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A Nomad of Deseret:
The Book
of
ISAIAH

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*Italic* = words taken from the Greek Septuagint
*Underlined* = words taken the Joseph Smith Translation
*Italic and Underlined* = words that are found both in the Greek Septuagint and the Joseph Smith Translation.
(Parentheses) = words that I had to add in English to bring out the full meaning of the Hebrew or Greek phrases being translated.
$\$ = indicates a closed or open section in Hebrew when writing a scroll. This does not matter in translation to English but we can think of it as paragraphs.
*Lord* = Jehovah
12 WOE TO THE MULTITUDE OF MANY PEOPLE, WHO ROAR LIKE THE ROARING OF THE SEAS; AND TO THE CRASHING OF NATIONS, THAT MAKE A CRASHING LIKE THE CRASHING OF MIGHTY WATERS!

13 The nations shall crash like the crashing of many waters: but he shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, but shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains from before the wind, and like dust before the whirlwind.

14 And at evening behold terror; but before the morning he is nothing. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that plunder us!

Chapter 18

Message of the Lord to America and the world. Saints will be sent out to preach the gospel to America and the world. The fate of those who fight against Zion. Gift brought to the Lord from among them.

1 WOE TO THE LAND OF SHADOWING WINGS, WHICH IS BEYOND THE RIVERS OF ETHIOPIA:

2 That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, and letters of papyrus upon the face of the waters. Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation led out and polished,

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52 The KJV translators falsely added the word 'God' here. Though the 'he' could refer to God, it more likely refers to the House of Israel that the Lord will send out against the unrepentant nations to destroy them, or both. See 3 Nephi 21:22-23; Enoch 9:18-19.

53 'Land of shadowing wings' is a difficult translation as the word translated as 'shadowing' is not properly known. It can either refer to shade/shadow, or it refers to the noise that the wings make. Perhaps both meanings are intended. I believe this nation to be the United States of America. The shadowing of wings then refers to the ability of America to project their power over other nations. If buzzing of wings is intended then it refers to America as a place of much commotion like the buzzing of wings.

54 Ethiopia can refer to the continent of Africa, therefore this nation of shadowing wings is beyond Africa from the perspective of Israel.

55 The term can be literally translated as "angels". I believe that this statement is being directed to the Saints who will go preach the gospel to America and the world.
to a people feared from its (beginning) and onward; a powerful nation and oppressive, which land is divided by the rivers!
3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains, look ye; and when he bloweth a ram’s horn, listen ye.
4 ¶ For so the LORD said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my fixed place like scorching heat upon herbs, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.
5 For before the harvest, when the bud is finished, and the sour grape is becoming ripened in the blossom, then he shall cut the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away the cut down branches.
6 And they shall be left together for the birds of prey of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the birds of prey shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.
7 In that time shall a present be brought unto the LORD of Sabaoth of a people led out and polished, and from a people feared from its (beginning) and onward; a powerful nation and oppressive, which land is divided by the rivers, to the place of the name of Jehovah of Sabaoth, the mount Zion.

Chapter 19
The prophecy of Egypt. Egypt will suffer all types of social chaos due to its wickedness. There will be drought and famine. Oppressors will oppress Egypt.

168 “Summer upon them ... winter upon them”, these two phrases seem awkward but the intended meaning is that, the birds and beasts will eat the flesh of those who fight against Zion all summer and winter long.
24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the off-shoots, all vessels of small size, from the vessels of cups, even to the vessels of pitchers.

25 In that day, saith the LORD of Sabaoth, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the LORD hath spoken.

Chapter 23

The Prophecy of the destruction of Tyre and Phoenicia. The Merchandise of Tyre comes to an end. In the Latter-Days the Merchants will be given power to gather together the wealth of the world. They will fornicate with the kingdoms. The things they gather given to Saints to sustain them after the tribulation.

15 THE PROPHECY OF TYRE. WAIL, YE SHIPS OF TARSHISH; FOR IT IS LAID WASTE, SO THAT THERE IS NO HOUSE, NO ENTERING IN: FROM THE LAND OF CHITTIM IT IS REVEALED TO THEM.

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*In Hebrew the word 'glory' can imply weight'. The prophetic aspect of this statement is that Eliahim's family will use his name to insure their continued glory. The Messianic prophecy tells us that the people will hang their burdens upon the Messiah.

