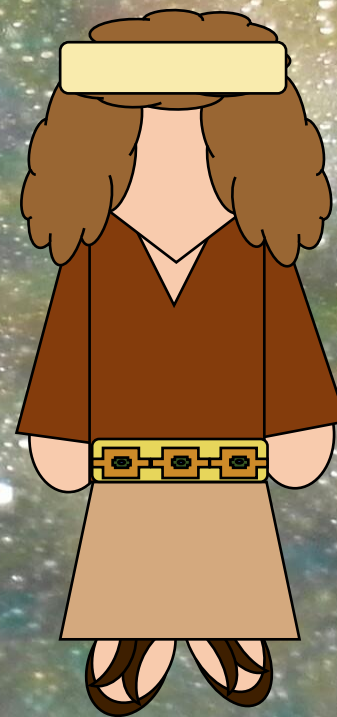
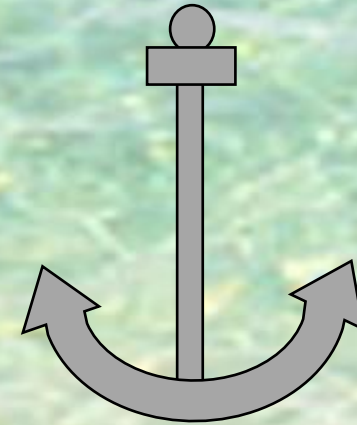
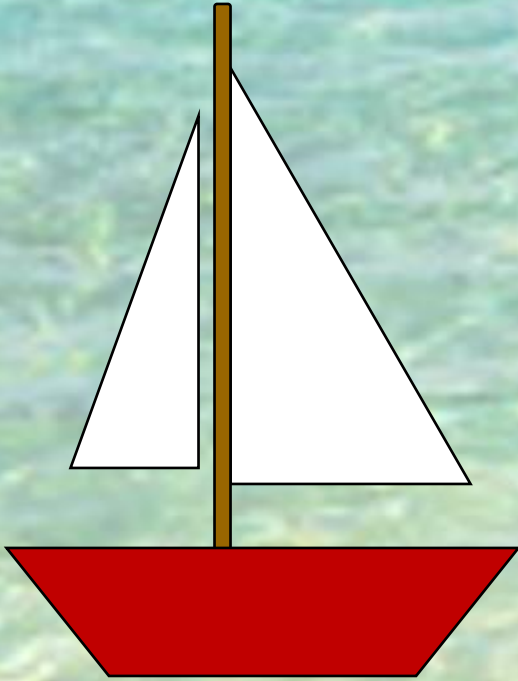


Ether 12-15



Faith

Ether 12:1-22



Boat Without An Anchor

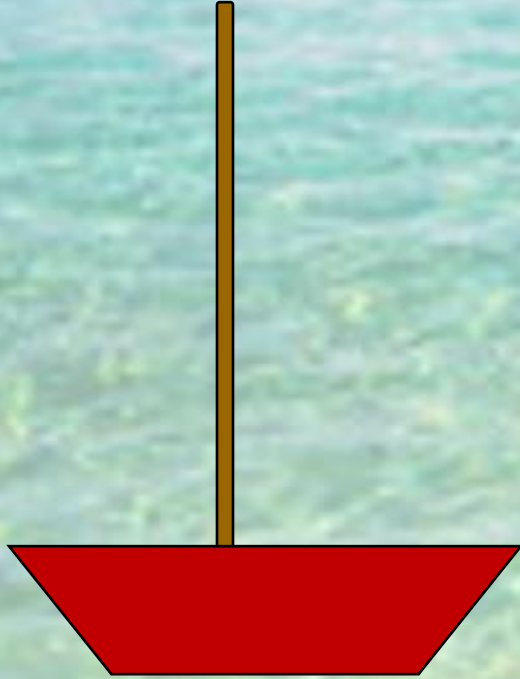
Why is it important for a boat to have an anchor?

What dangers or difficulties might a boat encounter if it does not have an anchor?

What influence do waves have on a boat?



Life



**“...even as chaff is driven before the wind,
or as a vessel is tossed about upon the
waves, without sail or anchor, or without
anything wherewith to steer her; and even
as she is, so are they.”**

Mormon 5:18

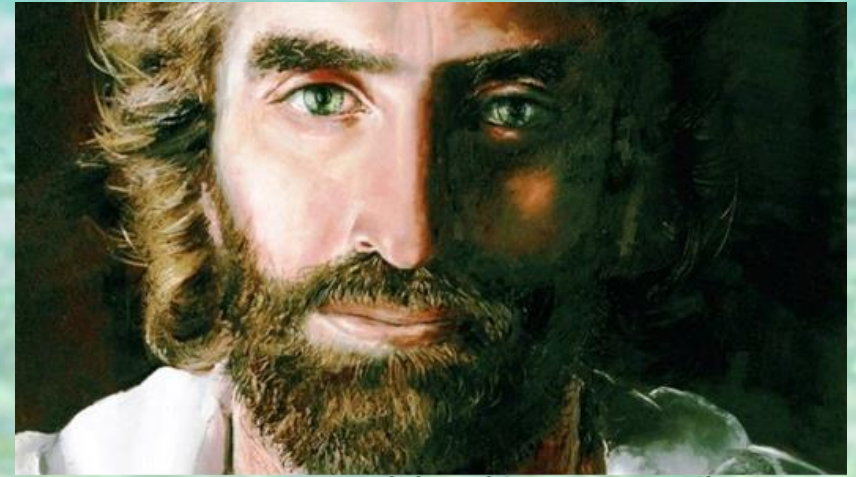


*social pressures, adversity,
false teachings, or wickedness*

Spiritual Anchors

Just as ships need anchors to keep them from drifting away on the open seas, people need spiritual anchors in their lives if they are to remain steadfast and not drift into the sea of temptation and sin.

Faith in God and in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the main anchor we must have in our lives to hold us fast during times of social turbulence and wickedness that seem to be everywhere today.



Artwork by Akiane Kramarik

This faith must be more than that of the generic dictionary variety. Our faith, for it to be meaningful and effective and to hold us fast, must be centered in Jesus Christ, in his life, in his atonement, and in the restoration of his gospel to the earth in the last days.”

Elder M. Russell Ballard



By Faith All Things Are Fulfilled

Ether Spoke of:

Hope for a better world—love our fellowmen with greater compassion

Hope for a place at the right hand of God

Faith making it an anchor to the souls of men

Faith which makes them steadfast

Faith which bring good works—to do good



Hope that saves is born of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

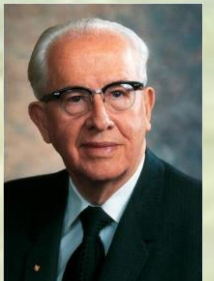
Hope is not merely wishful thinking.

Hope comes from trusting in and following the Savior.

