

# THE THIRD BOOK OF NEPHI



THE SON OF NEPHI WHICH WAS THE SON OF HELAMAN

*And Helaman was the son of Helaman, which was the son of Alma which was the son of Alma, Being a descendant of Nephi which was the son of Lehi, which came out of Jerusalem in the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, the king of Judah.*

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a 1N 1:3, 26-28;  
3:4; 5:236

**1** NOW IT came to pass that the <sup>1</sup>ninety and first year had passed away, And it was six hundred years from the <sup>a</sup>time that Lehi left Jerusalem; And it was in the year that Lachoneus was the chief judge and the governor over the land;

2 And Nephi, the son of Helaman, had departed out of the Land of Zarahemla, giving charge unto his son Nephi, which was his eldest son, concerning the plates of brass and all the records which had been kept, And all those things which had been kept sacred from the departure of Lehi out of Jerusalem;

3 Then he departed out of the land and whither he went no man knoweth; And his son Nephi did keep the record in his stead, yea, the record of this people.

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3N 1:45

4 And it came to pass that in the commencement of the <sup>2</sup>ninety and second year, Behold, the prophecies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully; For there began to be greater signs and greater miracles wrought among the people.

b H 5:56-58

5 But there were some which began to say that the time was past for the <sup>b</sup>words to be fulfilled which were spoken by Samuel the Lamanite;

6 And they began to rejoice over their brethren, saying: "Behold, the time is past and the words of Samuel are not fulfilled;

Therefore, your joy and your faith  
concerning this thing hath been vain.”

- 7 And it came to pass that they did make  
a great uproar throughout the land;  
And the people which believed began to be very sorrowful,  
lest by any means those things which had been spoken  
might not come to pass;
- 8 But behold, they did watch steadfastly for that day  
and that night and that day—which should be  
as one day as if there were no night—that they  
might know that their faith had not been vain.
- 9 Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart  
by the unbelievers that all those who believed  
in those traditions should be put to death,  
except the sign should come to pass  
which had been given by Samuel the prophet.
- 10 Now it came to pass that when Nephi, the son of Nephi,  
saw this wickedness of his people,  
his heart was exceeding sorrowful.
- 11 And it came to pass that he went out and bowed himself  
down upon the earth and cried mightily to his God  
in behalf of his people, yea, those which  
were about to be destroyed because of  
their faith in the tradition of their fathers.
- 12 And it came to pass that he cried mightily  
unto the Lord all that day;  
And behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying:  
“Lift up your head and be of good cheer,  
for behold, the time is at hand;  
And on this night shall the sign be given,
- 13 And on the morrow <sup>a</sup>come I into the world to show  
unto the world that I will fulfill all that I have caused  
to be spoken by the mouth of My holy prophets.
- 14 “Behold, I come unto My own to fulfill all things  
which I have made known unto the children of men  
from the foundation of the world,  
And to do the will both of the Father and of the Son—  
of the Father because of Me,  
and of the Son because of My flesh.

a 1N 1:20; 3:4;  
5:236  
2N 11:35

a H 5:61

b H 5:59

- 15 “And behold, the time is at hand,  
And this night shall the sign be given.”
- 16 And it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi  
were fulfilled according as they had been spoken.
- 17 For he beheld at the going down of the sun  
there was no darkness,  
And the people began to be astonished because  
there was no darkness when the night came.
- 18 And there were many which had not believed the words  
of the prophets <sup>a</sup>fell to the earth  
and became as if they were dead,  
For they knew that the great plan of destruction which  
they had laid for those who had believed in the words  
of the prophets had been frustrated, for the sign  
which had been given was already at hand;  
And they began to know that the Son of God  
must shortly appear.
- 19 Yea, and in fine, all the people upon the face of the whole  
earth—from the west to the east, both in the Land  
North and in the Land South—were so exceedingly  
astonished that they fell to the earth,
- 20 For they knew that the prophets had testified of these  
things for many years and that the sign which  
had been given was already at hand;  
And they began to fear because of their iniquity  
and their unbelief.
- 21 And it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that  
night, but it was as light as though it was midday.
- 22 And it came to pass that the sun did rise in the morning  
again, according to its proper order;  
And they knew that it was the day that the Lord should  
be born because of the sign which had been given.
- 23 And it had come to pass, yea, all things, every whit,  
according to the words of the prophets.
- 24 And it came to pass also that a <sup>b</sup>new star did appear  
according to the word.
- 25 And it came to pass from this time forth there began to be

- lyings sent forth among the people by satan to harden their hearts, to the intent that they might not believe in those signs and wonders which they had seen;
- 26 But notwithstanding those lyings and deceivings, the more part of the people did believe and were converted unto the Lord.
- 27 And it came to pass that Nephi went forth among the people, and also many others, baptizing unto repentance in the which there were a great remission of sins.
- 28 And thus the people began again to have peace in the land; And there were no contentions, save it were a few that began to preach, endeavoring to prove by the scriptures that it was no more expedient to observe the law of Moses—
- 29 Now in this thing they did err having not understood the scriptures.
- 30 But it came to pass that they soon became converted and were convinced of the error which they were in, For it was made known unto them that the law was not yet fulfilled and that it must be fulfilled in every whit;
- 31 Yea, the word came unto them that it must be fulfilled, Yea, that one jot nor tittle should not pass away till it should all be fulfilled; Therefore, in this same year were they brought to a knowledge of their error and did confess their faults.
- 32 And thus the <sup>1</sup>ninety and second year did pass away, bringing glad tidings unto the people because of the signs which did come to pass, according to the words of the prophecy of all the holy prophets. 1 AD 1
- 33 And it came to pass that the <sup>2</sup>ninety and third year did also pass away in peace, save it were for the Gaddianton robbers which did dwell upon the mountains, which did infest the land; 2 AD 2
- 34 For so strong were their holds and their secret places that the people could not overpower them, Therefore, they did commit many murders and did do much slaughter among the people.
- 35 And it came to pass that in the <sup>3</sup>ninety and fourth year they began to increase in a great degree because there were many dissenters of the Nephites which did flee 3 AD 3

unto them, which did cause much sorrow unto those Nephites which did remain in the land.

- 36 And there was also a cause of much sorrow among the Lamanites;  
For behold, they had many children which did grow up and began to wax strong in years,  
That they became for themselves and were led away by some which were Zoramites, by their lyings and their flattering words, to join those Gaddianton robbers;
- 37 And thus were the Lamanites afflicted also and began to decrease as to their faith and righteousness because of the wickedness of the rising generation.
- 38 And it came to pass that thus passed away the <sup>1</sup>ninety and fifth year also,  
And the people began to forget those signs and wonders which they had heard,  
And began to be less and less astonished at a sign or a wonder from heaven,
- 39 Insomuch that they began to be hard in their hearts and blind in their minds,  
And began to disbelieve all which they had heard and seen,  
Imagining up some vain thing in their hearts, that it was wrought by men and by the power of the devil to lead away and deceive the hearts of the people;
- 40 And thus did satan get possession of the hearts of the people again,  
Insomuch that he did blind their eyes and lead them away to believe that the doctrine of Christ was a foolish and a vain thing.
- 41 And it came to pass that the people began to wax strong in wickedness and abominations,  
And they did not believe that there should be any more signs or wonders given;
- 42 And satan did go about leading away the hearts of the people, tempting them and causing them that they should do great wickedness in the land.
- 43 And thus did pass away the ninety and <sup>2</sup>sixth year,  
And also the ninety and seventh year,  
And also the ninety and eighth year,  
And also the ninety and ninth year,  
And also an <sup>3</sup>hundred years had passed away

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- since the days of Mosiah, which was king  
over the people of the Nephites;
- 44 And six hundred and nine years had passed away  
since Lehi left Jerusalem;  
And nine years had passed away from the time which  
the sign was given, which was spoken of by the  
prophets that Christ should come into the world.
- 45 Now the Nephites began to reckon their time  
from this period which the sign was given,  
or from the coming of Christ;
- 46 Therefore, nine years had passed away,  
And Nephi, which was the father of Nephi which had the  
charge of the records, did not return to the Land of  
Zarahemla and could nowhere be found in all the land.
- 47 And it came to pass that the people did still remain in  
wickedness, notwithstanding the much preaching  
and prophesying which was sent among them;  
And thus passed away the <sup>1</sup>tenth year also; 1 AD 10  
And the eleventh year also passed away in iniquity.
- 48 And it came to pass in the <sup>2</sup>thirteenth year there began 2 AD 13  
to be wars and contentions throughout all the land;  
For the Gaddianton robbers had become so numerous  
and did slay so many of the people,  
and did lay waste so many cities,  
and did spread so much death and carnage  
throughout the land,  
That it became expedient that all the people,  
both the Nephites and the Lamanites,  
should take up arms against them;
- 49 Therefore, all the Lamanites which had  
become converted unto the Lord did  
unite with their brethren the Nephites,  
And were compelled for the safety of their lives  
and their women and their children to take up  
arms against those Gaddianton robbers,
- 50 Yea, and also to maintain their rights,  
and their privileges of their church,  
and of their worship,  
and their freedom and their liberty.
- 51 And it came to pass that before this  
thirteenth year had passed away,

The Nephites were threatened with utter destruction  
because of this war which had become exceeding sore.

- 52 And it came to pass that those Lamanites which had united  
with the Nephites were numbered among the Nephites;  
And their curse was taken from them,  
And their skin became white like unto the Nephites,  
53 And their young men and their daughters  
became exceeding fair,  
And they were numbered among the Nephites  
and were called Nephites;  
And thus ended the thirteenth year.

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- 54 And it came to pass in the commencement of the <sup>1</sup>four-  
teenth year, the war between the robbers and the people  
of Nephi did continue and did become exceeding sore;  
55 Nevertheless, the people of Nephi did gain some advantage  
of the robbers, insomuch that they did drive them back  
out of their lands into the mountains  
and into their secret places;  
And thus ended the fourteenth year.

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- 56 And in the <sup>2</sup>fifteenth year they did come forth again  
against the people of Nephi;  
And because of the wickedness of the people of Nephi and  
their many contentions and dissensions, the Gaddianton  
robbers did gain many advantages over them;  
57 And thus ended the fifteenth year.  
  
And thus were the people in a state of many afflictions;  
And the sword of destruction did hang over them,  
insomuch that they were about  
to be smitten down by it,  
And this because of their iniquity.

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**2** AND NOW it came to pass that in the <sup>3</sup>sixteenth year  
from the coming of Christ, Lachoneus, the governor  
of the land, received an epistle from the leader  
and the governor of this band of robbers.

- 2 And these were the words which were written, saying:  
“Lachoneus, most noble and chief governor of the land,  
Behold, I write this epistle unto you and do give unto you  
exceeding great praise because of your firmness,

- and also the firmness of your people, in maintaining  
that which ye suppose to be your right and liberty;
- 3 Yea, ye do stand well—as if ye were supported by the hand  
of a God in the defense of your liberty and your prop-  
erty and your country, or that which ye do call so;
- 4 And it seemeth a pity unto me, most noble Lachoneus,  
that ye should be so foolish and vain as to suppose  
that ye can stand against so many brave men  
which are at my command,  
Which do now at this time stand in their arms  
and do await, with great anxiety, for the word,  
‘Go down upon the Nephites and destroy them.’
- 5 “And I knowing of their unconquerable spirit,  
having proved them in the field of battle and knowing  
of their everlasting hatred toward you because of the  
many wrongs which ye have done unto them,  
Therefore, if they should come down against you,  
they would visit you with utter destruction.
- 6 “Therefore, I have written this epistle,  
sealing it with mine own hand,  
Feeling for your welfare because of your firmness  
in that which ye believe to be right  
and your noble spirit in the field of battle.
- 7 “Therefore, I write unto you desiring that ye  
would yield up unto this my people  
your cities, your lands and your possessions,  
Rather than that they should visit you with the sword  
and that destruction should come upon you;
- 8 Or, in other words, yield yourselves up unto us,  
and unite with us,  
and become acquainted with our secret works,  
and become our brethren,  
That ye may be like unto us—  
Not our slaves, but our brethren and partners  
of all our substance.
- 9 “And behold, I swear unto you, if ye will do this  
with an oath, ye shall not be destroyed,  
But if ye will not do this, I swear unto you with an oath  
that on the morrow month I will command  
that my armies shall come down against you,
- 10 And they shall not stay their hand and shall spare not,

- But shall slay you and shall let fall the sword upon you,  
yea, even until ye shall become extinct.
- 11 “And behold, I am Giddianhi and am the governor of this,  
the secret society of Gaddianton, which society  
and the works thereof I know to be good;  
And they are of ancient date and they  
have been handed down unto us;
- 12 And I write this epistle unto you, Lachoneus,  
And I hope that ye will deliver up your lands and  
your possessions without the shedding of blood,  
That this my people may recover their rights and  
government which have dissented away from you  
because of your wickedness in retaining from them  
their rights of government;  
And except ye do this, I will avenge their wrongs;  
I am Giddianhi.”
- 13 And now it came to pass when Lachoneus received  
this epistle, he was exceedingly astonished because  
of the boldness of Giddianhi in demanding the  
possession of the land of the Nephites,
- 14 And also of threatening the people and avenging the  
wrongs of those that had received no wrong, save it  
were they had wronged themselves by dissenting away  
unto those wicked and abominable robbers.
- 15 Now behold, this Lachoneus, the governor, was  
a just man and could not be frightened by the  
demands and the threatenings of a robber;
- 16 Therefore, he did not hearken to the epistle  
of Giddianhi, the governor of the robbers,  
But he did cause that his people should cry  
unto the Lord for strength against the time  
that the robbers should come down against them.
- 17 Yea, he sent a proclamation among all the people that they  
should gather together their women and their children,  
their flocks and their herds and all their substance—  
save it were their land—unto one place.
- 18 And he caused that fortifications should be built  
round about them and the strength thereof  
should be exceeding great.
- 19 And he caused that there should be armies—both of the

Nephites and of the Lamanites, or of all them which were numbered among the Nephites—should be placed as guards round about to watch them and to guard them from the robbers day and night.

- 20 Yea, he said unto them, “As the Lord liveth, except ye repent of all your iniquities and cry unto the Lord”—That they could in no wise be delivered out of the hands of those Gaddianton robbers.
- 21 And so great and marvelous were the words and prophecies of Lachoneus that they did cause <sup>a</sup>fear to come upon all the people, And they did exert themselves in their might to do according to the words of Lachoneus.
- 22 And it came to pass that Lachoneus did appoint chief captains over all the armies of the Nephites to command them at the time that the robbers should come down out of the wilderness against them;
- 23 Now the chiefest among all the chief captains and the great commander of all the armies of the Nephites was appointed, and his name was Gidgiddoni;
- 24 Now it was the custom among all the Nephites to appoint for their chief captains—save it were in their times of wickedness—someone that had the spirit of revelation, and also prophecy; Therefore, this Gidgiddoni was a great prophet among them, and also was the chief judge.
- 25 Now the people said unto Gidgiddoni: “Pray unto the Lord, And let us go up upon the mountains and into the wilderness, that we may fall upon the robbers and destroy them in their own lands.”
- 26 But Gidgiddoni saith unto them: “The Lord forbid, for if we should go up against them, the Lord would deliver us into their hands;
- 27 Therefore, we will prepare ourselves in the center of our lands, And we will gather all our armies together, And we will not go against them, but we will wait till they shall come against us;
- 28 Therefore, as the Lord liveth, if we do this,

<sup>a</sup> 3N 11:19-20  
Ps 34:11; 111:10  
Prov 1:7; 9:10

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He will deliver them into our hands.”

- 29 And it came to pass in the <sup>1</sup>seventeenth year in the latter end of the year, the proclamation of Lachoneus had gone forth throughout all the face of the land,
- 30 And they had taken their horses and their chariots and their cattle and all their flocks and their herds and their grain and all their substance,
- 31 And did march forth by thousands and by tens of thousands, until they had all gone forth to the place which had been appointed that they should gather themselves together to defend themselves against their enemies;
- 32 And the land which was appointed was the Land of Zarahemla and the land which was between the Land of Zarahemla and the Land Bountiful, yea, to the line which was betwixt the Land Bountiful and the Land Desolation;
- 33 And there were a great many thousand people which were called Nephites which did gather themselves together in this land.
- 34 Now Lachoneus did cause that they should gather themselves together in the Land Southward because of the great curse which was upon the Land Northward; And they did fortify themselves against their enemies,
- 35 And they did dwell in one land and in one body, And they did fear the words which had been spoken by Lachoneus, insomuch that they did repent of all their sins;
- 36 And they did put up their prayers unto the Lord their God, that he would deliver them in the time that their enemies should come down against them to battle;
- 37 And they were exceeding sorrowful because of their enemies;
- 38 And Gidgiddoni did cause that they should make weapons of war of every kind, that they should be strong with armor and with shields and with bucklers after the manner of his instructions.
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- 39 And it came to pass that in the latter end of the <sup>2</sup>eighteenth year, those armies of robbers had prepared for battle and began to come down and to sally forth from the hills and out of the mountains and the wilderness and their strongholds and their secret places,
- 40 And began to take possession of the lands, both which was

in the Land South and which was in the Land North,  
 And began to take possession of all the lands  
 which had been deserted by the Nephites  
 and the cities which had been left desolate.

