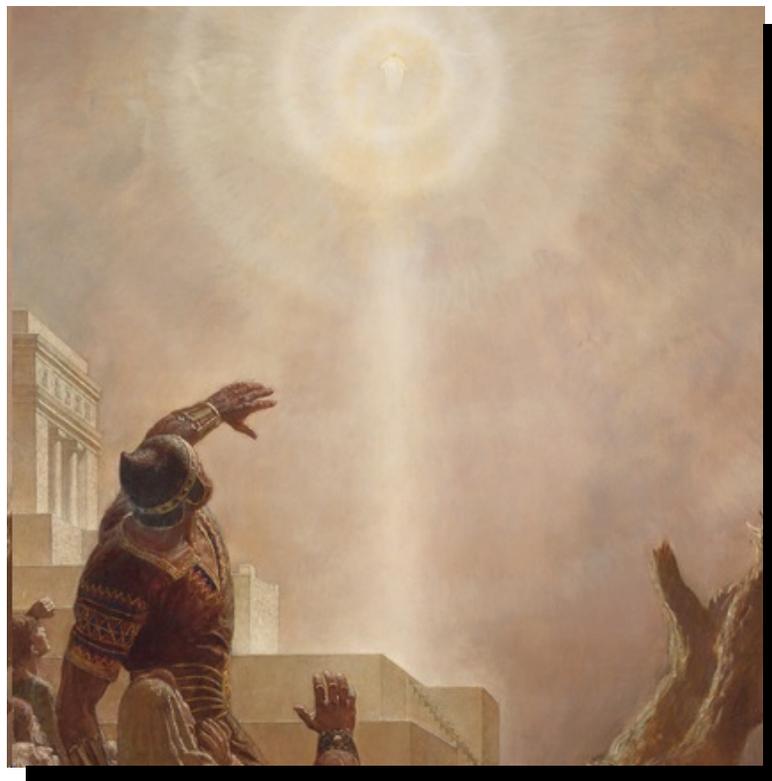


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The **Book of Mormon** is “**Another Testament of Jesus Christ**”. It contains the words of the Savior and Heavenly Father as they were given to ancient prophets here in America. A latter-day apostle, **Elder Bruce R. McConkie** once taught that **not all scriptures are of equal worth**. The words of the Savior and of Heavenly Father should probably be considered of ‘**most worth**’ to us.

This compilation has taken Their quotes from the Book of Mormon and arranged them in an easy-to-read format. The words of the Savior are in **RED** and those of Heavenly Father are in **BLUE**.

By having the ability to read just Their words, one can quickly and more easily get a stronger feeling of Their power and inspiration. Many will be surprised at how often Their words appear in the Book of Mormon.

President Russel M. Nelson, President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and one of the Lord’s prophets, has given us the following encouragement concerning reading, studying, and pondering the Book of Mormon.

*“I invite you to read the Book of Mormon
.... as you prayerfully study,
I **promise** that the **heavens will open for you.**
The Lord will bless you with **increased inspiration and revelation.***

*As you read,
I would **encourage** you to **mark each verse**
that speaks of or refers to the **Savior.**
Then, **be intentional** about
talking of Christ,
rejoicing in Christ, and
preaching of Christ
with your families and friends.*

*You and they will be drawn closer to the Savior through this process.
And changes, even **miracles**, will begin to happen.”*

Based on his admonitions listed above, I “**rejoicingly**” present you with these compilations. If you are interested in reading the entire **Book of Mormon** in this **RED-LETTER** style, please visit my website at www.grandpaDave.com . I like to tell people that it is like reading the Book of Mormon again “**for the very first time**”. Please let me know what you think at davidjohnpotter@hotmail.com .

Sincerely,

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THE FIRST BOOK OF NEPHI

HIS REIGN AND MINISTRY

1 Nephi 1:12-13 (*Lehi reading the words of the Lord from a book*)

And it came to pass that as he read, he was filled with the Spirit of the Lord.
And he read, saying:

“Wo, wo, unto Jerusalem, for I have seen thine abominations!”

1 Nephi 2:1 (*the Lord speaking to Lehi*)

For behold, it came to pass that the Lord spake unto my father, yea, even in a dream, and said unto him:

*“Blessed art thou Lehi,
because of the things which thou hast done;
and because thou hast been faithful
and declared unto this people the things which I commanded thee,
behold,
they seek to take away thy life.”*

1 Nephi 2:19-24 (*the Lord speaking to Nephi*)

And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me, saying:

*“Blessed art thou, Nephi,
because of thy faith,
for thou hast sought me diligently,
with lowliness of heart.
And inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments,
ye shall prosper,
and shall be led to a land of promise;
yea, even a land which I have prepared for you;
yea, a land which is choice above all other lands.*

*And inasmuch as thy brethren shall rebel against thee,
they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord.
And inasmuch as thou shalt keep my commandments,
thou shalt be made a ruler and a teacher over thy brethren.*

*For behold,
in that day that they shall rebel against me,
I will curse them even with a sore curse,
and they shall have no power over thy seed
except they shall rebel against me also.*

*And if it so be that they rebel against me,
they shall be a scourge unto thy seed,
to stir them up in the ways of remembrance.”*

1 Nephi 3:14 (the Lord speaking to Nephi)

And now, when I, Nephi, had heard these words, I remembered the words of the Lord which he spake unto me in the wilderness, saying that:

***“Inasmuch as thy seed shall keep my commandments,
they shall prosper in the land of promise.”***

1 Nephi 13:32-37 (the Lord’s words quoted from an angelic visitor to Nephi)

Wherefore saith the Lamb of God:

***“I will be merciful unto the Gentiles,
unto the visiting of the remnant of the house of Israel in great judgment.”***

And it came to pass that the angel of the Lord spake unto me, saying:

“Behold, saith the Lamb of God,

***“After I have visited the remnant of the house of Israel
--and this remnant of whom I speak is the seed of thy father
--wherefore, after I have visited them in judgment,
and smitten them by the hand of the Gentiles,
and after the Gentiles do stumble exceedingly,
because of the most plain and precious parts
of the gospel of the Lamb
which have been kept back by that abominable church,
which is the mother of harlots,
saith the Lamb***

***--I will be merciful unto the Gentiles in that day,
insomuch that I will bring forth unto them,
in mine own power,
much of my gospel,
which shall be plain and precious,
saith the Lamb.”***

For, behold, saith the Lamb:

***“I will manifest myself unto thy seed,
that they shall write many things
which I shall minister unto them,
which shall be plain and precious;
and after thy seed shall be destroyed,
and dwindle in unbelief,
and also the seed of thy brethren,
behold, these things shall be hid up,
to come forth unto the Gentiles,
by the gift and power of the Lamb.***

***And in them shall be written my gospel,
saith the Lamb,
and my rock and my salvation.***

And blessed are they

*who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost;
and if they endure unto the end
they shall be lifted up at the last day,
and shall be saved in the everlasting kingdom of the Lamb;
and whoso shall publish peace,
yea, tidings of great joy,
how beautiful upon the mountains
shall they be.”*

1 Nephi 14:4-7 (the Lord's words quoted from an angelic visitor to Nephi)

And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, Nephi, saying:

“Thou hast beheld that if the Gentiles repent it shall be well with them; and thou also knowest concerning the covenants of the Lord unto the house of Israel; and thou also hast heard that whoso repenteth not must perish. Therefore, wo be unto the Gentiles if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God.

*“For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God,
that I will work a great and a marvelous work among the children of men;
a work which shall be everlasting,
either on the one hand or on the other
--either to the convincing of them unto peace and life eternal,
or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts
and the blindness of their minds
unto their being brought down into captivity,
and also into destruction,
both temporally and spiritually,
according to the captivity of the devil,
of which I have spoken.”*

1 Nephi 15:8-11 (Nephi quotes the words of the Lord to his brothers)

And I said unto them:

“Have ye inquired of the Lord?”

And they said unto me:

“We have not; for the Lord maketh no such thing known unto us.”

Behold, I said unto them:

*“How is it that ye do not keep the commandments of the Lord?
How is it that ye will perish, because of the hardness of your hearts?
Do ye not remember the things which the Lord hath said?--*

*“If ye will not harden your hearts,
and ask me in faith,
believing that ye shall receive,
with diligence in keeping my commandments,
surely these things shall be made known unto you.”*

1 Nephi 15:18 (Nephi quotes the words of the Lord to Abraham to his brothers)

Wherefore, our father hath not spoken of our seed alone, but also of all the house of Israel, pointing to

the covenant which should be fulfilled in the latter days; which covenant the Lord made to our father Abraham, saying:

“In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.”

1 Nephi 16:25-26 *(Lord talking to Lehi about the Liahona)*

And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came unto my father; and he was truly chastened because of his murmuring against the Lord, insomuch that he was brought down into the depths of sorrow. And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord said unto him:

***“Look upon the ball,
and behold the things which are written.”***

1 Nephi 17:7-8 *(Lord speaking to Nephi)*

And it came to pass that after I, Nephi, had been in the land of Bountiful for the space of many days, the voice of the Lord came unto me, saying:

“Arise, and get thee into the mountain.”

And it came to pass that I arose and went up into the mountain, and cried unto the Lord. And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto me, saying:

***“Thou shalt construct a ship,
after the manner which I shall show thee,
that I may carry thy people across these waters.”***

1 Nephi 17:11-14 *(Lord speaking to Nephi)*

And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did make a bellows wherewith to blow the fire, of the skins of beasts; and after I had made a bellows, that I might have wherewith to blow the fire, I did smite two stones together that I might make fire. For the Lord had not hitherto suffered that we should make much fire, as we journeyed in the wilderness; for he said:

***“I will make thy food become sweet,
that ye cook it not;
And I will also be your light in the wilderness;
and I will prepare the way before you,
if it so be that ye shall keep my commandments;
wherefore,
inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments
ye shall be led towards the promised land;
and ye shall know that it is by me that ye are led.”***

Yea, and the Lord said also that:

***“After ye have arrived in the promised land,
ye shall know
that I, the Lord, am God;
and that I, the Lord,
did deliver you from destruction;
yea, that I did bring you out of the land of Jerusalem.”***

1 Nephi 17:52-53 (*Lord speaking to Nephi*)

And it came to pass that I, Nephi, said many things unto my brethren, insomuch that they were confounded and could not contend against me; neither durst they lay their hands upon me nor touch me with their fingers, even for the space of many days. Now they durst not do this lest they should wither before me, so powerful was the Spirit of God; and thus it had wrought upon them.

And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me:

***“Stretch forth thine hand again unto thy brethren,
and they shall not wither before thee,
but I will shock them,
saith the Lord,
and this will I do,
that they may know that I am the Lord their God.”***

1 Nephi: 19:11-12 (*Prophet Zenos quoting the Savior*)

“*And all these things must surely come*”, saith the **prophet Zenos**.

*“And the rocks of the earth must rend;
and because of the groanings of the earth,
many of the kings of the isles of the sea
shall be wrought upon by the Spirit of God, to exclaim:
“The God of nature suffers.”*

1 Nephi 20 and 21 (*Nephi quoting Isaiah who quotes the Lord*)

***“Hearken and hear this, O house of Jacob,
who are called by the name of Israel,
and are come forth out of the waters of Judah,
or out of the waters of baptism,
who swear by the name of the Lord,
and make mention of the God of Israel,
yet they swear not in truth nor in righteousness.
Nevertheless, they call themselves of the holy city,
but they do not stay themselves upon the God of Israel,
who is the Lord of Hosts;
yea, the Lord of Hosts is his name.***

***Behold, I have declared the former things from the beginning;
and they went forth out of my mouth,
and I showed them.
I did show them suddenly.***

***And I did it
because I knew that thou art obstinate,
and thy neck is an iron sinew,***

*and thy brow brass;
And I have even from the beginning declared to thee;
before it came to pass I showed them thee;
and I showed them for fear lest thou shouldst say--
mine idol hath done them,
and my graven image,
and my molten image hath commanded them.
Thou hast seen and heard all this;
and will ye not declare them?*

*And that I have showed thee new things from this time,
even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.*

*They are created now,
and not from the beginning,
even before the day when thou heardest them
not they were declared unto thee,
lest thou shouldst say--
Behold I knew them.*

*Yea, and thou heardest not;
yea, thou knewest not; yea,
from that time thine ear was not opened;
for I knew that thou wouldst deal very treacherously,
and wast called a transgressor from the womb.*

*Nevertheless, for my name's sake will I defer mine anger,
and for my praise will I refrain from thee,
that I cut thee not off.*

*For, behold, I have refined thee,
I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.*

*For mine own sake, yea,
for mine own sake will I do this,
for I will not suffer my name to be polluted,
and I will not give my glory unto another.*

*Hearken unto me,
O Jacob, and Israel my called,
for I am he;
I am the first,
and I am also the last.*

*Mine hand hath also laid the foundation of the earth,
and my right hand hath spanned the heavens.*

*I call unto them
and they stand up together.*

*All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear;
who among them hath declared these things unto them?*

*The Lord hath loved him;
yea, and he will fulfill his word which he hath declared by them;
and he will do his pleasure on Babylon,
and his arm shall come upon the Chaldeans.”*

Also, saith the Lord;

*“I the Lord, yea, I have spoken;
yea, I have called him to declare,
I have brought him,
and he shall make his way prosperous.*

Come ye near unto me;

*I have not spoken in secret;
from the beginning,
from the time that it was declared have I spoken;
and the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.”*

And thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel;

*“I have sent him,
the Lord thy God who teacheth thee to profit,
who leadeth thee by the way thou shouldst go,
hath done it.*

*O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments--
then had thy peace been as a river,
and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.*

*Thy seed also had been as the sand;
the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof;
his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.*

*Go ye forth of Babylon,
flee ye from the Chaldeans,
with a voice of singing declare ye,
tell this, utter to the end of the earth;
say ye:*

*“The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob.
And they thirsted not;
he led them through the deserts;
he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them;
he clave the rock also and the waters gushed out.
And notwithstanding he hath done all this,
and greater also, there is no peace,
saith the Lord, unto the wicked.”*

And again:

*“Hearken, O ye house of Israel,
all ye that are broken off and are driven out
because of the wickedness of the pastors of my people;
yea, all ye that are broken off,
that are scattered abroad,
who are of my people, O house of Israel.*

**Listen, O isles, unto me,
and hearken ye people from far;
the Lord hath called me from the womb;
from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.**

**And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me,
and made me a polished shaft;
in his quiver hath he hid me;”**

And said unto me:

“Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

Then I said,

“I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for naught and in vain;
surely my judgment is with the Lord,
and my work with my God.”

And now, saith the Lord--

that formed me from the womb that I should be his servant,
to bring Jacob again to him--
though Israel be not gathered,
yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God shall be my strength.

And he said:

**“It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and to restore the preserved of Israel.
I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles,
that thou mayest be my salvation
unto the ends of the earth.”**

Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One,
to him whom man despiseth,
to him whom the nation abhorreth, to servant of rulers:

**“Kings shall see and arise,
princes also shall worship,
because of the Lord that is faithful.”**

Thus saith the Lord:

**“In an acceptable time have I heard thee,
O isles of the sea,
and in a day of salvation
have I helped thee;
and I will preserve thee,
and give thee my servant for a covenant of the people,
to establish the earth,
to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;
That thou mayest say to the prisoners:**

**“Go forth”;
to them that sit in darkness:
Show yourselves.**

**They shall feed in the ways,
and their pastures shall be in all high places.
They shall not hunger nor thirst,
neither shall the heat nor the sun smite them;
for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them,
even by the springs of water shall he guide them.
And I will make all my mountains a way,
and my highways shall be exalted.**

**And then, O house of Israel,
behold, these shall come from far;
and lo, these from the north and from the west;
and these from the land of Sinim.**

**Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth;
for the feet of those who are in the east shall be established;
and break forth into singing,
“O mountains;
for they shall be smitten no more;
for the Lord hath comforted his people,
and will have mercy upon his afflicted”.**

**But, behold, Zion hath said:
“The Lord hath forsaken me,
and my Lord hath forgotten me” --
but he will show that he hath not.**

**For can a woman forget her sucking child,
that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb?
Yea, they may forget,
yet will I not forget thee,
O house of Israel.**

**Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands;
thy walls are continually before me.**

**Thy children shall make haste
against thy destroyers;
and they that made thee waste
shall go forth of thee.**

**Lift up thine eyes round about and behold;
all these gather themselves together,
and they shall come to thee.**

**And as I live, saith the Lord,
thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all,**

as with an ornament,
and bind them on even as a bride.

For thy waste and thy desolate places,
and the land of thy destruction,
shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants;
and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

The children whom thou shalt have,
after thou hast lost the first,
shall again in thine ears say:
“The place is too strait for me;
give place to me that I may dwell”.

Then shalt thou say in thine heart:
“Who hath begotten me these,
seeing I have lost my children,
and am desolate, a captive,
and removing to and fro?
And who hath brought up these?
Behold, I was left alone;
these, where have they been?”

Thus saith the Lord God:

“Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles,
and set up my standard to the people;
and they shall bring thy sons in their arms,
and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

And kings shall be thy nursing fathers,
and their queens thy nursing mothers;
they shall bow down to thee with their face towards the earth,
and lick up the dust of thy feet;
and thou shalt know that I am the Lord;
for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

For shall the prey be taken from the mighty,
or the lawful captives delivered?”

But thus saith the Lord,

“Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away,
and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered;
for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee,
and I will save thy children.

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh;
they shall be drunken with their own blood as with sweet wine;
and all flesh shall know that I, the Lord,
am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

1 Nephi 22:9 (*Nephi speaking to his brothers*)

*And it shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles;
and not only unto the Gentiles
but unto all the house of Israel,
unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto **Abraham**, saying:
**“In thy seed
shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.”***

THE SECOND BOOK OF NEPHI

2 Nephi 1:19-20 (*Lehi speaking to his sons*)

O my sons, that these things might not come upon you, but that ye might be a choice and a favored people of the Lord. But behold, his will be done; for his ways are righteousness forever.

And he hath said that:

***“Inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments
ye shall prosper in the land;
but inasmuch as ye will not keep my commandments
ye shall be cut off from my presence.”***

2 Nephi 3:6-21 (*Lehi speaks to his sons and quotes Joseph of Egypt who quotes the Lord*)

*For **Joseph** truly testified, saying:*

*“A seer shall the Lord my God raise up,
who shall be a choice seer unto the fruit of my loins.”*

*Yea, **Joseph** truly said:*

“Thus saith the Lord unto me:

***“A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins;
and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins.***

***And unto him will I give commandment
that he shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren,
which shall be of great worth unto them,
even to the bringing of them to the knowledge of the covenants
which I have made with thy fathers.***

***And I will give unto him a commandment
that he shall do none other work,
save the work which I shall command him.***

***And I will make him great in mine eyes;
for he shall do my work.***

***And he shall be great like unto Moses,
whom I have said I would raise up unto you,
to deliver my people, O house of Israel.***

***And Moses will I raise up,
to deliver thy people out of the land of Egypt.***

***But a seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins;
and unto him will I give power to bring forth my word
unto the seed of thy loins--***

***Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins shall write;
and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write;***

*and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins,
and also that which shall be written
by the fruit of the loins of Judah,
shall grow together,
unto the confounding of false doctrines
and laying down of contentions,
and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins,
and bringing them to the knowledge
of their fathers in the latter days,
and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord.*

*And out of weakness he shall be made strong,
in that day when my work shall commence among all my
people,
unto the restoring thee, O house of Israel, saith the Lord.”*

And thus prophesied Joseph, saying:

*“Behold, that seer will the Lord bless;
and they that seek to destroy him
shall be confounded;
for this promise,
which I have obtained of the Lord,
of the fruit of my loins,
shall be fulfilled.*

Behold,

*I am sure of the fulfilling of this promise;
And his name shall be called after me;
and it shall be after the name of his father.
And he shall be like unto me;
for the thing, which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand,
by the power of the Lord shall bring my people unto salvation.”*

Yea, thus prophesied Joseph:

*“I am sure of this thing,
even as I am sure of the promise of Moses;
for the Lord hath said unto me,
“I will preserve thy seed forever.”*

And the Lord hath said:

***“I will raise up a Moses;
and I will give power unto him in a rod;
and I will give judgment unto him in writing.
Yet I will not loose his tongue,
that he shall speak much,
for I will not make him mighty in speaking.***

***But I will write unto him my law,
by the finger of mine own hand;
and I will make a spokesman for him.”***

And the Lord said unto me also:

*“I will raise up unto the fruit of thy loins;
and I will make for him a spokesman.*

*And I, behold, I will give unto him
that he shall write the writing of the fruit of thy loins,
unto the fruit of thy loins;
and the spokesman of thy loins shall declare it.*

*And the words which he shall write shall be the words
which are expedient in my wisdom should go forth
unto the fruit of thy loins.*

*And it shall be as if the fruit of thy loins had
cried unto them from the dust;
for I know their faith.*

*And they shall cry from the dust;
yea, even repentance unto their brethren,
even after many generations have gone by them.*

*And it shall come to pass that their cry shall go,
even according to the simpleness of their words.*

*Because of their faith their words shall proceed forth out of my mouth
unto their brethren who are the fruit of thy loins;
and the weakness of their words will I make strong in their faith,
unto the remembering of my covenant which I made unto thy fathers.”*

2 Nephi 4:3-4 (Nephi quotes his father Lehi when Lehi blesses his posterity)

“Wherefore, after my father had made an end of speaking concerning the prophecies of Joseph,
he called the children of Laman, his sons, and his daughters, and said unto them:

*“Behold, my sons, and my daughters,
who are the sons and the daughters of my first-born,
I would that ye should give ear unto my words.*

For the Lord God hath said that:

*“Inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments
ye shall prosper in the land;
and inasmuch as ye will not keep my commandments
ye shall be cut off from my presence.”*

2 Nephi 5:17-30 (Nephi gives a commentary about his people)

And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did cause my people to be industrious, and to labor with their hands.

And it came to pass that they would that I should be their king. But I, Nephi, was desirous that they should have no king; nevertheless, I did for them according to that which was in my power.

And behold, the words of the Lord had been fulfilled unto my brethren, which he spake concerning them, that I should be their ruler and their teacher. Wherefore, I had been their ruler and their teacher, according to the commandments of the Lord, until the time they sought to take away my life.

Wherefore, the word of the Lord was fulfilled which he spake unto me, saying that:

***“Inasmuch as they will not hearken unto thy words
they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord.”***

And behold, they were cut off from his presence. And he had caused the cursing to come upon them, yea, even a sore cursing, because of their iniquity. For behold, they had hardened their hearts against him, that they had become like unto a flint; wherefore, as they were white, and exceedingly fair and delightsome, that they might not be enticing unto my people the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them.

And thus saith the Lord God:

***“I will cause that they shall be loathsome unto thy people,
save they shall repent of their iniquities.
And cursed shall be the seed of him that mixeth with their seed;
for they shall be cursed even with the same cursing.”***

And the Lord spake it, and it was done. And because of their cursing which was upon them they did become an idle people, full of mischief and subtlety, and did seek in the wilderness for beasts of prey.

And the Lord God said unto me:

***“They shall be a scourge unto thy seed,
to stir them up in remembrance of me;
and inasmuch as they will not remember me,
and hearken unto my words,
they shall scourge them even unto destruction.”***

And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did consecrate Jacob and Joseph, that they should be priests and teachers over the land of my people.

And it came to pass that we lived after the manner of happiness.
And thirty years had passed away from the time we left Jerusalem.

And I, Nephi, had kept the records upon my plates, which I had made, of my people thus far.

And it came to pass that the Lord God said unto me:

***“Make other plates; and thou shalt engraven many things upon them
which are good in my sight, for the profit of thy people.”***

2nd Nephi 6:4-7 (Jacob's words to the people of Nephi)

*And now, behold,
I would speak unto you concerning things which are,
and which are to come;
wherefore, I will read you **the words of Isaiah.***

*And they are the words
which my brother has desired that I should speak unto you.*

*And I speak unto you for your sakes,
that ye may learn and glorify the name of your God.*

*And now, the words which I shall read
are they which Isaiah spake concerning all the house of Israel;
wherefore, they may be likened unto you,
for ye are of the house of Israel.*

*And there are many things which have been spoken by **Isaiah**
which may be likened unto you,
because ye are of the house of Israel.*

And now these are the words:

“Thus saith the Lord God:

***“Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles,
and set up my standard to the people;
and they shall bring thy sons in their arms,
and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.***

***And kings shall be thy nursing fathers,
and their queens thy nursing mothers;
they shall bow down to thee
with their faces towards the earth,
and lick up the dust of thy feet;
and thou shalt know that I am the Lord;
for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.”***

2 Nephi 6:15-18 and chapters 7 and 8 (words of Isaiah)

And they shall know that the Lord is God, the Holy One of Israel.

*“For shall the prey be taken from the mighty,
or the lawful captive delivered?*

But thus saith the Lord:

***“Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away,
and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered;
for the Mighty God shall deliver his covenant people. “***

For thus saith the Lord:

***“I will contend with them that contendeth with thee--
And I will feed them that oppress thee, with their own flesh;
and they shall be drunken
with their own blood as with sweet wine;
and all flesh shall know
that I the Lord am thy Savior and thy Redeemer,
the Mighty One of Jacob.”***

Yea, for thus saith the Lord:

“Have I put thee away, or have I cast thee off forever?”

For thus saith the Lord:

***“Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement?
To whom have I put thee away,
or to which of my creditors have I sold you?
Yea, to whom have I sold you?
Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves,
and for your transgressions is your mother put away.”***

***Wherefore, when I came, there was no man;
when I called, yea, there was none to answer.
O house of Israel,
is my hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem,
or have I no power to deliver?
Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea,
I make their rivers a wilderness
and their fish to stink because the waters are dried up,
and they die because of thirst.
I clothe the heavens with blackness,
and I make sackcloth their covering.***

*The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned,
that I should know how to speak a word in season unto thee,
O house of Israel.*

When ye are weary he waketh morning by morning.

He waketh mine ear to hear as the learned.

*The Lord God hath opened mine ear,
and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.*

*I gave my back to the smiter,
and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair.*

I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

*For the Lord God will help me,
therefore shall I not be confounded.*

*Therefore have I set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be ashamed.*

*And the Lord is near,
and he justifieth me.*

*Who will contend with me?
Let us stand together.*

*Who is mine adversary?
Let him come near me,
and I will smite him with the strength of my mouth.*

*For the Lord God will help me.
And all they who shall condemn me, behold,
all they shall wax old as a garment,
and the moth shall eat them up.*

*Who is among you that feareth the Lord,
that obeyeth the voice of his servant,
that walketh in darkness and hath no light?*

Behold all ye that kindle fire,

*that compass yourselves about with sparks,
walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks which ye have kindled.
This shall ye have of mine hand--
ye shall lie down in sorrow.”*

*“Hearken unto me,
ye that follow after righteousness.
Look unto the rock from whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit from whence ye are digged.*

*Look unto Abraham, your father,
and unto Sarah, she that bare you;
for I called him alone,
and blessed him.*

*For the Lord shall comfort Zion,
he will comfort all her waste places;
and he will make her wilderness like Eden,
and her desert like the garden of the Lord.*

*Joy and gladness shall be found therein,
thanksgiving and the voice of melody.*

*Hearken unto me, my people;
and give ear unto me, O my nation;
for a law shall proceed from me,
and I will make my judgment to rest for a light for the people.*

*My righteousness is near;
my salvation is gone forth,
and mine arm shall judge the people.*

*The isles shall wait upon me,
and on mine arm shall they trust.*

*Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look upon the earth beneath;
for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke,
and the earth shall wax old like a garment;
and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner.*

*But my salvation shall be forever,
and my righteousness shall not be abolished.*

*Hearken unto me,
ye that know righteousness,
the people in whose heart I have written my law,
fear ye not the reproach of men,
neither be ye afraid of their revilings.*

For the moth shall eat them up like a garment,

*and the worm shall eat them like wool.
But my righteousness shall be forever,
and my salvation from generation to generation.*

*Awake, awake!
Put on strength, O arm of the Lord;
awake as in the ancient days.*

*Art thou not he that hath cut Rahab,
and wounded the dragon?*

*Art thou not he who hath dried the sea,
the waters of the great deep;
that hath made the depths of the sea
a way for the ransomed to pass over?*

*Therefore, the redeemed of the Lord shall return,
and come with singing unto Zion;
and everlasting joy and holiness shall be upon their heads;
and they shall obtain gladness and joy;
sorrow and mourning shall flee away.*

*I am he;
yea, I am he that comforteth you.*

*Behold, who art thou,
that thou shouldst be afraid of man,
who shall die, and of the son of man,
who shall be made like unto grass?*

*And forgettest the Lord thy maker,
that hath stretched forth the heavens,
and laid the foundations of the earth,
and hast feared continually every day,
because of the fury of the oppressor,
as if he were ready to destroy?*

And where is the fury of the oppressor?

