

THIRD NEPHI

THE BOOK of NEPHI

(The Son of Nephi, who was the Son of Helaman)

AN INTRODUCTION:

Helaman, the son of Helaman, descended from a line that includes Alma, Alma's father also named Alma, and traces back to Nephi, the son of Lehi.

Lehi and his family left Jerusalem in the first year of Zedekiah's reign, the king of Judah.

Chapter One.

In the ninety-first year, six hundred years after Lehi's departure from Jerusalem, Lachoneus served as the chief judge and governor. Nephi, Helaman's son, left the land of Zarahemla, entrusting his eldest son Nephi with the plates of brass, records, and sacred items since Lehi's departure. Nephi departed to an unknown destination, and his son Nephi assumed responsibility for keeping the records of the people.

As the ninety-second year commenced, prophecies started to be more fully realized, with greater signs and miracles among the people. However, some began to doubt the fulfillment of Samuel the Lamanite's words, claiming the time for their realization had passed. These skeptics rejoiced over their brethren, asserting that Samuel's prophecies had not come true, causing sorrow among the believers. Their dissent led to a great uproar throughout the land, and the faithful grew anxious, fearing the prophecies might not come to pass. Despite the turmoil, believers watched steadfastly for the specified day and night when there would be no darkness, hoping to confirm that their faith was not in vain.

Unbelievers designated a day for the execution of those who believed in the traditions, unless the prophesied sign occurred. Witnessing this wickedness, Nephi, son of Nephi, felt profound sorrow for his people. He went out, bowed down upon the earth, and cried mightily to God on behalf of those facing destruction due to their faith in ancestral traditions.

Nephi fervently prayed throughout the day, and the voice of the Lord came to him, assuring him that the time was at hand. On that night, the promised sign would be given, and on the morrow, the Lord would come into the world to fulfill all spoken by His holy prophets. The Lord instructed Nephi to lift up his head and be of good cheer, for the time was near, and the prophesied sign would

manifest that night. The Lord emphasized His imminent arrival, expressing His commitment to fulfill all that had been spoken by His prophets. The proclamation affirmed that the Lord was coming to fulfill all things known to humanity since the foundation of the world. The Lord would execute the will of both the Father and the Son, as the time was at hand, and the promised sign would be given that night.

The words spoken to Nephi were fulfilled as the sun went down without darkness, astonishing the people when night came. Many who had doubted the prophets fell to the earth as if dead, realizing their plan of destruction for the believers had failed due to the imminent sign. The people, both in the north and south lands from the west to the east, were exceedingly amazed, falling to the earth in recognition that the Son of God would soon appear. Fear gripped them due to their iniquity and unbelief, acknowledging the fulfillment of prophecies.

There was no darkness throughout that night; it was as bright as mid-day. The sun rose in the morning according to its regular order, confirming that it was the day the Lord would be born, as foretold by the given sign. Every detail unfolded precisely as prophesied by the prophets. A new star appeared, fulfilling the divine word.

Despite Satan spreading lies to harden hearts against the witnessed signs and wonders, the majority believed and converted to the Lord.

Nephi and many others went among the people, baptizing them in repentance, leading to a significant remission of sins. Peace returned to the land, with only a few contentious individuals attempting to argue against the observance of the law of Moses. They erred due to a lack of understanding of the scriptures. However, they soon repented and confessed their faults when they learned that the law had not yet been fulfilled and must be completed in every detail. The word came to them that not a jot or tittle would pass away until all was fulfilled. This realization occurred in the same year. The ninety-second year passed with glad tidings as the signs unfolded, aligning with the prophecies of the holy prophets.

The ninety-third year passed in peace, except for the Gadianton robbers infesting the land. Their strongholds and secret places prevented the people from overpowering them, resulting in numerous murders and much slaughter.

In the ninety-fourth year, the Gadianton robbers increased significantly as many Nephite dissenters fled to join them. This caused sorrow among the remaining Nephites and also afflicted the Lamanites. The Lamanites' rising generation, influenced by Zoramites, engaged in lies and flattering words, leading them away to join the Gadianton robbers.

The Lamanites, too, experienced a decline in faith and righteousness due to the wickedness of the rising generation.

Chapter Two.

In the ninety-fifth year, the people gradually forgot the remarkable signs and wonders they had witnessed, becoming increasingly indifferent to heavenly manifestations. This indifference led to hardened hearts and blinded minds, fostering disbelief in everything they had heard and seen. They concocted vain explanations in their hearts, attributing these phenomena to human actions and the devil's influence, intending to deceive and lead the people astray. Satan regained control of their hearts, blinding their eyes, and convincing them that the doctrine of Christ was foolish and empty. Wickedness and abominations strengthened among the people, who dismissed the possibility of future signs and wonders. Satan, in turn, led them to commit great wickedness throughout the land.

The ninety-sixth, ninety-seventh, ninety-eighth, and ninety-ninth years passed, reaching a century since the days of King Mosiah. Additionally, six hundred and nine years had transpired since Lehi's departure from Jerusalem. Nine years had elapsed since the prophesied sign of Christ's coming, prompting the Nephites to begin reckoning time from this event. Nephi, the record-keeper, did not return to Zarahemla, remaining elusive in the land. Despite extensive preaching and prophesying, the people persisted in wickedness, and the tenth and eleventh years passed in iniquity.

Wars and contentions erupted throughout the land in the thirteenth year, as the Gadianton robbers grew numerous and inflicted devastation. The situation compelled both Nephites and Lamanites to take up arms for their safety, defending their rights, church privileges, worship, and freedom.

Threatened with utter destruction, the Nephites faced a severe war by the end of the thirteenth year. Lamanites who joined them were counted among the Nephites, their curse lifted, and their skin became white.

In the fourteenth year, despite gaining some advantage, the people of Nephi continued to face a severe war against the robbers. By the fifteenth year, due to the people's wickedness, contentions, and dissensions, the Gadianton robbers gained numerous advantages, leaving the people in a state of many afflictions.

The sword of destruction loomed over them in the fifteenth year, poised to strike them down due to their iniquities.

Chapter Three.

In the sixteenth year from the coming of Christ, Lachoneus, the regional governor, received a letter from the leader of the band of robbers, Giddianhi. The message praised Lachoneus and his people for their resolute defense of what they believed to be their rights and liberties, commending their firmness, and portraying them as standing strong as if divinely supported in defending their liberty, property, and country.

The letter expressed regret that Lachoneus might consider standing against the numerous brave men under the author's orders, who eagerly awaited the command to descend upon the Nephites and destroy them. The author Giddianhi warned of the Nephites' unconquerable spirit and vowed utter destruction should they resist, citing their everlasting hatred due to perceived wrongs. Giddianhi urged Lachoneus to yield their cities, lands, and possessions to avoid the sword and impending destruction. He proposed unity and partnership, emphasizing becoming brethren rather than slaves, and swore an oath of non-destruction if they complied, but threatened swift annihilation if they resisted.

Lachoneus was astonished by Giddianhi's bold demands and threats. As a just man, he rejected the robber's demands and instead called upon his people to seek strength from the Lord in preparation for the impending threat.

Lachoneus issued a proclamation for the people to gather, fortifying themselves in one location with strong fortifications. Nephite and Lamanite armies were stationed as guards to protect against the robbers day and night. Lachoneus warned that only repentance and prayers to the Lord could deliver them from the Gadianton robbers.

Lachoneus's words and prophecies struck fear in the hearts of the people, motivating them to prepare according to his instructions. Chief captains, including Gidgiddoni, were appointed to lead the Nephite armies against the robbers when they descended from the wilderness.

Gidgiddoni, a great prophet and chief captain, rejected the people's suggestion to preemptively attack the robbers, emphasizing waiting for the enemy to come to them. The people, motivated by fear and repentance, gathered in the land of Zarahemla, fortifying themselves against their enemies.

In the seventeenth year, the people marched forth, taking their possessions to the designated gathering place in the land southward. Lachoneus organized their defense due to the curse upon the land northward, and the people, repentant and fearing Lachoneus's words, prayed for deliverance from their enemies.

Gidgiddoni oversaw the production of various weapons and armor, following his instructions, as the people prepared for the impending battle against the Gadianton robbers.

Chapter Four.

Towards the close of the eighteenth year, the marauding armies prepared for battle, descending from hills, mountains, wilderness, strongholds, and secret places. They seized lands in both the north and south abandoned by the Nephites; claiming desolate cities. However, the barren lands left no game for the robbers except in the wilderness.

Unable to sustain themselves outside the wilderness due to the Nephites' consolidated strength and stored provisions, the robbers resorted to open battle against the Nephites. Despite their threats, the Nephites, in one body with ample provisions, aimed to eliminate the robbers over the next seven years.

In the nineteenth year, Giddianhi realized that the only way for his armies to subsist was through plunder, robbery, and murder. Fearful of the Nephites, they avoided spreading across the land to cultivate, prompting Giddianhi to command an attack on the Nephites in the sixth month.