**Which leads to the glory
of God**

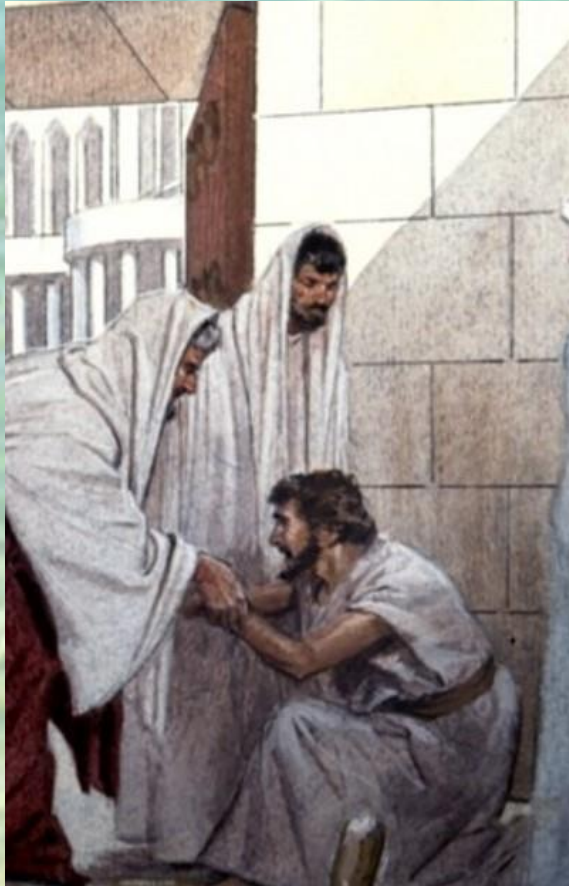
“True Repentance is based on and flows from faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, there is no other way.”

Ezra Taft Benson



Degrees of Faith

**Faith is a principle of action and power.
Whenever we work toward a worthy goal,
we exercise faith.**



Ether 12:3-4

“Blessed art thou because of thy exceeding faith; I say unto thee, woman, there has not been such great faith among all the people of the Nephites.”

Alma 19:10

“Now ye see that this is the true faith of God;” Alma 44:4

“For if there be no faith among the children of men God can do no miracle among them” Ether 12:12

“...thus they did retain a hope through faith” Alma 25:16

“Do ye exercise faith in the redemption of him who created you?” Alma 5:15

What kind of Faith should we have?

Spiritually Blind Jaredites

“Moroni informs us that their disbelief was because “they saw them not.” This is an age-old rejection of the spiritual workings of God. The world states that ‘seeing is believing.’

Such logic...defies the workings of god and denies the words of prophets.

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Ether 12:5-6



“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

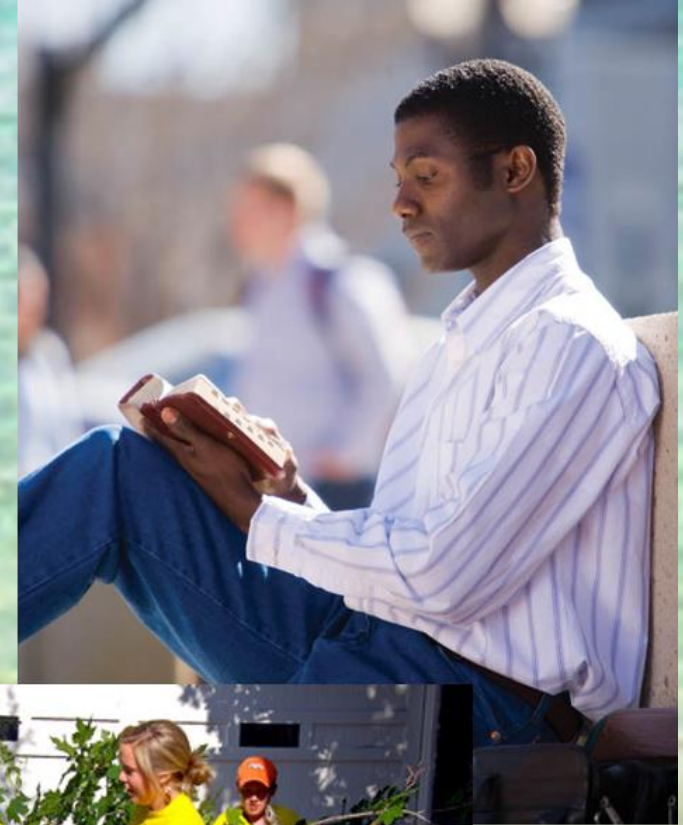
Hebrews 11:1

Those who need seeing proof say:

“How do ye know of their surety? Behold, ye cannot know of things which ye do not see; therefore ye cannot know that there shall be a Christ.”

Alma 30:15

People Can Receive a Spiritual Witness of Jesus Christ through:



Trial of Your Faith



“You can learn to use faith more effectively by applying this principle taught by Moroni: ‘... ye receive no witness until after the *trial of your faith*’.

Thus, every time you *try your faith*, that is, act in worthiness on an impression, you will receive the confirming evidence of the Spirit.

Those feelings will fortify your faith. As you repeat that pattern, your faith will become stronger”

Richard G. Scott

Faith Precedes A Miracle

Moroni provides examples: match

1. The faith of Alma and Amulek

2 a. Helaman 5:45; 3 Nephi 9:20

2. The faith of Nephi and Lehi

4 b. 3 Nephi 28; Mormon 8:10-11

3. The faith of Ammon

5 c. Ether 3:4-6, 25-26

4. The faith of the three disciples to not taste death

1 d. Alma 14:26-29

5. The faith of the brother of Jared

6 e. Enos 1:12-13; 15-18

6. The faith of the fathers that the record be preserved for the Jews and the Gentiles

3 f. Alma 17:29-39

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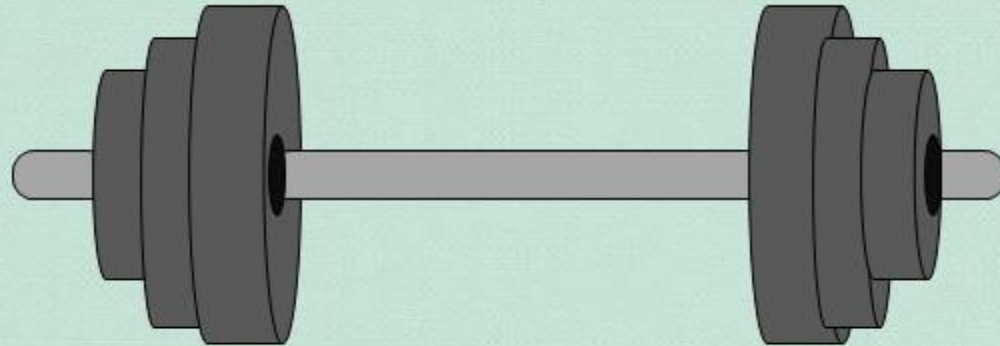
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Changing Weaknesses to Strength

Ether 12:23-41

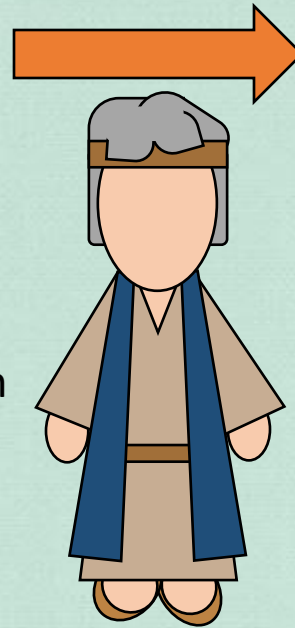


Changing Weaknesses to Strength

Weakness



Moroni...feared that the words he recorded in the Nephite record would be ridiculed and/or rejected by later readers because of his weakness in writing.