*Offspring and the off-shoots' refer to family closely and distantly related. In the Messianic prophecy, these refer to the Gentiles and the Gentile Christian church.

*This last statement refers to family members that are either of low-class 'the small cups' or of high-class 'the pitchers'. This is the same concept in the Messianic prophecy referring to the Gentile Christians in their various social classes.

*The descendants of Eliahim will fall from their position of honor. I do not know if this is meant to be done by the Babylonian or Roman destruction of Jerusalem, most likely the Babylonians though. In the Messianic prophecy, this is referring to the apostasy of the Gentile Christian church. The burden represents the Gentiles that cling to this apostate Christian church, they shall be cut off because they are not members on the true Church of Jesus Christ.

*Believed to be a city or region in Spain or island off the coast of Spain, or even Cyprus.

*"Entering In" refers to the Harbor of Tyre.

*Chittim is believed to be the island of Cyprus.
2. Be silent, ye inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have filled.

3. And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the (Nile) River, is her revenue; and she is become a market of the Gentiles.

4. Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, even the stronghold of the sea, saying, I travail not, and I beget not, and neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.

5. And when the report shall be heard in Egypt, sore pain shall seize them concerning the report of Tyre.

6. Pass ye over to Tarshish; wail, ye inhabitants of the isle.

7. Is this your joyous one, whose antiquity is from the ancient days? Her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.

8. Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, (that) giveth crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traders are the nobility of the earth?

9. The LORD of Sabaoth hath planned it, to profane all the pride of glory, to make light of all the nobility of the earth.

10. Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more strength in thee.

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183 In Hebrew, 'isle' or 'island' not only refers to an island as we understand it, but it can also refer to any region of land.
184 Chief city of Phoenicia, also used to refer to Phoenicia as a whole.
185 Seed here refers to grain.
186 Sihor is a city of Egypt.
187 Revelation 18:23
188 Enoch 62:1-12
11 He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the Lord hath given a commandment against Canaan, to destroy the strong holds thereof.

12 And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou de-flowered virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was nothing. Assyria established it: for the wild beasts of the wilderness: they raised up siege-towers, they stripped her palaces; he brought her to ruin.

14 Wail, ye ships of Tarshish: for your stronghold is laid waste.

15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years, it shall come to pass for Tyre as a song of the Whore.

*Canaan is the old name for Phoenicia, in fact the Phoenicians referred to themselves as Canaan. But, there is a double meaning here in that Canaan also means 'merchant'. Isaiah speaks in duality, this is a prophecy against Phoenicia, it also doubles as a prophecy against the Merchants of the last days, therefore it is needful that you understand that Canaan = Merchant to better understand that.

300 The concept of a virgin city means in the Middle East custom, that the city was never taken by an invader before.

301 This phrase 'seventy years' should not be taken literally. It might be better thought of as seventy time periods or ages. I feel a relation to Ezek 8:9-19 and this makes more sense when considering the concept of days of one kingdom.

302 Literally 'king' but in Hebrew the word 'king' can refer to a kingdom in general and I think this is the intended meaning. Based on 1 Nephi 14:10, we can say that there are only two kings, two kingdoms: Jesus Christ or the Devil. This one kingdom is the kingdom of the devil in the world. Verse 15 is no longer discussing the literal city of Tyre, but is rather being used symbolically to refer to the Merchant power in the last days which is the same Whore that is discussed in Revelation 17:1-6.

305 1 Nephi 14:10-11; 2 Nephi 10:26
16. Take a harp, go about the city, thou Whore that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

17. And it shall come to pass after the end of seven years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her whoredom, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the earth upon the face of the land.

18. And her merchandise and her whoredom shall be holiness to the LORD: it shall not be hoarded nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for fine clothing.

Chapter 24

The Lord will make the earth empty. Lord's judgment will fall upon all people regardless of what social class they are. These things come because people transgress the Law, alter ordinances, and brake the everlasting covenant. Earth will shake and fall. Host of the height and kings of the land will be cast into prison. Lord will reign in Mount Zion and Jerusalem.

1. Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and a wasteland, and distroeth her face, and scattereth abroad her inhabitants.

2. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his lord; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer,
so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor.

3 The earth shall be greatly emptied, and greatly plundered: for the Lord hath spoken this word.

4 The 300earth mourneth, she droopeth down; the world languisheth, she droopeth down; the high (class) people of the earth languish.

