

Outlines of Passages Quoting Isaiah

Key Scripture 2 Nephi 12–24

Explanation When Nephite prophets quoted Isaiah, they used a quoting formula of sorts, usually consisting of an introduction, a quotation, an explanation of the quotation, and a conclusion. This chart outlines the structures of four major scriptural passages in which Book of Mormon prophets quote Isaiah at length. Though each passage varies slightly from the four-part quoting formula, the pattern is definite, helping readers to follow the thoughts of Isaiah and to make good use of the explanations provided by Nephi, Jacob, and Abinadi.

Source John Gee, “‘Choose the Things That Please Me’: On the Selection of the Isaiah Sections in the Book of Mormon,” in *Isaiah in the Book of Mormon*, ed. Donald W. Parry and John W. Welch (Provo, Utah: FARMS, 1998), 75–83.

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NEPHI ADDRESSES
HIS BRETHREN

Introduction
1 Nephi 19:22–24

**Quotation of
Isaiah 48:1–49:26**
1 Nephi 20:1–21:26

Explanation
1 Nephi 22:1–31

THE WORDS **JACOB**
SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE
OF NEPHI

Introduction
2 Nephi 6:1–5

**Quotation of
Isaiah 49:22–23**
2 Nephi 6:6–7

Explanation
2 Nephi 6:8–15

**Quotation of
Isaiah 49:24–52:2**
2 Nephi 6:16–8:25

Discourse Conclusion
2 Nephi 9:1–54

NEPHI WRITES MORE OF
THE WORDS OF ISAIAH

Introduction
2 Nephi 11:1–8

**Quotation of
Isaiah 2:1–14:32**
2 Nephi 12:1–24:32

Explanation
2 Nephi 25:1–27:2

**Quotation of
Isaiah 29:7–11**
2 Nephi 27:3–6

Explanation
2 Nephi 27:7–16

**Quotation of
Isaiah 29:11–12**
2 Nephi 27:17–19

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2 Nephi 27:20–24

**Quotation of
Isaiah 29:13–24**
2 Nephi 27:25–35

Discourse Conclusion
2 Nephi 28:1–30:10

**Quotation of
Isaiah 11:5–9**
2 Nephi 30:11–15

The End
2 Nephi 30:16–18

ABINADI'S DISCOURSE

**Question on
Isaiah 52:7–10**
Mosiah 12:20–24

Question & Answer
Mosiah 12:25–32

**Quotation of
Exodus 20:2–4**
Mosiah 12:34–36

**Explanation of
Exodus 20:2–17**
Mosiah 13:25–35

**Quotation of
Isaiah 53:1–12**
Mosiah 14:1–12

**Explanation of
Isaiah 53:1–12**
Mosiah 15:1–28

**Quotation of
Isaiah 52:8–10**
Mosiah 15:29–31

Conclusion
Mosiah 16:1–15