Strength



Moroni... prayed that the Lord would, through the great power of his Spirit, compensate for their weaknesses in writing.

...the Lord assured [Moroni] that the unbelieving, mocking Gentiles could not gain advantage over the meek and humble believers of the Nephite record.



Mortal Men

“Even though the Book of Mormon was written and abridged by mortal men who had mortal frailties and weaknesses, the power and Spirit of God transforms this book that fools may perceive as “weak”—as a foolish fantasy—into an inspired volume of scripture that can and does convince Jew and Gentile that Jesus is indeed the Christ. “



The Gospel is Preached by the Weak and the Simple

Paul wrote: “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;”

1 Corinthians 1:27

In My Weakness—Being Mortal

Prophets of God:

Nephi: “...O wretched man that I am! Yea, my heart sorroweth because of my flesh; my soul grieveth because of mine iniquities.

I am encompassed about, because of the temptations and the sins which do so easily beset me.”

2 Nephi 4:17-18



Ether 12:23-27 JFM and RLM



Paul:

“Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.”

Romans 7:17-19



“When a man turns to Christ and seems to be getting on pretty well (in the sense that some of his bad habits are now corrected), he often feels that it would now be natural if things went fairly smoothly.

When troubles come along—illnesses, money troubles, new kinds of temptation—he is disappointed.

These things, he feels, might have been necessary to rouse him and make him repent in his bad old days; but why now?

Because God is forcing him on, or up, to a higher level: putting him into situations where he will have to be very much braver, or more patient, or more loving, than he ever dreamed of before. It seems to us all unnecessary, but that is because we have not yet had the slightest notion of the tremendous thing He means to make of us.”

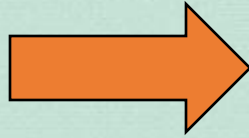
C.S. Lewis



Doctrinal Mastery



Ether 12:27



“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.”

Saved in Our Weaknesses

“To have real faith is to trust in Christ’s love and in God’s plan. While God cannot save us in our sins; he has the will and power to save us in our weaknesses”



“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

If we come unto Jesus Christ, then He will show us our weakness



If we humble ourselves and exercise faith in the Lord, then He will make weak things become strong unto us

If we are meek, we can receive the Lord's grace to help us overlook the weaknesses of others



Come Unto Jesus Christ

What are some things we can do to “come unto Jesus Christ”?

Pray, fast, repent, study the scriptures, participate in temple worship, serve others, and seek to develop Christ like attributes.

What does the second principle imply will happen if we choose not to humble ourselves and exercise faith in Jesus Christ?

Our weaknesses will remain because we have refused the Lord’s grace to help us overcome them.

What do you think is meant by the phrase “my grace is sufficient for all ... that humble themselves before me”?

Grace is a “divine means of help or strength, given through the bounteous mercy and love of Jesus Christ. This enabling power, or assistance, will never run out—no matter how many people draw upon it.



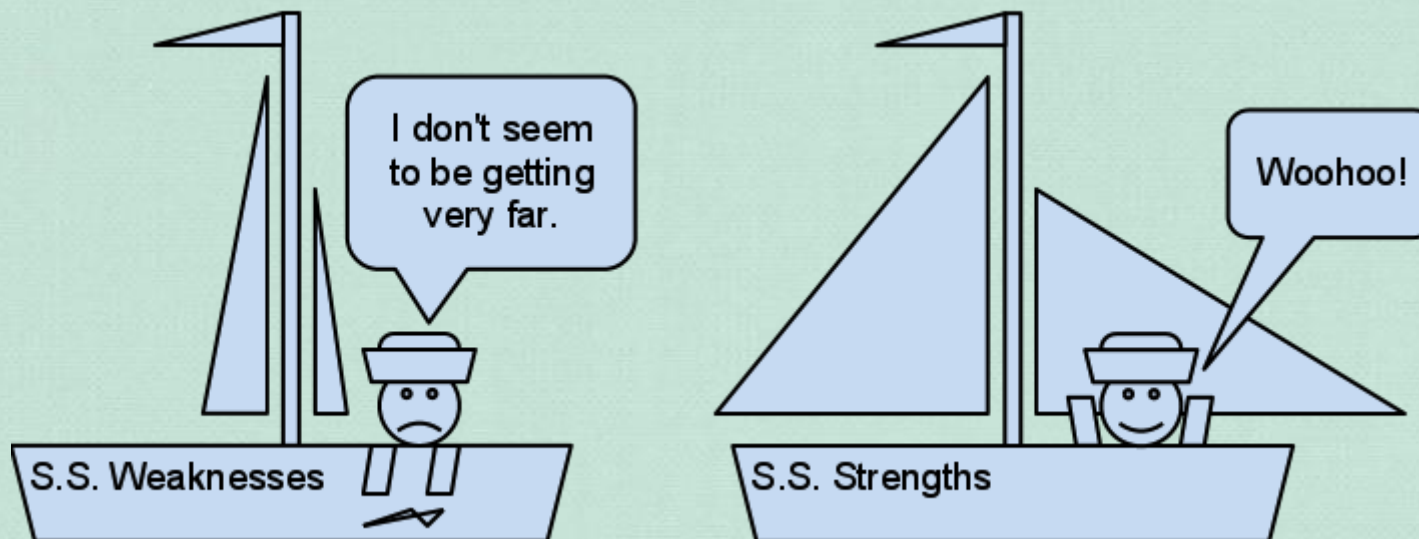


“When we read in the scriptures of man’s ‘weakness,’ this term includes the ... weakness inherent in the general human condition in which the flesh has such an incessant [or constant] impact upon the spirit (see Ether 12:28–29).

Weakness likewise includes, however, our specific, individual weaknesses, which we are expected to overcome.

(see D&C 66:3; Jacob 4:7).

Life has a way of exposing these weaknesses” Neal A. Maxwell

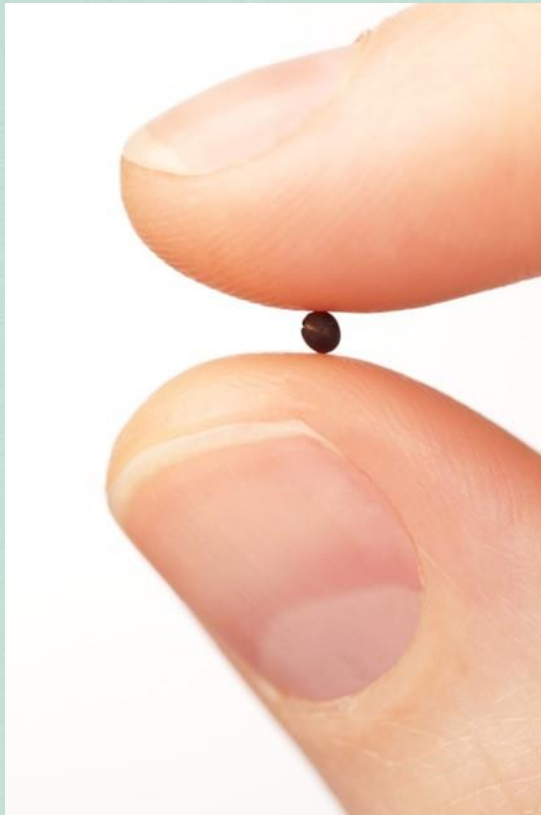


Faith



“The Savior taught that a person with faith the size of a mustard seed can have power to move a mountain.”