The robbers, appearing fearsome with blood-stained attire and unique armor, marched forth in battle formation. Witnessing this, the Nephite armies fell to the ground, praying to the Lord for deliverance. Contrary to the robbers' expectations, the Nephites did not fear them but feared their God and sought His protection.

As the battle unfolded, the Nephites, strengthened by the Lord, withstood the robbers' attack. Despite Giddianhi's threats, the Nephites defeated the robbers, causing them to retreat. Giddianhi, the bold robber leader, was pursued, overtaken, and slain.

The Nephite armies returned to their secure position, and the nineteenth year passed without another battle. In the twentieth year, the robbers refrained from combat. However, in the twenty-first year, they surrounded the Nephites, intending to lay siege and force their surrender.

The robbers, now led by Zemnarihah, aimed to cut off the Nephites from their lands. Yet, this played into the Nephites' advantage as their provisions and the scarcity of food among the robbers made a prolonged siege impractical.

The Nephites continually launched attacks on the robbers, causing massive destruction. Recognizing their weakness, Zemnarihah ordered a withdrawal from the siege, and the robbers marched northward. Gidgiddoni, aware of their plan, strategically positioned his armies to cut off the robbers' retreat.

In a night-time maneuver, the Nephite armies intercepted the robbers both in front and rear, effectively blocking their escape routes. Thousands of robbers surrendered, and Zemnarihah, their leader, was captured, hanged, and his followers defeated.

The Nephites celebrated their victory, expressing gratitude for divine intervention and protection. They praised God for delivering them from their enemies, their hearts overflowing with joy and tears. The people sang and rejoiced, attributing their salvation to repentance and humility.

Chapter Five.

Every member of the Nephite community unwaveringly believed in the words of the holy prophets. Not a single individual doubted, recognizing the inevitability of the prophecies being fulfilled. Their understanding of Christ's advent, as expedient, stemmed from the multitude of signs in alignment with the prophets' words. The events that had transpired solidified their conviction that everything foretold must undoubtedly come to pass. Consequently, the people abandoned their sins, abominations, and whoredoms, wholeheartedly serving God with diligence day and night.

After apprehending all the robbers, insomuch that none did escape who were not slain, the Nephites incarcerated them. The prisoners were subjected to the preaching of God's word, and those who repented and vowed to abstain from murder were granted freedom. However, those unwilling to enter a covenant and harboring secret murderous intentions, breathing out threats against their brethren, faced condemnation and legal consequences. Thus, the Nephites successfully eradicated the secretive, and abominable combinations characterized by extensive wickedness and numerous murders.

The passing of the twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, and twenty-fifth years marked the cumulation of a quarter-century.

While many remarkable events occurred, this book's limitations prevented the recording of even a hundredth part of what unfolded during this period among the populous. Records containing a comprehensive account of the people's proceedings existed, with Nephi providing a shorter but accurate version. Accordingly, Mormon documented the events in alignment with Nephi's record, engraving them onto plates crafted by his own hands.

Bearing the name of the land of Mormon, where Alma established the first church following the people's transgression, Mormon identified himself as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Called by Christ to declare His word for the people's eternal life, it became necessary for him to fulfill the prayers of the departed holy ones according to their faith by recording the events that transpired. Thus, he compiled a concise record from the time of Lehi's departure until the present day, relying on accounts from predecessors and personal experiences. Stating the just and true nature of his record, Mormon acknowledged the limitations of language, preventing the comprehensive description of certain aspects. Bringing his personal reflections to an end, he transitioned to providing an account of the events preceding him.

As a pure descendant of Lehi, Mormon expressed gratitude for God and Jesus Christ, acknowledging their role in leading their fathers out of Jerusalem—a knowledge known only to God and those brought out of that land. He recognized the abundance of knowledge granted for the salvation of their souls. Acknowledging God's blessings on the house of Jacob and mercy toward the seed of Joseph, Mormon affirmed that God prospered those who kept His commandments. He prophesied the gathering of a remnant of Joseph's seed and the fulfillment of God's covenant with the scattered seed of Jacob. Asserting the surety of the Lord's covenant, Mormon prophesied the gathering of the remnant of Jacob's seed from all corners of the earth. He concluded with a firm declaration that, as the Lord lives, this gathering would occur, bringing the scattered remnants back to their lands; yea, as the Lord liveth so shall it be. Amen.

Chapter Six.

In the twenty-sixth year, all the Nephites returned to their respective lands, accompanied by their families, livestock, and possessions—horses, cattle, and everything they owned. They hadn't depleted all their provisions, taking with them the unconsumed grain, gold, silver, and precious items. The return encompassed both the northern and southern lands, establishing peace. Robbers, who committed to maintaining peace and chose to remain Lamanites, were granted lands based on their numbers. This arrangement aimed to provide sustenance through their labors, fostering peace across the land.

Prosperity resumed, and during the twenty-sixth and seventh years, great order prevailed. Laws were established, grounded in equity and justice, contributing to the overall well-being. Unhindered prosperity prevailed, with the only potential obstacle being transgressions. Gidgiddoni, Judge Lachoneus, and appointed leaders orchestrated this lasting peace. Numerous cities were either rebuilt or renovated. A network of highways and roads facilitated travel between cities and lands. By the end of the twenty-eighth year, continual peace was established.

However, in the twenty-ninth year, disputes arose among the people. Some succumbed to pride due to their vast riches, leading to persecutions. Merchants, lawyers, and officers proliferated, causing distinctions based on wealth and educational opportunities. Inequality emerged, threatening the unity of the church. A hierarchy developed, fueled by pride and materialism. Some, due to poverty, remained ignorant, while others, affluent, gained significant knowledge. Pride created a stark contrast—some retaliated against insults, while others endured persecution with humility and penitence before God.

The thirtieth year saw widespread iniquity, causing the breakup of the church throughout the land, except for a faithful few among the converted Lamanites. The root cause was Satan's influence, enticing people toward various forms of iniquity, pride, and the pursuit of worldly vanities. The people, despite enjoying peace for a brief period, succumbed to wickedness at the commencement of the thirtieth year. Aware of God's will, they rebelled willfully, leading to a prolonged state of awful wickedness.

Lachoneus, the son, governed during this time. Inspired individuals from heaven emerged in the thirtieth year, testifying boldly about Christ's redemption, death, and sufferings. Many, especially chief judges, high priests, and lawyers, opposed these testimonies, leading to anger and persecutions. Lawyers and judges lacked the authority to condemn anyone to death without the governor's approval. Despite this, secret executions of those testifying of Christ occurred, contravening the laws. A complaint reached Zarahemla, accusing the judges of unlawful condemnation.

The land's laws forbade execution without the governor's approval. The judges were brought to trial, but they were supported by friends, kindreds, lawyers, and high priests. The judges formed a covenant to unite against righteousness, opposing the law and the country's rights. They defied justice, plotted against the governor, and aimed to establish a king, eliminating the land's freedom, and subjecting it to a monarchy.

Chapter Seven.

In this thirtieth year, contrary to establishing a king over the land, a grave event unfolded—the chief judge of the land was murdered upon the judgment-seat. This led to division among the people, who separated into tribes based on family, kindred, and friends, dismantling the existing government. Each

tribe appointed a chief or leader, resulting in the formation of tribes and their respective leaders. Due to the requisite familial ties, each tribe grew significantly in size.

Despite their numbers, there were no wars yet among them. However, yielding to the influence of Satan brought about this iniquity. The government's regulations crumbled due to a secret combination formed by friends and kindreds of those who murdered the prophets. This caused significant contention in the land, leading even the more righteous part of the population to turn wicked, reminiscent of a dog returning to vomit or a sow to wallowing in the mire. Within six years, a substantial portion of the people had forsaken their righteousness.

The secret combination, responsible for the widespread iniquity, appointed a man named Jacob as their king. He had been a chief voice against the prophets testifying of Jesus. Although their numbers were fewer than the united tribes, they had a king leading this wicked faction. Jacob, recognizing their numerical disadvantage, commanded his people to flee to the northernmost part of the land, where they could build a kingdom and attract dissenters, ultimately becoming strong enough to contend with the united tribes.

Their swift march continued until they were out of reach, marking the end of the thirtieth year, concluding the affairs of the people of Nephi. In the thirty-first year, the people organized into tribes based on family, kindred, and friends. Despite agreeing not to go to war against each other, they lacked unity in laws and government, established according to the preferences of their chiefs and leaders. Strict laws prevented trespassing between tribes, leading to a semblance of peace. However, their hearts turned away from the Lord, resulting in the stoning and expulsion of prophets.

In the thirty-first year, Nephi, who had been visited by angels and the voice of the Lord, went forth among them, witnessing the ministry of Christ. Grieved by their hardened hearts, he boldly testified of repentance and remission of sins through faith in Jesus Christ.

