

THE SECOND BOOK *of* NEPHI

AN INTRODUCTION:

A narration of Lehi's final days. Nephi's siblings revolt against him. The Lord cautions Nephi to venture into the wilderness. His experiences and travels in the wilderness, and similar events.

Chapter One.

After concluding my teachings to my brethren, Lehi, our father, addressed them, recounting the remarkable deeds the Lord had performed in leading them out of Jerusalem. He spoke of their rebellions on the waters and God's mercies in preserving their lives from being swallowed up by the sea.

Our father also discussed the land of promise they had obtained, emphasizing the Lord's mercy in warning them to flee their home. Having seen in a vision the destruction of Jerusalem, he declared that had they stayed, they too would have perished. Despite their afflictions, he expressed gratitude for the land of promise, covenanted by the Lord to be an inheritance for his seed and others led out by God from different countries.

Prophesying by the Spirit, Lehi declared that none would enter the land except by the hand of the Lord, and if the people kept God's commandments, the land would be a land of liberty and perpetual blessing. He stressed the consecration of the land to those brought by the Lord and the importance of obedience to secure prosperity and freedom.

He deemed it wise to keep the land from the knowledge of other nations to prevent its overrun and preserve it for the Lord's chosen people. Receiving a promise that those brought out of Jerusalem would prosper if obedient, Lehi expressed concern for the consequences of dwindling in unbelief.

He foresaw judgments and the scattering of the people if they rejected the Holy One of Israel. Lehi warned of other nations being brought against them, resulting in loss of possessions, scattering, and afflictions.

Urging his sons to remember and awaken from spiritual sleep, he emphasized the peril of captivity in the gulf of misery. Lehi pleaded for his sons to shake off the chains binding them and escape eternal woe. Despite his impending mortality, he found joy in the redemption of his soul and being encircled eternally in God's love. Encouraging his sons to observe God's statutes, Lehi acknowledged his anxiety about the Lord's wrath if they hardened their hearts.

Expressing sorrow for the possibility of their destruction, he implored them to awake, arise, and put on the armor of righteousness. Lehi reminded his sons of God's promise of prosperity for

obedience and warned of being cut off if disobedient. Expressing his desire for his sons to be a favored people of the Lord, he acknowledged God's righteousness in his ways.

Lehi conveyed God's principle that prosperity in the land depended on keeping the commandments. He urged his sons to unite in righteousness, avoid cursing, and not incur God's displeasure.

Despite previous rebellions, Lehi pleaded with his sons to refrain from rebelling against Nephi, recognizing Nephi's instrumental role in their survival. He warned against the consequences of rebellion and sought their determination for righteousness. Lehi admonished his sons to awake from their spiritual slumber, be men, and avoid captivity and eternal destruction.

Concerned for Nephi's wellbeing, he emphasized Nephi's pursuit of God's glory and the eternal welfare of his brethren.

Lehi affirmed Nephi's plainness as the power of God's word and defended his righteous admonitions. Acknowledging the Spirit of the Lord in Nephi, Lehi explained the bold manifestation of truth in addressing their iniquities. He declared that the power of God compelled obedience, and the Spirit of the Lord opened Nephi's mouth.

Addressing Laman, Lemuel, Sam, and the sons of Ishmael, Lehi promised blessings for heeding Nephi and consequences for rejecting him. For those who obeyed Nephi, Lehi offered a blessing, and for those who did not, he withdrew his first blessing.

Speaking to Zoram, Laban's servant, Lehi recognized Zoram's friendship to Nephi and blessed his seed for their loyalty. He promised prosperity and security for Zoram's descendants, provided they kept the commandments of the Lord. Lehi concluded by affirming the consecration of the land for the security of Zoram's seed with the seed of Nephi.

Chapter Two.

Now, Jacob, I address you: You are my firstborn during my trials in the wilderness. In your childhood, you endured afflictions and much sorrow due to the rough treatment of your brothers. Nevertheless, Jacob, my firstborn in the wilderness, you understand the greatness of God, and He shall consecrate your afflictions for your benefit. Therefore, your soul shall be blessed, and you shall dwell safely with your brother, Nephi. Your days shall be spent in the service of your God. I know that you are redeemed because of the righteousness of your Redeemer. You have witnessed that in the fullness of time, He comes to bring salvation to humanity.

You saw His glory in your youth, and you are blessed like those to whom He ministers in the flesh. The Spirit remains the same, yesterday, today, and forever. The way is prepared since the fall of man, and salvation is freely given. Men are sufficiently instructed to discern good from evil, and the law is given to them. By the law, no flesh is justified, and men are cut off. By the temporal law, they were cut off, and by the spiritual law, they perish from that which is good, becoming miserable forever. Therefore, redemption comes through the Holy Messiah, for He is full of grace and truth. He offers Himself as a sacrifice for sin, answering the ends of the law for those with a broken heart and a contrite spirit. To them alone can the ends of the law be answered.

The importance of making these things known to the inhabitants of the earth cannot be overstated. They must know that no flesh can dwell in God's presence except through the merits, mercy, and grace of the Holy Messiah, who sacrifices His life according to the flesh and takes it again by the power of the Spirit for the resurrection of the dead, being the first to rise. He is the first fruits unto God, making intercession for all the children of men. Those who believe in Him shall be saved.

Due to this intercession, all men come unto God, standing in His presence to be judged according to truth and holiness in Him. The ends of the law, given by the Holy One, include punishment in opposition to happiness to fulfill the purpose of the atonement. For there must be opposition in all things. Without it, righteousness, wickedness, holiness, misery, good, and bad could not exist. All things must be a compound in one. Otherwise, they would be listless, having no life, death, corruption, incorruption, happiness, misery, sense, or insensibility. Such a creation would be purposeless and destroy the wisdom, eternal purposes, power, mercy, and justice of God.

If there is no law, there is no sin; if no sin, no righteousness; if no righteousness, no happiness; and if no righteousness nor happiness, no punishment nor misery. Without these, there is no God, and without God, we and the earth would have vanished.

Now, my sons, I share these things for your benefit and learning. There is a God who created all things, both the heavens and the earth, and all things in them. To fulfill His eternal purposes, opposition was necessary— the forbidden fruit opposed to the tree of life, one sweet and the other bitter.

The Lord God gave man agency, so man could not act for himself unless enticed by the one or the other. According to what I have read, I must suppose that an angel of God had fallen from heaven, becoming a devil due to his evil desires. Having fallen and become miserable, he sought the misery of all mankind. The old serpent, the devil, tempted Eve, saying: Partake of the forbidden fruit, and ye shall not die, but ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil.

After Adam and Eve partook, they were driven from the garden to till the earth and brought forth children, becoming the family of all the earth. God prolonged the days of the children of men so they might repent while in the flesh, making their state one of probation. They were visited by sword and famine and were led according to the will and captivity of the devil.

If Adam had not committed the transgression, he would not have experienced a fall and would have continued residing in the garden of Eden. All created things must have retained their original state, existing perpetually without change or conclusion. There would have been no procreation, and they would have endured in a state of innocence, devoid of joy as they knew no misery, and refraining from doing good as they knew no sin.

However, all things have been done in the wisdom of Him who knows all things. Adam fell that men might be, and men are that they might have joy. The Messiah comes to redeem the children of men from the fall, making them free forever to act for themselves.

Men are free according to the flesh, and all things are given to them that are expedient. They are free to choose either liberty and eternal life through the Mediator or captivity and death through the devil's power.

My sons, look to the great Mediator, hearken to His commandments, and choose eternal life according to His Holy Spirit's will. Do not choose eternal death, captivity, and misery according to the flesh's will, giving the devil power to reign over you.

In the last days of my probation, I have spoken these words for your benefit. I have chosen the good part, and I have no other objective but the everlasting welfare of your souls. Amen.

Chapter Three.

I, Lehi, now address you, Joseph, my last-born. You were born in the wilderness of my afflictions, during the days of my deepest sorrow when your mother bore you. May the Lord also consecrate this land to you, a most precious land, for your inheritance and the inheritance of your seed with your brethren, securing it forever if you keep the commandments of the Holy One of Israel.

Joseph, my last-born, whom I have brought out of the wilderness of my afflictions, may the Lord bless you forever, for your seed shall not be utterly destroyed. You are the fruit of my loins, and I am a descendant of Joseph, who was carried captive into Egypt.

The covenants the Lord made with Joseph were great. Joseph truly saw our day and received a promise from the Lord that a righteous branch would be raised up from the fruit of his loins—not the Messiah, but a branch to be broken off yet remembered in the covenants. This branch would manifest the Messiah to them in the latter days with the spirit of power, leading them from darkness to light, hidden darkness to freedom.

Joseph testified that a seer, highly esteemed among the fruit of his loins, would be raised up by the Lord. The Lord said to Joseph: A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of your loins, and he shall be esteemed highly among them. I will give him commandments to do a work for his brethren, the fruit of your loins, bringing them to the knowledge of the covenants made with their fathers.

The Lord commanded this seer to do no other work but the work He would command, promising to make him great in His eyes.

Like Moses, who delivered the house of Israel, this seer would be raised up with great power. Joseph prophesied that a seer would be raised from the fruit of his loins, given power to bring forth the word to his seed, convincing them of the word that had already gone forth among them.

The fruit of his loins and the fruit of Judah's loins would write, and their writings would grow together, confounding false doctrines and establishing peace.

In weakness, the seer would be made strong, starting on the day when the Lord's work would commence among all His people to restore the house of Israel. Joseph prophesied that the Lord would bless this seer, and those seeking to destroy him would be confounded. He was sure of the fulfillment of this promise. The seer's name would be called after Joseph's, and he would be like Joseph, bringing salvation to the people through the power of the Lord.

Joseph proclaimed his surety in this prophecy, just as he was sure of Moses' promise, as the Lord assured him that His seed would be preserved forever. The Lord said He would raise up a Moses with power in a rod and judgment in writing. He would not make him mighty in speaking but would write His law with the finger of His hand and provide a spokesman.

The Lord also said He would raise up a spokesman for the fruit of Joseph's loins, and the words written would go forth from the fruit of their loins, crying from the dust and bringing repentance to their brethren.

Due to their faith, their words would proceed out of the Lord's mouth to their brethren, and the Lord would make their weak words strong in their faith.

Joseph affirmed that his father prophesied in this manner, and he, Joseph, was blessed because of this covenant. His seed would not be destroyed because they would hearken to the words of the book. One mighty among them would do much good, being an instrument in the hands of God, working wonders and bringing about restoration to the house of Israel and the seed of Joseph's brethren. Now, Joseph, blessed you are. Though you are little, heed the words of your brother, Nephi, and they shall be done to you according to my spoken words. Remember the words of your dying father. Amen.

Chapter Four.

Now, I, Nephi, address the prophecies my father spoke about Joseph, who was taken into Egypt. For he truly prophesied about all his descendants, and the prophecies he wrote are among the

greatest. He foretold about us and our future generations, and these prophecies are inscribed on the plates of brass.

After my father finished discussing Joseph's prophecies, he summoned the children of Laman, his sons, and daughters. He said to them: Listen, you are the offspring of my firstborn. I wish for you to heed my words. The Lord God has stated that as long as you keep my commandments, you will prosper in the land. But if you do not, you shall be cut off from my presence.

