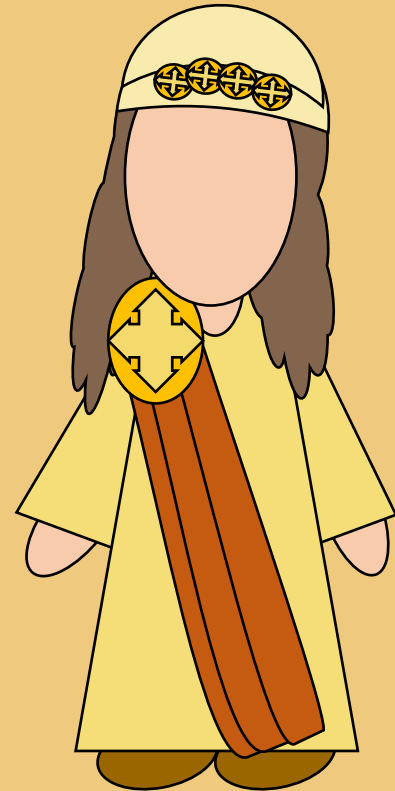
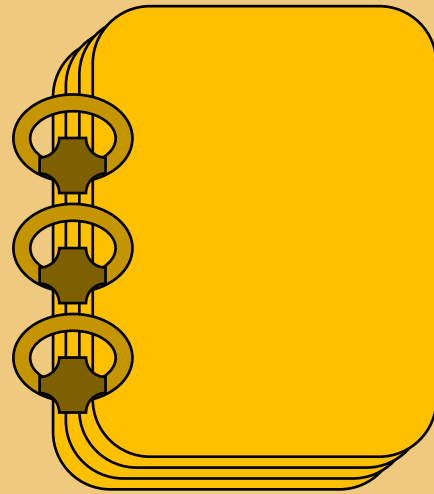
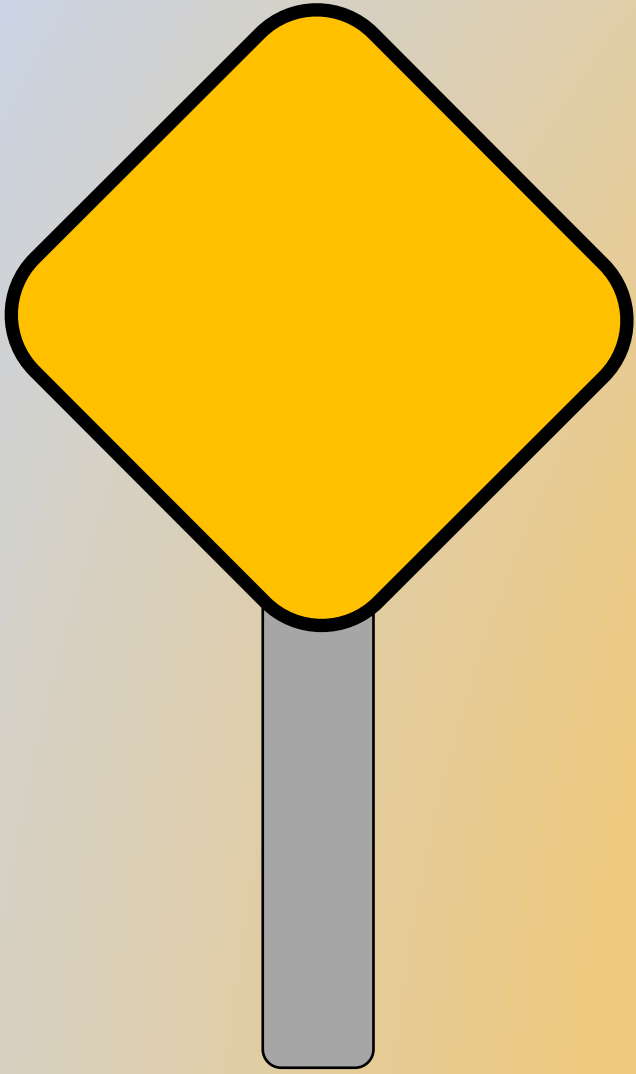
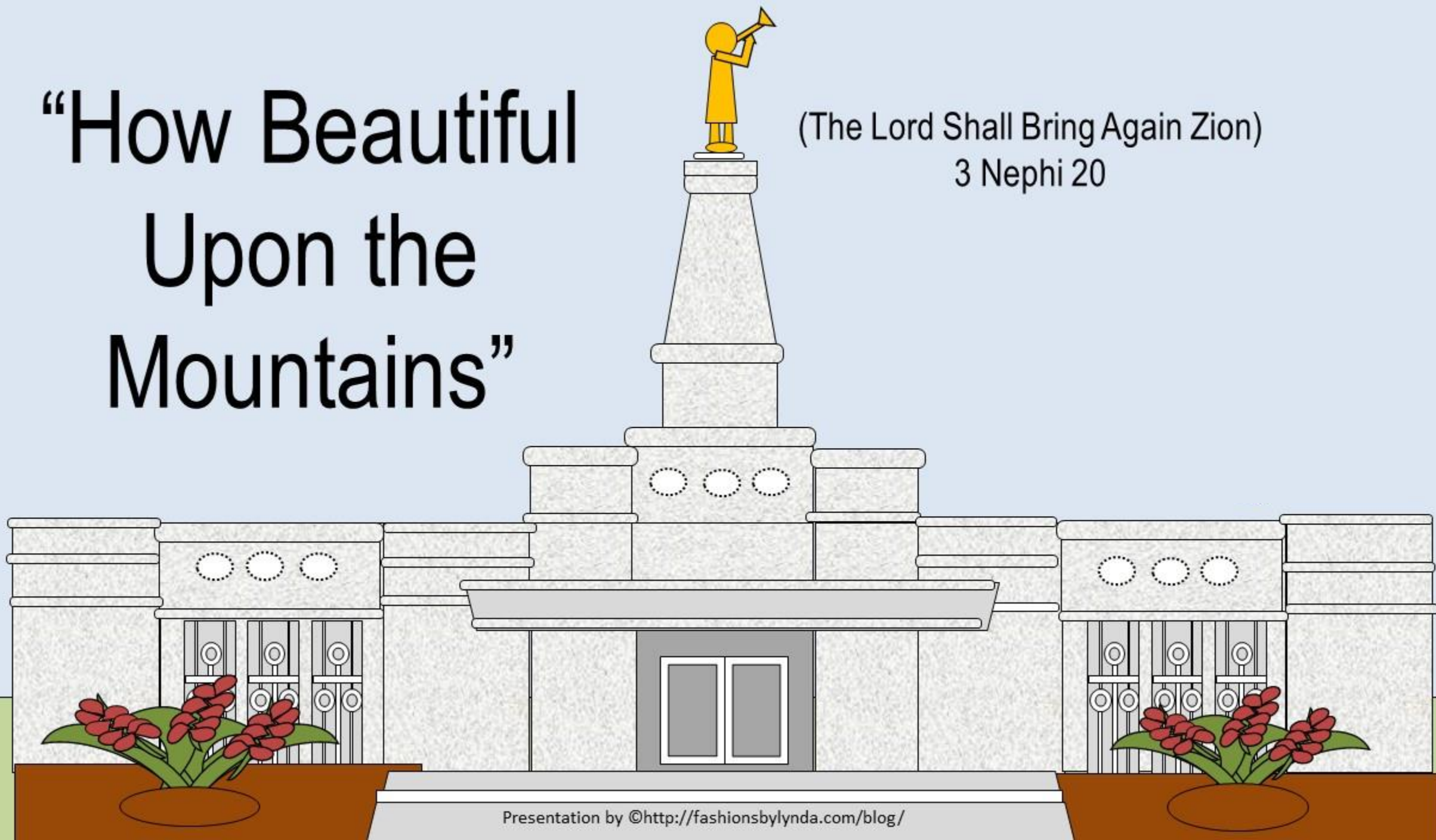


# 3 Nephi 20-26



# “How Beautiful Upon the Mountains”

(The Lord Shall Bring Again Zion)  
3 Nephi 20



# A Miraculous Sacrament

A Sacramental Ordinance:

‘there had been no bread, neither wine, brought by the disciples, neither by the multitude’



Feeding 5,000—12 baskets full

“And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.”

Matthew 14:19



Feeding 4,000—7 baskets full

“And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake *them*, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.”

Matthew 15:36

What is the  
sacred nature of  
the Sacrament?

# Worthy Aaronic Priesthood Holders

To be personally righteous and to stand approved in the sight of God and his appointed leaders.

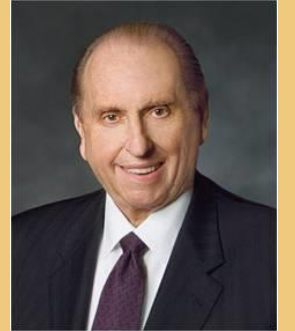


“When one becomes a holder of the priesthood, he becomes an agent of the Lord. He should think of his calling as though he were on the Lord’s errand.”

President Harold B. Lee

“In order to do so, each must be worthy. Let us have ready hands, clean hands, and willing hands, that we may participate in providing what our Heavenly Father would have others receive from Him. If we are not worthy, it is possible to lose the power of the priesthood; and if we lose it, we have lost the essence of exaltation. Let us be worthy to serve.”

President Thomas S. Monson



Who should or should not partake of the sacrament?



# Worthy to Partake of the Sacrament



**Should there be anything amiss in your life, there is open to you a way out.**

**Cease any unrighteousness.**

**Talk with your bishop.**

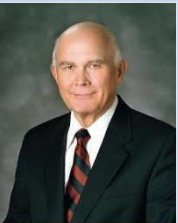
**Whatever the problem, it can be worked out through proper repentance.**

**You can become clean once again. Said the Lord, speaking of those who repent, “Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow,” (Isaiah 1:18) “and I, the Lord, remember them no more.” (D&C 58:42)**

**President Thomas S. Monson**



**How do we qualify  
for the Savior’s  
Promises?**



# The Promises

“Let us qualify ourselves for our Savior’s promise that by partaking of the sacrament we will ‘be filled’, which means that we will be ‘filled with the Spirit’. That Spirit—the Holy Ghost—is our comforter, our direction finder, our communicator, our interpreter, our witness, and our purifier—our infallible guide and sanctifier for our mortal journey toward eternal life.

“... Out of the seemingly small act of consciously and reverently renewing our baptismal covenants comes a renewal of the blessings of baptism by water and by the Spirit, that we may always have his Spirit to be with us. In this way all of us will be guided, and in this way all of us can be cleansed.”

Dallin H. Oaks

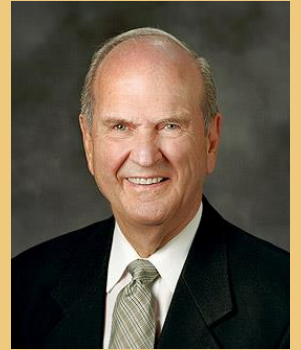


Where should our hearts be during sacrament?



“[The period before sacrament meeting begins] is not a time for conversation or transmission of messages but a period of prayerful meditation as leaders and members prepare spiritually for the sacrament.”

Russell M. Nelson



**Why do you think it is important to avoid talking or transmitting messages to others before or during the sacrament?**

**How can praying before and during the sacrament help us to be filled with the Holy Ghost?**





# Not Cease to Pray

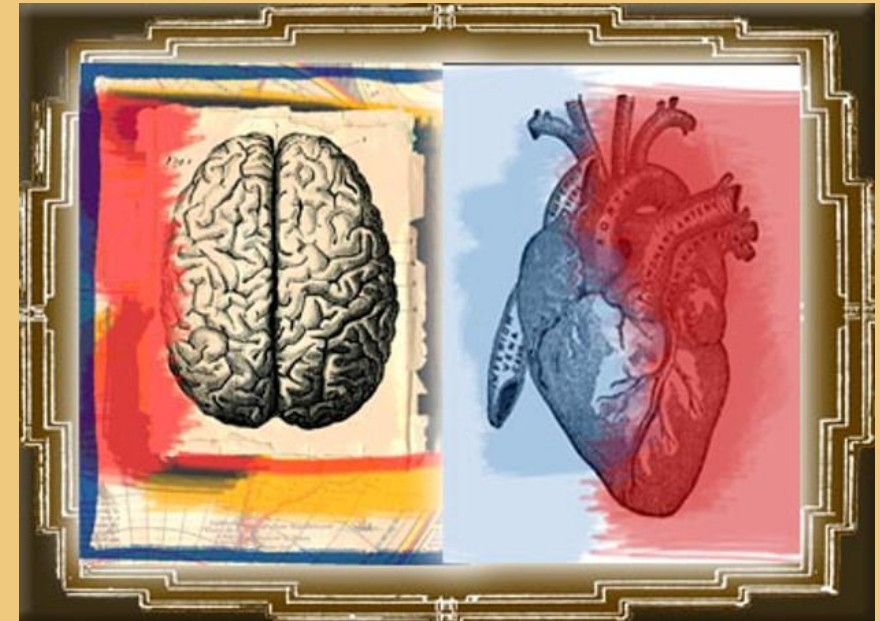
The sacramental prayers teach how to receive the constant companionship of the Holy Spirit. When we partake... ..we open our mind and heart...