Matthew 17:20



“Adversity can increase faith or instead can cause the troubling roots of bitterness to spring up...One’s life, therefore, cannot be both faith-filled and stress-free.

Therefore, how can you and I really expect to glide naively through life, as if to say, “Lord, give me experience, but not grief, not sorrow, not pain, not opposition, not betrayal, and certainly not to be forsaken. Keep from me, Lord, all those experiences which made Thee what Thou art! Then let me come and dwell with Thee and fully share Thy joy!”

Neal A. Maxwell



Hope



Paul said Hope is for things that are not seen that are true.

Romans 8:24



“(Hope is the) great realities of the resurrection, eternal life, a better world, and Christ’s triumphant second coming—things as they really will be.” Jacob 4:13



“Hope is not quite knowledge. Yet, being at the border of knowledge, we can see through “glass darkly” enough of the future to affect how we live today.”



“Christian’s hope draws on reliable witnesses from the past.”
Revelations through the prophets.



Charity

“Charity is the pure love of Christ. It is the love that Christ has for the children of men and that the children of men should have for one another. It is the highest, noblest, and strongest kind of love and the most joyous to the soul.”

1 Nephi 11:23



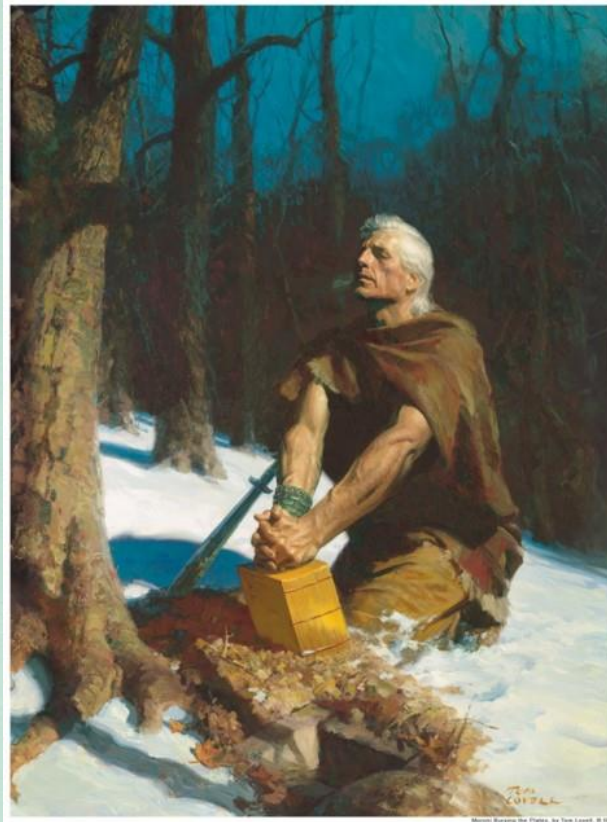
“Charity suffereth long, and is kind, and envieth not, and is not puffed up, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.”

(Moroni 7:45; see also 1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Time is Running Out— for me also

Moroni bids farewell to the Gentiles for whom he had prayed and for whom his record was intended.

He also bade farewell to the Nephites and the Lamanites.



Moroni's final testimony:

“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.”

Go Forward In Faith

“Each of us who have made covenants with God face challenges unique to us. But each of us shares some common assurances. Our Heavenly Father knows us and our circumstances and even what faces us in the future.

His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, has suffered and paid for our sins and those of all the people we will ever meet.

He has perfect understanding of the feelings, the suffering, the trials, and the needs of every individual.

Because of that, a way will be prepared for us to keep our covenants, however difficult that may now appear, if we go forward in faith.

Henry B. Eyring



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What else can we do to manage these vexing feeling of inadequacy?

1. We can distinguish more clearly between divine discontent and the devil's dissonance, between dissatisfaction with self and disdain for self.
2. We can contemplate how far we have already come in the climb along the pathway to perfection; it is usually much further that we acknowledge, and such reflections restore resolve.
3. We can accept help as well as gladly give it. In the economy of heaven, God does not send thunder if a still, small voice is enough, or a prophet if a priest can do the job.
4. We can make allowance more than we sometimes do for the agency of others...Often our best effort is not fully effectual because of someone else's worst effort.
5. We can write down and then act upon a few of those otherwise transient resolutions for self-improvement that are like a pebble in one's shoe.
6. We can honestly acknowledge, in those moments of wonderment about our mattering, that if we were to die today, we would be genuinely and deeply missed.
7. We can put our hand to the plow, looking neither back nor around, comparatively.
8. We can make quiet but more honest inventories of our strengths....Self-contempt is of Satan. We should learn from our mistakes.
9. We can add to each other's storehouse of self esteem. (—a compliment goes a long way).
10. We can also keep moving. Crosses are easier to carry when we keep moving....Feet are made to move forward.
11. We can know that when we have truly given what we have, it is like paying a full tithe, it is, in that respect, all that was asked.
12. We can allow for the reality that God is still more concerned with growth than with geography. (exploring your own possibilities).
13. We can learn that at the center of our agency is our freedom to form a healthy attitude toward whatever circumstances we are placed in. The strong Spirit can drive weak flesh beyond where the body first agrees to go!
14. Finally, we can accept this stunning, irrevocable truth: Our Lord can lift us from deep despair and cradle us midst any care. We cannot tell Him anything about either aloneness or nearness. (Neal A. Maxwell *Not Withstanding My Weakness* pgs. 9-11)

ETHER 13-15

NEW JERUSALEM

VS

OLD JERUSALEM

WHAT IS IN A NAME?

City of Lights



(Paris, France)

The City of Palaces



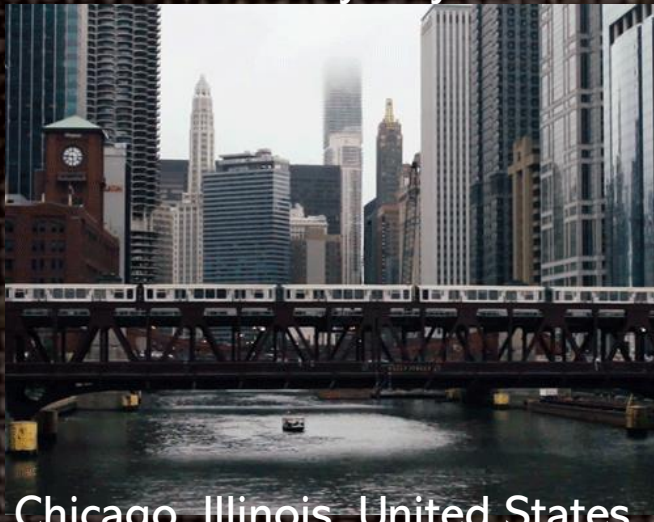
Mexico City

The Eternal City



Rome, Italy

The Windy City



Chicago, Illinois, United States

The Pearl of the Orient "Perla del Oriente"



Manila, Philippines

ETHER'S PROPHECIES

The New Jerusalem

Ether 13:6, 8, 10



Jerusalem in the Holy Land

Ether 13:11

The City of Enoch

Ether 13:3; Moses 7:62-64



And that it was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord. Ether 13:3

A HOLY SANCTUARY



“And that it was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord.”