Yet, my sons and daughters, I cannot depart to my grave without leaving a blessing upon you. I know that if you are raised in the right way, you will not deviate from it. Therefore, if you are under a curse, I leave my blessing upon you so that the curse may be lifted, answered upon the heads of your parents. Due to my blessing, the Lord God will not allow you to perish; He will be merciful to you and your seed forever.

After my father finished speaking to the sons and daughters of Laman, he had the sons and daughters of Lemuel brought before him. He spoke to them, saying: Look, my sons and daughters, you are the offspring of my second son. I leave upon you the same blessing I left upon the sons and daughters of Laman. You shall not be utterly destroyed, but in the end, your seed shall be blessed.

After my father finished speaking to them, he addressed the sons of Ishmael and his entire household.

When he finished speaking to them, he turned to Sam and said: Blessed are you and your seed; you shall inherit the land just like your brother Nephi. Your seed shall be numbered with his, and you shall be like your brother, and your seed like his. You shall be blessed all your days.

After my father, Lehi, spoke to all his household according to his feelings and the Spirit of the Lord within him, he grew old. He died, and he was buried.

Not long after his death, Laman, Lemuel, and the sons of Ishmael were angry with me because of the admonitions of the Lord. For I, Nephi, was compelled to speak to them according to His word. I had spoken many things to them, as had my father before his death. Many of these sayings are written on my other plates, for a more historical account is recorded on them. On these, I inscribe the matters of my soul, along with many scriptures engraved on the plates of brass.

My soul finds delight in the scriptures; my heart ponders them and records them for the learning and profit of my children. Behold, my soul delights in the things of the Lord, and my heart continually reflects on the things I have seen and heard. Nevertheless, despite the Lord's great goodness in showing me His marvelous works, my heart exclaims: O wretched man that I am!

Yes, my heart sorrows because of my flesh, and my soul grieves because of my iniquities. I am surrounded by temptations and sins that easily beset me. When I desire to rejoice, my heart groans because of my sins.

Nevertheless, I know in whom I have trusted. My God has been my support, leading me through afflictions in the wilderness and preserving me upon the waters of the great deep. He has filled me with His love, even to the consuming of my flesh. He has confounded my enemies, causing them to quake before me.

He has heard my cry by day and given me knowledge through visions in the night. By day, I have boldly prayed before Him. I have sent my voice on high, and angels have come down to minister to me. Upon the wings of His Spirit, my body has been carried away to exceedingly high mountains, and my eyes have beheld great things, even too great for man. Therefore, I was commanded not to write them.

If I have seen such great things, if the Lord, in His condescension to humanity, has visited men in such mercy, why should my heart weep, and my soul linger in the valley of sorrow? Why should my flesh waste away, and my strength slacken because of my afflictions? And why should I yield to sin because of my flesh? Why should I give in to temptations, allowing the evil one to have a place in my heart, destroying my peace and afflicting my soul? Why am I angry because of mine enemy?

Awake, my soul! No longer droop in sin. Rejoice, O my heart, and give no more place for the enemy of my soul. Do not anger again because of mine enemies. Do not slacken my strength because of mine afflictions. Rejoice, O my heart, and cry unto the Lord, saying: O Lord, I will offer eternal praise to you; indeed, my soul will find joy in you, my God, the rock of my salvation.

O Lord, will you redeem my soul? Will you rescue me from the grasp of my enemies? Will you enable me to tremble at the sight of sin? May the gates of hell be continually closed before me, for my heart is broken, and my spirit is contrite! O Lord, will you not close the gates of your righteousness before me, so that I may walk in the low valley, being steadfast in the straightforward path! O Lord, will you envelop me in the robe of your righteousness! O Lord, will you make a way for my escape from my enemies! Will you guide my path in a straight manner! Will you not place obstacles in my way but instead clear my path before me, removing hindrances set by my enemy.

O Lord, I have placed my trust in you, and I will continue to trust in you forever. I will not rely on the strength of human flesh, for I am aware that those who trust in human strength are cursed. Indeed, cursed is the one who relies on people or makes flesh their strength.

Yes, I am confident that God will generously grant to those who ask. My God will grant my requests if I seek with sincerity; therefore, I will raise my voice to you; indeed, I will cry out to you, my God, the rock of my righteousness. Behold, my voice will ascend to you continually, my everlasting God. Amen.

Chapter Five.

I, Nephi, fervently prayed to the Lord my God, distressed by the increasing wrath of my brethren. Regrettably, their fury intensified to the point where they sought my life. They murmured against me, asserting: Our younger brother aims to rule over us, causing us much trouble. Let us slay him to avoid further affliction from his words. We will not accept him as our ruler; the right to rule over this people belongs to us, the elder brethren.

I refrain from recording all the words of their murmuring against me on these plates. It is sufficient to state that they indeed sought to take away my life.

The Lord warned me, Nephi, to depart from them and flee into the wilderness, along with all who would join me. Consequently, I, Nephi, took my family, Zoram and his family, Sam, my elder brother, and his family, and my younger brethren Jacob and Joseph, along with my sisters and all who believed in the warnings and revelations of God. They hearkened to my words.

We took our tents and whatever provisions we could carry and journeyed in the wilderness for many days. After a considerable journey, we pitched our tents. My people wished to name the place Nephi, and so we called it Nephi. Those with me adopted the name: The People of Nephi. We diligently observed the judgments, statutes, and commandments of the Lord, following the law of Moses.

The Lord was with us, and we prospered exceedingly. We sowed and reaped abundantly, and we began to raise various flocks, herds, and animals. I brought the records engraved on the plates of brass and the ball or compass prepared by the Lord for my father. We thrived and multiplied in the land.

Fearing the enmity of the people now called Lamanites, I took Laban's sword and crafted many swords after its manner, to prevent their potential attack on us, for I knew their hatred towards me, my children, and my people.

I taught my people to build structures and work with wood, iron, copper, brass, steel, gold, silver, and precious ores we found in great abundance. I constructed a temple, following the pattern of Solomon's temple, although it lacked the abundance of precious materials. Nonetheless, the workmanship was exceedingly fine. I encouraged my people to be industrious and work with their hands.

Although they desired me to be their king, I, Nephi, preferred them to have no king. Nevertheless, I did what I could for them within my power. The Lord's words concerning me, that I should be their ruler and teacher, were fulfilled. I had been their ruler and teacher according to the Lord's commandments until the time they sought to take my life. Consequently, the Lord's word was realized, declaring that as they refused to heed my words, they would be cut off from the Lord's presence, and indeed, they were cut off.

The Lord brought a severe curse upon them due to their iniquity. Their hearts had hardened like flint. Although fair, delightsome, and white, the Lord caused a skin of blackness to come upon them, making them abhorrent to my people. The Lord declared: I will cause them to be loathsome unless they repent of their iniquities. Those who mixed with their seed would be cursed with the same curse, as the Lord had spoken.

Because of the curse, they became an idle people, full of mischief and cunning, seeking beasts of prey in the wilderness. The Lord told me that they would be a scourge to my seed, stirring them up to remember Him. If they failed to remember Him, the Lord would use the Lamanites to scourge them to destruction.

I consecrated Jacob and Joseph as priests and teachers over my people. We lived in a manner of happiness. Thirty years had elapsed since we left Jerusalem. I had maintained records on my plates up to this point.

The Lord commanded me to make other plates and engrave many good things upon them for the profit of my people. Obedient to the Lord's command, I, Nephi, made these plates and engraved what was pleasing unto God. If my people delight in the things of God, they will also be pleased with the engravings on these plates. For a more detailed history of my people, they must search my other plates.

It suffices to say that forty years had passed, and we had already experienced wars and contentions with our brethren.

Chapter Six.

Jacob, Nephi's brother, speaks to the people of Nephi: My cherished brethren, I am Jacob, called and ordained by God after His holy order, consecrated by my brother Nephi, whom you regard as a king or protector, relying on him for safety. You are aware that I have spoken to you extensively. Nevertheless, I address you again, earnestly desiring the welfare of your souls. My concern for you is great, as you well know. I have diligently exhorted and taught you the words of my father, sharing insights on all things written since the creation of the world.

Now, I wish to speak to you about present and future matters. I will read the words of Isaiah, as my brother Nephi desired. I do this for your benefit, that you may learn and glorify the name of your God. The words I will read are those Isaiah spoke concerning the entire house of Israel. They can

be likened unto you, for you are of the house of Israel. Many of Isaiah's words can be applied to you because you belong to the house of Israel.

Here are the words: Thus says the Lord God: I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. Kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers; they shall bow down to you with their faces toward the earth and lick up the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am the Lord; those who wait for me shall not be ashamed.

Now, I, Jacob, would like to offer some insights into these words. The Lord has revealed to me that those who were in Jerusalem, our place of origin, have been slain and taken captive. Nevertheless, the Lord has shown me that they will return. He has also revealed that the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, will manifest Himself in the flesh to them. After this manifestation, they will scourge and crucify Him, fulfilling the words of the angel who spoke to me.

When they harden their hearts and stiffen their necks against the Holy One of Israel, the judgments of the Holy One will come upon them. A day will arrive when they will be smitten and afflicted. Following their dispersion, as the angel declared, many will suffer in the flesh but will not be allowed to perish due to the prayers of the faithful. They will be scattered, smitten, and hated, yet the Lord will show mercy. When they come to know their Redeemer, they will be gathered to the lands of their inheritance.

Blessed are the Gentiles, as prophesied, for if they repent and do not oppose Zion, avoiding alignment with the great and abominable church, they will be saved. The Lord God will fulfill His covenants with His children, as the prophet foretold.

Those who oppose Zion, and the covenant people of the Lord will lick the dust of their feet, and the people of the Lord will not be ashamed. The people of the Lord are those who wait for Him, eagerly anticipating the Messiah's coming.

According to the prophet's words, the Messiah will manifest Himself a second time to recover them. He will appear in power and great glory, destroying their enemies on the day they believe in Him. He will not destroy those who believe in Him. However, those who do not will be destroyed by fire, tempest, earthquakes, bloodshed, pestilence, and famine. They will then acknowledge the Lord as God, the Holy One of Israel. Can the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

But the Lord declares: Even the captives of the mighty will be taken away, and the prey of the terrible will be delivered; for the Mighty God will save His covenant people. The Lord says: I will contend with those who contend with you—I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh; they will be intoxicated with their own blood as if it were sweet wine. All flesh will recognize that I, the Lord, am your Savior and Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Chapter Seven.

The Lord declares: Have I rejected or cast you off forever? Is there a written document of divorce from your mother? To whom have I sold you, or to which creditor have I surrendered you? You have sold yourselves for your iniquities, and your mother has been set aside for your transgressions.

When I came, there was no one, and when I called, there was no one to answer. O house of Israel, is my hand too short to redeem, or do I lack the power to deliver? At my rebuke, I can dry up the sea, turn their rivers into a wilderness, make their fish stink due to dried-up waters, and cause them to die of thirst. I cover the heavens with darkness and make sackcloth their garment.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned to speak a timely word to you, O house of Israel. He wakes me morning by morning; He awakens my ear to listen like the learned. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I have not rebelled nor turned away. I offered my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard. I did not hide my face from shame and spitting.

The Lord God will help me; thus, I will not be confounded. I have set my face like a flint, knowing that I will not be ashamed. The Lord is near and justifies me. Who will argue against me? Let us stand together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near, and I will defeat him with the strength of my words. For the Lord God will support me.