*The captive exile hasteneth,
that he may be loosed,
and that he should not die in the pit,
nor that his bread should fail.*

*But I am the Lord thy God,
whose waves roared;
the Lord of Hosts is my name.*

*And I have put my words in thy mouth,
and have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand,
that I may plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth,
and say unto Zion:*

*“Behold, thou art my people.
Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem,
which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury--
thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling wrung out--
And none to guide her among all the sons she hath brought forth;
neither that taketh her by the hand,
of all the sons she hath brought up.*

*These two sons are come unto thee,
who shall be sorry for thee--
thy desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword--
and by whom shall I comfort thee?*

*Thy sons have fainted,
save these two;
they lie at the head of all the streets;
as a wild bull in a net,
they are full of the fury of the Lord,
the rebuke of thy God.”*

*Therefore hear now this,
thou afflicted, and drunken, and not with wine:
Thus saith thy Lord,
the Lord and thy God pleadeth the cause of his people;
“Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling,
the dregs of the cup of my fury;
thou shalt no more drink it again.*

*But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee;
who have said to thy soul:
Bow down, that we may go over--
and thou hast laid thy body as the ground
and as the street to them that went over.”*

*Awake, awake, put on thy strength,
O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
for henceforth there shall no more come into thee
the uncircumcised and the unclean.*

*Shake thyself from the dust;
arise, sit down, O Jerusalem;
loose thyself from the bands of thy neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.”*

2nd Nephi 10:1-20 (*Jacob’s sermon to his people*)

*“And now I, Jacob, speak unto you again, my beloved brethren,
concerning this righteous branch of which I have spoken.*

For behold,

the promises which we have obtained are promises unto us according to the flesh;
wherefore,
as it has been shown unto me that many of our children shall perish in the flesh because of
unbelief, nevertheless,

God will be merciful unto many;
and our children shall be restored,
that they may come to that which will give them
the true knowledge of their Redeemer.

Wherefore, as I said unto you,
it must needs be expedient that Christ
--for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be his name--
-should come among the Jews,
among those who are the more wicked part of the world;
and they shall crucify him
--for thus it behooveth our God,
and there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God.

For should the mighty miracles be wrought among other nations
they would repent,
and know that he be their God.

But because of priestcrafts and iniquities,
they at Jerusalem will stiffen their necks against him,
that he be crucified.

Wherefore, because of their iniquities,
destructions,
famines,
pestilences,
and bloodshed shall come upon them;
and they who shall not be destroyed
shall be scattered among all nations.

But behold, thus saith the Lord God:

“When the day cometh
that they shall believe in me,
that I am Christ,
then have I covenanted with their fathers
that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth,
unto the lands of their inheritance.

And it shall come to pass
that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion,
from the isles of the sea,
and from the four parts of the earth;
and the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God,
in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance.

Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them,
and their queens shall become nursing mothers;
wherefore, the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles,

for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute?

*But behold, this land, said God, shall be a land of thine inheritance,
and the Gentiles shall be blessed upon the land.*

*And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles,
and there shall be no kings upon the land,
who shall raise up unto the Gentiles.*

And I will fortify this land against all other nations.

And he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, saith God.

*For he that raiseth up a king against me shall perish,
for I, the Lord, the king of heaven, will be their king,
and I will be a light unto them forever, that hear my words.*

*Wherefore, for this cause, that my covenants may be fulfilled
which I have made unto the children of men,
that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh,
I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness,
and of murders, and of abominations.*

*Wherefore, he that fighteth against Zion,
both Jew and Gentile,
both bond and free,
both male and female,
shall perish;
for they are they who are the whore of all the earth;
for they who are not for me are against me, saith our God.*

*For I will fulfil my promises which I have made unto the children of men,
that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh--”*

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, thus saith our God:

*“I will afflict thy seed by the hand of the Gentiles;
nevertheless, I will soften the hearts of the Gentiles,
that they shall be like unto a father to them;
wherefore, the Gentiles shall be blessed
and numbered among the house of Israel.
Wherefore, I will consecrate this land unto thy seed,
and them who shall be numbered among thy seed, forever,
for the land of their inheritance;
for it is a choice land, saith God unto me,
above all other lands,
wherefore I will have all men that dwell thereon
that they shall worship me, saith God.”*

2nd Nephi 13:9-17 (words of Isaiah)

“The show of their countenance doth witness against them,

*and doth declare their sin to be even as Sodom,
and they cannot hide it.*

*Wo unto their souls,
for they have rewarded evil unto themselves!*

*Say unto the righteous that it is well with them;
for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.*

*Wo unto the wicked, for they shall perish;
for the reward of their hands shall be upon them!*

*And my people, children are their oppressors,
and women rule over them.*

*O my people, they who lead thee cause thee to err
and destroy the way of thy paths.*

*The Lord standeth up to plead,
and standeth to judge the people.*

*The Lord will enter into judgment
with the ancients of his people and the princes thereof;
for ye have eaten up the vineyard
and the spoil of the poor in your houses.*

What mean ye?

***“Ye beat my people to pieces,
and grind the faces of the poor, saith the Lord God of Hosts.***

Moreover, the Lord saith:

***“Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,
and walk with stretched-forth necks and wanton eyes,
walking and mincing as they go,
and making a tinkling with their feet--
Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab
the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion,
and the Lord will discover their secret parts.”***

2 Nephi chapters 16-24 (words of Isaiah)

*“In the year that king Uzziah died,
I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.*

*Above it stood the seraphim;
each one had six wings;
with twain he covered his face,
and with twain he covered his feet,
and with twain he did fly*

And one cried unto another, and said:

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

*And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried,
and the house was filled with smoke.*

Then said I:

*“Wo is unto me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips;
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.”*

*Then flew one of the seraphim unto me,
having a live coal in his hand,
which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;*

And he laid it upon my mouth, and said:

“Lo, this has touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

Then I said:

“Here am I; send me.”

And he said:

***“Go and tell this people--
Hear ye indeed,
but they understood not;
and see ye indeed,
but they perceived not.
Make the heart of this people fat,
and make their ears heavy,
and shut their eyes--
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their heart,
and be converted and be healed.”***

Then said I:

“Lord, how long?”

And he said:

***“Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant,
and the houses without man,
and the land be utterly desolate;
And the Lord have removed men far away,
for there shall be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.***

***But yet there shall be a tenth,
and they shall return,
and shall be eaten,
as a teil-tree,***

*and as an oak whose substance is in them
when they cast their leaves;
so the holy seed
shall be the substance thereof.”*

And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz
the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah,
that Rezin,
king of Syria,
and Pekah
the son of Remaliah, king of Israel,
went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

And it was told the house of David, saying:
“*Syria is confederate with Ephraim.*”

And his heart was moved,
and the heart of his people,
as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

Then said the Lord unto Isaiah:

*“Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou and Shearjashub thy son,
at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;*

And say unto him:

*“Take heed, and be quiet;
fear not, neither be faint-hearted
for the two tails of these smoking firebrands,
for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria,
and of the son of Remaliah.
Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah,
have taken evil counsel against thee, saying:
“Let us go up against Judah and vex it,
and let us make a breach therein for us,
and set a king in the midst of it, yea, the son of Tabeal. “*

Thus saith the Lord God:

*“It shall not stand,
neither shall it come to pass.
For the head of Syria is Damascus,
and the head of Damascus, Rezin;
and within three score and five years
shall Ephraim be broken that it be not a people.*

*And the head of Ephraim is Samaria,
and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son.
If ye will not believe
surely ye shall not be established.*

Moreover, the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying:

“Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God;

ask it either in the depths, or in the heights above.”

But Ahaz said:

“I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord.”

And he said:

*“Hear ye now, O house of David;
is it a small thing for you to weary men,
but will ye weary my God also?
Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign
--Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and shall bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel.
Butter and honey shall he eat,
that he may know to refuse the evil and to choose the good.
For before the child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good,
the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.”*

*“ The Lord shall bring upon thee,
and upon thy people,
and upon thy father’s house,
days that have not come from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah, the king of Assyria.*

*And it shall come to pass in that day
that the Lord shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of Egypt,
and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.*

*And they shall come,
and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys,
and in the holes of the rocks,
and upon all thorns,
and upon all bushes.*

*In the same day
shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired,
by them beyond the river,
by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet;
and it shall also consume the beard.*

*And it shall come to pass in that day,
a man shall nourish a young cow and two sheep;
And it shall come to pass,
for the abundance of milk they shall give he shall eat butter;
for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.*

*And it shall come to pass in that day,
every place shall be,
where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings,
which shall be for briers and thorns.
With arrows and with bows shall men come thither,
because all the land shall become briers and thorns.
And all hills that shall be digged with the mattock,
there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns;*

*but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen,
and the treading of lesser cattle.”*

Moreover, the word of the Lord said unto me:

***“Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man’s pen,
concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz.”***

*And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record,
Uriah the priest,
and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.
And I went unto the prophetess;
and she conceived and bare a son.*

Then said the Lord to me:

***“Call his name, Maher-shalal-hash-baz.
For behold, the child shall not have knowledge to cry,
“My father, and my mother”,
before the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria
shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.”***

The Lord spake also unto me again, saying:

***“Forasmuch as this people refuseth
the waters of Shiloah that go softly,
and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah’s son;***

***Now therefore, behold,
the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river,
strong and many, even the king of Assyria and all his glory;
and he shall come up over all his channels,
and go over all his banks.***

***And he shall pass through Judah;
he shall overflow and go over,
he shall reach even to the neck;
and the stretching out of his wings
shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.***

***Associate yourselves, O ye people,
and ye shall be broken in pieces;
and give ear
all ye of far countries;
gird yourselves,
and ye shall be broken in pieces;
gird yourselves,
and ye shall be broken in pieces.
Take counsel together,
and it shall come to naught;
speak the word,
and it shall not stand;
for God is with us.”***

*For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand,
and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying:*

*“Say ye not,
“A confederacy”,
to all to whom this people shall say,
“A confederacy”;
neither fear ye their fear,
nor be afraid.*

*Sanctify the Lord of Hosts himself,
and let him be your fear,
and let him be your dread.*

*And he shall be for a sanctuary;
but for a stone of stumbling,
and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel,
for a gin and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*

*And many among them shall stumble and fall,
and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.
Bind up the testimony,
seal the law among my disciples.
And I will wait upon the Lord,
that hideth his face from the house of Jacob,
and I will look for him.*

*Behold, I and the children
whom the Lord hath given me
are for signs and for wonders
in Israel from the Lord of Hosts,
which dwelleth in Mount Zion.*

*And when they shall say unto you:
“Seek unto them that have familiar spirits,
and unto wizards that peep and mutter”
--should not a people seek unto their God
for the living to hear from the dead?*

*To the law and to the testimony;
and if they speak not according to this word,
it is because there is no light in them.*

*And they shall pass through it
hardly bestead and hungry;
and it shall come to pass that when they shall be hungry,
they shall fret themselves,
and curse their king and their God,
and look upward.*

*And they shall look unto the earth and behold trouble,
and darkness, dimness of anguish,*

and shall be driven to darkness.”

*“Nevertheless, the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation,
when at first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun,
and the land of Naphtali,
and afterwards did more grievously afflict by the way of the Red Sea
beyond Jordan in Galilee of the nations.*

*The people that walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
they that dwell in the land
of the shadow of death,
upon them hath the light shined.*

*Thou hast multiplied the nation,
and increased the joy--
they joy before thee
according to the joy in harvest,
and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.*

*For thou hast broken the yoke
of his burden,
and the staff of his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor.*

*For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise,
and garments rolled in blood;
but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.*

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder;
and his name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

*Of the increase of government and peace there is no end,
upon the throne of David,
and upon his kingdom to order it,
and to establish it with judgment
and with justice from henceforth, even forever.*

The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.

*The Lord sent his word unto Jacob
and it hath lighted upon Israel.*

*And all the people shall know,
even Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria,
that say in the pride and stoutness of heart:*

The bricks are fallen down,

*but we will build with hewn stones;
the sycamores are cut down,
but we will change them into cedars.*

*Therefore the Lord shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him,
and join his enemies together;
The Syrians before and the Philistines behind;
and they shall devour Israel with open mouth.*

*For all this his anger is not turned away,
but his hand is stretched out still.*

*For the people turneth not unto
him that smiteth them,
neither do they seek the Lord of Hosts.*

*Therefore will the Lord cut off from Israel
head and tail, branch and rush in one day.
The ancient, he is the head;
and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.*

*For the leaders of this people cause them to err;
and they that are led of them are destroyed.*

*Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men,
neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows;
for every one of them is a hypocrite and an evildoer,
and every mouth speaketh folly.*

*For all this his anger is not turned away,
but his hand is stretched out still.*

*For wickedness burneth as the fire;
it shall devour the briers and thorns,
and shall kindle in the thickets of the forests,
and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.*

*Through the wrath of the Lord of Hosts
is the land darkened,
and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire;
no man shall spare his brother.*

*And he shall snatch on the right hand and be hungry;
and he shall eat on the left hand and they shall not be satisfied;
they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm--
Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh;
they together shall be against Judah.*

*For all this his anger is not turned away,
but his hand is stretched out still.”*

“Wo unto them that decree unrighteous decrees,

*and that write grievousness which they have prescribed;
To turn away the needy from judgment,
and to take away the right from the poor of my people,
that widows may be their prey,
and that they may rob the fatherless!*

*And what will ye do in the day of visitation,
and in the desolation which shall come from far?
to whom will ye flee for help?
and where will ye leave your glory?*

*Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners,
and they shall fall under the slain.
For all this his anger is not turned away,
but his hand is stretched out still.*

*O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger,
and the staff in their hand is their indignation.*

*I will send him against a hypocritical nation,
and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge
to take the spoil, and
to take the prey, and
to tread them down like the mire of the streets.*

*Howbeit he meaneth not so,
neither doth his heart think so;
but in his heart it is to destroy and cut off nations not a few.*

*For he saith:
“Are not my princes altogether kings?
Is not Calno as Carchemish?
Is not Hamath as Arpad?
Is not Samaria as Damascus?”*

*As my hand hath founded the kingdoms of the idols,
and whose graven images did excel them
of Jerusalem and of Samaria;
Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols,
so do to Jerusalem and to her idols?*

*Wherefore it shall come to pass
that when the Lord hath performed his whole work
upon Mount Zion and upon Jerusalem,
I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria,
and the glory of his high looks.*

*For he saith:
“By the strength of my hand and by my wisdom
I have done these things; for I am prudent;
and I have moved the borders of the people,
and have robbed their treasures,*

and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man;

*And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people;
and as one gathereth eggs that are left have I gathered all the earth;
and there was none that moved the wing,
or opened the mouth, or peeped.*

*Shall the ax boast itself against him that heweth therewith?
Shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it?*

*As if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up,
or as if the staff should lift up itself as if it were no wood!”*

*Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of Hosts,
send among his fat ones, leanness;
and under his glory he shall kindle a burning
like the burning of a fire.*

*And the light of Israel shall be for a fire,
and his Holy One for a flame,
and shall burn and shall devour his thorns
and his briers in one day;*

*And shall consume the glory of his forest,
and of his fruitful field, both soul and body;
and they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth.
And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few,
that a child may write them.*

*And it shall come to pass in that day,
that the remnant of Israel,
and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob,
shall no more again stay upon him that smote them,
but shall stay upon the Lord,
the Holy One of Israel, in truth.*

*The remnant shall return, yea,
even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.
For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea,
yet a remnant of them shall return;
the consumption decreed shall overflow
with righteousness.*

*For the Lord God of Hosts shall make a consumption,
even determined in all the land.*

Therefore, thus saith the Lord God of Hosts:

***“O my people that dwellest in Zion,
be not afraid of the Assyrian;
he shall smite thee with a rod,
and shall lift up his staff against thee,***

after the manner of Egypt.

*For yet a very little while,
and the indignation shall cease,
and mine anger in their destruction.*

*And the Lord of Hosts shall stir up a scourge for him
according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb;
and as his rod was upon the sea so shall he lift it
up after the manner of Egypt.*

*And it shall come to pass in that day
that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder,
and his yoke from off thy neck,
and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.*

*He is come to Aiath,
he is passed to Migron;
at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages.*

*They are gone over the passage;
they have taken up their lodging at Geba;
Ramath is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled.*

*Lift up the voice, O daughter of Gallim;
cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.
Madmenah is removed;
the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.*

*As yet shall he remain at Nob that day;
he shall shake his hand against
the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.*

*Behold, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts
shall lop the bough with terror;
and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down;
and the haughty shall be humbled.*

*And he shall cut down the thickets of the forests with iron,
and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.”*

*“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*

*And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;
And shall make him of quick understanding
in the fear of the Lord;
and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes,
neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.*

*But with righteousness shall he judge the poor,
and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall smite the earth
with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips
shall he slay the wicked.
And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,
and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.*

*The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
and the calf and the young lion and fating together;
and a little child shall lead them.*

*And the cow and the bear shall feed;
their young ones shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

*And the suckling child shall play
on the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put his hand
on the cockatrice's den.*

*They shall not hurt nor destroy
in all my holy mountain,
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea.*

*And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse,
which shall stand for an ensign of the people;
to it shall the Gentiles seek;
and his rest shall be glorious.*

*And it shall come to pass in that day
that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time
to recover the remnant of his people
which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt,
and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam,
and from Shinar, and from Hamath,
and from the islands of the sea.*

*And he shall set up an ensign for the nations,
and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel,
and gather together the dispersed of Judah
from the four corners of the earth.*

*The envy of Ephraim also shall depart,
and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off;*

*Ephraim shall not envy Judah,
and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.
But they shall fly upon the shoulders*

*of the Philistines towards the west;
they shall spoil them
of the east together;
they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab;
and the children of Ammon shall obey them.*

*And the Lord shall utterly destroy
the tongue of the Egyptian sea;
and with his mighty wind he shall shake his hand
over the river,
and shall smite it in the seven streams,
and make men go over dry shod.*

*And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people
which shall be left, from Assyria,
like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up
out of the land of Egypt.*

*And in that day thou shalt say:
“O Lord, I will praise thee;
though thou wast angry with me
thine anger is turned away,
and thou comfortedst me.*

*Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and not be afraid;
for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song;
he also has become my salvation.*

*Therefore, with joy shall ye draw water
out of the wells of salvation.”*

*And in that day shall ye say:
“Praise the Lord,
call upon his name,
declare his doings among the people,
make mention that his name is exalted.*

*Sing unto the Lord;
for he hath done excellent things;
this is known in all the earth.*

*Cry out and shout,
thou inhabitant of Zion;
for great is the Holy One of Israel
in the midst of thee.”*

*“Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain,
exalt the voice unto them,
shake the hand,
that they may go into the gates of the nobles.*

*I have commanded my sanctified ones,
I have also called my mighty ones,
for mine anger is not upon them that rejoice in my highness.*

*The noise of the multitude in the mountains
like as of a great people,
a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations
gathered together,
the Lord of Hosts mustereth the hosts of the battle.*

*They come from a far country,
from the end of heaven, yea, the Lord,
and the weapons of his indignation,
to destroy the whole land.*

*Howl ye, for the day of the Lord is at hand;
it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*

*Therefore shall all hands be faint,
every man's heart shall melt;
And they shall be afraid;
pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them;
they shall be amazed one at another;
their faces shall be as flames.
Behold, the day of the Lord cometh,
cruel both with wrath and fierce anger,
to lay the land desolate;
and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.*

*For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof
shall not give their light;
the sun
shall be darkened in his going forth,
and the moon
shall not cause her light to shine.*

*And I will punish the world
for evil,
and the wicked
for their iniquity;*

*I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease,
and will lay down the haughtiness of the terrible.*

*I will make a man more precious than fine gold;
even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.*

*Therefore, I will shake the heavens,
and the earth shall remove out of her place,
in the wrath of the Lord of Hosts,
and in the day of his fierce anger.*

*And it shall be as the chased roe,
and as a sheep that no man taketh up;
and they shall every man turn to his own people,
and flee every one into his own land.*

*Every one that is proud
shall be thrust through; yea,
and every one that is joined to the wicked
shall fall by the sword.*

*Their children,
also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes;
their houses
shall be spoiled
and their wives
ravished.*

*Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them,
which shall not regard silver and gold,
nor shall they delight in it.*

*Their bows shall also dash the young men to pieces,
and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb;
their eyes shall not spare children.*

*And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency,
shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.*

*It shall never be inhabited,
neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation:
neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there;
neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.*

*But wild beasts of the desert
shall lie there;
and their houses
shall be full of doleful creatures;
and owls shall dwell there,
and satyrs shall dance there.*

*And the wild beasts of the islands
shall cry in their desolate houses,
and dragons in their pleasant palaces;
and her time is near to come,
and her day shall not be prolonged.*

*For I will destroy her speedily;
yea, for I will be merciful unto my people,
but the wicked shall perish.”*

***“For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob,
and will yet choose Israel,
and set them in their own land;
and the strangers shall be joined with them,
and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.***

***And the people shall take them
and bring them to their place;
yea, from far unto the ends of the earth;
and they shall return to their lands of promise.***

***And the house of Israel shall possess them,
and the land of the Lord shall be for servants and handmaids;
and they shall take them captives unto whom they were captives;
and they shall rule over their oppressors.***

And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall give thee rest, from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:

*“How hath the oppressor ceased, the golden city ceased!
The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, the scepters of the rulers.
He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke,
he that ruled the nations in anger,
is persecuted, and none hindereth.
The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing.
Yea, the fir-trees rejoice at thee, and also the cedars of Lebanon, saying:
“Since thou art laid down no feller is come up against us.
Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming;
it stirreth up the dead for thee,
even all the chief ones of the earth;
it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.”*

All they shall speak and say unto thee:

*“Art thou also become weak as we?
Art thou become like unto us?
Thy pomp is brought down to the grave;
the noise of thy viols is not heard;
the worm is spread under thee,
and the worms cover thee.
How art thou fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer, son of the morning!
Art thou cut down to the ground,
which did weaken the nations!*

For thou hast said in thy heart:

*“I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation,
in the sides of the north;
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;*

I will be like the Most High.”

*Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell,
to the sides of the pit.*

*They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee,
and shall consider thee, and shall say:*

*“Is this the man that made the earth to tremble,
that did shake kingdoms?
And made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof,
and opened not the house of his prisoners?
All the kings of the nations, yea, all of them, lie in glory,
every one of them in his own house.
But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch,
and the remnant of those that are slain,
thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit;
as a carcass trodden under feet.
Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial,
because thou hast destroyed thy land and slain thy people;
the seed of evil-doers shall never be renowned.”*

*“Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquities of their fathers,
that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with
cities.*

*For I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of Hosts,
and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew,
saith the Lord.*

*I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water;
and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the Lord of Hosts.”*

The Lord of Hosts hath sworn, saying:

*“Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass;
and as I have purposed, so shall it stand--
That I will bring the Assyrian in my land,
and upon my mountains tread him under foot;
then shall his yoke depart from off them,
and his burden depart from off their shoulders.*

*This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth;
and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all nations.*

*For the Lord of Hosts hath purposed,
and who shall disannul?
And his hand is stretched out,
and who shall turn it back?*

In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

*“Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina,
because the rod of him that smote thee is broken;*

*for out of the serpent's root
shall come forth a cockatrice,
and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.*

*And the first-born of the poor shall feed,
and the needy shall lie down in safety;
and I will kill thy root with famine,
and he shall slay thy remnant.*

*Howl, O gate; cry, O city;
thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved;
for there shall come from the north a smoke,
and none shall be alone in his appointed times.*

*What shall then answer the messengers of the nations?
That the Lord hath founded Zion,
and the poor of his people shall trust in it.”*

2ND Nephi 26: 3-6 (*Nephi prophecies about last days and quotes the Lord*)

“And after the Messiah shall come
there shall be signs given unto my people of his birth,
and also of his death and resurrection;
and great and terrible shall that day be unto the wicked,
for they shall perish;
and they perish
because they cast out the prophets, and the saints, and stone them, and slay them;
wherefore the cry of the blood of the saints
shall ascend up to God from the ground against them.

**“Wherefore, all those who are proud,
and that do wickedly,
the day that cometh shall burn them up,”**
saith the Lord of Hosts,
“for they shall be as stubble.”

**“And they that kill the prophets,
and the saints,
the depths of the earth shall swallow them up,**
saith the Lord of Hosts;
**and mountains shall cover them,
and whirlwinds shall carry them away,
and buildings shall fall upon them and crush them to pieces
and grind them to powder.**

**And they shall be visited with thunderings,
and lightnings,
and earthquakes,**

*and all manner of destructions,
for the fire of the anger of the Lord shall be kindled against them,
and they shall be as stubble,
and the day that cometh shall consume them,”*
saith the Lord of Hosts.

2nd Nephi 12:14-25 (*Nephi's prophecy about the last days and quotes the Lord*)

“But behold, I prophesy unto you concerning the last days;
concerning the days when the Lord God shall bring these things forth unto the children of men.

After my seed and the seed of my brethren shall have dwindled in unbelief,
and shall have been smitten by the Gentiles;
yea, after the Lord God shall have camped against them round about,
and shall have laid siege against them with a mount,
and raised forts against them;
and after they shall have been brought down low in the dust,
even that they are not,
yet the words of the righteous shall be written,
and the prayers of the faithful shall be heard,
and all those who have dwindled in unbelief shall not be forgotten.

For those who shall be destroyed
shall speak unto them out of the ground,
and their speech shall be low out of the dust,
and their voice shall be as one that hath a familiar spirit;
for the Lord God will give unto him power,
that he may whisper concerning them,
even as it were out of the ground;
and their speech shall whisper out of the dust.

For thus saith the Lord God:

*“They shall write the things which shall be done among them,
and they shall be written and sealed up in a book,
and those who have dwindled in unbelief shall not have them,
for they seek to destroy the things of God.”*

Wherefore, as those who have been destroyed have been destroyed speedily; and the multitude of their
terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away--yea, thus saith the Lord God:

“It shall be at an instant, suddenly”--

And it shall come to pass,
that those who have dwindled in unbelief shall be smitten by the hand of the Gentiles.

And the Gentiles are lifted up in the pride of their eyes,
and have stumbled,
because of the greatness of their stumbling block,
that they have built up many churches;
nevertheless,
they put down the power and miracles of God,

and preach up unto themselves their own wisdom and their own learning,
that they may get gain and grind upon the face of the poor.
And there are many churches built up which cause envyings, and strifes, and malice.
And there are also secret combinations,
even as in times of old,
according to the combinations of the devil,
for he is the founder of all these things;
yea, the founder of murder,
and works of darkness;
yea, and he leadeth them by the neck with a flaxen cord,
until he bindeth them with his strong cords forever.

For behold, my beloved brethren,
I say unto you that the Lord God worketh not in darkness.
He doeth not anything save it be for the benefit of the world;
for he loveth the world,
even that he layeth down his own life
that he may draw all men unto him.
Wherefore, he commandeth none that they shall not partake of his salvation.

Behold, doth he cry unto any, saying:

“Depart from me?”

Behold, I say unto you, Nay; but he saith:

***“Come unto me all ye ends of the earth, buy milk and honey,
without money and without price.”***

2nd Nephi 27:15-35 (words of Isaiah - quoting what the Lord will say in the future)

But behold, it shall come to pass
that the Lord God shall say unto him to whom he shall deliver the book:

***“Take these words which are not sealed and deliver them to another,
that he may show them unto the learned, saying:
“Read this, I pray thee.”***

And the learned shall say:

“Bring hither the book, and I will read them.”