5 And the earth is defiled under her inhabitants; because they have transgressed, the 300Law, changed the 300ordinances, 300broken the everlasting covenant.

6 For this reason hath the 300curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell in her are guilty: for this reason the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merry-hearted do sigh.

8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.

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300 Moses 7:48-49
300 The Greek Septuagint, Aramaic Peshitta, and one Hebrew Dead Sea Scroll manuscript have this word in the singular form.
300 The Greek Septuagint has this word in the plural form, the Lord also seems to paraphrase part of this verse in Doctrine and Covenants 21:5 where this word is plural too.
300 The word 'broken' used here can also mean 'voided' or 'make of no effect'.
300 The word 'curse' literally means 'earth' in Hebrew, it is referring to the secret oath or combination that is in the Last Days. See Ether 8:18-26; Enoc 6:4-6. It is using language metaphorically as the curse being a wild beast that devours the earth and the inhabitants in her. This relates to the secret combination that will rob all the wealth in the world and seek to overthrow the freedom of all lands, destroying the inhabitants thereof to claim the land for themselves.
9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.
10 The city of confusion is broken down; every house is shut up, that no man may come in.
11 There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the earth is removed.
12 In the city is left desolation, and the 209 gate is smitten with ruin.
13 For thus it shall be in the midst of the earth among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive tree, as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.
14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall shout for joy in the 209:ejmastery of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea.
15 Therefore in the 209ights glorify ye the LORD, even the name of Jehovah, God of Israel, in the isles of the sea.

209 In Hebrew 'gate' does not only mean the physical 'entrance', it was an open area by the physical gate where the leaders would meet, where the market place was, and where people would conduct business. I think this much broader definition is the correct thinking especially when it comes to the market place.
209 Isaiah 2:10,19,31
209 'Lights' 7679 is related to the similar word that we translate as Urim 5121, as in Urim and Thummim, spelled differently but pronounced the same. In this sense the word 'lights' is referring to revelations from the Lord. In no other place in the scripture is this word spelled this way. I believe Isaiah has altered this word in the Hebrew to teach the Israelites what they need to add into their understanding, in order to rejoice in verse 14. The Hebrew letter vav (ו) represents a nail, which is referring to the Son of God, also prophesied in Isaiah 22:23 as the nail in a sure place. Also, the Hebrew word 'ז' means lion (pronounced differently than the word for lights) and Isaiah intended this to also point to the lion of Judah. The addition of mem 2 points us to the Hebrew Messiah. In short, Isaiah intends for us to interpret this verse in a way that points us to Jesus Christ who gives to us revelations that will bring us joy.
16 ¶ From the wing of the earth have we heard songs, Glory to the Righteous One! But I said, 22 Though I am wasting away! I am wasting away! Woe unto me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, covertly the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously.

17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall to the pit; and he that cometh up from the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high were opened, and the foundations of the earth shall shake.

19 The earth is greatly broken apart, the earth greatly splits open, the earth is shaken exceedingly.

20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall sway like a hut; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon her; and she shall fall, and not rise again.

220 Doctrine and Covenants 88:45
221 Enoch 18:2-3; 92:3-5
222 Isaiah is probably personifying the people of the world. The people waste away under the burden of sin. Or, Isaiah, upon seeing the calamities that fall upon the world, feels empathy for the people and he feels the pain of it inside himself.
223 “Covertly” literally translates as ‘clothing’ but is used metaphorically as a covering or better thought of as ‘covertly’. This is probably referring to the secret combination in the Last Days that will act in secret to destroy the people.
224 Isaiah 21:9; Enoch 100:14
225 Doctrine and Covenants 49:23; Enoch 135:7
226 Hut might be better translated as a ‘hammock’; this word both refers to a hut or a hammock.
227 Revelation 21:1
21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the height that are in the height, and the kings of the land upon the land.

22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in prison, and after many days they shall be visited.

23 Then the moon shall be embarrassed, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of Sabacth shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his glorified elders.

Chapter 25
Isaiah praises God. The Lord overpowers all other powers. Christ will have victory over death. Veil to be removed from all people.