All who condemn me will grow old like a garment, consumed by moths. Who among you fears the Lord, obeys the voice of His servant, walks in darkness, and has no light? All who kindle fires and surround themselves with sparks, walk in the light of your fire and the sparks you have ignited. This is what you will receive from my hand: you will lie down in sorrow.

Chapter Eight.

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. Consider Abraham, your father, and Sarah, who bore you; for I called him alone and blessed him.

The Lord will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her desolate places. He will make her wilderness like Eden and her desert like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found there, along with thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

Listen to me, my people; give ear to me, O my nation, for a law will proceed from me, and I will establish my judgment as a light for the people. My righteousness is near; my salvation has gone forth, and my arm will judge the people. The islands will wait for me, and on my arm they will trust.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish away like smoke, and the earth will grow old like a garment. Those who dwell therein will die in like manner. But my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will not be abolished.

Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart I have written my law: do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their reviling. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will consume them like wool. But my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

Awake, awake! Put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake as in the ancient days. Are you not the one who has cut Rahab and wounded the dragon? Are you not the one who has dried the sea, the waters of the great deep, making the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

The redeemed of the Lord will return, coming with singing to Zion. Everlasting joy and holiness will be upon their heads, and they will obtain gladness and joy. Sorrow and mourning will flee away. I am he; yes, I am he who comforts you. Why should you fear mortal man, who will die, and the son of man, who will become like grass? You have forgotten the Lord your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. You have lived in constant fear every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy. But where is the fury of the oppressor?

The captive exile hurries to be released, not to die in the pit or have his bread fail. But I am the Lord your God, whose waves roared; the Lord of Hosts is my name. I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand, so that I may plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth, saying to Zion: You are my people.

Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, who has drunk from the hand of the Lord the cup of His fury—you have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling wrung out—There is no one to guide her among all the sons she has borne, nor is there anyone to take her by the hand among all the sons she has brought up.

These two sons have come to you, who shall be sorry for you (your desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword) and by whom shall I comfort you? Your sons have fainted, except these two; they lie at the head of all the streets, like a wild bull in a net, full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of your God.

Therefore, hear now this, you afflicted and drunken, but not with wine: Thus says your Lord, the Lord and your God who pleads the cause of His people: Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, the dregs of the cup of my fury; you shall no more drink it again. But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, who have said to your soul: Bow down, that we may go over—and you have laid your body as the ground and as the street to those who went over.

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake yourself from the dust; arise, sit down, O Jerusalem; loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

Chapter Nine.

Now, my beloved people, I have shared these insights with you so that you may understand the covenants of the Lord, the agreements He has made with the entire house of Israel—He has communicated with the Jews through His holy prophets, from the very beginning, spanning generations, until the time when they will be restored to the true church and fold of God. At that time, they will be gathered to their lands of inheritance and firmly established in all the promised lands. I share these things with you so that you may rejoice and lift up your heads eternally, due to the blessings that the Lord God will bestow upon your children.

I am aware that many of you have sought to understand future events. Therefore, I know that you are aware that our physical bodies will waste away and die. Yet, in our bodies, we shall see God. You also know that He will reveal Himself to those in Jerusalem, from where we came. This is fitting, for it is necessary that the great Creator allows Himself to be subject to humanity in the flesh and to die for all, so that all may become subject to Him.

Because death has affected all due to the merciful plan of the great Creator, there must be a power of resurrection. This resurrection is necessary because of the fall, and the fall occurred due to transgression. As a result, when humanity fell, they were cut off from the presence of the Lord. Thus, there must be an infinite atonement; otherwise, this corruption could not transform into incorruption. Therefore, the first judgment on humanity had to be eternal. Without an infinite atonement, this flesh would have decayed and never risen again.

Oh, the wisdom, mercy, and grace of God! If the flesh did not rise again, our spirits would have become subject to that angel who fell from the presence of the Eternal God and became the devil, and we would have become devils—angels to a devil, shut out from the presence of our God, remaining with the father of lies, in misery resembling him. This being beguiled our first parents, transforming himself into an angel of light, stirring up mankind to secret combinations of murder and various dark works.

How great is the goodness of our God, who prepares a way for our escape from the clutches of this dreadful monster—death and hell, which I call the death of the body and the death of the spirit. Due to the deliverance by our God, the Holy One of Israel, the temporal death, which is the grave, will deliver up its dead. Similarly, the spiritual death, which is hell, will deliver up its dead. Both death and hell must release their captives. The grave must release its captive bodies, and the bodies and spirits of humans will be restored to each other. This restoration occurs through the power of the resurrection of the Holy One of Israel.

How magnificent is the plan of our God! On the other hand, the paradise of God must release the spirits of the righteous, and the grave must release the bodies of the righteous. The spirit and body are then reunited, and all humans become incorruptible and immortal, living souls with perfect knowledge. Consequently, we will have perfect knowledge of all our guilt, uncleanness, and nakedness. The righteous will have a perfect knowledge of their joy and righteousness, clothed in purity, even the robe of righteousness.

When all humans transition from the first death to life and become immortal, they must stand before the judgment-seat of the Holy One of Israel. The judgment will follow, and each individual must be judged according to God's holy judgment. I solemnly declare, as the Lord lives, for the Lord God has spoken, and His eternal word cannot pass away: the righteous will remain righteous, and the wicked will remain wicked. Those who are filthy are the devil and his angels. They will go into everlasting fire prepared for them, and their torment is like a lake of fire and brimstone, with flames ascending forever and ever.

Oh, the greatness and justice of our God! He executes all His words, for they have come from His mouth, and His law must be fulfilled. Behold, the righteous—the saints of the Holy One of Israel, who have endured the challenges of the world and scorned its shame—will inherit the kingdom of God, prepared for them from the foundation of the world. Their joy will be full forever.

Oh, the magnitude of the mercy of our God, the Holy One of Israel! He delivers His saints from that dreadful monster—the devil, death, hell, and the lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment.

How great is the holiness of our God! He knows all things, and there is nothing He does not know. He enters the world to save all if they heed His voice. He endures the pains of all—men, women, and children—belonging to the family of Adam. He endures this so that the resurrection may come to all, allowing them to stand before Him on the great judgment day. He commands all to repent, be baptized in His name, and have perfect faith in the Holy One of Israel, or else they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God. Those who refuse to repent, believe in His name, be baptized, and endure to the end will be damned. This, the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has spoken.

Therefore, He has established a law. Where there is no law, there is no punishment; where there is no punishment, there is no condemnation; and where there is no condemnation, the mercies of the Holy One of Israel claim them because of the atonement. They are delivered by His power. The atonement satisfies the demands of justice for those who have not received the law. Thus, they are delivered from the awful monsters—death, hell, the devil, and the lake of fire and brimstone, which is endless torment. They are restored to the God who gave them breath—the Holy One of Israel.

Woe unto those who have received the law, who have all the commandments of God like us and transgress them, wasting the days of their probation! Their state is awful. Oh, the cunning plan of the evil one! The vanity, frailties, and foolishness of people! When they are learned, they think they

are wise, not heeding the counsel of God. They set it aside, presuming to know by themselves, and their wisdom becomes foolishness. They will perish. To be learned is good if they heed God's counsel.

Woe unto the rich, who are rich in worldly possessions! Because of their riches, they despise the poor, persecute the meek, and their hearts are attached to their treasures. Consequently, their treasure becomes their god, and it will perish with them.

Woe unto the deaf who refuse to hear; they shall perish. Woe unto the blind who refuse to see; they shall perish also. Woe unto the uncircumcised of heart, for a knowledge of their iniquities shall smite them at the last day. Woe unto the liar, for he shall be thrust down to hell. Woe unto the murderer who deliberately kills, for he shall die. Woe unto those who commit whoredoms, for they shall be thrust down to hell. Yes, woe unto those who worship idols, for the devil of all devils delights in them. In conclusion, woe unto all who die in their sins, for they shall return to God, behold His face, and remain in their sins.

O, remember the dreadfulness of transgressing against the Holy God and yielding to the temptations of the cunning one. Recall that to be carnally-minded leads to death, while being spiritually-minded results in eternal life.

My beloved in the faith, hearken to my words. Remember the greatness of the Holy One of Israel. Do not accuse me of speaking harshly, for if you do, you will revile against the truth. I have conveyed the words of your Maker. I understand that the words of truth are severe against all uncleanness, but the righteous do not fear them, for they love the truth and remain unshaken.

Therefore, come unto the Lord, the Holy One. Remember that His paths are righteous. The way for man may be narrow, but it lies straight before him, and the keeper of the gate is the Holy One of Israel. He has no servants there, and there is no other way except through the gate. He cannot be deceived, for the Lord God is His name. Whosoever knocks, to him He will open. The wise, learned, and rich—who are puffed up because of their knowledge and wisdom—are despised by Him. Unless they cast away these things, consider themselves fools before God, and humble themselves, He will not open unto them. The things of the wise and prudent shall be hidden from them forever, including the happiness prepared for the saints.

Oh my people, remember my words. I am shaking my garments before you. I pray to the God of my salvation, asking Him to scrutinize me with His all-searching eye. Thus, you will know on the last day, during the judgment of works, that the God of Israel witnessed me shaking off your iniquities from my soul. I stand before Him in brightness, free from your blood.

O, my beloved, turn away from your sins. Break free from the chains of the one who seeks to bind you. Come to the God who is the rock of your salvation. Prepare your souls for that glorious day when justice will be administered to the righteous—the day of judgment. So that you may not shrink in fear, remember not your awful guilt perfectly. Do not be compelled to exclaim: Holy, holy are thy judgments, O Lord God Almighty, but I know my guilt. I transgressed thy law, and my transgressions are mine. The devil has obtained me, and I am a prey to his awful misery.

Is it expedient for me to awaken you to the harsh reality of these things? Would I distress your souls if your minds were pure? Would I be plain with you according to the plainness of the truth if you were free from sin? If you were holy, I would speak to you of holiness. But as you are not holy and you regard me as a teacher, it is expedient that I teach you about the consequences of sin. My soul abhors sin, and my heart delights in righteousness. I will praise the holy name of my God.

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come buy and eat. Yes, come buy wine and milk without money and without price. Do not spend money on worthless

things, nor your labor on that which cannot satisfy. Listen diligently to me, remember the words I have spoken, and come to the Holy One of Israel. Feast on that which does not perish, nor can be corrupted, and let your soul delight in abundance.

Remember the words of your God. Pray to Him continually by day, give thanks to His holy name by night, and let your hearts rejoice. Consider the greatness of the covenants of the Lord, His condescensions to the children of men, and the promises He has made to preserve our seed, that they may become a righteous branch unto the house of Israel in future generations.

I would like to speak more to you. But on the morrow, I will declare the remainder of my words. Amen.

Chapter Ten.

Now, I, Jacob, address you once again, my cherished brethren, concerning this righteous branch of which I have spoken. The promises we have received pertain to us in our mortal state. It has been revealed to me that, despite the peril of many of our children perishing due to unbelief, God, in His mercy, will be compassionate to many. Our children will be restored, attaining the true knowledge of their Redeemer.

Thus, as I mentioned earlier, it is necessary for Christ—whose name, as revealed to me by an angel on the last night, should be known—to come among the Jews, a people among the most wicked of the world. They will crucify Him, as it is in harmony with God’s divine plan, for there is no other nation on earth that would crucify their God. If such mighty miracles were performed among other nations, they would repent and acknowledge Him as their God. However, due to priestcraft and iniquities, those in Jerusalem will resist Him, leading to His crucifixion.