The Heart and Mind:

A symbol of the mind and will of man and the figurative source of all emotions and feelings

Guide to the Scriptures



“Our hearts can only be drawn out to God when they are filled with love for Him and trust in His goodness...”

Henry B. Eyring



# Christ Quotes Isaiah

To the Nephites:

“Ye remember that I spake unto you, and said that when the words of Isaiah should be fulfilled—behold they are written,

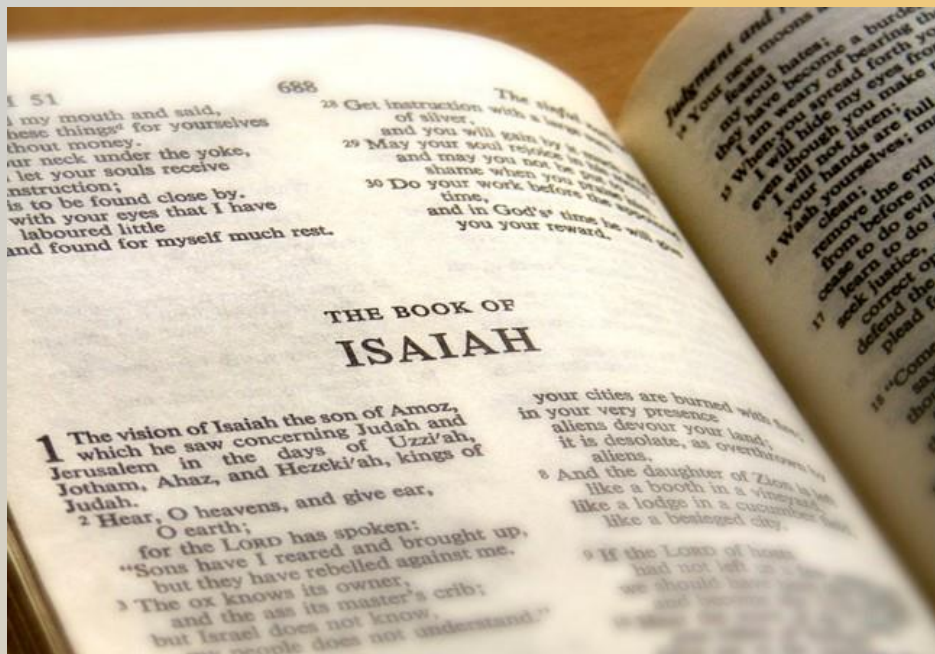
ye have them before you, therefore search them—”



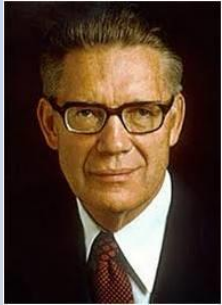
For us today:

“You Latter-day Saints have the words of Isaiah; they are written in the Bible, and many of them are in the Book of Mormon; therefore search them!”

Victor L. Ludlow

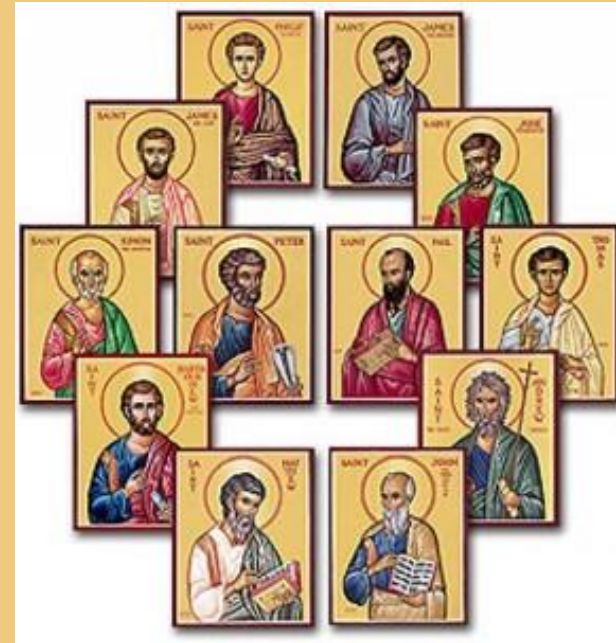


# The House of Israel



“By divine command the name [Israel] was applied to the 12 tribes collectively. (Gen 49:28; Ex. 3:36) Hundreds of millions of persons have thus been Israelites, heirs of the promises made to their fathers. This great host, called while on earth to be a peculiar people. Were also a separate and distinct group in the pre-existence.”

Bruce R. McConkie



To be fulfilled in the last days: “when the words of Isaiah are fulfilled, then God’s covenant with the house of Israel is fulfilled.”

Victor L. Ludlow







# The Scattered to be Gathered

“How is it that they shall be gathered?”

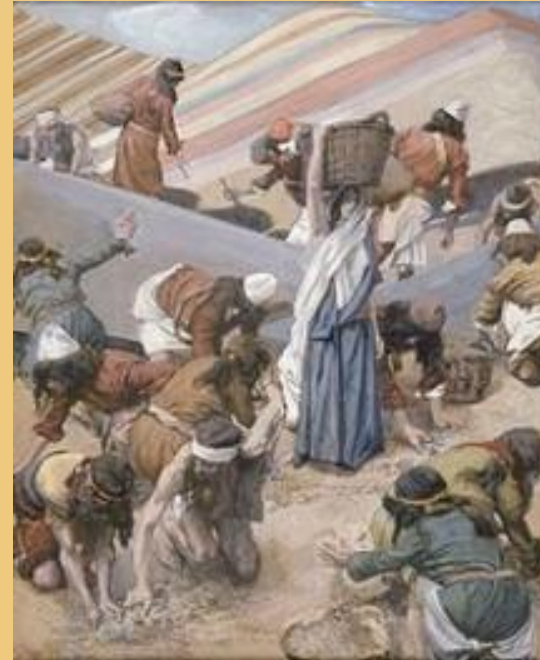
By coming to the knowledge of the Lord their God, who hath redeemed them.

1<sup>st</sup> spiritual to Christ—his gospel and His true Church

Salvation is not a place, but in a person, the person of Christ

We might find that prior to or during the Millennium there would be other scriptural records come forth.

JFM and RLM



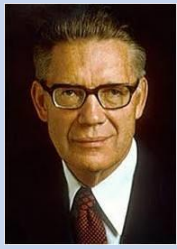
“...Lost books are among the treasures yet to come forth...there will also be many more nourishing and inspiring scriptures.

However, we must first feast worthily upon that which we already have!”

Neal A. Maxwell







# A Young Lion Among the Flocks of Sheep

*“These words of our Lord to the Nephites are quoted from Micah 5:8–9 and have reference to the desolations and ultimate burning that shall destroy the wicked at the Second Coming.*

*Except for a few who are the humble followers of Christ, the Gentiles will not repent.*

*They will revel in their abominations and sin against the restored gospel, and they will be burned by the brightness of our Lord’s coming while the righteous—here called the remnant of Jacob—shall abide the day.*

*And then, in the prophetic imagery, it will be as though the remnant of Israel overthrew their enemies as a young lion among the flocks of sheep.”*  
Bruce R. McConkie





# Sheaves, Horns, Hoofs, and Swords

2<sup>nd</sup> physical gathering—“The gathering of Israel during the thousand years of peace will be of a magnitude that is difficult for us in our present state to conceive.”



“...but the great body of the Jews who are there assembled will not receive Christ as their Redeemer until he comes himself and makes himself manifest unto them.”

Joseph Fielding Smith



## Sword of Justice

Justice—wielded by the Almighty, shall fall upon the wayward and rebellious of all nations

## Horn iron—hoofs brass

“Symbolic expressions of Might and power  
The power of Christ and his destroying angels to cleanse the earth of all wicked persons and all wickedness,

Beat in pieces—those persons who have rejected the greater light of the gospel and gloried in their perversity.”







# The New Jerusalem

American Continent

(Article of Faith 10):

“Hearken, O ye elders of my church, saith the Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to my commandments, in this land, which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the gathering of the saints.

Wherefore, this is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion.



And thus saith the Lord your God, if you will receive wisdom here is wisdom. Behold, the place which is now called Independence is the center place; and a spot for the temple is lying westward, upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse.”

D&C 57:1-3



# Jesus Testifies Himself

The Prophets knew:

“For Moses truly said unto the fathers, 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, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.”

Acts 3:22-24



Jehovah speaks through Moses:

“I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.”

Deuteronomy 18:18-19

# Abrahamic Covenant

Abraham made covenants with God when he received the gospel, when he was ordained a high priest, and when he entered into celestial marriage. In these covenants, God promised great blessings to Abraham and his family. These blessings, which extend to all of Abraham's seed, are called the Abrahamic covenant:

His posterity would be numerous

His seed, or descendants, would receive the gospel and bear the priesthood

Through the ministry of his seed, “all the families of the earth [would] be blessed, even with the blessings of the Gospel, which are the blessings of salvation, even of life eternal”

A person can receive all the blessings of the Abrahamic covenant—even if he or she is not a literal descendant of Abraham—by obeying the laws and ordinances of the gospel

Study Guide—see also Bible Dictionary



**As the seed of Abraham, we have a covenant responsibility to bless all the people of the earth.**



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# Will Surely Come to Pass

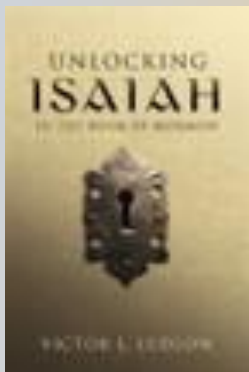
When the words of Isaiah are fulfilled, then the Father's covenant with His people will be fulfilled, and they will be established in their lands of Inheritance

As latter-day heirs of the covenants made with Abraham, we need to be involved in this marvelous work.

As pure messengers of truth, we share a wonderful opportunity for significant service while we build His kingdom of peace.

Our Savior's instruction to us:

Understand the words of Isaiah that gives us incentive to work toward their fulfillment"





# Sharing the Gospel

“You and I, today and always, are to bless all peoples in all the nations of the earth. You and I, today and always, are to bear witness of Jesus Christ and declare the message of the Restoration. You and I, today and always, are to invite all to receive the ordinances of salvation. Proclaiming the gospel is not a part-time priesthood obligation.

It is not simply an activity in which we engage for a limited time or an assignment we must complete as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Rather, missionary work is a manifestation of our spiritual identity and heritage.

We were foreordained in the premortal existence and born into mortality to fulfill the covenant and promise God made to Abraham. We are here upon the earth at this time to magnify the priesthood and to preach the gospel. That is who we are, and that is why we are here—today and always”

Elder David A. Bednar



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“Not many of the Jews...will believe in Christ before He comes. The Book of Mormon tells us that they shall begin to believe in him (2 Nephi 30:7-18), etc.). They are now beginning to believe in him. The Jews today look upon Christ as a great Rabbi. They have accepted him as one of the great teachers; they have said that, ‘He is Jew of Jew, the greatest Rabbi of them all’ as one has stated it. When the gospel was restored in 1830, if a Jew had mentioned the name of Christ in one of the synagogues, he would have been rebuked. Had a rabbi referred to him, the congregation would have arisen and left the building. As so, we see the sentiment has changed. Now I state this on Jewish authority that they are beginning to believe in Christ, and some of them are accepting the gospel.