- 41 But behold, there were no wild beasts nor game in those  
 lands which had been deserted by the Nephites,  
 And there was no game for the robbers,  
 save it were in the wilderness;
- 42 And the robbers could not exist—save it were  
 in the wilderness—for the want of food,  
 For the Nephites had left their lands desolate,  
 and had gathered their flocks and their herds  
 and all their substance;
- And they were in one body,
- 43 Therefore, there was no chance for the robbers  
 to plunder and to obtain food, save it were  
 to come up in open battle against the Nephites;
- 44 And the Nephites being in one body and having so great a  
 number and having reserved for themselves provisions  
 and horses and cattle and flocks of every kind  
 that they might subsist for the space of seven years,
- 45 In the which time they did hope to destroy the robbers  
 from off the face of the land.

And thus the <sup>1</sup>eighteenth year did pass away.

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- 46 And it came to pass that in the <sup>2</sup>nineteenth year,  
 Giddianhi found that it was expedient that he  
 should go up to battle against the Nephites,  
 For there was no way that they could subsist,  
 save it were to plunder and rob and murder;
- 47 And they durst not spread themselves upon the face of  
 the land insomuch that they could raise grain, lest  
 the Nephites should come upon them and slay them;
- 48 Therefore, Giddianhi gave commandment  
 unto his armies that in this year they  
 should go up to battle against the Nephites.
- 49 And it came to pass that they did come up to battle,  
 And it was in the sixth month,  
 And behold, great and terrible was the day  
 that they did come up to battle.
- 50 And they were girded about after the manner of robbers;

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- And they had a lambskin about their loins and they were dyed in blood;  
And their heads were shorn and they had headplates upon them;
- 51 And great and terrible was the appearance of the armies of Giddianhi because of their armor and because of their being dyed in blood.
- 52 And it came to pass that the armies of the Nephites—when they saw the appearance of the army of Giddianhi—hast all fallen to the earth, And did lift their cries to the Lord their God, that He would spare them and deliver them out of the hands of their enemies.
- 53 And it came to pass that when the armies of Giddianhi saw this, they began to shout with a loud voice because of their joy, For they had supposed that the Nephites had fallen with fear because of the terror of their armies;
- 54 But in this thing they were disappointed, for the Nephites did not fear them, But they did fear their God and did supplicate Him for protection;
- 55 Therefore, when the armies of Giddianhi did rush upon them, they were prepared to meet them—Yea, in the strength of the Lord they did receive them.
- And the battle commenced in this, the sixth month;
- 56 And great and terrible was the battle thereof—Yea, great and terrible was the slaughter thereof, insomuch that there never was known so great a slaughter among all the people of Lehi since he left Jerusalem;
- 57 And notwithstanding the threatenings and the oaths which Giddianhi had made, Behold, the Nephites did beat them, insomuch that they did fall back from before them.
- 58 And it came to pass that Gidgiddoni commanded that his armies should pursue them as far as to the borders of the wilderness, And that they should not spare any that should fall into their hands by the way;
- 59 And thus they did pursue them and did slay them to the borders of the wilderness, even until they

had fulfilled the commandment of Gidgiddoni.

60 And it came to pass that Giddianhi, who had stood  
and fought with boldness, was pursued as he fled;  
And being weary because of his much fighting,  
he was overtaken and slain;  
And thus was the end of Giddianhi the robber.

61 And it came to pass that the armies of the Nephites  
did return again to their place of security.

62 And it came to pass that this nineteenth year did pass  
away and the robbers did not come again to battle,  
Neither did they come in the <sup>1</sup>twentieth year.

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63 But in the <sup>2</sup>twenty and first year  
they did not come up to battle,  
But they came up on all sides to lay siege  
round about the people of Nephi;

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64 For they did suppose that if they should cut off  
the people of Nephi from their lands  
and should hem them in on every side,  
And if they should cut them off from  
all their outward privileges,  
That they could cause them to yield  
themselves according to their wishes.

65 Now they had appointed unto themselves another  
leader whose name was Zemnarihah,  
Therefore, it was Zemnarihah that did cause  
that this siege should take place.

66 But behold, this was an advantage unto the Nephites,  
For it was impossible for the robbers to lay siege  
sufficiently long to have any effect upon the Nephites  
because of their much provision which they had  
laid up in store and because of the scantiness  
of provisions among the robbers;

67 For behold, they had nothing save it were meat  
for their subsistence, which meat  
they did obtain in the wilderness.

68 And it came to pass that the wild game became scarce  
in the wilderness, insomuch that the robbers  
were about to perish with hunger.

69 And the Nephites were continually marching out by day

- and by night and falling upon their armies and cutting them off by thousands and by tens of thousands;
- 70 And thus it became the desire of the people of Zemnarihah to withdraw from their design because of the great destruction which came upon them by night and by day.
- 71 And it came to pass that Zemnarihah did give command unto his people that they should withdraw themselves from the siege and to march into the farthermost parts of the Land Northward.
- 72 And now Gidgiddoni being aware of their design and knowing of their weakness because of the want of food and the great slaughter which had been made among them, Therefore, he did send out his armies in the nighttime and did cut off the way of their retreat and did place his armies in the way of their retreat;
- 73 And this did they do in the nighttime and got on their march beyond the robbers, So that on the morrow when the robbers began their march, they were met by the armies of the Nephites, both in their front and in their rear;
- 74 And the robbers which were on the south were also cut off in their places of retreat; And all these things were done by command of Gidgiddoni.
- 75 And there were many thousands which did yield themselves up prisoners unto the Nephites, And the remainder of them were slain; And their leader, Zemnarihah, was taken and hanged upon a tree—yea, even upon the top thereof—until he was dead;
- 76 And when they had hanged him until he was dead, they did fell the tree to the earth and did cry with a loud voice, saying:  
“May the Lord preserve His people in righteousness and in holiness of heart!  
That they may cause to be felled to the earth all who shall seek to slay them because of power and secret combinations, even as this man hath been felled to the earth.”
- 77 And they did rejoice and cry again with one voice, saying,  
“May the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob protect this people

in righteousness, so long as they shall call  
on the name of their God for protection!”

- 78 And it came to pass that they did break forth—all as one—  
in singing and praising their God for the great thing  
which He had done for them in preserving them  
from falling into the hands of their enemies;
- 79 Yea, they did cry, “Hosanna to the Most High God!”  
And they did cry, “Blessed be the name of the  
Lord God Almighty, the Most High God!”
- 80 And their hearts were swollen with joy unto the gushing  
out of many tears because of the great goodness of God  
in delivering them out of the hands of their enemies;
- 81 And they knew it was because of their repentance  
and their humility that they had been delivered  
from an everlasting destruction.
- 82 And now behold, there was not a living soul  
among all the people of the Nephites which  
did doubt in the least thing in the words  
of all the holy prophets which had spoken;
- 83 For they knew that it must needs be  
that they must be fulfilled;  
And they knew that it must be expedient that Christ  
had come because of the many signs which had  
been given according to the words of the prophets;
- 84 And because of the things which had come to pass already,  
they knew it must needs be that all things should come  
to pass according to that which had been spoken;
- 85 Therefore, they did forsake all their sins and their  
abominations and their whoredoms and did  
serve God with all diligence day and night.
- 86 And now it came to pass that when they had taken  
all the robbers prisoners, insomuch that none  
did escape which were not slain,  
They did cast their prisoners into prison and did cause  
the word of God to be preached unto them;
- 87 And as many as would repent of their sins  
and enter into a <sup>a</sup>covenant that they would  
murder no more were set at liberty;
- 88 But as many as there were who did not enter into  
a covenant and who did still continue to have  
those secret murders in their hearts—  
Yea, as many as were found breathing out threatenings

a A 10:2

### 3 NEPHI 2:89

a A 21:70

against their brethren were condemned and <sup>a</sup>punished according to the law;

89 And thus they did put an end to all those wicked and secret and abominable combinations, in the which there were so much wickedness and so many murders committed.

1 AD 22 - 25

90 And thus had the <sup>1</sup>twenty and second year passed away, And the twenty and third year also, And the twenty and fourth, And the twenty and fifth.

b 4N 1:4

91 And thus had twenty and five years passed away; And there had been many <sup>b</sup>things transpired which in the eyes of some would be great and marvelous;

c WM 1:8  
H 2:13  
3N 12:1-5  
Eth 6:108

92 Nevertheless, they could not all be written in this book, Yea, this book cannot contain even a <sup>c</sup>hundredth part of what was done among so many people in the space of twenty and five years.

93 But behold, there are records which do contain all the proceedings of this people, And a more short but a true account is given by Nephi; 94 Therefore, I have made my record of these things according to the record of Nephi which was engraven on the plates which were called the plates of Nephi; 95 And behold, I do make the record on plates which I have made with mine own hands.

d Mos 9:28-49  
e 1N 3:230  
Mos 3:6-8;  
9:41-44, 174  
A 5:27  
3N 10:1

96 And behold, I am called Mormon, being called after the Land of Mormon— The <sup>d</sup>land in the which Alma did establish the <sup>e</sup>church among this people, yea, the first church which was established among them after their transgression.

97 Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; I have been called of Him to declare His word among His people, that they might have everlasting life.

f En 1:17-28

98 And it hath become expedient that I—according to the will of God that the <sup>f</sup>prayers of those which have gone hence, which were the holy ones, should be fulfilled according to their faith—should make a record of these things which have been done,

99 Yea, a small record of that which hath taken place from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem, even down until the present time.

100 Therefore, I do make my record from the accounts  
 which hath been given by those which were  
 before me until the commencement of my day,  
 And then do I make a record of the things  
 which I have seen with mine own eyes;  
 101 And I know the record which I make  
 to be a just and a true record;  
 Nevertheless, there are many things which,  
 according to our language, we are not able to write;  
 102 And now I make an end of my saying, which is of myself,  
 and proceed to give my account of the things  
 which hath been before me.

I am Mormon and a pure descendant of Lehi;  
 103 I have reason to bless my God  
 and my Savior Jesus Christ—  
 That He brought our fathers out of the Land of  
 Jerusalem—and no one knew it, save it were Himself  
 and those which He brought out of that land—  
 And that He hath given me and my people so much  
 knowledge unto the salvation of our souls.

104 Surely He hath blessed the house of Jacob and  
 hath been merciful unto the seed of Joseph;  
 105 And inasmuch as the children of Lehi hath kept  
 His commandments, He hath blessed them  
 and prospered them according to His word.

106 Yea, and surely shall He again bring a remnant of the seed  
 of Joseph to the knowledge of the Lord their God;  
 107 And as surely as the Lord liveth will He gather in  
 from the four quarters of the earth all the remnant  
 of the seed of Jacob which are scattered abroad  
 upon all the face of the earth.

108 And as He hath covenanted with all the house of Jacob,  
 Even so shall the covenant wherewith He hath covenanted  
 with the house of Jacob be fulfilled  
 in His own due time,  
 Unto the <sup>a</sup>restoring all the house of Jacob  
 unto the knowledge of the covenant  
 that He hath covenanted with them.

109 And then shall they know their Redeemer,  
 which is Jesus Christ the Son of God;

a 2N 2:20-24;  
 12:42  
 3N 10:1-6

And then shall they be gathered in from the four quarters of the earth unto their own lands, from whence they have been dispersed.

Yea, as the Lord liveth, so shall it be! Amen.

**3** AND NOW it came to pass that the people of the Nephites did all return to their own lands in the <sup>1</sup>twenty and sixth year, Every man with his family, his flocks and his herds, his horses and his cattle and all things whatsoever did belong unto them.

1 AD 26

2 And it came to pass that they had not eaten up all their provisions, Therefore, they did take with them all that they had not devoured of all their grain of every kind and their gold and their silver and all their precious things,

3 And they did return to their own lands and their possessions—both on the north and on the south, both on the Land Northward and on the Land Southward.

4 And they granted unto those robbers which had entered into a <sup>a</sup>covenant to keep the peace of the land—which were desirous to remain Lamanites—lands according to their numbers, that they might have with their labors wherewith to subsist upon; And thus they did establish peace in all the land;

a 3N 2:87

5 And they began again to prosper and to wax great.

2 AD 27

And the twenty and sixth and <sup>2</sup>seventh years passed away and there was great order in the land; And they had formed their laws according to equity and justice.

6 And now there was nothing in all the land to hinder the people from prospering continually, except they should fall into transgressions;

7 And now it was Gidgiddoni and the judge Lachoneus and those which had been appointed leaders which had established this great peace in the land.

8 And it came to pass that there were many cities built anew and there were many old cities repaired, And there were many highways cast up

- and many roads made which led from city to city  
and from land to land and from place to place;
- 9 And thus passed away the <sup>1</sup>twenty and eighth year  
and the people had continual peace. 1 AD 28
- 10 But it came to pass in the <sup>2</sup>twenty and ninth year, there  
began to be some disputings among the people; 2 AD 29
- 11 And some were lifted up unto pride and boastings  
because of their exceeding great riches,  
yea, even unto great persecutions,  
For there were many <sup>a</sup>merchants in the land,  
and also many lawyers and many officers. a H 2:126-127
- 12 And the people began to be distinguished by ranks  
according to their riches and their chance for learning—
- 13 Yea, some were ignorant because of their poverty, and  
others did receive great learning because of their riches;
- 14 Some were lifted up in pride, and others  
were exceeding humble;  
Some did return <sup>3</sup>railing for railing, while others would  
receive railing and persecution and all manner of  
afflictions and would not turn and revile again,  
but were humble and penitent before God. 3 railing = violent  
and reproachful  
language
- 15 And thus there became a great inequality in all the land,  
insomuch that the church began to be broken up;
- 16 Yea, insomuch that in the <sup>4</sup>thirtieth year the church was  
broken up in all the land, save it were among a few of  
the Lamanites which were converted unto the true faith; 4 AD 30
- 17 And they would not depart from it, for they were firm  
and steadfast and immovable, willing with all  
diligence to keep the commands of the Lord.
- 18 Now the cause of this iniquity of the people was this:  
satan had great power unto the stirring up  
of the people to do all manner of iniquity,  
And to the puffing them up with pride, tempting them  
to seek for power and authority and riches  
and the vain things of the world.
- 19 And thus satan did lead away the hearts of the people  
to do all manner of iniquity;  
Therefore, they had not enjoyed peace but a few years.
- 19 And thus in the commencement of the thirtieth year—the  
people having been delivered up for the space of a long

a Mos 8:61-78  
 4N 1:42  
 Mn 1:17  
 Mi 9:24

- time, to be carried about by the temptations of the devil whithersoever he desired to carry them, and to do whatsoever iniquity he desired they should—
- And thus in the commencement of this, the thirtieth year, they were in a state of awful wickedness;
- 20 Now they did not sin ignorantly, for they knew the will of God concerning them, for it had been taught unto them; Therefore, they did <sup>a</sup>willfully rebel against God.
- 21 And now it was in the days of Lachoneus, the son of Lachoneus, For Lachoneus did fill the seat of his father and did govern the people that year.
- 22 And there began to be men inspired from heaven and sent forth, standing among the people in all the land, preaching and testifying boldly of the sins and iniquities of the people,
- 23 And testifying unto them concerning the redemption which the Lord would make for His people, or in other words, the resurrection of Christ; And they did testify boldly of His death and sufferings.
- 24 Now there were many of the people which were exceeding angry because of those which testified of these things;
- 25 And those which were angry were chiefly the chief judges and they which had been high priests and lawyers;
- 26 Yea, all they which were lawyers were angry with those which testified of these things.
- 27 Now there was no lawyer nor judge nor high priest that could have power to condemn anyone to death, save their condemnation was signed by the governor of the land;
- 28 Now there were many of those which testified of the things pertaining to Christ, which testified boldly, which were taken and put to death secretly by the judges, that the knowledge of their death came not unto the governor of the land until after their death;
- 29 Now behold, this was contrary to the laws of the land—that any man should be put to death except they had power from the governor of the land;
- 30 Therefore, a complaint came up unto the Land of Zarahemla, to the governor of the land, against these judges which had condemned the prophets of the Lord

unto death not according to the law.

- 31 Now it came to pass that they were taken and brought up before the judge to be judged of their crime which they had done, according to the law which had been given by the people.
- 32 Now it came to pass that those judges had many friends and kindreds; And the remainder—yea, even almost all the lawyers and the high priests—did gather themselves together and unite with the kindreds of those judges which were to be tried according to the law;
- 33 And they did enter into a covenant one with another— Yea, even into that covenant which was given by them of old, which covenant was given and administered by the devil to combine against all righteousness—
- 34 Therefore, they did combine against the people of the Lord and enter into a covenant to destroy them and to deliver those which were guilty of murder from the grasp of justice, which was about to be administered according to the law;
- 35 And they did set at defiance the law and the rights of their country; And they did covenant one with another to destroy the governor and to establish a king over the land, That the land should no more be at liberty, but should be subject unto kings.
- 36 Now behold, I will show unto you that they did not establish a king over the land, But in this same year—yea, the <sup>1</sup>thirtieth year— they did destroy upon the judgment seat, yea, did murder the chief judge of the land;
- 37 And the people were divided one against another, And they did separate one from another into tribes, every man according to his family and his kindred and friends— And thus they did destroy the government of the land—
- 38 And every tribe did appoint a chief or a leader over them; And thus they became tribes and leaders of tribes.
- 39 Now behold, there was no man among them save he had much family and many kindreds and friends, Therefore, their tribes became exceeding great.