***And now, because of the glory of the world and to get gain will they say this,
and not for the glory of God.***

And the man shall say:

“I cannot bring the book, for it is sealed.”

Then shall the learned say:

“I cannot read it.”

Wherefore it shall come to pass,
that the Lord God will deliver again the book
and the words thereof to him that is not learned;
and the man that is not learned shall say:

“I am not learned.”

Then shall the Lord God say unto him:

*“The learned shall not read them, for they have rejected them,
and I am able to do mine own work;
wherefore thou shalt read the words
which I shall give unto thee.*

*Touch not the things which are sealed,
for I will bring them forth in mine own due time;
for I will show unto the children of men
that I am able to do mine own work.*

*Wherefore, when thou hast read the words which I have commanded thee,
and obtained the witnesses which I have promised unto thee,
then shalt thou seal up the book again,
and hide it up unto me,
that I may preserve the words which thou hast not read,
until I shall see fit in mine own wisdom
to reveal all things unto the children of men.*

*For behold, I am God;
and I am a God of miracles;
and I will show unto the world
that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever;
and I work not among the children of men
save it be according to their faith.”*

And again it shall come to pass

that the Lord shall say unto him

that shall read the words that shall be delivered him:

*“Forasmuch as this people draw near unto me with their mouth,
and with their lips do honor me,
but have removed their hearts far from me,
and their fear towards me is taught by the precepts of men--
Therefore, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people,
yea, a marvelous work and a wonder,
for the wisdom of their wise and learned shall perish,
and the understanding of their prudent shall be hid.*

And wo unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord!

*And their works are in the dark; and they say:
“Who seeth us, and who knoweth us?”*

And they also say:

*“Surely, your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed
as the potter’s clay.”*

*But behold, I will show unto them, saith the Lord of Hosts,
that I know all their works.*

*For shall the work say of him that made it, he made me not?
Or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, he had no understanding?*

But behold, saith the Lord of Hosts:

*I will show unto the children of men
that it is yet a very little while
and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field;
and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest.*

*And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book,
and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.*

*And the meek also shall increase,
and their joy shall be in the Lord,
and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*

*For assuredly as the Lord liveth
they shall see that the terrible one is brought to naught,
and the scorner is consumed,
and all that watch for iniquity are cut off;
And they that make a man an offender for a word,
and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate,
and turn aside the just for a thing of naught.*

*Therefore, thus saith the Lord, who redeemed Abraham,
concerning the house of Jacob:*

*Jacob shall not now be ashamed,
neither shall his face now wax pale.*

*But when he seeth his children, the work of my hands,
in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name,
and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,
and shall fear the God of Israel.*

*They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding,
and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.”*

2nd Nephi 28-30 (*Nephi prophecies of the last days*)

Yea, and there shall be many which shall teach after this manner, false and vain and foolish doctrines, and shall be puffed up in their hearts, and shall seek deep to hide their counsels from the Lord; and their works shall be in the dark.

And the blood of the saints shall cry from the ground against them.
Yea, they have all gone out of the way; they have become corrupted.

Because of pride, and because of false teachers, and false doctrine, their churches have become corrupted, and their churches are lifted up; because of pride they are puffed up.

They rob the poor because of their fine sanctuaries; they rob the poor because of their fine clothing; and they persecute the meek and the poor in heart, because in their pride they are puffed up.

They wear stiff necks and high heads; yea, and because of pride, and wickedness, and abominations, and whoredoms, they have all gone astray save it be a few, who are the humble followers of Christ; nevertheless, they are led, that in many instances they do err because they are taught by the precepts of men.

*“O the wise, and the learned, and the rich,
that are puffed up in the pride of their hearts,
and all those who preach false doctrines,
and all those who commit whoredoms,
and pervert the right way of the Lord,
Wo, wo, wo be unto them, saith the Lord God Almighty,
for they shall be thrust down to hell!*

*Wo unto them that turn aside the just for a thing of naught
and revile against that which is good,
and say that it is of no worth!*

*For the day shall come that the Lord God
will speedily visit the inhabitants of the earth;
and in that day that they are fully ripe in iniquity
they shall perish.*

*But behold, if the inhabitants of the earth shall repent
of their wickedness and abominations
they shall not be destroyed, saith the Lord of Hosts.
But behold, that great and abominable church, the whore of all the earth,
must tumble to the earth,
and great must be the fall thereof.*

*For the kingdom of the devil must shake,
and they which belong to it must needs be stirred up unto repentance,
or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains,
and they be stirred up to anger, and perish;
For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men,
and stir them up to anger against that which is good.*

*And others will he pacify,
and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say:
“All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well”--
and thus the devil cheateth their souls,
and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.*

*And behold, others he flattereth away,
and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them:
“I am no devil, for there is none”--
and thus he whispereth in their ears,
until he grasps them with his awful chains,
from whence there is no deliverance.*

*Yea, they are grasped with death, and hell;
and death, and hell, and the devil,
and all that have been seized therewith*

*must stand before the throne of God,
and be judged according to their works,
from whence they must go into the place prepared for them,
even a lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.*

*Therefore, wo be unto him that is at ease in Zion!
Wo be unto him that crieth: "All is well!"*

*Yea, wo be unto him that hearkeneth unto the precepts of men,
and denieth the power of God, and the gift of the Holy Ghost!*

*Yea, wo be unto him that saith:
"We have received, and we need no more!"*

*And in fine, wo unto all those who tremble,
and are angry because of the truth of God!*

*For behold, he that is built upon the rock receiveth it with gladness;
and he that is built upon a sandy foundation trembleth lest he shall fall.*

*Wo be unto him that shall say:
"We have received the word of God,
and we need no more of the word of God,
for we have enough!"*

*For behold, thus saith the Lord God:
"I will give unto the children of men line upon line,
precept upon precept,
here a little and there a little;
and blessed are those who hearken unto my precepts,
and lend an ear unto my counsel,
for they shall learn wisdom;
for unto him that receiveth
I will give more;
and from them that shall say,
"We have enough",
from them shall be taken away even that which they have.*

*Cursed is he that putteth his trust in man,
or maketh flesh his arm,
or shall hearken unto the precepts of men,
save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost."*

Wo be unto the Gentiles, saith the Lord God of Hosts!

*For notwithstanding I shall lengthen out mine arm
unto them from day to day,
they will deny me;
nevertheless, I will be merciful unto them, saith the Lord God,
if they will repent and come unto me;
for mine arm is lengthened out all the day long,
saith the Lord God of Hosts."*

*“But behold, there shall be many--
at that day when I shall proceed to do a marvelous work among them,
that I may remember my covenants
which I have made unto the children of men,
that I may set my hand again the second time to recover my people,
which are of the house of Israel;
And also, that I may remember the promises
which I have made unto thee, Nephi, and also unto thy father,
that I would remember your seed;
and that the words of your seed should proceed forth out
of my mouth unto your seed;
and my words shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth,
for a standard unto my people, which are of the house of Israel;
And because my words shall hiss forth--
many of the Gentiles shall say:
“A Bible! A Bible! We have got a Bible,
and there cannot be any more Bible.”*

But thus saith the Lord God:

*“O fools, they shall have a Bible;
and it shall proceed forth from the Jews, mine ancient covenant people.*

And what thank they the Jews for the Bible which they receive from them?

Yea, what do the Gentiles mean?

*Do they remember the travails, and the labors, and the pains of the Jews,
and their diligence unto me, in bringing forth salvation unto the Gentiles?*

*O ye Gentiles, have ye remembered the Jews,
mine ancient covenant people?*

*Nay; but ye have cursed them, and have hated them,
and have not sought to recover them.*

*But behold, I will return all these things upon your own heads;
for I the Lord have not forgotten my people.*

Thou fool, that shall say:

“A Bible, we have got a Bible, and we need no more Bible”

Have ye obtained a Bible save it were by the Jews?

Know ye not that there are more nations than one?

*Know ye not that I, the Lord your God, have created all men,
and that I remember those who are upon the isles of the sea;
and that I rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath;
and I bring forth my word unto the children of men,
yea, even upon all the nations of the earth?*

Wherefore murmur ye, because that ye shall receive more of my word?

*Know ye not that the testimony of two nations is a witness unto you that I am God,
that I remember one nation like unto another?*

Wherefore, I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another.

*And when the two nations shall run together
the testimony of the two nations shall run together also.*

*And I do this that I may prove unto many
that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever;
and that I speak forth my words according to mine own pleasure.*

*And because that I have spoken one word
ye need not suppose that I cannot speak another;
for my work is not yet finished;
neither shall it be until the end of man,
neither from that time henceforth and forever.*

*Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible
ye need not suppose that it contains all my words;
neither need ye suppose
that I have not caused more to be written.*

*For I command all men,
both in the east and in the west,
and in the north, and in the south,
and in the islands of the sea,
that they shall write the words which I speak unto them;
for out of the books which shall be written I will judge the world,
every man according to their works,
according to that which is written.*

*For behold, I shall speak unto the Jews and they shall write it;
and I shall also speak unto the Nephites and they shall write it;
and I shall also speak unto the other tribes of the house of Israel,
which I have led away, and they shall write it;
and I shall also speak unto all nations of the earth and they shall write it.*

*And it shall come to pass that the Jews shall have the words of the Nephites,
and the Nephites shall have the words of the Jews;
and the Nephites and the Jews
shall have the words of the lost tribes of Israel;
and the lost tribes of Israel shall have the words of the Nephites
and the Jews.*

*And it shall come to pass that my people, which are of the house of Israel,
shall be gathered home unto the lands of their possessions;
and my word also shall be gathered in one.*

*And I will show unto them that fight against my word and against my people,
who are of the house of Israel,
that I am God,
and that I covenanted with Abraham*

that I would remember his seed forever.”

THE BOOK OF JACOB

THE BROTHER OF NEPHI

Jacob 2:10, 2:21-23 (*Lord tells Jacob to warn the people against pride and polygamy*)

Wherefore,

I must tell you the truth according to the plainness of the word of God.

For behold,

as I inquired of the Lord, thus came the word unto me, saying:

***“Jacob, get thou up into the temple on the morrow,
and declare the word which I shall give thee unto this people.”***

.....

*And were it not that I must speak unto you concerning a grosser crime,
my heart would rejoice exceedingly because of you.*

But the word of God burdens me because of your grosser crimes.

For behold, thus saith the Lord:

***“This people begin to wax in iniquity;
they understand not the scriptures,
for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms,
because of the things which were written
concerning David, and Solomon his son.***

***Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines,
which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord.”***

Wherefore, thus saith the Lord,

***“I have led this people forth out of the land of Jerusalem,
by the power of mine arm,
that I might raise up unto me a righteous branch
from the fruit of the loins of Joseph.***

***Wherefore, I the Lord God will not suffer that this people
shall do like unto them of old.”***

Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord:

***“For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife;
and concubines he shall have none;
For I, the Lord God, delight in the chastity of women.***

***And whoredoms are an abomination before me;
thus saith the Lord of Hosts.***

***Wherefore, this people shall keep my commandments,
saith the Lord of Hosts, or cursed be the land for their sakes.***

*For if I will, saith the Lord of Hosts, raise up seed unto me,
I will command my people;
otherwise they shall hearken unto these things.*

*For behold, I, the Lord, have seen the sorrow,
and heard the mourning of the daughters of my people in
the land of Jerusalem,
yea, and in all the lands of my people,
because of the wickedness and abominations of their husbands.*

*And I will not suffer, saith the Lord of Hosts,
that the cries of the fair daughters of this people,
which I have led out of the land of Jerusalem,
shall come up unto me against the men of my people,
saith the Lord of Hosts.*

*For they shall not lead away captive the daughters of my people
because of their tenderness,
save I shall visit them with a sore curse,
even unto destruction;
for they shall not commit whoredoms,
like unto them of old, saith the Lord of Hosts.”*

Jacob 5:5-77 (Jacob quotes Zenos who quotes the Lord - Allegory of the Olive Tree - longest consecutive recorded passage of the Savior in all of the scriptures)

Behold, my brethren, do ye not remember to have read the words of the **prophet Zenos**, which he spake unto the house of Israel, saying:

“Hearken, O ye house of Israel, and hear the words of me, a prophet of the Lord.

For behold, thus saith the Lord,

*“I will liken thee, O house of Israel, like unto a tame olive-tree,
which a man took and nourished in his vineyard;
and it grew,
and waxed old,
and began to decay.*

*And it came to pass that the master of the vineyard went forth,
and he saw that his olive-tree began to decay; and he said:*

*“ I will prune it,
and dig about it,
and nourish it,
that perhaps it may shoot forth young and tender branches,
and it perish not.”*

*And it came to pass that he pruned it,
and digged about it,*

and nourished it according to his word.

*And it came to pass that after many days
it began to put forth somewhat a little, young and tender branches;
but behold,
the main top thereof began to perish.*

And it came to pass that the master of the vineyard saw it, and he said unto his servant:

*“It grieveth me
that I should lose this tree;
wherefore,
go and pluck the branches from a wild olive-tree,
and bring them hither unto me;
and we will pluck off those main branches
which are beginning to wither away,
and we will cast them into the fire
that they may be burned.”*

And behold, saith the Lord of the vineyard,

*“I take away many of these young and tender branches,
and I will graft them whithersoever I will;
and it mattereth not that if it so be that the root of this tree will perish,
I may preserve the fruit thereof unto myself;
wherefore,
I will take these young and tender branches,
and I will graft them whithersoever I will.*

*Take thou the branches of the wild olive-tree,
and graft them in, in the stead thereof;
and these which I have plucked off
I will cast into the fire and burn them,
that they may not cumber the ground of my vineyard.”*

*And it came to pass that the servant of the Lord of the vineyard did according to the
word of the Lord of the vineyard, and grafted in the branches of the wild olive-tree.*

*And the Lord of the vineyard caused that it should be digged about, and pruned, and
nourished, saying unto his servant:*

*“It grieveth me
that I should lose this tree;
wherefore,
that perhaps I might preserve the roots thereof
that they perish not,
that I might preserve them unto myself,
I have done this thing.*

Wherefore, go thy way; watch the tree, and nourish it, according to my words.

And these will I place in the nethermost part of my vineyard,

*whithersoever I will,
it mattereth not unto thee;
and I do it that I may preserve unto myself the natural branches of the tree;
and also,
that I may lay up fruit thereof against the season,
unto myself;
for it grieveth me
that I should lose this tree and the fruit thereof.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard went his way, and hid the natural branches of the tame olive-tree in the nethermost parts of the vineyard, some in one and some in another, according to his will and pleasure.

And it came to pass that a long time passed away, and the Lord of the vineyard said unto his servant:

*“Come,
let us go down into the vineyard,
that we may labor in the vineyard.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard, and also the servant, went down into the vineyard to labor.

And it came to pass that the servant said unto his master:

*“Behold,
look here; behold the tree.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard looked and beheld the tree in the which the wild olive branches had been grafted; and it had sprung forth and begun to bear fruit. And he beheld that it was good; and the fruit thereof was like unto the natural fruit.

And he said unto the servant:

*“Behold,
the branches of the wild tree
have taken hold of the moisture of the root thereof,
that the root thereof hath brought forth much strength;
and because of the much strength of the root thereof
the wild branches have brought forth tame fruit.*

*Now,
if we had not grafted in these branches,
the tree thereof would have perished.*

*And now, behold,
I shall lay up much fruit, which the tree thereof hath brought forth;
and the fruit thereof I shall lay up against the season,
unto mine own self.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard said unto the servant:

*“Come,
let us go to the nethermost part of the vineyard,*

*and behold
if the natural branches of the tree
have not brought forth much fruit also,
that I may lay up of the fruit thereof against the season,
unto mine own self.”*

And it came to pass that they went forth whither the master had hid the natural branches of the tree, and he said unto the servant:

“Behold these;”

and he beheld the first that it had brought forth much fruit; and he beheld also that it was good. And he said unto the servant:

*“Take of the fruit thereof,
and lay it up against the season,
that I may preserve it unto mine own self;
For behold, said he,
this long time have I nourished it,
and it hath brought forth much fruit.”*

And it came to pass that the servant said unto his master:

*“How comest thou hither to plant this tree,
or this branch of the tree?
For behold,
it was the poorest spot in all the land of thy vineyard”.*

And the Lord of the vineyard said unto him:

*“Counsel me not;
I knew that it was a poor spot of ground;
wherefore,
I said unto thee,
I have nourished it this long time,
and thou beholdest that it hath brought forth much fruit.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard said unto his servant:

*“Look hither;
behold I have planted another branch of the tree also;
and thou knowest that this spot of ground was poorer than the first.*

*But, behold the tree.
I have nourished it this long time,
and it hath brought forth much fruit; therefore,
gather it,
and lay it up against the season,
that I may preserve it unto mine own self.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard said again unto his servant:

*“Look hither,
and behold another branch also,
which I have planted;
behold
that I have nourished it also,
and it hath brought forth fruit.”*

And he said unto the servant:

*“Look hither and behold the last.
Behold,
this have I planted in a good spot of ground;
and I have nourished it this long time,
and only a part of the tree hath brought forth tame fruit,
and the other part of the tree hath brought forth wild fruit;
behold,
I have nourished this tree like unto the others”.*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard said unto the servant:

*“Pluck off the branches that have not brought forth good fruit,
and cast them into the fire.”*

But behold, the servant said unto him:

*“Let us prune it,
and dig about it,
and nourish it a little longer,
that perhaps it may bring forth good fruit unto thee,
that thou canst lay it up against the season.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard and the servant of the Lord of the vineyard did nourish all the fruit of the vineyard.

And it came to pass that a long time had passed away, and the Lord of the vineyard said unto his servant:

*“Come, let us go down into the vineyard,
That we may labor again in the vineyard.
For behold, the time draweth near, and the end soon cometh;
wherefore, I must lay up fruit against the season, unto mine own self.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard and the servant went down into the vineyard; and they came to the tree whose natural branches had been broken off, and the wild branches had been grafted in; and behold all sorts of fruit did cumber the tree.

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard did taste of the fruit, every sort according to its number. And the Lord of the vineyard said:

*“Behold, this long time have we nourished this tree,
and I have laid up unto myself against the season much fruit.
But behold,*

*this time it hath brought forth much fruit,
and there is none of it which is good.*

*And behold,
there are all kinds of bad fruit;
and it profiteth me nothing,
notwithstanding all our labor;
and now it grieveth me that I should lose this tree.”*

And the Lord of the vineyard said unto the servant:

*“What shall we do unto the tree,
that I may preserve again good fruit thereof unto mine own self?”*

And the servant said unto his master:

*“Behold, because thou didst graft in the branches of the wild olive-tree
they have nourished the roots,
that they are alive and they have not perished;
wherefore thou beholdest
that they are yet good.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard said unto his servant:

*“The tree profiteth me nothing,
and the roots thereof profit me nothing
so long as it shall bring forth evil fruit.
Nevertheless,
I know that the roots are good,
and for mine own purpose
I have preserved them;
and because of their much strength
they have hitherto brought forth,
from the wild branches, good fruit.*

*But behold,
the wild branches have grown
and have overrun the roots thereof;
and because that the wild branches have overcome the roots thereof
it hath brought forth much evil fruit;
and because that it hath brought forth
so much evil fruit
thou beholdest that it beginneth to perish;
and it will soon become ripened,
that it may be cast into the fire,
except we should do something for it to preserve it.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard said unto his servant:

*“Let us go down into the nethermost parts of the vineyard,
and behold if the natural branches have also brought forth evil fruit.”*

And it came to pass that they went down into the nethermost parts of the vineyard. And it came to pass that they beheld that the fruit of the natural branches had become corrupt also; yea, the first and the second and also the last; and they had all become corrupt.

And the wild fruit of the last had overcome that part of the tree which brought forth good fruit, even that the branch had withered away and died.

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard wept, and said unto the servant:

“What could I have done more for my vineyard?

*Behold,
I knew that all the fruit of the vineyard,
save it were these,
had become corrupted.*

*And now
these which have once brought forth good fruit
have also become corrupted;
and now all the trees of my vineyard are good for nothing
save it be to be hewn down and cast into the fire.*

*And behold this last,
whose branch hath withered away,
I did plant in a good spot of ground;
yea, even that which was choice unto me
above all other parts of the land of my vineyard.*

*And thou beheldest
that I also cut down that which cumbered this spot of ground,
that I might plant this tree in the stead thereof.*

*And thou beheldest
that a part thereof brought forth good fruit,
and a part thereof brought forth wild fruit;
and because I plucked not the branches thereof
and cast them into the fire,
behold,
they have overcome the good branch that it hath withered away.*

*And now, behold,
notwithstanding all the care which we have taken of my vineyard,
the trees thereof have become corrupted,
that they bring forth no good fruit;
and these I had hoped to preserve,
to have laid up fruit thereof against the season,
unto mine own self.*

*But, behold,
they have become like unto the wild olive-tree,
and they are of no worth
but to be hewn down and cast into the fire;*

and it grieveth me that I should lose them.

But what could I have done more in my vineyard?

*Have I slackened mine hand, that I have not nourished it,
Nay, I have nourished it,
and I have digged about it,
and I have pruned it,
and I have dunged it;
and I have stretched forth mine hand almost all the day long,
and the end draweth nigh.*

*And it grieveth me
that I should hew down all the trees of my vineyard,
and cast them into the fire that they should be burned.*

Who is it that has corrupted my vineyard?"

And it came to pass that the servant said unto his master:

*"Is it not the loftiness of thy vineyard
--have not the branches thereof overcome the roots which are good?"*

*And because the branches have overcome the roots thereof,
behold they grew faster than the strength of the roots,
taking strength unto themselves.*

*Behold,
I say, is not this the cause that the trees of thy vineyard
have become corrupted?"*

And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard said unto the servant:

*"Let us go to and hew down the trees of the vineyard
and cast them into the fire,
that they shall not cumber the ground of my vineyard,
for I have done all.*

What could I have done more for my vineyard?"

But, behold, the servant said unto the Lord of the vineyard:

"Spare it a little longer."

And the Lord said:

*"Yea,
I will spare it a little longer,
for it grieveth me
that I should lose the trees of my vineyard.*

Wherefore,

*let us take of the branches
of these which I have planted
in the nethermost parts of my vineyard,
and let us graft them into the tree from whence they came;
and let us pluck from the tree those branches
whose fruit is most bitter,
and graft in the natural branches of the tree in the stead thereof.*

*And this will I do
that the tree may not perish,
that, perhaps,
I may preserve unto myself the roots
thereof for mine own purpose.*

*And, behold,
the roots of the natural branches of the tree
which I planted whithersoever
I would are yet alive;
wherefore,
that I may preserve them also for mine own purpose,
I will take of the branches of this tree,
and I will graft them in unto them.*

*Yea,
I will graft in unto them the branches of their mother tree,
that I may preserve the roots
also unto mine own self,
that when they shall be sufficiently strong
perhaps they may bring forth good fruit unto me,
and I may yet have glory in the fruit of my vineyard.”*

And it came to pass that they took from the natural tree which had become wild, and grafted in unto the natural trees, which also had become wild.

And they also took of the natural trees which had become wild, and grafted into their mother tree.

And the Lord of the vineyard said unto the servant:

*“Pluck not the wild branches from the trees,
save it be those which are most bitter;
and in them ye shall graft according to that which I have said.*

*And we will nourish again the trees of the vineyard,
and we will trim up the branches thereof;
and we will pluck from the trees those branches which are ripened,
that must perish, and cast them into the fire.*

*And this I do that,
perhaps, the roots thereof may take strength
because of their goodness;
and because of the change of the branches,*

that the good may overcome the evil.

And because

*that I have preserved the natural branches and the roots thereof,
and that I have grafted in the natural branches again
into their mother tree,
and have preserved the roots of their mother tree,
that, perhaps, the trees of my vineyard may bring forth
again good fruit;
and that I may have joy again in the fruit of my vineyard,
and, perhaps,
that I may rejoice exceedingly
that I have preserved the roots
and the branches of the first fruit--*

Wherefore,

*go to, and call servants,
that we may labor diligently with our might in the vineyard,
that we may prepare the way,
that I may bring forth again the natural fruit,
which natural fruit is good
and the most precious above all other fruit.*

Wherefore,

*let us go to and labor with our might this last time,
for behold the end draweth nigh,
and this is for the last time
that I shall prune my vineyard.*

Graft in the branches;

*begin at the last that they may be first,
and that the first may be last,
and dig about the trees,
both old and young,
the first and the last; and the last and the first,
that all may be nourished once again for the last time.*

Wherefore,

*dig about them,
and prune them,
and dung them once more,
for the last time, for the end draweth nigh.*

And if it be so

*that these last grafts shall grow,
and bring forth the natural fruit,
then shall ye prepare the way for them,
that they may grow.*

And as they begin to grow

*ye shall clear away the branches
which bring forth bitter fruit,
according to the strength of the good*

*and the size thereof;
and ye shall not clear away the bad
thereof all at once,
lest the roots thereof should be too strong for the graft,
and the graft thereof shall perish,
and I lose the trees of my vineyard.*

For it grieveth me

*That I should lose the trees of my vineyard;
wherefore
ye shall clear away the bad
according as the good shall grow,
that the root and the top may be equal in strength,
until the good shall overcome the bad,
and the bad be hewn down and cast into the fire,
that they cumber not the ground of my vineyard;
and thus will I sweep away the bad out of my vineyard.*

*And the branches of the natural tree
will I graft in again into the natural tree;
And the branches of the natural tree
will I graft into the natural branches of the tree;
and thus will I bring them together again,
that they shall bring forth the natural fruit, and they shall be one.*

*And the bad shall be cast away,
yea, even out of all the land of my vineyard;
for behold,
only this once will I prune my vineyard”.*

*And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sent his servant; and the servant went
and did as the Lord had commanded him, and brought other servants; and they were few.*

And the Lord of the vineyard said unto them:

*“Go to,
and labor in the vineyard,
with your might.
For behold,
this is the last time
that I shall nourish my vineyard;
for the end is nigh at hand,
and the season speedily cometh;
and if ye labor with your might with me
ye shall have joy in the fruit
which I shall lay up unto myself
against the time which will soon come.”*

*And it came to pass that the servants did go and labor with their mights; and the Lord of
the vineyard labored also with them; and they did obey the commandments of the Lord of
the vineyard in all things.*

And there began to be the natural fruit again in the vineyard; and the natural branches began to grow and thrive exceedingly; and the wild branches began to be plucked off and to be cast away; and they did keep the root and the top thereof equal, according to the strength thereof.

And thus they labored, with all diligence, according to the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard, even until the bad had been cast away out of the vineyard, and the Lord had preserved unto himself that the trees had become again the natural fruit; and they became like unto one body; and the fruits were equal; and the Lord of the vineyard had preserved unto himself the natural fruit, which was most precious unto him from the beginning.

And it came to pass that when the Lord of the vineyard saw that his fruit was good, and that his vineyard was no more corrupt, he called up his servants, and said unto them:

*“Behold,
for this last time have we nourished my vineyard;
and thou beholdest that I have done according to my will;
and I have preserved the natural fruit,
that it is good,
even like as it was in the beginning.*

*And blessed art thou;
for because ye have been diligent in laboring with me in my vineyard,
and have kept my commandments,
and have brought unto me again the natural fruit,
that my vineyard is no more corrupted,
and the bad is cast away,
behold ye shall have joy with me
because of the fruit of my vineyard.*

*For behold,
For a long time will I lay up of the fruit of my vineyard
unto mine own self against the season,
which speedily cometh;
and for the last time have I nourished my vineyard,
and pruned it,
and dug about it,
and dunged it;
wherefore I will lay up unto mine own self of the fruit, f
or a long time, according to that which I have spoken.*

*And when the time cometh
that evil fruit shall again come into my vineyard,
then will I cause the good and the bad to be gathered;
and the good will I preserve unto myself,
and the bad will I cast away into its own place.*

*And then cometh the season and the end;
and my vineyard will I cause to be burned with fire.”*

THE BOOK OF ENOS

Various parts of the Book of Enos

And there came a voice unto me, saying:

“Enos, thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou shalt be blessed.”

