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Today's Word: prophet

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Lesson 35: "God Reveals His Secrets to His Prophets"

Are You:

- Heeding the Prophet's Counsel?
- Having Regular Scripture Study?
- Praying Together as a Family?

Today's Scriptures

Amos 3, Amos 7-9

Joel 2-3

& Isaiah 1-6

Next Week:

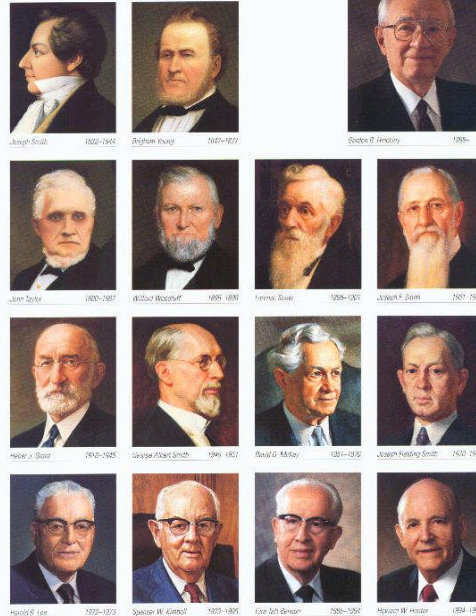
Lesson 38:

"Beside Me

There is No Savior"

Isaiah 40-49

LATTER-DAY PROPHETS



Questions to Ponder

- If someone asked you what the living prophet recently said, would you be able to answer the question?
- In what ways might we be at ease in Zion today?

Where does the Word "prophet" come from? *Prophet* comes from Latin *propheta* and from Greek *prophetes*, meaning "interpreter or spokesman, especially of the gods," by combining the Latin prefix *pro*, meaning "before" or "on behalf of," with *phanai* or an ancient Indo-European root word, "*-bha*" both meaning "to speak." The word *fame* uses the same root word, as in "famous speaker." The same word used in Hebrew means "soothsayer."

Lesson 36: "The Glory of Zion Will Be a Defense"

Questions to Ponder

- How are Isaiah's prophecies being fulfilled today?
- In what ways do people today call evil good and good evil?
- What places offer safety from the worldly conditions mentioned by Isaiah?

Margaret S. Lifferth writes:

"Isaiah was called to a difficult task. He was the prophet for the people of Judah when they lived in apostasy and, for the most part, followed the leadership of wicked rulers. It was a time of oppression of the poor, increased idolatry, and transgression of moral laws as the kingdoms of Judah and Israel faced the advancing armies of hostile neighbors.

"Isaiah's counsel to the people was to repent, believe in the coming Messiah, and "trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength" (Isa. 26:4). When the people listened, they prospered. But Isaiah watched in sorrow as the covenant

house of Israel ultimately rejected divine counsel. Moved by inspiration, Isaiah prophesied of the destruction and scattering of Israel and lived to see the captivity of the ten tribes of Israel and the approaching end of Judah's power and prosperity.

"But in his great prophetic calling, Isaiah also saw us, the covenant people of the latter days. He received comfort in knowing that not only would the kingdom of God again be established on the earth but that Saints in the latter days would seek and live worthy of the blessings promised to the house of Israel." ("Lessons from the Old Testament: Trust in the Lord Forever," *Ensign*, Sept. 2006, 24)