<sup>1</sup> reign of judges ends after 121 years Mos 13:66; A 1:1

- 40 Now all this was done and there  
were no wars as yet among them;  
And all this iniquity had come upon the people because  
they did yield themselves unto the power of satan;
- 41 And the regulations of the government were destroyed  
because of the secret combination of the friends and  
the kindreds of them which murdered the prophets;
- 42 And they did cause a great contention in the land,  
insomuch that the more righteous part of the people—  
although they were nearly all become wicked—yea,  
there were but few righteous men among them.
- 43 And thus six years had not passed away since the more  
part of the people had turned from their righteousness  
like the dog to his vomit, or like the sow  
to her wallowing in the mire.
- 44 Now this secret combination which had brought  
so great iniquity upon the people did gather  
themselves together and did place at their head  
a man whom they did call Jacob,  
And they did call him their king;
- 45 Therefore, he became a king over this wicked band,  
And he was one of the chiefest which had given his voice  
against the prophets which testified of Jesus.
- 46 And it came to pass that they were not so strong  
in numbers as the tribes of the people  
which were united together,  
Save it were their leaders did establish their laws,  
everyone according to his tribe;
- 47 Nevertheless, they were enemies—notwithstanding  
they were not a righteous people—  
Yet they were united in the hatred of those who had  
entered into a covenant to destroy the government.
- 48 Therefore, Jacob seeing that their enemies were more  
numerous than they, he being the king of the band,  
Therefore, he commanded his people that they should take  
their flight into the northernmost part of the land,
- 49 And there build up unto themselves a kingdom until they  
were joined by dissenters—for he flattered them  
that there would be many dissenters—  
And they become sufficiently strong to contend  
with the tribes of the people;

- 50 And they did so;  
And so speedy was their march that it could not  
be impeded until they had gone forth  
out of the reach of the people.
- 51 And thus ended the thirtieth year;  
And thus were the affairs of the people of Nephi.
- 52 And it came to pass in the <sup>1</sup>thirty and first year  
that they were divided into tribes, every man  
according to his family, kindred and friends;
- 53 Nevertheless, they had come to an agreement  
that they would not go to war one with another;  
But they were not united as to their laws  
and their manner of government, for they  
were established according to the minds of  
them which were their chiefs and their leaders;
- 54 But they did establish very strict laws that one tribe  
should not trespass against another, insomuch  
that in some degree they had peace in the land;
- 55 Nevertheless, their hearts were turned from the Lord  
their God and they did stone the prophets  
and did cast them out from among them.
- 56 And it came to pass that Nephi—  
Having been visited by angels,  
and also the voice of the Lord,  
Therefore, having seen angels and being eyewitness,  
And having had power given unto him that he might  
know concerning the ministry of Christ,  
And also being eyewitness to their quick return from right-  
eousness unto their wickedness and also abominations,
- 57 Therefore, being grieved for the hardness  
of their hearts and the blindness of their minds—  
Went forth among them in that same year and began  
to testify boldly repentance and remission of sins  
through faith on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 58 And he did minister many things unto them—  
And all of them cannot be written  
and a part of them would not suffice,  
Therefore, they are not written in this book—  
And Nephi did minister with power  
and with great authority.

1 AD 31

3 NEPHI 3:59

- 59 And it came to pass that they were angry with him,  
even because he had greater power than they,  
For it were not possible that they could  
disbelieve his words,  
For so great was his faith on the Lord Jesus Christ  
that angels did minister unto him daily;
- 60 And in the name of Jesus did he cast out  
devils and unclean spirits;  
And even his <sup>a</sup>brother did he raise from the dead after he  
had been stoned and suffered death by the people;
- 61 And the people saw it and did witness of it  
and were angry with him because of his power;  
And he did also do many more miracles in the sight  
of the people in the name of Jesus.
- 62 And it came to pass that the thirty and first year  
did pass away and there were but <sup>b</sup>few  
which were converted unto the Lord;
- 63 But as many as were converted did truly signify  
unto the people that they had been visited  
by the power and Spirit of God which was  
in Jesus Christ in whom they believed.
- 64 And as many as had devils cast out from them and were  
healed of their sicknesses and their infirmities did truly  
manifest unto the people that they had been wrought  
upon by the Spirit of God and had been healed;
- 65 And they did show forth signs also and did do  
some miracles among the people.
- 66 And it came to pass that thus passed away  
the <sup>1</sup>thirty and second year also.
- 67 And Nephi did cry unto the people in the  
commencement of the <sup>2</sup>thirty and third year;  
And he did preach unto them repentance  
and remission of sins.
- 68 Now I would have you remember also that there  
were none which were brought unto repentance  
who were not baptized with water;
- 69 Therefore, there were ordained of Nephi men  
unto this ministry, that all such as should come  
unto them should be baptized with water,  
And this as a <sup>c</sup>witness and a testimony before God

a 3N 9:4

b 2N 12:16  
3N 6:26

1 AD 32

2 AD 33

c Mos 9:41, 44  
A 5:27

and unto the people that they had repented  
and received a remission of their sins;

70 And there were many in the commencement  
of this year that were baptized unto repentance.

And thus the more part of the year did pass away.

**4** AND NOW it came to pass  
that according to our record—  
And we know our record to be true,  
For behold, it was a just man which did keep the record,  
For he truly did many miracles in the name of Jesus;  
2 And there was not any man which could do a miracle  
in the name of Jesus, save he were <sup>a</sup>cleansed  
every whit from his iniquity—  
3 And now it came to pass—if there was no mistake  
made by this man in the reckoning of our time—  
the <sup>1</sup>thirty and third year had passed away;  
And the people began to look with great earnestness  
for the sign which had been given  
by the prophet Samuel the Lamanite,  
4 Yea, for the time that there should be darkness  
for the space of three days over the face of the land;  
5 And there began to be great <sup>b</sup>doubtings and disputations  
among the people, notwithstanding  
so many signs had been given.  
6 And it came to pass that in the <sup>2</sup>thirty and fourth year,  
in the first month, in the fourth day of the month,  
There arose a great storm, such an one as  
never had been known in all the land;  
7 And there was also a great and terrible tempest;  
And there was terrible thunder, insomuch that it did <sup>c</sup>shake  
the whole earth as if it was about to divide asunder;  
And there were exceeding sharp lightnings,  
such as never had been known in all the land.  
8 And the City of Zarahemla did take fire;  
And the City of Moroni did sink into the depths of the sea  
and the inhabitants thereof were drowned;  
9 And the earth was carried up upon the City of Moronihah,  
that in the place of the city thereof there became  
a great mountain;

a A 27:43  
Mn 4:65  
Eth 1:98-101;  
5:37

1 AD 33

b 3N 1:25-26

2 AD 34

c 1N 3:102-110

And there was a great and terrible destruction  
in the Land Southward.

10 But behold, there was a more great and  
terrible destruction in the Land Northward;  
For behold, the whole face of the land was changed  
because of the tempests and the whirlwinds and the  
thunderings and the lightnings and the exceeding great  
quaking of the whole earth;

a H 5:80

11 And the <sup>a</sup>highways were broken up,  
And the level roads were spoiled,  
And many smooth places became rough,  
And many great and notable cities were sunk,  
And many were burned,  
And many were shook till the buildings thereof  
had fallen to the earth,  
And the inhabitants thereof were slain,  
And the <sup>b</sup>places were left desolate.

b H 5:87-89

12 And there were some cities which remained,  
but the damage thereof was exceeding great,  
And there were many in them which were slain;  
13 And there were some which were carried away  
in the whirlwind,  
And whither they went, no man knoweth,  
save they know that they were carried away.

14 And the face of the whole earth became deformed  
because of the tempests and the thunderings  
and the lightnings and the quaking of the earth;  
15 And behold, the <sup>c</sup>rocks were rent in twain, yea, they  
were broken up upon the face of the whole earth,  
Insomuch that they were found in broken fragments and  
in seams and in cracks upon all the face of the land.

c H 5:77-78

16 And it came to pass that when the thunderings  
and the lightnings and the storm and the tempest  
and the quakings of the earth did cease—  
For behold, they did last for about the space of three hours,  
And it was said by some that the time was greater;  
17 Nevertheless, all these great and terrible things  
were done in about the space of three hours—  
And then, behold, there was darkness  
upon the face of the land.

- 18 <sup>a</sup>And it came to pass that there was thick darkness upon the face of all the land, insomuch that the inhabitants thereof which had not fallen could feel the vapor of darkness;
- 19 And there could be no light because of the darkness, neither candles, neither torches; Neither could there be fire kindled with their fine and exceeding dry wood, so that there could not be any light at all;
- 20 And there was not any light seen, neither fire, nor glimmer, neither the sun, nor the moon, nor the stars, For so great were the mists of darkness which were upon the face of the land.
- 21 And it came to pass that it did last for the space of <sup>b</sup>three days, that there was no light seen; And there was great mourning and howling and weeping among all the people continually;
- 22 Yea, great were the groanings of the people because of the darkness and the great destruction which had come upon them.
- 23 And in one place they were heard to cry, saying: “O that we had repented before this great and terrible day! And then would our brethren have been spared, And they would not have been <sup>c</sup>burned in that great City Zarahemla.”
- 24 And in another place they were heard to cry and mourn, saying: “O that we had repented before this great and terrible day and had not <sup>d</sup>killed and stoned the prophets and cast them out!
- 25 Then would our mothers and our fair daughters and our children have been spared and not have been buried up in that great City Moronihah.”
- And thus were the howlings of the people great and terrible.
- 26 And it came to pass that there was a <sup>1</sup>voice heard among all the inhabitants of the earth upon all the face of this land, crying:

a vv 18-21  
cf Ex 10:21-23

b 1N 5:242  
H 5:82

c H 5:15-18

d 2N 11:61-70  
3N 3:55, 60

1 vv 26-52 = first of three times  
1N 5:245-246  
H 2:93-97, 112  
3N 4:55-59; 5:4-8

- “Wo! Wo! Wo unto this people!  
Wo unto the inhabitants of the whole earth,  
except they shall repent!
- 27 For the devil laugheth and his angels rejoice because of  
the slain of the fair sons and daughters of My people;  
And it is because of their iniquity and their abominations  
that they are fallen.
- 28 “Behold, that great City Zarahemla have I burned  
with fire, and the inhabitants thereof.
- 29 “And behold, that great City Moroni have I caused  
to be sunk in the depths of the sea,  
And the inhabitants thereof to be drowned.
- 30 “And behold, that great City Moronihah  
have I covered with earth,  
And the inhabitants thereof to hide their iniquities  
and their abominations from before My face,  
That the blood of the prophets and of the saints  
should not come up anymore unto Me against them.
- 31 “And behold, the City of Gilgal have I caused to be sunk,  
And the inhabitants thereof to be buried up  
in the depths of the earth;
- 32 Yea, and the City of Onihah, and the inhabitants thereof,  
And the City of Mocum, and the inhabitants thereof,  
And the City of Jerusalem, and the inhabitants thereof—  
And waters have I caused to come up in the stead thereof,
- 33 To hide their wickedness and their abominations  
from before My face,  
That the blood of the prophets and the saints should  
not come up anymore unto Me against them.
- 34 “And behold, the City of Gadiandi,  
and the City of Gadiomnah,  
and the City of Jacob,  
and the City of Gimgimno—  
All these have I caused to be sunk and made hills  
and valleys in the places thereof,
- 35 And the inhabitants thereof have I buried up in the depths  
of the earth to hide their wickedness and abominations  
from before My face,  
That the blood of the prophets and the saints should  
not come up anymore unto Me against them.

- 36 “And behold, that great City Jacob-Ugath, which was  
inhabited by the people of King Jacob, have I caused  
to be burned with fire because of their sins  
and their wickedness,  
Which was above all the wickedness of the whole earth  
because of their secret murders and combinations;
- 37 For it was they that did destroy the peace of My people  
and the government of the land;  
Therefore, I did cause them to be burned  
to destroy them from before My face,  
That the blood of the prophets and the saints  
should not come up unto Me anymore against them.
- 38 “And behold, the City of Laman and the City of Josh  
and the City of Gad and the City of Kishcumen  
have I caused to be burned with fire,  
and the inhabitants thereof,  
Because of their wickedness in casting out the prophets  
and stoning them which I did send to declare unto them  
concerning their wickedness and their abominations;
- 39 And because they did cast them all out,  
that there were none righteous among them,  
I did send down fire and destroy them,  
that their wickedness and abominations  
might be hid from before My face,  
That the blood of the prophets and the saints  
which I sent among them might not cry  
unto Me from the ground against them.
- 40 “And many great destructions have I caused to come  
upon this land and upon this people because  
of their wickedness and their abominations.
- 41 “O all ye that are spared because ye  
were more righteous than they!  
Will ye not now return unto Me and repent  
of your sins and be converted, that I may heal you?
- 42 “Yea, verily I say unto you, if ye will come unto Me,  
ye shall have eternal life;
- 43 Behold, Mine arm of mercy is extended toward you,  
And whosoever will come, him will I receive,  
And blessed are they which cometh unto Me.
- 44 “Behold, I Am Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

- I created the heavens and the earth and all things  
that in them is;
- 45 I was with the Father from the beginning;  
I Am in the Father and the Father in Me,  
And in Me hath the Father glorified His name.
- 46 “I came unto My own and My own received Me not,  
And the scriptures concerning My coming are fulfilled;
- 47 And as many as have received Me, to them  
have I given to become the sons of God,  
And even so will I to as many as shall believe on My name.
- “For behold, by Me redemption cometh,  
And in Me is the law of Moses fulfilled.
- 48 “I Am the light and the life of the world;  
I Am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.
- 49 “And ye shall offer up unto Me no more  
the shedding of blood;
- a Ps 50:5; 51:17 Yea, your <sup>a</sup>sacrifices and your burnt offerings  
shall be done away,  
For I will accept none of your sacrifices  
and your burnt offerings;  
And ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto Me  
a broken heart and a contrite spirit;
- 50 And whoso cometh unto Me with a broken heart  
and a contrite spirit, him will I baptize  
with fire and with the Holy Ghost,  
Even as the Lamanites, because of their faith in Me  
at the time of their <sup>b</sup>conversion, were baptized  
with fire and with the Holy Ghost,  
And they knew it not.
- b H 2:104-115
- 51 “Behold, I have come unto the world to bring redemption  
unto the world—to save the world from sin;  
Therefore, whoso repenteth and cometh unto Me  
as a little <sup>c</sup>child, him will I receive,  
For of such is the kingdom of God.
- c 3N 5:39-40
- 52 “Behold, for such I have laid down My life  
and have taken it up again;  
Therefore, repent and come unto Me,  
ye ends of the earth, and be saved!”
- 53 And now behold, it came to pass that all the people  
of the land did hear these sayings and did witness of it;

- 54 And after these sayings there was silence in the land  
for the space of many hours,  
For so great was the astonishment of the people  
that they did cease from lamenting and howling  
for the loss of their kindreds which had been slain;  
Therefore, there was silence in all the land  
for the space of many hours.
- 55 And it came to pass that there came a <sup>1</sup>voice again  
unto the people—and all the people did hear  
and did witness of it—saying:  
“O ye people of these great cities which have fallen,  
which are a descendant of Jacob,  
yea, which are of the house of Israel,  
O ye people of the house of Israel,  
How oft have I gathered you as a hen gathereth her  
chickens under her wings and have nourished you.
- 56 “And again—  
How oft would I have gathered you as a hen  
gathereth her chickens under her wings,  
Yea, O ye people of the house of Israel which have fallen,
- 57 Yea, O ye people of the house of Israel, ye that dwell  
at Jerusalem, as ye that have fallen;  
Yea, how oft would I have gathered you  
as a hen gathereth her chickens,  
And ye would not.
- 58 “O ye house of Israel whom I have spared,  
How oft will I gather you as a hen gathereth her chickens  
under her wings, if ye will repent and return unto Me  
with full purpose of <sup>a</sup>heart;
- 59 But if not, O house of Israel,  
The place of your dwellings shall become desolate until the  
<sup>b</sup>time of the fulfilling of the covenant to your fathers.”
- 60 And now it came to pass that after the people  
had heard these words,  
Behold, they began to weep and howl again  
because of the loss of their kindreds and friends.
- 61 And it came to pass that thus did the <sup>c</sup>three days pass away.
- 62 And it was in the morning,  
And the darkness did pass from off the face of the land,  
And the earth did cease to tremble,

<sup>1</sup> vv 55-59 =  
voice heard  
second time

<sup>a</sup> Mos 5:52  
A 12:110

<sup>b</sup> 2N 6:1-4

<sup>c</sup> H 5:76

a 1N 3:102-111;  
5:240-250  
H 5:75-84

b 1N 5:263

- And the rocks did cease to rend,  
And the dreadful groanings did cease,  
And all the tumultuous noises did pass away,  
63 And the earth did cleave together again that it stood;  
And the mourning and the weeping and the wailing  
of the people which were spared alive did cease,  
64 And their mourning was turned into joy,  
And their lamentations into the praise and the thanksgiving  
unto the Lord Jesus Christ their Redeemer.
- 65 And thus far were the scriptures <sup>a</sup>fulfilled  
which had been spoken by the prophets;  
66 And it was the more righteous part  
of the people which were saved,  
And it was they which received the prophets  
and stoned them not,  
And it was they which had not shed  
the blood of the saints which were spared;  
67 And they were spared and were not sunk  
and buried up in the earth;  
And they were not drowned in the depths of the sea;  
And they were not burned by fire,  
Neither were they fallen upon and crushed to death;  
68 And they were not carried away in the whirlwind,  
Neither were they overpowered by the vapor  
of smoke and of darkness.
- 69 And now whoso readeth, let him understand;  
He that hath the scriptures, let him search them and see,  
And behold if all these deaths and destructions—  
by fire and by smoke,  
and by tempests and by whirlwinds,  
and by the opening of the earth to receive them,  
and all these things—  
Are not unto the fulfilling of the prophecies  
of many of the holy prophets.
- 70 Behold, I say unto you, Yea;  
Many have testified of these things at the coming of Christ  
and were slain because they testified of these things.
- 71 Yea, the prophet Zenos did testify of these things,  
And also Zenoch spake concerning these things,  
because they testified particular concerning <sup>b</sup>us  
which are a remnant of their seed.