Nephi's testimony was based on his firsthand observations of their quick descent from righteousness to wickedness. Despite ministering extensively, not all of Nephi's teachings could be recorded, but he wielded great authority and power in his ministry. Angered by his greater power, the people opposed Nephi, who, due to his profound faith, experienced daily ministrations from angels. In the name of Jesus, Nephi cast out devils and unclean spirits and even raised his stoned to death brother, further fueling the people's anger. Witnessing these miracles angered the people, and Nephi continued performing more miracles in the name of Jesus. The thirty-first year passed with few conversions to the Lord, but those converted testified of experiencing the power and Spirit of God in Jesus Christ.

Those who had devils cast out and were healed testified of being influenced by the Spirit of God, showing signs and performing miracles among the people. The thirty-second year passed similarly, with Nephi crying unto the people, preaching repentance and remission of sins.

In the commencement of the thirty-third year, Nephi continued his call for repentance. An important note was that none were brought to repentance without being baptized with water. Therefore, Nephi ordained men for the ministry, ensuring that all who came to them were baptized with water as a testimony of their repentance and remission of sins before God and the people. Many were baptized unto repentance in the early part of this year; and thus the more part of the year did pass away.

Chapter Eight.

According to our truthful writings, kept by a just man who performed miracles in the name of Jesus, no one could work such miracles unless entirely cleansed from iniquity. If there were no errors in this man's timekeeping, the thirty-third year had concluded. People anxiously awaited the sign foretold by the Lamanite prophet Samuel—a darkness lasting three days over the entire land. Despite numerous signs, great doubts and disputes arose among the people.

In the thirty-fourth year, on the fourth day of the first month, an unprecedented storm and terrible tempest shook the entire land. Thunder so severe it seemed to split the earth, along with exceedingly sharp lightning, wreaked havoc never before witnessed.

Zarahemla caught fire, and Moroni sank into the sea, its inhabitants drowned. The city of Moronihah vanished, replaced by a massive mountain where it once stood.

A great and terrible destruction occurred in the south, but the north suffered even more, with the whole face of the land changed due to tempests, whirlwinds, thunder, lightning, and intense earthquakes.

Highways were destroyed, level roads spoiled, and once-smooth areas turned rough. Many renowned cities sank, burned, or crumbled, leaving the places desolate. Some cities remained, but the damage was extensive, with many inhabitants slain. A few were carried away in the whirlwind, their destination unknown.

The entire face of the earth transformed due to the tempests, thunderings, lightnings, and quaking. Rocks split into fragments, with seams and cracks covering the land. After about three hours of tumultuous events, darkness blanketed the land.

Thick darkness continued, preventing the use of candles, torches, or kindling fires. No light was visible—neither from the sun, moon, nor stars—due to the thick mists of darkness. The darkness persisted for three days, causing great mourning, howling, and weeping among the inhabitants.

In their distress, people lamented their failure to repent before the catastrophic events, expressing regret for the destruction of Zarahemla and Moronihah. The mournful cries of the people reflected their remorse for not heeding the prophets and sparing their brethren, mothers, fair daughters, and children from the tragic fate of these cities. Thus, the people's lamentations echoed, expressing profound grief for the catastrophic darkness and destruction that had befallen them.

Chapter Nine.

A voice resonated among all the earth's inhabitants, across the entire land, declaring: Woe, woe, woe to this people! Woe to all the earth's inhabitants unless they repent! The devil rejoices, and his angels celebrate the slain fair sons and daughters of my people. It is due to their iniquity and abominations that they have fallen!

I have burned the great city Zarahemla with fire, including its inhabitants. The great city Moroni I caused to sink into the depths of the sea, its inhabitants drowned. The great city Moronihah I covered with earth, hiding the iniquities and abominations of its inhabitants. This is to prevent the blood of the prophets and saints from accusing them before me.

The city of Gilgal, Onihah, Mocum, Jerusalem, and others, I caused to sink, their inhabitants buried in the depths. Waters replaced them to conceal their wickedness.

The cities of Gadiandi, Gadiomnah, Jacob, and Gimginno—all sunk, forming hills and valleys. Their inhabitants were buried to hide their wickedness from me.

The great city Jacobugath, inhabited by the people of King Jacob, I burned with fire due to their sins and unparalleled wickedness. Their secret murders and combinations disrupted the peace and government of the land. I caused them to be burned to eliminate them and prevent the blood of prophets and saints from accusing them.

The cities of Laman, Josh, Gad, and Kishkumen, I burned with fire and their inhabitants, punished for their wickedness in rejecting prophets and stoning those sent to condemn their abominations. Since they cast out all righteousness, I sent down fire to destroy them. This concealed their wickedness and abominations, preventing the blood of prophets and saints from crying out against them. Numerous great destructions have occurred in this land and among this people because of their wickedness and abominations.

All who have been spared for their righteousness, will you not now return to me, repent of your sins, and be converted for healing? Indeed, I declare that those who come unto me shall have eternal life. My merciful arm is extended, and I will receive all who come. Blessed are those who approach me.

I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I created the heavens, the earth, and everything in them. I was with the Father from the beginning. The Father is in me, and I am in the Father, glorifying His name.

Though I came to my own, they rejected me, fulfilling the scriptures about my coming. Those who received me become the sons of God. I will do the same for all who believe in my name, as through me, redemption comes, and I fulfill the law of Moses. I am the light and life of the world, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

No more shall you offer blood sacrifices; burnt offerings. I accept a broken heart and a contrite spirit. Those who come to me with such, I will baptize with fire and the Holy Ghost, just as the Lamanites were baptized at their conversion.

I came to bring redemption, to save the world from sin. Therefore, those who repent and come to me as little children, I will receive. I laid down my life for such, taking it up again. Repent, come to me, ends of the earth, and be saved.

Chapter Ten.

Behold, all the inhabitants of the land heard these words and witnessed them. After these sayings, there was a profound silence in the land lasting many hours. The astonishment of the people was so great that they ceased their lamentations and howling over the loss of their slain kindred. Hence, there was silence throughout the land for an extended period.

Once again, a voice spoke to the people, and everyone heard and bore witness, saying: O people of these fallen great cities, descendants of Jacob, of the house of Israel, how often have I gathered you as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, nourishing you. Again, how frequently would I have gathered you as a hen gathers her chicks. O people of the house of Israel who have fallen, dwellers of Jerusalem who have fallen, how often would I have gathered you as a hen gathers her chicks, yet you resisted. O house of Israel, whom I have spared, how often will I gather you as a hen gathers her chicks, if you repent and return to me with a whole heart. But if not, O house of Israel, your dwellings will become desolate until the covenant to your fathers is fulfilled.

After hearing these words, the people began to weep and howl again for the loss of their kin and friends. So passed the three days, and in the morning, the darkness lifted from the land. The earth

ceased to tremble, rocks stopped rending, dreadful groans ceased, and all tumultuous noises faded away. The earth came together again, standing firm. The mourning, weeping, and wailing of the spared people ceased. Their sorrow turned to joy, and their lamentations became praise and thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus Christ, their Redeemer.

Thus far, the scriptures spoken by the prophets were fulfilled. The more righteous among the people were saved—those who received the prophets and did not stone them. They were not the ones shedding the blood of the saints; hence, they were spared. They were not sunk into the earth, drowned in the sea, burned by fire, crushed to death, carried away in the whirlwind, or overpowered by smoke and darkness.

Now, let the reader understand; those with scriptures should search them and see if these deaths and destructions by fire, smoke, tempests, whirlwinds, and the opening of the earth are not fulfilling the prophecies of holy prophets. Yea, many testified of these things at the coming of Christ and were slain for their testimony. The prophet Zenos and Zenock testified of these things, particularly about us, the remnant of their seed. Jacob, our father, also testified concerning a remnant of Joseph's seed. Are we not that remnant of Joseph's seed? Are not these testimonies written on the brass plates brought from Jerusalem by our father Lehi?

As the thirty-fourth year concluded, I will show you that the spared people of Nephi, also known as Lamanites, received great favors and blessings poured upon them. Soon after Christ ascended into heaven, He truly manifested Himself to them. He showed His body to them and ministered unto them. An account of His ministry will be given later. For now, I conclude my sayings.

Jesus Christ manifested Himself to the people of Nephi while the multitude gathered in the land Bountiful, ministering unto them.

This was the manner in which He revealed Himself to them.

Chapter Eleven.

At that moment, a vast multitude of the people of Nephi had gathered around the temple in the land Bountiful. They marveled and shared with one another the great and marvelous change that had occurred. Conversations centered on Jesus Christ, regarding whom the signs had been given concerning His death.

While they were conversing, a voice, not harsh or loud but piercing to the very core, seemed to come from heaven. It caused a quake within them, reaching their souls and igniting their hearts. After hearing the voice a second time without understanding and a third time with comprehension, they looked toward heaven, where the sound originated. This time, they understood the voice, which said: Behold my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, in whom I have glorified my name—hear ye him!