“But in the main they will gather to Jerusalem, in their unbelief; the gospel will be preached to them; some of them will believe. Not all of the Gentiles have believed when the gospel has been proclaimed to them, but the great body of the Jews who are there assembled will not receive Christ as their Redeemer until he comes himself and makes himself manifest unto them.”

Joseph Fielding Smith *Doctrines of Salvation 3:9*

**3 Nephi 20:26. Children of the covenant**

Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles spoke about the blessings of knowing that we are children of the covenant: “When we realize that we are children of the covenant, we know who we are and what God expects of us. His law is written in our hearts. He is our God and we are His people. Committed children of the covenant remain steadfast, even in the midst of adversity. When that doctrine is deeply implanted in our hearts, even the sting of death is soothed and our spiritual stamina is strengthened” (“Covenants,” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2011, 88).

“Zion, the New Jerusalem, on American soul? And we hasten to add, so also shall there be Zions in all lands and New Jerusalems in the mountains of the Lord in all the earth. But the American Zion shall be the capital city, the source whence the law shall go forth to govern all the earth. It shall be the city of the Great King. His throne shall be there, and from there he shall reign gloriously over all the earth.”

Bruce R. McConkie *Millennial Messiah*, pp. 301-2

**3 Nephi 20:26–27. Fulfill the Abrahamic covenant**

Elder Russell M. Nelson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles spoke of a way we can help fulfill the Abrahamic covenant:

“Ours is the responsibility to help fulfill the Abrahamic covenant. Ours is the seed foreordained and prepared to bless all people of the world. That is why priesthood duty includes missionary work. After some 4,000 years of anticipation and preparation, this is the appointed day when the gospel is to be taken to the kindreds of the earth. This is the time of the promised gathering of Israel. And we get to participate! Isn’t that exciting? The Lord is counting on us and our sons—and He is profoundly grateful for our daughters—who worthily serve as missionaries in this great time of the gathering of Israel” (“Covenants,” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2011, 88).

*“The gathering of Israel consists in believing and accepting and living in harmony with all that the Lord once offered his ancient chosen people. It consists of having faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, of repenting, of being baptized and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and of keeping the commandments of God. It consists of believing the gospel, joining the Church, and coming into the kingdom. It consists of receiving the holy priesthood, being endowed in holy places with power from on high, and receiving all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, through the ordinance of celestial marriage. And it may also consist of assembling to an appointed place or land of worship” (Bruce R. McConkie, *A New Witness for the Articles of Faith*[1985], 515).*

**A Person’s Identity 3 Nephi 20:10-46:**

“You may enjoy music, athletics, or be mechanically inclined, and someday you may work in a trade or a profession or in the arts. As important as such activities and occupations can be, they do not define who we are. First and foremost, we are spiritual beings. We are [children] of God and the seed of Abraham” (David A. Bednar, “Becoming a Missionary,” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2005, 47).

Other Quotes

The Sign of Our Father's  
Work to Come Forth



3 Nephi 21-22



# What are signs used for?



Why is it important that a sign be posted properly and that the message on the sign be easy to understand?

To prepare, warn,  
and instruct us

# Establishment of a Free People



America was  
born of God

1 Nephi 13:15-19

America came to be  
because of divine  
intervention—

The ‘founding  
fathers’ with the  
belief in ‘a God’



THROUGH

“The gospel message comes to those  
in the great Gentile nation of America.  
Those who accept it repent of their  
sins, receive the ordinances of  
salvation, and come to know “the true  
points of [Christ’s] doctrine.”

JFM and RLM

As many as the Gentiles  
and Jews repent they  
will be of the covenant  
people (2 Nephi:30:2)

3 NEPHI 21:4-6



# Restoration of Christ's Gospel

Restoration



THROUGH

Like prophets in earlier dispensations, Joseph Smith was called as the prophet of this last dispensation. Joseph Smith sought for truth and received revelation

3 NEPHI 21:7-9



# Martyrdom of a Servant

MY  
SERVANT

*He shall be marred  
I will heal him*

The Lord would watch over his  
servant Joseph Smith and the  
work to come forth  
Read D&C 122:3-4,9



“Through cruel and wicked men  
would murder the head of this  
final dispensation, yet the work  
which he would set in motion...  
would roll forward to eventually  
fill the whole earth.”

JFM and RLM

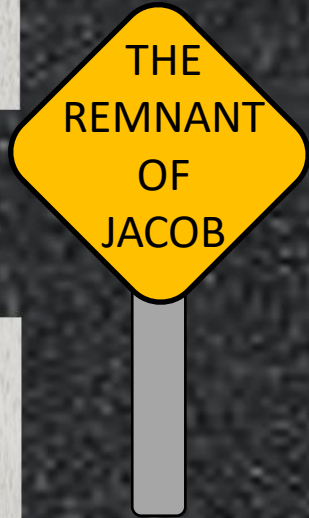
CONDEMNATION

To reject the words of  
Christ in this final  
stage on earth



3 NEPHI 21:10-11

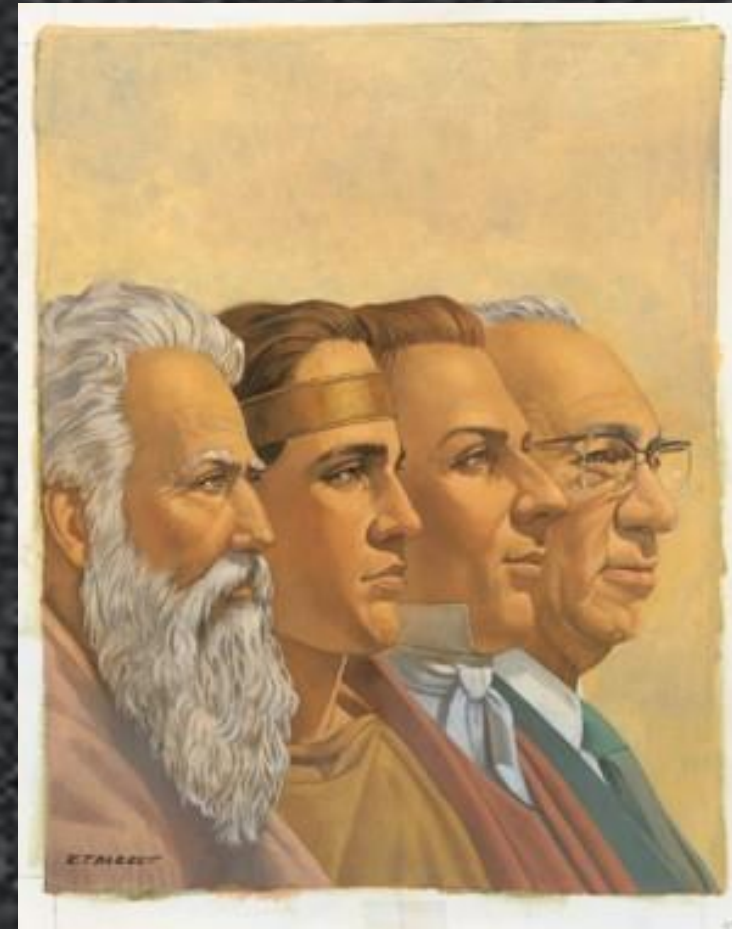
# Taking the Gospel to the Lamanites



The remnant of the House of Jacob refers to all the House of Israel

“All through the Lord has been speaking for the remnant of Jacob or Israel and of the great promises made to the Gentiles who are *on this land* and in *all other lands*, if they will only come into the Church and be numbered with the house of Israel. Their privileges would be to assist in building the New Jerusalem, and if they refuse, then shall the punishments come upon them.”

Joseph Fielding Smith



**If individuals will repent, hearken to the Savior's words, and harden not their hearts, they will be gathered into His Church as part of His covenant people.**

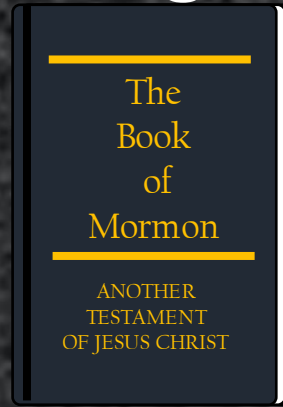
3 NEPHI 21:22-28



# What is the Sign?



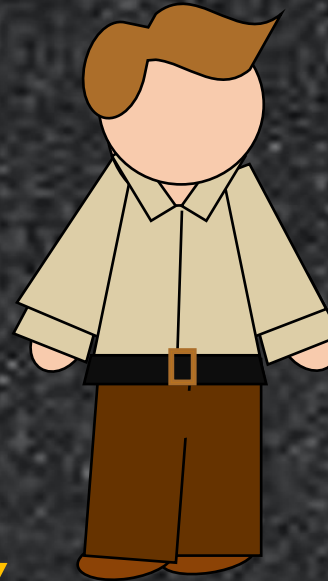
The coming forth of  
the Book of  
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The gathering the  
house of Israel



Joseph Smith  
the Gentiles of  
the last days



The coming forth of the Book  
of Mormon is a sign that God  
is fulfilling His covenant to  
gather Israel in the latter  
days.



The message of the  
Restoration to the  
natural branches of  
Israel, the Lamanites  
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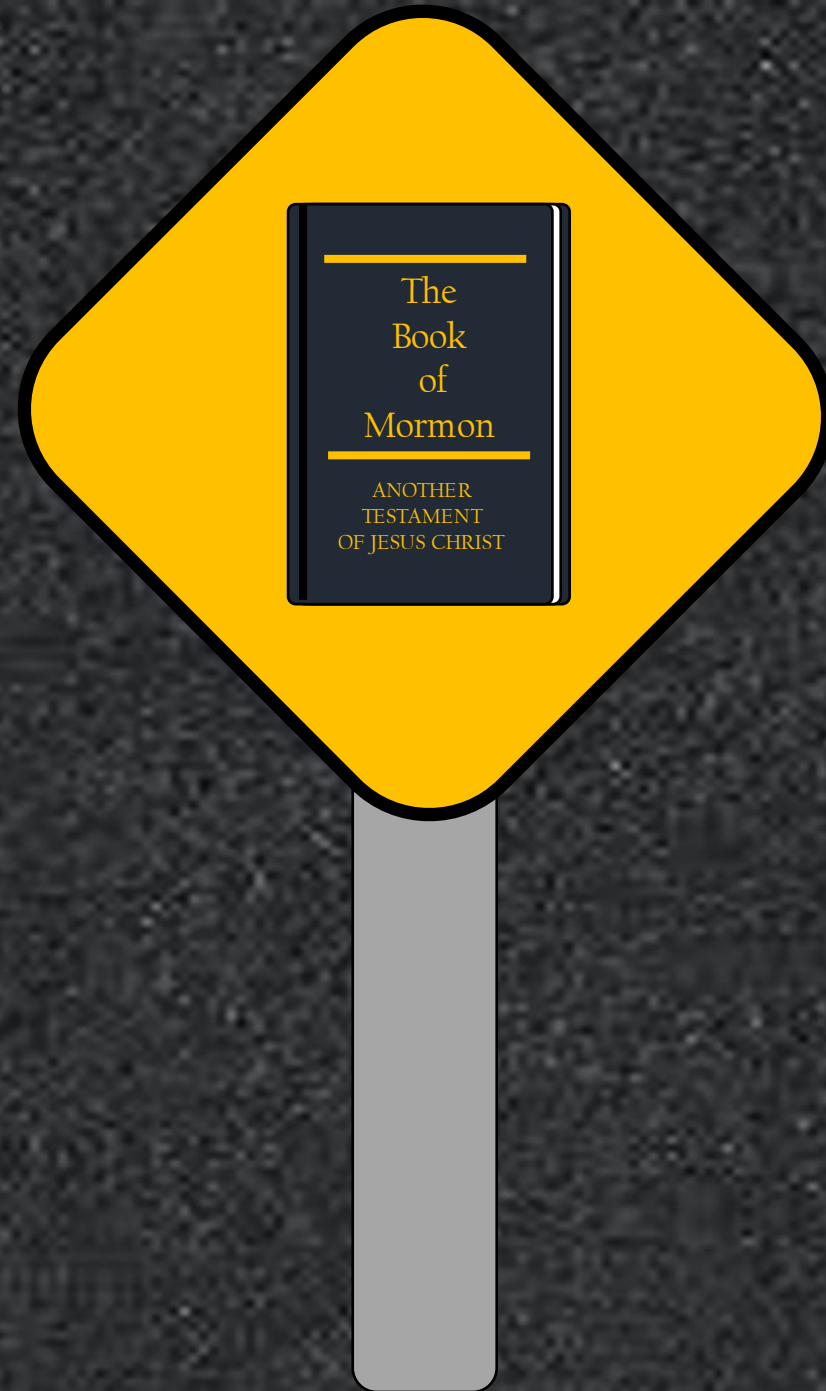


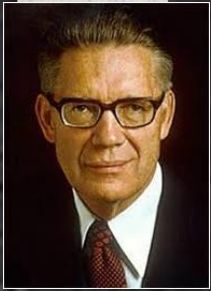


“The Book of Mormon is central to this work. It declares the doctrine of the gathering. It causes people to learn about Jesus Christ, to believe His gospel, and to join His Church.