72 Behold, our father Jacob also testified concerning  
 a <sup>a</sup>remnant of the seed of Joseph,  
 And behold, are not we a remnant of the seed of Joseph?

a A 21:54-60

73 And these things, which testify of us, are they  
 not written upon the plates of brass which  
 our father Lehi brought out of Jerusalem?

74 And it came to pass that in the ending  
 of the thirty and fourth year,  
 Behold, I will show unto you that the people of Nephi  
 which were spared, and also they which had been called  
 Lamanites which had been spared, did have great favors  
 shown unto them and great blessings  
 poured out upon their heads,  
 Insomuch that soon after the <sup>b</sup>ascension of Christ  
 into heaven, He did truly manifest Himself  
 unto them, showing His body unto them  
 and ministering unto them;

b Mos 9:29

75 And an <sup>1</sup>account of His ministry shall be given hereafter.  
 Therefore, for this time I make an end of my sayings.

1 see note 3N 5:9

**5** *Jesus Christ showeth Himself unto the people of Nephi  
 as the multitude were gathered together in the  
 Land Bountiful and did minister unto them.  
 And on this wise did He show Himself unto them.*

1 **AND NOW** it came to pass that there were a great  
 multitude gathered together of the people of Nephi,  
 round about the temple which  
 was in the Land Bountiful;

2 And they were marveling and wondering one with another  
 and were showing one to another the great and  
 marvelous change which had taken place;

3 And they were also conversing about this Jesus Christ  
 of which the <sup>c</sup>sign had been given concerning His death.

c H 5:75-84

4 And it came to pass that while they were  
 thus conversing one with another,  
 They heard a <sup>2</sup>voice as if it came out of heaven;  
 And they cast their eyes round about, for they  
 understood not the voice which they heard;

2 vv 4-8 = voice  
heard third time  
1N 5:245-246  
H 2:93-97

5 And it was not a harsh voice, neither was it a loud voice,  
 Nevertheless, and notwithstanding it being a small voice,

it did pierce them that did hear to the center,  
 Insomuch that there was no part of their frame  
 that it did not cause to quake;  
 Yea, it did pierce them to the very soul  
 and did cause their hearts to burn.

6 And it came to pass that again they heard the voice  
 and they understood it not;  
 And again the third time they did hear the voice  
 and did open their ears to hear it;

7 And their eyes were toward the sound thereof;  
 And they did look steadfastly toward heaven  
 from whence the sound came.

And behold, the third time they did  
 understand the voice which they heard,

8 And it saith unto them:  
 “Behold My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased,  
 in whom I have glorified My name—  
 Hear ye Him!”

9 And it came to pass as they understood,  
 they cast their eyes up again toward heaven;  
 And behold, they saw a Man <sup>1</sup>descending out of heaven;  
 10 And He was clothed in a white robe,  
 And He came down and stood in the midst of them;  
 And the eyes of the whole multitude  
 were turned upon Him,  
 And they durst not open their mouths, even one to another;  
 And they <sup>2</sup>wist not what it meant, for they thought  
 it was an angel that had appeared unto them.

11 And it came to pass that He stretched forth His hand  
 and spake unto the people, saying:

“Behold, I Am Jesus Christ of which the prophets  
 testified that should come into the world;

12 And behold, I Am the light and the life of the world;  
 And I have drunk out of that bitter cup  
 which the Father hath given Me,  
 And have glorified the Father in taking upon Me the sins  
 of the world, in the which I have suffered the will  
 of the Father in all things from the beginning.”

13 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spake these  
 words, the whole multitude fell to the earth,

<sup>1</sup> vv 9-8:75 =  
 first of  
 three visits  
 1N 3:112  
 3N 9:16-12:8,  
 15-13:24  
 Acts 1:11

<sup>2</sup> wist not =  
 did not know  
 H 3:98

For they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show Himself unto them after His ascension into heaven.

14 And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto them, saying:

“Arise and come forth unto Me,  
That ye may thrust your hands into My side,  
And also that ye may feel the prints of the nails  
in My hands and in My feet,  
That ye may know that I Am the God of Israel  
and the God of the whole earth and have been  
slain for the sins of the world.”

15 And it came to pass that the multitude went forth and did thrust their hands into His side and did feel the prints of the nails in His hands and in His feet;

16 And this they did do, going forth <sup>a</sup>one by one,  
Until they had all gone forth,  
and did see with their eyes,  
and did feel with their hands,  
and did know of a surety,  
and did bear record,

a 3N 8:23, 70

That it was He of whom it was written  
by the prophets that should come.

17 And it came to pass that when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying:  
“Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God!”  
And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus  
and did worship Him.

18 And it came to pass that He spake unto Nephi—  
for <sup>b</sup>Nephi was among the multitude—and  
commanded him that he should come forth;

b 3N 3:56-61

19 And Nephi arose and went forth and bowed himself  
before the Lord and he did <sup>c</sup>kiss His feet;

c 3N 8:10-11

20 And the Lord commanded him that he should arise,  
And he arose and stood before Him.

21 And the Lord said unto him:

“I give unto you power that ye shall baptize this people  
when I am again ascended into heaven.”

22 And again the Lord called others and said unto them  
likewise;

a 3N 8:67-68  
Mi 8:4

- And He gave unto them power to baptize.
- 23 And He saith unto them:  
“On this wise shall ye baptize—and there shall be no <sup>a</sup>disputations among you—
- 24 Verily I say unto you, that whosoever repenteth of his sins through your words and desireth to be baptized in My name,  
On this wise shall ye baptize them:  
Behold, ye shall go down and stand in the water and in My name shall ye baptize them.
- 25 “And now behold, these are the words which ye shall say, calling them by name, saying,  
‘Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.’
- 26 “And then shall ye immerse them in the water and come forth again out of the water.
- 27 “And after this manner shall ye baptize in My name.  
“For behold, verily I say unto you that the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost are one;  
And I Am in the Father and the Father in Me and the Father and I are one;
- 28 And according as I have commanded you, thus shall ye baptize;
- 29 And there shall be no disputations among you as there hath hitherto been,  
Neither shall there be disputations among you concerning the points of My doctrine as there hath hitherto been;
- 30 For verily, verily I say unto you, he that hath the spirit of contention is not of Me, but is of the devil which is the father of contention,  
And he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger one with another.
- 31 “Behold, this is not My doctrine—to stir up the hearts of men to anger against one another;  
But this is My doctrine—that such things should be done away.
- 32 “Behold, verily, verily I say unto you,  
I will declare unto you My doctrine;

- And this is My doctrine and it is the doctrine  
which the Father hath given unto Me—
- 33 And I bear record of the Father,  
And the Father beareth record of Me,  
And the Holy Ghost beareth record  
of the Father and Me—  
And I bear record that the Father commandeth  
all men everywhere to repent and believe in Me;
- 34 And whoso believeth in Me and is baptized,  
the same shall be saved,  
And they are they which shall inherit the kingdom of God;
- 35 And whoso believeth not in Me and is not baptized  
shall be damned!
- 36 “Verily, verily I say unto you that this is My doctrine,  
And I bear record of it from the Father;  
And whoso believeth in Me, believeth in the Father also;
- 37 And unto him will the Father bear record of Me,  
For He will visit him with fire and with the Holy Ghost;
- 38 And thus will the Father bear record of Me;  
And the Holy Ghost will bear record unto him  
of the Father and Me,  
For the Father and I and the Holy Ghost are one.
- 39 “And again I say unto you,  
Ye must repent,  
and become as a little child,  
and be baptized in My name,  
Or ye can in no wise receive these things!
- 40 “And again I say unto you,  
Ye must repent,  
and be baptized in My name,  
and become as a little <sup>a</sup>child,  
Or ye can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God!
- 41 “Verily, verily I say unto you that this is My doctrine;  
And whoso buildeth upon this, buildeth upon My rock,  
And the gates of hell shall not prevail against them.
- 42 “And whoso shall declare more or less than this  
and establish it for My doctrine,  
The same cometh of evil and is not built upon My rock;  
But he buildeth upon a sandy foundation,  
And the gates of hell standeth open to receive such  
when the floods come and the winds beat upon them;

a 3N 4:51  
Ps 34:11

- 43 Therefore, go forth unto this people and declare the words which I have spoken unto the ends of the earth.”
- 44 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spake these words unto Nephi and to those which had been called— now the number of them which had been called and received power and authority to baptize were twelve—
- 45 And behold, He stretched forth His hand unto the multitude and cried unto them, saying:  
 “Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve which I have chosen from among you to minister unto you and to be your servants;
- 46 And unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water; And after that ye are baptized with water, Behold, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost.
- 47 <sup>1</sup>“Therefore, blessed are ye if ye shall believe in Me and be baptized after that ye have seen Me and know that I Am.
- 48 “And again, more blessed are they which shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen Me and that ye know that I Am;
- 49 Yea, blessed are they which shall believe in your words and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized, For they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost and shall receive a remission of their sins.
- 50 “Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit which cometh unto Me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 51 “And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 52 “And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 53 “And blessed are all they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 54 “And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- 55 “And blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>1</sup> vv 47-6:37 = Jesus' version of the Sermon on the Mount to the house of Israel in the New World; cf Matt chs 5-7

- 56 “And blessed are all the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called the children of God.
- 57 “And blessed are all they which are persecuted for  
My name’s sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 58 “And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and  
persecute you and shall say all manner of evil  
against you falsely for My sake,  
59 for ye shall have great joy and be exceeding glad,  
for great shall be your reward in heaven;  
For so persecuted they the prophets  
which were before you.
- 60 “Verily, verily I say unto you, and I give unto you  
to be the salt of the earth,  
But if the salt shall lose its savor,  
wherewith shall the earth be salted?  
The salt shall be thenceforth good for nothing, but  
to be cast out and to be trodden underfoot of men.
- 61 “Verily, verily I say unto you, I give unto you  
to be the light of this people;  
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid;  
62 Behold, do men light a candle and put it under a bushel?  
Nay, but on a candlestick and it giveth light  
to all that are in the house;  
63 Therefore, let your light so shine before this people,  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
- 64 “Think not that I am come to destroy  
the law or the prophets;  
I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill;  
65 For verily I say unto you, one jot nor one tittle  
hath not passed away from the law,  
but in Me it hath all been fulfilled.
- 66 “And behold, I have given unto you the law  
and the commandments of My Father,  
that ye shall believe in Me,  
And that ye shall repent of your sins and come unto Me  
with a broken heart and a contrite spirit;  
67 Behold, ye have the commandments before you  
and the law is fulfilled,  
Therefore, come unto Me and be ye saved;

- 68 For verily I say unto you, that except ye shall keep My commandments which I have commanded you at this time, Ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- 69 “Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time—and it is also written before you—that, ‘Thou shalt not kill and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment of God’;
- 70 But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of His judgment; And whosoever shall say to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council; And whosoever shall say, ‘Thou fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire;
- a A 16:151 71 Therefore, if ye shall come unto Me, or shall <sup>a</sup>desire to come unto Me, and rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee,
- 72 Go thy way unto thy brother and first be reconciled to thy brother and then come unto Me with full purpose of <sup>b</sup>heart and I will receive you.
- b A 12:110 73 “Agree with thine adversary quickly while thou art in the way with him, lest at any time he shall get thee and thou shalt be cast into prison;
- 74 Verily I say unto thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence until thou hast paid the uttermost senine;
- 75 And while ye are in prison, can ye pay even one senine? Verily, verily I say unto you, Nay.
- 76 “Behold, it is written by them of old time that, ‘Thou shalt not commit adultery’;
- 77 But I say unto you that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery already in his heart.
- 78 “Behold, I give unto you a commandment that ye suffer none of these things to enter into your heart, For it is better that ye should deny yourselves of these things, wherein ye will take up your cross, than that ye should be cast into hell.
- 79 “It hath been written that, ‘Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement’;
- 80 Verily, verily I say unto you that whosoever shall put away

his wife, saving for the cause of fornication,  
 causeth her to commit adultery,  
 And whoso shall marry her who is divorced  
 committeth adultery.

- 81 “And again, it is written, ‘Thou shalt not forswear thyself  
 but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths’;  
 82 But verily I say unto you, swear not at all—  
 neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne,  
 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool,  
 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because  
 thou canst not make one hair black or white;  
 83 But let your communication be, ‘Yea, yea’; ‘Nay, nay’;  
 For whatsoever cometh of more than these are evil.
- 84 “And behold, it is written, ‘An eye for an eye  
 and a tooth for a tooth’;  
 85 But I say unto you that ye shall not resist evil,  
 But whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek,  
 turn to him the other also;  
 86 And if any man will sue thee at the law and take away  
 thy coat, let him have thy cloak also;  
 87 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile,  
 go with him twain;  
 88 Give to him that asketh thee,  
 And to him that would borrow of thee,  
 turn thou not away.
- 89 “And behold, it is written also that, ‘Thou shalt  
 love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy’;  
 90 But behold, I say unto you, love your enemies,  
 bless them that curse you,  
 do good to them that hate you;  
 And pray for them which despitefully use you  
 and persecute you,  
 91 that ye may be the children of your Father  
 which is in heaven,  
 For He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good.
- “Therefore, those things which were of old time  
 which were under the law in Me are all fulfilled;  
 92 Old things are done away and all things have become new,  
 Therefore, I would that ye should be perfect even as I  
 or your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

- 93 “Verily, verily I say that I would that ye  
should do alms unto the poor;  
But take heed that ye do not your alms  
before men to be seen of them,  
Otherwise ye have no reward of your Father  
which is in heaven;
- 94 Therefore, when ye shall do your alms, do not  
sound a trumpet before you as will hypocrites  
do in the synagogues and in the streets,  
that they may have glory of men;  
Verily I say unto you, they have their reward;
- 95 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand  
know what thy right hand doeth,  
96 that thine alms may be in secret;  
And thy Father which seeth in secret,  
Himself shall reward thee openly.
- 97 “And when thou prayest, thou shalt not do  
as the hypocrites,  
For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in  
the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men;  
Verily I say unto you, they have their reward;
- 98 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet,  
And when thou hast shut thy door,  
pray to thy Father which is in secret,  
And thy Father, which seeth in secret,  
shall reward thee openly;
- 99 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions as the heathen,  
For they think that they shall be heard  
for their much speaking;
- 100 Be not ye therefore like unto them,  
for your Father knoweth what things  
ye have need of before ye ask Him.
- 101 “After this manner, therefore, pray ye:  
102 ‘Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
103 Thy will be done in earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
104 And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
105 And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
106 For Thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever! Amen.’

- 107 “For if ye forgive men their trespasses,  
 your heavenly Father will also forgive you,  
 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither  
 will your Father forgive your trespasses.
- 108 “Moreover, when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites,  
 of a sad countenance,  
 For they disfigure their faces that they may  
 appear unto men to fast;  
 Verily I say unto you, they have their reward;  
 109 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head  
 and wash thy face,  
 That thou appear not unto men to fast,  
 but unto thy Father, which is in secret,  
 And thy Father, which seeth in secret,  
 shall reward thee openly.
- 110 “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth,  
 where moth and rust doth corrupt  
 and thieves break through and steal,  
 111 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
 where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt  
 and where thieves do not break through nor steal;  
 112 For where your treasure is there will your heart be also.
- 113 “The light of the body is the eye;  
 If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body  
 shall be full of light;  
 114 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body  
 shall be full of darkness;  
 If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness,  
 how great is that darkness!
- 115 “No man can serve two masters,  
 Or either he will hate the one and love the other,  
 Or else he will hold to the one and despise the other;  
 Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

**6** AND NOW it came to pass that when Jesus  
 had spoken these words,  
 He looked upon the twelve whom He had chosen  
 and saith unto them:

- 2 “Remember the words which I have spoken,  
For behold, ye are they which I have chosen  
to minister unto this people.
- 3 “Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life,  
what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink,  
Nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on;  
Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment?  
4 Behold the fowls of the air, for they sow not,  
neither do they reap, nor gather into barns,  
Yet your heavenly Father feedeth them;  
Are ye not much better than they?
- 5 “Which of you by taking thought can add  
one cubit unto his stature?  
6 And why take ye thought for raiment?  
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow—  
they toil not, neither do they spin—  
7 And yet I say unto you that even Solomon in all his glory  
was not arrayed like one of these;  
8 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field,  
which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven,  
Even so will He clothe you, if ye are not of little faith.
- 9 “Therefore, take no thought, saying,  
‘What shall we eat?’ or  
‘What shall we drink?’ or  
‘Wherewithal shall we be clothed?’  
10 For your heavenly Father knoweth  
that ye have need of all these things;  
11 But seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you;  
12 Take, therefore, no thought for the morrow,  
For the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself;  
Sufficient is the day unto the evil thereof.”
- 13 And now it came to pass that when Jesus  
had spoken these words,  
He turned again to the multitude and He did  
open His mouth unto them again, saying:  
“Verily, verily I say unto you,  
judge not that ye be not judged;  
14 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged,  
And with what measure ye mete, it shall be

- measured to you again;
- 15 And why beholdest thou the mote  
that is in thy brother's eye,  
But considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
- 16 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, 'Let me  
pull out the mote out of thine eye,'  
and behold, a beam is in thine own eye?
- 17 Thou hypocrite!  
First cast out the beam out of thine own eye,  
And then shalt thou see clearly to cast out  
the mote out of thy brother's eye.
- 18 "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs,  
Neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample  
them under their feet and turn again and rend you.
- 19 "Ask, and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek, and ye shall find,  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you;
- 20 For everyone that asketh, receiveth,  
And he that seeketh, findeth,  
And to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.
- 21 "Or what man is there of you who, if his son ask bread,  
will he give him a stone?
- 22 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
- 23 If ye then, being evil, know how to give  
good gifts unto your children,  
How much more shall your Father which is in heaven  
give good things to them that ask Him!
- 24 Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men  
should do to you, do ye even so to them,  
For this is the law and the prophets.
- 25 "Enter ye in at the strait gate,  
For wide is the gate and broad is the way  
that leadeth to destruction,  
And many there be which go in thereat;
- 26 Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way  
which leadeth unto life,  
And few there be that find it.
- 27 "Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's  
clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves;
- 28 Ye shall know them by their fruits—

29 Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?  
 Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit,  
 but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit;  
 30 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither  
 a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit;  
 31 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit  
 is hewn down and cast into the fire;  
 32 Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them.  
 33 “Not everyone that saith unto Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’  
 shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he  
 that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven;  
 34 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord,  
 have we not prophesied in Thy name?  
 And in Thy name have cast out devils?  
 And in Thy name done many wonderful works?’  
 35 And then will I profess unto them, ‘I never knew you;  
 Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.’  
 36 “Therefore, whoso heareth these sayings  
 of Mine and doeth them,  
 I will liken him unto a wise man  
 which built his house upon a rock—  
 And the rain descended and the floods came,  
 And the winds blew and beat upon that house,  
 And it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock;  
 37 And everyone that heareth these sayings of Mine  
 and doeth them not shall be likened unto  
 a foolish man which built his house upon the sand—  
 And the rain descended and the floods came,  
 And the winds blew and beat upon that house,  
 And it fell and great was the fall of it.”