Symbolic—the New Jerusalem will be built upon heavenly principles and under the influence of revelation to the Lord’s chosen officers.

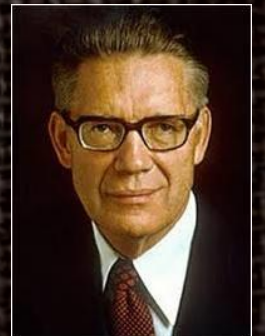
Those who are cleansed and purified through the atonement of Jesus Christ will build up a new City of Holiness.

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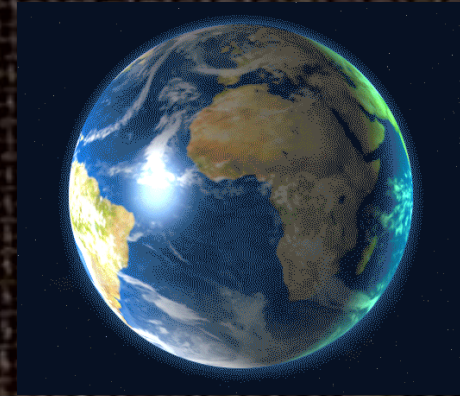
Literal—Enoch’s city—the City of Holiness that was taken up into heaven will come down from heaven and be united with the earthly New Jerusalem (see Moses 7:13-21)

Bruce R. McConkie



ALL THINGS BECOME NEW

“This earth was created in a new or paradisiacal state; then, incident to Adam’s transgression, it fell to its present telestial state....



...At the Second coming of our Lord, it will be renewed, regenerated, refreshed, transfigured, become again a new earth, a paradisiacal earth.



...its millennial status will be a return to its pristine state of beauty and glory, the state that existed before the fall...

(Isaiah 65:17-25; 66:22-24)

This same designation applies also to the celestial heaven and earth that will prevail in the day when the Father and the Son make this planet their habitation.”

(D&C 29:22-25; 77:1; 88:16-32; Revelation 21:10-27)



BUILT ON AMERICAN SOIL

Ether's prophecy:

New Jerusalem will be built on the American continent for the remnant of the house of Joseph and that also the Old Jerusalem will be built.



“And then cometh the New Jerusalem; and blessed are they who dwell therein, for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb; and they are they who are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph, who were of the house of Israel.”

BUILT ON JERUSALEM SOIL



Old Jerusalem will be ‘built up again, and become a holy city’
And it will be a gathering place for Judah and others of the house of Israel.



“And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old; and the inhabitants thereof, blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb; and they are they who were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth, and from the north countries, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father, Abraham.”

FIRST AND LAST

“And when these things come, bringeth to pass the scripture which saith, there are they who were first, who shall be last; and there are they who were last, who shall be first.”



The people of Israel rejected the covenant when it was first presented to them and thereby lost their position as the chosen people.

When the Gentiles have also had their opportunity, the gospel covenant will be taken back again to the Jews and the other tribes of Israel.

REJECTION

The Jaredites rejected Ether and cast him out from among them. During the day, Ether hid himself in “the cavity of a rock,” where he finished his record of the Jaredites.

At night, he went out to see the things that were happening to his people, the Jaredites. He wrote about the things he saw.



There was a great war among the people

They sought to destroy Coriantumr with their secret plans

Many people were slain by those who belonged to secret organizations

He witnessed his people’s destruction

CORIANTUMR

He was the last of the Jaredite Kings until around 500 BC

There was great wickedness during his reign

He studied in all arts of war and all the 'cunning of the world'

He faced constant attacked from rival factions

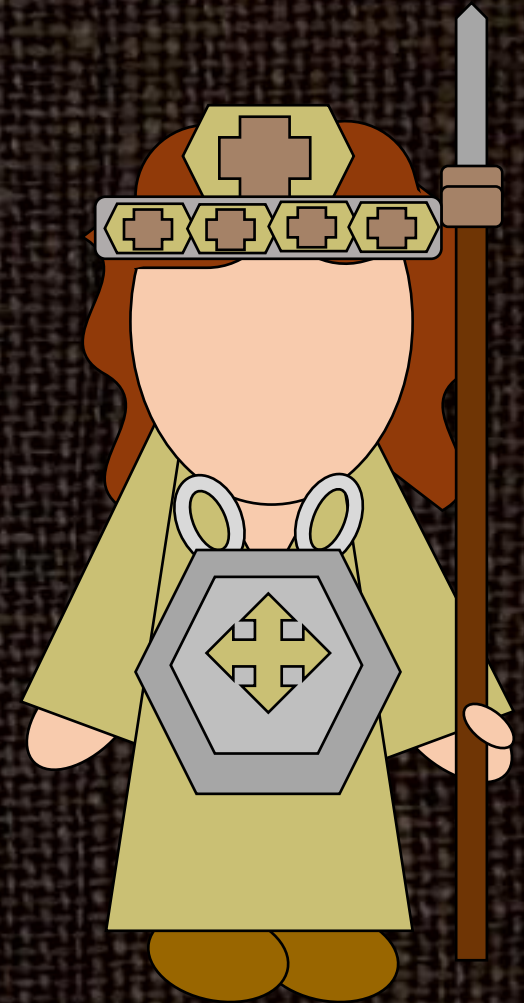
He and his household rejected Ether's words and attempted to slay Ether

Many, many Jaredites were slain and Coriantumr felt remorse and began to repent

His penitence was short-lived and the Jaredite nation was destroyed leaving Coriantumr the sole survivor, except for Ether, wandering until he was discovered

Ether prophesied that Coriantumr would come among the very people—the descendants of the Mulekites in Zarahemla—who after their eventual union with Mosiah I and his people from the land of Nephite sometime in the period of 279 BC to 130 BC

He dwelt with the Nephites for "9 moons"



SHARED

He was a military figure who contended with Coriantumr, the last of the Jaredite kings.

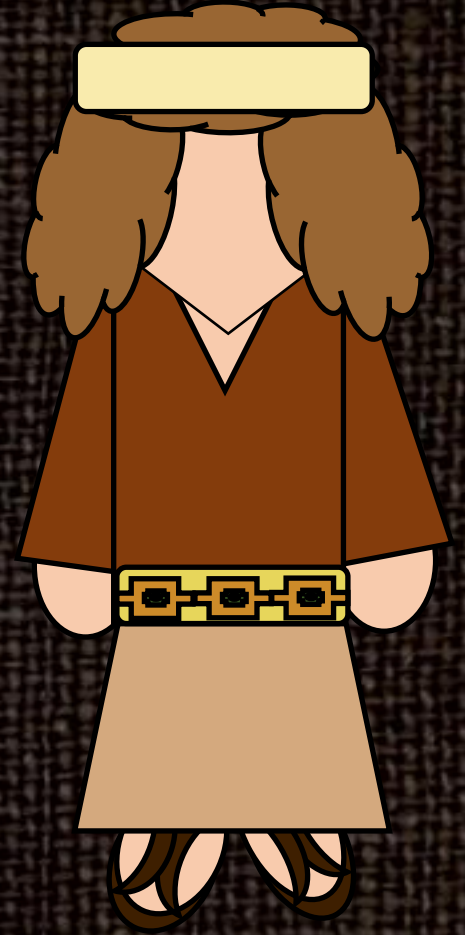
He defeated Coriantumr and placed him in captivity

