

did show unto the prophets of old all things concerning them; and also he did show unto many concerning us; wherefore, it must needs be that we know concerning them for they are written upon the plates of brass.

VI NEPHI TEACHES HIS BRETHREN

²²Now it came to pass that I, Nephi, did teach my brethren these things; and it came to pass that I did read many things to them, which were engraven upon the plates of brass, that they might know concerning the doings of the Lord in other lands, among people of old. ²³And I did read many things unto them which were written in the books of Moses; but that I might more fully persuade them to believe in the Lord their Redeemer I did read unto them that which was written by the prophet Isaiah; for I did liken all scriptures unto us, that it might be for our profit and learning.

THE WORDS OF ISAIAH

²⁴Wherefore I spake unto them, saying: Hear ye the words of the prophet, ye who are a remnant of the house of Israel, a branch who have been broken off; hear ye the words of the prophet, which were written unto all the house of Israel, and liken them unto yourselves, that ye may have hope as well as your brethren from whom ye have been broken off; for after this manner has the prophet written.

20 *Obstinate Israel*

¹Hearken and hear this, O house of Jacob,
 who are called by the name of Israel,
 and are come forth out of the waters of Judah,
 or out of the waters of baptism,
 who swear by the name of the Lord,
 and make mention of the God of Israel,
 yet they swear not in truth nor in righteousness.

²Nevertheless, they call themselves of the holy city,
 but they do not stay themselves upon the God of Israel,
 who is the Lord of Hosts; yea, the Lord of Hosts is his name.

³Behold, I have declared the former things from the beginning;
 and they went forth out of my mouth,
 and I showed them.
 I did show them suddenly.

⁴And I did it because I knew that thou art obstinate,
 and thy neck is an iron sinew,
 and thy brow brass;
⁵And I have even from the beginning declared to thee;
 before it came to pass I showed them thee;
 and I showed them for fear lest thou shouldst say—
Mine idol hath done them,
 and my graven image, and my molten image hath
 commanded them.

⁶Thou hast seen and heard all this;
 and will ye not declare them?
 And that I have showed thee new things from this time,
 even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

⁷They are created now, and not from the beginning,
 even before the day when thou heardest them not
 they were declared unto thee,
 lest thou shouldst say—**Behold I knew them.**

⁸Yea, and thou heardest not;
 yea, thou knewest not;
 yea, from that time thine ear was not opened;
 for I knew that thou wouldst deal very treacherously,
 and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

⁹Nevertheless, for my name's sake will I defer mine anger,
 and for my praise will I refrain from thee,
 that I cut thee not off.

¹⁰For, behold, I have refined thee,
 I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

¹¹For mine own sake, yea, for mine own sake will I do this,
 for I will not suffer my name to be polluted,
 and I will not give my glory unto another.

The Lord's call to Israel

¹²Hearken unto me, O Jacob,
 and Israel my called,
 for I am he;

I am the first, and I am also the last.

¹³Mine hand hath also laid the foundation of the earth,
 and my right hand hath spanned the heavens.
 I call unto them and they stand up together.