

Lesson 6

2 Nephi 17–27

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 assignment 1 and any three of the other assignments:

1. 2 Nephi 17–20. Prophecies of Jesus Christ

- Read the chapter summaries for 2 Nephi 17–20 and write a paragraph describing what they say about Jesus Christ and His mission.
- What part of 2 Nephi 17 does Matthew 1:20–23 declare was fulfilled?
- List the names and titles of Jesus Christ found in 2 Nephi 17:14; 18:6, 13–14; 19:6; 20:20–23. Use the Bible Dictionary or Guide to the Scriptures to write the meaning of as many of the names you can find next to each name or title on your list.
- Read the institute student manual commentaries “2 Nephi 17:9–14: ‘The Lord Himself Shall Give You a Sign’”; “2 Nephi 18:6–7: ‘The Waters of Shiloah That Go Softly’”; “2 Nephi 18:14: A Sanctuary, ‘a Stone of Stumbling’”; “2 Nephi 19: ‘Unto Us a Child Is Born’”; and “2 Nephi 19:6–7: ‘The Government Shall Be upon His Shoulder’” (pages 83–86). Then write two paragraphs explaining why you think Jesus Christ has so many different names. What do we learn from the Lord’s different names?

2. 2 Nephi 20:20–22. A Remnant Shall Return to the Lord in the Days of Restoration

- According to 2 Nephi 20:20–22, what changes will a remnant of the children of Israel make that will bring them back to the Lord? How might this apply to the people today who want to, or need to, return to the Lord?
- Read Isaiah 50:10 and Proverbs 3:5–6. Write a paragraph describing what it means to “stay upon the Lord” (2 Nephi 20:20). If you were teaching some of your peers, how might you define this phrase?

3. 2 Nephi 21–22. The Character of the Lord and Praising His Name

Record what you learn about the Savior from 2 Nephi 21:1–5; 22:1–6; Doctrine and Covenants 113:1–2; and the student manual commentary “2 Nephi 21:1–5, 10: The Stem, Branch, and Rod” (page 88). Make sure your comments include answers to the following:

- Definitions of the terms: Stem, Branch, and Rod. In what ways does Isaiah suggest we can praise the Lord?
- From your answer to the previous question, what inspires you to lift up your heart and rejoice and why?

4. 2 Nephi 24:4–20. Lucifer Cast Out of Heaven

Carefully study 2 Nephi 24:4–20; Doctrine and Covenants 76:25–30, 33, 36–38; Moses 4:1–4; Revelation 12:3–9; and the student manual commentary “2 Nephi 24:12: Lucifer” (page 90). Write a paragraph that summarizes what you learned about how Lucifer became Satan and what will eventually happen to him and those who serve him.

5. 2 Nephi 25. The Children of Israel’s Future Is Foreseen

- Make a time line, labeling it “Nephi’s Day” on one end and “The Second Coming of Jesus Christ” on the other end. Read 2 Nephi 25:10–19 and the student manual commentary “2 Nephi 25:17: ‘A Marvelous Work and a Wonder’” (page 93). Identify at least five of Nephi’s prophecies and place

them on the time line. You may wish to add to this time line as you read the next few chapters in 2 Nephi.

- b. Answer the following questions after reading 2 Nephi 25:1–5, 8, 20–30:
- What was Nephi hoping we would come to know from the words of Isaiah?
 - According to these verses, what gift was Nephi blessed with after he left Jerusalem?
 - Why did Nephi seek to speak and write with this gift?
 - What can you do to help God’s children know to “what source they may look for a remission of their sins”?
 - Nephi declared that the “right way” is “to believe in Christ, and deny him not” (2 Nephi 25:29). Identify five principles from verses 20–30 that will help us follow the “right way.”
- c. Read 2 Nephi 25:23; 2 Nephi 2:8; Doctrine and Covenants 76:69; and the student manual commentary “2 Nephi 25:23: The Doctrine of Grace” (pages 94–95). From these verses and the statement by Elder Dallin H. Oaks, explain in writing what is meant by the term *grace*.

6. 2 Nephi 25–26. Nephi’s Summary of Isaiah’s Words

In 2 Nephi 25–26 Nephi summarized the portions of Isaiah he included in his record. From these chapters, identify and list at least three major

themes Nephi saw in Isaiah’s writings that would be important for us today.

7. 2 Nephi 26. Wickedness Brings Destruction

- a. Nephi saw the destruction of his people and their wickedness that brought on that destruction. Read 2 Nephi 26 and then list the people’s behaviors that caused their destruction. Write the scripture references next to the behaviors you list.
- b. Imagine you are in a discussion with a friend about the Lord flooding the earth in Noah’s day. Your friend has trouble accepting this event as the actions of a loving God. Briefly explain how you could use 2 Nephi 26:23–24 to answer your friend’s concern.
- c. Read 2 Nephi 26:24–33 and the student manual commentary “2 Nephi 26:33: ‘He Inviteth Them All to Come unto Him’” (page 97). Write a paragraph explaining how the gospel of Jesus Christ is evidence that Heavenly Father loves all of His children.

8. 2 Nephi 27. The Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon

Read Joseph Smith—History 1:63–65; 2 Nephi 27:6–19; and the student manual commentary “2 Nephi 27:15–19: ‘Deliver the Book . . . unto the Learned’” (page 99). Then make a list of all the details of this Church history experience as Isaiah prophesied of it.