In fact, if there were no Book of Mormon, the promised gathering of Israel would not occur.”

Elder Russell M. Nelson





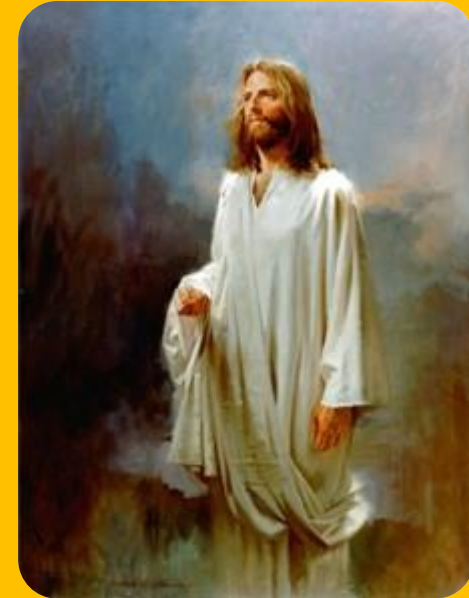
“No one is ever gathered with Israel until they accept the Crucified One.

...

The present gathering of the Jews to Palestine is political, not spiritual, and it is not the gathering of Israel of which the prophecies speak.

“The gathering of Israel consists of joining The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which church is the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth”

Bruce R. McConkie



Robert A. Boyd



# Her-She-Wife-Woman = Israel

Sing O barren = a metaphor for scattered Israel, who hasn't fulfilled her foreordained destiny because of her inability or unwillingness to produce spiritually strong offspring for the Lord

She is barren because she has been separated from her husband (the Lord) because of her wickedness



The married wife = Covenant Israel—those remaining in the Holy land.

The desolate woman—scattered Israel

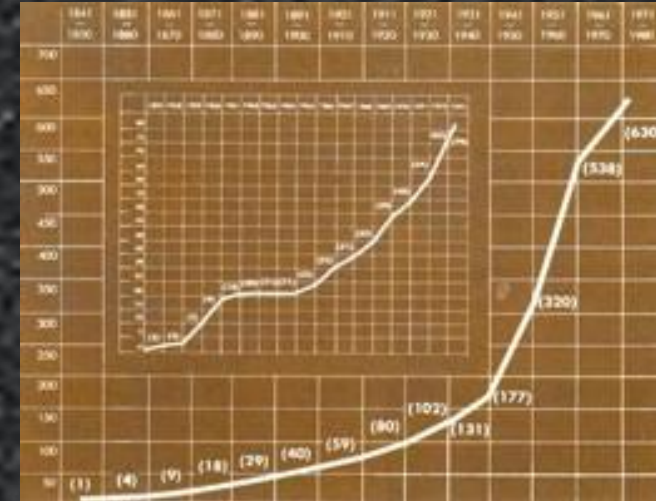
And now the Gentiles will come into the Church in greater numbers than Covenant Israel



# Enlarge Your Tents

Why might this “tent” need to be enlarged and strengthened in the latter days?

The growth of Israel’s conversion will come so rapidly that her dwelling places must be enlarged to accommodate them



Stakes = They are constantly moved to handle the growth but they stabilize the tent

Isaiah phrases:

“Enlarge thy borders forever,” = Proclaim the Gospel

“Strengthen thy stakes” = Perfect the Saints

“Put on thy beautiful garments” = Redeem the Dead

Isaiah 54: 2-3

3 NEPHI 22:2-3



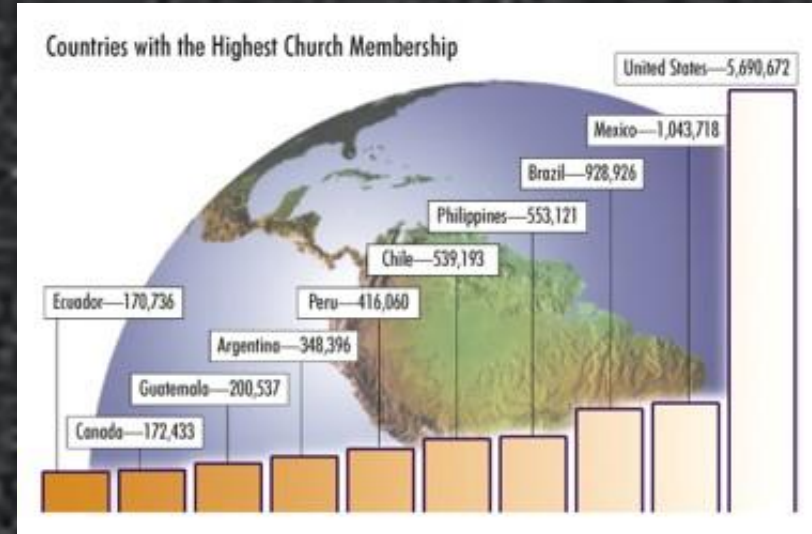
# Zion Will Increase

In latter-day revelation, Zion is defined as  
“the pure in heart” (D&C 97:21)

“For Zion must increase in beauty, and  
in holiness; her borders must be enlarged;  
her stakes must be strengthened; yea,  
verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and  
put on her beautiful garments.”  
D&C 84:14



Isaiah 54: 2-3



“For, behold, I say unto you that Zion shall  
flourish, and the glory of the Lord shall be  
upon her;  
And she shall be an ensign unto the people,  
and there shall come unto her out of  
every nation under heaven.”  
D&C 64:41-42

3 NEPHI 22:2-3



# Forget the Shame of Thy Youth

An expression of Jehovah's  
tenderness



In the latter days you will be able  
to put it behind you.

Why?

The Lord shows everlasting  
kindness and mercy to  
people who return to Him.



“Scattered Israel’s unfaithfulness—her failure to forsake  
the ways of Babylon and receive the covenants of Zion—  
shall be forgiven; Israel’s God will remember her and the  
promises he able to her. The reproach of her youth, her  
spiritual sterility, shall be forgotten.”

JFM and FLM



Isaiah 54:4

3 NEPHI 22:4



# Thy Maker-Husband-Bridegroom

The Savior is the Bridegroom—  
the Lord of Hosts

The Bride is the Church

Hid my face = When the Savior was  
rejected He withdrew His Spirit—for a  
little moment

The Lord's mercy is every lasting

Prior to His Second Coming and the final gathering  
Israel will experience a brief abandonment

A possible prophecy may refer to the restoration of the  
gospel as well as the “period just before the Second  
Coming when the Jews seem abandoned by God as the  
armies of Armageddon come against them.”

Victor L. Ludlow



Isaiah 54:5-8

3 NEPHI 22:5-8





“Even though there has been barrenness and sometimes unfaithfulness, yet will the husband (Christ) reclaim and redeem his bride (Israel). ...



“... Christ has, on occasion, been rightfully angry with backsliding Israel, but that has always been brief and temporary—‘a small moment.’ Compassion and mercy always return and prevail in a most reassuring way.

The mountains and the hills may disappear. The water of the great seas may dry up. The least likely things in the world may happen, but the Lord’s kindness and peace will never be taken from his covenant people. He has sworn with a heavenly oath that he will not be wroth with them forever.”  
Jeffrey R. Holland





# Peace of Thy Children

The relationship of the Lord and all his children during the Millennial Era

All thy children---will be taught and there will be peace

“And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation.”  
D&C 45:58



“And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents.”  
D&C 68:25

Isaiah 54:13

3 NEPHI 22:13





“How much more beautiful would be the world and the society in which we live if every father looked upon his children as the most precious of his assets, if he led them by the power of his example in kindness and love, and if in times of stress he blessed them by the authority of the holy priesthood; and if every mother regarded her children as the jewels of her life, as gifts from the God of heaven who is their Eternal Father, and brought them up with true affection in the wisdom and admonition of the Lord.”

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley





# Blessings of the Righteous

The Lord's promise:  
Continual Protection, peace, and  
freedom from oppression (prolonged  
cruelty) among the righteous



Jane Ashley

The Lord's Kanah

“Behold, the great day of the Lord is at hand; and who can abide the day of his coming, and who can 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...”

D&C 128:24

Satan's Intent:  
Oppressive influences  
“smith that bloweth the coals  
in the fire”—refiners fire



Isaiah 54:14-16

3 NEPHI 22:14-16



# No Weapon Will Prosper

Although Satan will be allowed free reign on the earth, those that follow the Savior will have peace, comfort, and protection.

The Lord does not condone the devil's work, but he sometimes allows Satan's evil action to fulfill His own plan: to help purify the Saints for their eventual redemption...all things will eventually be for our good."



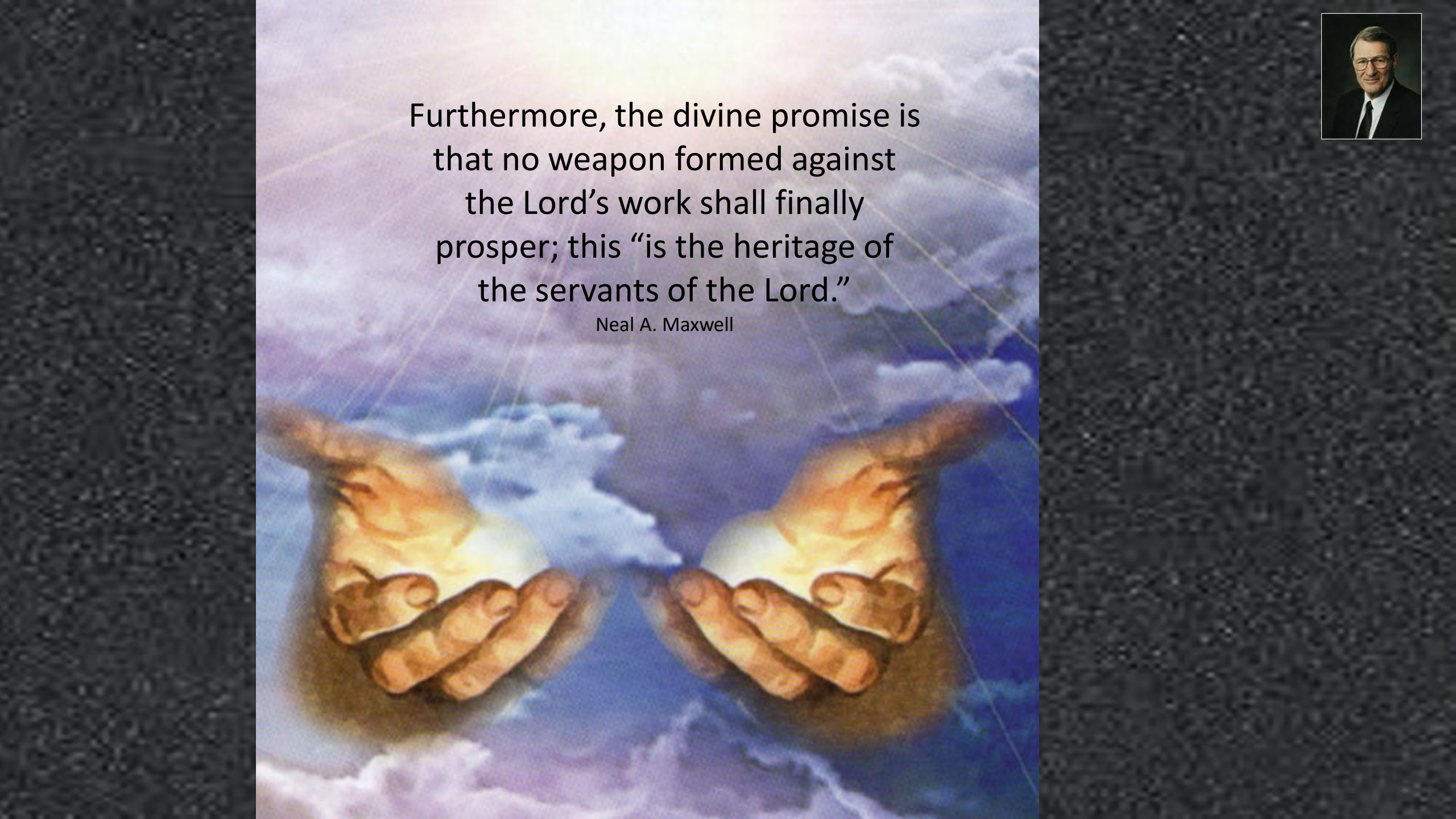
"Every Tongue—both wicked and righteous will declare that Jesus is Lord of the earth. Although some tongues may deny the Savior's divinity, all people will eventually recognize and declare his supremacy as the ruler of this earth." (Isaiah 45:23)

Victor L. Ludlow

Isaiah 54:17

3 NEPHI 22:17



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Furthermore, the divine promise is  
that no weapon formed against  
the Lord's work shall finally  
prosper; this "is the heritage of  
the servants of the Lord."