As they looked up toward heaven, they saw a Man descending, clothed in a white robe. He stood in their midst, capturing the attention of the entire multitude. They dared not speak to one another, thinking He might be an angel.

Stretching forth His hand, he spoke, saying: Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world. The multitude fell to the earth, remembering the prophecy of Christ showing Himself after His ascension into heaven.

The Lord then spoke, inviting them to come forth and feel the prints of the nails in His hands and feet, confirming His identity as the God of Israel and the Savior of the world.

The multitude went forth, thrusting their hands into His side and feeling the prints of the nails. Going one by one, they bore record of seeing with their eyes and feeling with their hands, confirming the fulfillment of prophecies. In unison, they cried: Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God! Falling at Jesus' feet, they worshiped Him.

Jesus then addressed Nephi, commanding him to come forth. Nephi bowed and kissed His feet.

The Lord gave Nephi power to baptize, and He called others, granting them the same power. He emphasized unity and provided clear instructions on the manner of baptism.

Jesus declared His doctrine, focusing on repentance, belief, and baptism. He condemned contention and affirmed the oneness of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. He testified that those who believe, repent, and are baptized shall be saved, while those who do not shall be damned.

Jesus urged repentance and likened it to becoming as a little child. He reiterated the importance of baptism and clarified that only through repentance and baptism could one inherit the kingdom of God. He concluded by declaring His doctrine and urging the people to repent, likening those who build upon His teachings to a rock, while those who alter or reject His doctrine build on sandy foundations, susceptible to destruction.

He commissioned them to declare His words to the ends of the earth.

Chapter Twelve.

After Jesus spoke these words to Nephi and the twelve who had been called and given authority to baptize, a multitude surrounded Him. He extended His hand to them, proclaiming: Blessed are you if you heed the words of these twelve whom I have chosen to minister and serve you. They have the power to baptize with water, and after your baptism, I will baptize you with fire and the Holy Ghost. Therefore, you are blessed if you believe in me and are baptized after seeing and knowing me. Even more blessed are those who believe in your words, testifying that you have seen and know me. Those who humble themselves, believe your words, and are baptized will be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, receiving a remission of their sins.

Blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for they shall inherit the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are those persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you, and persecute you for my sake, saying false, evil things. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. This mirrors the persecution faced by the prophets who came before you.

I give you to be the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its savor, what will salt the earth? It becomes useless, fit only to be cast out and trampled by men.

I also designate you as the light of this people. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a candle and hide it under a bushel but put it on a candlestick to give light to all in the house. Therefore, let your light shine before the people, showcasing your good works and glorifying your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets. I am not here to destroy but to fulfill. Not one jot or tittle has passed away from the law; all has been fulfilled in me. I have given you the commandments of my Father, urging you to believe in me, repent of your sins, and come to me with a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

The commandments are before you, and the law is fulfilled. Come to me and be saved, for unless you keep my commandments at this time, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

You have heard it said of old: Thou shalt not kill, and whoever kills is in danger of God's judgment. But I say, whoever is angry with his brother is in danger of judgment. Whoever says to his brother: Raca, is in danger of the council, and whoever says: Thou Fool, is in danger of hell fire. If you come to me and remember that your brother has something against you, go to your brother, reconcile, and then come to me with a full heart, and I will receive you.

Settle matters with your adversary quickly while you are on the way with him, lest he gets you, and you are cast into prison. Truly, you shall not come out until you have paid the last senine. Can you pay even one senine while in prison? I say: No.

It is written: Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say, whoever looks at a woman to lust after her has committed adultery already in his heart. I give you a commandment: Do not allow these things into your heart, for it is better to deny yourself these things, take up your cross, than to be cast into hell.

You have heard it said: Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement. But I say, whoever puts away his wife, except for fornication, causes her to commit adultery. Whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again it is written: Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths. But I say, swear not at all, neither by heaven, for it is God's throne, nor by the earth, for it is his footstool, nor by your head, for you cannot make one hair black or white. Let your communication be: Yea, Yea—Nay, Nay; anything beyond this is evil.

You have heard: An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say, do not resist evil. Whoever smites you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. If anyone sues you at the law and takes away your coat, let him have your cloak also. Whoever compels you to go a mile, go with him two. Give to him that asks and do not turn away from him that would borrow of you.

It is also written: Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. That you may be the children of your Father in heaven, who makes His sun rise on the evil and the good.

Therefore, the old things under the law are fulfilled in me; they are done away, and all things have become new. Therefore, I desire you to be perfect as I, or as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Chapter Thirteen.

I desire you to give alms to the poor, but be cautious not to display your generosity before others to gain their admiration; otherwise, you will not receive a reward from your Father in heaven. So, when you give alms, avoid sounding a trumpet, as hypocrites do in synagogues and streets to be seen by people. I assure you; they have their reward. Instead, when you give alms, let your left hand not know what your right hand is doing, so that your charitable deeds may be done in secret, and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you openly.

Similarly, when you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray in synagogues and street corners to be noticed by people. Truly, they have their reward. But when you pray, go into your private room, shut the door, and pray to your Father in secret. Your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you openly.

When you pray, avoid using vain repetitions like the heathen who believe they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. Pray like this: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don't forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Likewise, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance, for they disfigure their faces to appear to be fasting. Truly, they have their reward. Instead, when you fast, anoint your head, wash your face, so that you do not appear to be fasting but to your Father who is in secret. Your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you openly.

Do not accumulate treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and thieves break in and steal. But accumulate treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupts, and thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye. If your eye is single, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! No one can serve two masters; either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he looked at the twelve whom he had chosen and said to them: Remember what I have said. You are the ones I have chosen to serve this people. Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life—what you will eat or drink—or about your body—what you will wear. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they are? Can any of you, by taking thought, add a single cubit to your height? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they do not toil nor spin, yet I tell you that not even Solomon, in all his glory, was adorned like one of these. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry, saying: What shall we eat, what shall we drink, or what shall we wear? The pagans seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Chapter Fourteen.

After speaking these words, Jesus turned to the multitude and addressed them once more, saying: Truly, I say to you, do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make, you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.

Why do you see the sliver in your brother's eye but not notice the log in your own? Or how can you say to your brother: Let me take the sliver out of your eye, while a log is in your eye? You

hypocrite, first take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the sliver out of your brother's eye.

Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them underfoot and turn and maul you.

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find it; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, you will know them by their fruits.

Not everyone who says to me: Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me: Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name? Then I will declare to them: I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!

Chapter Fifteen.

After concluding these teachings, Jesus surveyed the multitude and declared to them: You have heard the lessons I imparted before ascending to my Father. Therefore, whoever recalls these words of mine and puts them into practice, I will raise up on the last day.

As Jesus spoke these words, he observed that some among the crowd were astonished and puzzled about his stance on the law of Moses. They failed to comprehend the idea that old things had passed away, and all things had become new. Addressing their perplexity, he said to them: Do not be surprised that I mentioned old things passing away and all things becoming new. Understand that the law given to Moses is now fulfilled. I am the one who provided the law and made a covenant with my people Israel. Hence, the law in me is fulfilled, as I have come to accomplish it, and thus, it reaches its conclusion. I do not nullify the words of the prophets; all that has not been fulfilled in me will undoubtedly be fulfilled. When I said old things have passed away, it does not mean I invalidate what has been prophesied about future events. The covenant I made with my people is not entirely fulfilled yet. However, the law given to Moses finds its conclusion in me.

I am the embodiment of the law and the light. Look to me, endure to the end, and you shall live, for eternal life awaits those who persist until the end. I have given you commandments, so keep them. This encompasses the law and the teachings of the prophets, for they truthfully bore witness to me.

Having spoken these words, Jesus turned to the twelve disciples he had chosen and said: You are my disciples, a light to this people, the remnant of the house of Joseph. This land is your inheritance, given to you by the Father. At no time did the Father command me to reveal this to your brethren in Jerusalem. Nor did the Father instruct me to disclose information about the other tribes of the house of Israel who were led away from the land. The Father commanded me to convey this much to them: I have other sheep that are not of this fold, and I must bring them. They will hear my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

Due to their stubbornness and unbelief, they failed to comprehend my message. Hence, I was commanded by the Father not to speak more on this matter to them. I tell you; the Father commanded me to say that you were separated from them due to their iniquity. Their ignorance of you is a consequence of their iniquity.

Again, I say to you, the other tribes were separated from them because of their iniquity, and they remain ignorant of each other due to this iniquity. You are the ones of whom I spoke: Other sheep I have that are not of this fold. I must bring them, and they will hear my voice, creating one flock and one shepherd. Yet, they failed to understand that I was referring to them. They wrongly assumed I meant the Gentiles, unaware that the Gentiles would be converted through their preaching. They did not grasp my statement that they would hear my voice. Furthermore, they failed to comprehend that the Gentiles would not hear my voice unless through the Holy Ghost.

But you have heard my voice and seen me. You are my sheep, numbered among those whom the Father has given me.

Chapter Sixteen.