And I, Enos, knew that God could not lie; wherefore, my guilt was swept away.

And I said:

“Lord, how is it done?”

And he said unto me:

*“Because of thy faith in Christ,
whom thou hast never before heard nor seen.
And many years pass away before he shall manifest himself in the flesh;
wherefore, go to, thy faith hath made thee whole.”*

Now, it came to pass that when I had heard these words I began to feel a desire for the welfare of my brethren, the Nephites; wherefore, I did pour out my whole soul unto God for them. And while I was thus struggling in the spirit, behold, the voice of the Lord came into my mind again, saying:

*“I will visit thy brethren according to their diligence
in keeping my commandments.
I have given unto them this land, and it is a holy land;
and I curse it not save it be for the cause of iniquity;
wherefore, I will visit thy brethren according as I have said;
and their transgressions will I bring down
with sorrow upon their own heads.”*

And it came to pass that after I had prayed and labored with all diligence, the Lord said unto me:

“I will grant unto thee according to thy desires, because of thy faith.”

Wherefore, I knowing that the Lord God was able to preserve our records, I cried unto him continually, for he had said unto me:

*“Whatsoever thing ye shall ask in faith,
believing that ye shall receive in the name of Christ,
ye shall receive it.”*

And I had faith, and I did cry unto God that he would preserve the records; and he covenanted with me that he would bring them forth unto the Lamanites in his own due time. And I, Enos, knew it would be according to the covenant which he had made; wherefore my soul did rest.

And the Lord said unto me:

*“Thy fathers have also required of me this thing;
and it shall be done unto them according to their faith;
for their faith was like unto thine.”*

And I rejoice in the day when my mortal shall put on immortality, and shall stand before him; then shall I see his face with pleasure, and he will say unto me:

*“Come unto me, ye blessed, there is a place prepared
for you in the mansions of my Father.”*

THE BOOK OF JAROM

(no quotes)

THE BOOK OF OMNI

And now I, Amaron, write the things whatsoever I write, which are few, in the book of my father. Behold, it came to pass that *three hundred and twenty years had passed away, and the more wicked part of the Nephites were destroyed.

For the Lord would not suffer, after he had led them out of the land of Jerusalem and kept and preserved them from falling into the hands of their enemies, yea, he would not suffer that the words should not be verified, which he spake unto our fathers, saying that:

*“Inasmuch as ye will not keep my commandments
ye shall not prosper in the land.”*

THE WORDS OF MORMON

(no quotes)

BOOK OF MOSIAH

Mosiah 3:23-27 (King Benjamin's address to the members of the church)

*And now I have spoken the words which the Lord God hath commanded me.
And thus saith the Lord:*

*“They shall stand as a bright testimony against this people,
at the judgment day;
whereof they shall be judged,
every man according to his works,
whether they be good, or whether they be evil.*

*And if they be evil they are consigned to an awful view
of their own guilt and abominations,
which doth cause them to shrink from the presence of the Lord
into a state of misery and endless torment,
from whence they can no more return;
therefore they have drunk damnation to their own souls.*

*Therefore, they have drunk out of the cup of the wrath of God,
which justice could no more deny unto them
than it could deny that Adam should fall
because of his partaking of the forbidden fruit;
therefore, mercy could have claim on them no more forever.*

*And their torment is as a lake of fire and brimstone,
whose flames are unquenchable, and
whose smoke ascendeth up forever and ever.”*

Thus hath the Lord commanded me. Amen.”

Mosiah 7:29-33 (King Limhi's address to the members of the church)

For behold, the Lord hath said:

*“I will not succor my people in the day of their transgression;
but I will hedge up their ways that they prosper not;
and their doings shall be as a stumbling block before them.”*

And again, he saith:

*“If my people shall sow filthiness
they shall reap the chaff thereof in the whirlwind;
and the effect there of is poison.”*

And again he saith:

*“If my people shall sow filthiness they shall reap the east wind, which
bringeth immediate destruction.”*

*And now, behold, the promise of the Lord is fulfilled,
and ye are smitten and afflicted.*

Mosiah 11:20-25 *(The prophet Abinadi's warnings to his people)*

And it came to pass that there was a man among them whose name was **Abinadi**;
and he went forth among them, and began to prophesy, saying:

*“Behold, thus saith the Lord, and thus hath he commanded me, saying,
“Go forth, and say unto this people, thus saith the Lord--*

*Wo be unto this people,
for I have seen their abominations,
and their wickedness,
and their whoredoms;
and except they repent
I will visit them in mine anger.*

*And except they repent and turn to the Lord their God,
behold, I will deliver them into the hands of their enemies;
yea, and they shall be brought into bondage;
and they shall be afflicted by the hand of their enemies.*

*And it shall come to pass that they shall know
that I am the Lord their God, and am a jealous God,
visiting the iniquities of my people.*

*And it shall come to pass that except this people repent
and turn unto the Lord their God,
they shall be brought into bondage;
and none shall deliver them, except it be the Lord the Almighty God.*

*Yea, and it shall come to pass that when they shall cry unto me
I will be slow to hear their cries;
yea, and I will suffer them that they be smitten by their enemies.*

*And except they repent in sackcloth and ashes,
and cry mightily to the Lord their God,
I will not hear their prayers,
neither will I deliver them out of their afflictions;
and thus saith the Lord, and thus hath he commanded me.”*

Mosiah 12:1-8 *(The prophet Abinadi's warnings to his people)*

And it came to pass that after the space of two years that **Abinadi** came among them in disguise,
that they knew him not,
and began to prophesy among them, saying:

*“Thus has the Lord commanded me, saying--
“Abinadi, go and prophesy unto this my people,
for they have hardened their hearts against my words;
they have repented not of their evil doings;*

*therefore, I will visit them in my anger,
yea, in my fierce anger will I visit them
in their iniquities and abominations.*

Yea, wo be unto this generation!”

And the Lord said unto me:

“Stretch forth thy hand and prophesy saying:

*Thus saith the Lord,
it shall come to pass that this generation,
because of their iniquities,
shall be brought into bondage,
and shall be smitten on the cheek;
yea, and shall be driven by men,
and shall be slain;
and the vultures of the air, and the dogs, yea,
and the wild beasts, shall devour their flesh.*

*And it shall come to pass that the life of king Noah
shall be valued even as a garment in a hot furnace;
for he shall know that I am the Lord.*

*And it shall come to pass that I will smite this my people
with sore afflictions, yea,
with famine and with pestilence;
and I will cause that they shall howl all the day long.*

*Yea, and I will cause that they shall have burdens lashed
upon their backs;
and they shall be driven before like a dumb ass.*

*And it shall come to pass that I will send forth hail among them,
and it shall smite them;
and they shall also be smitten with the east wind;
and insects shall pester their land also, and devour their grain.*

*And they shall be smitten with a great pestilence--
and all this will I do because of their iniquities and abominations.*

*And it shall come to pass that except they repent
I will utterly destroy them from off the face of the earth;
yet they shall leave a record behind them,
and I will preserve them for other nations which shall possess the land;
yea, even this will I do that I may discover the abominations
of this people to other nations.”*

And many things did Abinadi prophesy against this people.

Mosiah 12:20-24 *(A member of the church asks the prophet Abinadi's about what the Lord had said)*

And it came to pass that one of them said unto him:

*“What meaneth the words which are written,
and which have been taught by our fathers, saying:*

*“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him
that bringeth good tidings; that publisheth peace;
that bringeth good tidings of good;
that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth;
Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice;
with the voice together shall they sing;
for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion;
Break forth into joy;
sing together ye waste places of Jerusalem;
for the Lord hath comforted his people,
he hath redeemed Jerusalem;
The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God?”*

Mosiah 12:32-35 (Abinadi quotes the Lord when He spoke to Moses.)

And they answered and said that salvation did come by the law of Moses.

But now Abinadi said unto them:

*“I know
if ye keep the commandments of God
ye shall be saved;
yea, if ye keep the commandments
which the Lord delivered unto **Moses** in the mount of Sinai, saying:*

*“I am the Lord thy God,
who hath brought thee out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of bondage.*

Thou shalt have no other God before me.

*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,
or any likeness of any thing in heaven above,
or things which are in the earth beneath.”*

Mosiah 13:-24 (Abinadi **reads** the commandments of the Lord the people.)

*But I finish my message;
and then it matters not whither I go,*

*if it so be that I am saved.
But this much I tell you,
what you do with me, after this,
shall be as a type and a shadow of things which are to come.*

*And now I **read** unto you the remainder of the commandments of God,
for I perceive that they are not written in your hearts;
I perceive that
ye have studied and taught iniquity the most part of your lives.*

And now, ye remember that I said unto you:

***Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image,
or any likeness of things which are in heaven above,
or which are in the earth beneath,
or which are in the water under the earth.***

And again:

***Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them;
for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God,
visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children,
unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me;
And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me
and keep my commandments.***

***Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.***

***Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work;
But the seventh day, the sabbath of the Lord thy God,
thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son,
nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant,
nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates;
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and the sea,
and all that in them is;
wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.***

***Honor thy father and thy mother,
that thy days may be long upon the land
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.***

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

***Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house,
thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant,
nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass,
nor anything that is thy neighbor's."***

Mosiah 23:7 (*Alma tells his people the words of the Lord*)

And the people were desirous that Alma should be their king, for he was beloved by his people. But he said unto them:

*“Behold, it is not expedient that we should have a king; for thus saith the Lord:
“Ye shall not esteem one flesh above another,
or one man shall not think himself above another;”
therefore I say unto you it is not expedient that ye should have a king.*

Mosiah 24:13-23 (*Voice of the Lord comes to the people of Alma, voice of the Lord comes to Alma*)

And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came to them in their afflictions, saying:

*“Lift up your heads and be of good comfort,
for I know of the covenant which ye have made unto me;
and I will covenant with my people
and deliver them out of bondage.*

*And I will also ease the burdens
which are put upon your shoulders,
that even you cannot feel them upon your backs,
even while you are in bondage;
and this will I do
that ye may stand as witnesses for me hereafter,
and that ye may know of a surety that I,
the Lord God, do visit my people in their afflictions.”*

And now it came to pass that the burdens which were laid upon Alma and his brethren were made light; yea, the Lord did strengthen them that they could bear up their burdens with ease, and they did submit cheerfully and with patience to all the will of the Lord.

And it came to pass that so great was their faith and their patience that the voice of the Lord came unto them again, saying:

*“Be of good comfort,
for on the morrow I will deliver you out of bondage.”*

And he said unto Alma:

*“Thou shalt go before this people,
and I will go with thee and deliver this people out of bondage.”*

Now it came to pass that Alma and his people in the night-time gathered their flocks together, and also of their grain; yea, even all the night-time were they gathering the flocks together.

And in the morning the Lord caused a deep sleep to come upon the Lamanites, yea, and all their task-masters were in a profound sleep. And Alma and his people departed into the wilderness; and when they had traveled all day they pitched their tents in a valley, and they called the valley Alma, because he led their way in the wilderness.

Yea, and in the valley of Alma they poured out their thanks to God because he had been merciful unto them, and eased their burdens, and had delivered them out of bondage; for they were in bondage, and none could deliver them except it were the Lord their God. And they gave thanks to God, yea, all their men and all their women and all their children that could speak lifted their voices in the praises of their God.

And now the Lord said unto Alma:

*“Haste thee and get thou and this people out of this land,
for the Lamanites have awakened and do pursue thee;
therefore get thee out of this land,
and I will stop the Lamanites in this valley
that they come no further in pursuit of this people.”*

Mosiah 26:14-32 (*Voice of the Lord comes to Alma*)

And it came to pass that after he had poured out his whole soul to God, the voice of the Lord came to him, saying:

*“Blessed art thou, Alma,
and blessed are they who were baptized in the waters of Mormon.*

*Thou art blessed because of thy exceeding faith
in the words alone of my servant Abinadi.
And blessed are they because of their exceeding faith
in the words alone which thou hast spoken unto them.*

*And blessed art thou because thou hast established
a church among this people;
and they shall be established,
and they shall be my people.*

*Yea, blessed is this people who are willing to bear my name;
for in my name shall they be called;
and they are mine.*

*And because thou hast inquired of me concerning the transgressor,
thou art blessed.*

*Thou art my servant; and I covenant with thee
that thou shalt have eternal life;
and thou shalt serve me and go forth in my name,
and shalt gather together my sheep.*

*And he that will hear my voice shall be my sheep;
and him shall ye receive into the church,
and him will I also receive.*

*For behold, this is my church;
whosoever is baptized shall be baptized unto repentance.*

*And whomsoever ye receive shall believe in my name;
and him will I freely forgive.*

*For it is I that taketh upon me the sins of the world;
for it is I that hath created them;
and it is I that granteth unto him that believeth
unto the end a place at my right hand.*

*For behold,
in my name are they called;
and if they know me
they shall come forth,
and shall have a place eternally at my right hand.*

*And it shall come to pass
that when the second trump shall sound
then shall they that never knew me come forth
and shall stand before me.*

*And then shall they know
that I am the Lord their God,
that I am their Redeemer;
but they would not be redeemed.*

*And then I will confess unto them
that I never knew them;
and they shall depart into everlasting fire
prepared for the devil and his angels.*

*Therefore I say unto you,
that he that will not hear my voice,
the same shall ye not receive into my church,
for him I will not receive at the last day.*

*Therefore I say unto you,
Go;
and whosoever transgresseth against me,
him shall ye judge according to the sins which he has committed;
and if he confess his sins before thee and me,
and repenteth in the sincerity of his heart,
him shall ye forgive, and I will forgive him also.*

*Yea, and as often as my people repent
will I forgive them their trespasses against me.
And ye shall also forgive one another your trespasses;
for verily I say unto you,
he that forgiveth not his neighbor's trespasses
when he says that he repents,
the same hath brought himself under condemnation.*

*Now I say unto you,
Go;
and whosoever will not repent of his sins
the same shall not be numbered among my people;
and this shall be observed from this time forward.”*

Mosiah 27:12-13 (*An angel appears to Alma and quotes the Lord*)

And so great was their astonishment,
that they fell to the earth,
and understood not the words which he spake unto them.

Nevertheless he cried again, saying:

*“Alma, arise and stand forth, for why persecutest thou the church of God?
For the Lord hath said:*

***“This is my church,
and I will establish it;
and nothing shall overthrow it,
save it is the transgression of my people.”***

Mosiah 27:23-26 (*The words of the Lord to Alma*)

And it came to pass after they had fasted and prayed for the space of two days and two nights, the limbs of Alma received their strength, and he stood up and began to speak unto them, bidding them to be of good comfort:

For, said he,

*“I have repented of my sins,
and have been redeemed of the Lord;
behold I am born of the Spirit.*

And the Lord said unto me:

***“Marvel not that all mankind,
yea, men and women, all nations,
kindreds, tongues and people,
must be born again;
yea, born of God,
changed from their carnal and fallen state,
to a state of righteousness,
being redeemed of God, becoming his sons and daughters;
And thus they become new creatures;
and unless they do this,
they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God. “***

Mosiah 28:5-7 (*The words of the Lord to king Mosiah*)

And it came to pass that they did plead with their father many days that they might go up to the land of Nephi.

And king Mosiah went and inquired of the Lord if he should let his sons go up among the Lamanites to preach the word.

And the Lord said unto Mosiah:

***“Let them go up,
for many shall believe on their words,***

*and they shall have eternal life;
and I will deliver thy sons
out of the hands of the Lamanites.”*

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Alma 28:13-17 (*Mormon quotes the words of the Lord given to Nephi*)

Now we will return again to the Amlicites, for they also had a mark set upon them; yea, they set the mark upon themselves, yea, even a mark of red upon their foreheads.

Thus the word of God is fulfilled, for these are the words which he said to **Nephi**:

***“Behold, the Lamanites have I cursed,
and I will set a mark on them
that they and their seed may be separated from thee and thy seed,
from this time henceforth and forever,
except they repent of their wickedness and turn to me
that I may have mercy upon them.”***

And again:

***“I will set a mark upon him that mingleth his seed with thy brethren,
that they may be cursed also.”***

And again:

***“I will set a mark upon him
that fighteth against thee and thy seed.”***

And again,

***“I say he that departeth from thee
shall no more be called thy seed;
and I will bless thee, and whomsoever shall be called thy seed,
henceforth and forever;”***

and these were the promises of the Lord unto Nephi and to his seed.

Alma 5:15-16 (*Alma quotes the Lord*)

*Do you look forward with an eye of faith,
and view this mortal body raised in immortality,
and this corruption raised in incorruption,
to stand before God to be judged according to the deeds
which have been done in the mortal body?*

*I say unto you, can you imagine to yourselves
that ye hear the voice of the Lord, saying unto you, in that day:*

“Come unto me ye blessed,”

for behold, your works have been the works of righteousness upon the face of the earth?

Alma 5:30-36 (*Alma continues to quote the Lord*)

*And again I say unto you,
is there one among you that doth make a mock of his brother,
or that heapeth upon him persecutions?*

*Wo unto such an one, for he is not prepared,
and the time is at hand that he must repent or he cannot be saved!*

*Yea, even wo unto all ye workers of iniquity;
repent, repent, for the Lord God hath spoken it!*

*Behold, he sendeth an invitation unto all men,
for the arms of mercy are extended towards them, and he saith:
“Repent, and I will receive you.”*

Yea, he saith:

*“Come unto me
and ye shall partake of the fruit of the tree of life;
yea, ye shall
eat and drink of the bread and the waters of life freely;
Yea, come unto me
and bring forth works of righteousness,
and ye shall not
be hewn down and cast into the fire--”*

*For behold, the time is at hand
that whosoever bringeth forth not good fruit,
or whosoever doeth not the works of righteousness,
the same have cause to wail and mourn.*

Alma 5:49-52 (*Alma continues to quote the Lord*)

*And now I say unto you that this is the order after which I am called, yea,
to preach unto my beloved brethren, yea, and every one that dwelleth in the land;
yea, to preach unto all, both old and young, both bond and free;
yea, I say unto you the aged, and also the middle aged, and the rising generation;
yea, to cry unto them that they must repent and be born again.*

Yea, thus saith the Spirit:

*“Repent, all ye ends of the earth,
for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand;
yea, the Son of God cometh in his glory,
in his might, majesty, power, and dominion.”*

Yea, my beloved brethren, I say unto you, that the Spirit saith:

*“Behold the glory of the King of all the earth;
and also the King of heaven shall very soon shine forth
among all the children of men.”*

And also the Spirit saith unto me, yea, crieth unto me with a mighty voice, saying:

*“Go forth and say unto this people--
Repent, for except ye repent ye can in nowise
inherit the kingdom of heaven”*

And again I say unto you, the Spirit saith:

***“Behold, the ax is laid at the root of the tree;
therefore every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit
shall be hewn down and cast into the fire,
yea, a fire which cannot be consumed,
even an unquenchable fire.”***

Behold, and remember, the Holy One hath spoken it.

Alma 5:57 (*Alma continues to quote the Lord*)

*And now I say unto you,
all you that are desirous to follow the voice of the good shepherd,
come ye out from the wicked, and be ye separate,
and touch not their unclean things;
and behold, their names shall be blotted out,
that the names of the wicked shall not be numbered
among the names of the righteous,
that the word of God may be fulfilled, which saith:*

***“The names of the wicked shall not be mingled
with the names of my people;
For the names of the righteous shall be written in the book of life,
and unto them will I grant an inheritance at my right hand.”***

Alma 6:8-12 (*Alma continues to quote the Lord*)

*Now as to this thing I do not know;
but this much I do know, that the Lord God hath power
to do all things which are according to his word.*

But behold, the Spirit hath said this much unto me, saying:

***“Cry unto this people, saying--

“Repent ye, and prepare the way of the Lord,
and walk in his paths, which are straight;
for behold, the kingdom of heaven is at hand,
and the Son of God cometh upon the face of the earth.***

***And behold, he shall be born of Mary,
at Jerusalem which is the land of our forefathers,
she being a virgin, a precious and chosen vessel,
who shall be overshadowed and conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost,
and bring forth a son, yea, even the Son of God.***

***And he shall go forth, suffering pains and afflictions
and temptations of every kind;
and this that the word might be fulfilled which saith***

he will take upon him the pains and the sicknesses of his people.

*And he will take upon him death,
that he may loose the bands of death which bind his people;
and he will take upon him their infirmities,
that his bowels may be filled with mercy, according to the flesh,
that he may know according to the flesh how to succor his people
according to their infirmities.”*

Alma 8:14-17 (*Word of the Lord to Alma*)

And it came to pass that the people did wax more gross in their iniquities.
And the word came to Alma, saying:

*“Go; and also say unto my servant Amulek,
go forth and prophesy unto this people, saying--*

*“Repent ye,
for thus saith the Lord,
except ye repent
I will visit this people in mine anger;
yea,
and I will not turn my fierce anger away.”*

Alma 9:12-13 (*Alma quotes the words of the Lord given to Lehi*)

*Behold, now I say unto you
that he commandeth you to repent;
and except ye repent, ye can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God.*

*But behold, this is not all--
he has commanded you to repent,
or he will utterly destroy you from off the face of the earth;
yea, he will visit you in his anger,
and in his fierce anger he will not turn away.*

*Behold, do ye not remember the words which he spake unto **Lehi**, saying that:*

*“Inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments,
ye shall prosper in the land?”*

And again it is said that:

*“Inasmuch as ye will not keep my commandments
ye shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord.”*

*Now I would that ye should remember,
that inasmuch as the Lamanites have not kept the commandments of God,
they have been cut off from the presence of the Lord.*

Alma 10:20-21 (*Alma quotes the words of an Angel who was instructed by the Lord*)

*And now I say unto you
that well doth the Lord judge of your iniquities;
well doth he cry unto this people, by the voice of his angels:*

***“Repent ye, repent,
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”***

Yea, well doth he cry, by the voice of his angels that:

***“I will come down among my people,
with equity and justice in my hands.”***

Alma 12:22-23 (*Alma quotes the words of the Lord given to Adam in the Garden of Eden*)

*And now behold, I say unto you
that if it had been possible
for Adam to have partaken of the fruit of the tree of life at that time,
there would have been no death,
and the word would have been void,
making God a liar,
for he said:*

“If thou eat thou shalt surely die.”

Alma 12:32-35 (*Alma quotes the words of the Lord given to Adam in the Garden of Eden*)

*Therefore God gave unto them commandments,
after having made known unto them the plan of redemption,
that they should not do evil,
the penalty thereof being a second death,
which was an everlasting death as to things pertaining unto righteousness;
for on such the plan of redemption could have no power,
for the works of justice could not be destroyed,
according to the supreme goodness of God.
But God did call on men,
in the name of his Son,
(this being the plan of redemption which was laid)
saying:*

***“If ye will repent and harden not your hearts,
then will I have mercy upon you,
through mine Only Begotten Son;
Therefore, whosoever repenteth, and hardeneth not his heart,
he shall have claim on mercy through mine Only Begotten Son,
unto a remission of his sins;
and these shall enter into my rest.***

***And whosoever will harden his heart and will do iniquity,
behold, I swear in my wrath that he shall not enter into my rest.”***

Alma 17:10-11 (*Words of the Lord given to the Sons of Mosiah*)

And it came to pass that the Lord did visit them with his Spirit, and said unto them:

“Be comforted.”

And they were comforted.

And the Lord said unto them also:

***“Go forth among the Lamanites, thy brethren,
and establish my word;
yet ye shall be patient in long-suffering and afflictions,
that ye may show forth good examples unto them in me,
and I will make an instrument of thee in my hands
unto the salvation of many souls.”***

Alma 19:22-23 (*Words of the Lord given to king Mosiah as quoted by Mormon*)

Now, one of them, whose brother had been slain with the sword of Ammon, being exceedingly angry with Ammon, drew his sword and went forth that he might let it fall upon Ammon, to slay him; and as he lifted the sword to smite him, behold, he fell dead.

Now we see that **Ammon** could not be slain,
for the Lord had said unto Mosiah, his father:

***“I will spare him,
and it shall be unto him according to thy faith”***

--therefore, **Mosiah** trusted him unto the Lord.

Alma 20:1-5 (*Voice of the Lord comes to Ammon to go rescue his brethren*)

And it came to pass that when they had established a church in that land, that king Lamoni desired that Ammon should go with him to the land of Nephi, that he might show him unto his father.

And the voice of the Lord came to Ammon saying:

***“Thou shalt not go up to the land of Nephi,
for behold, the king will seek thy life;
but thou shalt go to the land of Middoni;
for behold, thy brother Aaron, and also Muloki and Ammah
are in prison.”***

Now it came to pass that when Ammon had heard this, he said unto Lamoni:

“Behold, my brother and brethren are in prison at Middoni, and I go that I may deliver them.”

Now Lamoni said unto Ammon:

“I know, in the strength of the Lord thou canst do all things. But behold, I will go with thee to the land of Middoni; for the king of the land of Middoni, whose name is Antiomno, is a friend unto me; therefore I go to the land of Middoni, that I may flatter the king of the land, and he will cast thy brethren out of prison.”

Now Lamoni said unto him:

“Who told thee that thy brethren were in prison?”

And Ammon said unto him:

“No one hath told me, save it be God; and he said unto me--

“Go and deliver thy brethren, for they are in prison in the land of Middoni.”

Alma 26:25-27 (*Voice of the Lord comes to the Sons of Mosiah*)

Now my brethren, ye remember that this was their language.

And moreover they did say:

*“Let us take up arms against them,
that we destroy them and their iniquity out of the land,
lest they overrun us and destroy us.”*

But behold, my beloved brethren, we came into the wilderness not with the intent to destroy our brethren, but with the intent that perhaps we might save some few of their souls.

Now when our hearts were depressed, and we were about to turn back, behold, the Lord comforted us, and said:

***“Go amongst thy brethren, the Lamanites,
and bear with patience thine afflictions,
and I will give unto you success.”***

Alma 27:11-12 (*Voice of the Lord comes to the Sons of Mosiah*)

And it came to pass that Ammon went and inquired of the Lord,
and the Lord said unto him:

***“Get this people out of this land,
that they perish not;
for Satan has great hold on the hearts of the Amalekites,
who do stir up the Lamanites to anger against their brethren to slay them;
therefore get thee out of this land;
and blessed are this people in this generation,
for I will preserve them.”***

Alma 37:13-14 (*Alma quotes the word of the Lord to his son Helaman*)

*O remember, remember, my son Helaman,
how strict are the commandments of God.*

And he said:

“If ye will keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land”

-- but if ye keep not his commandments ye shall be cut off from his presence

Alma 37:21-25 (*Alma quotes the word of the Lord to his son Helaman*)

*And now, I will speak unto you concerning those **twenty-four plates**, that ye keep them, that the mysteries and the works of darkness, and their secret works, or the secret works of those people who have been destroyed, may be made manifest unto this people; yea, all their murders, and robbings, and their plunderings, and all their wickedness and abominations, may be made manifest unto this people; yea, and that ye preserve these **interpreters**.*

For behold, the Lord saw that his people began to work in darkness, yea, work secret murders and abominations; therefore the Lord said,

“if they did not repent they should be destroyed from off the face of the earth.”

And the Lord said:

***“I will prepare unto my servant Gazelem, a stone,
which shall shine forth in darkness unto light,
that I may discover unto my people who serve me,
that I may discover unto them the works of their brethren,
yea, their secret works,
their works of darkness,
and their wickedness and abominations.”***

*And now, my son, **these interpreters** were prepared that the word of God might be fulfilled, which he spake, saying:*

***“I will bring forth out of darkness unto light
all their secret works and their abominations;***

and except they repent

***I will destroy them from off the face of the earth;
and I will bring to light all their secrets and abominations,
unto every nation that shall hereafter possess the land.”***

Alma 43:21-25 (*the words of the Lord to the members of the church and their fathers*)

Nevertheless, the Nephites were inspired by a better cause, for they were not fighting for monarchy nor power but they were fighting for their homes and their liberties, their wives and their children, and their all, yea, for their rites of worship and their church.

And they were doing that which they felt was the duty which they owed to their God;

for the Lord had said unto them, and also unto their fathers, that:

*“Inasmuch as ye are not guilty of the first offense,
neither the second,
ye shall not suffer yourselves
to be slain by the hands of your enemies.”*

And again, the Lord has said that:

*“Ye shall defend your families
even unto bloodshed.”*

Therefore for this cause were the Nephites contending with the Lamanites,
to defend themselves,
and their families,
and their lands,
their country,
and their rights,
and their religion.