Neal A. Maxwell







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This chapter is a promise to the righteous members of Zion. Its various poetic forms depict the relationship between the Lord and covenant Israel. Like a husband who provides gifts and strengths to his family, the Lord blesses righteous Israel, as seen in the following chart.

Verses	Husband provide wife	The Lord provides Israel
1-3	Children	Great numbers of posterity
4-8	Love	Reconciliation
9-10	Commitment	Covenant relationship
11-12	Material comfort	Prosperity
13-17	Protection	Peace

<b>Year</b>	<b>Net New Stakes</b>	<b>Total Stakes</b>
1997	End of Year	2424
1998	81	2505
1999	37	2542
2000	39	2581
2001	26	2607
2002	(-5) Church closed approx. 25 stakes in Chile	2602
2003	22	2624
2004	41	2665
2005	36	2701
2006	44	2745
2007	45	2790
2008	28	2818
2009	47	2865

*“We are experiencing a combined growth of converts and natural increase of some 400,000 a year. Every single year that is the equivalent of 160 new stakes of 2500 people each.” July 1999 Ensign*

Speech by President Gordon B. Hinckley at BYU on November 6, 1998



# The Lord's Kanah

*For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jehovah, is a jealous God.*

Exodus 34:14

Jealousy = (Heb) Kanah. The word in ancient times did not convey the negative emotion we attach to it today. In our language today it would convey the emotion we feel when a cherished object is threatened and we may lose it. **The “mother bear” response to a threat made toward one of our children.**

Kanah means filled up with this deep emotion. It is used in the same sense of fabric put in a dye which has reached its maximum point of saturation and can take on no other dye. A common experience would be dying Easter eggs. Little children will dye pastel eggs because they get so excited and take the eggs out before the egg has fully pulled in the dye. Older children or adults will let the eggs sit in the dye until the color is rich and full.

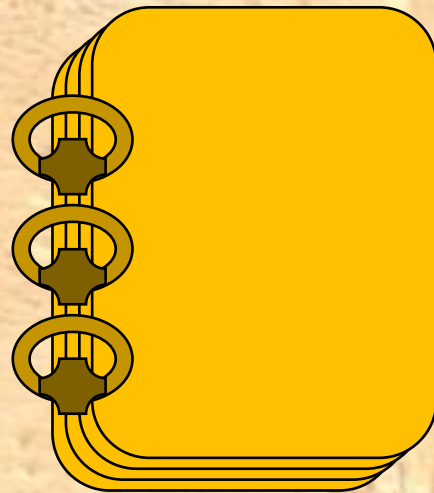
Kanah means to be filled up with strong ardor, a fervent zeal, and an intense emotion toward someone or something important to us.

God's Kanah has two edges:

- To cherish or protect His children, even to bloodshed
- A demand for the repentance of His children or retribution when He is offended by them.



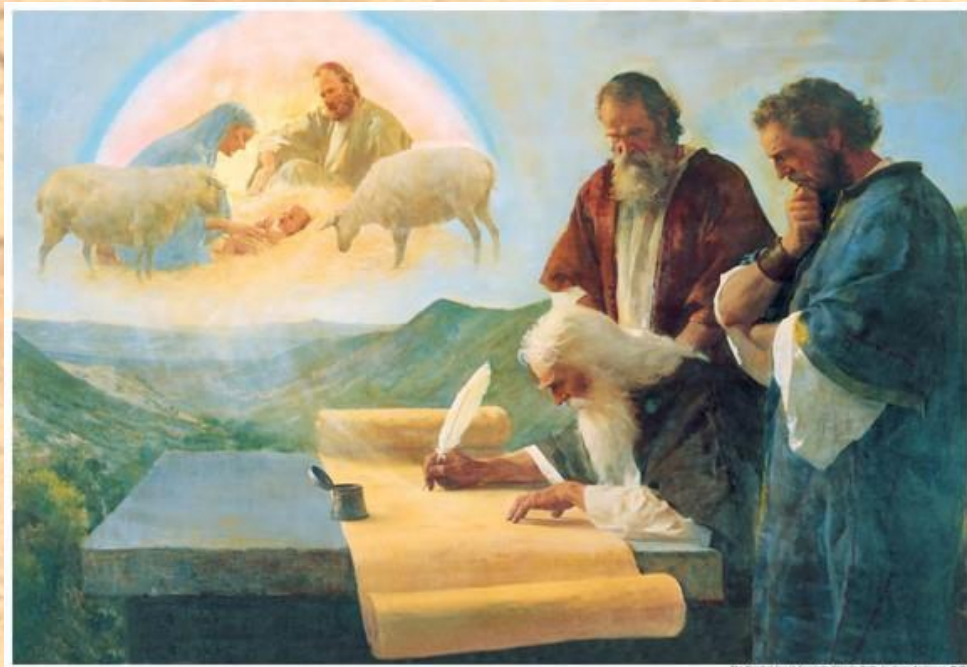
Christ Examines the  
Scriptures  
2 Nephi 23





# Great are the Words of Isaiah

“...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.”



¶ Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.”

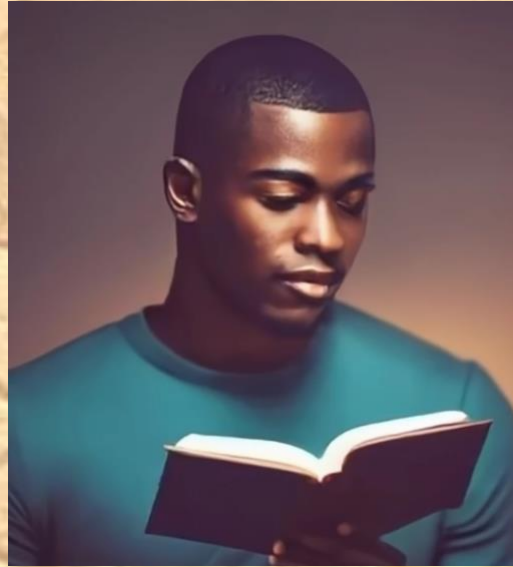
Isaiah 34:16



# Delighting in the Scriptures

“...For my soul delighteth in the scriptures, and my heart pondereth them, and writeth them for the learning and the profit of my children.

“Behold, my soul delighteth in the things of the Lord; and my heart pondereth continually upon the things which I have seen and heard.” (2 Ne. 4:15–16.)



**The Savior  
commands us  
to give heed  
to His words  
and to search  
diligently the  
words of the  
prophets**

What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.

D&C 1:38



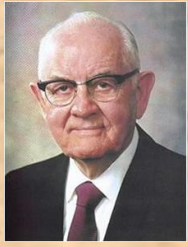
# Scriptures Will Influence



“It is my conviction that one of the most powerful influences in the world is the word of God and when the Lord’s words are learned and taught in the right spirit our lives are changed forever. I am equally certain that when we learn to use a few simple scripture study skills we improve our ability to discover uplifting insights, receive personal revelation, and draw closer to the Lord.”  
David B. Marsh



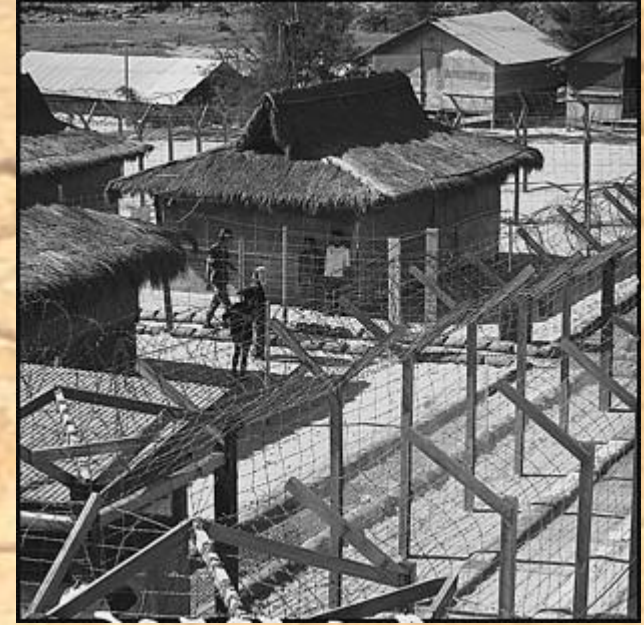




# Living Without

During the war in Vietnam, some of our men were taken prisoner and kept in nearly total isolation. Permitted no access to the scriptures, they later told how they hungered for the words of truth, more than for food, more than for freedom itself. What they would have given for a mere fragment of the Bible or Book of Mormon that lay so idly on our shelves!

--Spencer W. Kimball





# Making Records Complete

When the Savior taught the Nephites, He pointed out that their record keepers had neglected to include an important event that came in fulfillment of prophecy

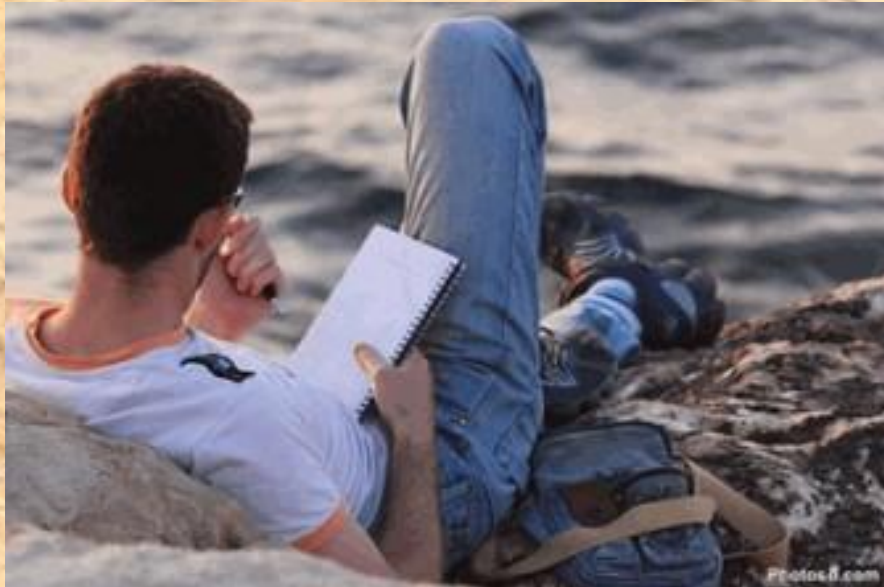






# Recording Spiritual Blessings

“Some people say, ‘I don’t have anything to record. Nothing spiritual happens to me.’ I say, ‘Start recording, and spiritual things will happen. They are there all the time, but we become more sensitive to them as we write’”



There is something eternal in the very nature of writing, as is so graphically illustrated by the scriptures themselves. In a very real sense, our properly written histories are a very important part of our family scripture and become a great source of spiritual strength to us and to our posterity.”

Elder John H. Groberg

**Recording spiritual experiences can help strengthen our faith and the faith of others**



# How to Study the Scriptures

Read from cover to cover.  
Search for answers to personal questions or challenges  
Study topics listed in the Topical Guide or Guide to the Scriptures.  
Research how the Lord uses a specific word throughout the scriptures  
Mark phrases, underline words, or write notes in the margins of your scriptures



“One thing is certain: there is no one right way to study the scriptures.  
While there is no one right way to study the scriptures, there are certain skills that can help us get the most out of our scripture study...  
The more we master these skills, the more satisfying our scripture study will become.”