I tell you that I have other sheep, not in this land, nor in the land of Jerusalem, nor in any surrounding regions where I have ministered. These are the ones I refer to, who have not yet heard my voice, nor have I manifested myself to them. However, the Father has commanded me to go to them, and they will hear my voice. They will be counted among my sheep, uniting into one-fold with one shepherd. Therefore, I go to reveal myself to them.

I instruct you to record these sayings after my departure. If, perchance, my people in Jerusalem, those who have witnessed my presence and ministry, fail to inquire of the Father in my name, seeking knowledge of you by the Holy Ghost and also of the other tribes unknown to them, let these recorded sayings be preserved. They will then be made known to the Gentiles so that, through the fullness of the Gentiles, the remnant of their seed scattered across the earth due to their unbelief may be gathered or enlightened about me, their Redeemer. Subsequently, I will gather them from the four corners of the earth, fulfilling the covenant made by the Father with all the people of the house of Israel.

The Gentiles are blessed because of their belief in me and in the Holy Ghost, which testifies of me and the Father. The Father declares: Due to the Gentiles' belief in me, and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel, the truth will come to the Gentiles in the latter days. The fullness of these things will be revealed to them.

However, woe to the unbelieving Gentiles, for despite emerging on this land, they have scattered my people of the house of Israel. My people have been cast out and trampled underfoot by

them. Due to the Father's mercy toward the Gentiles and the judgments upon my people of the house of Israel, I solemnly say that after all this, having caused affliction, death, and rejection of my people who have become despised and scorned among them, the Father commands me to say this to you: When the Gentiles sin against my gospel, reject its fullness, and become prideful above all nations and people on earth, filled with lies, deceit, mischief, hypocrisy, murders, priestcrafts, whoredoms, and secret abominations—if they do all these things and reject my gospel's fullness, the Father says: I will withdraw the fullness of my gospel from among them.

I will then remember my covenant with my people, O house of Israel, and bring my gospel to them. O house of Israel, I assure you that the Gentiles will not have dominion over you. I will remember my covenant with you, and you will come to understand the fullness of my gospel. Yet, if the Gentiles repent and turn to me, says the Father, they will be counted among my people, O house of Israel. I will not permit my people of the house of Israel to tread down and oppress them, says the Father. However, if they do not turn to me and heed my voice, I will allow it. Yes, I will allow my people, O house of Israel, to go among them, tread them down, and they will become like salt that has lost its savor—good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden underfoot by my people, O house of Israel.

I say to you, the Father has commanded me to give this land to this people as their inheritance. Then the words of the prophet Isaiah will be fulfilled, which say: Your watchmen shall lift up their voice; with one voice, they shall sing, for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord brings back Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, O desolate places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before all nations, and all the ends of the earth shall witness the salvation of God.

Chapter Seventeen.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he once again surveyed the multitude and said to them: Look, my time is approaching. I realize that you are feeble and cannot comprehend all my words that I am commanded by the Father to speak to you at this time. Therefore, return to your homes, meditate on the things I have said, and ask the Father in my name to grant you understanding. Prepare your minds for tomorrow, and I will come to you again. But now, I go to the Father and to reveal myself to the lost tribes of Israel. Though they are not lost to the Father, as He knows where He has taken them.

As Jesus spoke thus, he looked again at the multitude and saw that they were in tears, gazing at him steadfastly, as if pleading for him to stay a little longer with them. He said to them: Behold, my compassion towards you is overwhelming. Do any among you have sickness? Bring them here. Do you have anyone who is lame, blind, crippled, maimed, leprous, withered, deaf, or afflicted in any way? Bring them here, and I will heal them, for I have mercy upon you; my compassion knows no bounds. I see that you desire me to show you what I have done for your brethren in Jerusalem because I perceive that your faith is sufficient for me to heal you.

After he spoke thus, the entire multitude, with one accord, went forth with their sick, afflicted, lame, blind, mute, and all those who were suffering in any way. Jesus healed each one as they were brought before him. All those who had been healed, as well as those who were whole, bowed down at his feet and worshiped him. Many, overcome with emotion, kissed his feet, even bathing them with their tears.

Jesus then commanded that their little children be brought. So, they brought their little children and placed them around him on the ground. Jesus stood in their midst, and the multitude made way until all the children had been brought to him. When all the children had been brought, Jesus, standing in their midst, commanded the multitude to kneel down on the ground.

After they had knelt down, Jesus groaned within himself and said: Father, I am troubled because of the wickedness of the people of the house of Israel. After uttering these words, he also knelt on the earth, and behold, he prayed to the Father. The content of his prayer cannot be written, but those who heard him bore witness to it. They bore witness in this manner: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor has the heart of man conceived such great and marvelous things as we saw and heard Jesus speak to the Father. No tongue can express, no man can write, nor can the hearts of men comprehend such great and marvelous things as we witnessed when Jesus spoke. No one can fathom the joy that filled our souls when he prayed for us to the Father.

When Jesus finished praying to the Father, he stood up. The joy of the multitude was so overwhelming that they were overcome. Jesus then spoke to them, telling them to rise. They stood up from the ground, and he said to them: Blessed are you because of your faith. And now, behold, my joy is complete.

After saying these words, he wept, and the multitude testified to it. He took their little children, one by one, blessed them, and prayed to the Father for them. After doing this, he wept again. He addressed the multitude, saying: Behold your little ones. As they looked, they turned their eyes towards heaven and saw the heavens open. They witnessed angels descending from heaven as if in the midst of fire. The angels came down and surrounded those little ones, encircling them with fire, ministering to them. The multitude saw, heard, and bore witness, knowing that their testimony is true. Each person among them saw and heard for themselves, and they numbered about two thousand and five hundred souls. They included men, women, and children.

Chapter Eighteen.

Jesus instructed his disciples to bring forth bread and wine. While they went for bread and wine, he directed the multitude to sit on the ground. When the disciples returned with bread and wine, he took the bread, broke and blessed it, and gave it to the disciples, commanding them to eat. After they had eaten and were satisfied, he instructed them to give to the multitude. Once the multitude had eaten and were filled, Jesus said to the disciples: Behold, one among you shall be ordained, and to him, I will give the power to break bread, bless it, and give it to the people of my church—those who believe and are baptized in my name. This you shall always observe, as I have done. I broke bread, blessed it, and gave it to you. Do this in remembrance of my body, which I have shown to you. It will testify to the Father that you always remember me. If you always remember me, you shall have my Spirit with you.

When he said these words, he commanded his disciples to take the wine from the cup, drink of it, and also give it to the multitude. They did so, drank, were filled, and gave to the multitude, who also drank and were satisfied. Jesus then said to the disciples: Blessed are you for fulfilling my commandments. This testifies to the Father that you are willing to do what I have commanded. Always do this for those who repent and are baptized in my name, in remembrance of my blood shed for you. If you always remember me, you shall have my Spirit with you.

I command you to do these things. If you always do them, you are blessed, for you are built upon my rock. Those who do more or less than these are not built upon my rock but on a sandy foundation. When the rain descends, the floods come, and the winds blow, beating upon them, they

shall fall, and the gates of hell are ready to receive them. Therefore, blessed are you if you keep my commandments, given by the Father. I say to you, you must watch and pray always, lest you be tempted by the devil and led captive by him. As I have prayed among you, so shall you pray in my church, among my repentant and baptized people. Behold, I am the light; I have set an example for you.

When Jesus spoke these words to his disciples, he turned to the multitude and said to them: Verily, I say to you, you must watch and pray always, lest you enter into temptation. Satan desires to have you, to sift you as wheat. Therefore, you must always pray to the Father in my name. Whatever you ask the Father in my name, which is right, believing you will receive, it shall be given to you. Pray in your families to the Father, always in my name, that your wives and children may be blessed.

Meet together often, and do not forbid anyone from coming to you when you meet. Allow them to come and do not forbid them. Pray for them and do not cast them out. If they come often, pray for them to the Father, in my name.

Hold up your light to shine in the world. I am the light you shall hold up—what you have seen me do. You see that I have prayed to the Father, and you all have witnessed. I have commanded that none of you should go away but have commanded that you should come to me, that you might feel and see. So shall you do to the world, and whoever breaks this commandment subjects himself to temptation.

Once Jesus had spoken these words, he turned his eyes again to the disciples he had chosen and said to them: Verily, I say to you, I give you another commandment, and then I must go to my Father to fulfill other commandments given to me. Now behold, this is the commandment: you shall not allow anyone knowingly to partake of my flesh and blood unworthily when you minister it. Whoever eats and drinks my flesh and blood unworthily eats and drinks damnation to his soul. If you know a man is unworthy, forbid him.

However, do not cast him out from among you. Minister to him, pray for him to the Father in my name. If he repents and is baptized in my name, receive him and minister to him with my flesh and blood. But if he does not repent, he shall not be numbered among my people—trying to cause destruction—for I know my sheep, and they are numbered. Nevertheless, do not cast him out of your synagogues or places of worship. Continue to minister to such, for you know not whether they will return, repent, and come to me with a full purpose of heart. I shall heal them, and you shall be the means of bringing salvation unto them.