Consequently, destructions, famines, pestilences, and bloodshed will befall them because of their iniquities. Those who survive will be scattered among all nations. Yet, the Lord God declares: When the day comes that they believe in Me as Christ, I have covenanted with their fathers that they will be restored in the flesh on the earth, to the lands of their inheritance. They will be gathered from their long dispersion, from the isles of the sea and the four corners of the earth.

The nations of the Gentiles will play a significant role, great in the eyes of God, in facilitating their return to the lands of their inheritance. The kings of the Gentiles will serve as nurturing fathers, and their queens as nurturing mothers. Therefore, the promises of the Lord to the Gentiles are extensive, as He has spoken, and who can dispute it?

Yet, God designates this land as a land of inheritance for you, and the Gentiles will be blessed upon it. This land will be a land of liberty for the Gentiles, without kings raising up among them. I will fortify this land against all other nations. Those who fight against Zion will perish, declares God. Those who raise up a king against me will perish. I, the Lord, the King of heaven, will be their eternal King and a perpetual light to those who hear my words.

Therefore, to fulfill the covenants I have made with humanity while they are in the flesh, I must destroy secret works of darkness, murders, and abominations. Anyone who fights against Zion—Jew or Gentile, bond or free, male or female—will perish, as they are the whore of all the earth. God declared: Those who are not for me are against me. I will fulfill the promises I made to humanity, to do unto them while they are in the flesh.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, God says: I will afflict your seed by the hand of the Gentiles. Nevertheless, I will soften the hearts of the Gentiles to be like fathers to them. Thus, the Gentiles will be blessed and numbered among the house of Israel. Consequently, I will consecrate this land to your

seed and those numbered among your seed forever, as it is a choice land above all others. Thus, all who dwell upon it shall worship me, declares God.

Now, my beloved brethren, recognizing the great knowledge our merciful God has granted us concerning these matters, let us remember Him and set aside our sins. Let us not hang down our heads, for we are not cast off. Although driven from the land of our inheritance, we have been led to a better land, with the sea as our path, and we are upon an isle of the sea. The promises of the Lord are abundant for those on the isles of the sea. When it mentions isles, it implies more, inhabited by our brethren. For the Lord God, according to His will and pleasure, has periodically led away individuals from the house of Israel. And now, the Lord remembers all those who have been broken off, including us.

Therefore, cheer up your hearts and remember that you are free to act for yourselves—choosing the path of everlasting death or the way of eternal life. Hence, my beloved brethren, reconcile yourselves to the will of God, not to the will of the devil and the flesh. Remember, after being reconciled to God, it is only through the grace of God that you are saved. May God, by the power of the resurrection, raise you from dying and, through the atonement, deliver you from everlasting death, receiving you into the eternal kingdom of God, where you may praise Him through divine grace. Amen.

Chapter Eleven.

At that time, Jacob spoke many more things to my people; however, I have chosen to write only these, as they suffice for me.

Now, I, Nephi, am writing more of the words of Isaiah because my soul takes delight in his words. I intend to liken his words to my people and send them forth to all my children, for he truly saw my Redeemer, just as I have seen Him. My brother, Jacob, has also seen Him as I have. Therefore, I will send their words to my children to demonstrate to them the truthfulness of my words. By the testimony of three, God has said: I will establish my word. Yet, God sends more witnesses and validates all His words.

My joy lies in proving to my people the truth of the coming of Christ. The law of Moses has been given for this purpose, and all things bestowed by God from the beginning of the world to humanity are a representation of Him. Furthermore, my soul delights in the covenants the Lord made with our fathers. I find joy in His grace, justice, power, and mercy within the grand and eternal plan for deliverance from death. I take pleasure in demonstrating to my people that unless Christ comes, all men will perish. Without Christ, there is no God; and without God, we do not exist, as there could be no creation. But there is a God, and He is Christ, who will come in the fullness of His own time.

Now, I am recording some of the words of Isaiah, so those of my people who read these words may lift up their hearts and rejoice for all men. These are the words, and you may find their relevance to yourself and all men.

Chapter Twelve.

This is the message that Isaiah, the son of Amoz, received regarding Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days, the Lord's house will be established as the highest among the mountains, exalted above the hills, and all nations will flow towards it. Many people will say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths. From Zion, the law will go forth, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge among the nations, rebuke many people, and they will turn their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nations will no longer lift up swords against each other, nor will they learn the ways of war.

O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the Lord; for you have all gone astray, each one following his wicked ways. Therefore, O Lord, you have forsaken your people, the house of Jacob, as they seek guidance from the east, listen to soothsayers like the Philistines, and take pleasure in the children of strangers. Their land is filled with silver and gold, with endless treasures, horses, and chariots. Idols abound in their land, and they worship the work of their own hands, crafted by their fingers. The common man does not bow down, and the great man does not humble himself; therefore, do not forgive them.

Wicked ones, enter into the rock, hide in the dust, for the fear of the Lord and the glory of His majesty will strike you. The pride of man will be humbled, and the haughtiness of men will be brought low; the Lord alone will be exalted on that day. The day of the Lord of Hosts is coming upon all nations, including the proud and lofty, bringing them low. This day will also come upon the cedars of Lebanon, the oaks of Bashan, high mountains, hills, lifted-up nations, and every people. It will reach every high tower, every fortified wall, every ship of the sea, and every ship of Tarshish, as well as every beautiful picture.

The loftiness of man will be brought low, and the haughtiness of men will be leveled; the Lord alone will be exalted on that day. Idols will be completely abolished. People will seek refuge in the holes of rocks and caves of the earth, as the fear of the Lord and the glory of His majesty strike them when He arises to shake the earth terribly. On that day, people will cast away their idols of silver and gold, made for worship, to the moles and bats. They will hide in the clefts of boulders and the tops of ragged rocks, as the fear of the Lord and the majesty of His glory strike them when He arises to shake the earth terribly. Cease to rely on man, whose breath is in his nostrils, for what account is he to be given?

Chapter Thirteen.

Behold, the Lord, the Almighty, takes away from Jerusalem and Judah the essential provisions—bread and water, the strong and valiant, the judge, the prophet, the wise, and the aged. The leaders of fifty, the honorable, the counselors, the skilled artisans, and the eloquent speakers—all will be removed.

Children will rise to positions of authority, and infants will rule over them. The people will oppress one another, and neighbors will mistreat each other. The youth will disdain the elderly, and the lowly will show disrespect to the honorable.

In that day, someone will grasp the garment of another and say: You have clothing, be our ruler, and let not this ruin be under your charge.

But he will decline, saying: I am not a healer; my house lacks bread and clothing. I cannot be a ruler.

Jerusalem is in ruins, and Judah has fallen because their words and actions have defied the Lord and provoked His glorious gaze. Their faces reveal the witness against them, exposing their sin akin to Sodom.

They cannot conceal it—woe to their souls, for they have brought evil upon themselves! To the righteous, proclaim peace and well-being, for they shall reap the fruit of their deeds. Woe to the wicked, for they shall perish, reaping the consequences of their deeds! My people, children are oppressing them,

and women are ruling over them. O my people, those who lead you have misled and deviated you from the right path.

The Lord arises to plead and stands to judge the people. He will bring judgment upon the elders and leaders of His people, for they have devoured the vineyard and plundered the poor in their dwellings. What are you doing? You crush my people and grind the faces of the poor, says the Lord God of Hosts.

Furthermore, the Lord declares: Because the daughters of Zion are arrogant, walking with outstretched necks and seductive eyes, mincing as they go, making a tinkling sound with their feet—Therefore, the Lord will afflict the crown of the daughters of Zion with sores, and He will expose their private parts. On that day, the Lord will remove their fine jewelry—headbands, caul, crescent-shaped ornaments; Chains, bracelets, and veils; Bonnets, leg ornaments, headbands, tablets, and earrings; Rings, nose rings; Changeable garments, mantles, wimples, and satchels; Mirrors, linen garments, turbans, and shawls. Instead of a sweet fragrance, there will be a foul odor; instead of a belt, a rope; instead of well-groomed hair, baldness; instead of fine clothing, sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

Your men will fall by the sword, and your warriors in battle. Her gates will lament and mourn; she will be desolate and sit on the ground.

Chapter Fourteen.

On that day, seven women will seek the companionship of one man, declaring: We will provide our own sustenance and clothing; only let us bear your name to remove our disgrace.

In that day, the branch of the Lord will be splendid and glorious, and the produce of the land will be exceptional and attractive to those who have survived among Israel. Those who remain in Zion then, and linger in Jerusalem, will be regarded as holy; each one whose name is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. When the Lord has cleansed away the impurity of the daughters of Zion and purged the bloodstains from Jerusalem, it will be accomplished by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning.

The Lord will create over every dwelling place on Mount Zion, and her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for a protective canopy will be over all the splendor of Zion. There will be a shelter as a refuge from the heat during the day and a place of protection, covering from storm and rain.

Chapter Fifteen.

At that time, I will sing a song about my beloved's vineyard: My beloved has a vineyard on a fertile hill. He protected it, cleared away the stones, planted the finest vines, built a tower in its midst, and even dug a winepress. Yet, when he anticipated good grapes, it yielded wild fruit.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, please judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard that I haven't done? Why, when I expected good grapes, did it yield wild ones? So, I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will remove its hedge, and it will be consumed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will turn it into a wasteland; it won't be pruned or cultivated, and thorns and briars will grow. I will also command the clouds not to rain on it. The vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his delightful plant. He looked for justice but saw oppression; for righteousness, but heard a cry.

Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field until there is no room and they alone live in the land! I heard the Lord of Hosts declare: Truly, many houses will become desolate. Large and beautiful cities will be without inhabitants. Indeed, ten acres of vineyard will yield only one bath, and a homer of seed will yield only an ephah.

Woe to those who rise early in the morning to pursue strong drink, who stay up late at night till they are inflamed with wine! They have harps, lyres, tambourines, flutes, and wine at their feasts, but they don't regard the Lord's activity or see the work of His hands.

As a consequence, my people are in captivity due to their lack of knowledge; their honorable men are starving, and their multitude is parched with thirst. Thus, the realm of hell has expanded, and its jaws have opened limitlessly to engulf their glory, multitude, pomp, and the joyful revelers. Both the mean and the powerful will be brought low, and the proud will be humbled. However, the Lord of Hosts will rise to prominence through His just judgment, and the holy God will be revered through righteous actions. In that time, lambs will graze in their customary pastures, and the desolate places of the wealthy will be consumed by strangers.

Woe to those who drag iniquity with cords of deceit and pull sin along with cart ropes, to those who say: Let Him hurry up and do His work quickly so that we can see it! Let the plan of the Holy One of Israel take place so that we can know it!

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own opinion and clever in their own sight! Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, who acquit the guilty for a bribe and deprive the innocent of justice.

Therefore, as a tongue of fire consumes straw and as dry grass shrivels in the flame, so their roots will become like something rotten and their blossoms will blow away like dust, for they have rejected the instruction of the Lord of Hosts and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore, the Lord's anger is against His people. He raised His hand against them and struck them; the mountains quaked, and their corpses were like garbage in the streets. In all this, His anger has not turned away, and His hand is still raised.