David B. Marsh







# The Vast Amount Of Tools

Any tools that assist in the reading and studying of the scriptures are useful and are likely to promote familiarity with these sacred volumes. Such activity invariably will lead to an increase not only of knowledge, but also of faith.  
Gordon B. Hinckley





# What to Ask While Studying



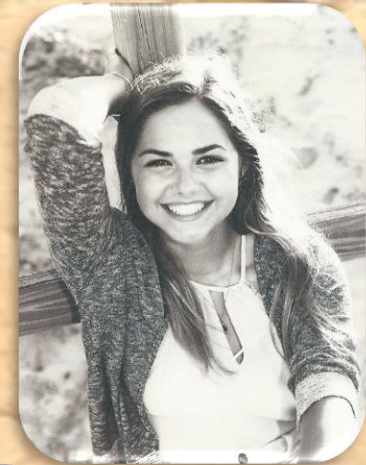
Who Am I?



What can I become?



What prophecies are for me and my future family?



How must I live in order to endure to the end and return to our Heavenly Father with honor?



What are the commandments, laws and ordinances, and covenants I must live by to obtain eternal life?





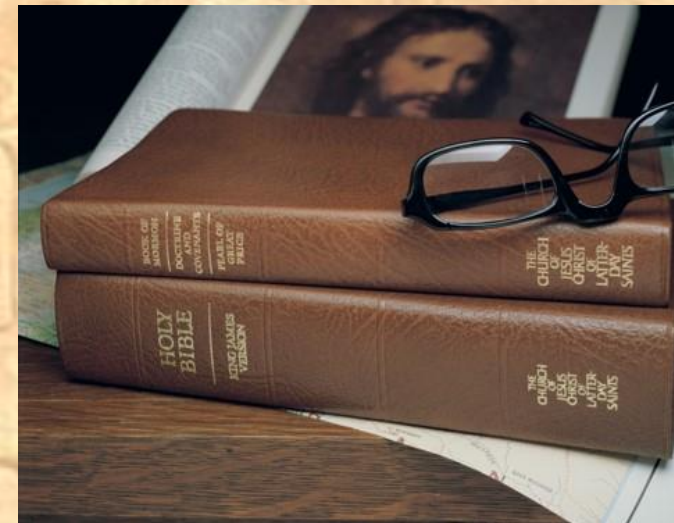
# What About the Scriptures?

**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”  
John 5:39**



**“But now hold your peace; study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men, and also study my word which shall come forth among the children of men, or that which is now translating, yea, until you have obtained all which I shall grant unto the children of men in this generation, and then shall all things be added thereto.”  
D&C 11:22**

**“Wherefore, ye must press forward with a steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope, and a love of God and of all men. Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life.”  
2 Nephi 31:20**

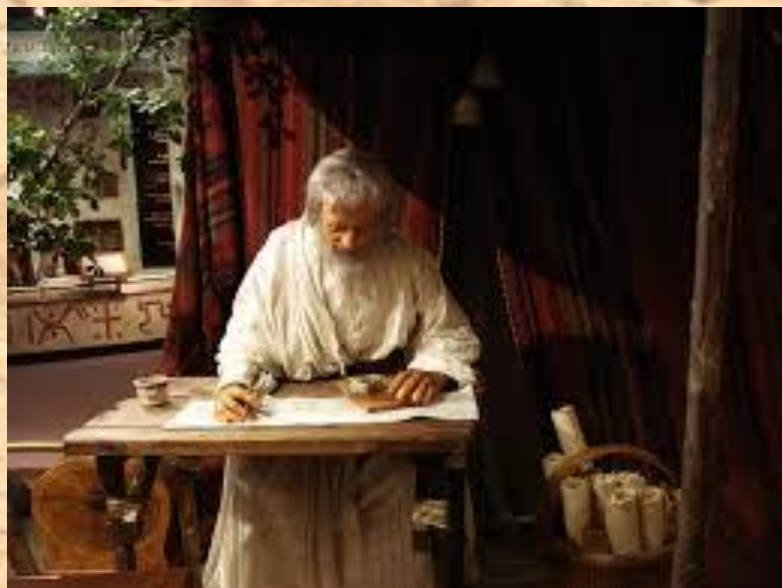
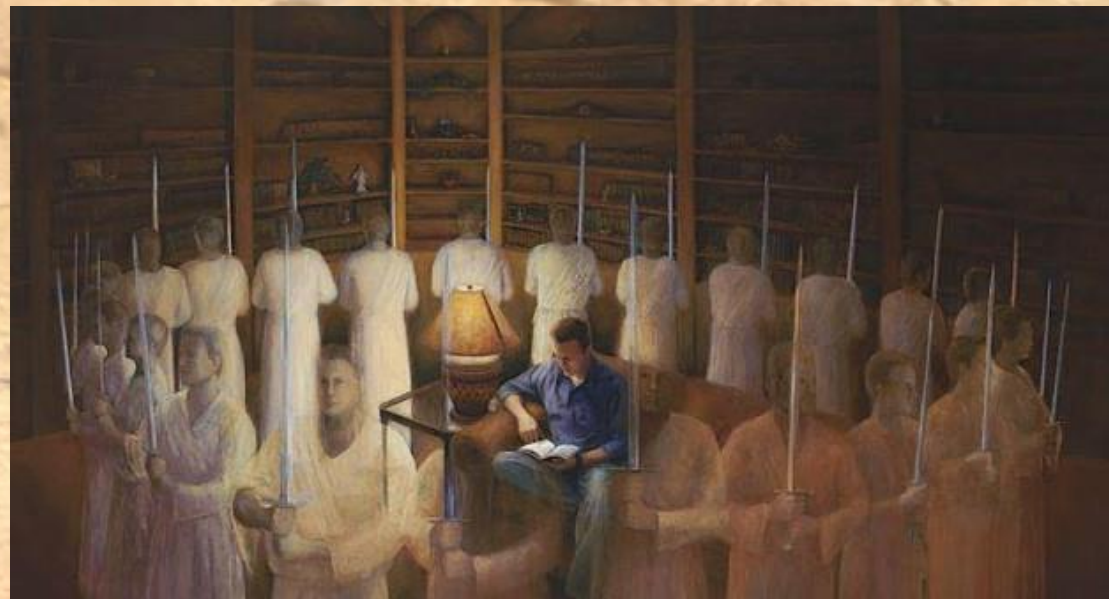






**“There are certain blessings obtained when one searches the scriptures. As a person studies the words of the Lord and obeys them, he or she draws closer to the Savior and obtains a greater desire to live a righteous life. The power to resist temptation increases, and spiritual weaknesses are overcome. Spiritual wounds are healed”**

**Elder Merrill J. Bateman**



**“As with voices from the dust, the prophets of the Lord cry out to us on earth today: take hold of the scriptures! Cling to them, walk by them, live by them, rejoice in them, feast on them. Don’t nibble. They are “the power of God unto salvation” that lead us back to our Savior Jesus Christ. If the Savior were among us in the flesh today, He would teach us from the scriptures as He taught when He walked upon the earth.”**

**Robert D. Hales**

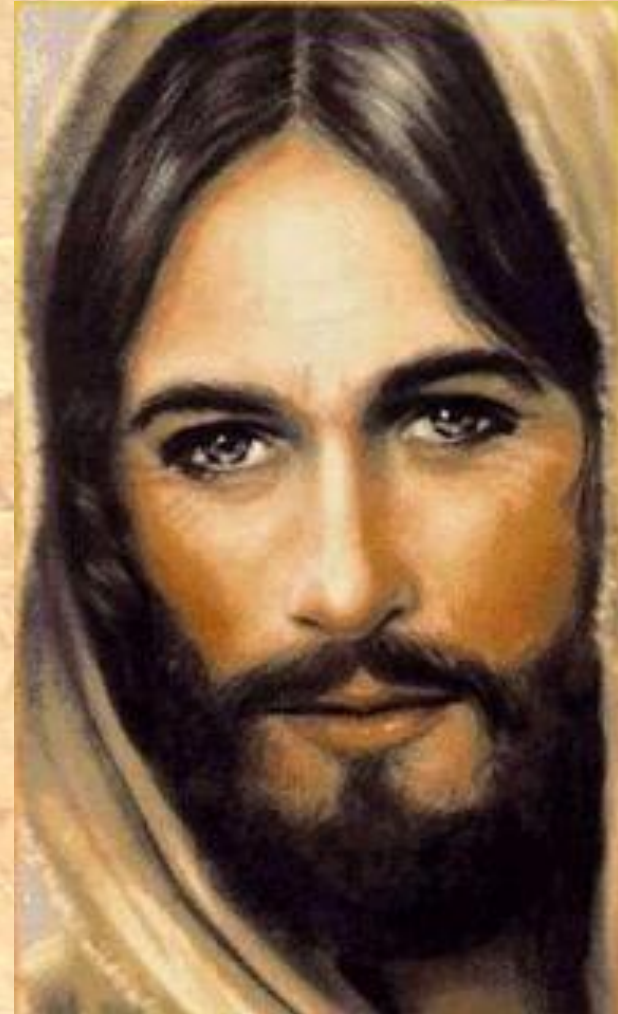




# What Does Jesus Asks of Us?

“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.”

3 Nephi 17:3



Marco Aurelio Rodrigues



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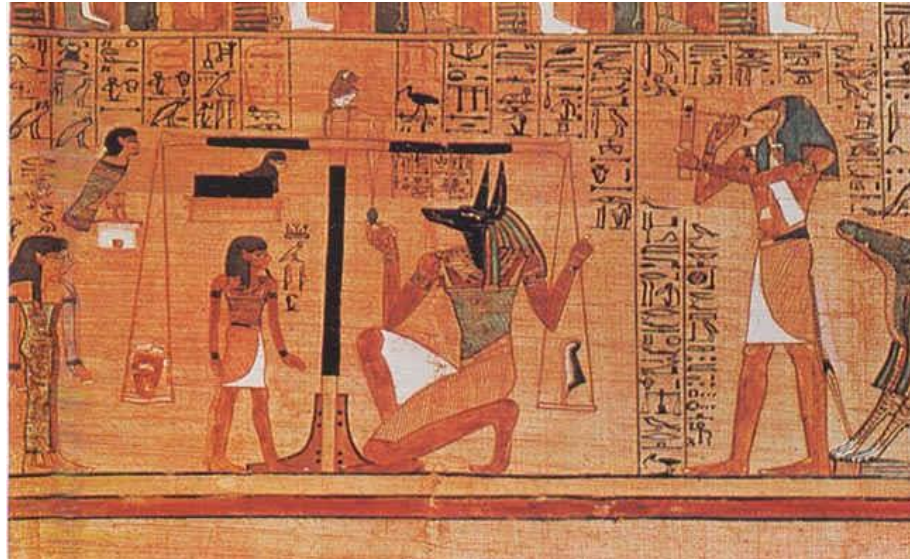
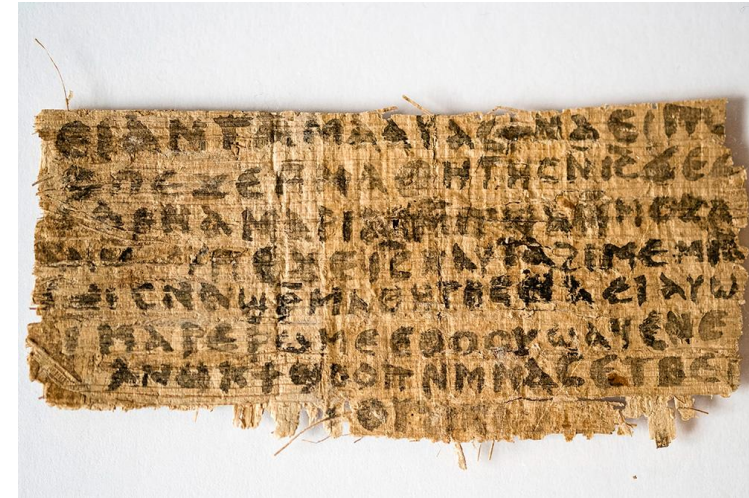
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The Sumerians in Mesopotamia (southern Iraq)  
Sumerians' input technology was a stylus that  
could scratch marks in wet clay.

