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

# Handel's Messiah

George Handel - wrote the music

He gets really sick

Charles Jennens - wrote the words

His best friend brother dies

Susannah Cibber - the first singer of the Messiah

Her husband was terrible

These verses have nothing to do with God the father. They aren't talking about the relationship between God and Jesus. It is a relationship between Christ's divine Spirit and His mortal body. "Father" and "Son" are metaphorical

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Mosiah 15  
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### The "Son"

Jehovah in his human state

### The Father

Jehovah in his divine, premortal state

His earthly body will be subject to His divine Spirit.

1 And now Abinadi said unto them: I would that ye should understand that <sup>a</sup>God himself shall <sup>b</sup>come down among the children of men, and shall <sup>c</sup>redeem his people.

2 And because he <sup>a</sup>dwelleteth in <sup>b</sup>flesh he shall be called the <sup>a</sup>Son of God, and having subjected the flesh to the <sup>d</sup>will of the <sup>e</sup>Father, being <sup>f</sup>the Father and the Son—  
Immortal and mortal  
God and human  
spirit and flesh

3 The Father, <sup>a</sup>because he was <sup>b</sup>conceived by the power of God; and the Son, because of the flesh; thus becoming the Father and Son—

4 And they are <sup>a</sup>one God, yea, the very <sup>b</sup>Eternal <sup>c</sup>Father of <sup>d</sup>old <sup>e</sup>testament term <sup>f</sup>for Jehovah

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5 And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the Son to the Father, being one God, <sup>a</sup>suffereth temptation, and yieldeth not to the temptation, but suffereth himself to be mocked, and <sup>b</sup>scourged, and cast out, and disowned by his <sup>c</sup>people.

6 And after all this, after working many mighty miracles among the children of men, he shall be led, yea, even <sup>a</sup>as Isaiah said, as a sheep before the shearer is dumb, so he <sup>b</sup>opened not his mouth.

7 Yea, even so he shall be led, <sup>a</sup>crucified, and slain, the <sup>b</sup>flesh becoming subject even unto death, the <sup>c</sup>will of the Son being swallowed up in the will of the Father.



8 And thus God breaketh the <sup>a</sup>bands of death, having gained the <sup>b</sup>victory over death; giving the Son power to make <sup>c</sup>intercession for the children of men—

9 Having ascended into heaven, having the bowels of mercy; being filled with compassion towards the children of men;



## "Fulfilled" (possible meanings)

- Prediction : one single fulfillment
- Completion : Started in past, completed in future  
or more than one fulfillment
- typological : Something in original fulfillment can be symbolically tied to something else that happens later

We often think of Lehi's vision as an allegory of everyone in the world coming unto Christ. BUT...

Lehi and his family probably saw this as an allegory for the descendants of Laman and Lemuel.

1 Nephi 10  
Book of Mormon

11 And it came to pass after my father had spoken these words he spake unto my brethren concerning the gospel which should be preached among the Jews, and also concerning the "dwindling of the Jews in <sup>b</sup>unbelief". And after they had <sup>c</sup>slain the Messiah, who should come; and after he had been slain he should <sup>d</sup>rise from the dead, and should make himself <sup>e</sup>manifest, by the Holy Ghost, unto the Gentiles.

12 Yea, even my father spake much concerning the Gentiles, and also concerning the house of Israel, that they should be compared like unto an <sup>a</sup>olive tree, whose <sup>b</sup>branches should be broken off and should be <sup>c</sup>scattered upon all the face of the earth.

13 Wherefore, he said it must needs be that we should be led with one accord into the <sup>a</sup>land of promise, unto the fulfilling of the word of the Lord, that we should be scattered upon all the face of the earth.

14 And after <sup>c</sup>the house of <sup>a</sup>Israel should be scattered they should be <sup>b</sup>gathered together again; or, in fine, after the <sup>c</sup>Gentiles had received the fulness of the <sup>a</sup>Gospel, the natural branches of the <sup>a</sup>olive tree, or the <sup>c</sup>remnants of the house of <sup>a</sup>Israel, should be grafted in, or <sup>b</sup>come to the knowledge of the true Messiah, their Lord and their Redeemer.