He raises a signal flag for the distant nations and whistles to them from the ends of the earth. Look—how quickly and swiftly they come! None of them grows weary or stumbles; no one slumbers or sleeps. No belt is loose, and no sandal strap broken. Their arrows are sharpened, and all their bows strung. Their horses' hooves are like flint; their chariot wheels are like a whirlwind. Their roaring is like a lion's; they roar like young lions; they growl and seize their prey, and no one can rescue it. On that day they will roar against them, like the roaring of the sea. When one looks at the land, there will be darkness and distress; light will be obscured by clouds on the horizon.

Chapter Sixteen.

In the year that King Uzziah passed away, I beheld the Lord seated on a throne, lofty and exalted, and His robe filled the temple. Seraphim stood above Him; each had six wings, with two they veiled their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they soared. They called out to one another, saying: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is filled with His glory. The foundations of the doorways trembled at the sound of their voices, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I declared: Woe is me! I am undone, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a people of unclean lips. Yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts. A seraphim then flew to

me, holding a live coal in his hand taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it, saying: See, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? And I replied: Here am I; send me. He said: Go and tell this people—Though you hear, you will not understand; though you see, you will not perceive. Make the heart of this people calloused, make their ears dull, and shut their eyes—lest they see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.

I then asked: Lord, how long? And He answered: Until the cities are laid waste without inhabitants, houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate. The Lord will remove people far away, and there will be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. Yet there will be a tenth, and they will return and be consumed like a teil tree or an oak whose stump remains when they shed their leaves; so the holy seed will be the substance of the land.

Chapter Seventeen.

In the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin, king of Syria, and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to wage war against Jerusalem but were unable to prevail. The house of David received word; Syria has formed an alliance with Ephraim. The hearts of Ahaz and his people shook like the trees in the wind.

Then the Lord spoke to Isaiah, Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shearjashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the fuller's field. Say to him, Be careful, be calm, and do not fear. Do not let your heart be faint because of the two tails of these smoking firebrands—Rezin of Syria, and the son of Remaliah. They have devised evil plans against you, saying: Let us go up against Judah, harass it, and let us make a breach in its walls for ourselves and set up a king over it; the son of Tabeal.

Thus says the Lord God: It will not stand, nor will it happen. For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. Within sixty-five years, Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people. The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If you do not believe, you will not stand firm.

The Lord spoke again to Ahaz: Ask a sign of the Lord your God—ask it either in the depth or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord. He replied, Listen, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you also weary my God?

Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will conceive and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. He will eat butter and honey when He knows to refuse evil and choose good. For before the child knows to refuse evil and choose good, the land you dread will be abandoned by both her kings. The Lord will bring upon you, your people, and your father's house such days as have not come since Ephraim separated from Judah—the king of Assyria. In that day, the Lord will whistle for the fly in the remotest part of Egypt and for the bee in the land of Assyria. They will all come and settle in the desolate valleys, in the crevices of the rocks, on all the thorns, and in every pasture. On that day, the Lord will use a razor hired from beyond the Euphrates—the king of Assyria—to shave the hair of your head and the hair of your feet, and to remove your beard as well.

On that day, a man will rear a young cow and two sheep. And from the abundance of milk they give, he will eat butter. For everyone left in the land will eat butter and honey. On that day, in every place where a thousand vines worth a thousand silver shekels once stood, there will be only briars and thorns. With arrows and bows, people will come, for all the land will become briars and thorns. No

hills that were once cultivated with the hoe will be visited with fear of briars and thorns, but they will become a place for oxen to roam and for lesser cattle to trample.

Chapter Eighteen.

Furthermore, the word of the Lord instructed me: Take a large scroll and write on it with a man's pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz. So, I enlisted reliable witnesses to testify—Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. Then I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. The Lord said to me: Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz. For before the child knows how to cry: My father or My mother, the wealth of Damascus and the spoils of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria.

The Lord spoke to me again, saying: Because this people rejects the gently flowing waters of Shiloah and rejoices in Rezin and Remaliah's son, Therefore, the Lord will bring against them mighty and numerous waters, even the king of Assyria and all his glory. It will rise over all its channels and overflow all its banks. It will sweep through Judah, overflowing and engulfing it, reaching up to the neck. The spreading of its wings will cover the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.

Band together, O peoples, and be shattered; give ear, all you distant lands; gird yourselves, and be shattered; gird yourselves, and be shattered. Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing; speak a word, but it will not stand, for God is with us. For the Lord spoke to me with a strong hand, warning me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: Do not call everything a conspiracy that these people call a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The Lord of Hosts, Him you shall sanctify; let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. He will be a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Many among them will stumble and fall, be broken and ensnared, and be captured.

Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for Him. Here am I and the children whom the Lord has given me for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of Hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.

When they say to you: Consult the spirits of the dead and the wizards who peep and mutter, should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony; and if they do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God.

Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress, darkness, and the gloom of anguish; and they will be thrust into thick darkness.

Chapter Nineteen.

Nevertheless, the obscurity will not be as it was during her distress when initially he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali. Later, he more severely afflicted it along the route of the Red Sea beyond Jordan in Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have witnessed a great light; those dwelling in the land of the shadow of death, upon them, the light has shined. You have multiplied the nation and increased their joy—they rejoice before you as in the harvest, and like people celebrating the division of spoils. For you have shattered the yoke of their burden and the staff of their shoulder, the rod of their oppressor. The battles of warriors are marked by tumultuous noise and garments soaked in blood, but this shall be accompanied by burning and fuel of fire.

For to us, a child is born, to us, a son is given; and the government will rest upon his shoulder. He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of government and peace, there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness from that time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will bring this about.

The Lord sent his word to Jacob, and it has come upon Israel. And all the people will know, including Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in their pride and stubbornness: The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will replace them with cedars. So the Lord will set up the adversaries of Rezin against him and join his enemies together: The Syrians from the east and the Philistines from the west, and they will devour Israel with open mouths. Despite all this, his anger is not turned away; his hand is still stretched out.

The people do not turn to the one who strikes them, nor do they seek the Lord of Hosts. Therefore, the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed, in one day. The elder is the head, and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail. For the leaders of this people lead them astray, and those who are led by them are destroyed. Therefore the Lord will take no pleasure in their young men, nor will he show compassion to their fatherless and widows, for every one of them is a hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. Despite all this, his anger is not turned away; his hand is still stretched out.

Wickedness burns like a fire; it shall devour the thorns and thistles and shall kindle in the thickets of the forests, and they shall rise like billows of smoke. Through the wrath of the Lord of Hosts, the land is darkened, and the people will be fuel for the fire; no one will spare their brother. They will snatch on the right but remain hungry; they will eat on the left but not be satisfied; they will each devour the flesh of their own arm—Manasseh against Ephraim, and Ephraim against Manasseh; together they will be against Judah. Despite all this, his anger is not turned away; his hand is still stretched out.

Chapter Twenty.

Woe to those who enact unjust statutes and write oppressive decrees, to deprive the needy of justice and rob the poor of my people of their rights, so that widows may be their spoil and they may plunder the fatherless! What will you do on the day of punishment, in the devastation that will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your wealth? Without me, they will crouch among the prisoners and fall under the slain. Despite all this, his anger is not turned away, and his hand is still stretched out.

Assyria, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath! I will send him against a godless nation; I will commission him to take the spoil, to seize the plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets.

But he does not intend this, and his heart does not plan it this way; rather, it is in his heart to destroy, to cut off nations, not a few. For he says: Are my commanders not all kings? Is not Calno like Carchemish? Is not Hamath like Arpad? Is not Samaria like Damascus? As my hand has reached the idolatrous kingdoms, whose carved images were more than those of Jerusalem and Samaria, will I not also do to Jerusalem and her idols as I have done to Samaria and her idols?

But when the Lord has finished all his work on Mount Zion and Jerusalem, he will punish the king of Assyria for the haughty look in his eyes and the proud attitude in his heart. For he says: By my own strength I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I am clever. I have abolished the borders of nations

and plundered their treasures; like a mighty man, I have subjugated the inhabitants. My hand has found the riches of the peoples like a nest, and as one gathers abandoned eggs, so I have gathered the entire earth. Not one of them flapped a wing, opened a beak, or chirped. Does an axe exalt itself over the one who chops with it? Does a saw magnify itself over the one who cuts? It would be like a rod waving the one who lifts it or a staff lifting the one who is not wooden!

Therefore, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, will send a wasting disease among Assyria's stout warriors, and under his glory, a burning fire will be kindled, like a consuming fire. The light of Israel will become a fire, and its Holy One a flame; in one day it will burn and consume his thorns and briars. The splendor of his forest and his fruitful land the Lord will completely destroy, soul and body; they will be as when a sick person wastes away. The remaining trees of his forest will be so few that a child could count them.

In that day, the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no longer depend on the one who struck them but will faithfully depend on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God. For though your people, O Israel, may be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant within them will return. Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness. For the Lord God of Hosts will carry out the destruction that was decreed on the whole land.

Therefore, this is what the Lord God of Hosts says: O my people who dwell in Zion, do not fear the Assyrian, who strikes you with a rod and lifts up his staff against you as the Egyptians did. For in a very little while my wrath will be spent, and my anger will turn to their destruction. The Lord of Hosts will brandish a whip against him, as he did when he struck Midian at the rock of Oreb; and he will raise his staff over the sea as he did in Egypt. In that day, the burden will be lifted from your shoulders, and his yoke from your neck; the yoke will be broken because of the anointing.

He has come to Aiath, he has passed through Migron; at Michmash he stores his supplies. They have crossed at the ford, saying: We will spend the night at Geba. Ramah trembles; Gibeah of Saul has fled. Cry out, O Daughter of Gallim! Listen, O Laish! Poor Anathoth! Madmenah has fled; the residents of Gebim have sought refuge. Today he will stand at Nob, shaking his fist at the mountain of Daughter Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. Behold, the Lord, the Lord of Hosts, will lop off the branches with terrifying power. The tall trees will be cut down, the lofty ones hewn down. He will clear the forest thickets with an ax, and Lebanon will fall by the Mighty One.

Chapter Twenty-one.

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots, a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. He will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or decide by what he hears with his ears, but with righteousness, he will judge the needy, with justice, he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips, he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf, the lion, and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the cockatrice's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all

my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In that day, the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. In that day, the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean. He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

Ephraim's jealousy will vanish, and Judah's enemies will be destroyed; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, nor Judah hostile toward Ephraim. They will swoop down on the slopes of Philistia to the west; together they will plunder the people to the east. They will subdue Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will be subject to them.

The Lord will dry up the gulf of the Egyptian sea; with a scorching wind, he will sweep his hand over the river. He will break it up into seven streams so that anyone can cross over in sandals. There will be a highway for the remnant of his people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt.

Chapter Twenty-two.

On that day, you will declare: O Lord, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger has turned away, and You have comforted me. Indeed, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And on that day, you will proclaim: Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His deeds among the people, and mention that His name is exalted.

Sing to the Lord, for He has done marvelous things; this is known throughout the earth. Shout and cry out, O inhabitant of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great in your midst.

Chapter Twenty-three.

The prophecy concerning Babylon, as revealed to Isaiah, the son of Amoz: Raise a banner on the high mountain, lift up your voice to them, shake your hand that they may enter the gates of the nobles. I have summoned my consecrated ones, I have also called my mighty ones, for my anger is not against those who rejoice in my exaltation. The sound of a multitude in the mountains, like that of a great people, a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together; the Lord of Hosts is mustering the hosts for battle. They come from a distant country, from the ends of heaven; yes, the Lord and the weapons of His wrath, to destroy the entire land. Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; it will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore, all hands will be feeble, every man's heart will melt; They will be afraid, pangs and sorrows will seize them; they will be amazed at one another; their faces will be like flames.

Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, cruel, both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. And I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make man more precious than fine gold, even man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore, I will shake the

heavens, and the earth will move out of its place, in the wrath of the Lord of Hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.

And it will be like a hunted gazelle, and like sheep that no man gathers; every man will turn to his own people, and everyone will flee to his own land. All the proud will be thrust through; yes, everyone who is joined to the wicked will fall by the sword. Their children will also be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses will be plundered, and their wives ravished. Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who will not regard silver and gold, nor will they delight in it. Their bows will also dash the young men to pieces, and they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eyes will not spare children.

And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It will never be inhabited, nor will it be dwelt in from generation to generation; nor will the Arabian pitch a tent there, nor will the shepherds make their fold there. But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, and their houses will be full of howling creatures; owls will dwell there, and satyrs will dance there. And the wild beasts of the islands will cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces; her time is near to come, and her days will not be prolonged. For I will destroy her speedily; yes, I will be merciful to my people, but the wicked will perish.

Chapter Twenty-four.

For the Lord will show mercy to Jacob and choose Israel once again, placing them in their own land. Strangers will join them and be attached to the house of Jacob. The people will bring them to their place from far reaches, to the ends of the earth, and they will return to their promised lands. The house of Israel will possess them, and the land of the Lord will have servants and handmaids. They will take captive those who had been captives, and they will rule over their oppressors. In that day, the Lord will grant you rest from your sorrow, fear, and the harsh bondage in which you were made to serve.

And in that day, you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, saying: How the oppressor has ceased, the golden city has ceased! The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepters of the rulers. He who struck the people in wrath with a continuous blow, he who ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and no one hinders.

The whole earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing. Even the fir trees rejoice at you, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying: Since you are laid down, no feller has come up against us. Hell from beneath is moved for you to meet you at your coming; it stirs up the dead for you, even all the chief ones of the earth; it has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All of them will speak and say to you: Are you also become weak as we? Have you become like unto us? Your pomp is brought down to the grave; the noise of your viols is not heard; the worm is spread under you, and the worms cover you.

How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! Are you cut down to the ground, weakening the nations! For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, on the sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.

Yet you will be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. Those who see you will narrowly look upon you, consider you, and say: Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, and made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed its cities, and did not open the house of his prisoners?

All the kings of the nations, yes, all of them, lie in glory, each one in his own house. But you are cast out of your grave like an abominable branch, and the remnant of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet. You will not be joined with them in burial because you have destroyed your land and slain your people; the seed of evildoers will never be renowned.

Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquities of their fathers, that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities. For I will rise up against them, says the Lord of Hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, remnant, son, and nephew, says the Lord. I will also make it a possession for the bittern and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, says the Lord of Hosts.

The Lord of Hosts has sworn, saying: Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand—That I will bring the Assyrian into my land, and tread him underfoot on my mountains; then shall his yoke depart from them, and his burden depart from their shoulders. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all nations. For the Lord of Hosts has purposed, and who shall disannul? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

In the year that King Ahaz died was this burden. Rejoice not, whole Philistia, because the rod of him who struck you is broken; for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. And the firstborn of the poor will feed, and the needy will lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and he shall slay your remnant. Howl, O gate; cry, O city; you, whole Philistia, are dissolved; for from the north will come a smoke, and none will be alone in his appointed times. What shall then answer the messengers of the nations? That the Lord has founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

Chapter Twenty-five.

Now, I, Nephi, wish to elaborate on the words I have written, which were spoken by the mouth of Isaiah. Isaiah conveyed many things that were difficult for my people to comprehend because they were not familiar with the manner of prophesying among the Jews. I did not teach them much about the Jewish customs, for their deeds were characterized by darkness and abominations. Therefore, I write to my people, and to all those who will receive these writings in the future, so that they may understand God's judgments, which will come upon all nations, as He has spoken. Listen, O my people of the house of Israel, and heed my words. Even though the words of Isaiah may not be clear to you, they are plain to those filled with the spirit of prophecy. Yet, I provide you with a prophecy according to the spirit within me. I will prophesy with the plainness that has been with me since I left Jerusalem with my father. My soul delights in plainness for the benefit of my people, that they may learn.

Yes, my soul delights in the words of Isaiah because I came out from Jerusalem, and my eyes beheld the things of the Jews. I know that the Jews understand the words of the prophets, and no other people grasp them like the Jews, except those taught in the manner of the Jews. However, I have not instructed my children in the ways of the Jews. I have lived in Jerusalem and know about the surrounding regions. I have informed my children about the judgments of God that have befallen the Jews, according to all that Isaiah spoke, although I do not record them.

But now, I proceed with my own prophecy in plainness. I know that no one can err in this, yet in the days when Isaiah's prophecies are fulfilled, people will know for sure when these events occur. Therefore, these prophecies are valuable to the children of men. To those who suppose otherwise, I will

address them specifically, confining my words to my own people, for I know that these prophecies will be greatly valued by them in the last days. In that day, they will understand them, and I have written them for their benefit. Just as one generation among the Jews was destroyed due to iniquity, so have successive generations been destroyed according to their iniquities. None of them perished without being foretold by the prophets of the Lord. They were warned about the destruction that would come upon them soon after my father left Jerusalem. Yet, they hardened their hearts. According to my prophecy, they have been destroyed, except for those carried away captive into Babylon.

I speak these things because of the spirit within me. Despite being carried away, they will return and possess the land of Jerusalem. Thus, they will be restored to their inheritance. However, they will face wars and rumors of wars. When the day comes for the Only Begotten of the Father, even the Father of heaven and earth, to manifest himself in the flesh, they will reject him due to their iniquities, hard hearts, and stiff necks. They will crucify him, but after being laid in a sepulcher for three days, he will rise from the dead with healing in his wings. All who believe in his name will be saved in the kingdom of God. Therefore, my soul delights in prophesying about him, for I have seen his day, and my heart magnifies his holy name.

After the Messiah rises from the dead and manifests himself to his people, to as many as believe in his name, Jerusalem will be destroyed again. Woe to those who fight against God and His church. Consequently, the Jews will be scattered among all nations, and Babylon will be destroyed. The Jews will be scattered by other nations.

After being scattered, the Lord God will scourge them through other nations for many generations. Eventually, they will be persuaded to believe in Christ, the Son of God, and in the infinite atonement for all mankind. When they believe in Christ and worship the Father in his name with pure hearts and clean hands, and no longer look forward to another Messiah, then the time will come for them to believe these prophecies. The Lord will set his hand again the second time to restore his people from their lost and fallen state. He will perform a marvelous work and a wonder among the children of men.

Consequently, he will bring forth his words to judge them at the last day, for the purpose of convincing them of the true Messiah, who was rejected by them. They need not look forward anymore for another Messiah, for there will not be any, except a false Messiah who will deceive the people. There is only one Messiah spoken of by the prophets, and that Messiah is the one rejected by the Jews. According to the words of the prophets, the Messiah will come in six hundred years from the time my father left Jerusalem. The angel of God also declared that his name shall be Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Now, my brethren, I have spoken plainly, and you cannot err. As the Lord God lives, who brought Israel out of the land of Egypt, and gave Moses power to heal the nations bitten by poisonous serpents by looking at the raised serpent, and also gave him power to strike the rock for water to come forth—I declare to you that as these things are true, and as the Lord God lives, there is no other name given under heaven whereby man can be saved but Jesus Christ, of whom I have spoken.

Therefore, the Lord God has promised me that these writings will be kept, preserved, and handed down to my seed from generation to generation. This promise is to fulfill the assurance to Joseph that his seed will never perish as long as the earth stands. Therefore, these writings will continue from generation to generation according to the will and pleasure of God. The nations who possess them will be judged based on these writings.

We labor diligently to write and persuade our children and brethren to believe in Christ and be reconciled to God. We know that we are saved by grace after all we can do. Even though we believe in Christ, we keep the law of Moses and look forward steadfastly to Christ until the law is fulfilled. The law was given for this purpose. Therefore, the law is dead to us, and we are made alive in Christ because of our faith. Yet, we keep the law because of the commandments. We talk, rejoice, preach, and prophesy of Christ. We write according to our prophecies so that our children may know where to look for the remission of their sins. Therefore, we speak about the law so that our children may understand its deadness. By understanding this, they may look forward to the life in Christ and comprehend the purpose for which the law was given. After the law is fulfilled in Christ, they need not harden their hearts when the law should be done away with.

Now behold, my people, you are a stiffnecked people. Therefore, I have spoken plainly so that you cannot misunderstand. The words I have spoken will stand as a testimony against you, for they are sufficient to teach any man the right way. The right way is to believe in Christ and deny him not. By denying him, you also deny the prophets and the law. Now, behold, I say to you that the right way is to believe in Christ and deny him not. Christ is the Holy One of Israel. Therefore, you must bow down before him, worship him with all your might, mind, strength, and your whole soul. If you do this, you will not be cast out in any way. Inasmuch as it is expedient, you must keep the performances and ordinances of God until the law is fulfilled, which was given to Moses.

Chapter Twenty-six.

After Christ rises from the dead, he will reveal himself to you, my children, and my beloved brethren. The words he speaks to you will become the law you must follow. I prophesy that many generations will pass, and there will be significant wars and conflicts among my people.

There will be signs that follow the Messiah's advent, indicating his birth, death, and resurrection. That day will be great and terrible for the wicked, who will perish due to their rejection of prophets and saints, stoning and slaying them. The blood of the saints will cry out to God against them.

The proud and the wicked will be burned up like stubble on the day that is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Those who kill the prophets and saints will be swallowed up by the depths of the earth. Mountains will cover them, whirlwinds will carry them away, buildings will fall upon them, crushing and grinding them to powder. Thunderings, lightnings, earthquakes, and various destructions will visit them as the anger of the Lord is kindled against them. They will be like stubble, and the coming day will consume them, says the Lord of Hosts.

Oh, the pain and anguish of my soul for the loss of the slain among my people! I, Nephi, have seen it, and it almost consumes me before the Lord. Yet, I must cry to my God: Your ways are just. The righteous who heed the words of the prophets and do not destroy them, looking steadfastly to Christ for the given signs despite persecution—these are the ones who will not perish. The Son of Righteousness will appear to them, healing them, and they will have peace with him. This will continue until three generations pass, and many of the fourth generation will pass away in righteousness.

After these events, a swift destruction will come upon my people. Despite the anguish of my soul, I have seen it, and I know it will happen. They will sell themselves for nothing, reaping destruction as a reward for their pride and foolishness. Because they yield to the devil and choose darkness over light, they must go down to hell. The Spirit of the Lord will not always strive with man. When the Spirit ceases to strive, swift destruction follows, and this grieves my soul.

Just as I spoke of convincing the Jews that Jesus is the Christ, the Gentiles must also be convinced that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God. He manifests himself to all who believe in him through the power of the Holy Ghost, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, working mighty miracles, signs, and wonders according to their faith.