Alma 45:15-16 *(the words of Alma to his sons)*

And now it came to pass that after Alma had said these things to Helaman, he blessed him, and also his other sons; and he also blessed the earth for the righteous' sake.

And he said:

“Thus saith the Lord God--

*“Cursed shall be the land, yea, this land,
unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, unto destruction,
which do wickedly, when they are fully ripe;
and as I have said so shall it be;
for this is the cursing and the blessing of God upon the land,
for the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance”*

Alma 50:19-20 *(Mormon quotes the words of Lord given to Lehi)*

And thus we see how merciful and just are all the dealings of the Lord,
to the fulfilling of all his words unto the children of men;
yea, we can behold that his words are verified, even at this time,
which he spake unto **Lehi**, saying:

*“Blessed art thou and thy children;
and they shall be blessed,
inasmuch as they shall keep my commandments
they shall prosper in the land.*

*But remember, inasmuch as they will not keep my commandments
they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord.”*

Alma 60:32-33 (an Epistle from Moroni to the Idearship of the government)

Behold, can you suppose that the Lord will spare you and come out in judgment against the Lamanites, when it is the tradition of their fathers that has caused their hatred, yea, and it has been redoubled by those who have dissented from us, while your iniquity is for the cause of your love of glory and the vain things of the world?

*Ye know that ye do transgress the laws of God,
and ye do know that ye do trample them under your feet.*

Behold, the Lord saith unto me:

***“If those whom ye have appointed your governors
do not repent of their sins and iniquities,
ye shall go up to battle against them.”***

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Helaman 60:26-32 (*voice of the Lord to the people inside the prison holding Nephi and Lehi*)

And it came to pass that Nephi and Lehi did stand forth and began to speak unto them, saying:

*“Fear not, for behold,
it is God that has shown unto you this marvelous thing,
in the which is shown unto you
that ye cannot lay your hands on us to slay us.”*

And behold, when they had said these words, the earth shook exceedingly, and the walls of the prison did shake as if they were about to tumble to the earth; but behold, they did not fall. And behold, they that were in the prison were Lamanites and Nephites who were dissenters.

And it came to pass that they were overshadowed with a cloud of darkness, and an awful solemn fear came upon them.

And it came to pass that there came a voice as if it were above the cloud of darkness, saying:

*“Repent ye, repent ye,
and seek no more to destroy my servants
whom I have sent unto you to declare good tidings.”*

And it came to pass when they heard this voice, and beheld that it was not a voice of thunder, neither was it a voice of a great tumultuous noise, but behold, it was a still voice of perfect mildness, as if it had been a whisper, and it did pierce even to the very soul-- And notwithstanding the mildness of the voice, behold the earth shook exceedingly, and the walls of the prison trembled again, as if it were about to tumble to the earth; and behold the cloud of darkness, which had overshadowed them, did not disperse--

And behold the voice came again, saying:

*“Repent ye, repent ye,
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand;
and seek no more to destroy my servants.”*

Helaman 5:46-48 (*voice of Heavenly Father to the people inside the prison holding Nephi and Lehi*)

And it came to pass that there came a voice unto them, yea, a pleasant voice, as if it were a whisper, saying:

*“Peace, peace be unto you,
because of your faith in my Well Beloved,
who was from the foundation of the world.”*

And now, when they heard this they cast up their eyes as if to behold from whence the voice came; and behold, they saw the heavens open; and angels came down out of heaven and ministered unto them.

Helaman 7:21-23 (*Nephi quotes the words of the Lord*)

*And ye have set your hearts upon the riches
and the vain things of this world,
for the which ye
do murder,
and plunder,
and steal,
and bear false witness against your neighbor,
and do all manner of iniquity.*

*And for this cause **wo** shall come unto you
except ye shall repent.*

*For if ye will not repent,
behold, this great city,
and also all those great cities which are round about,
which are in the land of our possession,
shall be taken away
that ye shall have no place in them;
for behold,
the Lord will not grant unto you strength,
as he has hitherto done,
to withstand against your enemies.*

*For behold,
thus saith the Lord:*

***“I will not show unto the wicked of my strength,
to one more than the other,
save it be unto those who repent of their sins,
and hearken unto my words.”***

Helaman 10:2-11, 14 *(Lord's powerful words and blessings to Nephi)*

And it came to pass that Nephi went his way towards his own house, pondering upon the things which the Lord had shown unto him.

And it came to pass as he was thus pondering
--being much cast down because of the wickedness of the people of the Nephites,
their secret works of darkness,
and their murderings,
and their plunderings,
and all manner of iniquities

--and it came to pass as he was thus pondering in his heart,
behold,

a voice came unto him saying:

***“Blessed art thou, Nephi,
for those things which thou hast done;
for I have beheld how thou hast with unwearyingness declared the word,
which I have given unto thee, unto this people.***

***And thou hast not feared them,
and hast not sought thine own life,
but hast sought my will,***

and to keep my commandments.

*And now,
because thou hast done this with such unwearyingness,
behold, I will bless thee forever;
and I will make thee mighty
in word
and in deed,
in faith
and in works;
yea, even that all things shall be done unto thee
according to thy word,
for thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will.*

*Behold, thou art Nephi,
and I am God.*

*Behold, I declare it unto thee in the presence of mine angels,
that ye shall have power over this people,
and shall smite the earth
with famine,
and with pestilence,
and destruction,
according to the wickedness of this people.*

*Behold, I give unto you power,
that whatsoever ye shall seal on earth
shall be sealed in heaven;
and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth
shall be loosed in heaven;
and thus shall ye have power among this people.*

*And thus,
if ye shall say unto this temple
it shall be rent in twain,
it shall be done.*

*And if ye shall say unto this mountain,
“Be thou cast down and become smooth”,
it shall be done.*

*And behold,
if ye shall say that God shall smite this people,
it shall come to pass.*

*And now behold,
I command you,
that ye shall go and declare unto this people,
that thus saith the Lord God, who is the Almighty:
“Except ye repent ye shall be smitten, even unto destruction.”*

Therefore Nephi did declare unto them the word of the Lord, saying:

*“Except ye repent,
thus saith the Lord,*

ye shall be smitten even unto destruction.”

Helaman 11:14 (*Nephi’s prayer unto the Lord*)

*O Lord, thou didst hearken unto my words when I said,
“Let there be a famine, that the pestilence of the sword might cease”;*

*and I know that thou wilt,
even at this time, hearken unto my words,
for thou saidst that:*

“If this people repent I will spare them.”

*Yea, O Lord, and thou seest that they have repented,
because of the famine and the pestilence and
destruction which has come unto them.*

Helaman 12:14-21 (*Mormon’s commentary to us*)

*And thus, according to his word the earth goeth back,
and it appeareth unto man that the sun standeth still;
yea, and behold, this is so;
for surely it is the earth that moveth
and not the sun.*

*And behold, also, if he say unto the waters of the great deep--
Be thou dried up--it is done.*

Behold, if he say unto this mountain--

***Be thou raised up, and come over and fall upon that city,
that it be buried up***--behold it is done.

And behold, if a man hide up a treasure in the earth, and the Lord shall say--

Let it be accursed, because of the iniquity of him who hath hid it up--
behold, it shall be accursed.

And if the Lord shall say--

***Be thou accursed, that no man shall find thee from this time henceforth
and forever***

--behold, no man getteth it henceforth and forever.

And behold, if the Lord shall say unto a man--

Because of thine iniquities, thou shalt be accursed forever--it shall be done.

And if the Lord shall say--

Because of thine iniquities thou shalt be cut off from my presence--
he will cause that it shall be so.

Helaman 13:7-20 (*Samuel the Lamanite’s prophecy to the people*)

And behold,

I was sent unto you to declare it unto you also,

that ye might have glad tidings;

but behold ye would not receive me.

Therefore, thus saith the Lord:

*“Because of the hardness of the hearts of the people of the Nephites,
except they repent
I will take away my word from them,
and I will withdraw my Spirit from them,
and I will suffer them no longer,
and I will turn the hearts of their brethren against them.*

*And four hundred years shall not pass away
before I will cause that they shall be smitten;
yea, I will visit them with the sword and with famine and with pestilence.*

*Yea, I will visit them in my fierce anger,
and there shall be those of the fourth generation who shall live,
of your enemies, to behold your utter destruction;
and this shall surely come except ye repent,
saith the Lord;
and those of the fourth generation shall visit your destruction.*

*But if ye will repent and return unto the Lord your God
I will turn away mine anger,
saith the Lord;
yea, thus saith the Lord,
blessed are they who will repent and turn unto me,
but wo unto him that repenteth not.*

*Yea, wo unto this great city of Zarahemla;
for behold, it is because of those who are righteous that it is saved;
yea, wo unto this great city,
for I perceive, saith the Lord,
that there are many,
yea, even the more part of this great city,
that will harden their hearts against me, saith the Lord.*

*But blessed are they who will repent,
for them will I spare.*

*But behold,
if it were not for the righteous who are in this great city,
behold,
I would cause that fire should come down out of heaven and destroy it.*

*But behold,
it is for the righteous' sake that it is spared.*

*But behold,
the time cometh, saith the Lord,
that when ye shall cast out the righteous from among you,
then shall ye be ripe for destruction;
yea, wo be unto this great city,
because of the wickedness and abominations which are in her.
Yea, and wo be unto the city of Gideon,
for the wickedness and abominations which are in her.*

*Yea, and wo be unto all the cities which are in the land round about,
which are possessed by the Nephites,
because of the wickedness and abominations which are in them.*

And behold,

*a curse shall come upon the land, saith the Lord of Hosts,
because of the people's sake who are upon the land,
yea, because of their wickedness and their abominations.*

*And it shall come to pass, saith the Lord of Hosts,
yea, our great and true God,*

*that whoso shall hide up treasures in the earth
shall find them again no more,
because of the great curse of the land,
save he be a righteous man and shall hide it up unto the Lord.*

For I will, saith the Lord,

*that they shall hide up their treasures unto me;
and cursed be they who hide not up their treasures unto me;
for none hideth up their treasures unto me save it be the righteous;
and he that hideth not up his treasures unto me,
cursed is he,
and also the treasure,
and none shall redeem it because of the curse of the land.*

And the day shall come

*that they shall hide up their treasures,
because they have set their hearts upon riches;
and because they have set their hearts upon their riches,
and will hide up their treasures when they shall flee before their enemies;
because they will not hide them up unto me,
cursed be they and also their treasures;
and in that day
Shall they be smitten, saith the Lord."*

Helaman 14:7-20 (*The Lord's word to Samuel the Lamanite*)

And behold,

*thus hath the Lord commanded me,
by his angel,
that I should come and tell this thing unto you;
yea, he hath commanded
that I should prophesy these things unto you;*

yea, he hath said unto me:

***“Cry unto this people,
repent and prepare the way of the Lord.”***

Helaman 15:15-17 (*Samuel the Lamanite's prophecy to the people*)

For behold, had the mighty works been shown unto them which have been shown unto you, yea, unto them who have dwindled in unbelief because of the traditions of their fathers, ye can see of yourselves that they never would again have dwindled in unbelief.

Therefore, saith the Lord:

***“ I will not utterly destroy them,
but I will cause that in the day of my wisdom
they shall return again unto me, saith the Lord.”***

And now behold, saith the Lord, concerning the people of the Nephites:

***“If they will not repent, and observe to do my will,
I will utterly destroy them, saith the Lord,
because of their unbelief notwithstanding the many mighty works
which I have done among them;
and as surely as the Lord liveth
shall these things be, saith the Lord.”***

Third Nephi

The Book of Nephi

THE SON OF NEPHI, WHO WAS THE SON OF HELAMAN

3rd Nephi 1:12-14 (*Voice of the Lord to Nephi*)

And it came to pass that he cried mightily unto the Lord, all that day; and behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying:

*“Lift up your head and be of good cheer;
for behold, the time is at hand,
and on this night shall the sign be given,
and on the morrow come I into the world,
to show unto the world that I will fulfill all that
which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets.*

*Behold, I come unto my own,
to fulfill all things which I have made known
unto the children of men from the foundation of the world,
and to do the will, both of the Father and of the Son
--of the Father because of me,
and of the Son because of my flesh.*

*And behold, the time is at hand,
and this night shall the sign be given.”*

3rd Nephi 9:1-22 (*Voice of the Lord to surviving people at the destructions*)

And it came to pass that there was a voice heard among all the inhabitants of the earth, upon all the face of this land, crying:

*“Wo, wo, wo unto this people;
wo unto the inhabitants of the whole earth
except they shall repent;
for the devil laugheth, and his angels rejoice,
because of the slain of the fair sons and daughters of my people;
and it is because of their iniquity and abominations
that they are fallen!*

Sixteen Cities Destroyed

*Behold, that great city Zarahemla have I burned with fire,
and the inhabitants thereof.*

*And behold, that great city Moroni have I caused to be sunk
in the depths of the sea,
and the inhabitants thereof to be drowned.*

And behold, that great city Moronihah have I covered with earth,

*and the inhabitants thereof,
to hide their iniquities and their abominations from before my face,
that the blood of the prophets and the saints
shall not come any more unto me against them.*

*And behold, the city of Gilgal have I caused to be sunk,
and the inhabitants thereof to be buried up in the depths of the earth;
Yea, and the city of Onihah and the inhabitants thereof,
and the city of Mocum and the inhabitants thereof,
and the city of Jerusalem and the inhabitants thereof;
and waters have I caused to come up in the stead thereof,
to hide their wickedness and abominations from before my face,
that the blood of the prophets and the saints
shall not come up any more unto me against them.*

*And behold, the city of Gadiandi,
and the city of Gadiomnah,
and the city of Jacob,
and the city of Gimgimno,
all these have I caused to be sunk,
and made hills and valleys in the places thereof;
and the inhabitants thereof have I buried up in the depths of the earth,
to hide their wickedness and abominations from before my face,
that the blood of the prophets and the saints
should not come up any more unto me against them.*

*And behold, that great city Jacobugath,
which was inhabited by the people of king Jacob,
have I caused to be burned with fire
because of their sins and their wickedness,
which was above all the wickedness of the whole earth,
because of their secret murders and combinations;
for it was they that did destroy the peace of my people
and the government of the land;
therefore I did cause them to be burned,
to destroy them from before my face,
that the blood of the prophets and the saints
should not come up unto me any more against them.*

*And behold, the city of Laman,
and the city of Josh,
and the city of Gad,
and the city of Kishkumen,
have I caused to be burned with fire,
and the inhabitants thereof,
because of their wickedness in casting out the prophets,
and stoning those whom I did send to declare unto them
concerning their wickedness and their abominations.
And because they did cast them all out,
that there were none righteous among them,
I did send down fire and destroy them,
that their wickedness and abominations*

*might be hid from before my face,
that the blood of the prophets and the saints
whom I sent among them
might not cry unto me from the ground against them.*

*And many great destructions have I caused to come upon this land,
and upon this people,
because of their wickedness and their abominations.*

*O all ye that are spared because ye were more righteous than they,
will ye not now return unto me,
and repent of your sins,
and be converted,
that I may heal you?*

*Yea, verily I say unto you,
if ye will come unto me ye shall have eternal life.
Behold, mine arm of mercy is extended towards you,
and whosoever will come,
him will I receive;
and blessed are those who come unto me.*

Testimony by Christ

Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God.

*I created the heavens and the earth,
and all things that in them are.
I was with the Father from the beginning.
I am in the Father, and the Father in me;
and in me hath the Father glorified his name.*

*I came unto my own,
and my own received me not.
And the scriptures concerning my coming are fulfilled.
And as many as have received me,
to them have I given to become the sons of God;
and even so will I
to as many as shall believe on my name,
for behold, by me redemption cometh,
and in me is the law of Moses fulfilled.*

*I am the light and the life of the world.
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.*

*And ye shall offer up unto me no more the shedding of blood;
yea, your sacrifices and your burnt offerings shall be done away,
for I will accept none of your sacrifices and your burnt offerings.*

And ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto me a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

And whoso cometh unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit,

*him will I baptize with fire and with the Holy Ghost,
even as the Lamanites,
because of their faith in me at the time of their conversion,
were baptized with fire and with the Holy Ghost,
and they knew it not.*

*Behold, I have come unto the world to bring redemption unto the world,
to save the world from sin.
Therefore, whoso repenteth and cometh unto me as a little child,
him will I receive, for of such is the kingdom of God.
Behold, for such I have laid down my life,
and have taken it up again;
therefore repent,
and come unto me ye ends of the earth,
and be saved. “*

3rd Nephi 10:1-7 (*Voice of the Lord to surviving people at the destructions*)

And now behold, it came to pass that all the people of the land did hear these sayings, and did witness of it. And after these sayings there was silence in the land for the space of many hours; For so great was the astonishment of the people that they did cease lamenting and howling for the loss of their kindred which had been slain; therefore there was silence in all the land for the space of many hours.

And it came to pass that there came a **voice again** unto the people, and all the people did hear, and did witness of it, saying:

*“O ye people of these great cities which have fallen,
who are descendants of Jacob,
yea, who are of the house of Israel,
how oft have I gathered you
as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,
and have nourished you.*

*And again, how oft would I have gathered you
as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,
yea, O ye people of the house of Israel, who have fallen;
yea, O ye people of the house of Israel, ye that dwell at Jerusalem,
as ye that have fallen;
yea, how oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens,
and ye would not.*

*O ye house of Israel whom I have spared,
how oft will I gather you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,
if ye will repent and return unto me with full purpose of heart.
But if not, O house of Israel,
the places of your dwellings shall become desolate
until the time of the fulfilling of the covenant to your fathers.”*

NOTE:

Due to extensive dialogue which occurs between Christ and other, the complete scriptures for the rest of 3rd Nephi will be included from this point on..

3rd Nephi 11-30 (*Voice of Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ to surviving people at the destructions*)

And it came to pass
that while they were thus conversing one with another,
they heard a voice as if it came out of heaven;
and they cast their eyes round about,
for they understood not the voice which they heard;
and it was not a harsh voice,
neither was it a loud voice;
nevertheless, and notwithstanding it being a small voice
it did pierce them that did hear to the center,
insomuch that there was no part of their frame
that it did not cause to quake;
yea, it did pierce them to the very soul,
and did cause their hearts to burn.

And it came to pass that again they heard the voice,
and they understood it not.
And again the third time they did hear the voice,
and did open their ears to hear it;
and their eyes were towards the sound thereof;
and they did look steadfastly towards heaven,
from whence the sound came.

And behold, the third time they did understand the voice which they heard;
and it said unto them:

***“Behold my Beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased,
in whom I have glorified my name--
hear ye him.”***

And it came to pass, as they understood they cast their eyes up again towards heaven;
and behold, they saw a Man descending out of heaven;
and he was clothed in a white robe;
and he came down and stood in the midst of them;
and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon him,
and they durst not open their mouths,
even one to another,
and wist not what it meant,
for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them.

And it came to pass that he stretched forth his hand and spake unto the people, saying:

***“Behold, I am Jesus Christ,
whom the prophets testified shall come into the world.
And behold, I am the light and the life of the world;
and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me,
and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world,
in the which I have suffered the will of the Father
in all things from the beginning.”***

And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words the whole multitude fell to the earth; for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven.

And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto them saying:

*“Arise and come forth unto me,
that ye may thrust your hands into my side,
and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails
in my hands and in my feet,
that ye may know that I am the God of Israel,
and the God of the whole earth,
and have been slain for the sins of the world.”*

And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands and in his feet; and this they did do, going forth one by one until they had all gone forth, and did see with their eyes and did feel with their hands, and did know of a surety and did bear record, that it was he, of whom it was written by the prophets, that should come.

And when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying:

“Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God!”

And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship him.

And it came to pass that he spake unto Nephi (for Nephi was among the multitude) and he commanded him that he should come forth. ■ And Nephi arose and went forth, and bowed himself before the Lord and did kiss his feet. ■ And the Lord commanded him that he should arise. ■ And he arose and stood before him. And the Lord said unto him:

*“I give unto you power
that ye shall baptize this people
when I am again ascended into heaven.”*

And again the Lord called others, and said unto them likewise; and he gave unto them power to baptize. And he said unto them:

*“On this wise shall ye baptize;
and there shall be no disputations among you.
Verily I say unto you,
that whoso repenteth of his sins through your words
and desireth to be baptized in my name,
on this wise shall ye baptize them--
Behold, ye shall go down and stand in the water,
and in my name shall ye baptize them.*

*And now behold, these are the words which ye shall say,
calling them by name, saying:*

*“ Having authority given me of Jesus Christ,
I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.”*

And then shall ye immerse them in the water,

and come forth again out of the water.

*And after this manner shall ye baptize in my name;
for behold, verily I say unto you,
that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost are one;
and I am in the Father, and the Father in me,
and the Father and I are one.*

*And according as I have commanded you
thus shall ye baptize.
And there shall be no disputations among you,
as there have hitherto been;
neither shall there be disputations among you
concerning the points of my doctrine,
as there have hitherto been.
For verily, verily I say unto you,
he that hath the spirit of contention is not of me,
but is of the devil, who is the father of contention,
and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger,
one with another.*

*Behold, this is not my doctrine,
to stir up the hearts of men with anger,
one against another;
but this is my doctrine,
that such things should be done away.*

*Behold, verily, verily, I say unto you,
I will declare unto you my doctrine.
And this is my doctrine,
and it is the doctrine which the Father hath given unto me;
and I bear record of the Father,
and the Father beareth record of me,
and the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me;
and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men,
everywhere, to repent and believe in me.
And whoso believeth in me, and is baptized,
the same shall be saved;
and they are they who shall inherit the kingdom of God.
And whoso believeth not in me, and is not baptized,
shall be damned.*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, that this is my doctrine,
and I bear record of it from the Father;
and whoso believeth in me
believeth in the Father also;
and unto him will the Father bear record of me,
for he will visit him with fire and with the Holy Ghost.*

*And thus will the Father bear record of me,
and the Holy Ghost will bear record unto him of the Father and me;*

*for the Father, and I, and the Holy Ghost are one.
And again I say unto you,
ye must repent,
and become as a little child,
and be baptized in my name,
or ye can in nowise receive these things.*

*And again I say unto you,
ye must repent,
and be baptized in my name,
and become as a little child,
or ye can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God.*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, that this is my doctrine,
and whoso buildeth upon this buildeth upon my rock,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against them.
And whoso shall declare more or less than this,
and establish it for my doctrine,
the same cometh of evil,
and is not built upon my rock;
but he buildeth upon a sandy foundation,
and the gates of hell stand open to receive such
when the floods come and the winds beat upon them.*

*Therefore, go forth unto this people,
and declare the words which I have spoken,
unto the ends of the earth.”*

3rd Nephi Chapter 12

Jesus calls and commissions the Twelve

Jesus delivers to the Nephites a discourse similar to the Sermon on the Mount

Jesus speaks the Beatitudes

His teachings transcend and take precedence over the law of Moses

Men are commanded to be perfect even as he and his Father are perfect

Compare Matthew 5.

And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold, he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying:

*“Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve
whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you,
and to be your servants;
and unto them I have given power
that they may baptize you with water;
and after that ye are baptized with water,
behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost;
therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized,
after that ye have seen me and know that I am.*

*And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words
because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me,*

*and that ye know that I am.
Yea, blessed are they who shall believe in your words,
and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized,
for they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost,
and shall receive a remission of their sins.*

*Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
And again, blessed are all they that mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
And blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.*

*And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.
And blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.*

*And blessed are all the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
And blessed are all the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the children of God.*

*And blessed are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake;
For ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad,
for great shall be your reward in heaven;
for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, I give unto you to be the salt of the earth;
but if the salt shall lose its savor wherewith shall the earth be salted?
The salt shall be thenceforth good for nothing,
but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men.*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
I give unto you to be the light of this people.
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.
Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel?
Nay, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house;
Therefore let your light so shine before this people,
that they may see your good works and glorify your Father
who is in heaven.*

*Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets.
I am not come to destroy but to fulfil;
For verily I say unto you,
one jot nor one tittle hath not passed away from the law,
but in me it hath all been fulfilled.*

And behold, I have given you the law and the commandments of my Father,

*that ye shall believe in me,
and that ye shall repent of your sins,
and come unto me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.*

*Behold, ye have the commandments before you,
and the law is fulfilled.
Therefore come unto me and be ye saved;
for verily I say unto you, that except ye shall keep my commandments,
which I have commanded you at this time,
ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

*Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time,
and it is also written before you,
that thou shalt not kill,
and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment of God;
But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother
shall be in danger of his judgment.
And whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca,
shall be in danger of the council;
and whosoever shall say, Thou fool,
shall be in danger of hell fire.*

*Therefore, if ye shall come unto me,
or shall desire to come unto me,
and rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee--
Go thy way unto thy brother, and first be reconciled to thy brother,
and then come unto me with full purpose of heart,
and I will receive you.*

*Agree with thine adversary quickly while thou art in the way with him,
lest at any time he shall get thee,
and thou shalt be cast into prison.
Verily, verily, I say unto thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence
until thou hast paid the uttermost senine.
And while ye are in prison can ye pay even one senine?
Verily, verily, I say unto you, Nay.*

*Behold, it is written by them of old time,
that thou shalt not commit adultery;
But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman, to lust after her,
hath committed adultery already in his heart.
Behold, I give unto you a commandment,
that ye suffer none of these things to enter into your heart;
For it is better that ye should deny yourselves of these things,
wherein ye will take up your cross, than that ye should be cast into hell.*

*It hath been written, that whosoever shall put away his wife,
let him give her a writing of divorcement.
Verily, verily, I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife,
saving for the cause of fornication,
causeth her to commit adultery;
and whoso shall marry her who is divorced committeth adultery.*

*And again it is written, thou shalt not forswear thyself,
but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths;
But verily, verily, I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven,
for it is God's throne;
Nor by the earth, for it is his footstool;
Neither shalt thou swear by thy head,
because thou canst not make one hair black or white;
But let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay;
for whatsoever cometh of more than these is evil.*

*And behold, it is written,
an eye for an eye,
and a tooth for a tooth;
But I say unto you, that ye shall not resist evil,
but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek,
turn to him the other also;
And if any man will sue thee at the law and take away thy coat,
let him have thy cloak also;
And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile,
go with him twain.
Give to him that asketh thee,
and from him that would borrow of thee turn thou not away.*

*And behold it is written also,
that thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy;
But behold I say unto you,
love your enemies,
bless them that curse you,
do good to them that hate you,
and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you;
That ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven;
for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good.*

*Therefore those things which were of old time,
which were under the law, in me are all fulfilled.
Old things are done away, and all things have become new.*

*Therefore I would that ye should be perfect even as I,
or your Father who is in heaven is perfect.*

3rd Nephi Chapter 13

Jesus teaches the Nephites the Lord's Prayer

They are to lay up treasures in heaven

The Twelve in their ministry and commanded to take no thought for temporal things

Compare Matthew 6.

*“Verily, verily, I say that I would that ye should do alms unto the poor;
but take heed that ye do not your alms before men to be seen of them;
otherwise ye have no reward of your Father who is in heaven.*

*Therefore, when ye shall do your alms do not sound a trumpet before you,
as will hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets,
that they may have glory of men.
Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.*

*But when thou doest alms
let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth;
That thine alms may be in secret;
and thy Father who seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly.*

*And when thou prayest thou shalt not do as the hypocrites,
for they love to pray, standing in the synagogues
and in the corners of the streets,
that they may be seen of men.*

Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet,
and when thou hast shut thy door,
pray to thy Father who is in secret;
and thy Father, who seeth in secret,
shall reward thee openly.*

*But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen,
for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
Be not ye therefore like unto them,
for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him.*

*After this manner therefore pray ye:
“Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.”*

*For, if ye forgive men their trespasses
your heavenly Father will also forgive you;
But if ye forgive not men their trespasses
neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

*Moreover, when ye fast be not as the hypocrites,
of a sad countenance, for they disfigure their faces
that they may appear unto men to fast.
Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.*

But thou, when thou fastest,

*anoint thy head, and wash thy face;
That thou appear not unto men to fast,
but unto thy Father, who is in secret;
and thy Father, who seeth in secret,
shall reward thee openly.*

*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth,
where moth and rust doth corrupt,
and thieves break through and steal;
But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt,
and where thieves do not break through nor steal.*

*For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.*

*The light of the body is the eye;
if, therefore, thine eye be single,
thy whole body shall be full of light.*

*But if thine eye be evil,
thy whole body shall be full of darkness.
If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness,
how great is that darkness!*

*No man can serve two masters;
for either he will hate the one and love the other,
or else he will hold to the one and despise the other.*

Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words he looked upon the twelve whom he had chosen, and said unto them:

“Remember the words which I have spoken.