**7** **AND NOW** it came to pass that when Jesus had ended  
 these sayings, He cast His eyes round about  
 on the multitude and saith unto them:  
 “Behold, ye have heard the things which  
 I have taught before I ascended to My Father;  
 2 Therefore, whoso remembereth these sayings of Mine  
 and doeth them, him will I raise up at the last day.”  
 3 And it came to pass that when Jesus had said these words,  
 He perceived that there were some among them

which marveled and wondered what He would  
concerning the law of Moses,

For they understood not the saying that old things had  
passed away and that all things had become new;

4 And He saith unto them:

“Marvel not that I said unto you that old things had passed  
away and that all things had become new—

5 “Behold, I say unto you that the law is fulfilled  
that was given unto Moses;

6 Behold, I Am He that gave the law,  
And I Am He which covenanted with My people Israel;  
Therefore, the law in Me is fulfilled,  
For I have come to fulfill the law,  
Therefore, it hath an end.

7 “Behold, I do not destroy the prophets,  
For as many as have not been fulfilled in Me,  
verily I say unto you, shall all be fulfilled;

8 And because I said unto you that old things hath passed  
away, I do not destroy that which hath been spoken  
concerning things which are to come;

9 For behold, the covenants which I have made  
with My people is not all fulfilled,  
But the law which was given unto Moses  
hath an end in Me.

10 “Behold, I Am the law and the light;  
Look unto Me and endure to the end and ye shall live,  
For unto him that endureth to the end  
will I give eternal life.

11 “Behold, I have given unto you the commandments,  
Therefore, keep My commandments—

12 And this is the law and the prophets,  
for they truly testify of Me.”

13 And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these  
words, He said unto those twelve whom He had chosen:

“Ye are My disciples and ye are a light unto this people,  
which are a remnant of the house of Joseph;

14 And behold, this is the land of your inheritance  
and the Father hath given it unto you;

15 And not at any time hath the Father given Me  
commandment that I should tell it  
unto your brethren at Jerusalem,

a Matt 10:5 [6];  
15:23 [24]  
John 10:16

- Neither at any time hath the Father given Me  
commandment that I should tell unto them  
concerning the other tribes of the house of Israel  
which the Father hath led away out of the land.
- 16 “This much did the Father command Me  
that I should tell unto them—  
That <sup>a</sup>other sheep I have which are not of this fold;  
Them also I must bring,  
And they shall hear My voice,  
And there shall be one fold and one Shepherd.
- 17 “And now because of stiff-neckedness and unbelief,  
they understood not My word,  
Therefore, I was commanded to say no more of the Father  
concerning this thing unto them;
- 18 But verily I say unto you that the Father hath commanded  
Me, and I tell it unto you, that ye were separated  
from among them because of their iniquity;  
Therefore, it is because of their iniquity  
that they know not of you.
- 19 “And verily I say unto you again, that the other tribes  
hath the Father separated from them,  
And it is because of their iniquity  
that they know not of them.
- 20 “And verily I say unto you that ye are they of which I said:  
‘Other sheep I have which are not of this fold;  
Them also I must bring,  
And they shall hear My voice,  
And there shall be one fold and one Shepherd’—
- 21 And they understood Me not;  
For they supposed it had been the Gentiles,  
For they understood not that the Gentiles should be  
converted through their preaching;
- 22 And they understood Me not,  
that I said they shall hear My voice;  
And they understood Me not, that the Gentiles  
should not at any time hear My voice,  
That I should not manifest Myself unto them,  
save it were by the Holy Ghost.
- 23 “But behold, ye have both heard My voice and seen Me,  
And ye are My sheep,

- And ye are numbered among them  
 which the Father hath given Me;
- 24 And verily, verily I say unto you that I have  
<sup>a</sup>other sheep which are not of this land,  
 Neither of the Land of Jerusalem,  
 Neither in any parts of that land round about  
 whither I have been to minister;
- 25 For they of which I speak are they  
 which have not as yet heard My voice,  
 Neither have I at any time manifested Myself unto them,
- 26 But I have received a commandment of the Father  
 that I should go unto them,  
 And that they shall hear My voice and shall be  
 numbered among My sheep, that there  
 may be one fold and one Shepherd;  
 Therefore, I go to show Myself unto them.
- 27 “And I command you that ye shall write  
 these things after that I am gone,  
 That if it so be that My people at Jerusalem—they which  
 have seen Me and been with Me in My ministry—  
 Do not ask the Father in My name that they may receive  
 a knowledge of you by the Holy Ghost, and also  
 of the other tribes which they know not of,
- 28 That these sayings which ye shall write shall be kept  
 and shalt be manifested unto the Gentiles,  
 That through the fullness of the Gentiles, the remnant  
 of their seed—which shall be scattered forth  
 upon the face of the earth because of their unbelief—  
 may be brought in, or may be brought  
 to a knowledge of Me, their Redeemer;
- 29 And then will I gather them in  
 from the four quarters of the earth;  
 And then will I fulfill the covenant which the Father  
 hath made unto all the people of the <sup>b</sup>house of Israel.
- 30 “And blessed are the Gentiles because of their belief in Me,  
 in and of the Holy Ghost, which witness  
 unto them of Me and of the Father;
- 31 ‘Behold, because of their <sup>c</sup>belief in Me,’ saith the Father,  
 ‘and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel,  
 In the latter day shall the truth come unto the Gentiles,  
 that the fullness of these things  
 shall be made known unto them.

a 3N 8:4

b 1N 5:255;  
7:17-23  
2N 12:67-74  
3N 4:55-59;  
9:86-93c 2N 6:42  
A 21:45

- 32 ‘But wo,’ saith the Father, ‘unto the unbelieving  
of the Gentiles!’  
For notwithstanding that they have come forth  
upon the face of this land and have scattered  
My people which are of the house of Israel,  
And My people which are of the house of Israel  
have been cast out from among them  
and have been trodden under feet by them,
- 33 And because of the mercies of the Father unto the Gentiles,  
and also the judgments of the Father upon My people  
which are of the house of Israel—  
Verily, verily I say unto you that <sup>a</sup>after all this—  
And I have caused My people which  
are of the house of Israel to be smitten,  
and to be afflicted,  
and to be slain,  
and to be cast out from among them,  
and to become hated by them,  
and to become a hiss and a byword among them—
- a 2N 11:81-83
- 34 “And thus commandeth the Father  
that I should say unto you:  
‘At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against My gospel,  
And shall <sup>b</sup>reject the fullness of My gospel,  
And shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above  
all nations and above all the people of the whole earth,  
And shall be filled with all manner of lyings,  
and of deceits,  
and of mischiefs,  
and all manner of hypocrisy and murders,  
and priestcrafts and whoredoms,  
and of secret abominations—
- b 2N 12:40-66  
Jac 4:13-14  
Mn 4:22-103
- 35 And if they shall do all these things,  
And shall reject the fullness of My gospel,  
Behold,’ saith the Father, ‘I will bring the fullness  
of My gospel from among them;
- 36 And then will I remember My covenant which I  
have made unto My people, O house of Israel,  
And I will bring My gospel unto them;
- 37 And I will show unto thee, O house of Israel,  
that the Gentiles shall not have power over you,  
But I will remember My covenant unto you,  
O house of Israel,  
And ye shall come unto the knowledge

of the fullness of My gospel.

- 38 ‘But if the Gentiles will repent and <sup>a</sup>return unto Me,’  
saith the Father,  
‘Behold, they shall be numbered among My people,  
O house of Israel;
- 39 And I will not suffer My people which are  
of the house of Israel to go through among  
them and tread them down,’ saith the Father;
- 40 ‘But if they will not return unto Me  
and hearken unto My voice,  
I will suffer them—yea, I will suffer My people,  
O house of Israel—that they shall go through  
among them and shall tread them down,
- 41 And they shall be as salt that has lost its savor, which is  
thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and to  
be trodden underfoot of My people, O house of Israel.’
- 42 “Verily, verily I say unto you, thus hath the Father  
commanded Me that I should give unto this people  
this land for their inheritance;
- 43 And when the words of the prophet Isaiah  
shall be fulfilled which saith:
- <sup>b</sup>‘Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice,  
With the voice together shall they sing;  
For they shall see eye to eye  
when the Lord shall bring again Zion.
- 44 Break forth into joy!  
Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem!  
For the Lord hath comforted His people,  
He hath redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord hath made <sup>c</sup>bare His holy arm
- 45 in the eyes of all the nations;  
And all the ends of the earth  
shall see the salvation of God!’”

a 3N 10:1; 14:3

b Isa 52:8-10

c 3N 9:73

- 8** BEHOLD, NOW it came to pass that when Jesus  
had spoken these words, He looked  
round about again on the multitude,  
And He saith unto them:  
“Behold, My time is at hand;
- 2 I perceive that ye are weak, that ye cannot understand  
all My words which I am commanded of the Father

a 1N 3:37-38

3 to speak unto you at this time;  
 Therefore, go ye unto your homes and <sup>a</sup>ponder  
 upon the things which I have said,  
 And ask of the Father in My name, that ye may  
 understand and prepare your minds for the morrow;  
 And I come unto you again;  
 4 But now I go unto the Father, and also to show  
 Myself unto the lost tribes of Israel,  
 For they are not lost unto the Father, for He  
 knoweth whither He hath taken them.”

5 And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus spoken,  
 He cast His eyes round about again on the multitude,  
 And behold, they were in tears and did look steadfastly  
 upon Him as if they would ask Him to tarry  
 a little longer with them;

6 And He saith unto them:  
 “Behold, My bowels are filled  
 with compassion toward you—  
 Have ye any that are sick among you?  
 Bring them hither.

7 “Have ye any that are lame or blind  
 or halt or maimed or leprous?  
 Or that are withered?  
 Or that are deaf?  
 Or that are afflicted in any manner?  
 Bring them hither and I will heal them,  
 for I have compassion upon you.

8 “My bowels are filled with mercy,  
 For I perceive that ye desire that I should show unto you  
 what I have done unto your brethren at Jerusalem,  
 For I see that your faith is sufficient  
 that I should heal you.”

9 And it came to pass that when He had thus spoken,  
 all the multitude with one accord did go forth  
 with their sick and their afflicted and their lame  
 and with their blind and with their dumb and  
 with all they that were afflicted in any manner;  
 And He did heal them every one as they  
 were brought forth unto Him;

10 And they did all—both they which had been healed

- and they which were whole—  
 bow down at His feet and did worship Him;
- 11 And as many as could come, for the multitude,  
 did <sup>a</sup>kiss His feet, insomuch that they did  
 bathe His feet with their tears.
- 12 And it came to pass that He commanded  
 that their little <sup>b</sup>children should be brought,
- 13 So they brought their little children and sat them down  
 upon the ground round about Him,  
 And Jesus stood in the midst and the multitude  
 gave way till they had all been brought unto Him.
- 14 And it came to pass that when they had all been brought  
 and Jesus stood in the midst,  
 He commanded the multitude that they  
 should kneel down upon the ground.
- 15 And it came to pass that when they had knelt upon  
 the ground, Jesus groaned within Himself and saith:  
 “Father, I am troubled because of the wickedness  
 of the people of the house of Israel.”
- 16 And when He had said these words,  
 He Himself also knelt upon the earth,  
 And behold, He prayed unto the Father,  
 And the things which He prayed cannot be written,  
 And the multitude did bear record which heard Him.
- 17 And after this manner do they bear record:  
 “The eye hath never seen, neither hath the ear heard  
 before, so great and marvelous things as we  
 saw and heard Jesus speak unto the Father!
- 18 And no tongue can speak, neither can there  
 be written by any man,  
 Neither can the hearts of men conceive so great  
 and marvelous things as we both  
 saw and heard Jesus speak!
- 19 And no one can conceive of the joy which filled our souls  
 at the time we heard Him pray for us unto the Father!”
- 20 And it came to pass that when Jesus had made  
 an end of praying unto the Father, He arose;  
 But so great was the joy of the multitude  
 that they were <sup>c</sup>overcome.

a 3N 5:19

b 3N 12:7-9

c 1N 1:6-7; 5:152  
 Jac 5:36  
 Mos 11:177-185  
 A 12:122-147

- 21 And it came to pass that Jesus spake unto them  
and bade them arise,
- 22 And they arose from the earth;  
And He saith unto them:  
“Blessed are ye because of your faith!  
And now behold, My joy is full.”
- 23 And when He had said these words, He wept  
and the multitude bear record of it;  
And He took their little children, one by one, and  
blessed them and prayed unto the Father for them.
- 24 And when He had done this, He wept again;  
And He spake unto the multitude and saith unto them:  
“Behold your little ones!”
- 25 And as they looked to behold,  
they cast their eyes toward heaven,  
And they saw the heavens open,  
And they saw angels descending out of heaven,  
as it were, in the midst of <sup>a</sup>fire;  
And they came down and encircled those little ones about,
- 26 And they were encircled about with fire,  
And the angels did minister unto them.
- And the multitude did see and hear and bear record;  
And they know that their record is true, for they—  
all of them—did see and hear, every man for himself;
- 27 And they were in number about two thousand  
and five hundred souls;  
And they did consist of men, women and children.
- 28 And it came to pass that Jesus commanded His disciples  
that they should bring forth some bread  
and wine unto Him;
- 29 And while they were gone for bread and wine,  
He commanded the multitude that they should  
sit themselves down upon the earth;
- 30 And when the disciples had come with bread and wine,  
He took of the bread and brake and blessed it;  
And He gave unto the disciples and commanded  
that they should eat;
- 31 And when they had eaten and were filled, He commanded  
that they should give unto the multitude.