However, I prophesy about the last days, when the Lord God will reveal these things to the children of men. After my seed and my brethren's seed dwindle in unbelief and suffer at the hands of the Gentiles, when the Lord camps against them, besieges them with a mount, and raises forts against them—after they are brought down low in the dust, even to the point of nonexistence—the words of the righteous will be written. The prayers of the faithful will be heard, and those who dwindled in unbelief will not be forgotten. Those who are destroyed will speak to them from the ground. Their speech will be low out of the dust, and their voice will be like one with a familiar spirit. The Lord God will give him power to whisper concerning them, seemingly from the ground. Their speech will whisper out of the dust.

The Lord God says: They will write the things done among them, sealed up in a book. Those who dwindled in unbelief will not have them, for they seek to destroy the things of God. Just as those who were destroyed perished quickly, the multitude of their terrible ones will be like chaff that passes away. Thus says the Lord God: It will be at an instant, suddenly.

Those who dwindled in unbelief will be smitten by the hand of the Gentiles. The Gentiles, proud in their eyes, have stumbled due to the greatness of their stumbling block. They have built many churches, yet they diminish the power and miracles of God, preaching their own wisdom and learning for gain and exploitation of the poor. Many churches, causing envy, strife, and malice, are built. Secret combinations, like those in ancient times, are formed according to the devil's designs. He is the founder of all these things, including murder and works of darkness, leading them with a flaxen cord until binding them forever with strong cords.

My beloved brethren, the Lord God does not work in darkness. He does nothing except for the benefit of the world, for he loves the world. He laid down his own life to draw all men to him. Therefore, he commands none to refrain from partaking of his salvation. Does he cry out for anyone to depart from him? No. Rather, he says: Come unto me, all ye ends of the earth, buy milk and honey without money and without price. Has he commanded anyone to depart from synagogues or houses of worship? No. Has he commanded anyone not to partake of his salvation? No. He has freely given it to all men and commanded his people to persuade all men to repentance. The Lord has forbidden priestcrafts. Priestcrafts are when men preach to set themselves up as a light to the world for gain and praise, without seeking the welfare of Zion. The Lord commands that there should be no priestcrafts.

Men should have charity, which is love, for without it, they are nothing. Charity would prevent the laborer in Zion from perishing. The laborer in Zion must work for Zion, for if they labor for money, they will perish.

The Lord God has commanded men not to murder, lie, steal, take his name in vain, envy, have malice, contend with one another, commit whoredoms, or do any of these things. Those who do them will perish. None of these iniquities come from the Lord.

He does only good among the children of men. He does nothing except that which is plain to the children of men. He invites all to come to him and partake of his goodness, denying none who come, regardless of their race, status, or gender. He remembers the heathen, and all are alike unto God, whether Jew or Gentile.

Chapter Twenty-seven.

However, in the last days, or during the time of the Gentiles—yes, when all the nations of the Gentiles, as well as the Jews, whether those who come to this land or those on other lands, indeed, on all the lands of the earth—shall be immersed in iniquity and various abominations—When that day arrives, they will be visited by the Lord of Hosts with thunder, earthquakes, a great noise, storms, tempests, and the devouring flame of fire.

All nations that oppose Zion, causing distress, will become like a dream of a night vision. It will be to them as to a hungry man who dreams of eating, but awakens to find his soul empty; or like a thirsty man who dreams of drinking, but awakens faint with an appetite. So shall it be with the multitude of nations fighting against Mount Zion.

For all of you practicing iniquity, stop and marvel. You will cry out and stagger, not from wine, nor from strong drink; instead, you will be intoxicated by your own iniquities. The Lord has poured upon you the spirit of deep sleep. You have closed your eyes and rejected the prophets. Your rulers and seers are covered because of your iniquity.

It will come to pass that the Lord God will bring forth the words of a book, the words of those who have slumbered. This book shall be sealed, containing a revelation from God, spanning from the beginning of the world to its end. Due to the sealed nature of the contents, they shall not be revealed during the days of wickedness and abominations. Therefore, the book will be kept from the people. However, the book shall be delivered to a man, who shall convey the words of the book—words from those who have slumbered—to another. The sealed words will not be delivered, nor will the book. It will remain sealed by the power of God until the appointed time, when it will be revealed, disclosing all things from the foundation of the world to its end. The day will come when the sealed words of the book will be read from the housetops. This will occur through the power of Christ, revealing all things to the children of men, past and future.

On that day, when the book is delivered to the man mentioned earlier, it will be hidden from the eyes of the world. Only three witnesses, by the power of God, besides the recipient, will behold it. They will testify to the truth of the book and its contents. None other will view it, except a few as God wills, to bear testimony of his word to humanity. The Lord God has decreed that the words of the faithful shall speak as if from the dead. Therefore, the Lord God will bring forth the words of the book, establishing his word through as many witnesses as he deems appropriate. Woe to those who reject the word of God!

However, it will come to pass that the Lord God will say to the one receiving the book: And now, due to the glory of the world and the desire for gain, they will say this—not for the glory of God. The man will respond: I cannot bring the book; it is sealed. The learned will then say: I cannot read it.

Thus, the Lord God will deliver the book and its words again to someone unlearned. The unlearned man will say: I am not learned. The Lord God will reply: The learned shall not read them, for they have rejected the words. I am able to do my own work; therefore, you should read the words I give to you. Do not touch the sealed things, for I will bring them forth in my own time. I will show the children of men that I am able to do my own work. Therefore, after you have read the words I have commanded and obtained the promised witnesses, you shall seal up the book again. Hide it away so that I may preserve the unread words until I see fit, in my own wisdom, to reveal all things to humanity. For I am God, a God of miracles, and I will show the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever. I do not work among the children of men except according to their faith.

Furthermore, it will come to pass that the Lord will say to the reader of the delivered words: Since this people draw near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is taught by the precepts of men—Therefore, I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, a work and a wonder. The wisdom of the wise and the understanding of the prudent will vanish.

Woe to those who seek to hide their counsel from the Lord! Their works are done in the dark, and they say: Who sees us, and who knows us? They also say: Surely, your turning of things upside down will be esteemed as the potter's clay. But I will show them, says the Lord of Hosts, that I know all their works. Shall the work say of him who made it: He made me not? Or shall the thing framed say of him who framed it: He had no understanding?

But behold, says the Lord of Hosts, in a very little while, Lebanon will be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field will be esteemed as a forest. In that day, the deaf will hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind will see out of obscurity and darkness. The meek will increase, and their joy will be in the Lord. The poor among men will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. As surely as the Lord lives, they will see the terrible one brought to naught, the scorner consumed, and all those watching for iniquity cut off. Those who make a man an offender for a word, lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of naught—

Thus says the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob will not now be ashamed, neither will his face wax pale. When he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name, sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel. Those who erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmured will learn doctrine.

Chapter Twenty-eight.

Now, my brethren, I have spoken to you in accordance with the guidance of the Spirit; therefore, I am confident that these prophecies will surely happen. The contents of the book that will be written will be of great value to humankind, especially to our descendants, who are a remnant of the house of Israel.

In that future day, the churches that are established, not unto the Lord, will witness strife among themselves. One will claim: I am the Lord's, and another will declare: No, I am the Lord's. Thus, every faction that has built churches not unto the Lord will contend with one another. Their priests will engage in disputes, teaching with their knowledge but rejecting the Holy Ghost that provides utterance.

They will deny the power of God, the Holy One of Israel, and proclaim to the people: Listen to us and heed our precepts, for there is no God today. The Lord and the Redeemer have completed their work and have bestowed their power upon men. They will assert: Do not believe in miracles wrought by the hand of the Lord; for today, he is not a God of miracles; he has finished his work.

Many will proclaim: Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die, and all will be well. Some will even advocate: Eat, drink, and be merry; still, fear God. It is justifiable to commit a little sin. Lie a little, take advantage of others with your words, dig a pit for your neighbor; there is no harm. If we are guilty, God will chastise us with a few stripes, and in the end, we will be saved in the kingdom of God.

Numerous false and vain doctrines will be taught, and those who preach them will be proud and seek to conceal their counsels from the Lord. Their deeds will be shrouded in darkness. The blood of the saints will cry from the ground against them. All will have strayed from the path and become corrupted. Due to pride, false teachers, and false doctrines, their churches will be corrupted and elevated

in egotism. Driven by pride, they will exploit the poor for their splendid sanctuaries and fine clothing. They will persecute the humble and the poor in heart. They will be stiff-necked and high-minded. Because of pride, wickedness, abominations, and whoredoms, all will go astray, except for a few who are humble followers of Christ. Yet, even they, in many instances, will err due to being taught by the precepts of men.

Woe to the wise, the learned, the rich, who are puffed up with pride, and to all those preaching false doctrines, committing whoredoms, and perverting the right way of the Lord! Woe to them, says the Lord God Almighty, for they will be cast down to hell! Woe to those who turn aside the just for trivial reasons, revile against what is good, and claim it has no worth! The day will come when the Lord God will swiftly visit the inhabitants of the earth. When fully ripe in iniquity, they will perish. However, if the inhabitants of the earth repent of their wickedness and abominations, they will not be destroyed, says the Lord of Hosts.

Nevertheless, that great and abominable church, the whore of all the earth, must fall to the ground, and its fall will be great. The kingdom of the devil must shake, and its adherents must be stirred up to repentance. Otherwise, the devil will ensnare them with his everlasting chains, stirring them up to anger and destruction. On that day, he will rage in the hearts of humanity, inciting them to anger against what is good.

Some he will pacify, lulling them into carnal security, making them say: All is well in Zion; Zion is prospering; all is well. Thus, the devil will deceive their souls, leading them carefully down to hell.

Others he will flatter, telling them there is no hell, and he will say to them: I am no devil, for there is none. In this way, he will whisper in their ears until he grabs them with his dreadful chains, from which there is no escape. They will be seized by death, hell, and the devil. All who have been captured by these must stand before the throne of God, being judged according to their works. They will then go into the place prepared for them—a lake of fire and brimstone, an endless torment.

Therefore, woe to those who are at ease in Zion! Woe to those who cry: All is well! Yes, woe to those who heed the precepts of men and deny the power of God and the gift of the Holy Ghost! Woe to those who say: We have received enough; we need no more! Finally, woe to all those who tremble and are angry because of the truth of God!

The one built upon the rock will receive it with gladness, while the one built on a sandy foundation will tremble, fearing a fall. Woe be unto him who says, We have received the word of God, and we need no more, for we have enough!

Thus says the Lord God: I will give line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, to the children of men. Blessed are those who heed my precepts and listen to my counsel, for they will learn wisdom. To those who receive, I will give more; but from those who say: We have enough, even that which they have will be taken away.

Cursed is he who puts his trust in man, makes flesh his arm, or heeds the precepts of men unless given by the power of the Holy Ghost. Woe be unto the Gentiles, says the Lord God of Hosts! Even though I will extend my arm to them from day to day, they will deny me. Yet, I will be merciful to them, says the Lord God, if they repent and come unto me. For my arm is extended all the day long, says the Lord God of Hosts.

Chapter Twenty-nine.

Yea, there will be many on that day when I embark on a marvelous work among them to fulfill my covenants with the children of men. This marks the second time I extend my hand to reclaim my people, the house of Israel. I will also remember the promises made to you, Nephi, and to your father, assuring that I will remember your seed. The words of your descendants will proceed from my mouth as a standard to my people, the house of Israel, reaching the ends of the earth. When my words resound, many Gentiles will exclaim: A Bible! A Bible! We already have a Bible, and there cannot be another.