*For behold, ye are they
whom I have chosen to minister unto this people.*

*Therefore I say unto you,
take no thought for your life,
what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink;
nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on.*

Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

*Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not,
neither do they reap nor gather into barns;
yet your heavenly Father feedeth them.*

*Are ye not much better than they?
Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?*

*And why take ye thought for raiment?
Consider the lilies of the field how they grow;
they toil not, neither do they spin;
And yet I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory,
was not arrayed like one of these.*

*Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field,
which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven,
even so will he clothe you, if ye are not of little faith.*

*Therefore take no thought, saying,
What shall we eat? or,
What shall we drink? or,
Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*

For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.*

*Take therefore no thought for the morrow,
for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.
Sufficient is the day unto the evil thereof.*

3rd Nephi Chapter 14

*Jesus commands: Judge not; ask of God; beware of false prophets
He promises salvation to those who do the will of the Father
Compare Matthew 7.*

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words he turned again to the multitude, and did open his mouth unto them again, saying:

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Judge not,
that ye be not judged.
For with what judgment ye judge,
ye shall be judged;
and with what measure ye mete,
It shall be measured to you again.*

*And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye,
but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?*

*Or how wilt thou say to thy brother:
Let me pull the mote out of thine eye--
and behold, a beam is in thine own eye?
Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye;
and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye.*

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs,

*neither cast ye your pearls before swine,
lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.*

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*

*For every one that asketh, receiveth;
and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.*

*Or what man is there of you, who, if his son ask bread,
will give him a stone?*

*Or if he ask a fish,
will he give him a serpent?*

*If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children,
how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things
to them that ask him?*

*Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you,
do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.*

*Enter ye in at the strait gate;
for wide is the gate, and broad is the way,
which leadeth to destruction,
and many there be who go in thereat;
Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way,
which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

*Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing,
but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*

Ye shall know them by their fruits.

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

*Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit;
but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*

*A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit,
neither a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*

*Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down,
and cast into the fire.*

Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them.

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;
but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

Many will say to me in that day: Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy

*name have cast out devils,
and in thy name done many wonderful works?*

And then will I profess unto them:

*“I never knew you;
depart from me,
ye that work iniquity.”*

*Therefore, whoso heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them,
I will liken him unto a wise man, who built his house upon a rock--
And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew,
and beat upon that house;
and it fell not,
for it was founded upon a rock.
And every one that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not
shall be likened unto a foolish man,
who built his house upon the sand--
And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew,
and beat upon that house;
and it fell,
and great was the fall of it.*

3rd Nephi Chapter 15

*Jesus announces that the law of Moses is fulfilled in him
The Nephites are the other sheep of whom he spake in Jerusalem
Because of iniquity the Lord's people in Jerusalem do not know of
the scattered sheep of Israel.*

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had ended these sayings he cast his eyes round about on the multitude, and said unto them:

*“Behold, ye have heard the things
which I taught before I ascended to my Father;
therefore, whoso remembereth these sayings of mine and doeth them,
him will I raise up at the last day.”*

And it came to pass that when Jesus had said these words he perceived that there were some among them who marveled, and wondered what he would concerning the law of Moses; for they understood not the saying that old things had passed away, and that all things had become new. And he said unto them:

*“Marvel not that I said unto you that old things had passed away,
and that all things had become new.*

*Behold, I say unto you that the law is fulfilled
that was given unto Moses.
Behold, I am he that gave the law,
and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel;
therefore, the law in me is fulfilled,
for I have come to fulfil the law; therefore it hath an end.*

*Behold, I do not destroy the prophets,
for as many as have not been fulfilled in me,*

verily I say unto you, shall all be fulfilled.

*And because I said unto you that old things have passed away,
I do not destroy that which hath been spoken concerning things
which are to come.*

*For behold, the covenant which I have made with my people
is not all fulfilled;
but the law which was given unto Moses hath an end in me.*

*Behold, I am the law, and the light.
Look unto me, and endure to the end,
and ye shall live;
for unto him that endureth to the end
will I give eternal life.*

*Behold, I have given unto you the commandments;
therefore keep my commandments.*

*And this is the law and the prophets,
for they truly testified of me.*

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words, he said unto those twelve whom he had chosen:

*“Ye are my disciples; and ye are a light unto this people,
who are a remnant of the house of Joseph.*

*And behold, this is the land of your inheritance;
and the Father hath given it unto you.*

*And not at any time hath the Father given me commandment
that I should tell it unto your brethren at Jerusalem.*

*Neither at any time hath the Father given me commandment
that I should tell unto them concerning the other tribes of
the house of Israel, whom the Father hath led away out of the land.*

*This much did the Father command me,
that I should tell unto them:
That other sheep I have which are not of this fold;
them also I must bring,
and they shall hear my voice;
and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*

*And now, because of stiffneckedness and unbelief
they understood not my word;
therefore I was commanded to say no more of the Father
concerning this thing unto them.*

*But, verily, I say unto you that the Father hath commanded me,
and I tell it unto you,
that ye were separated from among them because of their iniquity;*

therefore it is because of their iniquity that they know not of you.

*And verily, I say unto you again that the other tribes
hath the Father separated from them;
and it is because of their iniquity that they know not of them.*

*And verily I say unto you, that ye are they of whom I said:
Other sheep I have which are not of this fold;
them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice;
and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*

*And they understood me not, for they supposed it had been the Gentiles;
for they understood not that the Gentiles should be converted
through their preaching.*

*And they understood me not that I said they shall hear my voice;
and they understood me not
that the Gentiles should not at any time hear my voice--
that I should not manifest myself unto them
save it were by the Holy Ghost.*

*But behold, ye have both heard my voice, and seen me;
and ye are my sheep, and ye are numbered among those
whom the Father hath given me.*

3rd Nephi Chapter 16

Jesus will visit others of the lost sheep of Israel

In the latter days the gospel will go to the Gentiles and then to the house of Israel

The Lord's people shall see eye to eye when he brings again Zion.

*“And verily, verily, I say unto you
that I have other sheep which are not of this land,
neither of the land of Jerusalem,
neither in any parts of that land round
about whither I have been to minister.*

*For they of whom I speak are they who have not as yet heard my voice;
neither have I at any time manifested myself unto them.*

*But I have received a commandment of the Father
that I shall go unto them,
and that they shall hear my voice,
and shall be numbered among my sheep,
that there may be one fold and one shepherd;
therefore I go to show myself unto them.*

*And I command you that ye shall write these sayings after I am gone,
that if it so be that my people at Jerusalem,
they who have seen me and been with me in my ministry,
do not ask the Father in my name,
that they may receive a knowledge of you by the Holy Ghost,*

*and also of the other tribes whom they know not of,
that these sayings which ye shall write shall be kept
and shall be manifested unto the Gentiles,
that through the fulness of the Gentiles,
the remnant of their seed,
who shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth
because of their unbelief, may be brought in,
or may be brought to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer.*

*And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth;
and then will I fulfill the covenant
which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.*

*And blessed are the Gentiles,
because of their belief in me, in and of the Holy Ghost,
which witnesses unto them of me and of the Father.*

*Behold, because of their belief in me, saith the Father,
and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel,
in the latter day shall the truth come unto the Gentiles,
that the fulness of these things shall be made known unto them.*

*But wo, saith the Father, unto the unbelieving of the Gentiles--
for notwithstanding they have come forth upon the face of this land,
and have scattered my people who are of the house of Israel;
and my people who are of the house of Israel have been cast out
from among them, and have been trodden under feet by them;
And because of the mercies of the Father unto the Gentiles,
and also the judgments of the Father upon my people
who are of the house of Israel,
verily, verily, I say unto you, that after all this,
and I have caused my people who are of the house of Israel
to be smitten,
and to be afflicted,
and to be slain,
and to be cast out from among them,
and to become hated by them,
and to become a hiss and a byword among them--*

Christ quotes the Father

And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you:

*“At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel,
and shall reject the fulness of my gospel,
and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations,
and above all the people of the whole earth,
and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits,
and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders,
and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations;
and if they shall do all those things,
and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father,
I will bring the fulness of my gospel from among them.*

*And then will I remember my covenant which I have made
unto my people, O house of Israel,
and I will bring my gospel unto them.*

*And I will show unto thee, O house of Israel,
that the Gentiles shall not have power over you;
but I will remember my covenant unto you, O house of Israel,
and ye shall come unto the knowledge
of the fulness of my gospel.*

*But if the Gentiles will repent and return unto me, saith the Father,
behold they shall be numbered among my people, O house of Israel.
And I will not suffer my people, who are of the house of Israel,
to go through among them, and tread them down, saith the Father.
But if they will not turn unto me,
and hearken unto my voice,
I will suffer them, yea, I will suffer my people, O house of Israel,
that they shall go through among them, and shall tread them down,
and they shall be as salt that hath lost its savor,
which is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out,
and to be trodden under foot of my people, O house of Israel.”*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
thus hath the Father commanded me--
that I should give unto this people this land for their inheritance.
And then the words of the prophet Isaiah shall be fulfilled, which say:*

*“Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice;
with the voice together shall they sing,
for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion.
Break forth into joy, sing together,
ye waste places of Jerusalem;
for the Lord hath comforted his people,
he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eye of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God.”*

3rd Nephi Chapter 17

*Jesus directs the people to ponder his words and pray for understanding
He heals their sick
He prays for the people, using language that cannot be written
Angels minister to and fire encircles their little ones.*

Behold, now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words he looked round about again on the multitude, and he said unto them:

“Behold, my time is at hand.

*I perceive that ye are weak,
that ye cannot understand all my words
which I am commanded of the Father to speak unto you at this time.*

*Therefore, go ye unto your homes,
and ponder upon the things which I have said,
and ask of the Father, in my name,
that ye may understand, and prepare your minds for the morrow,
and I come unto you again.*

*But now I go unto the Father,
and also to show myself unto the lost tribes of Israel,
for they are not lost unto the Father,
for he knoweth whither he hath taken them.”*

And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus spoken, he cast his eyes round about again on the multitude, and beheld they were in tears, and did look steadfastly upon him as if they would ask him to tarry a little longer with them.

And he said unto them:

“Behold, my bowels are filled with compassion towards you.

Have ye any that are sick among you?

Bring them hither.

*Have ye any that are lame, or blind, or halt, or maimed, or leprous,
or that are withered, or that are deaf, or that are afflicted in any manner?*

*Bring them hither and I will heal them, for I have compassion upon you;
my bowels are filled with mercy.*

*For I perceive that ye desire that I should show unto you
what I have done unto your brethren at Jerusalem,
for I see that your faith is sufficient that I should heal you.”*

And it came to pass that when he had thus spoken, all the multitude, with one accord, did go forth with their sick and their afflicted, and their lame, and with their blind, and with their dumb, and with all them that were afflicted in any manner; and he did heal them every one as they were brought forth unto him.

And they did all, both they who had been healed and they who were whole, bow down at his feet, and did worship him; and as many as could come for the multitude did kiss his feet, insomuch that they did bathe his feet with their tears.

And it came to pass that he commanded that their little children should be brought. So they brought their little children and set them down upon the ground round about him, and Jesus stood in the midst; and the multitude gave way till they had all been brought unto him.

And it came to pass that when they had all been brought, and Jesus stood in the midst, he commanded the multitude that they should kneel down upon the ground.

And it came to pass that when they had knelt upon the ground, Jesus groaned within himself, and said:
*“Father, I am troubled because of the wickedness of the people
of the house of Israel.”*

And when he had said these words, he himself also knelt upon the earth; and behold he prayed unto the

Father, and the things which he prayed cannot be written, and the multitude did bear record who heard him.

And after this manner do they bear record:

*“The eye hath never seen,
neither hath the ear heard,
before, so great and marvelous things as we saw and heard
Jesus speak unto the Father;
And no tongue can speak,
neither can there be written by any man,
neither can the hearts of men conceive so great and marvelous things
as we both saw and heard Jesus speak;
and no one can conceive of the joy which filled our souls
at the time we heard him pray for us unto the Father.”*

And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of praying unto the Father, he arose; but so great was the joy of the multitude that they were overcome.

And it came to pass that Jesus spake unto them, and bade them arise.

And they arose from the earth, and he said unto them:

*“Blessed are ye because of your faith.
And now behold, my joy is full.”*

And when he had said these words, he wept, and the multitude bare record of it, and he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them. And when he had done this he wept again;

And he spake unto the multitude, and said unto them:

“Behold your little ones.”

And as they looked to behold they cast their eyes towards heaven, and they saw the heavens open, and they saw angels descending out of heaven as it were in the midst of fire; and they came down and encircled those little ones about, and they were encircled about with fire; and the angels did minister unto them.

And the multitude did see and hear and bear record; and they know that their record is true for they all of them did see and hear, every man for himself; and they were in number about two thousand and five hundred souls; and they did consist of men, women, and children.

3rd Nephi Chapter 18

Jesus institutes the sacrament among the Nephites

They are commanded to pray always in his name

Those who eat his flesh and drink his blood unworthily are damned

The disciples are given power to confer the Holy Ghost.

And it came to pass that Jesus commanded his disciples that they should bring forth some bread and wine unto him.

And while they were gone for bread and wine, he commanded the multitude that they should sit themselves down upon the earth.

And when the disciples had come with bread and wine, he took of the bread and brake and blessed it; and he gave unto the disciples and commanded that they should eat.

And when they had eaten and were filled, he commanded that they should give unto the multitude.

And when the multitude had eaten and were filled, he said unto the disciples:

*“Behold there shall one be ordained among you,
and to him will I give power
that he shall break bread and bless it and give it
unto the people of my church,
unto all those who shall believe and be baptized in my name.*

*And this shall ye always observe to do, even as I have done,
even as I have broken bread and blessed it and given it unto you.*

*And this shall ye do in remembrance of my body,
which I have shown unto you.
And it shall be a testimony unto the Father
that ye do always remember me.*

*And if ye do always remember me
ye shall have my Spirit to be with you.”*

And it came to pass that when he said these words, he commanded his disciples that they should take of the wine of the cup and drink of it, and that they should also give unto the multitude that they might drink of it.

And it came to pass that they did so, and did drink of it and were filled; and they gave unto the multitude, and they did drink, and they were filled.

And when the disciples had done this, Jesus said unto them:

*“Blessed are ye for this thing which ye have done,
for this is fulfilling my commandments,
and this doth witness unto the Father
that ye are willing to do that which I have commanded you.*

*And this shall ye always do to those
who repent and are baptized in my name;
and ye shall do it in remembrance of my blood,
which I have shed for you,
that ye may witness unto the Father
that ye do always remember me.*

*And if ye do always remember me
ye shall have my Spirit to be with you.”*

*And I give unto you a commandment
that ye shall do these things.*

*And if ye shall always do these things blessed are ye,
for ye are built upon my rock.*

*But whoso among you shall do more or less than these
are not built upon my rock,
but are built upon a sandy foundation;
and when the rain descends, and the floods come,
and the winds blow, and beat upon them,
they shall fall, and the gates of hell are ready open to receive them.
Therefore blessed are ye if ye shall keep my commandments,
which the Father hath commanded me that I should give unto you.*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, ye must watch and pray always,
lest ye be tempted by the devil,
and ye be led away captive by him.*

*And as I have prayed among you even so shall ye pray in my church,
among my people who do repent and are baptized in my name.*

*Behold I am the light;
I have set an example for you. “*

And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto his disciples, he turned again unto the multitude and said unto them:

*“Behold, verily, verily, I say unto you,
ye must watch and pray always
lest ye enter into temptation;
for Satan desireth to have you,
that he may sift you as wheat.*

*Therefore ye must always pray unto the Father in my name;
And whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name,
which is right,
believing that ye shall receive,
behold it shall be given unto you.*

*Pray in your families unto the Father, always in my name,
that your wives and your children may be blessed.*

*And behold, ye shall meet together oft;
and ye shall not forbid any man from coming unto you
when ye shall meet together,
but suffer them that they may come unto you and forbid them not;
But ye shall pray for them, and shall not cast them out;
and if it so be that they come unto you oft
ye shall pray for them unto the Father, in my name.*

Therefore, hold up your light that it may shine unto the world.

*Behold I am the light which ye shall hold up
--that which ye have seen me do.
Behold ye see that I have prayed unto the Father,
and ye all have witnessed.*

*And ye see that I have commanded that none of you should go away,
but rather have commanded that ye should come unto me,
that ye might feel and see;
even so shall ye do unto the world;
and whosoever breaketh this commandment
suffereth himself to be led into temptation.”*

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words, he turned his eyes again upon the disciples whom he had chosen, and said unto them:

*“Behold verily, verily, I say unto you,
I give unto you another commandment,
and then I must go unto my Father
that I may fulfil other commandments which he hath given me.*

*And now behold, this is the commandment which I give unto you,
that ye shall not suffer any one knowingly
to partake of my flesh and blood unworthily,
when ye shall minister it;
For whoso eateth and drinketh my flesh and blood unworthily
eateth and drinketh damnation to his soul;
therefore if ye know that a man is unworthy
to eat and drink of my flesh and blood ye shall forbid him.*

*Nevertheless, ye shall not cast him out from among you,
but ye shall minister unto him and shall pray for him unto the Father,
in my name;
and if it so be that he repenteth and is baptized in my name,
then shall ye receive him,
and shall minister unto him of my flesh and blood.*

*But if he repent not he shall not be numbered among my people,
that he may not destroy my people,
for behold I know my sheep, and they are numbered.*

*Nevertheless, ye shall not cast him out of your synagogues,
or your places of worship,
for unto such shall ye continue to minister;
for ye know not but what they will return and repent,
and come unto me with full purpose of heart,
and I shall heal them;
and ye shall be the means of bringing salvation unto them.*

*Therefore, keep these sayings which I have commanded you
that ye come not under condemnation;
for wo unto him whom the Father condemneth.
And I give you these commandments
because of the disputations which have been among you.*

*And blessed are ye if
ye have no disputations among you.*

And now I go unto the Father,

because it is expedient that I should go unto the Father for your sakes.”

And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of these sayings, he touched with his hand the disciples whom he had chosen, one by one, even until he had touched them all, and spake unto them as he touched them.

And the multitude heard not the words which he spake, therefore they did not bear record; but the disciples bare record that he gave them power to give the Holy Ghost. And I will show unto you hereafter that this record is true.

And it came to pass that when Jesus had touched them all, there came a cloud and overshadowed the multitude that they could not see Jesus.

And while they were overshadowed he departed from them, and ascended into heaven. And the disciples saw and did bear record that he ascended again into heaven.

3rd Nephi Chapter 19

The Twelve Disciples minister unto the people and pray for the Holy Ghost

They are baptized and receive the Holy Ghost and the ministering of angels

Jesus prays using words that cannot be written

He attests to the exceedingly great faith of these Nephites.

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had ascended into heaven, the multitude did disperse, and every man did take his wife and his children and did return to his own home. And it was noised abroad among the people immediately, before it was yet dark, that the multitude had seen Jesus, and that he had ministered unto them, and that he would also show himself on the morrow unto the multitude.

Yea, and even all the night it was noised abroad concerning Jesus; and insomuch did they send forth unto the people that there were many, yea, an exceedingly great number, did labor exceedingly all that night, that they might be on the morrow in the place where Jesus should show himself unto the multitude.

And it came to pass that on the morrow, when the multitude was gathered together, behold,
Nephi and his brother whom he had raised from the dead,
whose name was Timothy,
and also his son, whose name was Jonas,
and also Mathoni,
and Mathonihah, his brother,
and Kumen,
and Kumenonhi,
and Jeremiah,
and Shemnon,
and Jonas,
and Zedekiah,
and Isaiah--

now these were the names of the disciples whom Jesus had chosen--and it came to pass that they went forth and stood in the midst of the multitude.

And behold, the multitude was so great that they did cause that they should be separated into twelve bodies.

And the twelve did teach the multitude; and behold, they did cause that the multitude should kneel down upon the face of the earth, and should pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus.

And the disciples did pray unto the Father also in the name of Jesus.

And it came to pass that they arose and ministered unto the people. And when they had ministered those same words which Jesus had spoken--nothing varying from the words which Jesus had spoken--behold, they knelt again and prayed to the Father in the name of Jesus.

And they did pray for that which they most desired; and they desired that the Holy Ghost should be given unto them.

And when they had thus prayed they went down unto the water's edge, and the multitude followed them.

And it came to pass that Nephi went down into the water and was baptized.

And he came up out of the water and began to baptize. And he baptized all those whom Jesus had chosen.

And it came to pass when they were all baptized and had come up out of the water, the Holy Ghost did fall upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and with fire. And behold, they were encircled about as if it were by fire; and it came down from heaven, and the multitude did witness it, and did bear record; and angels did come down out of heaven and did minister unto them.

And it came to pass that while the angels were ministering unto the disciples, behold, Jesus came and stood in the midst and ministered unto them.

And it came to pass that he spake unto the multitude, and commanded them that they should kneel down again upon the earth, and also that his disciples should kneel down upon the earth.

And it came to pass that when they had all knelt down upon the earth, he commanded his disciples that they should pray.

And behold, they began to pray; and they did pray unto Jesus, calling him their Lord and their God.

And it came to pass that Jesus departed out of the midst of them, and went a little way off from them and bowed himself to the earth, and he said:

*“Father, I thank thee that thou hast given the Holy Ghost
unto these whom I have chosen;
and it is because of their belief in me
that I have chosen them out of the world.*

*Father, I pray thee that thou wilt give the Holy Ghost
unto all them that shall believe in their words.*

*Father, thou hast given them the Holy Ghost because they believe in me;
and thou seest that they believe in me because thou hearest them,
and they pray unto me; and they pray unto me because I am with them.*

*And now Father, I pray unto thee for them, and also for all those
who shall believe on their words, that they may believe in me,
that I may be in them as thou, Father, art in me, that we may be one.”*

And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus prayed unto the Father, he came unto his disciples, and behold, they did still continue, without ceasing, to pray unto him; and they did not multiply many words, for it was given unto them what they should pray, and they were filled with desire.

And it came to pass that Jesus blessed them as they did pray unto him; and his countenance did smile upon them, and the light of his countenance did shine upon them, and behold they were as white as the countenance and also the garments of Jesus; and behold the whiteness thereof did exceed all the whiteness, yea, even there could be nothing upon earth so white as the whiteness thereof.

And Jesus said unto them: ***“Pray on”***;
nevertheless they did not cease to pray.

And he turned from them again, and went a little way off and bowed himself to the earth; and he prayed again unto the Father, saying:

***“Father, I thank thee that thou hast purified those whom I have chosen,
because of their faith,
and I pray for them,
and also for them who shall believe on their words,
that they may be purified in me,
through faith on their words, even as they are purified in me.***

***Father, I pray not for the world,
but for those whom thou hast given me out of the world,
because of their faith,
that they may be purified in me,
that I may be in them as thou, Father, art in me,
that we may be one,
that I may be glorified in them.”***

And when Jesus had spoken these words he came again unto his disciples; and behold they did pray steadfastly, without ceasing, unto him; and he did smile upon them again; and behold they were white, even as Jesus.

And it came to pass that he went again a little way off and prayed unto the Father;

And tongue cannot speak the words which he prayed, neither can be written by man the words which he prayed.

And the multitude did hear and do bear record; and their hearts were open and they did understand in their hearts the words which he prayed.

Nevertheless, so great and marvelous were the words which he prayed that they cannot be written, neither can they be uttered by man.

And it came to pass that when Jesus had made an end of praying he came again to the disciples, and said unto them:

***“So great faith have I never seen among all the Jews;
wherefore I could not show unto them so great miracles,
because of their unbelief.***

***Verily I say unto you,
there are none of them that have seen so great things as ye have seen;***

neither have they heard so great things as ye have heard.”

3rd Nephi Chapter 20

*Jesus provides bread and wine miraculously
and again administers the sacrament unto them*

*The remnant of Jacob shall come to the knowledge of the Lord their God
and shall inherit the Americas*

*Jesus is the prophet like unto Moses, and the Nephites are children of the prophets
Others of the Lord's people shall be gathered to Jerusalem.*

And it came to pass that he commanded the multitude that they should cease to pray, and also his disciples.

And he commanded them that they should not cease to pray in their hearts. And he commanded them that they should arise and stand up upon their feet.

And they arose up and stood upon their feet.

And it came to pass that he brake bread again and blessed it, and gave to the disciples to eat. And when they had eaten he commanded them that they should break bread, and give unto the multitude.

And when they had given unto the multitude he also gave them wine to drink, and commanded them that they should give unto the multitude.

Now, there had been no bread, neither wine, brought by the disciples, neither by the multitude;

But he truly gave unto them bread to eat, and also wine to drink.

And he said unto them:

*“He that eateth this bread eateth of my body to his soul;
and he that drinketh of this wine drinketh of my blood to his soul;
and his soul shall never hunger nor thirst,
but shall be filled.”*

Now, when the multitude had all eaten and drunk, behold, they were filled with the Spirit; and they did cry out with one voice, and gave glory to Jesus, whom they both saw and heard.

And it came to pass that when they had all given glory unto Jesus, he said unto them:

*“Behold now I finish the commandment
which the Father hath commanded me concerning this people,
who are a remnant of the house of Israel.*

*Ye remember that I spake unto you,
and said that when the words of Isaiah should be fulfilled
--behold they are written, ye have them before you, t
herefore search them--*

*And verily, verily, I say unto you,
that when they shall be fulfilled
then is the fulfilling of the covenant
which the Father hath made unto his people, O house of Israel.*

*And then shall the remnants,
which shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth,
be gathered in from the east and from the west,
and from the south and from the north;
and they shall be brought to the knowledge of the Lord their God,
who hath redeemed them.*

*And the Father hath commanded me
that I should give unto you this land, for your inheritance.*

*And I say unto you,
that if the Gentiles do not repent after the blessing
which they shall receive,
after they have scattered my people--
Then shall ye, who are a remnant of the house of Jacob,
go forth among them;
and ye shall be in the midst of them who shall be many;
and ye shall be among them as a lion among the beasts of the forest,
and as a young lion among the flocks of sheep,
who, if he goeth through both treadeth down
and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.*

*Thy hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries,
and all thine enemies shall be cut off.*

*And I will gather my people together as a man gathereth his sheaves
into the floor.*

*For I will make my people with whom the Father hath covenanted,
yea, I will make thy horn iron,
and I will make thy hoofs brass.*

*And thou shalt beat in pieces many people;
and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord,
and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.*

And behold, I am he who doeth it.