<sup>a</sup> H 2:84-89,  
109-111  
3N 9:14-36

- 32 And when the multitude had eaten and were filled,  
 He saith unto the disciples:  
 “Behold, there shall one be ordained among you,  
 And to him will I give power that he shall break bread  
 and bless it and give it unto the people of My church,  
 unto all they which shall believe and be baptized  
 in My name;
- 33 And this shall ye always observe to do, even  
 as I have done, even as I have broken bread  
 and blessed it and gave it unto you;
- 34 And this shall ye do in remembrance  
 of My body which I have shown unto you;
- 35 And it shall be a testimony unto the Father  
 that ye do always remember Me;
- 36 And if ye do always remember Me,  
 ye shall have My Spirit to be with you.”
- 37 And it came to pass that when He had said these words,  
 He commanded His disciples that they should  
 take of the wine of the cup and drink of it,  
 And that they should also give unto the multitude  
 that they might drink of it.
- 38 And it came to pass that they did so  
 and did drink of it and were filled;  
 And they gave unto the multitude  
 and they did drink and they were filled.
- 39 And when the disciples had done this,  
 Jesus saith unto them:  
 “Blessed are ye for this thing which ye have done,  
 for this is fulfilling My commandments,  
 And this doth witness unto the Father that ye are  
 willing to do that which I have commanded you;
- 40 And this shall ye always do unto those  
 who repent and are baptized in My name;  
 And ye shall do it in remembrance of My <sup>a</sup>blood  
 which I have shed for you, that ye may witness  
 unto the Father that ye do always remember Me;
- 41 And if ye do always remember Me, ye shall have  
 My Spirit to be with you.
- 42 “And I give unto you a commandment  
 that ye shall do these things,
- 43 And if ye shall always do these things, blessed are ye,

a Mi 10:30

- 44 for ye are built upon My Rock;  
 44 But whoso among you shall do more or less than these  
 are not built upon My Rock, but  
 are built upon a sandy foundation;  
 45 And when the rain descends and the floods come and  
 the winds blow and beat upon them, they shall fall,  
 And the gates of hell are already open to receive them.
- 46 “Therefore, blessed are ye if ye shall keep My  
 commandments which the Father hath  
 commanded Me that I should give unto you;  
 47 Verily, verily I say unto you, ye must watch and pray  
 always, lest ye be tempted by the devil  
 and ye are led away captive by him;  
 48 And as I have prayed among you, even so  
 shall ye pray in My church among My people  
 which do repent and are baptized in My name;  
 49 Behold, I Am the light—  
 I have set an example before you.”
- 50 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spake  
 these words unto His disciples, He turned  
 again unto the multitude and saith unto them:  
 “Behold, verily, verily I say unto you, ye must watch  
 and pray always, lest ye enter into temptation;  
 51 For satan desireth to have you,  
 that he may sift you as wheat;  
 Therefore, ye must always pray  
 unto the Father in My name;  
 And whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My name,  
 which is right, <sup>a</sup>believing that ye shall receive—  
 And behold, it shall be given unto you;  
 52 Pray in your families unto the Father, always in My name,  
 that your wives and your children may be blessed.
- 53 “And behold, ye shall meet together oft,  
 And ye shall not forbid any man from coming  
 unto you when ye shall meet together,  
 But suffer them that they may come  
 unto you and forbid them not;  
 54 But ye shall pray for them and shall not cast them out;  
 And if it so be that they come unto you oft,  
 ye shall pray for them unto the Father in My name.
- “Therefore, hold up your light

a Jac 2:23-24  
 En 1:24  
 Mos 2:36  
 A 13:51  
 3N 8:51; 13:6  
 Mn 4:84  
 Mi 7:26

- that it may shine unto the world;  
 55 Behold, I Am the light which ye shall hold up.
- “That which ye have seen Me do—  
 56 Behold, ye have seen I have prayed unto the Father,  
 And ye all have witnessed and ye see that I have  
 commanded that none of you should go away,  
 But rather have commanded that ye should come  
 unto Me that ye might <sup>a</sup>feel and see—  
 57 Even so shall ye do unto the world;  
 And whosoever breaketh this commandment,  
 suffereth himself to be led into temptation.”
- 58 And now it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken  
 these words, He turned His eyes again upon the  
 disciples whom He had chosen and saith unto them:  
 59 “Behold, verily, verily I say unto you,  
 I give unto you another commandment,  
 And then I must go unto My Father, that I must fulfill  
 other commandments which He hath given Me.
- 60 “And now behold, this is the commandment  
 which I give unto you—  
 That ye shall not suffer anyone knowingly  
 to partake of My flesh and blood unworthily  
 when ye shall minister it,  
 For whoso eateth and drinketh My flesh and blood  
 unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to his soul.
- 61 “Therefore, if ye know that a man is unworthy to eat  
 and drink of My flesh and blood, ye shall forbid him;  
 Nevertheless, ye shall not cast him out from among you,  
 But ye shall minister unto him and shall pray for him  
 unto the Father in My name;
- 62 And if it so be that he repenteth and is baptized  
 in My name, then shall ye receive him and  
 shall minister unto him of My flesh and blood;
- 63 But if he repenteth not, he shall not be numbered among  
 My people, that he may not destroy My people,  
 For behold, I know My sheep and they are numbered;
- 64 Nevertheless, ye shall not cast him out of your synagogues  
 or your places of worship,  
 For unto such shall ye continue to minister;
- 65 For ye know not but what they will return and repent

a 3N 5:14-17

a A 12:110

and come unto Me with full purpose of <sup>a</sup>heart  
and I shall heal them,  
And ye shall be the means of bringing salvation unto them.

66 “Therefore, keep these sayings which I have commanded  
you, that ye come not under condemnation,  
For wo unto him whom the Father condemneth!

67 “And I give you these commandments because of the  
disputations which hath been among you beforetimes,  
68 And blessed are ye if ye have no <sup>b</sup>disputations among you.

b 3N 5:29-31

69 “And now I go unto the Father, because it is expedient  
that I should go unto the Father for your sakes.”

70 And it came to pass that when Jesus  
had made an end of these sayings,  
He touched with His hand the disciples whom He had  
chosen—one by one, even until He had touched  
them all—and spake unto them as He touched them;  
71 And the multitude heard not the words which He spake,  
Therefore, they did not bear record;  
But the disciples bear record that He gave them  
power to give the Holy Ghost,  
72 And I will show unto you hereafter that this record is true.

73 And it came to pass that when Jesus had touched them all,  
there came a cloud and overshadowed the multitude,  
that they could not see Jesus;  
74 And while they were overshadowed, He departed  
from them and ascended into heaven;  
75 And the disciples saw and did bear record  
that He ascended again into heaven.

**9** AND NOW it came to pass that when Jesus had  
ascended into heaven, the multitude did disperse  
and every man did take his wife and his children  
and did return to his own home;  
2 And it was noised abroad among the people immediately,  
before it was yet dark, that the multitude had seen Jesus  
and that He had ministered unto them  
and that He would also show Himself  
on the morrow unto the multitude;  
3 Yea, and even all the night it was

noised abroad concerning Jesus;  
 And insomuch did they send forth unto the people,  
 that there were many—yea, an exceeding great  
 number did labor exceedingly all that night—  
 That they might be on the morrow in the place where  
 Jesus should show Himself unto the multitude.

- 4 And it came to pass that on the morrow  
 when the multitude was gathered together,  
 Behold, Nephi and his brother whom he had <sup>a</sup>raised  
 from the dead, whose name was Timothy,  
 and also his son, whose name was Jonas,  
 and also Mathoni and Mathonihah, his brother,  
 and Kumen and Kumenonhi and Jeremiah and  
 Shemnon and Jonas and Zedekiah and Isaiah—  
 Now these were the names of the <sup>b</sup>disciples  
 whom Jesus had chosen—
- 5 And it came to pass that they went forth  
 and stood in the midst of the multitude;
- 6 And behold, the multitude was so great that they did cause  
 that they should be separated into twelve bodies,
- 7 And the twelve did teach the multitude;  
 But behold, they did cause that the multitude  
 should kneel down upon the face of the earth  
 and should pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus,
- 8 And the disciples did pray unto the Father  
 also in the name of Jesus.
- 9 And it came to pass that they arose  
 and ministered unto the people;
- 10 And when they had ministered those same words  
 which Jesus had spoken, nothing varying  
 from the words which Jesus had spoken,  
 Behold, they knelt again and prayed to the Father  
 in the name of Jesus;  
 And they did pray for that which they most desired,  
 And they desired that the Holy Ghost  
 should be given unto them;
- 11 And when they had thus prayed, they went down unto  
 the water's edge and the multitude followed them.
- 12 And it came to pass that Nephi went down  
 into the water and was baptized,
- 13 And he came up out of the water and began to baptize,

a 3N 3:60

b 3N 5:44-46

And he did baptize all they whom Jesus had chosen.

- 14 And it came to pass when they were all baptized  
and had come up out of the water,  
the Holy Ghost did fall upon them,  
And they were filled with the Holy Ghost and with fire;  
15 And behold, they were encircled about as if it were fire;  
And it came down from heaven and the multitude  
did witness it and do bear record;  
And angels did come down out of heaven  
and did minister unto them.

a vv 16-12:8 =  
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- 16 And it came to pass that while the angels  
were ministering unto the disciples,  
Behold, Jesus <sup>a</sup>came and stood in the midst  
and ministered unto them.
- 17 And it came to pass that He spake unto the multitude  
and commanded them that they should kneel down  
again upon the earth, and also that His disciples  
should kneel down upon the earth.
- 18 And it came to pass that when they had all knelt down  
upon the earth, He commanded His disciples  
that they should pray;
- 19 And behold, they began to pray,  
And they did pray unto Jesus, calling Him  
their Lord and their God.
- 20 And it came to pass that Jesus departed out of  
the midst of them and went a little way off  
from them and bowed Himself to the earth,  
And He saith:  
“Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast given the  
Holy Ghost unto these whom I have chosen,  
And it is because of their belief in Me  
that I have chosen them out of the world;
- 21 Father, I pray Thee that Thou wilt give the Holy Ghost  
unto all them that shall believe in their words;
- 22 Father, Thou hast given them the Holy Ghost  
because they believed in Me,  
And Thou seest that they believe in Me because  
Thou hearest them and they pray unto Me;  
And they pray unto Me because I Am with them;
- 23 And now Father, I pray unto Thee for them,

And also for all they which shall believe on their words,  
that they may believe in Me,  
that I may be in them as Thou, Father, art in Me,  
that we may be one.”

- 24 And it came to pass that when Jesus had thus prayed  
unto the Father, He came unto His disciples,  
And behold, they did still continue without ceasing  
to pray unto Him;  
And they did not multiply many words, for it  
was given unto them what they should pray,  
And they were filled with desire.
- 25 And it came to pass that Jesus beheld them  
as they did pray unto Him,  
And His countenance did smile upon them,  
And the light of His countenance did <sup>a</sup>shine upon them;  
And behold, they were as white as the countenance  
and also the garments of Jesus;
- 26 And behold, the whiteness thereof did exceed all the  
whiteness—yea, even there could be nothing  
upon earth so white as the whiteness thereof.
- 27 And Jesus saith unto them, “Pray on”;  
Nevertheless, they did not cease to pray.
- 28 And He turned from them again and went a little way off  
and bowed Himself to the earth,  
And He prayed again unto the Father, saying:  
“Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast purified these  
which I have chosen because of their faith;
- 29 And I pray for them, and also for them which  
shall believe on their words, that they may  
be purified in Me through faith on their words,  
even as they are purified in Me;
- 30 Father, I pray not for the world,  
But for them which Thou hast given unto Me  
out of the world because of their faith,  
that they may be purified in Me,  
that I may be in them as Thou, Father, art in Me,  
that we may be one,  
that I may be glorified in them.”
- 31 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spake these  
words, He came again unto His disciples;

a H 2:100

And behold, they did pray steadfastly  
without ceasing unto Him;  
And He did smile upon them again;  
And behold, they were white even as Jesus.

a 3N 12:7;  
13:25-26

- 32 And it came to pass that He went again a little way off  
and prayed unto the Father;  
And <sup>a</sup>tongue cannot speak the words which He prayed,  
Neither can be written by man the words which He prayed;
- 33 And the multitude did hear and do bear record,  
And their hearts were open,  
And they did understand in their hearts  
the words which He prayed;
- 34 Nevertheless, so great and marvelous were the words  
which He prayed, that they cannot be written,  
Neither can they be uttered by man.
- 35 And it came to pass that when Jesus had  
made an end of praying, He came again  
to the disciples and saith unto them:  
“So great faith have I never seen among all the Jews,  
Wherefore, I could not show unto them  
so great miracles because of their unbelief;
- 36 Verily I say unto you, there are none of them  
that have seen so great things as ye have seen,  
Neither have they heard so great things as ye have heard.”
- 37 And it came to pass that He commanded the multitude  
that they should cease to pray, and also His disciples,
- 38 And He commanded them that they should  
not cease to pray in their hearts;
- 39 And He commanded them that they should  
arise and stand up upon their feet,  
And they arose up and stood up upon their feet.
- 40 And it came to pass that He brake bread again  
and blessed it and gave to the disciples to eat;
- 41 And when they had eaten, He commanded them that  
they should break bread and give unto the multitude;
- 42 And when they had given unto the multitude, He also  
gave them wine to drink and commanded them  
that they should give unto the multitude.
- 43 Now there had been no bread, neither wine, brought  
by the disciples, neither by the multitude,

- But He truly gave unto them bread to eat,  
and also wine to drink;
- 44 And He saith unto them:  
“He that eateth this bread, eateth of My body to their soul,  
And he that drinketh of this wine, drinketh of My blood  
to their soul,  
And their soul shall never hunger nor thirst,  
but shall be filled.”
- 45 Now when the multitude had all eaten and drank,  
Behold, they were filled with the Spirit;  
And they did cry out with one voice and gave glory  
to Jesus whom they both saw and heard.
- 46 And it came to pass that when they had all given glory  
unto Jesus, He saith unto them:  
“Behold, now I finish the commandment which the Father  
hath commanded Me concerning this people  
which are a remnant of the house of Israel.
- 47 “Ye remember that I spake unto you and said that  
when the words of Isaiah should be fulfilled—  
Behold, they are written,  
Ye have them before you;  
Therefore, <sup>a</sup>search them—
- 48 And verily, verily I say unto you that  
when they shall be <sup>b</sup>fulfilled,  
Then is the fulfilling of the covenant which the Father  
hath made unto His people,
- 49 O house of Israel;  
And then shall the remnants which shall be scattered  
abroad upon the face of the earth be gathered in—  
from the east and from the west,  
and from the south and from the north;  
And they shall be brought to the knowledge  
of the Lord their God who hath redeemed them;
- 50 And the Father hath commanded Me that I should  
give unto you this land for your inheritance.
- 51 “And I say unto you that if the Gentiles do <sup>c</sup>not repent  
after the blessing which they shall receive  
after that they have scattered My people,  
Then shall ye which are a remnant  
of the house of Jacob go forth among them;
- 52 And ye shall be in the midst of them, which shall be many;

a 3N 10:26-29

Mn 4:27

b 2N 11:12

c Mn 2:51-54

a Ps 111:6  
Prov 13:22  
James 5:1-3

b 3N 10:1-4  
Eth 6:1-13

c 1N 7:43-46  
3N 9:98  
Deut 18:15-19  
John 1:45  
Acts 3:19-26

- And ye shall be among them,  
as a lion among the beasts of the forest,  
and as a young lion among the flocks of sheep,  
Who, if he goeth through, both treadeth down  
and teareth in pieces,  
And none can deliver.
- 53 Thy hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries,  
And all thine enemies shall be cut off.
- 54 “And I will gather My people together  
as a man gathereth his sheaves into the floor,  
For I will make My people with whom the Father  
hath covenanted—yea, I will make thy horn iron,  
And I will make thy hoofs brass;
- 55 And thou shalt beat in pieces many people;  
And I will <sup>a</sup>consecrate their gain unto the Lord,  
And their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth;  
And behold, I Am He which doeth it.
- 56 ““And it shall come to pass,’ saith the Father, ‘that the  
sword of My justice shalt hang over them at that day;  
And except they repent, it shall fall upon them,’ saith the  
Father, ‘yea, even upon all the nations of the Gentiles.’
- 57 “And it shall come to pass that I will establish My people,  
O house of Israel.
- 58 And behold, this people will I establish in this land,  
unto the fulfilling of the covenant  
which I made with your father Jacob,  
And it shall be a <sup>b</sup>New Jerusalem.
- 59 And the powers of heaven shall be  
in the midst of this people,  
Yea, even I will be in the midst of you.
- 60 “Behold, I Am He of whom <sup>c</sup>Moses spake, saying:  
‘A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up  
unto you of your brethren like unto me;  
Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever  
He shall say unto you.
- 61 And it shall come to pass that every soul  
which will not hear that Prophet,  
shall be cut off from among the people.’
- 62 “Verily I say unto you—  
Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel

- and those that follow after, as many  
as have spoken, have <sup>a</sup>testified of Me—
- 63 And behold, ye are the children of the prophets;  
And ye are of the <sup>b</sup>house of Israel;  
And ye are of the covenant which the Father made  
with your fathers, saying unto Abraham:  
'And in thy <sup>c</sup>Seed shall all the kindreds  
of the earth be blessed'—
- 64 The Father having raised Me up unto you first  
and sent Me to bless you in turning away  
every one of you from his iniquities,  
And this because ye are the children of the covenant.
- 65 "And after that ye were blessed, then fulfilleth the Father  
the covenant which He made with Abraham saying:  
'In thy <sup>c</sup>Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed,'  
Unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through Me  
upon the Gentiles,  
Which blessing upon the Gentiles  
shall make them mighty above all,  
Unto the scattering of My people, O house of Israel;  
And they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.
- 66 "Nevertheless, when they shall have received  
the fullness of My gospel, then if they shall  
harden their hearts against Me,  
'I will return their iniquities upon their own heads,'  
saith the Father;
- 67 'And I will remember the covenant  
which I have made with My people,  
And I have covenanted with them that I would  
gather them together in Mine own due time,
- 68 That I would give unto them again  
the land of their fathers for their inheritance,  
Which is the Land of Jerusalem, which is the Promised  
Land unto them forever,' saith the Father.
- 69 "And it shall come to pass that the time cometh when  
the fullness of My gospel be preached unto them,  
And they shall believe in Me, that I Am Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God,  
And shall pray unto the Father in My name.
- 70 <sup>d</sup>"Then shall their watchmen lift up their voice,  
And with the voice together shall they sing;

a 1N 3:5  
H 5:55

b 1N 7:17-23

c 1N 4:29; 7:20  
Gal 3:16

d vv 70-73 =  
Isa 52:8-10

- 71 For they shall see eye to eye.  
Then will the Father gather them together again,  
And give unto them Jerusalem for the land  
of their inheritance.
- 72 Then shall they break forth into joy!  
Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem!  
For the Father hath comforted His people,  
He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
- a 1N 7:21-22 73 The Father hath made <sup>a</sup>bare His holy arm  
in the eyes of all the nations;  
And all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of the Father;  
And the Father and I are one.<sup>7</sup>
- b vv 74-76 =  
Isa 52:1-3 74 “And then shall be brought to pass that which is written:  
<sup>b</sup>Awake! awake again, and put on thy strength, O Zion!  
Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city!  
For henceforth there shall no more come into thee  
the uncircumcised and the unclean.
- 75 Shake thyself from the dust—arise!  
Sit down, O Jerusalem!  
Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck,  
O captive daughter of Zion!
- 76 For thus saith the Lord:  
“Ye have sold yourselves for naught;  
And ye shall be redeemed without money.”
- c vv 77-78 =  
Isa 52:6-7 77 <sup>c</sup>Verily, verily I say unto you  
that My people shall know My name—  
Yea, in that day they shall know  
that I Am He that doth speak.
- 78 And then shall they say,  
“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him  
that bringeth good tidings unto them,  
That publisheth peace,  
That bringeth good tidings unto them of good,  
That publisheth salvation,  
That saith unto Zion, “Thy God reigneth!””
- d vv 79-83 =  
Isa 52:11-15 79 <sup>d</sup>And then shall a cry go forth,  
Depart ye! Depart ye! Go ye out from thence.  
Touch not that which is unclean;  
Go ye out of the midst of her;  
Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.
- e 3N 10:8 80 For ye shall <sup>e</sup>not go out with haste, nor go by flight;

For the Lord will go before you,  
And the God of Israel shall be your rearward.