About 2600 B.C., the Egyptians wrote on the  
papyrus plant

Around 100 A.D., the Chinese made paper  
from rags, on which modern-day papermaking  
is based,



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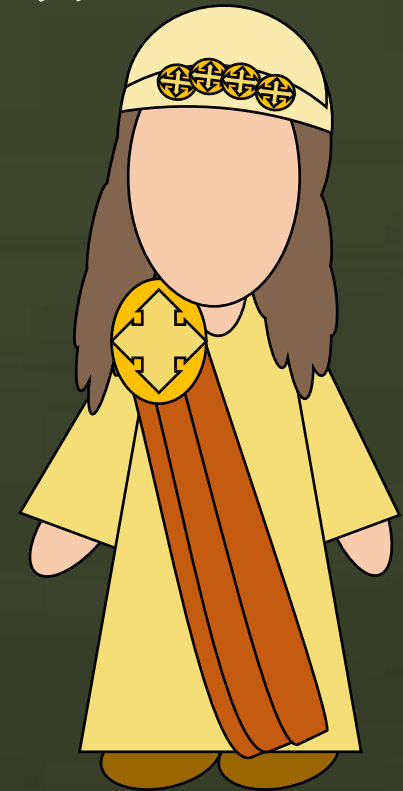
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Jesus Teaches the  
Words of Malachi  
3 Nephi 24-26





# Malachi—Meaning My Messenger

He was the last of the Old Testament prophets

The Book of Malachi was written around 430 BC

He lived in the Holy Land about 170 years after Lehi and his family left Jerusalem

His purpose was to call the people to repentance and to prepare for the Second Coming and judgments of the Lord

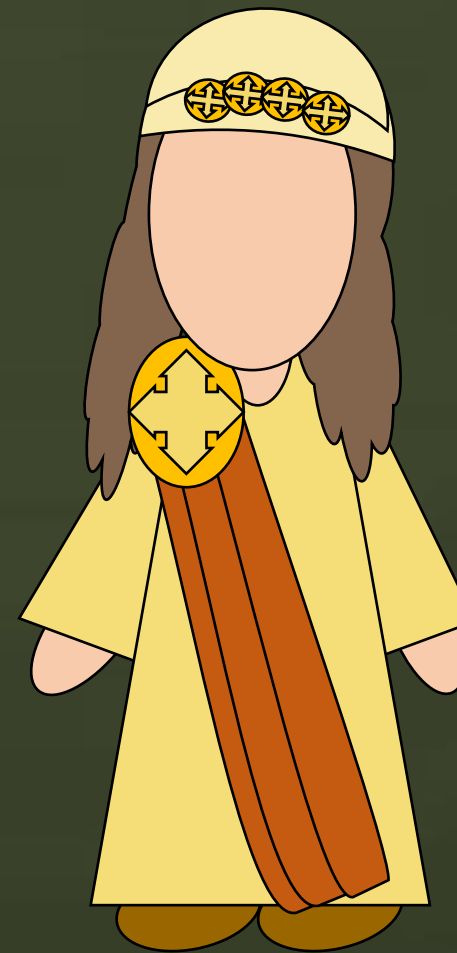
Because his words were not written in the Brass plates Jesus had the Nephites write Malachi's words in their records

His words included the truths about the law of tithing and the sealing commission of Elijah

He prophesied of "a messenger" speaking of John the Baptist, to prepare the way for the Savior

Moroni also cited the words of Malachi to Joseph Smith concerning the prophet Elijah

He is included among the elect whom President Joseph F. Smith beheld during his vision of the work of salvation going on in the spirit world (D&C 138:46)



# Cleansing Agents



A refiner uses fire to heat a metal like silver or gold until it reaches a liquid state. The heating process allows dross, or impurities, to rise to the surface of the liquid metal, where the refiner can remove them, thus purging the metal of its impurities.

At Christ's  
Second Coming  
He will purify the  
world



A fuller is someone who cleans or whitens fabrics using soap.



# Priesthood Holders



The “sons of Levi” were priesthood holders in ancient Israel.

They will participate in the “restoration of all things” by once again offering sacrifice D&C 13; 84:31

Today the phrase can refer to modern-day priesthood holders

“For whoso is faithful unto the obtaining these two priesthoods of which I have spoken, and the magnifying their calling, are sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of their bodies. They become the sons of Moses and of Aaron and the seed of Abraham, and the church and kingdom, and the elect of God.”  
D&C 84:33-34



# Cleansing the Earth by Fire

Jesus will be against the:

Sorcerers

Adulterers

False swearers

Those who oppress

Those who turn aside the stranger

Those who fear not me

“Yea, I tell thee, that thou mayest know that there is none else save God that knowest thy thoughts and the intents of thy heart.”

D&C 6:16



“...therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”



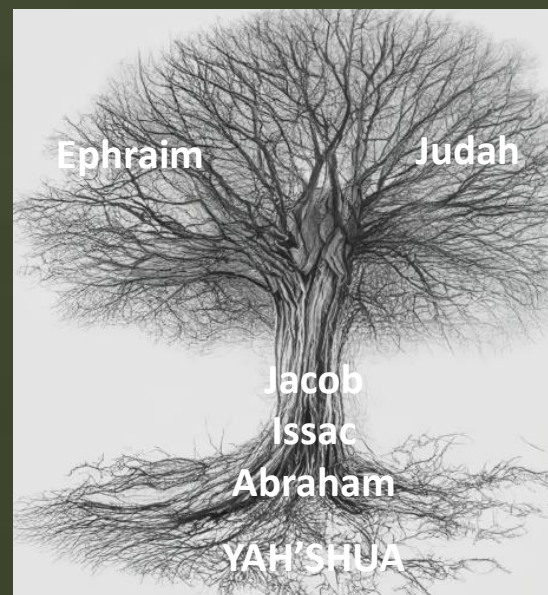


# Sons of Jacob

“Every person who embraces the gospel becomes of the house of Israel. In other words, they become members of the chosen lineage, or Abraham’s children through Isaac and Jacob unto whom the promises were made.

The great majority of those who become members of the Church are literal descendants of Abraham through Ephraim, son of Joseph.

Those who are not literal descendants of Abraham and Israel must become such, and when they are baptized and confirmed they are grafted into the tree and are entitled to all the rights and privileges as heirs.”  
Joseph Fielding Smith



“That all the ends of the earth may know that we, thy servants, have heard thy voice, and that thou hast sent us; that from among all these, *thy servants, the sons of Jacob, may gather out the righteous*. ... Now these words, O Lord, we have spoken before thee, concerning the revelations and commandments which thou hast given *unto us, who are identified with the Gentiles*. ... And may all the scattered remnants of Israel, who have been driven to the ends of the earth, come to a knowledge of the truth, believe in the Messiah, and be redeemed from oppression, and rejoice before thee.”

*Doctrine and Covenants 109:57–58, 60, 67:*



# Gone Away

No Longer Keeping Covenants

Those who drift away from the teachings of Christ = They were no longer keeping the covenants and ordinances of the gospel.



Robin Reith Mayr



# “Return Unto Me”

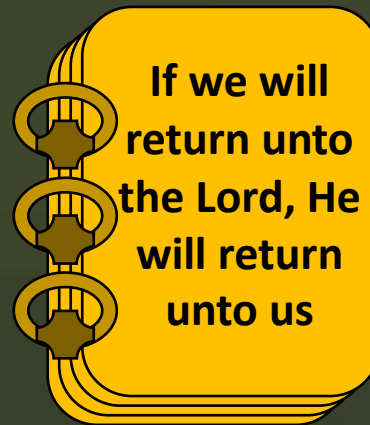


What promise did the Lord give to those who were not keeping their covenants?

“Return unto me and I will return unto you.”

“Malachi warns the wicked who continue to blatantly disregard the Lord’s commands and who physically or spiritually stone the prophets, and pleads with them to return unto the Lord.”

JFM and RLM





# Law of Tithing

“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.”



“The imagery of the “windows” of heaven used by Malachi is most instructive. Windows allow natural light to enter into a building. In like manner, spiritual illumination and perspective are poured out through the windows of heaven and into our lives as we honor the law of tithing.”

Elder David A. Bednar



# Can I Afford to Pay My Tithing?

“And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. “And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: “For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living”  
(Mark 12:41–44).



“We *can* pay our tithing. This is not so much a matter of money as it is a matter of faith”

President Gordon B. Hinckley



# Where Does My Tithing Go?



“These sacred funds are used in a rapidly growing church to spiritually bless individuals and families by constructing and maintaining temples and houses of worship, supporting missionary work, translating and publishing scriptures, fostering family history research, funding schools and religious education, and accomplishing many other Church purposes as directed by the Lord’s ordained servants.”

Elder David A. Bednar



Debre Zeit, Ethiopia





# Book of Remembrance

Recorded from Revelations 20:12:

“...which was the book of life; but the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works; consequently, the books spoken of must be the books which contained the record of their works, and refer to the records which are kept on the earth.

And the book which was the book of life is the record which is kept in heaven; the principle agreeing precisely with the doctrine which is commanded you in the revelation contained in the letter which I wrote to you previous to my leaving my place—that in all your recordings it may be recorded in heaven.”

D&C 128:7



“And a book of remembrance was kept, in the which was recorded, in the language of Adam, for it was given unto as many as called upon God to write by the spirit of inspiration;...”

Moses 6:5

# Fear Him

*fear* = reverence or respect

“...Fear God, and give glory to him who sitteth upon the throne, forever and ever; for the hour of his judgment is come.”

D&C 88:104

Interpretation: “...Give reverence to God, and give glory to him who sitteth upon the throne, forever and ever; for the hour of his judgment is come.”

“Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.”

Psalm 2:11



Interpretation: “Serve the LORD with reverence and respect.”





# Jewels



The Lord then indicated that when He comes again, He will preserve the faithful and reserve them to Himself as a treasure, or “make up [His] jewels.”

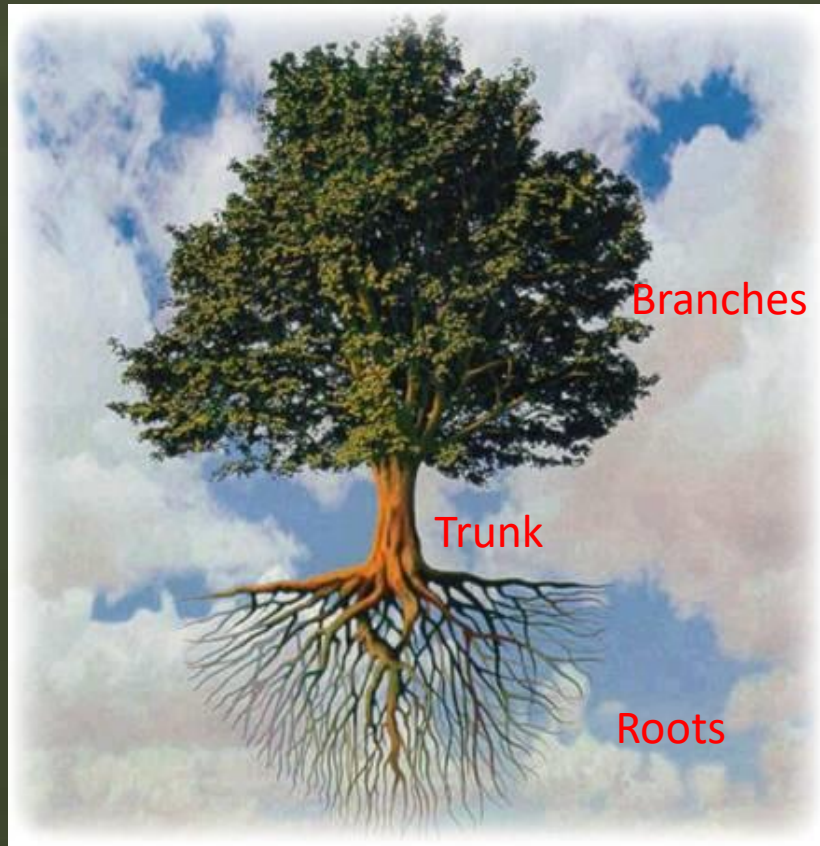


“A jewel is a precious stone measured by its intrinsic and extrinsic value in the marketplace of men. God's jewels, as indicated here, are those who keep his ordinances and do not speak against their Lord. This, he says, is the way to “discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not”

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# Tree = Symbolic = People

What would happen to a tree if we eliminated one of its vital parts?



