

## Lesson 5

## 2 Nephi 9–16

The following assignments include various learning activities, such as questions, lists, essays, charts, comparisons, contrasts, and surveys. To receive credit for this lesson, you must complete the number of assignments indicated below and submit them to your institute instructor or administrator. You may submit your work either electronically or on paper, handwritten or typed.

Each lesson should take approximately 60–90 minutes to complete, the same amount of time you would typically spend in a weekly institute class. Since reading the scripture block listed in the lesson heading is expected of all institute students prior to class, the estimated time for each assignment does not include the time you need to spend reading the scripture block.

### Complete any four of the following assignments:

#### 1. 2 Nephi 9:4–27. “O the Greatness . . . of Our God!”

Jacob used declarative statements in 2 Nephi 9:17, 19 to give emphasis and organization to his discourse. Read the institute student manual commentaries “2 Nephi 9:5–6: Atonement Central to the Merciful Plan”; “2 Nephi 9:7: The Infinite Atonement”; and “2 Nephi 9:25–26: No Law, No Punishment” (pages 65–66, 68). For the verses from 2 Nephi 9 listed below, write doctrinal truths related to the Atonement of Jesus Christ that show the greatness of God.

- Verses 4–9
- Verse 10
- Verse 13
- Verse 17
- Verse 19
- Verse 20
- Verses 25–26

#### 2. 2 Nephi 9:27–52. The Contrast between “the Evil One,” and “the Holy One of Israel”

- a. Read the corresponding verses in 2 Nephi 9 and list the points Jacob taught under each topic:

That Which Subjects Us to the Devil (verses 27–39)	That Which Brings Us to Christ (verses 39–52)

- b. Contrast the information in both lists and write a paragraph explaining what you have learned about the differences between Satan and the Savior.
- c. Write another paragraph describing what you will do to avoid the temptations of Satan and to take advantage of the blessings of the Atonement.

#### 3. 2 Nephi 10:1–17. The Lord Fulfills His Covenants

- a. In 2 Nephi 10:17 the Lord stated, “I will fulfil my promises which I have made unto the children of men.” Search 2 Nephi 10:1–16 and make a list of promises and prophecies made by the Lord that have been fulfilled. How does the fulfillment of these prophecies increase your faith and trust in the Lord?

#### 4. 2 Nephi 11. Witnesses

Read 2 Nephi 11 and the student manual commentary “2 Nephi 11:1–3: Nephi, Jacob, and Isaiah—Three Special Witnesses” (pages 72–73) and answer the following questions in writing:

- Consider other scriptural accounts and events of the Restoration and list three other witnesses, in addition to Nephi, Jacob, and Isaiah, that have also seen the Redeemer in vision.
- In what different ways has “God [sent] more witnesses” to prove “all his words”? (verse 3).

- What witnesses have you received to support the truths of the gospel?
- b. Nephi stated in 2 Nephi 11:8 that one reason he included the words of Isaiah in his writing was so readers “may lift up their hearts and rejoice.” Study 2 Nephi 11:4–7 and list other teachings included in Isaiah’s writings that Nephi delighted in.

### 5. 2 Nephi 12–15. Being Prepared for Christ’s Coming

- a. Isaiah’s writings are sometimes difficult to understand. Study 2 Nephi 25:1, 3, 6–7. From each of these verses, list a key Nephi gave us to better understanding Isaiah.
- b. Search 2 Nephi 12–15 and make two lists. Make one list about signs and events having to do with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Make a second list about behaviors that would keep people from being prepared for His coming or from coming unto Him today. Be

sure to note which verses you found your answers in.

### 6. 2 Nephi 16. Isaiah’s Vision of the Lord and Call to Be a Prophet

- a. After reading 2 Nephi 16 and the student manual commentary “2 Nephi 16:2: Seraphim” (page 79), answer the following questions in writing:
- What can you find in 2 Nephi 16:1–7 that emphasizes the sacredness of Isaiah’s vision?
  - What was Isaiah’s response when he realized that he was in the presence of the Lord?
  - How can the principles taught in Doctrine and Covenants 93:1; 88:67–68 help you prepare to meet the Lord?
- b. Compare 2 Nephi 16:8 with Abraham 3:27. What do the similarities teach us about the importance of Isaiah’s mission as a prophet?