- 81 ‘Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently—  
He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.
- 82 As many were astonished at thee;  
His visage was so marred—more than any man,  
And His form more than the sons of men;
- 83 So shall He sprinkle many nations.  
The kings shall shut their mouths at Him;  
For that which had *not* been told them shall they see,  
And that which they had not heard shall they consider.’
- 84 “Verily, verily I say unto you, all these things shall surely  
come, even as the Father hath commanded Me;
- 85 And then shall this covenant which the Father hath  
covenanted with His people be fulfilled;  
And then shall Jerusalem be inhabited again  
with My people,  
And it shall be the land of their inheritance.
- 86 “And verily I say unto you, I give unto you a sign  
that ye may know the time when these things  
shall be about to take place,  
That I shall gather in from their long dispersion  
My people, O house of Israel,  
And shall establish again among them My Zion.
- 87 “And behold, this is the thing which  
I will give unto you for a sign—  
“For verily I say unto you, that when  
these things which I deliver unto you—  
And which I shall deliver unto you hereafter of Myself  
and by the power of the Holy Ghost which  
shall be given unto you of the Father—  
Shall be made known unto the Gentiles,
- 88 that they may know concerning this people  
which are a remnant of the house of Jacob,  
And concerning this My people  
which shall be scattered by them—
- 89 “Verily, verily I say unto you, when these things  
shall be made known unto them of the Father,  
And shall come forth of the Father from them unto you—  
For it is wisdom in the Father that they should

- 90 be established in this land  
and be set up as a free people  
by the power of the Father,  
That these *things* might come forth from them  
unto a remnant of your seed,  
That the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled which He  
hath covenanted with His people, O house of Israel—
- 91 “Therefore, when these works, and the work which  
shall be wrought among you hereafter, shall come forth  
from the Gentiles unto your seed, which shall dwindle  
in unbelief because of iniquity—
- 92 For thus it behooveth the Father that it  
should come forth from the Gentiles,  
That He may show forth His power  
unto the Gentiles for this cause:  
That the Gentiles—if they will not <sup>a</sup>harden their hearts—  
That they may repent  
and come unto Me  
and be baptized in My name  
and know of the true points of My doctrine,  
That they may be numbered among My people,  
O house of Israel—
- 93 “And when these things come to pass—  
that thy seed shall begin to know these things—  
It shall be a sign unto them that they may know that  
the work of the Father hath already commenced,  
Unto the fulfilling of the covenant which He hath made  
unto the people which are of the house of Israel.
- 94 “And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass  
that kings shall shut their mouths,  
For that which had not been told them, shall they see,  
And that which they had not heard, shall they consider;
- 95 For in that day, for My sake shall the Father work a work  
which shall be a great and a marvelous work  
among them;  
And there shall be among them which will not believe it,  
although a man shall declare it unto them.
- 96 “But behold, the life of My servant shall be in My hand;  
Therefore, they shall not hurt him, although  
he shall be marred because of them,
- 97 Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that

a A 9:18

My wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil.

- 98 “Therefore, it shall come to pass that whosoever will not believe in My words—which am Jesus Christ—Which the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, And shall give unto <sup>a</sup>him power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles—it shall be done even as <sup>b</sup>Moses said— They shall be cut off from among My people which are of the covenant.
- 99 <sup>c</sup>“And My people which are a remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, Yea, in the midst of them, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, Who, if he go through, both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, And none can deliver.
- 100 Their hand shall be lifted up upon their adversaries, And all their enemies shall be cut off.’
- 101 “Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles, except they repent! ‘For it shall come to pass in that day,’ saith the Father, ‘That I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, And I will destroy thy chariots, And I will cut off the cities of thy land And throw down all thy strongholds.
- 102 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy hand, And thou shalt have no more soothsayers.
- 103 Thy graven images I will also cut off, And thy standing images out of the midst of thee; And thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands;
- 104 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee— So will I destroy thy cities.
- 105 <sup>d</sup>“And it shall come to pass that all lyings and deceivings and envyings and strifes and priestcrafts and whoredoms shall be done away.
- 106 For it shall come to pass,’ saith the Father, ‘that at that day, whosoever will not repent and come unto My beloved Son, Them will I cut off from among My people, O house of Israel,

<sup>a</sup> Mn 4:20  
Eth 2:1-5

<sup>b</sup> 1N 7:43-46  
3N 9:60

<sup>c</sup> vv 99-104, 106c =  
Mic 5:8-15

<sup>d</sup> A 11:29  
3N 14:2

And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them—even  
as upon the heathen—such as they have not heard!

**10** “**BUT IF** they will repent,  
and hearken unto My words,  
and harden not their hearts,  
I will establish My church among them;  
And they shall come in unto the <sup>a</sup>covenant and be  
numbered among this, the remnant of Jacob, unto  
whom I have given this land for their inheritance,  
And they shall assist My people, the remnant of Jacob—  
2 And also as many of the house of Israel as shall come—  
That they may build a city which shall be called  
the <sup>b</sup>New Jerusalem;  
3 And then shall they assist My people that they  
may be gathered in, which are scattered upon  
all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem;  
4 And then shall the powers of heaven  
come down among them,  
And I also will be in the midst;  
And then shall the work of the Father <sup>c</sup>commence  
at that day, even when this gospel shall be  
preached among the remnant of this people.  
5 “Verily I say unto you, at that day shall the  
work of the Father commence among  
all the dispersed of My people—  
Yea, even the tribes which have been lost  
which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem—  
6 Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed  
of My people, with the Father,  
To prepare the way whereby they may come unto Me,  
that they may call on the Father in My name.  
7 “Yea, and then shall the work commence with the Father  
among all nations in preparing the way  
whereby His people may be gathered home  
to the land of their inheritance;  
8 <sup>d</sup>And they shall go out from all nations,  
And they shall <sup>e</sup>not go out in haste nor go by flight;  
‘For I will go before them,’ saith the Father,  
‘And I will be their rearward.’

a 1N 3:230  
Mos 3:6-8;  
9:41, 44, 174  
A 5:27  
3N 2:96

b 3N 9:58  
Eth 6:1-13

c 2N 12:87

d v 8 =  
Isa 52:11-12  
e 3N 9:80

“And then shall that which is written come to pass:

- 9    <sup>a</sup>“Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear!  
 Break forth into singing and cry aloud,  
       thou that didst not travail with child!  
 For more are the children of the desolate than  
       the children of the married wife,’ saith the Lord.
- 10    ‘Enlarge the place of thy tent,  
 And let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations;  
 Spare not;  
 Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes.
- 11    For thou shalt break forth on the right hand  
       and on the left,  
 And thy seed shall <sup>b</sup>inherit the Gentiles,  
 And make the desolate cities to be inhabited.
- 12    ‘Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed;  
 Neither be thou confounded,  
       for thou shalt not be put to shame;  
 For thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth,  
 And shalt not remember the reproach  
       of thy widowhood anymore.
- 13    For thy Maker, thy husband,  
       the Lord of Hosts is His name;  
 And thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,  
       the God of the whole earth shall He be called;
- 14    For the Lord hath called thee as a woman  
       forsaken and grieved in spirit,  
 And a wife of youth when thou wast refused,’  
       saith thy God.
- 15    ‘For a small moment have I forsaken thee,  
 But with great mercies will I gather thee.
- 16    In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment;  
 But with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee,’  
       saith the Lord thy Redeemer.
- 17    ‘For this, the waters of Noah unto 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 thee.
- 18    For the mountains shall depart,  
 And the hills be removed,  
 But My kindness shall not depart from thee,

<sup>a</sup> vv 9-25 =  
 Isa 54:1-17

<sup>b</sup> Ps 111:6  
 Prov 13:22  
 James 5:1-3

Neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed;  
saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

- 19 ‘O thou afflicted, tossed with tempests and not comforted,  
Behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors  
and lay thy foundations with sapphires.
- 20 And I will make thy windows of agates  
and thy gates of carbuncles,  
And all thy borders of pleasant stones.
- 21 And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord,  
And great shall be the peace of thy children.
- 22 In righteousness shalt thou be established;  
Thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear;  
And from terror, for it shall not come near thee.
- 23 ‘Behold, they shall surely gather together  
against thee, not by Me.  
Whosoever shall gather together against thee  
shall fall for thy sake.
- 24 ‘Behold, I have created the smith  
that bloweth the coals in the fire,  
And that bringeth forth an instrument for his work;  
And I have created the waster to destroy.
- 25 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper,  
And every tongue that shall revile against thee  
in judgment thou shalt condemn.  
This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,  
And their righteousness is of Me,’ saith the Lord.
- 26 “And now behold, I say unto you  
that ye had ought to <sup>a</sup>search these things—
- 27 Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these  
things diligently, for great are the words of Isaiah,
- 28 For surely he spake as touching all things concerning  
My people which are of the house of Israel;  
Therefore, it must needs be that he must  
speak also to the Gentiles;
- 29 And all things that he spake hath been and shall be,  
even according to the words which he spake.
- 30 “Therefore, give heed to My words;  
Write the things which I have told you,  
And according to the time and the will of the Father,  
<sup>b</sup>they shall go forth unto the Gentiles;

<sup>a</sup> 3N 9:47  
Mn 4:27

<sup>b</sup> 3N 12:2-4;  
14:1-3

- 31 And whosoever will hearken unto My words and repenteth and is baptized, the same shall be saved.
- 32 “Search the prophets, for many there be that testify of these things.”
- 33 And now it came to pass that when Jesus had said these words, He saith unto them again—after He had expounded all the scriptures unto them which they had received— He saith unto them:  
“Behold, other scriptures I would that ye should write that ye have not.”
- 34 And it came to pass that He saith unto Nephi:  
“Bring forth the records which ye have kept.”
- 35 And when Nephi had brought forth the records and laid them before Him, And He cast His eyes upon them and saith:
- 36 “Verily I say unto you, I commanded My servant Samuel the Lamanite that he should testify unto this people, That at the day that the Father should glorify His name in Me, That there were many saints which should arise from the dead and should appear unto many and should minister unto them.”
- 37 And He saith unto them, “Were it not so?”
- 38 And His disciples answered Him and said:  
“Yea, Lord, Samuel did prophesy according to Thy words, And they were all fulfilled.”
- 39 And Jesus saith unto them:  
“Howbeit that ye have not written this thing— that many saints did arise and appear unto many and did minister unto them?”
- 40 And it came to pass that Nephi remembered that this thing had not been written.
- 41 And it came to pass that Jesus commanded that it should be written, Therefore, it was written according as He commanded.

1 1 AND NOW it came to pass that when Jesus had expounded all the scriptures in one which they had written, He commanded them that they should teach the things which He had expounded unto them.

2 And it came to pass that He commanded them that they should write the words which the Father had given unto Malachi, which He should tell unto them.

3 And it came to pass that after they were written, He expounded them;

a vv 4-27 =  
Mal 3:1-4:6

4 <sup>a</sup>And these are the words which He did tell unto them, saying:

“Thus said the Father unto Malachi:

‘Behold, I will send My messenger,  
And he shall prepare the way before Me,  
And the Lord, whom ye seek  
shall suddenly come to His temple,  
Even the Messenger of the covenant whom ye delight in—  
Behold, He shall come,’ saith the Lord of Hosts.

5 ‘But who may abide the day of His coming?  
And who shall stand when He appeareth?  
For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fuller’s soap.  
6 And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver;  
And He shall purify the sons of Levi  
and purge them as gold and silver,  
That they may offer unto the Lord  
an offering in righteousness.

7 ‘Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem  
be pleasant unto the Lord,  
As in the days of old,  
And as in former years.

8 And I will come near to you to judgment;  
And I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers,  
And against the adulterers,  
And against false swearers,  
And against those that oppress the hireling in his wages,  
the widow and the fatherless,  
And that turn aside the stranger and fear not Me,’  
saith the Lord of Hosts.

9 ‘For I Am the Lord, I change not;

- Therefore, ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.  
10 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away  
from Mine ordinances and have not kept them.  
Return unto Me, and I will return unto you,'  
saith the Lord of Hosts.  
'But ye say, "Wherein shall we return?"
- 11 'Will a man rob God?  
Yet ye have robbed Me!  
But ye say, "Wherein have we robbed Thee?"  
In tithes and offerings.
- 12 Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed Me,  
even this whole nation.
- 13 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,  
that there may be meat in My house,  
And prove Me now herewith,' saith the Lord of Hosts,  
'If I will not open you the windows of heaven  
And pour you out a blessing that there  
shall not be room enough to receive it.
- 14 'And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes—  
He shall not destroy the fruits of your ground,  
Neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time  
in the field,' saith the Lord of Hosts;
- 15 'And all nations shall call you blessed,  
For ye shall be a delightsome land,'  
saith the Lord of Hosts.
- 16 'Your words have been stout against Me,' saith *the* Lord,  
'Yet ye say, "What have we spoken against Thee?"
- 17 Ye have said, "It is vain to serve God;  
And what doth it profit that we have kept His ordinances,  
And that we have walked mournfully  
before the Lord of Hosts?
- 18 And now we call the proud happy,  
Yea, they that work wickedness are set up;  
Yea, them that tempt God are even delivered."
- 19 'Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another,  
And the Lord hearkened and heard;  
And a book of remembrance was written before Him  
for them that feared the Lord and that  
thought upon His name.
- 20 'And they shall be Mine,' saith the Lord of Hosts,

a 1N 7:36

- ‘In that day when I make up My jewels.  
 And I will <sup>a</sup>spare them as a man spareth  
 his own son that serveth him.
- 21 Then shall ye return and discern  
 between the righteous and the wicked—  
 Between him that serveth God  
 and him that serveth Him not.
- 22 ‘For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven;  
 And all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly,  
 shall be stubble.  
 And the day that cometh shall burn them up,’  
 saith the Lord of Hosts,  
 ‘That it shall leave them neither root nor branch.
- 23 ‘But unto you that fear My name shall the Son of  
 Righteousness arise with healing in His wings;  
 And ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall.
- 24 And ye shall tread down the wicked,  
 For they shall be as ashes under the soles of your feet  
 in the day that I shall do this,’ saith the Lord of Hosts.
- 25 ‘Remember ye the law of Moses My servant,  
 which I commanded unto him in Horeb  
 for all Israel with the statutes and judgments.
- 26 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the  
 coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.
- 27 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children  
 and the heart of the children to their fathers,  
 Lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.’”
- 28 And now it came to pass that when Jesus had told  
 these things, He expounded them unto the multitude,  
 And He did expound all things unto them,  
 both great and small;
- 29 And He saith:  
 “These scriptures which ye had not with you,  
 the Father commanded that I should give unto you,  
 For it was wisdom in Him that they should be given  
 unto future generations.”
- 30 And He did expound all things, even from the beginning  
 until the time that He should come in His glory;
- 31 Yea, even all things which should come upon the face  
 of the earth, even until the elements should melt

with fervent heat,

And the <sup>a</sup>earth should be wrapped together as a scroll,  
And the heaven and the earth should pass away;

32 And even unto the great and last day when all people  
and all kindreds and all nations and tongues shall  
stand before God to be judged of their works,  
whether they be good or whether they be evil—

33 If they be good, to the resurrection of everlasting life,  
And if they be evil, to the resurrection of damnation,  
Being on a parallel, the one on the one hand,  
and the other on the other hand—

According to the mercy and the justice and the holiness  
which is in Christ, which was before the world began.

a Mn 2:52-53; 4:58

**12** AND NOW there cannot be written in this book  
even an <sup>b</sup>hundredth part of the things  
which Jesus did truly teach unto the people;

But behold, the plates of Nephi do contain the more part  
of the things which He taught the people;

b WM 1:8  
H 2:13  
3N 2:91-93  
Eth 6:108

2 And these things have I written which are a <sup>c</sup>lesser part  
of the things which He taught the people,  
And I have written them to the intent that they may be  
brought again unto this people from the <sup>d</sup>Gentiles  
according to the words which Jesus hath spoken.

c A 17:35-36

d 2N 12:79-81

3 And when they shall have received this, which is expedient  
that they should have first to try their faith,  
And if it should so be that they shall believe these things,  
Then shall the <sup>e</sup>greater things be made manifest unto them;

4 And if it so be that they will not believe these things,  
Then shall the greater things be withheld from them  
unto their condemnation.

e Eth 1:100-117

5 Behold, I was about to write them all which  
were engraven upon the plates of Nephi,  
But the Lord <sup>f</sup>forbid it, saying, “I will try  
the faith of My people”;  
Therefore, I, Mormon, do write the things  
which have been commanded me of the Lord.

f A 9:15-19

6 And now I, Mormon, make an end of my sayings  
and proceed to write the things which  
have been commanded me;  
Therefore, I would that ye should behold that the Lord

truly did teach the people for the space of three days;  
And after that, He did show Himself unto them oft and  
did break bread oft and bless it and give it unto them.

