

A Latter-day Gazelem

And other Last-days Servants

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The Lord has called many last-days servants to help him bring forth the Kingdom of the God in the last-days.¹ This paper addresses one called “Gazelem” in the latter-days, and what part of his mission might include. We know Joseph Smith was called “Gazelam” in the Doctrine and Covenants in his day (note however the difference in spelling, an “e” instead of “a”). We know there will be 144,000 special servants to work with the Lord and various notable servants among them, all helping to bring forth a just, peaceful Kingdom in the future in preparation for our Lord’s return (see D&C 77:11A). All will be sealed in their foreheads - sealed to the Lord Jesus Christ (Mos. 5:15). Some refer to this group of special servants as “*the company of Josephs*.”² This is because the name-title *Joseph* has been given to at least seven individuals in scripture, each of whom has been a “*restorer, preserver, guardian, and protector*” for the house of Israel in some way – the Bride of the Lamb. Another name for “Gazelem” may thus be “Joseph.” His mission is more important than his identity, however.

Isaiah has addressed one special servant who has a leading role in the last-days, one in the bloodline of Israel’s Davidic kings. He has some 50 name-titles in Isaiah alone, and another 20 in the rest of the Old Testament. Some of them are titles describing what he will do, like *Elias, the Branch, arm, deliverer, rod, and the man child*. Others are formal names, like *David, Cyrus, and Eliakim*. Like the descriptive titles, the formal names serve as types for specific portions of his important latter-day mission. The 21 Isaiah chapters in the Book of Mormon thus address this servant too.

Some say Isaiah’s “Davidic servant” is “*the man child*” of JST Revelation 12. On September 23rd of 2017, the sign of the “birth” or rising up of “*the man child*” appeared in the heavens above us. John the Revelator spoke of a *woman* (believers, church of the Firstborn) clothed with sun (the city of Enoch returning at some point, JST Gen. 9:21), the moon at her feet (timing for the sign and perhaps a sign of those conquered, including those of the crescent moon of Islam), and a crown of 12 stars over her head (*a Fullness of Terrestrial Glory for those in the church of the Firstborn*). John’s sign marks the rising up, or coming forth of this very special servant into his mission, one to counteract the great evils of the beast or anti-Christ, the false prophet, and others. It doesn’t appear to mark the timing of it, as God is in control of that. It is a marker for this *event*, occurring in the Lord’s timing, perhaps sometime in the very near future (see the author’s paper, *The Great Sign of 2017*).

Those called “servants” in scripture include:

1. Jesus Christ (*Jacob 5, who comes down with the Father, “let us go down”*)
2. The anti-Christ, the deceiver (*Revelation*)
3. Elijah (*John the Baptist, JST John 1:22-26*)
4. The Davidic Servant (*Isaiah*)
5. John the Beloved (*D&C 77*)
6. Joseph the Indian Prophet (*the future choice seer of 2 Nephi 3*)
7. Two Jerusalem Servants, *Sons, Witnesses, Olive Trees, Candlesticks, etc. They may be “Messiah ben Joseph” and “Messiah ben David.”*
8. Previously translated servants who may still be here (*such as Nephi, Timothy & Isaiah in the Book of Mormon*)
9. The Company of Joseph’s, *better known as the 144,000 (D&C 77)*
10. And Gazelem, *perhaps a special name-title for the future choice servant addressed in Alma 37:23*

Deception, Gain & Control

The increasing evils in our day are part of the latter-day massive **secret combination** spreading throughout the world. It is brought forth by Satan to battle Christ and His people. The dark forces will eventually oppress Christians and Jews worldwide as part of the New World Order and One World Church. There will be great persecution and martyrdom, more than the world has ever seen!

Ancient and modern scripture reveals a number of special servants are about to come forth to assist the Lord in gathering the believing blood of Israel. They will lead out in battling those who lead this powerful *secret*

combination. Two of these last-days servants are named by the Lord in scripture. They are **John** the Beloved (also known as John the Revelator) in D&C 77:9&14 and elsewhere, and **Joseph** the Indian Prophet in 2 Nephi 3. Both may be translated. Some believe **Joseph** Smith will return to complete his mission and that he is the “Joseph” of 2 Nephi 3:24. The Prophet Joseph said, “*translated beings are designed for future missions*” (TPJS, p. 191). Both John and Joseph (and others) have very important roles that will soon be manifest to us. They will fight the beast whose influence has infiltrated our schools, governments, corporations, and churches.

In the Book of Revelation we read that John the Revelator (also known as John the Beloved) holds the keys to “*the bottomless pit*” (JST Rev. 9:1-11; 20:1-2; D&C 77:9A), and that he will release those in it for a time to punish those without God’s mark upon them. Later John will seal those released from the pit back up in it. Evil ones reside there, including “sons of perdition.” They are sealed to Satan and his destructive work (Alma 34:35). John appears to release them into our world for five months so that the wicked might oppress and destroy the wicked, all those who do *not* have the seal of the living God upon their foreheads. Many of the righteous will be preserved, those marked or “sealed in their foreheads” by God and His servants (see Mos. 5:15; D&C 77:11A). Others will be martyrs. They will shed their blood to seal their testimonies and apparently to counteract evil. They will be known forever as Martyrs of the Lord and will be esteemed in the heavens.

