Isaiah Project for Religion 121 — Book of Mormon

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20 points.

Due Date: Monday, Oct. 15, 2007.

Format: as a normal research paper: normal-sized fonts, double spacing (or 1-1/2 spacing), etc.

Objective: (1) To list sources from the McKay Library and from the Internet which provide commentary on at least two Isaiah chapter sections found in the Book of Mormon and (2) to briefly explain how the research helped in understanding the Isaiah passages.

Select two (2) sections of Book of Mormon Isaiah from this list:

A. 1 Ne 20 (Isa 48) & 1 Ne 21 (Isa 49)
B. 2 Ne 7 (Isa 50); 2 Ne 8 (Isa 51; 52:1–2)
C. 2 Ne 12 (Isa 2)
D. 2 Ne 13–14 (Isa 3–4)
E. 2 Ne 15 (Isa 5)
F. 2 Ne 16–17 (Isa 6–7)
G. 2 Ne 18–19 (Isa 8–9)
H. 2 Ne 20 (Isa 10)
I. 2 Ne 21–22 (Isa 11–12)
J. 2 Ne 23 (Isa 13)
K. 2 Ne 24 (Isa 14)
L. Mosi 14 (Isa 53)

Grading. Your project consists of five (5) distinct parts. Be sure to separate the parts into identified, distinctive divisions in the order given below:

1. Isaiah Chapters. List the two selections you have chosen from the above list. Explain why you chose the two that you selected.

2. Library book research—Bible dictionaries. List two (2) different Bible dictionaries or encyclopedias (biblical or regular — not including the one in the back of the LDS edition of the Bible), which clarify Isaiah material found in the Book of Mormon.

3. Library book research—Scholarly biblical commentary clarifications. List three (3) different Old Testament, Bible, or Isaiah commentaries which helped you understand Isaiah in the Book of Mormon.

4. Internet sources. List two (2) Internet sources that provide information that clarify Isaiah passages found in the Book of Mormon.

Bibliography or Reference. Use proper format in listing the sources you researched for parts 2, 3, & 4. For example:


http://www.biblestuff.org/oldtestament/isaiah.html (seen 19 Sep 04) [add the date you saw it].

5. Precis. Write at least three paragraphs explaining the benefit you gained from your research: How did the research help you understand Isaiah? What did you learn from the experience? What did you learn and understand about Isaiah in the Book of Mormon from your research? Give examples, etc.

Some examples of possible library resources:

Parry, Don. Understanding Isaiah
Ludlow, Victor. Isaiah: Poet, Seer, and Revelator
Nyman, Monte. Great Are the Words of Isaiah
Keil, Commentary on the Old Testament, Vol. 7 (Isaiah)
Oswalt, John N. The Book of Isaiah
Sperry, Sidney B. The Voice of Israel's Prophets
Sperry, Sidney B. The Spirit of the Old Testament
Abingdon Press. The Interpreter's Bible, Vol. 5 (Isaiah)