Therefore, keep these sayings I have commanded you, that you may not come under condemnation. Woe to him whom the Father condemns. I give you these commandments because of the disputations among you. Blessed are you if you have no disputations among you. Now I go to the Father, for it is expedient for your sakes.

When Jesus finished these sayings, he touched his chosen disciples one by one, speaking to them as he touched them. The multitude did not hear his words, so they did not bear witness. However, the disciples testified that he gave them power to give the Holy Ghost. I will show you later that this record is true.

When Jesus had touched them all, a cloud overshadowed the multitude, and they could not see Jesus. While they were overshadowed, he departed from them and ascended into the sky. The disciples saw and bore witness that he ascended again into heaven.

Chapter Nineteen.

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the multitude dispersed, and each man took his wife and children back to his own home. News spread immediately among the people, even before it was dark, that the multitude had seen Jesus, and he had ministered to them. It was rumored that he would show himself again to the multitude on the morrow. Throughout the night, the news about Jesus continued to circulate. Many, an exceedingly great number, labored intensely through the night, anticipating being in the place where Jesus would reveal himself to the multitude on the morrow.

On the following day, when the multitude gathered, Nephi, along with his brother Timothy (raised from the dead), his son Jonas, Mathoni, Mathonihah, Kumen, Kumenonhi, Jeremiah, Shemnon, Jonas, Zedekiah, and Isaiah—these were the names of the disciples chosen by Jesus—went forth and stood in the midst of the multitude. The multitude was so vast that they were organized into twelve groups. The twelve disciples taught the multitude and directed them to kneel on the ground and pray to the Father in the name of Jesus. The disciples also prayed to the Father in the name of Jesus. Afterward, they ministered to the people. Having ministered the same words Jesus had spoken, they knelt again and prayed to the Father in the name of Jesus. They prayed for their most desired blessing—the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Following their prayers, they went down to the water's edge, and the multitude followed them. Nephi entered the water and was baptized, after which he baptized all those chosen by Jesus. After everyone was baptized and emerged from the water, the Holy Ghost descended upon them, filling them with both the Holy Ghost and fire. They were surrounded as if by fire that came down from heaven, witnessed by the multitude, and recorded by angels who descended from heaven to minister to them. While the angels ministered to the disciples, Jesus appeared and stood in their midst.

Jesus spoke to the multitude, commanding them to kneel once more, and also directed his disciples to kneel. When they all knelt, he commanded his disciples to pray. They began to pray, addressing Jesus as their Lord and their God.

After their prayers, Jesus departed from their midst, went a little way off, bowed to the earth, and prayed: Father, I thank thee for giving the Holy Ghost to those I have chosen. Their belief in me led to my selection of them from the world. Father, I pray that thou will give the Holy Ghost to all who believe in their words. They have received the Holy Ghost because of their belief in me, which thou hast heard in their prayers. They pray to me because I am with them. Now, Father, I pray for them and all those who believe in their words. May they believe in me, and may I be in them as thou, Father, art in me, that we may be one.

After Jesus prayed thus to the Father, he came to his disciples, who continued praying without ceasing, for they were filled with desire. Jesus blessed them as they prayed, and his countenance shone upon them, making them as white as he was, even surpassing any earthly whiteness.

Jesus encouraged them to continue praying, and he turned away, going a little way off to bow to the earth and pray again: Father, I thank thee for purifying those I have chosen through their faith. I pray for them and all who believe in their words, that they may be purified in me through faith, just as I am purified in thee. Father, I pray not for the world, but for those thou hast given me out of the world, because of their faith. May they be purified in me, that I may be in them as thou, Father, art in me, and that we may be one, glorifying me in them.

After Jesus spoke these words, he came again to his disciples, who continued steadfastly in prayer; without ceasing. Jesus smiled upon them again, and they were as white as he was. Jesus went a

little way off again and prayed to the Father. The words he prayed were ineffable, and no tongue could speak, or man could write the words he uttered. The multitude heard and bore record; their hearts were open, and they understood the words he prayed. However, the words he prayed were so great and marvelous that they could not be written or spoken by man.

After Jesus finished praying, he came again to the disciples and said: So great faith have I never seen among all the Jews. Therefore, I could not show them such great miracles due to their unbelief. Verily I say unto you, none of them have seen as great things as you have seen, nor have they heard such great things as you have heard.

Chapter Twenty.

He directed the multitude and his disciples to cease verbal prayers and instead continue praying silently in their hearts. Then, he instructed them to stand up. They promptly rose to their feet, and he proceeded to break and bless bread, giving it to the disciples to eat. After eating, he commanded them to break bread and give it to the multitude. He also provided wine for them to drink. The disciples and the multitude had not brought bread or wine, but he miraculously supplied them with both. Jesus declared: Whoever eats this bread partakes of my body to his soul, and whoever drinks this wine partakes of my blood to his soul. Their souls will never hunger or thirst; they will be fully satisfied.

Following the consumption by the multitude, they were filled with the Spirit. They collectively cried out and glorified Jesus, whom they both saw and heard. After giving glory to Him, Jesus addressed them, announcing the completion of the Father's commandment concerning the remnant of the house of Israel. He reminded them of his previous words regarding the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. He urged them to search these prophecies, emphasizing that their fulfillment signified the establishment of the covenant with the house of Israel. He assured them that the remnants scattered across the earth would be gathered from the east, west, south, and north. They would come to know the Lord, their Redeemer. The Father had commanded Jesus to give them this land as their inheritance.

Jesus warned that if the Gentiles, after receiving blessings, failed to repent and instead scattered his people, the remnant of Jacob would go forth among them like a lion among the beasts. Their adversaries would be defeated, and enemies cut off; their people would be gathered as sheaves to the floor.

The Father promised to make the covenant people powerful, consecrating their gain and substance to the Lord of the whole earth.

Jesus affirmed that he would establish his people in this land, fulfilling the covenant with their father Jacob, creating a New Jerusalem with the powers of heaven in their midst. Jesus identified himself as the prophesied prophet Moses spoke of, emphasizing that those who rejected him would be cut off from the people.

Having been raised by the Father to bless them, Jesus fulfilled the covenant through the pouring out of the Holy Ghost on the Gentiles.

When the Gentiles received the fulness of the gospel, their iniquities would be returned upon their heads unless they repented. The Father would remember the covenant, gathering his people in due time, promising them the land of Jerusalem as their inheritance.

The time would come when the fulness of the gospel would be preached to them, leading them to believe in Jesus, pray in his name, and receive the Holy Ghost. Then the Father would gather them again, giving them Jerusalem as their inheritance, and they would break forth into joy. The salvation of the Father would be seen by all nations, and the Father and Jesus would be one.

The prophecies would be fulfilled: Zion and Jerusalem would be adorned, and the uncircumcised and unclean would no longer enter. The people would know the name of the Lord, and a cry would go forth to depart from unclean places. They would not depart in haste or by flight; the Lord would go before them, and the God of Israel would be their rearward.

All these things would surely come to pass as the Father had commanded, fulfilling the covenant, and Jerusalem would be inhabited by the people as their land of inheritance.

Chapter Twenty-one.

I will provide you with a sign to discern the approaching time when I will gather my people, the house of Israel, from their prolonged dispersion and reestablish my Zion among them. This sign, which I will reveal through my declarations, both presently and in the future, by the power of the Holy Ghost granted by the Father, will be made known to the Gentiles. It will impart knowledge about this remnant of the house of Jacob, my people, who will be scattered by the Gentiles. I solemnly declare that when my Father's words are manifested and conveyed to you, the Gentiles will come to know about them. The Father's wisdom dictates that my people should be settled in this land and be established as a free nation by the Father's power. This is to ensure that these revelations may emanate from them to a remnant of your descendants, fulfilling the covenant the Father made with his people, the house of Israel. Consequently, when these works, as well as those that will be accomplished among you in the future, emerge from the Gentiles to your descendants, who will diminish in belief due to iniquity, it is the Father's plan that these revelations come from the Gentiles to showcase His power. This serves the purpose that, if the Gentiles do not harden their hearts, they may repent, come to me, be baptized in my name, and understand the true principles of my doctrine. This way, they can be counted among my people, the house of Israel. When these events transpire, and your descendants begin to grasp these revelations, it will serve as a sign to them. This sign will signify that the Father's work has already commenced to fulfill the covenant with the house of Israel.

When that day arrives, kings will be left speechless, witnessing things they had not been told, and contemplating matters they had not heard. For my sake, the Father will perform a remarkable and marvelous work among them. Some will refuse to believe, even when a person declares it to them.

The life of my servant will be in my control, and despite the harm inflicted upon him, I will heal him. This will demonstrate that my wisdom surpasses the cunning of the devil. Consequently, those who refuse to believe in my words, which the Father will cause to be brought forth to the Gentiles, will be cut off from my covenant people.