Branch = Posterity

Trunk = You

Roots = Ancestors



How can your actions affect your family tree in the eternities?



# All Wickedness Removed

“it shall leave them neither root nor branch” means for the wicked?

“For the hour is nigh and the day soon at hand when the earth is ripe; and all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble; and I will burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that wickedness shall not be upon the earth;”

D&C 29:9



“...and I will not spare any that remain in Babylon.”

D&C 64:24

“Go ye out from among the nations, even from Babylon, from the midst of wickedness, which is spiritual Babylon.”

D&C 133:14



The word *root* likely refers to ancestors and the word *branch* to posterity.

Thus, in the next life, the wicked will not enjoy the blessings of being sealed to their ancestors and posterity

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# Healing in His Wings

The Nephites had just witnessed the wicked being destroyed (3 Nephi 9:3-12)

The preservation of the more 'righteous part' and healing with wings—the protection they had received during this destruction and the protection through His Atonement

Wings—Power

The Son of Righteousness came with the power of the Atonement



Calves in the stall—they are safe, well fed, and cared for. The Lord promises that He will similarly protect and care for those who “fear [His] name. (Reverence His name)

They will gather the people of the Lord to Christ into the lands of their inheritance during the restoration of Israel in the Millennium



# The Higher Law Given to Moses

Christ is referring to Moses and the law given even though He had fulfilled that law...Why?



“Therefore, he took Moses out of their midst, and the Holy Priesthood also; And the lesser priesthood continued, which priesthood holdeth the key of the ministering of angels and the preparatory gospel;”  
D&C 84:25-26

3 Nephi 25:4

Perhaps “...the Lord (and Malachi) were not referring to the Mosaic code and carnal commandments but rather to a different law that was given to Moses in Horeb—a higher law, even the fulness of the gospel that, because of Israel’s rebelliousness and stiffneckedness, they never were able to fully receive (see JST, Exodus 34:1-2)  
Read: D&C 84:23-24

*Horeb*, is the mountain at which the book of Deuteronomy in the Hebrew Bible states that the Ten Commandments were given to Moses by God. It is described in two places (Exodus 3:1, 1 Kings 19:8) as the "Mountain of God". The mountain is also called the Mountain of YHWH (one of the names of the God of Israel).



# Elijah, the Prophet

Elijah's return to the earth as part of the Restoration of the gospel.



On April 3, 1836, Elijah appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the newly dedicated Kirtland Temple (see D&C 110:13–16).

At that time, Elijah restored the priesthood keys necessary to seal families for eternity in the Lord's holy temples. Through family history research, we identify family members for whom temple ordinances can be performed.



What do you think it means that Elijah would “turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers”?



As our hearts turn to our fathers through family history and temple work, we are helping to prepare the earth for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ



# Elijah

Meaning: Jehovah is my God

He was a Tishbite in a long line of extraordinary prophets

He commenced his ministry around 926 BC among the northern tribes of Israel

Peter, James, and John witnessed Elijah (Elias) and Moses at the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-11)

He restored the keys of sealing power of the priesthood to Joseph Smith (D&C 110:13-16) in the Kirtland Temple on April 3, 1836

He taught the Doctrines of Salvation

He fasted 40 days and his successor Elisha received the priesthood power from him

He held the “keys of the power of turning the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers...(D&C 27:9)



# Through the Mouths of Children

"And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:"

Joel 2:8

"And now, he imparteth his word by angels unto men, yea, not only men but women also. Now this is not all; little children do have words given unto them many times, which confound the wise and the learned."

Alma 32:23



"Children come into this world whole, innocent, and pure (see Moses 6:54).  
"They cannot sin, for power is not given unto Satan to tempt little children, until they begin to become accountable before me" (D&C 29:47).

We are commanded to become like them:

"And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,  
"And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:2-4.)"

Elder Jay E. Jensen



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# All Things in Common

“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.”



They were united—as the city of Enoch, in the bonds of consecration and stewardship

They were called the Church of Christ—Taking on the name of Christ

A membership of an Earthly Church

**“They are they who are the church of the Firstborn.”**

**D&C 76:54**

# For the Future Generations

The Prophecies of Malachi can be found in all the standard works:

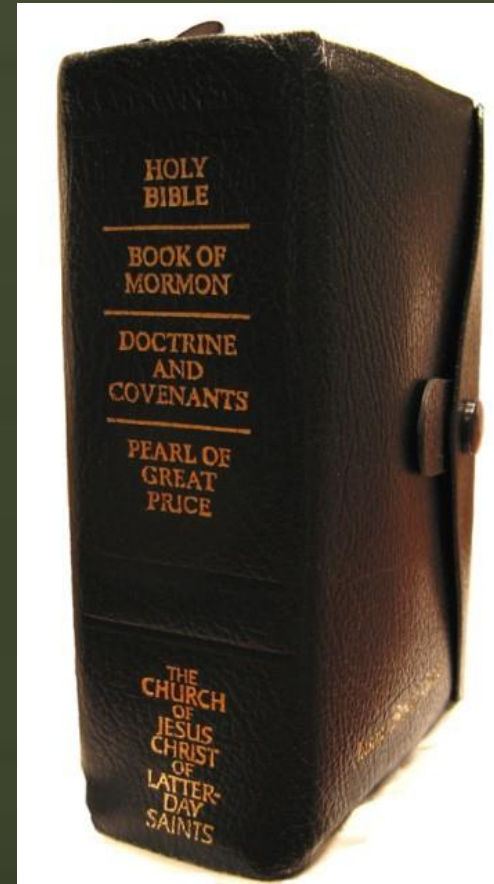
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Jesus was given to expound 'all things' to the Nephite people

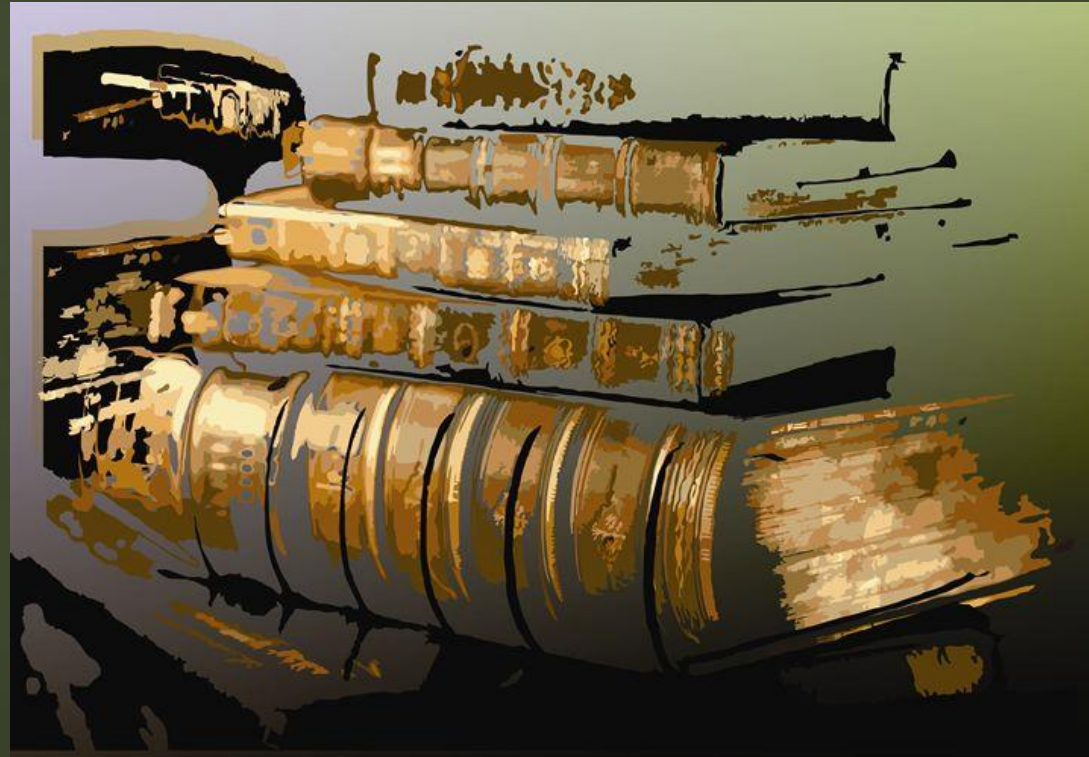
From the beginning to the end





# To Be Revealed

“The Lord has promised us greater knowledge, greater understanding than we find in the Book of Mormon, when we are prepared to receive it.”  
Joseph Fielding Smith



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**As we believe  
and act on what  
God has  
revealed, we  
prepare  
ourselves to  
receive greater  
revelation**

# Much Has Been Held Back

"Now the Lord has placed us on probation as members of the Church. He has given us the Book of Mormon, which is the lesser part, to build up our faith through our obedience to the counsels which it contains, and when we ourselves, members of the Church, are willing to keep the commandments as they have been given to us and show our faith as the Nephites did for a short period of time, then the Lord is ready to bring forth the other record and give it to us, but we are not ready now to receive it.



Why? Because we have not lived up to the requirements in this probationary state in the reading of the record which had been given to us and in following its counsels."

Joseph Fielding Smith





# Ascended a 2<sup>nd</sup> Time

“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—”



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### 3 Nephi 24:2. What Is "Fuller's Soap"?

"The art of fulling, cleansing, and bleaching cloth was of importance because of the high cost of clothing and the need to cleanse the fibres of their natural oil or gums before dyeing. In some places the fuller was also the dyer.

"It was customary for a fuller to work outside a town within reach of water in which clothes could be cleaned by treading them on a submerged stone. Hence the fuller was characteristically called a 'trampler' (Heb. *kabas*). At Jerusalem the locality outside the east wall where garments were spread to dry in the sun was called the 'fuller's field' (2 Ki. xviii, 17; Is. vii, 3, xxxvi. 2).

Christ's garments at the transfiguration were described as brighter than it was possible for any fuller (Gk. *gnapheus*, 'cloth dresser') to whiten them (Mk. ix, 3).

"For cleansing natron (nitre) was sometimes imported from Egypt, where, mixed with white clay, it was used as soap (Pr. xxv. 20; [e. ii. 22]). Alkali was plentifully available in plant ash, and 'soap' (Heb. *borit, kali*) was obtained by burning the soda plant (*Salsola kali*). The 'fullers' sope' of Mal. iii. 2 was probably 'cinders of *borit*,' since potassium and sodium nitrate do not seem to have been known in Syria or Palestine, though found in Babylonia." (J. D. Douglas, ed., *New Bible Dictionary*, s.v. "Arts and Crafts.")

### 3 Nephi 24: 3-7 What Is the Offering That the Levites Are to Make?

"It is generally supposed that sacrifice [blood sacrifice] was entirely done away when the Great Sacrifice [i.e.,] the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus was offered up, and that there will be no necessity for the ordinance of sacrifice in future; but those who assert this are certainly not acquainted with the duties, privileges and authority of the Priesthood, or with the Prophets.

"The offering of sacrifice has ever been connected and forms a part of the duties of the Priesthood ....

"These sacrifices, as well as every ordinance belonging to the Priesthood, will, when the Temple of the Lord shall be built, and the sons of Levi be purified, be fully restored and attended to in all their powers, ramifications, and blessings." (Joseph Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, pp. 172-73.)

### 3 Nephi 24:8-12. What Blessings Are Promised to Those Who Pay Tithing?

"I bear my testimony ... that if the people will pay their tithes and offerings, they will not only be blessed in their material affairs, but they will be abundantly blessed with increased outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord." (Heber J. Grant, *Gospel Standards*, p. 106.)

Such is the promise which the Lord makes through his servant Malachi: He will not only open the windows of heaven and pour down spiritual blessings, but he will also preserve our fruits and vegetables (that is, the labor of our hands) from destruction as well. (See Malachi 3:8-12.)

"One of the important things the Lord has told us to do is to be liberal in our payment of fast offerings. I would like you to know that there are great rewards for so doing—both spiritual and temporal rewards. The Lord says that the efficacy of our prayers depends upon our liberality to the poor." (Marion G. Romney, "Fundamental Welfare Services," *Ensign*, May 1979, p. 95.)

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