15 And after this manner of language did my father prophesy and speak unto my brethren, and also many more things which I do not write in this book; for I have written as many of them as were expedient for me in mine <sup>a</sup>other book.

Israel Scattered

- Jews don't believe
- Lost tribes

Gentiles become Christians

\* 1 Ne. 13 great apostasy } huu?  
why twice?

Gentiles receive fullness of Gospel  
\* 1 Ne. 13:35 Book of Mormon!

Israel gathered

Relationship?

\* From Nephi's vision

Why is the Bible so important?

It contains the covenants God made with Israel (1 Nephi 13:23)

The Church is just an organization that God uses to gather Israel and prepare families for eternity. In eternity, we will won't be bishops and stake presidents, we will be moms and dads and a family

**Black = Nephi's words**

**Blue = Dr. Seers headings**

**Red = Isaiah's word**

### Nephi's Prophecy of the Book of Mormon (2 Nephi 26:12-27:35): A Likening of Isaiah 29

Nephi Introduces the Purpose of the Book of Mormon (2 Nephi 26:12-13)

And as I spake concerning the convincing of the Jews, that Jesus is the very Christ, it must needs be that the Gentiles be convinced also that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God; and that he manifesteth himself unto all those who believe in him, by the power of the Holy Ghost; yea, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, working mighty miracles, signs, and wonders, among the children of men according to their faith.

Nephi's Prophecy on the Writing and Burying of the Gold Plates, with **Isaiah 29:3-5 Mixed In** (2 Nephi 26:14-19)

But behold, I prophesy unto you concerning the last days; concerning the days when the Lord God shall bring these things forth unto the children of men. After my seed and the seed of my brethren shall have dwinded in unbelief, and shall have been smitten by the Gentiles; yea, after the Lord God shall have camped against them round about, and shall have laid siege against them with a mount, and raised forts against them; and after they shall have brought down low in the dust, even that they are not, yet the words of the righteous shall be written, and the prayers of the faithful shall be heard, and all those who have dwinded in unbelief shall not be forgotten. For those who shall be destroyed shall speak unto them out of the ground, and their speech shall be low out of the dust, and their voice shall be as one that hath a familiar spirit; for the Lord God will give unto him power, that he may whisper concerning them, even as it were out of the ground; and their speech shall whisper out of the dust.

For thus saith the Lord God, "They shall write the things which shall be done among them, and they shall be written and sealed up in a book, and those who have dwinded in unbelief shall not have them, for they seek to destroy the things of God." Wherefore, as those who have been destroyed have been destroyed speedily; and the multitude of their terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away—yea, thus saith the Lord God, "It shall be at an instant, suddenly"—and it shall come to pass, that those who have dwinded in unbelief shall be smitten by the hand of the Gentiles.

Nephi Describes Latter-day Gentile Wickedness and Defends the Lord's Goodness (2 Nephi 26:20-23)

And the Gentiles are "lifted up" (Isaiah 2:12) in the pride of their eyes, and have "stumbled" because of the greatness of their "stumbling block" (Isaiah 8:14-15), that they have built

up many churches; nevertheless, they put down the power and miracles of God, and preach up unto themselves their own wisdom and their own learning, that they may get gain and "grind upon the face of the poor" (Isaiah 3:15). And there are many churches built up which cause envyings, and strifes, and malice.

And there are also secret combinations, even as in times of old, according to the combinations of the devil, for he is the founder of all these things; yea, the founder of murder, and works of darkness; yea, and he leadeh them by the neck with a flaxen cord, until he bindeth them with his strong cords ever (see Isaiah 5:18). For behold, my beloved brethren, I say unto you that the Lord God worketh not in darkness.

He doeth not anything save it be for the benefit of the world; for to lovethe world, even that he layeth down his own life that it may draw all men unto him. Wherefore, he commandeth none that they shall not partake of his salvation. Behold, doth he cry unto any, saying: "Depart from me"? Behold, I say unto you, Nay; but he saith: "Come unto me all ye ends of the earth, buy milk and honey, without money and without price" (see Isaiah 55:1).