Coriantumr's sons rescued him and returned him to power

Shared and Coriantumr came up against one another in repeated battles until Shared was finally slain in the valley of Gilgal

Coriantumr suffered wounds in his thigh, so he did not battle for 2 years

Shared's actions proved to be the prelude to the final catastrophic events that brought about the fulfillment of Ether's prophecy on the extinction of the Jaredite nation



SHIZ

He was the final contender with the Jaredite king

He was enraged over the death of his brother, Lib, at the hands of Coriantumr

He vowed to seek revenge

The land became strewn with the carcasses of the dead and the stench was polluting the air

He received 2 separate petitions (at different times) from Coriantumr to accept an offer of peace and that Coriantumr would relinquish his kingdom to save the lives of his people

He refused and the battles continued and Coriantumr was wounded again at the hill Ramah

During the battle, Shiz fainted because of loss of blood and Coriantumr beheaded him leaving Coriantumr and Ether the only ones remaining alive



RECOGNITION OF PROPHECY

After Coriantumr suffered the wound in his thigh and was recovering he began to remember the words of Ether



“There is no salvation in merely recognizing the fulfillment of prophecy. Such recognition, however, may serve as a catalyst..., to the recognition of other workings of God and as a spiritual awakening of the soul that will lead one to call upon the Lord.

Perhaps Coriantumr had gone to the “point of no return.”

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Ether 13:13-31; 14:1-31



DESTROYED BY ANGER

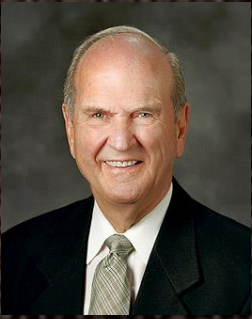
Now there began to be a war upon all the face of the land, every man with his band fighting for that which he desired.

Anger can lead us to make choices that hurt ourselves and others



Jesus has asked that we “live together in love” with “no disputations among you” “He that hath the spirit of contention is not of me,” He warned the Nephites Indeed, to a great degree, our relationship to Christ will be determined—or at least affected—by our relationship to each other.
Jeffrey R. Holland

INVITATION TO AVOID ANGER



“None of us can control nations or the actions of others or even members of our own families. But we can control ourselves”
Russel M. Nelson

Make a plan for what you can do to control yourself and overcome anger.

Think before you speak.



Once you're calm, express your concerns.



Get some exercise.



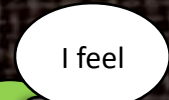
Take a timeout.



Identify possible solutions.



Stick with 'I' statements.



Don't hold a grudge.



Use humor to release tension.



THE HILL RAMAH



Ether watched the battles for 4 years but did not participate



Years later the Nephites would battle in the same area called Cumorah

“Moroni notes that this hill, which was a sacred site to him, was the same Cumorah where his father, Mormon had deposited the sacred plates. We do not know whether this hill had any other significance to the Jaredite, but it may not be totally unreasonable to suggest that Ether, under the inspiration of the Lord, may have likewise secreted his plates away there in a similar manner as did Mormon.”

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WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Where were the women and children?

They were equipped with weapons and armor

All were fighting



**They ended their days with
'howlings and lamentations'**

SPIRIT OF THE LORD CEASES

“But behold, the Spirit of the Lord had ceased striving with them, and Satan had full power over the hearts of the people; for they were given up unto the hardness of their hearts, and the blindness of their minds that they might be destroyed; wherefore they went again to battle.”

They were no longer being influenced by righteousness



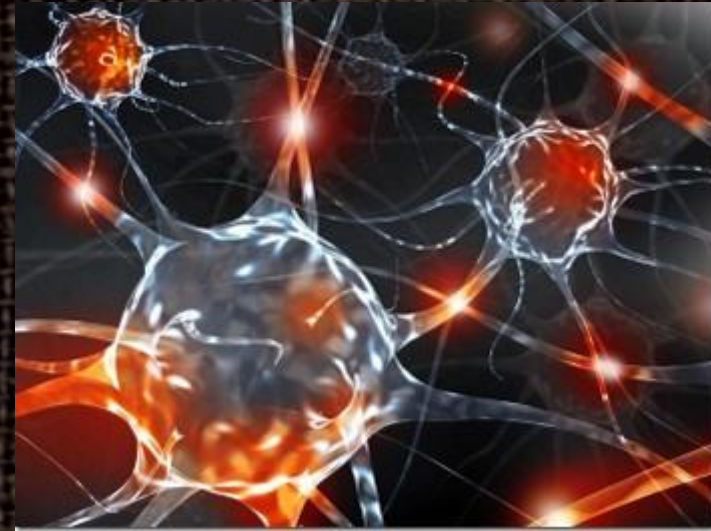
Because of this desensitization they became bound by the chains of their own sinfulness and the day of grace had passed from them




IRRATIONAL THINKING



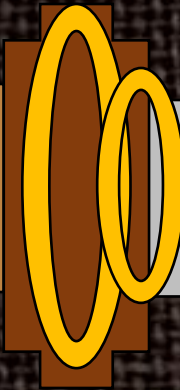
“Just as a person who is inebriated with alcohol suffers from dulled senses and slowed reactions, so also does a person whose intense anger produces an emotional intoxication and hence irrational thinking and actions.



Because anger and contention are of the devil, the clear thinking that comes from the guidance of the Spirit disappears where these prevail. Compassion and consideration for others is swallowed up by selfishness and self-indulgence.”

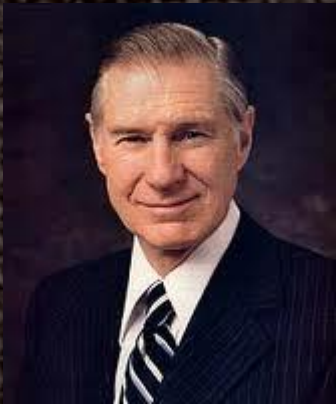


Anger and vengeance can lead us to make choices that hurt ourselves and others.



If we reject the Lord's warnings to repent, His Spirit will withdraw, and Satan will gain power over our hearts.

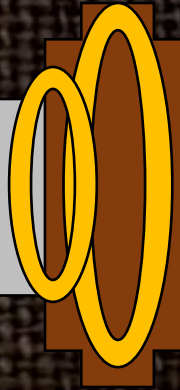
“We need not become paralyzed with fear of Satan’s power. He can have no power over us unless we permit it. He is really a coward, and if we stand firm, he will retreat. ...



“We have heard comedians and others justify or explain their misdeeds by saying, ‘The devil made me do it.’ I do not really think the devil can make us do anything. Certainly he can tempt and he can deceive, but he has no authority over us which we do not give him.

“The power to resist Satan may be stronger than we realize. The Prophet Joseph Smith taught: ‘All beings who have bodies have power over those who have not. The devil has no power over us only as we permit him. The moment we revolt at anything which comes from God, the devil takes power.’