1 O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy plan from long ago is steadfastly true.

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217 Enoch chapters 65-69
218 The statement 'the host of the height in the height' greatly interests me. The Lord here punishes this host of the height in the height and the kings of the land in the land. The first thing that comes to mind is the Book of Enoch (Enoch 1:6) where it says that, in the day of the Lord, the Lord will punish the Watchers for interfering with men on the earth. The Watchers are angels of a lesser order sent to watch over man and not interfere and the tradition goes that a number of the Watchers rebelled against God and interfered with men, which thing caused great sin in the earth that eventually led to the flood; this statement is apocryphal and there is no canonical scripture to verify it. Another possibility of course is that this is symbolic in nature and that these host of the height might actually refer to those of high social class that are on the levels of kings, both these groups will be punished by the Lord for their sins. This idea is also found in the Book of Enoch.
219 Enoch 6:3, 11
220 Doctrine and Covenants 133:49; Revelation 21:123
221 Revelation 21:2-4, 22; Enoch 25:3
222 Revelation 4:4
Behold, my Servant shall understand, he shall rise and be lifted up, and be very high.

As many were appalled at thee; his appearance was thus marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

So shall he gather many gentiles; the kings shall shut their mouths because of him: For to whom it was not announced concerning him shall they see; and those that had not heard shall understand.

Chapter 53

The suffering Servant of God is Jesus Christ. There is nothing in his appearance that we should desire. Jesus Christ will be pierced and crushed for our sins. Jesus will be taken by force and unjust decrees. This is the will of God so that the righteous may receive an inheritance with him.

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is nothing apparent that we should desire him.

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[Notes]

425 Isaiah 52:13 – Isaiah 53:12 is considered one section. Verses 13-15 should have been placed in chapter 53. This is one of the most quoted sections in the New Testament.

426 My Servant = Jesus Christ

427 Jesus Christ shall understand that his mission in his life is to be lifted up on the cross so that all men can be brought to him.

428 John 3:14; John 8:28; John 12:32; Mosiah 14

429 Romans 13:14 (should be translated exactly this way in Romans 15:12).

430 John 12:38; Romans 12:38
3 He is despised and forsaken of men; a man of suffering, and knowing affliction: and, as (one whom men) hide (their) faces (from), he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Truly he hath borne our afflictions, and carried our sufferings: and we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities: the chastisement that made us whole was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath lighted upon him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, but he submitted, so he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a ewe before her shearsers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

8 He was taken by coercion and by judicial decree: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he set his grave with the criminals, but with the rich in his death; although he had done no wrong, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Matthew 8:17
Word literally means crushed and is referring to the crushing of olives. This occurred in the garden of Gethsemane when due to the pressure of taking our sins upon himself, he bled from every pore.
1 Peter 2:24
Doctrine and Covenants 3:16
Acts 8:32-33; follows the Septuagint, which has minor differences.
1 Peter 2:22
10 Yet (it was) the will of the LORD to crush him (giving) grief: when thou shalt make his soul a sin offering, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the purpose of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

11 The travail of his soul he shall see, he shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many, for he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore will I divide him with the *great*, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, *in whose place he hath poured out his lifeblood unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors*; and he bore the *sins* of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Chapter 54

*The blessings that will come to Israel after their restoration. Lord was angry for a little while but will remember with great mercies. The building of the holy city.*

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49 The word literally means crushed and is referring to the crushing of olives. This occurred in the garden of Gethsemane when due to the pressure of taking our sins upon himself, he bled from every pore.

48 Scholars say that the “great” and “strong” are referring to earthly men who achieved glory on this earth, but I disagree. I believe that the “great” and “strong” are referring to the saved righteous who inherit this earth when it becomes a celestial kingdom. This earth will be the Lord’s and the saved will receive an inheritance upon it. This interpretation makes even more sense when you consider the Hebrew of the next two words.

49 I have translated this literally according to the Hebrew. In all other versions I looked up the phrase “in whose place” is translated as “because”. As I understood the interpretation of the previous lines, I felt compelled to translate it literally as “in whose place”, thus connecting this thought to the previous one that the only reason the great and strong can have an inheritance with Jesus Christ is because Jesus Christ has poured out his life blood. This interpretation also makes it so that Jesus Christ already has an inheritance and he gets to share it with the righteous because of his work.

50 Mark 15:32; Luke 23:37 (though this appears different the Hebrew can also be translated this way so it is not actually different in text.)

50 The Book of Mormon (Mormon 14:32), Dead Sea Scrolls, Greek Septuagint, and Aramaic Peshitta all agree that this word is supposed to be plural; the Masoretic Text has it as singular.