

**Isaiah** For [the Mighty God will deliver His covenant people. For thus says the Lord.]<sup>171</sup>

**The LORD** “I will contend with them that contend with you,  
and I will save your children.

<sup>26</sup>And I will feed them that oppress you with their own flesh,  
and they will be drunk with their own blood, as with sweet wine;  
then all flesh will know that I the LORD  
am your Savior  
and your Redeemer,  
the Mighty One of Jacob.”

### ISRAEL IS FAITHLESS, DESPITE GOD’S POWER (50:1-3)

**Isaiah** **50** [Yea, for]<sup>172</sup> thus says the LORD,

**The LORD** [“Have I put you away, or have I cast you off forever?”

**Isaiah** For thus says the LORD],

**The LORD** “Where is the divorce certificate of your mother;  
[to] whom I have put [you] away?  
Or to which of My creditors did I sell you? [Yea], to whom have  
[I] sold you?

Behold, for your iniquities you have been sold,  
and for your transgressions your mother was sent away.

<sup>2</sup>Why when I come, there was no one there?  
I called, [yea]<sup>173</sup>, there was no answer?

[O house of Israel,]<sup>174</sup> is My hand really too short to redeem,  
or have I no power to deliver?

Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea,  
I make [their]<sup>175</sup> rivers a wilderness,

[and]<sup>176</sup> their fish to stink, because [the waters are dried up]<sup>177</sup>,  
and they die because of thirst.

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171. JST textual variation.

172. Bracketed words in verse 1 are from JST and 2 Nephi 7:1.

173. From JST and 2 Nephi 7:2.

174. From JST and 2 Nephi 7:2.

175. From JST.

176. From JST and 2 Nephi 7:2.

177. From JST and 2 Nephi 7:2.

<sup>3</sup>I clothe the heavens with blackness,  
and I make sackcloth their covering.”

PROPHECIES OF THE MESSIAH (50:4–9)

**Messiah** <sup>4</sup>The Lord, the LORD has given Me the tongue of the learned,  
to know how to speak a word in season [unto you, O house of  
Israel, when you are]<sup>178</sup> weary;

He wakens—morning by morning—  
He wakens My ear to hear as do the disciples.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord, the LORD has [appointed]<sup>179</sup> My ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
nor did I turn away backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave My back to the [smiter]<sup>180</sup>  
and My cheeks to them that plucked My beard.  
I hid not My face from insults and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord, the LORD will help me,  
therefore, I will not be confounded;  
therefore, have I set My face like flint,  
and I know that I will not be ashamed.

<sup>8</sup>[And the Lord]<sup>181</sup> is near, [and He] justifies me;  
who will contend with Me?

Let us stand together!

Who is My adversary? Let him approach Me, [and I will smite  
him with the strength of My mouth.]

<sup>9</sup>[For]<sup>182</sup> the Lord, the LORD will help Me; [and all they  
which]<sup>183</sup> will condemn Me?

Behold, they all will wear out as a garment,  
[and]<sup>184</sup> the moth will eat them up.

THE LORD’S “BRIGHT LIGHT” VERSUS MORTAL’S “SPARKS” (50:10–11)

**Isaiah** <sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD,  
obeying the voice of His servant?

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178. JST and 2 Nephi 7:4–9 present textual variants.

179. From JST.

180. From JST and 2 Nephi 7:6.

181. Bracketed words in verse 8 are from JST and 2 Nephi 7:8.

182. From JST and 2 Nephi 7:9.

183. From JST and 2 Nephi 7:9.

184. From 2 Nephi 7:9.

Let him that walks in darkness,  
and has no bright light,  
trust in the name of the LORD  
and rely on his God.

<sup>11</sup> Behold, all you who kindle fire,  
who gird on sparks,  
walk in the light of your fire  
and in the sparks you have lit.  
This will you have of my hand—  
you will lie down in sorrow.

### THE LORD COMFORTS ZION IN THE LAST DAYS (51:1-16)

**The LORD** **51** Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn  
and to the quarry from which you were cut.

<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who gave birth to you;  
for he was only one when I called him,  
then I blessed him, and I multiplied him.

**Isaiah** <sup>3</sup> For the LORD comforts Zion:  
He comforts all her desolate places;  
and He will make her wilderness like Eden  
and her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
exultation and rejoicing will be found in her,  
thanksgiving, and the sound of singing.

**The LORD** <sup>4</sup> Hearken to Me, My people;  
and My nation, give ear to Me;  
for the law will go forth from Me,  
and I will make My judgment as a light for peoples.

<sup>5</sup> My righteousness is near;  
My salvation is gone forth,  
and My arm will judge peoples;  
the isles will hope for Me,  
and on My arm, they will wait.