But the Lord God declares: O fools, they will indeed have a Bible, and it will come from the Jews, my ancient covenant people. Do they appreciate the Jews for the Bible they receive? What do the Gentiles understand? Do they remember the toils, labors, and pains of the Jews and their diligence in bringing forth salvation to the Gentiles? O Gentiles, have you remembered the Jews, my ancient covenant people? No, you have cursed them, hated them, and not sought to recover them. Yet, I will return all these things upon your own heads, for I, the Lord, have not forgotten my people.

To those who say: We have a Bible, and we need no more, I say, have you obtained a Bible except through the Jews? Do you not realize that there is more than one nation? I, the Lord your God, have created all men. I remember those on the isles of the sea, and I rule in the heavens above and on the earth below. I reveal my word to the children of men, even to all the nations of the earth. Why do you murmur because you will receive more of my word? Understand that the testimony of two nations is a witness that I am God, remembering one nation like another.

Thus, I speak the same words to one nation as I do to another. When the two nations align, their testimony runs together. I do this to prove to many that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever. I speak my words according to my pleasure, and speaking one word does not mean I cannot speak another. My work is not finished, nor will it be until the end of man, from then onward and forever.

Having a Bible does not mean it contains all my words, nor should you assume I have not caused more to be written. I command all men in the east, west, north, south, and the islands of the sea to write the words I speak to them. Out of these written words, I will judge every man according to their works. I will speak to the Jews, and they will write it. I will speak to the Nephites, and they will write it. I will also speak to the other tribes of the house of Israel that I have led away, and they will write it. I will speak to all nations of the earth, and they will write it.

The Jews will have the words of the Nephites, and the Nephites will have the words of the Jews. The Nephites and Jews will have the words of the lost tribes of Israel, and the lost tribes will have the words of the Nephites and Jews. My people of the house of Israel will be gathered to the lands of their possessions, and my word will be gathered into one. I will demonstrate to those who oppose my word and my people, the house of Israel, that I am God. I made a covenant with Abraham to remember his seed forever.

Chapter Thirty.

Now, my beloved brethren, I wish to address you. I, Nephi, do not want you to assume that you are more righteous than the Gentiles will be. If you do not keep the commandments of God, you will all perish. However, do not think that the Gentiles are entirely destroyed because of the words that have been spoken. I tell you that as many Gentiles as repent become the covenant people of the Lord,

while those Jews who do not repent will be cast off. The Lord makes covenants only with those who repent and believe in His Son, the Holy One of Israel.

Now, let me prophesy more about the Jews and the Gentiles. After the spoken-of book is written to the Gentiles and sealed again to the Lord, many Gentiles will believe those words. They will carry them to the remnant of our seed, who will then learn about us, our departure from Jerusalem, and their Jewish lineage. The gospel of Jesus Christ will be declared among them, and they will be restored to the knowledge of their fathers and the knowledge of Jesus Christ held by their ancestors. They will rejoice, recognizing it as a blessing from God. The scales of darkness will start falling from their eyes, and they will become a pure and delightful people over many generations. Scattered Jews will also begin to believe in Christ and gather upon the land. Those who believe in Christ will also become a delightful people.

The Lord God will commence His work among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people to restore His people on the earth. The Lord God will judge the poor with righteousness and reprove the meek of the earth with equity. He will smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips, He will slay the wicked. The time will swiftly come when the Lord God will cause a great division among the people. He will destroy the wicked and spare His people, even if it requires destroying the wicked by fire. Righteousness will be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins.

Then the wolf will dwell with the lamb, the leopard with the kid, the calf with the young lion, and the fatling together. A little child will lead them. The cow and the bear will feed together, and their young ones will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the ox. The sucking child will play on the hole of the snake, and the weaned child will put his hand on the cockatrice's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all the holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Therefore, the things of all nations will be made known, and everything will be revealed to the children of men. Nothing will remain secret, and no work of darkness will be hidden; everything sealed upon the earth will be loosed. Hence, all things revealed to the children of men will be disclosed on that day, and Satan will have no power over the hearts of the children of men for a long time.

Now, my beloved brethren, I conclude my words.

Chapter Thirty-one.

I, Nephi, conclude my prophesying to you, my beloved brethren. I can only write a few things that I know will surely happen, and I can share only a portion of the words of my brother Jacob. Therefore, the things I have written are sufficient for me, except for a few words I must speak concerning the doctrine of Christ. I will speak to you plainly, in accordance with the straightforwardness of my prophesying. I delight in plainness because this is how the Lord God works among the children of men. The Lord God gives understanding by speaking to people in their language, according to their understanding.

I want you to recall that I have spoken to you about the prophet the Lord showed me, who would baptize the Lamb of God, taking away the sins of the world. Consider this: If the holy Lamb of God needed to be baptized by water to fulfill all righteousness, how much more do we, being unholy, need to be baptized by water? Let me ask you, my beloved brethren, where did the Lamb of God fulfill all righteousness by being baptized with water? Do you not know that He was holy? Although He was holy, He demonstrated to humanity that in the flesh, He humbled Himself before the Father. He bore

witness to the Father that He would obediently keep His commandments. After being baptized with water, the Holy Ghost descended upon Him in the form of a dove. This act showed the straitness of the path and the narrowness of the gate by which people should enter. He set an example for them. He said to the children of men: Follow thou me. Therefore, my beloved brethren, can we follow Jesus unless we are willing to keep the commandments of the Father? The Father said: Repent ye, repent ye, and be baptized in the name of my Beloved Son. The voice of the Son also came to me, saying: He that is baptized in my name, to him will the Father give the Holy Ghost, like unto me. Wherefore, follow me, and do the things which ye have seen me do.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, I know that if you follow the Son with full purpose of heart, acting with no hypocrisy or deception before God, but with real intent, repenting of your sins, and witnessing to the Father that you are willing to take upon you the name of Christ by baptism—yes, by following your Lord and your Savior down into the water, as per His word—then you shall receive the Holy Ghost. After that comes the baptism of fire and of the Holy Spirit, and you can speak with the tongue of angels, praising the Holy One of Israel.

However, my beloved brethren, the voice of the Son came to me, saying: After ye have repented of your sins and witnessed to the Father that ye are willing to keep my commandments by the baptism of water, and have received the baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost, and can speak with a new tongue, yea, even with the tongue of angels, if after this you should deny me, it would have been better for you not to have known me.

I heard a voice from the Father, confirming: Yea, the words of my Beloved are true and faithful. He that endures to the end, the same shall be saved. Now, my beloved brethren, I understand from this that unless a man endures to the end, following the example of the Son of the living God, he cannot be saved.

Therefore, do the things I have told you, for I have seen what your Lord and your Redeemer will do. They have been shown to me so that you might know the gate by which you should enter. The gate you should enter is repentance and baptism by water. Then comes the remission of your sins by fire and by the Holy Ghost. After this, you are in the strait and narrow path that leads to eternal life. You have entered through the gate, following the commandments of the Father and the Son, and you have received the Holy Ghost, which testifies of the Father and the Son, fulfilling the promise that was made: If you enter in by this way, you shall receive.

Now, my beloved brethren, after you have entered this strait and narrow path, I ask, is everything done? I say unto you, no; for you have not come this far except by the word of Christ, with unshaken faith in Him, relying wholly upon the merits of Him who is mighty to save. Therefore, you must press forward with steadfastness in Christ, having a perfect brightness of hope and a love of God and of all men. If you press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ and endure to the end, behold, thus says the Father: You shall have eternal life.

Now, my beloved brethren, this is the way, and there is no other way or name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God. This is the doctrine of Christ, the only and true doctrine of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, who is one God without end. Amen.

Chapter Thirty-two.

Now, my beloved brethren, I assume that you are contemplating what you should do after entering the way. But why do you ponder these matters in your hearts? Do you not recall that I mentioned that after receiving the Holy Ghost, you could speak with the tongue of angels? How could you speak

with the tongue of angels if not by the Holy Ghost? Angels convey messages through the power of the Holy Ghost, speaking the words of Christ. Therefore, I advised you to feast upon the words of Christ, for these words will guide you in all that you should do.

After delivering these words, if you find them incomprehensible, it is because you do not ask or knock. Thus, you remain in darkness and may perish. I reiterate that if you enter the way and receive the Holy Ghost, it will reveal to you all that you should do. This is the doctrine of Christ, and there will be no additional doctrine until He manifests Himself to you in the flesh. When He does so, you must heed His instructions.

I cannot convey more, as the Spirit restrains my speech. I am left to lament due to the unbelief, wickedness, ignorance, and stubbornness of men. They refuse to seek knowledge or comprehend profound truths, even when presented plainly.

My beloved brethren, it appears that you are still contemplating in your hearts, and it saddens me to address this matter. If you heed the Spirit, which teaches a person to pray, you will understand the necessity of prayer. The evil spirit discourages prayer, urging one not to engage in it. Therefore, I say to you that you must pray continually and not grow weary. Do not undertake anything for the Lord without first praying to the Father in the name of Christ. Ask Him to consecrate your efforts for the well-being of your soul.

Chapter Thirty-three.

Now, I, Nephi, am unable to record all the teachings imparted among my people. My skill in writing is not as mighty as my ability to speak, for when a person speaks with the power of the Holy Ghost, that power reaches the hearts of humanity. However, there are many who harden their hearts against the Holy Spirit, preventing it from finding a place within them. Consequently, they discard many written things, deeming them as worthless. Yet, what I, Nephi, have written holds immense value in my eyes, particularly for my people. I pray ceaselessly for them during the day, and my pillow is wet with tears at night because of them. I cry out to my God in faith, knowing that He will hear my plea.

I am confident that the Lord God will consecrate my prayers for the benefit of my people. Despite the weakness of my written words, they will become strong for them. The words persuade them to do good, reveal their ancestral heritage, speak of Jesus, and encourage belief in Him, urging them to endure to the end for eternal life. The language is stern against sin, as it adheres to the plainness of truth. Therefore, no one will be angered by the words I have written unless they are of the spirit of the devil.

I take pride in simplicity; I take pride in truth; I take pride in my Jesus, for He has redeemed my soul from hell. I have charity for my people and great faith in Christ, expecting to meet many spotless souls at His judgment seat. I also have charity for the Jews—I use the term Jew to refer to my own lineage. Likewise, I have charity for the Gentiles. However, none of these can find hope unless they are reconciled to Christ, enter the narrow gate, walk the strait path leading to life, and persist in this path until the end of their days.

Now, my beloved people, Jews, and all inhabitants of the earth, heed these words and believe in Christ. If you do not believe in these words, believe in Christ. If you believe in Christ, you will believe in these words, for they are the words of Christ given to me, teaching all to do good. If these are not the words of Christ, judge for yourselves, for Christ will, with power and great glory, reveal at the last day that they are His words. You and I will stand face to face before His judgment bar, and

you will know that I have been commanded to write these things, despite my weaknesses. I pray to the Father in the name of Christ that many, if not all of us, may be saved in His kingdom on that great and final day.

To all the house of Israel and to every corner of the earth, I speak as a voice crying out from the dust: Farewell until that great day arrives. As for those who refuse the goodness of God and disregard the words of the Jews, my words, and the words that will proceed from the mouth of the Lamb of God, I bid you an everlasting farewell. These words will condemn you on the last day. What I seal on earth will be brought against you at the judgment bar, for so the Lord has commanded me, and I must obey. Amen.