

Understanding Isaiah Handouts

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Isaiah teaches us:

- That the greatest blessings will go to the meek, the lowly, the oppressed, afflicted and the needy because they will be those with virtue.
- The only thing we should put our faith in is God.
- The Savior is Jesus who walked the earth and who wrought the atonement. He saw him in vision and prophesied details of his life. (Isa 53)
- We must be clean in order to be justified. (Isa 1:16, 33:15)
- Events of the last days:
 - Establishment of Zion
 - The Gathering
 - Return of the 10 Tribes
 - The building of New Jerusalem in America
 - Rebuilding of Old Jerusalem
 - Second Coming
 - New Heaven and Earth
 - Millennium

Important warnings in Isaiah for us today:

- We tend to not "see" our own weakness because we choose to deny them. We have deliberately cut the wires. and then complain that we get no message from Him.
- The true danger of idol worship is that a dumb image would offer no opposition to any course the worshipper chose to take. That is the beauty of idols: They are as impersonal and unmoral as money in the bank is for us.
- The worst of vices are without exception those of *successful* people. The wicked of the last days are not the lazy, sloppy dressed, long haired, nonconformists, those who are irreverent to customs. The wickedest people are the proud, independent, industrious, enterprising, prosperous people who attend strictly to their weekly religious duties with the proper observance of dress standards. They are sustained in all their doings by a perfectly beautiful self-image and yet all the while their thoughts and focus are not on God but anything else.
- That God hates the competitive and predatory society of the last days. (Isa 56:11)
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- The last days will be filled with people, dressed in costly fashions, who are out to impress and impose themselves on others. Everyone is after a career and aspiring to climb the corporate ladder. They are all out for themselves. Everything will get out of control. (Isa 3 :2-8)
- No one will be able to trust anyone else in our freely competitive society. It is profitable to break the rules only as long as there are enough gullible people who are willing to keep them. If you don't play the game, you can expect to become a victim. (Isa 59:4,8,13,15)
- Those of the last days will begin to call evil good and good evil. They will use the law to punish the righteous while the wicked go free. (Isa 5:20,21,23, 10:1)
- Those of the last days will put their faith in wealth and military power as their security.

Symbolism in Lines and Shapes



Horizontal

Temporal

Vertical

Spiritual



**Square
integrity**

Exactness, precision,



Circle

Eternity



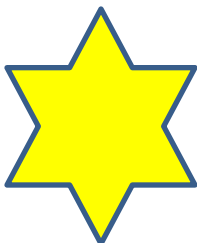
**Triangle
heavenward**

Man looking



Triangle

God looking earthward



**Star of David
relationship w/ Deity**

Man's covenant

Colors



Red/scarlet
sacrifice

Blood, atonement,



White
cleanliness

Victory, purity or



Green
Eternal Life

Living things, life,



Yellow
(Gold)

Refiner's fire, trials



Orange
brass)

Judgment (bronze or



Pale green
famine

Impending death,



Blue
God, Godliness

Heaven, Priesthood,



Purple

Royalty



Black

Death, sin



Magenta

Sanctification

Numbers

- 1** God, ultimate unity
- 2** Opposites (good/evil, pleasure/pain, works/grace) & law of witnesses
- 3** Godhead, Covenant, Covenant Fathers
- 4** Earth, mortality
- 5** God's Grace through His covenantal seal and embrace
- 6** Imperfection, deception, counterfeit, imitation, opposition to God
- 7** Perfection, sacred, whole, fullness, perfection through covenant
- 8** Resurrection, rebirth, baptism
- 10** Unit or part of Gods whole law (tithing part of consecration)
- 12** Priesthood
- 13** Rebellion, apostasy, corruption
- 40** Divine trial, testing, probation

Parts of the Body

Head	Seat of thought and will, the ruling part of us
Eyes	Receipt of light, knowledge and revelation
Ears	Obedience
Nose	Anger or temperament
Neck	Pride, stiffneckedness
Shoulders	Service, responsibility, authority
Arm	Power or strength
Hand	Ability to act, whether good or evil (right hand = covenants)
Blood	Life, humanity and mortality
Bosom	Intimate, non-sexual relationship
Bowels	Emotions of compassion, love or pity
Feet	One's personal direction and mission
Hair	Modesty, covering, crowning glory
Heart	Seat of knowledge and omniscience; the true inner man
Horns	Power and divine inspiration
Loins	Reproductive organs or preparedness
Nose	Anger or temperament
Wings	Power to move or protect
Reins	Center of desires
Knees	Our reliance and submission or weakness

Clothing

Apron	Fertility and reproduction, Man's attempt to cover his own sins
Cap/hat	Authority, victory, wisdom and power
Bows	Marriage covenant
Garments	God's glory placed upon man
Robes	Priesthood power, earthly representative of God
Sash	Chastity, virginity or fidelity
Shoes	World, removal is necessary to enter holy place
Veil	Authority or power that comes through virtue

Repeated Symbols

Leaven people	Dual meaning: Growth or decay of God's
Name	Person's character, nature and authority
Olive oil	Holy Ghost, revelation, inspiration, healing, the Atonement
Salt	Covenant making, purity/preservation from corruption
Tree of Life Atonement	Savior, eternal life through the
Water	Revelation, cleansing, sanctification
Font/Baptistry	Death, burial and resurrection of Christ
Incense	Prayers ascending from Saints to God