

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 8

## Chapter

<sup>1</sup>And now it came to pass <sup>that</sup> according to our record  
& we know our record to be true  
for behold it was a just man which did keep the record  
for he truly did many miracels in the name of Jesus  
& there was not any man which could do a miracle in the name of Jesus  
save he were cleansed every whit from his iniquity

<sup>2</sup>& now it came to pass  
if there was no mistake made by this man in the reckoning of our time  
the thirty & third year had passed away

<sup>3</sup>& the people began to look with great earnestness for the sign  
which had been ~~gi~~<sup>given</sup>~~ven~~ by the prophet Samuel the Lamanite  
yea for the sig<sup>time</sup>~~n~~ that there should be darkness  
for the space of three days over the face of the land

<sup>4</sup>& there began to be great doubtings & disputations among the people  
notwithstanding so many signs had been given

<sup>5</sup>& it came to pass [that] in the thirty & fourth year  
in the first month in the fourth day of the month  
there arose a great storm  
such an one as never had been known in all the land

<sup>6</sup>& there was also a great & terrible tempest  
& there was terrible thunder  
insomuch that it did shake the whole earth  
as if it was about to divide a sunder

<sup>7</sup>& there was exceding sharp lightnings  
such as never had been known in all the land

<sup>8</sup>& the City of Zarahemla did take fire

<sup>9</sup>& the City of Moroni did sink into the debths of the Sea  
& the inhabitants thereof were drowned

<sup>10</sup>& the earth was carried up upon the city of Moronihah  
that in the place of the city thereof there became a great Mountain

<sup>11</sup>& there were a great & terrible destruction in the land southward

<sup>12</sup>but behold there were a more great & terrible destruction in the land northward  
for behold the whole face of the land was changed  
because of the tempests & the whirlwinds  
& the thunderings & the lightnings  
& the exceding great quaking of the whole earth

<sup>13</sup>& the highways were broken up  
& the level roads were spoiled  
& many smothe places became rough

<sup>14</sup>& many great & notable cities were sunk  
& many were burned  
& many were shook till the buildings thereof had fallen to the earth  
& the inhabitants thereof were slain  
& the places were left desolate

<sup>15</sup>& there were some cities which remained  
but the damage thereof was exceeding great  
& there were many in them which were slain

<sup>16</sup>& there were some which were carried away in the whirlwind  
& ~~wh~~ whither they went no man knoweth  
save they know that they were carried away

<sup>17</sup>& **thus** the face of the whole earth became deformed  
because of the tempests & the thunderings & the lightnings  
& the quakeing of the earth

<sup>18</sup>& behold the rocks were wrent in twain  
yea they were broken up upon the face of the whole earth  
insomuch that they were found in broken fragments  
& in seams & in cracks upon all the face of the land

<sup>19</sup>& it came to pass that when the thunderings & the lightnings  
& the storm & the tempest & the quakeings of the earth did cease  
for behold they did last for about the space of three hours  
& it was said by some that the time was greater  
nevertheless all these great & terrible things were done  
in about the space of three hours  
& then behold there was darkness upon the face of the land

<sup>20</sup>& it came to pass that there was thick darkness upon the face of all the land  
insomuch that the inhabitants thereof which had **not** fallen  
could feel the vapour of darkness

<sup>21</sup>& there could be no light because of the darkness  
neither candels neither torches  
neither could there be fire kindeled with their fine & exceeding dry wood  
so that there could not be any light atal

<sup>22</sup>& there was not any light seen  
neither fire nor glimmer  
neither the Sun nor the Moon nor the Stars  
for so great were the mists of darkness  
which were upon the face of the land

<sup>23</sup>& it came to pass that it did last for the space of three <sup>days</sup> ~~days~~  
that there was no light seen  
& there was great mourning & howling<sup>& weeping</sup>  
among all the people continually  
yea great were the **groanings** of the people  
because of the darkness & the great destruction  
which had come upon them

<sup>24</sup>& in one place they were heard to cry saying  
O that we had repented before this great & terrible day  
& then would our brethren have been spared  
& they would not have ~~be~~ been burned in that great city Zarahemla

<sup>25</sup>& in another place they were heard to cry & ~~m~~<sup>mou</sup>orn saying  
O that we had repented before this great & terrible day  
& had not killed & stoned the prophets & cast them out  
then would our mothers & our fair daughters & our children have been spared  
& not have been ~~burne~~<sup>buried</sup>d up in that great City Moronihah  
& thus were the howlings of the people great & terrible