Behold, hath he commanded any that they should depart out of the synagogues, or out of the houses of worship? Behold, I say unto you, Nay. Hath he commanded any that they should not partake of his salvation? Behold I say unto you, Nay; but he hath given it free for all men; and he hath commanded his people that they should persuade all men to re-pentance. Behold, hath the Lord commanded any that they should not partake of his goodness? Behold I say unto you, Nay; but all men are privileged the one like unto the other, and none are forbidden.

He commandeth that there shall be no priests; for, behold, priests are crafts that men preach and set themselves up for a light unto the world, that they may get gain and praise of the world; but they seek not the welfare of Zion. Behold, the Lord hath forbidden this thing; wherefore, the Lord God hath given a commandment that all men should have charity, which charity is love. And except they should have charity they would be nothing. Wherefore, if they should have charity they would not suffer the laborer in Zion to perish. But the laborer in Zion shall labor for Zion; for if they labor for money they shall perish.

And again, the Lord God hath commanded that men should not murder; that they should not lie; that they should not steal; that they should not take the name of the Lord their

God in vain; that they should not envy; that they should not have malice; that they should not contend one with another; that they should not commit whoredoms; and that they should do none of these things; for whom doeth them shall perish. For none of these iniquities come of the Lord; for he doth that which is good among the children of men; and he doth nothing save it be plain unto the children of men; and he inviteth them all to come unto him and partake of his goodness; and he denieth none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and he remembreth the heathen; and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile.

Nephi's Prophecy on World Conditions When the Book of Mormon Comes Forth, Using a Modified Quotation of **Isaiah 29:6-10** (2 Nephi 27:1-5)

But, behold, in the last days, or in the days of the Gentiles—yea, behold all the nations of the Gentiles and also the Jews, both those who shall come upon this land and those who shall be upon other lands, yea, even upon all the lands of the earth, behold, they will be drunken with iniquity and all manner of abominations—

And when that day shall come  
they shall be visited of the Lord of Hosts,  
with thunder and with earthquake,  
and with a great noise, and with storm, and with tempest,  
and with the flame of devouring fire.

And all the nations that fight against Zion, and that distress her,

shall be as a dream of a night vision;  
yea, it shall be unto them, even unto a hungry man which dreameth;  
and behold he eateth but he awaketh and his soul is empty;  
or like unto a thirsty man which dreameth,  
and behold he drinketh but he awaketh and behold he is faint,  
and his soul hath appetite;  
yea, even so shall the multitude of all the nations be that fight against Mount Zion.

For behold, all ye that doeth iniquity,  
stay yourselves and wonder,  
for ye shall cry out, and cry;  
yea, ye shall be drunken but not with wine,  
ye shall stagger but not with strong drink.

For behold, the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep,

for behold, ye have closed your eyes;

and ye have rejected the prophets and your rulers,  
and the seers hath he covered because of your iniquity.

Nephi's Prophecy on the Book of Mormon's Initially Poor Reception, with **Isaiah 29:11-12 Mixed In** (2 Nephi 27:6-23)

And it shall come to pass that the Lord God shall bring forth unto you the words of a book, and they shall be the words of them which have slumbered. And behold the book shall be sealed; and in the book shall be a revelation from God, from the beginning of the world to the ending thereof. Therefore, because of the things which are sealed up, the things which are sealed shall not be delivered in the day of the wickedness and abominations of the people. Wherefore the book shall be kept from them.

But the book shall be delivered unto a man, and he shall deliver the words of the book, which are the words of those who have slumbered in the dust, and he shall deliver these words unto another; but the words which are sealed he shall not deliver, neither shall he deliver the book. For the book shall be sealed by the power of God, and the revelation which was sealed shall be kept in the book until the own due time of the Lord, that they may come forth; for behold, they reveal all things from the foundation of the world unto the end thereof. And the day cometh that the words of the book which were sealed shall be read upon the house tops; and they shall be read by the power of Christ; and all things shall be revealed unto the children of men which ever have been among the children of men, and which ever will be even unto the end of the earth.