*And it shall come to pass, saith the Father,
that the sword of my justice shall hang over them at that day;
and except they repent it shall fall upon them, saith the Father,
yea, even upon all the nations of the Gentiles.*

*And it shall come to pass that I will establish my people,
O house of Israel.*

*And behold, this people will I establish in this land,
unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob;
and it shall be a New Jerusalem.*

*And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people;
yea, even I will be in the midst of you.*

Behold, I am he of whom Moses spake, saying:

*‘A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren,
like unto me;
him shall ye hear in all things
whatsoever he shall say unto you.
And it shall come to pass
that every soul who will not hear that prophet
shall be cut off from among the people.’*

*Verily I say unto you, yea, and all the prophets from Samuel
and those that follow after,
as many as have spoken, have testified of me.*

*And behold, ye are the children of the prophets;
and ye are of the house of Israel;
and ye are of the covenant which the Father made with your fathers,
saying unto Abraham:
“And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.”*

*The Father having raised me up unto you first,
and sent me to bless you in turning away every one of you
from his iniquities;
and this because ye are the children of the covenant--
And after that ye were blessed then fulfilleth the Father
the covenant which he made with Abraham, saying:
“In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed”
-- unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through me upon the Gentiles,
which blessing upon the Gentiles shall make them mighty above all,
unto the scattering of my people,
O house of Israel.*

*And they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.
Nevertheless, when they shall have received the fulness of my gospel,
then if they shall harden their hearts against me
I will return their iniquities upon their own heads, saith the Father.*

*And I will remember the covenant which I have made with my people;
and I have covenanted with them that I would gather them together
in mine own due time,
that I would give unto them again the land of their fathers
for their inheritance,
which is the land of Jerusalem,
which is the promised land unto them forever, saith the Father.*

*And it shall come to pass that the time cometh,
when the fulness of my gospel shall be preached unto them;
And they shall believe in me,
that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
and shall pray unto the Father in my name.*

*Then shall their watchmen lift up their voice,
and with the voice together shall they sing;*

*for they shall see eye to eye.
Then will the Father gather them together again,
and give unto them Jerusalem for the land of their inheritance.
Then shall they break forth into joy--*

*“Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem;
for the Father hath comforted his people,
he hath redeemed Jerusalem.”*

*The Father hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Father;
and the Father and I are one.
And then shall be brought to pass that which is written:*

*“Awake, awake again, and put on thy strength, O Zion;
put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city,
for henceforth there shall no more come
into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.
Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit down, O Jerusalem;
loose thyself from the bands of thy neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.*

*For thus saith the Lord:
Ye have sold yourselves for naught,
and ye shall be redeemed without money.
Verily, verily, I say unto you, that my people shall know my name;
yea, in that day they shall know that I am he that doth speak.*

*And then shall they say:
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him
that bringeth good tidings unto them, that publisheth peace;
that bringeth good tidings unto them of good,
that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion: Thy God reigneth!”*

*And then shall a cry go forth:
“Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence,
touch not that which is unclean;
go ye out of the midst of her;
be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.
For ye shall not go out with haste nor go by flight;
for the Lord will go before you,
and the God of Israel shall be your rearward.*

*Behold, my servant shall deal prudently;
he shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.
As many were astonished at thee--his visage was so marred,
more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men--
So shall he sprinkle many nations;
the kings shall shut their mouths at him,
for that which had not been told them shall they see;
and that which they had not heard shall they consider.”*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you,
all these things shall surely come,
even as the Father hath commanded me.*

*Then shall this covenant
which the Father hath covenanted with his people be fulfilled;
and then shall Jerusalem be inhabited again with my people,
and it shall be the land of their inheritance.”*

3rd Nephi Chapter 21

*Israel shall be gathered when the Book of Mormon comes forth
The Gentiles shall be established as a free people in America
They shall be saved if they believe and obey; otherwise they shall be cut off and destroyed
Israel shall build the New Jerusalem, and the lost tribes shall return.*

*“And verily I say unto you,
I give unto you a sign,
that ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place
--that I shall gather in,
from their long dispersion,
my people, O house of Israel,
and shall establish again among them my Zion;
And behold, this is the thing which I will give unto you for a sign
--for verily I say unto you
that when these things which I declare unto you,
and which I shall declare unto you hereafter of myself,
and by the power of the Holy Ghost
which shall be given unto you of the Father,
shall be made known unto the Gentiles
that they may know concerning this people
who are a remnant of the house of Jacob,
and concerning this my people who shall be scattered by them;
Verily, verily, I say unto you,
when these things shall be made known unto them of the Father,
and shall come forth of the Father, from them unto you;
For it is wisdom in the Father
that they should be established in this land,
and be set up as a free people by the power of the Father,
that these things might come forth from them unto
a remnant of your seed,
that the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled
which he hath covenanted with his people,
O house of Israel;
Therefore, when these works and the works
which shall be wrought among you hereafter shall come forth
from the Gentiles,
unto your seed which shall dwindle in unbelief
because of iniquity;
For thus it behooveth the Father that it should come forth
from the Gentiles,
that he may show forth his power unto the Gentiles,*

*for this cause that the Gentiles,
if they will not harden their hearts,
that they may repent and come unto me
and be baptized in my name
and know of the true points of my doctrine,
that they may be numbered among my people,
O house of Israel;*

*And when these things come to pass
that thy seed shall begin to know these things
--it shall be a sign unto them,
that they may know that the work of the Father
hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant
which he hath made unto the people who are
of the house of Israel.*

*And when that day shall come,
it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths;
for that which had not been told them shall they see;
and that which they had not heard shall they consider.*

*For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work,
which shall be a great and a marvelous work among them;
and there shall be among them those who will not believe it,
although a man shall declare it unto them.*

*But behold, the life of my servant shall be in my hand;
therefore they shall not hurt him,
although he shall be marred because of them.
Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is
greater than the cunning of the devil.*

*Therefore it shall come to pass
that whosoever will not believe in my words,
who am Jesus Christ,
which the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles,
and shall give unto him power
that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles,
(it shall be done even as Moses said)
they shall be cut off from among my people
who are of the covenant.*

*And my people who are a remnant of Jacob
shall be among the Gentiles,
yea, in the midst of them as a lion among the beasts of the forest,
as a young lion among the flocks of sheep,
who, if he go through both treadeth down and teareth
in pieces, and none can deliver.
Their hand shall be lifted up upon their adversaries,
and all their enemies shall be cut off.*

*Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles except they repent;
for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father,*

*that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee,
and I will destroy thy chariots;
And I will cut off the cities of thy land,
and throw down all thy strongholds;
And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy land,
and thou shalt have no more soothsayers;
Thy graven images I will also cut off,
and thy standing images out of the midst of thee,
and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands;
And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee;
so will I destroy thy cities.*

*And it shall come to pass that all lyings,
and deceivings,
and envyings,
and strifes,
and priestcrafts,
and whoredoms,
shall be done away.*

*For it shall come to pass, saith the Father,
that at that day whosoever will not repent
and come unto my Beloved Son,
them will I cut off from among my people, O house of Israel;*

*And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them,
even as upon the heathen,
such as they have not heard.
But if they will repent and hearken unto my words,
and harden not their hearts,
I will establish my church among them,
and they shall come in unto the covenant
and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob,
unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance;*

*And they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob,
and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come,
that they may build a city,
which shall be called the New Jerusalem.
And then shall they assist my people
that they may be gathered in,
who are scattered upon all the face of the land,
in unto the New Jerusalem.*

*And then shall the power of heaven come down among them;
and I also will be in the midst.*

*And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day,
even when this gospel shall be preached
among the remnant of this people.*

Verily I say unto you, at that day shall the work of the Father

*commence among all the dispersed of my people,
yea, even the tribes which have been lost,
which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem.
Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed of my people,
with the Father to prepare the way
whereby they may come unto me,
that they may call on the Father in my name.*

*Yea, and then shall the work commence,
with the Father among all nations in preparing the way
whereby his people may be gathered home to the land
of their inheritance.*

*And they shall go out from all nations;
and they shall not go out in haste, nor go by flight,
for I will go before them, saith the Father,
and I will be their rearward.”*

3rd Nephi Chapter 22

*In the last days, Zion and her stakes shall be established,
and Israel shall be gathered in mercy and tenderness
They shall triumph
Compare Isaiah 54.*

“And then shall that which is written come to pass:

*Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear;
break forth into singing, and cry aloud,
thou that didst not travail with child;
for more are the children of the desolate
than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord.*

*Enlarge the place of thy tent,
and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations;
spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes;
For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left,
and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles
and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.*

*Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed;
neither be thou confounded,
for thou shalt not be put to shame;
for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth,
and shalt not remember the reproach of thy youth,
and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.*

*For thy maker, thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is his name;
and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel--
the God of the whole earth shall he be called.*

*For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit,
and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.*

*For a small moment have I forsaken thee,
but with great mercies will I gather thee.
In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment,
but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee,
saith the Lord thy Redeemer.*

*For this, the waters of Noah unto me,
for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah
should no more go over the earth,
so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee.*

*For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed,
but my kindness shall not depart from thee,
neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed,
saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.*

*O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted!
Behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors,
and lay thy foundations with sapphires.*

*And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles,
and all thy borders of pleasant stones.*

*And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord;
and great shall be the peace of thy children.
In righteousness shalt thou be established;
thou shalt be far from oppression for thou shalt not fear,
and from terror for it shall not come near thee.*

*Behold, they shall surely gather together against thee, not by me;
whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.*

*Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire,
and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work;
and I have created the waster to destroy.*

*No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper;
and every tongue that shall revile against thee in judgment
thou shalt condemn.*

*This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,
and their righteousness is of me,
saith the Lord.*

3rd Nephi Chapter 23

Jesus approves the words of Isaiah

He commands the people to search the prophets

The words of Samuel the Lamanite concerning the resurrection

are added to their records.

*“And now, behold, I say unto you,
that ye ought to search these things.*

*Yea, a commandment I give unto you
that ye search these things diligently;
for great are the words of Isaiah.*

*For surely he spake as touching all things concerning my people
which are of the house of Israel;
therefore it must needs be that he must speak also to the Gentiles.*

*And all things that he spake have been and shall be,
even according to the words which he spake.*

*Therefore give heed to my words;
write the things which I have told you;
and according to the time and the will of the Father
they shall go forth unto the Gentiles.
And whosoever will hearken unto my words and repenteth and is baptized,
the same shall be saved.
Search the prophets,
for many there be that testify of these things.”*

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had said these words he said unto them again, after he had expounded all the scriptures unto them which they had received, he said unto them:

*“Behold, other scriptures I would that ye should write,
that ye have not.”*

And it came to pass that he said unto Nephi:

“Bring forth the record which ye have kept.”

And when Nephi had brought forth the records, and laid them before him, he cast his eyes upon them and said:

*“Verily I say unto you, I commanded my servant Samuel, the Lamanite,
that he should testify unto this people,
that at the day that the Father should glorify his name in me
that there were many saints who should arise from the dead,
and should appear unto many, and should minister unto them.
And he said unto them:
“Was it not so?”*

And his disciples answered him and said:

*“Yea, Lord, Samuel did prophesy according to thy words,
and they were all fulfilled.*

And Jesus said unto them:

*“How be it that ye have not written this thing,
that many saints did arise
and appear unto many and did minister unto them?”*

And it came to pass that Nephi remembered that this thing had not been written.

And it came to pass that Jesus commanded that it should be written; therefore it was written according as he commanded.

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had expounded all the scriptures in one, which they had written, he commanded them that they should teach the things which he had expounded unto them.

3rd Nephi Chapter 24

The Lord's messenger shall prepare the way for the Second Coming

Christ shall sit in judgment

Israel is commanded to pay tithes and offerings

A book of remembrance is kept

Compare Malachi 3.

And it came to pass that he commanded them that they should write the words which the Father had given unto Malachi, which he should tell unto them.

And it came to pass that after they were written he expounded them. And these are the words which he did tell unto them, saying:

“Thus said the Father unto Malachi--

***“Behold, I will send my messenger,
and he shall prepare the way before me,
and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple,
even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in;
behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.***

***But who may abide the day of his coming,
and who shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like a refiner's fire,
and like fuller's soap.***

***And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver;
and he shall purify the sons of Levi,
and purge them as gold and silver,
that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.***

***Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord,
as in the days of old, and as in former years.***

***And I will come near to you to judgment;
and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers,
and against the adulterers,
and against false swearers,
and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages,
the widow and the fatherless,
and that turn aside the stranger,
and fear not me, saith the Lord of Hosts.***

***For I am the Lord, I change not;
therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.***

*Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances,
and have not kept them.*

Return unto me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts.

But ye say:

“Wherein shall we return?”

Will a man rob God?

Yet ye have robbed me.

But ye say:

“Wherein have we robbed thee?”

In tithes and offerings.

*Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me,
even this whole nation.*

*Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,
that there may be meat in my house;
and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts,
if I will not open you the windows of heaven,
and pour you out a blessing
that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

*And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground;
neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the fields,
saith the Lord of Hosts.*

*And all nations shall call you blessed,
for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of Hosts*

Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord.

Yet ye say:

“What have we spoken against thee?”

Ye have said:

*“It is vain to serve God,
and what doth it profit that we have kept his ordinances
and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts?*

*And now we call the proud happy;
yea, they that work wickedness are set up;
yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.”*

*Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another,
and the Lord hearkened and heard;
and a book of remembrance was written
before him for them that feared the Lord,
and that thought upon his name.*

*And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts,
in that day when I make up my jewels;
and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.*

*Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked,
between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.”*

3rd Nephi Chapter 25

*At the Second Coming the proud and wicked shall be burned as stubble
Elijah shall return before that great and dreadful day
Compare Malachi 4.*

*“For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven;
and all the proud, yea,
and all that do wickedly,
shall be stubble;
and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts,
that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.*

*But unto you that fear my name,
shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings;
and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves in the stall.
And ye shall tread down the wicked;
for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day
that I shall do this, saith the Lord of Hosts.*

*Remember ye the law of Moses, my servant,
which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel,
with the statutes and judgments.*

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord;
And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,
and the heart of the children to their fathers,
lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”*

3rd Nephi Chapter 26

*Jesus expounds all things from the beginning to the end
Babes and children utter marvelous things which cannot be written
Those in the Church of Christ have all things in common among them.*

And now it came to pass that when Jesus had told these things he expounded them unto the multitude; and he did expound all things unto them, both great and small.

And he saith:

*“These scriptures, which ye had not with you,
the Father commanded that I should give unto you;
for it was wisdom in him
that they should be given unto future generations.”*

And he did expound all things, even from the beginning until the time that he should come in his glory—yea, even all things which should come upon the face of the earth, even until the elements should melt with fervent heat, and the earth should be wrapt together as a scroll, and the heavens and the earth should pass away; And even unto the great and last day, when all people, and all kindreds, and all nations and tongues shall stand before God, to be judged of their works, whether they be good or whether they be evil— If they be good, to the resurrection of everlasting life; and if they be evil, to the resurrection of damnation; being on a parallel, the one on the one hand and the other on the other hand, according to the mercy, and the justice, and the holiness which is in Christ, who was before the world began.

And now there cannot be written in this book even a hundredth part of the things which Jesus did truly teach unto the people; But behold the plates of Nephi do contain the more part of the things which he taught the people.

And these things have I written, which are a lesser part of the things which he taught the people; and I have written them to the intent that they may be brought again unto this people, from the Gentiles, according to the words which Jesus hath spoken.

*“And when they shall have received this,
which is expedient that they should have first,
to try their faith,
and if it shall so be that they shall believe these things
then shall the greater things be made manifest unto them.*

*And if it so be that they will not believe these things,
then shall the greater things be withheld from them,
unto their condemnation.”*

Behold, I was about to write them, all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbade it, saying:

“I will try the faith of my people.”

Therefore I, Mormon, do write the things which have been commanded me of the Lord.

And now I, Mormon, make an end of my sayings, and proceed to write the things which have been commanded me.

Therefore, I would that ye should behold that the Lord truly did teach the people, for the space of three days; and after that he did show himself unto them oft, and did break bread oft, and bless it, and give it unto them.

And it came to pass that he did teach and minister unto the children of the multitude of whom hath been spoken, and he did loose their tongues, and they did speak unto their fathers great and marvelous things, even greater than he had revealed unto the people; and he loosed their tongues that they could utter.

And it came to pass that after he had ascended into heaven--
the second time that he showed himself unto them,
and had gone unto the Father,
after having healed all their sick,
and their lame,
and opened the eyes of their blind
and unstopped the ears of the deaf,
and even had done all manner of cures among them,

and raised a man from the dead,
and had shown forth his power unto them,
and had ascended unto the Father--

Behold, it came to pass on the morrow that the multitude gathered themselves together, and they both saw and heard these children; yea, even babes did open their mouths and utter marvelous things; and the things which they did utter were forbidden that there should not any man write them.

And it came to pass that the disciples whom Jesus had chosen began from that time forth to baptize and to teach as many as did come unto them; and as many as were baptized in the name of Jesus were filled with the Holy Ghost.

And many of them saw and heard unspeakable things, which are not lawful to be written. And they taught, and did minister one to another; and they had all things common among them, every man dealing justly, one with another.

And it came to pass that they did do all things even as Jesus had commanded them.
And they who were baptized in the name of Jesus were called the church of Christ.

3rd Nephi Chapter 27

*Jesus commands them to call the Church in his name
His mission and atoning sacrifice constitute his gospel
Men are commanded to repent and be baptized
that they may be sanctified by the Holy Ghost
They are to be even as Jesus is.*

And it came to pass that as the disciples of Jesus were journeying and were preaching the things which they had both heard and seen, and were baptizing in the name of Jesus, it came to pass that the disciples were gathered together and were united in mighty prayer and fasting. ■ And Jesus again showed himself unto them, for they were praying unto the Father in his name; and Jesus came and stood in the midst of them, and said unto them:

“What will ye that I shall give unto you?”

And they said unto him:

*“Lord, we will that thou wouldst tell us the name whereby we shall call this church;
for there are disputations among the people concerning this matter.”*

And the Lord said unto them:

***“Verily, verily, I say unto you,
why is it that the people should murmur
and dispute because of this thing?
Have they not read the scriptures,
which say ye must take upon you the name of Christ,
which is my name?
For by this name shall ye be called at the last day;
And whoso taketh upon him my name, and endureth to the end,
the same shall be saved at the last day.***

***Therefore, whatsoever ye shall do,
ye shall do it in my name;
therefore ye shall call the church in my name;
and ye shall call upon the Father in my name***

that he will bless the church for my sake.

*And how be it my church save it be called in my name?
For if a church be called in Moses' name
then it be Moses' church;
or if it be called in the name of a man
then it be the church of a man;
but if it be called in my name
then it is my church,
if it so be
that they are built upon my gospel.*

*Verily I say unto you,
that ye are built upon my gospel;
therefore ye shall call whatsoever things ye do call, in my name;
therefore if ye call upon the Father, for the church,
if it be in my name the Father will hear you;
And if it so be that the church is built upon my gospel
then will the Father show forth his own works in it.*

*But if it be not built upon my gospel,
and is built upon the works of men, or upon the works of the devil,
verily I say unto you they have joy in their works for a season,
and by and by the end cometh,
and they are hewn down and cast into the fire,
from whence there is no return.
For their works do follow them,
for it is because of their works that they are hewn down;
therefore remember the things that I have told you.*

*Behold I have given unto you my gospel,
and this is the gospel which I have given unto you
--that I came into the world to do the will of my Father,
because my Father sent me.*

*And my Father sent me
that I might be lifted up upon the cross;
and after that I had been lifted up upon the cross,
that I might draw all men unto me,
that as I have been lifted up by men
even so should men be lifted up by the Father,
to stand before me,
to be judged of their works,
whether they be good or whether they be evil--
And for this cause have I been lifted up;
therefore, according to the power of the Father
I will draw all men unto me,
that they may be judged according to their works.*

*And it shall come to pass,
that whoso repenteth and is baptized in my name
shall be filled;*

*and if he endureth to the end, behold,
him will I hold guiltless before my Father at that day
when I shall stand to judge the world.*

*And he that endureth not unto the end,
the same is he that is also hewn down and cast into the fire,
from whence they can no more return,
because of the justice of the Father.*

*And this is the word
which he hath given unto the children of men.
And for this cause he fulfilleth the words which he hath given,
and he lieth not,
but fulfilleth all his words.*

*And no unclean thing can enter into his kingdom;
therefore nothing entereth into his rest
save it be those who have washed their garments in my blood,
because of their faith,
and the repentance of all their sins,
and their faithfulness unto the end.*

*Now this is the commandment:
“Repent, all ye ends of the earth,
and come unto me and be baptized in my name,
that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost,
that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day.”*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, this is my gospel;
and ye know the things that ye must do in my church;
for the works which ye have seen me do
that shall ye also do;
for that which ye have seen me do
even that shall ye do;
Therefore, if ye do these things blessed are ye,
for ye shall be lifted up at the last day.*

*Write the things which ye have seen and heard,
save it be those which are forbidden.
Write the works of this people, which shall be,
even as hath been written, of that which hath been.*

*For behold, out of the books which have been written,
and which shall be written,
shall this people be judged,
for by them shall their works be known unto men.*

*And behold, all things are written by the Father;
therefore out of the books which shall be written
shall the world be judged.*

And know ye that ye shall be judges of this people,

*according to the judgment which I shall give unto you,
which shall be just.
Therefore, what manner of men ought ye to be?
Verily I say unto you, even as I am.*

And now I go unto the Father.

*And verily I say unto you,
whatsoever things ye shall ask the Father in my name
shall be given unto you.*

*Therefore, ask, and ye shall receive;
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
for he that asketh, receiveth;
and unto him that knocketh, it shall be opened.*

*And now, behold, my joy is great, even unto fulness, because of you,
and also this generation;
yea, and even the Father rejoiceth,
and also all the holy angels,
because of you and this generation;
for none of them are lost.*

*Behold, I would that ye should understand;
for I mean them who are now alive of this generation;
and none of them are lost;
and in them I have fulness of joy.*

*But behold, it sorroweth me
because of the fourth generation from this generation,
for they are led away captive by him even as was the son of perdition;
for they will sell me for silver and for gold,
and for that which moth doth corrupt
and which thieves can break through and steal.*

*And in that day will I visit them,
even in turning their works upon their own heads.”*

And it came to pass that when Jesus had ended these sayings he said unto his disciples:

*“Enter ye in at the strait gate;
for strait is the gate,
and narrow is the way that leads to life,
and few there be that find it;
but wide is the gate,
and broad the way which leads to death,
and many there be that travel therein,
until the night cometh,
wherein no man can work.”*

3rd Nephi Chapter 28

Nine of the Twelve desire and are promised an inheritance in Christ's kingdom when they die

*The Three Nephites desire and are given power over death
so as to remain on the earth until Jesus comes again
They are translated and see things not lawful to utter,
and they are now ministering among men.*

And it came to pass when Jesus had said these words, he spake unto his disciples, one by one, saying unto them:

*“What is it that ye desire of me,
after that I am gone to the Father?”*

And they all spake, save it were three, saying:

*“We desire that after we have lived unto the age of man,
that our ministry, wherein thou hast called us,
may have an end,
that we may speedily come unto thee in thy kingdom.”*

And he said unto them:

*“Blessed are ye
because ye desired this thing of me;
therefore, after that ye are seventy and two years old
ye shall come unto me in my kingdom;
and with me ye shall find rest.”*

And when he had spoken unto them, he turned himself unto the three, and said unto them:

*“What will ye that I should do unto you,
when I am gone unto the Father?”*

And they sorrowed in their hearts, for they durst not speak unto him the thing which they desired. And he said unto them:

*“Behold, I know your thoughts,
and ye have desired the thing which John, my beloved,
who was with me in my ministry,
before that I was lifted up by the Jews, desired of me.*

*Therefore, more blessed are ye,
for ye shall never taste of death;
but ye shall live to behold all the doings of the Father
unto the children of men,
even until all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father,
when I shall come in my glory with the powers of heaven.*

*And ye shall never endure the pains of death;
but when I shall come in my glory
ye shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye
from mortality to immortality;
and then shall ye be blessed in the kingdom of my Father.*

*And again,
ye shall not have pain while ye shall dwell in the flesh,
neither sorrow save it be for the sins of the world;
and all this will I do because of the thing which ye have desired of me,
for ye have desired that ye might bring the souls of men unto me,
while the world shall stand.*

*And for this cause ye shall have fulness of joy;
and ye shall sit down in the kingdom of my Father;
yea, your joy shall be full,
even as the Father hath given me fulness of joy;
and ye shall be even as I am,
and I am even as the Father;
and the Father and I are one;
And the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me;
and the Father giveth the Holy Ghost unto the children of men,
because of me.”*

And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words, he touched every one of them with his finger save it were the three who were to tarry, and then he departed. And behold, the heavens were opened, and they were caught up into heaven, and saw and heard unspeakable things. And it was forbidden them that they should utter; neither was it given unto them power that they could utter the things which they saw and heard; And whether they were in the body or out of the body, they could not tell; for it did seem unto them like a transfiguration of them, that they were changed from this body of flesh into an immortal state, that they could behold the things of God. But it came to pass that they did again minister upon the face of the earth; nevertheless they did not minister of the things which they had heard and seen, because of the commandment which was given them in heaven.

And now, whether they were mortal or immortal, from the day of their transfiguration, I know not; But this much I know, according to the record which hath been given--they did go forth upon the face of the land, and did minister unto all the people, uniting as many to the church as would believe in their preaching; baptizing them, and as many as were baptized did receive the Holy Ghost. And they were cast into prison by them who did not belong to the church. And the prisons could not hold them, for they were rent in twain.

And they were cast down into the earth; but they did smite the earth with the word of God, insomuch that by his power they were delivered out of the depths of the earth; and therefore they could not dig pits sufficient to hold them. And thrice they were cast into a furnace and received no harm. And twice were they cast into a den of wild beasts; and behold they did play with the beasts as a child with a suckling lamb, and received no harm.

And it came to pass that thus they did go forth among all the people of Nephi, and did preach the gospel of Christ unto all people upon the face of the land; and they were converted unto the Lord, and were united unto the church of Christ, and thus the people of that generation were blessed, according to the word of Jesus.

Mormon's Commentary

And now I, Mormon, make an end of speaking concerning these things for a time.

Behold, I was about to write the names of those who were never to taste of death,
but the Lord forbade;
therefore I write them not,
for they are hid from the world.
But behold, I have seen them,
and they have ministered unto me.
And behold they will be among the Gentiles,
and the Gentiles shall know them not.
They will also be among the Jews,

and the Jews shall know them not.

And it shall come to pass,
when the Lord seeth fit in his wisdom
that they shall minister unto all the scattered tribes of Israel,
and unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people,
and shall bring out of them unto Jesus many souls,
that their desire may be fulfilled,
and also because of the convincing power of God which is in them.

And they are as the angels of God,
and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus
they can show themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good.

Therefore, great and marvelous works shall be wrought by them,
before the great and coming day
when all people must surely stand before the judgment-seat of Christ;

Yea even among the Gentiles
shall there be a great and marvelous work wrought by them,
before that judgment day.

And if ye had all the scriptures
which give an account of all the marvelous works of Christ,
ye would according to the words of Christ,
know that these things must surely come.

And wo be unto him
that will not hearken unto the words of Jesus,
and also to them whom he hath chosen and sent among them;
for whoso receiveth not the words of Jesus
and the words of those whom he hath sent receiveth not him;
and therefore he will not receive them at the last day;
And it would be better for them
if they had not been born.

For do ye suppose that ye can get rid of the justice of an offended God,
who hath been trampled under feet of men,
that thereby salvation might come?

And now behold, as I spake concerning those whom the Lord hath chosen,
yea, even three who were caught up into the heavens,
that I knew not whether they were cleansed from mortality to immortality--
But behold, since I wrote, I have inquired of the Lord,
and he hath made it manifest unto me
that there must needs be a change wrought upon their bodies,
or else it needs be that they must taste of death;
Therefore, that they might not taste of death
there was a change wrought upon their bodies,
that they might not suffer pain nor sorrow
save it were for the sins of the world.

Now this change was not equal to that which shall take place at the last day;
but there was a change wrought upon them,
insomuch that Satan could have no power over them,
that he could not tempt them;
and they were sanctified in the flesh,

that they were holy,
and that the powers of the earth could not hold them.
And in this state they were to remain until the judgment day of Christ;
and at that day they were to receive a greater change,
and to be received into the kingdom of the Father to go no more out,
but to dwell with God eternally in the heavens.

3rd Nephi Chapter 29

*The coming forth of the Book of Mormon is a sign
that the Lord has commenced to gather Israel and fulfill his covenants
Those who reject his latter-day revelations and gifts shall be cursed.*

And now behold, I say unto you
that when the Lord shall see fit, in his wisdom,
that these sayings shall come unto the Gentiles according to his word,
then ye may know that the covenant
which the Father hath made with the children of Israel,
concerning their restoration to the lands of their inheritance,
is already beginning to be fulfilled.

And ye may know that the words of the Lord,
which have been spoken by the holy prophets,
shall all be fulfilled;
and ye need not say
that the Lord delays his coming unto the children of Israel.

