

# HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is composed of verses from Isaiah accompanied by commentary, pictures, captions, charts, and maps. Each of the parts is designed to give the reader further understanding of Isaiah and his world.

## Selected Verses from Isaiah

The verses cited in this volume, unless otherwise noted, are from the King James Version of the Bible. The subject matter of the verses is illuminated by the commentary, pictures, and captions.

## Commentary

The commentary, located immediately below the verses, consists of brief explanations and observations about the verses. The commentary, of course, does not represent the final word on any given matter, nor is it the only valid explanation. It is based on the author's opinion and an understanding of the scriptures from the point of view of a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For complete context, full notes, comments, and bibliographic sources, see the author's *Understanding Isaiah* as well as other books listed in the "Sources Consulted" section.

## Pictures

One or more pictures accompany the verses from Isaiah. The pictures relate to specific words in the verses. For example, the picture of the Salt Lake Temple accompanies the verse about the "Lord's house" being "established in the top of the mountains," and the picture of the sand dunes near Gaza illustrates the "sand of the sea."

## Captions

These are placed next to the pictures. The captions provide details, often of cultural significance, about the pictures.

## Charts

These are not directly related to the commentary, pictures, or captions; rather, they address ideas and events found throughout the book of Isaiah. They add information about Isaiah, his writings, or the world from which he came.

## Maps

Isaiah's book refers to more than one hundred different places, cities, and countries, such as Jerusalem, Damascus, Lebanon, Bashan, Assyria, Egypt, Moab, and Edom. The maps were made expressly for this volume to give the reader a location for the places mentioned in Isaiah's writings. The maps are placed throughout the volume, correlating with general sections of the book and not with specific pictures and commentary on a particular page.

## Sources Consulted

To make this volume easier to use and accessible to a wide range of readers, there are very few in-text citations. For those interested in documentation or more information on topics discussed in this volume, the bibliography offers several helpful sources.