Wherefore, at that day when the book shall be delivered unto the man of whom I have spoken, the book shall be hid from the eyes of the world, that the eyes of none shall behold it save it be that three witnesses shall hold it by, the power of God, besides him to whom the book shall be delivered; and they shall testify to the truth of the book and the things therein. And there is none other which shall view it, save it be a few according to the will of God, to bear testimony of his word unto the children of men; for the Lord God hath said that the words of the faithful should speak as if it were from the dead. Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to bring forth the words of the book; and in the mouth of as many witnesses as seemeth him good will he establish his word; and we bo unto him that rejecteth the word of God!

But behold, it shall come to pass that the Lord God shall say unto him to whom he shall deliver the book, "Take these

words which are not sealed and deliver them to another, that he may show them unto the learned, saying: 'Read this, I pray thee.'

And the learned shall say, "Bring hither the book, and I will read them." And now, because of the glory of the world and to get gain will they say this, and not for the glory of God.

And the man shall say, "I cannot bring the book, for it is sealed."

Then shall the learned say, "I cannot read it."

Wherefore it shall come to pass, that the Lord God will deliver again over the book and the words thereof to him that is not learned; and the man that is not learned shall say, "I am not learned."

Then shall the Lord God say unto him, "The learned shall not read them, for they have rejected them, and I am able to do mine own work; wherefore thou hast read the words which I shall give unto thee. Touch not the things which are sealed, for I will bring them forth in mine own due time; for I will show unto the children of men that I am able to do mine own work. Wherefore, when thou hast read the words which I have promised unto thee, then shalt thou seal up the book again, and hide it up unto me, that I may preserve the words which thou hast not read, until I shall see fit in mine own wisdom to reveal all things unto the children of men. For behold, I am God and I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and I work not among the children of men save it be according to their faith."

Nephi's Prophecy of the Lord's Instructions to the Future Prophet-Translator, Using a Modified Quotation of **Isaiah 29:13-16** (2 Nephi 27:24-27)

And again it shall come to pass that the Lord shall say unto him that shall read the words that shall be delivered:

"Forasmuch as this people draw near unto me with their mouth,

and with their lips do honor me,  
but have removed their heart far from me,

and their fear towards me is taught by the precept of men—

Therefore, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people,

yea, a marvelous work and a wonder,  
for the wisdom of their wise and learned shall perish,

and the understanding of their prudent shall be hid.  
And wo unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord!

And their works are in the dark;  
and they say, 'Who seeth us, and who knoweth us?'  
And they also say, 'Surely, your turning of things upside down  
shall be esteemed as the potter's clay.'

"But behold, I will show unto them," saith the Lord of Hosts, "that I know all their works.

For shall the work say of him that made it,  
"He made me not?"

Or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it,  
"He had no understanding?"

Nephi's Prophecy of the Book of Mormon's Success in Demeaning Israel, Using a Modified Quotation of **Isaiah 29:17-24** (2 Nephi 27:28-35)

"But behold," saith the Lord of Hosts,  
"I will show unto the children of men

that it is not yet a very little while  
and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field;

and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest."

And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book,  
and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity  
and out of darkness.

And the meek also shall increase,  
and their joy shall be in the Lord,  
and the poor among men  
shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

For assuredly as the Lord liveth  
they shall see that the terrible one is brought to naught,

and the scorner is consumed,

and all that watch for iniquity are cut off;

and they that make a man an offender for a word,  
and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate,  
and turn aside the just for a thing of naught.

Therefore, thus saith the Lord,

who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:  
"Jacob shall not now be ashamed,  
neither shall his face now wax pale.

But when he seeth his children,

the work of my hands,

in the midst of him,

they shall sanctify my name,

and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,

and shall fear the God of Israel.

They also that err in spirit shall come to understanding,  
and they that murmur shall learn doctrine."