The remnant of Jacob, my people, will be among the Gentiles, akin to a lion among the beasts of the forest, treading down and tearing in pieces. They will triumph over their adversaries, and all enemies will be eliminated. Woe unto the Gentiles who do not repent! In that day, the Father will remove horses, destroy chariots, dismantle cities, and overthrow strongholds. Witchcraft, soothsaying, graven images, standing images, groves, lies, deceits, envyings, strifes, priestcrafts, and whoredoms will be eradicated.

On that day, those who do not repent and come to my Beloved Son will be cut off from my people, the house of Israel. Vengeance and fury will be executed upon them, comparable to that upon the heathen, unlike anything they have heard.

If they repent, heed my words, and do not harden their hearts, I will establish my church among them. They will enter the covenant and be counted among the remnant of Jacob, to whom I have given this land as their inheritance.

They will assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and others from the house of Israel, in building a city called the New Jerusalem. They will further aid in gathering my scattered people from all corners of the land to the New Jerusalem. The power of heaven will descend among them, and I will be in their midst.

The Father's work will commence on that day, especially when this gospel is preached among the remnant of my people. Indeed, at that time, the Father's work will begin among all the dispersed tribes of my people, including those lost tribes led away from Jerusalem by the Father. The work will start among all the dispersed tribes, with the Father preparing the way for them to come unto me and call on the Father in my name. Yes, the work will begin with the Father among all nations, preparing the way for His people to be gathered back to the land of their inheritance. They will go forth from all nations, not hastily or by fleeing, for I will go before them, declares the Father, and I will be their rear guard.

Chapter Twenty-two.

The fulfillment of what is written shall occur: Sing, O barren one, you who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who did not travail with child; for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, declares the Lord. Expand the dimensions of your dwelling; let them extend the curtains of your habitations; spare not, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you will break forth on the right hand and on the left, and your descendants will inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities inhabited. Fear not, for you shall not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you shall not be put to shame; for you shall forget the shame of your youth and not remember the reproach of your widowhood any longer. For your Maker, your husband, the Lord of Hosts, is His name; and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel—the God of the whole earth—shall He be called.

For the Lord has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were refused, says your God. For a small moment, I have forsaken you, but with great mercies, I will gather you. In a little wrath, I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness, I will have mercy on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah to Me, for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with you. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, says the Lord who has mercy on you. O you afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted!

Behold, I will lay your stones with fair colors and lay your foundations with sapphires. And I will make your windows of agates, and your gates of carbuncles, and all your borders of pleasant stones. And all your children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness, you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

They shall surely gather together against you, not by Me; whoever shall gather together against you shall fall for your sake. Behold, I have created the smith who blows the coals in the fire and brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue that shall revile against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, says the Lord.

Chapter Twenty-three.

Now, behold, I tell you that you ought to investigate these matters. Yes, I give you a commandment to diligently search these things, for the words of Isaiah are truly profound. He spoke concerning all things regarding my people of the house of Israel; therefore, it is necessary that he also spoke to the Gentiles. All that he spoke has been and shall be, exactly according to the words he uttered.

Pay attention to my words; record the things I have told you, and according to the time and the will of the Father, they shall go forth to the Gentiles. Whoever listens to my words, repents, and is baptized will be saved. Search the prophets, for many testify of these things.

Once Jesus had spoken these words and explained all the scriptures they had received, he said to them again: Behold, there are other scriptures that I would like you to write, which you do not have. He said to Nephi: Bring forth the record you have kept. When Nephi brought forth the records and laid them before him, Jesus looked at them and said: Truly, I tell you, I commanded my servant Samuel, the Lamanite, to testify to this people that on the day when the Father would glorify His name in me, many saints would rise from the dead, appear to many, and minister to them. He asked them: Was it not so? His disciples answered and said: Yes, Lord, Samuel prophesied according to your words, and all was fulfilled. Jesus said to them: How is it that you have not written about this, that many saints did rise, appear to many, and minister to them? Nephi remembered that this had not been written. Jesus commanded that it should be written, and so it was written according to His command.

Now, after Jesus had explained all the scriptures they had written, he commanded them to teach the things he had explained to them.

Chapter Twenty-four.

Jesus directed them to record the words given by the Father to Malachi, and once they were written, he provided an explanation.

These are the words he conveyed to them, saying: The Father spoke to Malachi—Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me. The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in; behold, he shall come, says the Lord of Hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who shall stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and fuller's soap. He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he shall purify the sons of Levi, purging them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and former years.

I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, adulterers, false swearers, and those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, the fatherless, and those who turn aside the stranger, and do not fear me, says the Lord of Hosts. For I am the Lord; I do not change; therefore, you sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Even from the days of your fathers, you have turned away from my ordinances and not kept them: Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of Hosts. Yet you say: In what way shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you say: In what way have we robbed you? In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house; and test me now in this, says the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that

there shall not be room enough to receive it. I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground; nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field, says the Lord of Hosts. All nations shall call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land, says the Lord of Hosts.

The Lord said: Your words have been bold against me. Yet you say: What have we spoken against you? You have said: It is useless to serve God, and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinances and walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts? So now we call the proud blessed; indeed, those who work wickedness are set up; even those who tempt God are delivered. Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard; a book of remembrance was written before him for those who feared the Lord and thought upon his name. They shall be mine, says the Lord of Hosts, on the day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. Then you shall return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve him.

Chapter Twenty-five.

A day is coming that will burn like an oven; all the proud, and those who do wickedly, will be as stubble. The approaching day will consume them entirely, declares the Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor branch. But to those who fear my name, the Son of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth and grow up like calves in the stall. You shall tread down the wicked; they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day I bring about this judgment, says the Lord of Hosts. Remember the law of Moses, my servant, which I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel, with its statutes and judgments.

I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

Chapter Twenty-six.

Jesus expounded these teachings to the multitude, covering all aspects, both great and small. He said: These scriptures, which you did not have with you, the Father commanded me to give unto you. It was His wisdom that they be bestowed upon future generations. He expounded all things, from the beginning until the time of his glorious return—covering all events that would unfold on the face of the earth, including the moment when the elements would melt with fervent heat, and the earth would be wrapped together like a scroll, and the heavens and the earth would pass away. This discourse extended to the great and final day when all people, kindreds, nations, and tongues would stand before God to be judged based on their works, whether they were good or evil. Those who did good would rise to the resurrection of everlasting life, while those who did evil would face the resurrection of damnation. This judgment would be executed with mercy, justice, and holiness in Christ, who existed before the world began.

There is not enough room in this book to record even a hundredth part of the things Jesus instructed the people. The plates of Nephi, however, contain the majority of his teachings. I've written these things, which constitute a fraction of what he taught, with the purpose that they may be restored to this people from the Gentiles, as Jesus has foretold. When they receive this—which is expedient for them to have first to test their faith—and if they believe these things, then greater things will be

revealed to them. If they don't believe these things, the greater things will be withheld from them to their condemnation.

I was about to include all that was engraved on the plates of Nephi, but the Lord stopped me, saying: I will test the faith of my people. Therefore, I, Mormon, write the things the Lord has commanded me.

I, Mormon, conclude my sayings and proceed to write the things asked to me. The Lord tutored the people for three days. After that, he often showed himself to them, breaking bread, blessing it, and giving it to them. He taught and ministered to the children of the multitude, loosening their tongues, and they spoke marvelous things to their fathers—greater than he had revealed to the people. He enabled them to utter these marvelous things.

After he ascended into heaven for the second time, showing himself to them and going to the Father, having healed the sick, lame, blind, deaf, and even raised a man from the dead, displaying his power to them—On the next day, the multitude gathered, and both saw and heard these children. Even babes opened their mouths and spoke marvelous things. The content of their utterances was forbidden to be written down.

The disciples chosen by Jesus began baptizing and teaching those who came to them. Everyone baptized in the name of Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost. Many of them witnessed and heard indescribable things, which cannot be lawfully written. They taught and ministered to one another, sharing all things in common, each person dealing justly with one another. They followed all of Jesus' commands. Those baptized in the name of Jesus were known as the church of Christ.

Chapter Twenty-seven.

While the disciples of Jesus were on their journey, preaching what they had both heard and seen and baptizing in the name of Jesus, they gathered together for mighty prayer and fasting. Once again, Jesus revealed himself to them as they prayed to the Father in his name. He appeared in their midst and asked: What do you desire that I should give unto you? They replied: Lord, we wish for you to reveal the name by which we should call this church, as there are disputes among the people concerning this matter.

The Lord responded: Why do people murmur and dispute over this? Have they not read the scriptures that say you must take upon you the name of Christ, which is my name? By this name, you shall be called on the last day. Whosoever takes upon him my name and endures to the end shall be saved on the last day. Therefore, in my name, do whatever you do. Call the church in my name, and pray to the Father in my name for His blessings upon the church.