James E. Faust



While the devil has great power to tempt and deceive us, he cannot overpower our agency unless WE yield to his influence.



“When someone has hurt us or those we care about, that pain can almost be overwhelming. It can feel as if the pain or the injustice is the most important thing in the world and that we have no choice but to seek vengeance. But Christ, the Prince of Peace, teaches us a better way.”



It can be very difficult to forgive someone the harm they’ve done us, but when we do, we open ourselves up to a better future. No longer does someone else’s wrongdoing control our course.

When we forgive others, it frees us to choose how we will live our own lives. Forgiveness means that problems of the past no longer dictate our destinies, and we can focus on the future with God’s love in our hearts.”

Elder David E. Sorensen



THE LONE SURVIVORS

Coriantumr did not die of his wounds but was left to see the full destruction of the Jaredite nation



James H. Fullmer



James H. Fullmer

Ether was commanded by the Lord to complete the records and hide them so the records could be found in the future.

Ether's fate is not known



Moroni only recorded a hundredth part of Ether's account

ZION IS ZION



“Zion is Zion because of the character, attributes, and faithfulness of her citizens. Remember, ‘the Lord called his people Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there was no poor among them’

If we would establish Zion in our homes, branches, wards, and stakes, we must rise to this standard.



It will be necessary:

(1) to become unified in one heart and one mind;

(2) to become, individually and collectively, a holy people; and

(3) to care for the poor and needy with such effectiveness that we eliminate poverty among us.”

D. Todd Christofferson

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President Joseph Fielding Smith has written the following about the New Jerusalem.

"The prevailing notion in the world is that this [the New Jerusalem] is the city of Jerusalem, the ancient city of the Jews which in the day of regeneration will be renewed, but this is not the case. We read in the Book of Ether that the Lord revealed to him many of the same things which were seen by John. Ether, as members of the Church will know, was the last of the prophets among the Jaredites, and the Lord had revealed to him much concerning the history of the Jews and their city of Jerusalem which stood in the days of the ministry of our Savior. In his vision in many respects similar to that given to John, ' Enoch saw the old city of Jerusalem and also the new city which has not yet been built, and he wrote of them as follows: [Ether 13:2-11 is then cited.]

"In the day of regeneration, when all things are made new, there will be three great cities that will be holy. One will be the Jerusalem of old which shall be rebuilt according to the prophecy of Ezekiel. One will be the city of Zion, or of Enoch, which was taken from the earth when Enoch was translated and which will be restored; and the city Zion, or New Jerusalem, which is to be built by the seed of Joseph on this the American continent. [He then cites Moses 7:62-64.]

" After the close of the millennia I reign we are informed that Satan, who was bound during the millennium, shall be loosed and go forth to deceive the nations. Then will come the end. The earth will die and be purified and receive its resurrection. During this cleansing period the City Zion, or New Jerusalem, will be taken from the earth; and when the earth is prepared for the celestial glory., the city will come down according to the prediction in the Book of Revelation." (Answers to Gospel Questions, 2:103-6.)

President Marion G. Romney, speaking of the tragic cycle of the Nephites and Jaredites, testified:

"We today are approaching the close of a similar cycle. We have been warned that we are ripening in iniquity and that we will be destroyed if we do not repent.

"Now my beloved brothers and sisters, I realize that these predictions are not pleasing, but nevertheless they speak the truth. They are the words of the true and living God, who said:

"...I tell you these things, even as I also told the people of the destruction of Jerusalem; and my word shall be verified at this time as it hath hitherto been verified." (D&C 5:20) (The Tragic Cycle," pp.15-16)

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"To envision what is meant by [New Jerusalem], we must know these five facts:

"1. Ancient Jerusalem, the city of much of our Lord's personal ministry among men, shall be rebuilt in the last days and become one of the two great world capitals, a millennial city from which the word of the Lord shall go forth.

"2. A New Jerusalem, a new Zion, a city of God shall be built on the American continent.

"3. Enoch's city, the original Zion, 'the City of Holiness, ... was taken up into heaven.' (Moses 7:13-21.)

"4. Enoch's city, with its translated inhabitants now in their resurrected state, shall return, as a New Jerusalem, to join with the city of the same name which has been built upon the American continent.

"5. When this earth becomes a celestial sphere 'that great city, the holy Jerusalem,' shall again descend 'out of heaven from God,' as this earth becomes the abode of celestial beings forever. (Rev. 21:10-27.)" (Bruce R. McConkie, Doctrinal New Testament Commentary [1973], 3:580-81).

Where Zion is to Be Built:

"Let Israel gather to the stakes of Zion in all nations. Let every land be a Zion to those appointed to dwell there. Let the fulness of the gospel be for all the saints in all nations. Let no blessing be denied them. Let temples arise wherein the fulness of the ordinances of the Lord's house may be administered. But still there is a center place, a place where the chief temple shall stand, a place to which the Lord shall come. ... And that center place is what men now call Independence in Jackson County, Missouri, but which in a day to come will be the Zion of our God and the City of Holiness of his people" (Bruce R. McConkie, A New Witness for the Articles of Faith [1985], 595).

New Jerusalem: Latter-day Saint View

The place where the Saints will gather and Christ will personally reign with them during the Millennium. Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent, and the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory (A of F 1:10). It also refers to a holy city that will come down out of heaven at the beginning of the Millennium.

- The law shall go forth out of Zion, Micah 4:2.
- The name of the city of my God is New Jerusalem, Rev. 3:12.
- John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, Rev. 21:1–5.
- This people will I establish in this land, and it shall be a New Jerusalem, 3 Ne. 20:22.
- A New Jerusalem will be built in America, Ether 13:3–6, 10.
- The city of the New Jerusalem shall be prepared, D&C 42:9, 35, 62–69.
- Saints are to gather and build the New Jerusalem, D&C 45:63–75.
- The New Jerusalem is to be built in Missouri, D&C 84:1–5 (D&C 57:1–3).
- The Lamb shall stand upon Mount Zion and upon the holy city, the New Jerusalem, D&C 133:56.
- My tabernacle shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem, Moses 7:62.

Study Guide

Where Does the Bible Mention the New Jerusalem? Christianity View

The book of Revelation gives the Bible's only explicit mention of the New Jerusalem identified as such (in Revelation 3:12 and Revelation 21:2, 10). The verse in chapter three is addressed to the first-century church of Philadelphia, located in modern-day Turkey. John, who penned the book, told the faithful Philadelphia church that the overcomers would be a pillar in God's temple with His (new) name and that of the New Jerusalem written on them. The New Jerusalem will come down out of heaven from God. These words are an eternal promise which instilled hope within the temporal tribulation the church experienced. And then the New Jerusalem is revealed in Revelation 21:2, 10 as part of the new heavens and the new earth (Revelation 21:1) as it comes down from heaven from God.

The New Jerusalem will:

- Be part of the new heaven and new earth (v. 2).
- Be a holy city (v.2).
- Come prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Scripture reference and explanation) (v.2)
- Will hold God's tabernacle (v.3).
- Contain the glory of God (v. 11).
- Have a pure and radiant light (v. 11b)
- Have twelve gates named after the twelve tribes of Israel, twelve foundations named after the twelve Apostles of Christ, is as a cube measuring 1.9 million square miles (1500 miles per side and height), walls of jasper, construction and streets of pure gold, gates of pearls and walls covered with precious stones (vv. 12-21).
- Will have no temple (v. 23).
- Be illuminated by the glory of the Lord—the Lamb (v. 23).
- Have open gates (v. 24).
- Bar entrance to anyone not written in the Lamb's Book of Life (v. 27).