And ye need not imagine in your hearts
that the words which have been spoken are vain,
for behold, the Lord will remember his covenant
which he hath made unto his people of the house of Israel.

And when ye shall see these sayings coming forth among you,
then ye need not any longer spurn at the doings of the Lord,
for the sword of his justice is in his right hand;
and behold, at that day,
if ye shall spurn at his doings
he will cause that it shall soon overtake you.

Wo unto him that spurneth at the doings of the Lord;
Yea, wo unto him that shall deny the Christ and his works!
Yea, wo unto him that shall deny the revelations of the Lord,
and that shall say the Lord no longer worketh by revelation, or by prophecy,
or by gifts, or by tongues, or by healings, or by the power of the Holy Ghost!

Yea, and wo unto him that shall say at that day, to get gain,
that there can be no miracle wrought by Jesus Christ;
for he that doeth this shall become like unto the son of perdition,
for whom there was no mercy, according to the word of Christ!

Yea, and ye need not any longer hiss, nor spurn, nor make game of the Jews,

nor any of the remnant of the house of Israel;
for behold, the Lord remembereth his covenant unto them,
and he will do unto them according to that which he hath sworn.
Therefore ye need not suppose that ye can turn the right hand
of the Lord unto the left, that he may not execute judgment
unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the house of Israel.

3rd Nephi Chapter 30

*The latter-day Gentiles are commanded to repent
and come unto Christ and be numbered with the house of Israel.*

Hearken, O ye Gentiles,
and hear the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God,
which he hath commanded me that I should speak concerning you,
for, behold he commandeth me that I should write, saying:

*“Turn, all ye Gentiles, from your wicked ways;
and repent of your evil doings,
of your lyings
and deceivings,
and of your whoredoms,
and of your secret abominations,
and your idolatries,
and of your murders,
and your priestcrafts,
and your envyings,
and your strifes,
and from all your wickedness and abominations,
and come unto me, and be baptized in my name,
that ye may receive a remission of your sins,
and be filled with the Holy Ghost,
that ye may be numbered with my people
who are of the house of Israel.”*

FOURTH NEPHI THE BOOK OF NEPHI WHO IS THE SON OF NEPHI ONE OF THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

(No quotes)

THE BOOK OF MORMON

Mormon 3:1-2 (*Voice of the Lord comes to Mormon*)

And it came to pass that the Lamanites did not come to battle again until ten years more had passed away. And behold, I had employed my people, the Nephites, in preparing their lands and their arms against the time of battle.

And it came to pass that the Lord did say unto me:

***“Cry unto this people--
Repent ye,
and come unto me,
and be ye baptized,
and build up again my church,
and ye shall be spared.”***

Mormon 3:14-15 (*Voice of the Lord comes to Mormon*)

And when they had sworn by all that had been forbidden them by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that they would go up unto their enemies to battle, and avenge themselves of the blood of their brethren, behold the voice of the Lord came unto me saying:

***“Vengeance is mine, and I will repay;
and because this people repented not after I had delivered them,
behold, they shall be cut off from the face of the earth.”***

Mormon 8:18-20 (*Voice of the Lord comes to Mormon*)

And he that saith:

“Show unto me, or ye shall be smitten”

--let him beware lest he commandeth that which is forbidden of the Lord. ■ For behold, the same that judgeth rashly shall be judged rashly again; for according to his works shall his wages be; therefore, he that smiteth shall be smitten again, of the Lord. ■ Behold what the scripture says--

***“man shall not smite,
neither shall he judge;
for judgment is mine, saith the Lord,
and vengeance is mine also,
and I will repay.”***

Mormon 9:21-24 (*Voice of the Lord to the disciples at His appearance after His resurrection*)

Behold, I say unto you
that whoso believeth in Christ,
doubting nothing,
whatsoever he shall ask the Father in the name of Christ
it shall be granted him;
and this promise is unto all, even unto the ends of the earth.
For behold, thus said Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
unto his disciples who should tarry, yea,
and also to all his disciples, in the hearing of the multitude:

*“Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel to every creature;
And he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved,
but he that believeth not shall be damned;
And these signs shall follow them that believe--
in my name shall they cast out devils;
they shall speak with new tongues;
they shall take up serpents;
and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them;
they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover;
And whosoever shall believe in my name,
doubting nothing,
unto him will I confirm all my words,
even unto the ends of the earth.”*

THE BOOK OF ETHER

Ether 1:39-43 (*Voice of the Lord to the disciples at His appearance after His resurrection*)

And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did cry unto the Lord according to that which had been spoken by the mouth of Jared.

And it came to pass that the Lord did hear the brother of Jared, and had compassion upon him, and said unto him:

*“Go to and gather together thy flocks,
both male and female, of every kind;
and also of the seed of the earth of every kind;
and thy families;
and also Jared thy brother and his family;
and also thy friends and their families,
and the friends of Jared and their families.*

*And when thou hast done this
thou shalt go at the head of them down into the valley which is northward.*

*And there will I meet thee,
and I will go before thee into a land
which is choice above all the lands of the earth.*

*And there will I bless thee and thy seed,
and raise up unto me
of thy seed,
and of the seed of thy brother,
and they who shall go with thee,
a great nation.*

*And there shall be none greater
than the nation which I will raise up unto me of thy seed,
upon all the face of the earth.*

*And thus I will do unto thee
because this long time ye have cried unto me.”*

Ether 2:14-25 (*Voice of the Lord to the Brother of Jared*)

And it came to pass at the end of four years that the Lord came again unto the brother of Jared, and stood in a cloud and talked with him.

And for the space of three hours did the Lord talk with the brother of Jared,
and chastened him
because he remembered not to call upon the name of the Lord.

And the brother of Jared repented of the evil which he had done,
and did call upon the name of the Lord for his brethren who were with him.

And the Lord said unto him:

***“I will forgive thee and thy brethren of their sins;
but thou shalt not sin any more,
for ye shall remember that my Spirit will not always strive with man;
wherefore, if ye will sin until ye are fully ripe
ye shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord.***

***And these are my thoughts upon the land
which I shall give you for your inheritance;
for it shall be a land choice above all other lands.”***

And the Lord said:

***“Go to work and build,
after the manner of barges which ye have hitherto built.”***

And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did go to work, and also his brethren, and built barges after the manner which they had built, according to the instructions of the Lord.

And they were small, and they were light upon the water, even like unto the lightness of a fowl upon the water.

And they were built after a manner that they were exceedingly tight, even that they would hold water like unto a dish; and the bottom thereof was tight like unto a dish; and the sides thereof were tight like unto a dish; and the ends thereof were peaked; and the top thereof was tight like unto a dish; and the length thereof was the length of a tree; and the door thereof, when it was shut, was tight like unto a dish.

And it came to pass that the brother of Jared cried unto the Lord, saying:

*“O Lord, I have performed the work which thou hast commanded me,
and I have made the barges according as thou hast directed me.
And behold, O Lord, in them there is no light;
whither shall we steer?
And also we shall perish, for in them we cannot breathe,
save it is the air which is in them;
therefore we shall perish.”*

And the Lord said unto the brother of Jared:

***“Behold, thou shalt make a hole in the top, and also in the bottom;
and when thou shalt suffer for air
thou shalt unstop the hole and receive air.
And if it be so that the water come in upon thee,
behold, ye shall stop the hole, that ye may not perish in the flood.”***

And it came to pass that the brother of Jared did so, according as the Lord had commanded.

And he cried again unto the Lord saying:

*“O Lord, behold I have done even as thou hast commanded me;
and I have prepared the vessels for my people,
and behold there is no light in them.
Behold, O Lord, wilt thou suffer that we shall cross this great water in darkness?”*

And the Lord said unto the brother of Jared:

“What will ye that I should do that ye may have light in your vessels?”

*For behold, ye cannot have windows, for they will be dashed in pieces;
neither shall ye take fire with you,
for ye shall not go by the light of fire.*

*For behold, ye shall be as a whale in the midst of the sea;
for the mountain waves shall dash upon you.*

*Nevertheless, I will bring you up again out of the depths of the sea;
for the winds have gone forth out of my mouth,
and also the rains and the floods have I sent forth.*

*And behold, I prepare you against these things;
for ye cannot cross this great deep save I prepare you
against the waves of the sea,
and the winds which have gone forth,
and the floods which shall come.*

*Therefore what will ye that I should prepare for you
that ye may have light when ye are swallowed up in the depths of the sea?"*

Ether 3:6-28 (*Voice of the Lord to the Brother of Jared*)

And it came to pass that when the brother of Jared had said these words,
behold, the Lord stretched forth his hand
and touched the stones one by one with his finger.

And the veil was taken from off the eyes of the brother of Jared,
and he saw the finger of the Lord;
and it was as the finger of a man,
like unto flesh and blood;
and the brother of Jared fell down before the Lord,
for he was struck with fear.

And the Lord saw that the brother of Jared had fallen to the earth; and the Lord said unto him:
"Arise, why hast thou fallen?"

And he saith unto the Lord:
*"I saw the finger of the Lord, and I feared lest he should smite me;
for I knew not that the Lord had flesh and blood."*

And the Lord said unto him:
***"Because of thy faith
thou hast seen that I shall take upon me flesh and blood;
and never has man come before me with such exceeding faith as thou hast;
for were it not so ye could not have seen my finger.***

Sawest thou more than this?"

And he answered:
"Nay; Lord, show thyself unto me."

And the Lord said unto him:

“Believest thou the words which I shall speak?”

And he answered:

“Yea, Lord, I know that thou speakest the truth, for thou art a God of truth, and canst not lie.”

And when he had said these words, behold, the Lord showed himself unto him, and said:

“Because thou knowest these things ye are redeemed from the fall; therefore ye are brought back into my presence; therefore I show myself unto you.

Behold, I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world to redeem my people.

Behold, I am Jesus Christ.

I am the Father and the Son.

In me shall all mankind have life, and that eternally, even they who shall believe on my name; and they shall become my sons and my daughters.

And never have I showed myself unto man whom I have created, for never has man believed in me as thou hast.

Seest thou that ye are created after mine own image?

Yea, even all men were created in the beginning after mine own image.

“Behold, this body, which ye now behold, is the body of my spirit; and man have I created after the body of my spirit; and even as I appear unto thee to be in the spirit will I appear unto my people in the flesh.”

And now, as I, Moroni, said I could not make a full account of these things which are written therefore it sufficeth me to say that Jesus showed himself unto this man in the spirit, even after the manner and in the likeness of the same body even as he showed himself unto the Nephites.

And he ministered unto him even as he ministered unto the Nephites; and all this, that this man might know that he was God, because of the many great works which the Lord had showed unto him.

And because of the knowledge of this man he could not be kept from beholding within the veil; and he saw the finger of Jesus, which, when he saw, he fell with fear; for he knew that it was the finger of the Lord; and he had faith no longer, for he knew, nothing doubting.

Wherefore, having this perfect knowledge of God, he could not be kept from within the veil; therefore he saw Jesus; and he did minister unto him.

And it came to pass that the Lord said unto the brother of Jared:

“Behold, thou shalt not suffer these things

*which ye have seen and heard to go forth unto the world,
until the time cometh that I shall glorify my name in the flesh;
wherefore, ye shall treasure up the things which ye have seen and heard,
and show it to no man.*

*And behold, when ye shall come unto me,
ye shall write them and shall seal them up,
that no one can interpret them;
for ye shall write them in a language
that they cannot be read.”*

*“And behold, these two stones will I give unto thee,
and ye shall seal them up also with the things which ye shall write.*

*For behold, the language which ye shall write
I have confounded;
wherefore I will cause in my own due time
that these stones shall magnify to the eyes of men
these things which ye shall write.”*

And when the Lord had said these words,
he showed unto the brother of Jared
all the inhabitants of the earth which had been,
and also all that would be;
and he withheld them not from his sight,
even unto the ends of the earth.

For he had said unto him in times before,
that if he would believe in him
that he could show unto him all things
--it should be shown unto him;
therefore the Lord could not withhold anything from him,
for he knew that the Lord could show him all things.

And the Lord said unto him:

*“Write these things and seal them up;
and I will show them in mine own due time unto the children of men.”*

And it came to pass that the Lord commanded him that he should seal up the two stones which he had received, and show them not, until the Lord should show them unto the children of men.

Ether 4:3-19 (*Voice of the Lord to Moroni*)

Moroni's Commentary

*Moroni is commanded to seal up the writings of the brother of Jared
They shall not be revealed until men have faith even as the brother of Jared*

And now, after that, they have all dwindled in unbelief;

and there is none save it be the Lamanites,
and they have rejected the gospel of Christ;
therefore I am commanded that I should hide them up again in the earth.

Behold, I have written upon these plates the very things
which the brother of Jared saw;
and there never were greater things made manifest
than those which were made manifest unto the brother of Jared.

Wherefore the Lord hath commanded me to write them;
and I have written them.

And he commanded me that I should seal them up;
and he also hath commanded that I should seal up the interpretation thereof;
wherefore I have sealed up the interpreters,
according to the commandment of the Lord.

For the Lord said unto me:

*They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles
until the day that they shall repent of their iniquity,
and become clean before the Lord.*

*And in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, saith the Lord,
even as the brother of Jared did,
that they may become sanctified in me,
then will I manifest unto them the things
which the brother of Jared saw,
even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations,
saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
the Father of the heavens and of the earth,
and all things that in them are.*

*And he that will contend against the word of the Lord,
let him be accursed;
and he that shall deny these things,
let him be accursed;
for unto them will I show no greater things,
saith Jesus Christ;
for I am he who speaketh.
And at my command the heavens are opened and are shut;
and at my word the earth shall shake;
and at my command the inhabitants thereof shall pass away,
even so as by fire.*

*And he that believeth not my words
believeth not my disciples;
and if it so be that I do not speak,
judge ye;
for ye shall know that it is I that speaketh,
at the last day.*

But he that believeth these things which I have spoken,

*him will I visit with the manifestations of my Spirit,
and he shall know and bear record.*

*For because of my Spirit
he shall know that these things are true;
for it persuadeth men to do good.*

*And whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do good is of me;
for good cometh of none save it be of me.*

*I am the same that leadeth men to all good;
he that will not believe my words will not believe me--that I am;
and he that will not believe me will not believe the Father who sent me.*

*For behold,
I am the Father,
I am the light,
and the life,
and the truth of the world.*

*Come unto me, O ye Gentiles,
and I will show unto you the greater things,
the knowledge which is hid up because of unbelief.*

*Come unto me, O ye house of Israel,
and it shall be made manifest unto you
how great things the Father hath laid up for you,
from the foundation of the world;
and it hath not come unto you,
because of unbelief.*

*Behold, when ye shall rend that veil of unbelief
which doth cause you to remain in your awful state of wickedness,
and hardness of heart, and blindness of mind,
then shall the great and marvelous things which have been hid up
from the foundation of the world from you--
yea, when ye shall call upon the Father in my name,
with a broken heart and a contrite spirit,
then shall ye know that the Father hath remembered the covenant
which he made unto your fathers, O house of Israel.*

*And then shall my revelations
which I have caused to be written by my servant John
be unfolded in the eyes of all the people.*

*Remember, when ye see these things,
ye shall know that the time is at hand
that they shall be made manifest in very deed.*

*Therefore, when ye shall receive this record
ye may know that the work of the Father has commenced
upon all the face of the land.*

*Therefore, repent all ye ends of the earth,
and come unto me, and believe in my gospel,
and be baptized in my name;
for he that believeth and is baptized
shall be saved;
but he that believeth not
shall be damned;
and signs shall follow them that believe in my name.*

*And blessed is he that is found faithful unto my name at the last day,
for he shall be lifted up to dwell in the kingdom
prepared for him from the foundation of the world.
And behold it is I that hath spoken it.
Amen.*

Ether 9:20 (*Voice of the Lord to Moroni*)

And thus the Lord did pour out his blessings upon this land,
which was choice above all other lands;
and he commanded that whoso should possess the land
should possess it unto the Lord,
or they should be destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity;
for upon such, saith the Lord:

“I will pour out the fulness of my wrath.”

Ether 12:23 (*Voice of the Lord to Moroni*)

Moroni's Prayer

And I said unto him:

*“Lord, the Gentiles will mock at these things,
because of our weakness in writing;
for Lord thou hast made us mighty in word by faith,
but thou hast not made us mighty in writing;
for thou hast made all this people that they could speak much,
because of the Holy Ghost which thou hast given them;
And thou hast made us that we could write but little,
because of the awkwardness of our hands.*

*Behold, thou hast not made us mighty in writing like unto the brother of Jared,
for thou madest him that the things which he wrote were mighty
even as thou art, unto the overpowering of man to read them.”*

*“Thou hast also made our words powerful and great,
even that we cannot write them;
wherefore, when we write
we behold our weakness,
and stumble because of the placing of our words;
and I fear lest the Gentiles shall mock at our words.”*

And when I had said this, the Lord spake unto me, saying:

***“Fools mock,
but they shall mourn;
and my grace is sufficient for the meek,
that they shall take no advantage of your weakness;***

***And if men come unto me
I will show unto them their weakness.
I give unto men weakness
that they may be humble;
and my grace is sufficient for all men
that humble themselves before me;
for if they humble themselves before me, and have faith in me,
then will I make weak things become strong unto them.***

***Behold, I will show unto the Gentiles their weakness
and I will show unto them that
faith, hope and charity bringeth unto me--
the fountain of all righteousness.”***

And I, Moroni, having heard these words, was comforted, and said:

*“O Lord, thy righteous will be done,
for I know that thou workest unto the children of men
according to their faith;
For the brother of Jared said unto the mountain Zerin,
“Remove”--and it was removed.
And if he had not had faith it would not have moved;
wherefore thou workest after men have faith.
For thus didst thou manifest thyself unto thy disciples;
for after they had faith,
and did speak in thy name,
thou didst show thyself unto them in great power.*

*And I also remember that thou hast said
that thou hast prepared a house for man, yea,
even among the mansions of thy Father,
in which man might have a more excellent hope;
wherefore man must hope,
or he cannot receive an inheritance
in the place which thou hast prepared.*

*And again, I remember that thou hast said that thou hast loved the world,
even unto the laying down of thy life for the world,
that thou mightest take it again to prepare a place
for the children of men.*

*And now I know that this love which thou hast had
for the children of men is charity;
wherefore, except men shall have charity they cannot inherit that place
which thou hast prepared in the mansions of thy Father.*

Wherefore, I know by this thing which thou hast said,

*that if the Gentiles have not charity, because of our weakness,
that thou wilt prove them, and take away their talent,
yea, even that which they have received,
and give unto them who shall have more abundantly.”*

And it came to pass that I prayed unto the Lord that he would give unto the Gentiles grace, that they might have charity.

And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me:

*“If they have not charity
it mattereth not unto thee,
thou hast been faithful;
wherefore, thy garments shall be made clean.*

*And because thou hast seen thy weakness
thou shalt be made strong,
even unto the sitting down in the place
which I have prepared in the mansions of my Father.”*

And now I, Moroni, bid farewell unto the Gentiles, yea, and also unto my brethren whom I love, until we shall meet before the judgment-seat of Christ, where all men shall know that my garments are not spotted with your blood.

And then shall ye know that I have seen Jesus, and that he hath talked with me face to face, and that he told me in plain humility, even as a man telleth another in mine own language, concerning these things;

And only a few have I written, because of my weakness in writing.

And now, I would commend you to seek this Jesus of whom the prophets and apostles have written, that the grace of God the Father, and also the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, which beareth record of them, may be and abide in you forever.

Amen.

THE BOOK OF MORONI

Moroni 2 (*Words of Christ to the Nephite disciples*)

The words of Christ, which he spake unto his disciples, the twelve whom he had chosen, as he laid his hands upon them--

And he called them by name, saying:

***“Ye shall call on the Father in my name,
in mighty prayer;
and after ye have done this
ye shall have power that to him upon whom ye shall lay your hands,
ye shall give the Holy Ghost;
and in my name shall ye give it,
for thus do mine apostles.”***

Now Christ spake these words unto them at the time of his first appearing; and the multitude heard it not, but the disciples heard it; and on as many as they laid their hands, fell the Holy Ghost.

Moroni 7:2-34 (*Words of Mormon and the words of Christ to him.*)

*“And now I, Mormon,
speak unto you,
my beloved brethren;
and it is by the grace of God the Father,
and our Lord Jesus Christ,
and his holy will,
because of the gift of his calling unto me,
that I am permitted to speak unto you at this time.*

*Wherefore, I would speak unto you
that are of the church,
that are the peaceable followers of Christ,
and that have obtained a sufficient hope
by which ye can enter into the rest of the Lord,
from this time henceforth until ye shall rest with him in heaven.*

*And now my brethren,
I judge these things of you because of your peaceable walk with the children of men.*

*For I remember the word of God, which saith
**“by their works ye shall know them;
for if their works be good,
then they are good also.”***

*For behold, God hath said
**“a man being evil cannot do that which is good;
for if he offereth a gift, or prayeth unto God,***

*except he shall do it with real intent it profiteth him nothing.
For behold, it is not counted unto him for righteousness.*

*For behold, if a man being evil giveth a gift,
he doeth it grudgingly;
wherefore it is counted unto him the same as if he had retained the gift;
wherefore he is counted evil before God.*

*And likewise also is it counted evil unto a man,
if he shall pray and not with real intent of heart;
yea, and it profiteth him nothing, for
God receiveth none such.*

*Wherefore, a man being evil cannot do that which is good;
neither will he give a good gift.*

*For behold, a bitter fountain cannot bring forth good water;
neither can a good fountain bring forth bitter water;
wherefore, a man being a servant of the devil cannot follow Christ;
and if he follow Christ he cannot be a servant of the devil.*

*Wherefore, all things which are good cometh of God;
and that which is evil cometh of the devil;
for the devil is an enemy unto God,
and fighteth against him continually,
and inviteth and enticeth to sin,
and to do that which is evil continually.*

*But behold, that which is of God inviteth
and enticeth to do good continually;
wherefore, every thing which inviteth and enticeth to do good,
and to love God,
and to serve him,
is inspired of God.”*

*Wherefore, take heed, my beloved brethren,
that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God,
or that which is good and of God to be of the devil.*

*For behold, my brethren,
it is given unto you to judge,
that ye may know good from evil;
and the way to judge is as plain,
that ye may know with a perfect knowledge,
as the daylight is from the dark night.*

*For behold,
the Spirit of Christ is given to every man,
that he may know good from evil;
wherefore,
I show unto you the way to judge;
for every thing which inviteth to do good,*

*and to persuade to believe in Christ,
is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ;
wherefore,
ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.*

*But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil,
and believe not in Christ,
and deny him,
and serve not God,
then ye may know with a perfect knowledge
it is of the devil;
for after this manner doth the devil work,
for he persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one;
neither do his angels;
neither do they who subject themselves unto him.*

*And now, my brethren,
seeing that ye know the light by which ye may judge,
which light is the light of Christ,
see that ye do not judge wrongfully;
for with that same judgment which ye judge
ye shall also be judged.*

*Wherefore,
I beseech of you, brethren,
that ye should search diligently in the light of Christ
that ye may know good from evil;
and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing,
and condemn it not,
ye certainly will be a child of Christ.*

*And now, my brethren,
how is it possible that ye can lay hold upon every good thing?*

*And now I come to that faith,
of which I said I would speak;
and I will tell you the way
whereby ye may lay hold on every good thing.*

*For behold,
God knowing all things,
being from everlasting to everlasting,
behold,
he sent angels to minister unto the children of men,
to make manifest concerning the coming of Christ;
and in Christ there should come every good thing.*

*And God also declared unto prophets,
by his own mouth,
that Christ should come.*

*And behold,
there were divers ways
that he did manifest things unto the children of men,*

*which were good;
and all things which are good cometh of Christ;
otherwise men were fallen,
and there could no good thing come unto them.*

*Wherefore,
by the ministering of angels,
and by every word which proceeded forth out of the mouth of God,
men began to exercise faith in Christ;
and thus by faith,
they did lay hold upon every good thing;
and thus it was until the coming of Christ.*

*And after that he came men also were saved
by faith in his name;
and by faith,
they become the sons of God.*

*And as sure as Christ liveth
he spake these words unto our fathers, saying:*

***‘Whatsoever thing ye shall ask the Father in my name,
which is good,
in faith believing that ye shall receive,
behold, it shall be done unto you.’***

*Wherefore, my beloved brethren,
have miracles ceased because Christ
hath ascended into heaven,
and hath sat down on the right hand of God,
to claim of the Father his rights of mercy
which he hath upon the children of men?*

*For he hath answered the ends of the law,
and he claimeth all those who have faith in him;
and they who have faith in him
will cleave unto every good thing;
wherefore he advocateth the cause of the children of men;
and he dwelleth eternally in the heavens.*

*And because he hath done this, my beloved brethren,
have miracles ceased?*

*Behold I say unto you,
Nay; neither have angels ceased to minister unto the children of men.*

*For behold,
they are subject unto him,
to minister according to the word of his command,
showing themselves unto them of strong faith
and a firm mind in every form of godliness.*

*And the office of their ministry
is to call men unto repentance,
and to fulfill
and to do the work of the covenants of the Father,
which he hath made unto the children of men,
to prepare the way among the children of men,
by declaring the word of Christ unto the chosen vessels of the Lord,
that they may bear testimony of him.*

*And by so doing,
the Lord God prepareth the way
that the residue of men may have faith in Christ,
that the Holy Ghost may have place in their hearts,
according to the power thereof;
and after this manner bringeth to pass the Father,
the covenants which he hath made unto the children of men.*

And Christ hath said:

***“If ye will have faith in me ye
shall have power to do whatsoever thing is expedient in me.”***

And he hath said:

***“Repent all ye ends of the earth,
and come unto me,
and be baptized in my name,
and have faith in me,
that ye may be saved.”***

Moroni 8:6-9 *(The first epistle of Mormon to his son, Moroni)*

*And now, my son,
I speak unto you concerning that which grieveth me exceedingly;
for it grieveth me that there should disputations rise among you.
For, if I have learned the truth,
there have been disputations among you concerning the baptism of your little children.*

*And now, my son,
I desire that ye should labor diligently,
that this gross error should be removed from among you;
for, for this intent I have written this epistle.*

*For immediately after I had learned these things of you
I inquired of the Lord concerning the matter.*

And the word of the Lord came to me by the power of the Holy Ghost, saying:

***“Listen to the words of Christ,
your Redeemer, your Lord and your God.***

***Behold, I came into the world not to call the righteous
but sinners to repentance;
the whole need no physician,***

*but they that are sick;
wherefore,
little children are whole,
for they are not capable of committing sin;
wherefore the curse of Adam
is taken from them in me,
that it hath no power over them;
and the law of circumcision is done away in me.”*

And after this manner did the Holy Ghost manifest the word of God unto me; wherefore, my beloved son, I know that it is solemn mockery before God, that ye should baptize little children.

Moroni 10:20-23 (*Mormon's final address*)

And I would exhort you,
my beloved brethren,
that ye remember
that he is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and
that all these gifts of which I have spoken,
which are spiritual,
never will be done away,
even as long as the world shall stand,
only according to the unbelief of the children of men.

Wherefore, there must be faith;
and if there must be faith
there must also be hope;
and if there must be hope
there must also be charity.

And except ye have charity
ye can in nowise be saved in the kingdom of God;
neither can ye be saved in the kingdom of God
if ye have not faith;
neither can ye
if ye have no hope.

And if ye have no hope
ye must needs be in despair;
and despair cometh because of iniquity.

And Christ truly said unto our fathers:

*“If ye have faith
ye can do all things
which are expedient unto me.”*

And now I speak unto all the ends of the earth--
that if the day cometh
that the power and gifts of God shall be done away among you,

it shall be because of unbelief.

And wo be unto the children of men if this be the case;
for there shall be none that doeth good among you, no not one.

For if there be one among you that doeth good,
he shall work by the power and gifts of God.

And wo unto them who shall do these things away and die,
for they die in their sins,
and they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God;
and I speak it according to the words of Christ;
and I lie not.

And I exhort you to remember these things;
for the time speedily cometh
that ye shall know that I lie not,
for ye shall see me at the bar of God;
and the Lord God will say unto you:

***“Did I not declare my words unto you,
which were written by this man,
like as one crying from the dead, yea,
even as one speaking out of the dust?”***