How can it be my church unless it is called in my name? If it is called in Moses' name, then it is Moses' church. If it bears the name of a man, then it is the church of that man. However, if it is called in my name, it is my church, provided it is built upon my gospel. Verily, you are built upon my gospel; thus, call whatever things you do in my name. If you call upon the Father for the church in my name, He will hear you. If the church is built upon my gospel, the Father will manifest His works in it. But if it is not built upon my gospel and is constructed upon the works of men or the devil, they may rejoice in their works for a season. However, the end will come, and they will be hewn down and cast into the fire with no return. Remember that it is their works that lead to their destruction, and bear in mind what I have told you.

I have given you my gospel. I came into the world to do my Father's will because He sent me. My Father sent me to be lifted up on the cross. After being lifted up on the cross, I draw all men unto

me, so they can stand before me to be judged based on their works, whether good or evil. I have been lifted up for this purpose, and according to the power of the Father, I will draw all men unto me for judgment according to their works.

Whoever repents and is baptized in my name shall be filled. If he endures to the end, I will hold him guiltless before my Father on the day when I judge the world. But he who does not endure to the end, will be hewn down and cast into the fire with no return due to the justice of the Father.

This is the word given to the children of men, and God fulfills His words. He does not lie but fulfills all His promises.

No unclean thing can enter His kingdom. Only those who have washed their garments in my blood through faith, repentance, and faithfulness to the end can enter His rest. This is the commandment: Repent, all ends of the earth, come to me, and be baptized in my name to be sanctified by receiving the Holy Ghost. This way, you may stand spotless before me on the last day.

This is my gospel, and you know what you must do in my church. Do the works you have seen me do, and if you follow these teachings, you are blessed and will be lifted up on the last day.

Write down the things you have seen and heard, except those that are forbidden. Record the works of this people as they will be, just as it has been written. This people will be judged by the books that have been and will be written. Their works will be known to men through these books. All things are written by the Father, and the world will be judged based on the books that will be written. You shall be judges of this people according to the judgment I give you, which will be just. Therefore, follow my example.

I go to the Father. Whatever you ask the Father in my name shall be given to you. So, ask, and you shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Those who ask, receive, and to those who knock, it will be opened. My joy is complete, even unto fullness, because of you and this generation. The Father rejoices, and all the holy angels rejoice because none of you are lost. Understand that I refer to those who are now alive in this generation, and none of them are lost. I find complete joy in them.

But it grieves me for the fourth generation from this one, as they are led captive, just like the son of perdition. They will trade me for silver and gold, for that which corrupts and can be stolen. In that day, I will visit them, turning their works upon their own heads.

When Jesus finished speaking, he said to his disciples: Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few find it. The gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to death, and many travel that path until the night comes when no one can work.

Chapter Twenty-eight.

When Jesus spoke these words, he addressed his disciples one by one, asking them: What is it that you desire from me after I am gone to the Father? Most of them responded, with the exception of three, expressing their desire that after they had lived to the age of man, their ministry, as called by Jesus, would conclude. They wished to swiftly come to Jesus in his kingdom. Jesus blessed them for their desire, assuring them that after reaching the age of seventy and two years, they would come to him in his kingdom, finding rest with him.

He then turned to the three disciples who had not spoken and asked: What do you want me to do for you when I am gone to the Father? These three disciples were sorrowful in their hearts, reluctant to speak of their desires. Jesus, understanding their thoughts, assured them: I know what you desire, and it is akin to what my beloved disciple John—who was with me in my ministry before the Jews lifted me up—desired. He declared them more blessed, promising that they would never taste of death.

Instead, they would live to witness all the Father's doings among the children of men until the fulfillment of all things according to the Father's will. They would see Jesus come in glory with the powers of heaven. These disciples would not experience the pains of death. When Jesus came in glory, they would be transformed in the twinkling of an eye from mortality to immortality, finding blessedness in the kingdom of the Father. In their mortal state, they would not suffer pain, but only sorrow for the sins of the world.

This blessing was granted because of their desire to bring souls unto Jesus as long as the world stood. For this reason, they would experience fullness of joy, sitting down in the kingdom of the Father, sharing in the joy that the Father had given Jesus. They would become like Jesus, who is one with the Father, and the Holy Ghost would bear witness of Jesus and the Father.

Jesus then touched all of them with his finger, except the three disciples who were to stay, and then he departed. The heavens opened, and they were caught up into heaven, witnessing and hearing unspeakable things. They were forbidden to speak or utter the things they saw and heard, whether in or out of the body, for it appeared as a transfiguration, a change from mortal to immortal, allowing them to behold the things of God. Following their transfiguration, they again ministered on the earth. However, they refrained from ministering about the things they had heard and seen, as commanded in heaven.

Whether they remained mortal or became immortal after their transfiguration is unknown. Yet, according to the record, they went forth, ministering to all people, uniting believers to the church through preaching and baptizing. Those baptized received the Holy Ghost. Despite being cast into prison and even into the earth, the prisons could not hold them, and they were delivered by the power of God. Pits and furnaces failed to contain them, as they were protected and delivered. They spread the gospel of Christ among the people of Nephi, converting them to the Lord and uniting them with the Church of Christ. The people of that generation were blessed, fulfilling the words of Jesus.

I, Mormon, conclude my narration on these matters. I was about to print the names of those who would never taste death, but the Lord forbade it, keeping them hidden from the world. I have seen them, and they have ministered to me. They will be among the Gentiles, who will not recognize them. Similarly, they will be among the Jews, who will remain unaware of their presence. Eventually, when the Lord deems it wise, they will minister to all the scattered tribes of Israel and to people of all nations, tongues, and kindreds. Through them, many souls will be brought to Jesus, fulfilling their desire and the convincing power of God within them. They are like the angels of God, capable of showing themselves to anyone if they pray to the Father in the name of Jesus. Remarkable and marvelous works will be performed by them before the great and impending day when all must stand before Christ's judgment seat. Even among the Gentiles, they will accomplish significant and extraordinary works before that judgment day.

If you had all the scriptures detailing Christ's marvelous works, you would know that these things are bound to happen. Woe to those who reject the words of Jesus and those whom He has chosen and sent! Those who refuse to receive Jesus' words and the words of His chosen messengers will not be received by Him on the last day. It would be better for them if they had never been born. Can one escape the justice of an offended God, whose salvation was made possible through His suffering at the hands of men?

Turning now to those chosen by the Lord, specifically the three who were caught up into the heavens, I initially did not know whether they had been cleansed from mortality to immortality. However, since writing, I have inquired of the Lord, and He has revealed to me that a change needed

to be wrought upon their bodies. Otherwise, they would have to taste of death. This change, while not equal to the one that will take place at the last day, rendered them immune to pain and sorrow, except for the sins of the world. Though not yet equal to the final change at the last day, this transformation ensured Satan had no power over them, preventing any temptation. They were sanctified in the flesh, holy, and beyond the grasp of earthly powers. They remained in this state until the judgment day of Christ when they would receive a greater change, being received into the Father's kingdom to dwell with God eternally in the heavens.

Chapter Twenty-nine.

When the Lord, in His wisdom, deems it appropriate for these teachings to reach the Gentiles as per His word, you will recognize that the covenant made by the Father with the children of Israel, concerning their restoration to their inheritance lands, is already commencing fulfillment. You will understand that every word spoken by the Lord through His holy prophets will be entirely realized. There is no need to claim that the Lord delays His coming to the children of Israel. Do not doubt in your hearts that the spoken words are in vain, for the Lord will honor His covenant with the people of the house of Israel.

When you witness these teachings emerging among you, refrain from rejecting the Lord's actions any longer, as the sword of His justice is in His right hand. On that day, if you reject His actions, they will swiftly overtake you. Woe to the one who rejects the Lord's actions; indeed, woe to the one who denies Christ and His works! Likewise, woe to the one who denies the revelations of the Lord, asserting that the Lord no longer communicates through revelation, prophecy, gifts, tongues, healings, or the power of the Holy Ghost! Furthermore, woe to the one who, seeking gain, declares at that time that no miracle can be wrought by Jesus Christ. Such a person will become akin to the son of perdition, for whom there is no mercy, as declared by Christ! Cease hissing, spurning, or mocking the Jews or any remnants of the house of Israel. The Lord remembers His covenant with them and will fulfill His sworn promises. Hence, do not assume that you can divert the Lord's judgment or change His course to prevent the execution of the covenant made with the house of Israel.

Chapter Thirty.

Listen, O Gentiles, and heed the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. He has commanded me to speak to you, for he directs me to write, saying: Repent, all you Gentiles, turn away from your wicked ways. Renounce your evil deeds, deceit, falsehoods, whoredoms, secret abominations, idolatries, murders, priestcrafts, envyings, strifes, and all your wickedness and abominations. Come to me, be baptized in my name, and receive remission of your sins. Be filled with the Holy Ghost, and be counted among my people of the house of Israel.