God will:

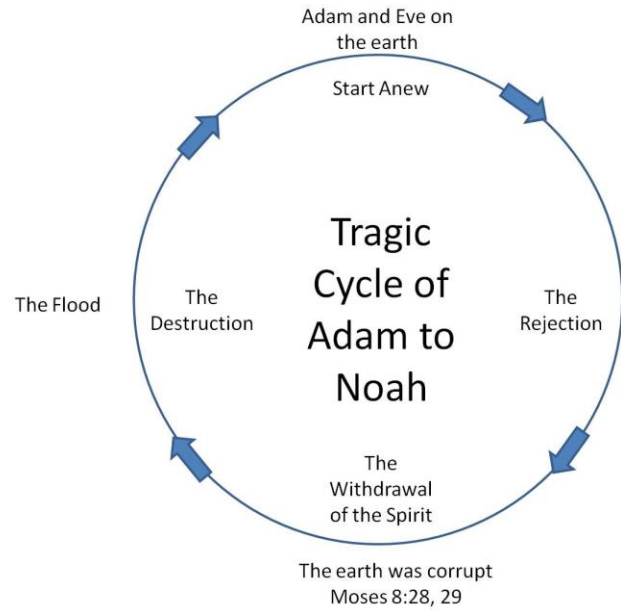
- Send new Jerusalem down out of heaven (v. 10).
- Dwell with men as His people, and he will be their God (v. 3).
- Wipe away every tear from their eyes (v. 4).
- Make all things new (v. 5)
- Be the city's temple along with the Lamb (Jesus Christ) (v. 22).

The New Jerusalem will reveal:

- No more death, nor sorrow, nor crying (v.4)
- No more pain (v.4)
- No more of the former things because they are gone (v. 4).
- Not one who does not know Jesus as Savior (v. 8).

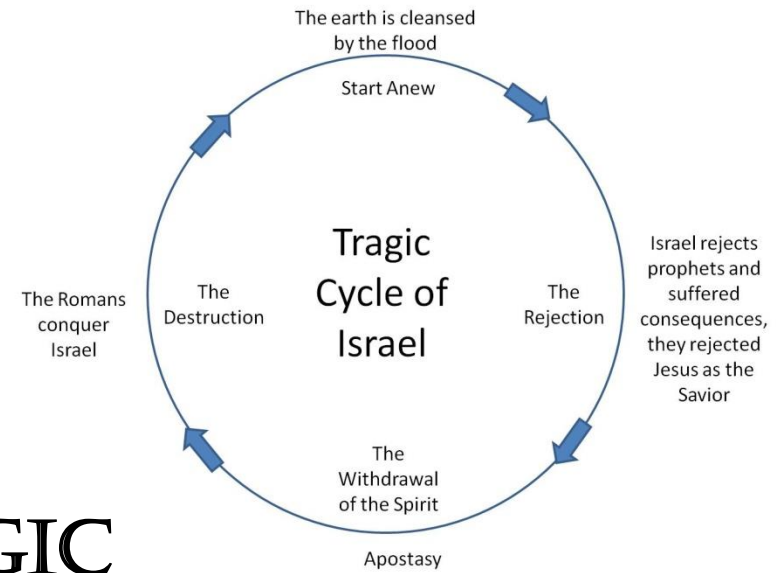
The inhabitants will:

- Drink freely of the water of life for eternity (v. 6).
- Walk in its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory and honor into it (v. 24). *Christianity.com*



Before the Flood the earth was filled with violence. Moses 5:13,31,41,55 Genesis 6:11

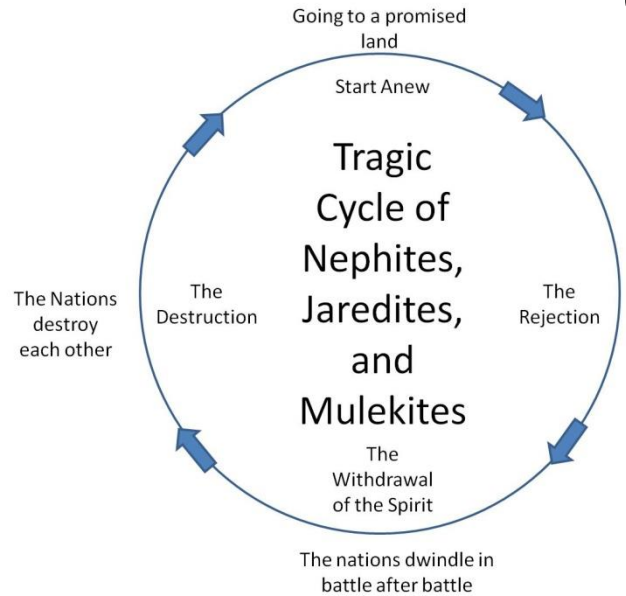
The earth was corrupt Moses 8:28, 29



Israel rejects prophets and suffered consequences, they rejected Jesus as the Savior

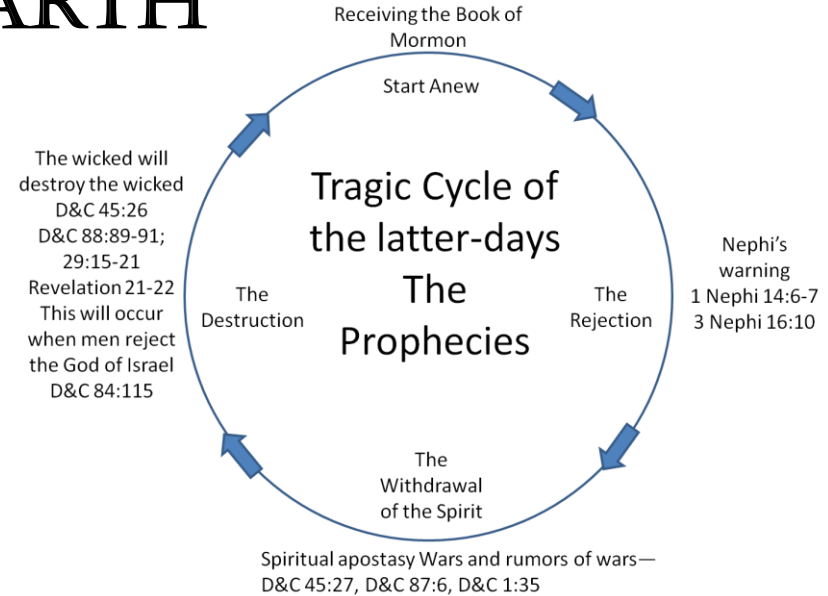
Apostasy

TRAGIC CYCLES OF OUR EARTH



Rejection of prophets...even with the visit to the Nephites Jesus' words are rejected

The nations dwindle in battle after battle



The wicked will destroy the wicked D&C 45:26 D&C 88:89-91; 29:15-21 Revelation 21-22 This will occur when men reject the God of Israel D&C 84:115

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