

Worshipper “O LORD, I will praise You.
 Though You were angry with me,
 Your anger is turned away,
 and You comfort me.
²Behold, God is my salvation;
 I will trust, and not be afraid,
 for the LORD, the LORD is my strength and my song;
 He has become my salvation.
³With joy you will draw water out of the springs of salvation.”

Isaiah ⁴And in that day will you say,

Worshippers “Give praise to the LORD,
 call upon His name,
 make known His deeds among the people,
 call to remembrance that His name is exalted.
⁵Sing unto the LORD, for He has done glorious things—
 let this be known in all the earth.
⁶Cry out⁸¹ and sing gladly, O inhabitant of Zion,
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

THE LORD OF HOSTS CALLS FORTH HIS HOSTS (13:1-5)

Isaiah **13** A prophecy against⁸² Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw.

The LORD ²Lift up an ensign on a high mountain,
 exalt [My]⁸³ voice unto them,
 wave the hand,
 that they may enter the gates of the nobles.
³I have commanded My sanctified ones;
 I have also called My mighty ones,
 for My anger [is not upon]⁸⁴ them who rejoice in My majesty.

81. The terms “cry out,” “sing gladly,” and “inhabitant” are feminine forms in the Hebrew, which means that the final two lines of the second song are directed to a female (possibly referring to the LORD’s bride, or Zion?).

82. The Hebrew *masa’* (translated here as “prophecy against”) introduces a prophetic judgment against a people or nation. For other examples, see 14:28; 15:1; 17:1; 19:1; 21:1; 21:11, 13; 22:1; 23:1; 30:6.

83. From JST.

84. From JST and 2 Nephi 23:3.

Isaiah ⁴The sound of the multitude in the mountains, as of a great people,
the sound of the roar of kingdoms, nations gathering together—
the LORD of Hosts is mustering the host⁸⁵ for the battle.
⁵They are coming from a distant country,
from the end of the heavens,
[yea],⁸⁶ the LORD, and the weapons of His indignation,
to destroy the whole land.

JUDGMENT ON BABYLON: THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME
(13:6-22)

Isaiah ⁶Wail, for the day of the LORD is near;
it will come as destruction from the Almighty.
⁷Therefore all hands will be feeble;
every human heart will melt.
⁸And they will be dismayed,
pangs and agonies will seize them;
they will writhe like a woman in labor.
They will be astonished, one with another;
their faces will be faces of flames.
⁹Behold, the day of the LORD comes—
cruel, wrath, and fierce anger—
to make the land desolate;
and He will destroy its sinners from it.
¹⁰For the stars of heaven
and its constellations will not shine their light;
the rising sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not cause its light to shine.

The LORD ¹¹And I will punish the world for its evil
and the wicked for their iniquity;
I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease
and will lay low the haughtiness of the ruthless.
¹²I will make men scarcer than fine gold,
and a human, than the pure gold of Ophir.

85. The Hebrew word translated “hosts” (*tzeva'ot*) can also be translated “armies.”

86. From JST and 2 Nephi 23:5.

The LORD Therefore, I will make the heavens tremble,
and the earth will shake out of its place,
¹³ at the wrath of the LORD of Hosts,
and in the day of His fierce anger.
¹⁴ Then like a gazelle that is hunted,
or like sheep that no one gathers,
everyone will turn to his own people,
and everyone will flee to his own land.
¹⁵ Every one who is [proud]⁸⁷ will be pierced through;
[yea], and everyone who is joined [to the wicked] will fall by
the sword.
¹⁶ Their children will be dashed to pieces before their eyes;
their houses will be plundered
and their wives ravished.
¹⁷ Behold, I am stirring up against them the Medes,
who do not have regard for silver,
nor delight in gold.
¹⁸ Their bows will dash the young men to pieces,
and they will have no compassion on the fruit of the womb;
their eyes will not pity children.
¹⁹ And Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms,
the glory and pride of the Chaldeans,
will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
²⁰ It will never be inhabited
or lived in from generation to generation,
nor will the Arabian pitch a tent there,
nor shepherds will make their flocks lie there.
²¹ But desert animals will lie there,
and their houses will be full of howling creatures,
and ostriches will dwell there,
and wild goats will leap about there.

87. Bracketed words in verse 15 are from JST and 2 Nephi 23:15.

²² And hyenas will cry in their palaces
and jackals in their palaces of pleasure.

Her {Babylon's} time is about to come,
and its days will not be prolonged.

[For I will destroy her speedily;
yea, for I will be merciful unto My people,
but the wicked will perish.]⁸⁸

ISRAEL WILL BE GATHERED AND CHOSEN OF GOD AND WILL REST FROM SORROW (14:1-3)

Isaiah

14 For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob
and will again choose Israel
and give them rest in their land;

and the stranger will be joined with them,
and they will attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

² And the people will take them and bring them to their place;
[yea, from far unto the ends of the earth; and they will return
to their lands of promise.]⁸⁹

And the house of Israel will possess them
[and the land of the LORD will be]⁹⁰ for servants and hand-
maids;

and they will take them captives [unto whom]⁹¹ they were
captives;
and they will rule over their oppressors.

³ And it will come to pass in [that]⁹² day, the LORD will give
you⁹³ rest
from your pain,
and from your turmoil,
and from the difficult labor you were made to serve.

88. JST, 2 Nephi 23:22.

89. JST, 2 Nephi 24:2.

90. From JST and 2 Nephi 24:2.

91. From 2 Nephi 24:2.

92. From JST and 2 Nephi 24:3.

93. Evident in Hebrew but not in the translation is Isaiah's use of the personal, singular pronouns "you" and "your," meaning that the Lord's promise is personalized to each individual, male and female.