7 And it came to pass that He did teach and minister  
unto the children of the multitude  
of whom hath been spoken;  
And He did loose their tongues,  
And they did speak unto their fathers  
great and marvelous things—even <sup>a</sup>greater  
than He had revealed unto the people—  
And loosed their tongues that they could utter.

a 3N 9:32-34

8 And it came to pass that after He had ascended  
into heaven the second time that He  
showed Himself unto them,  
And gone unto the Father after having  
<sup>b</sup>healed all their sick and their lame,  
And opened the eyes of the blind,  
And unstopped the ears of the deaf,  
And even had done all manner of cures among them,  
And raised a man from the dead,  
And had shown forth His power unto them,  
And had ascended unto the Father—

b 3N 8:6-9

9 Behold, it came to pass on the morrow  
that the multitude gathered themselves together,  
And they both saw and heard these children,  
yea, even babes did open their mouths  
and utter marvelous things;  
And the things which they did utter were forbidden  
that there should not any man write them.

10 And it came to pass that the disciples whom Jesus  
had chosen began from that time forth to baptize  
and to teach as many as did come unto them,  
And as many as were baptized in the name of Jesus  
were filled with the Holy Ghost;

11 And many of them saw and heard unspeakable things  
which are not lawful to be written;  
And they taught and did minister one to another;  
And they had all things common among them,  
every man dealing justly one with another.

12 And it came to pass that they did do all things,  
even as Jesus had commanded them.

- 13 And they which were baptized in the name of Jesus were called the church of Christ.
- 14 And it came to pass that as the disciples of Jesus were journeying and were preaching the things which they had both heard and seen and were baptizing in the name of Jesus,  
It came to pass that the disciples were gathered together and were united in mighty prayer and fasting;
- 15 And Jesus <sup>1</sup>again showed Himself unto them,  
for they were praying unto the Father in His name;  
And Jesus came and stood in the midst of them and saith unto them:  
“What will ye that I shall give unto you?”
- 16 And they saith unto Him:  
“Lord, we will that Thou wouldst tell us the name whereby we shall call this church,  
For there are disputations among the people concerning this matter.”
- 17 And the Lord said unto them:  
“Verily, verily I say unto you, why is it that the people should murmur and dispute because of this thing?
- 18 Have they not read the scriptures which saith, ‘Ye must take upon you the name of Christ,’ which is My name?  
For by this name shall ye be called at the last day,  
And whoso taketh upon him My name and endureth to the end, the same shall be saved at the last day.
- 19 “Therefore, whatsoever ye shall do,  
ye shall do it in My name;  
Therefore, ye shall call the church in My name;  
And ye shall call upon the Father in My name,  
that He will bless the church for My sake;  
And howbeit My church save it be called in My name?
- 20 For if a <sup>a</sup>church be called in Moses’ name,  
then it be Moses’ church;  
Or if it be called in the name of a man,  
then it be the church of a man;  
But if it be called in My name, then it is My church—  
if it so be that they are built upon My gospel.
- 21 “Verily I say unto you that ye are built upon My gospel,  
Therefore, ye shall call whatsoever things ye do call

1 vv 15-13:24  
= third visit

a 2N 12:3-17

- in My name;  
 Therefore, if ye call upon the Father for the church,  
 if it be in My name, the Father will hear you;  
 22 And if it so be that the church is built upon My gospel,  
 then will the Father show forth His own works in it.
- 23 “But if it be not built upon My gospel and is built upon  
 the works of man or upon the works of the devil,  
 Verily I say unto you, they have joy  
 in their works for a season;  
 And by and by the end cometh,  
 And they are hewn down and cast into the fire  
 from whence there is no return;  
 24 For their works do follow them,  
 For it is because of their works that they are hewn down;  
 Therefore, remember the things that I have told you.
- 25 “Behold, I have given unto you My gospel,  
 And this is the gospel which I have given unto you—  
 That I came into the world to do the will of My Father  
 because My Father sent Me;  
 26 And My Father sent Me that I might  
 be <sup>a</sup>lifted up upon the cross;  
 And after that I had been lifted up upon the cross,  
 I might draw all men unto Me;  
 27 That as I have been lifted up by men, even so should men  
 be lifted up by the Father to stand before Me  
 to be judged of their works, whether they  
 be good or whether they be evil;  
 28 And for this cause have I been lifted up;  
 Therefore, according to the power of the Father,  
 I will draw all men unto Me, that they may  
 be judged according to their works.
- 29 “And it shall come to pass that whoso repenteth  
 and is baptized in My name shall be filled;  
 And if he endureth to the end,  
 Behold, him will I hold guiltless before My Father  
 at that day when I shall stand to judge the world;  
 30 And he that endureth not unto the end,  
 The same is he that is also hewn down and cast  
 into the fire from whence they can no more return  
 because of the justice of the Father.
- “And this is the word which He hath given

a 1N 5:239-244  
 3N 13:17

- unto the children of men;
- 31 And for this cause He fulfilleth the words  
which He hath given,  
And He <sup>a</sup>lieth not, but fulfilleth all His words;  
And no unclean thing can enter into His kingdom;
- 32 Therefore, nothing entereth into His rest,  
Save it be those who have washed their garments in  
My blood because of their faith and the repentance  
of all their sins and their faithfulness unto the end.
- 33 “Now this is the commandment:  
Repent, all ye ends of the earth!  
and come unto Me!  
and be baptized in My name!  
That ye may be sanctified by the reception  
of the Holy Ghost,  
That ye may stand spotless before Me at the last day!
- 34 “Verily, verily I say unto you, this is My gospel.  
“And ye know the things that ye must do in My church,  
For the works which ye have seen Me do,  
that shall ye also do;
- 35 For that which ye have seen Me do, even that shall ye do;  
Therefore, if ye do these things, blessed are ye,  
For ye shall be lifted up at the last day.

<sup>a</sup> En 1:8  
Eth 1:75

- 13** “WRITE THE things which ye have seen and heard,  
save it be those which are <sup>b</sup>forbidden;  
Write the works of this people, which shall be even  
as hath been written of that which hath been;
- 2 For behold, out of the books which have been written,  
and which shall be written, shall this people be judged,  
For by them should their works be known unto men.
- 3 “And behold, all things are written by the Father;  
Therefore, out of the books which shall be written  
shall the world be judged.
- 4 “And know ye that ye shall be judges of this people,  
according to the judgment which I shall give unto you,  
which shall be just;
- 5 Therefore, what manner of men had ye ought to be?  
Verily I say unto you, even as I am.  
And now I go unto the Father.

<sup>b</sup> 3N 12:9

### 3 NEPHI 13:6

a En 1:24  
Mos 2:36  
A 13:51  
3N 8:51  
Mn 4:84  
Mi 7:26

6 “And verily I say unto you, whatsoever things ye shall  
<sup>a</sup>ask the Father in My name, it shall be given unto you;  
Therefore, ask, and ye shall receive,  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you;  
For he that asketh, receiveth,  
And unto him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

7 “And now behold, My joy is great, even unto fullness,  
because of you, and also this generation;  
Yea, and even the Father rejoiceth, and also all the  
holy angels, because of you and this generation,  
For none of them are lost.

8 “Behold, I would that ye should understand—  
For I mean them which are now alive of this generation;  
And none of them are lost;  
And in them I have fullness of joy.

b 1N 3:118-129  
2N 11:73-77  
A 21:9-15

9 “But behold, it sorroweth Me because of the  
<sup>b</sup>fourth generation from this generation,  
For they are led away captive by him,  
even as was the son of perdition;  
For they will sell Me for silver and for gold,  
And for that which moth doth corrupt and  
which thieves can break through and steal;  
10 And in that day will I visit them, even in turning  
their works upon their own heads.”

11 And it came to pass that when Jesus had ended  
these sayings, He saith unto His disciples:  
“Enter ye in at the strait gate,  
For strait is the gate and narrow is the way  
that leads to life,  
And few there be that find it;  
But wide is the gate and broad the way  
which leads to death,  
And many there be that traveleth therein, until  
the night cometh wherein no man can work.”

12 And it came to pass when Jesus had said these words, He  
spake unto His disciples one by one, saying unto them:  
“What is it that ye desire of Me after that  
I am gone to the Father?”

13 And they all spake, save it were three, saying:  
“We desire that after we have lived unto the age of man,

That our ministry wherein Thou hast called us  
 may have an end,  
 That we may speedily come unto Thee in Thy kingdom.”

14 And He saith unto them:

“Blessed are ye because ye desire this thing of Me;  
 Therefore, after that ye are <sup>a</sup>seventy and two years old,  
 ye shall come unto Me in My kingdom;  
 And with Me ye shall find rest.”

a 4N 1:15

15 And when He had spake unto them, He turned Himself  
 unto the three and said unto them:

“What will ye that I should do unto you  
 when I am gone unto the Father?”

16 And they sorrowed in their hearts, for they durst not  
 speak unto Him the thing which they desired.

17 And He saith unto them:

“Behold, I know your thoughts;  
 And ye have desired the thing which John My beloved,  
 which was with Me in My ministry before that  
 I was <sup>b</sup>lifted up by the Jews, desired of Me;

b 3N 12:26-28

18 Therefore, more blessed are ye,  
 for ye shall never taste of death,

But ye shall live to behold all the doings  
 of the Father unto the children of men,  
 Even until all things shall be fulfilled according  
 to the will of the Father, when I shall come  
 in My glory with the powers of heaven;

19 And ye shall never endure the pains of death;  
 But when I shall come in My glory, ye shall be changed in  
 the twinkling of an eye from mortality to immortality;  
 And then shall ye be blessed in the kingdom of My Father.

20 “And again, ye shall not have pain  
 while ye shall dwell in the flesh,

Neither sorrow, save it be for the sins of the world;

21 And all this will I do because of the thing  
 which ye have desired of Me,

For ye have desired that ye might bring the souls  
 of men unto Me while the world shall stand;

And for this cause ye shall have fullness of joy  
 and ye shall sit down in the kingdom of My Father;

22 Yea, your joy shall be full, even as the Father

- hath given Me fullness of joy;  
 And ye shall be even as I am;  
 And I am even as the Father,  
 And the Father and I are one,  
 23 And the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and Me;  
 And the Father giveth the Holy Ghost unto the children  
 of men because of Me.”
- 24 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spake these  
 words, He touched every one of them with His finger,  
 save it were the three which were to tarry;  
 And then He departed.
- 25 And behold, the heavens were opened,  
 And they were caught up into heaven  
 and saw and heard unspeakable things;
- a 3N 9:32-34 26 And it was <sup>a</sup>forbidden them that they should utter,  
 Neither was it given unto them power that they  
 could utter the things which they saw and heard;
- 27 And whether they were in the body or out of the body,  
 they could not tell;  
 For it did seem unto them like a transfiguration of them,  
 That they were changed from this body of flesh  
 into an immortal state that they could  
 behold the things of God.
- 28 But it came to pass that they did again minister  
 upon the face of the earth;  
 Nevertheless, they did not minister of the things  
 which they had heard and seen because of the  
 commandment which was given them in heaven.
- 29 And now whether they were mortal or immortal  
 from the day of their transfiguration, I know not;  
 But this much I know, according to the record  
 which hath been given—  
 They did go forth upon the face of the land and did  
 minister unto all the people, uniting as many  
 to the church as would believe in their preaching,  
 baptizing them,
- 30 And as many as were baptized did receive the Holy Ghost;  
 And they were cast into prison by them  
 who did not belong to the church,
- b 4N 1:32-35 31 And the <sup>b</sup>prisons could not hold them,  
 for they were rent in twain;

- And they were cast down into the earth,  
 32 But they did smite the earth with the word of God,  
     insomuch that by His power they were delivered  
     out of the depths of the earth;  
 And therefore, they could not dig pits  
     sufficiently to hold them;
- 33 And thrice they were cast into a furnace  
     and received no harm;
- 34 And twice were they cast into a den of wild beasts,  
 And behold, they did play with the beasts as a child  
     with a suckling lamb and received no harm.
- 35 And it came to pass that thus they did go forth among  
     all the people of Nephi and did preach the gospel  
     of Christ unto all people upon the face of the land;
- 36 And they were converted unto the Lord  
     and were united unto the church of Christ;  
 And thus the people of that generation were blessed  
     according to the word of Jesus.
- 37 And now I, Mormon, make an end of speaking  
     concerning these things for a time.
- 38 Behold, I was about to write the <sup>a</sup>names of those  
     who were never to taste of death;  
 But the Lord forbade,  
 Therefore, I write them not, for they  
     are hid from the world;
- 39 But behold, <sup>b</sup>I have seen them and  
     they have ministered unto me;  
 And behold, they will be among the Gentiles  
     and the Gentiles knoweth them not;
- 40 They will also be among the Jews  
     and the Jews shall know them not.
- 41 And it shall come to pass that when the Lord  
     seeth fit in His wisdom,  
 That they shall minister unto all the scattered tribes  
     of Israel and unto all nations, kindreds,  
     tongues and people,  
 And shall bring out of them unto Jesus many souls,  
 That their desire may be fulfilled, and also because  
     of the convincing power of God which is in them.
- 42 And they are as the angels of God,

a 3N 9:4

b Mn 4:12-13

- And if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus, they can show themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good;
- 43 Therefore, great and marvelous works shall be wrought by them before the great and coming day when all people must surely stand before the judgment seat of Christ;
- 44 Yea, even among the Gentiles shall there be a great and marvelous work wrought by them before that judgment day.
- a 3N 12:1-5 45 And if ye had <sup>a</sup>all the scriptures which give an account of all the marvelous works of Christ, Ye would, according to the words of Christ, know that these things must surely come to pass;
- 46 And wo be unto him that will not hearken unto the words of Jesus, and also to them which He hath chosen and sent among them!
- b 3N 9:98 47 For whoso receiveth <sup>b</sup>not the words of Jesus, and the words of them which He hath sent, receiveth not Him; And therefore, He will not receive them at the last day; And it would be better for them if they had not been born;
- 48 For do ye suppose that ye can get rid of the justice of an offended God who hath been trampled under feet of men that thereby salvation might come?
- 49 And now behold, as I spoke concerning them whom the Lord had chosen, Yea, even three which were caught up into the heavens, that I knew not whether they were cleansed from mortality to immortality;
- 50 But behold, since I wrote I have inquired of the Lord, And He hath made it manifest unto me that there must needs be a change wrought upon their bodies or else it needs be that they must taste of death;
- 51 Therefore, that they might not taste of death, there was a change wrought upon their bodies that they might not suffer pain nor sorrow, save it were for the sins of the world.
- 52 Now this change was not equal to that which should take place at the last day; But there was a change wrought upon them, insomuch that satan could have no power over them—that he could not tempt them—

- And they were sanctified in the flesh, that they were holy  
and that the powers of the earth could not hold them;
- 53 And in this state they were to remain  
until the judgment day of Christ;  
And at that day they were to receive a greater change,  
And to be received into the kingdom of the Father  
to go no more out,  
But to dwell with God eternally in the heavens.
- 54 And now behold I say unto you, that when the Lord  
shall see fit in His wisdom that these sayings  
shall come unto the Gentiles according to His word,  
Then ye may know that the covenant which the Father  
hath made with the children of Israel concerning  
their restoration to the lands of their inheritance  
is already beginning to be fulfilled,
- 55 And ye may know that the words of the Lord which have  
been spoken by the holy prophets shall all be fulfilled;  
And ye need not say that the Lord delays His coming  
unto the children of Israel,
- 56 And ye need not imagine in your hearts that the words  
which have been spoken are vain;  
For behold, the Lord will remember His covenant which  
He hath made unto His people of the house of Israel.
- 57 And when ye shall see these sayings  
coming forth among you,  
Then ye need not any longer  
spurn at the doings of the Lord;  
For the sword of His justice is in His right hand,  
And behold, at that day, if ye shall <sup>a</sup>spurn at His doings,  
He will cause it that it shall soon overtake you.
- 58 <sup>b</sup>Wo unto him that spurneth at the doings of the Lord!  
Yea, wo unto him that shall deny the Christ  
and His works!
- 59 Yea, <sup>c</sup>wo unto him that shall deny the revelations  
of the Lord!  
And that shall say:  
“The Lord no longer worketh by revelations,  
or by prophecy,  
or by gifts,  
or by tongues,  
or by healings,  
or by the power of the Holy Ghost”;

a 3N 9:98

b Eth 1:29-35

c Mn 4:66-70  
Mi 7:37-43;  
10:8-14

a 2N 12:3-8  
Mn 4:75-91

60 Yea, and wo unto him that shall say at that day  
that there can be <sup>a</sup>no miracle wrought  
by Jesus Christ, for to get gain!  
For he that doeth this shall become like unto  
the son of perdition for whom there was no mercy,  
according to the words of Christ.

61 Yea, and ye need not any longer hiss,  
nor spurn,  
nor make game of the Jews,  
nor of any of the remnant of the house of Israel;  
For behold, the Lord remembereth His covenant unto them,  
And He will do unto them according to that  
which He hath sworn;

b 3N 9:101-106  
c 2N 7:22

62 Therefore, ye need not suppose that ye can turn  
the right hand of the Lord unto the left,  
That He may not execute <sup>b</sup>judgment  
unto the fulfilling of the <sup>c</sup>covenant  
which He hath made unto the house of Israel.

**14** HEARKEN, O ye Gentiles,  
And hear the words of Jesus Christ,  
the Son of the living God,  
which He hath commanded me  
that I should speak concerning you.

For behold, He commandeth me  
that I should write, saying:

2 “Turn, all ye Gentiles, from your wicked ways!  
And repent of your evil doings—  
of your lyings and deceivings,  
and your whoredoms,  
and of your secret abominations,  
and your idolatries,  
and of your murders,  
and your priestcrafts,  
and your envyings,  
and your strifes,  
and from all your wickedness and abominations—

3 And come unto Me and be baptized in My name!  
That ye may receive a remission of your sins  
and be filled with the Holy Ghost,  
That ye may be <sup>d</sup>numbered with My people  
which are of the house of Israel.”

d 2N 12:77-78