Discovering Wickedness in High Places

According to Alma 37:23, the special mission of “Gazelem” (whoever he is) will be to “discover,” reveal, or bring out into light, the increasing darkness tied to secret combinations among the Saints and others today. There are wolves in sheep’s clothing among us, some of whom are our “**brethren**,” according to Alma 37. Like John’s mission, Gazelem’s mission is about to unfold. The meaning of the name-title Gazelem had roots in *Gaz* – a stone – and *Aleim*, a name of God as a *revelator*. Thus it may signify “*one who gazes*” (into a stone) receiving God-given knowledge. Alma 37:23 states:

“And the Lord said: I will prepare unto my servant Gazelem a *stone* which shall shine forth in darkness [ignorance] unto light, that I may discover unto **my people** *which serve me* – that I may discover *unto them* the works of *their brethren*, yea, their secret works, their works of darkness, and their wickedness and abominations” (Alma 37:23, bold & italics added).

As stated earlier, some suggest *Gazelem* is a returning Joseph Smith (the *Gazelam* of D&C 78:9, 82:11, 104:26, 43, 45, and 46), as he used a seer stone for many revelations, including many tied to the bringing forth of the Book of Mormon. Others believe he is Joseph the Indian prophet, or even a returning Joseph of Egypt, as his posterity is promised great blessings in the last-days, including those of a latter Joseph, the sixth, youngest son of Lehi. His patriarchal blessing is given in 2 Nephi 3 and is revealing, especially verse 24. The posterity of Lehi’s youngest son Joseph is promised to survive up to our day. Many others through Lehi were destroyed, including the Nephite nation that once possessed the fulness of the gospel of Christ. Pride, secret combinations, and polygamy were their downfall, a pattern for us today.

The *Gazelem* title in Alma is spelled differently in the Book of Mormon, the “e” in verse 23 replacing the “a” at the end of the same basic name in the Doctrine and Covenants. The Nephites were Hebrews. We know their sacred records and histories were written in “*reformed Egyptian*,” expressing Hebrew thoughts through Egyptian characters. The Hebrew language did not use written vowels. Translators had to add vowels according to their understanding of the message being conveyed. The letter “e” comes later in our alphabet than “a”, perhaps expressing the later mission of another servant with a similar name, and/or similar mission. Could he be Joseph the Indian Prophet, coming like Samuel the Lamanite among the mostly white population of the church today to call the people to repentance and help restore many Saints to Christ and the fulness of *His* gospel?

This later “Joseph” (whoever he is) is like the Prophet Joseph in that he is a “*preserver, protector, guardian, and restorer*,” and thus like other “Joseph’s” in the Bible (see endnote 1). Early leaders Oliver Cowdery, Parley and Orson Pratt, David Whitmer, and Spencer W. Kimball all spoke or wrote about this “*future Indian prophet*” in our day. Up until 1921, the footnote for 2nd Nephi 3:24 said “*future Indian prophet*.” The footnote to this verse

was later changed to read “Joseph Smith.” This special servant will do a mighty work among his own people, and among those of Ephraim that will listen to him. Samuel the Lamanite may serve as a type for him. He will bring many to Christ, our Redeemer. Is he the one to expose those among us who are part of the secret combinations that Moroni, Alma, and Mormon warned us of in the Book of Mormon?

Gazelem’s work in exposing this darkness also has ties to additional records that will be brought forth in our day. They appear to include the Brass plates of Laban, the full account of John’s Revelation, and the full account from the book of Ether, all that many might be brought to Christ, *and* for another “**wise purpose**,” which is **to reveal the secret works of darkness among our brethren**. This light will come forth to dispel the darkness among us. It will be given him by way of the stone he comes to possess. The wicked ones among us (the tares) will be exposed as part of the fulness of the record of Ether’s 24 plates (Alma 37:21). So says Moroni.

“And now I Moroni proceed to give an account of those ancient inhabitants which were *destroyed* by the hand of the Lord upon the face of this north country [the Jaredites]. And I take mine account from the twenty and four plates...which is called *the book of Ether*...I do not write those things which transpired from the day of Adam until that time. But they are had upon the plates; and **whoso findeth them, the same will have power that he may get the full account**” (Ether 1:1-4).

Apparently, Gazelem will use the Liahona or “director” to find these plates. He will then use the **power** the Lord has given him as a “prophet” and “seer” to “**get the full account**” of *the wickedness* of those destroyed anciently - as a way to reveal similar wickedness among our “**brethren**” today using this record. This “**full account**” will include the “**secret plans of their oaths and their covenants**,” those that have been kept away from “*this people*” (the Gentiles) in the Book of Mormon up to this time.

Voice of Warning In chapter 37 of Alma we read the phrase, “*this people*” in reference to *the Gentile Saints* of today (vs. 21, 27, 28, 29 & 32). We are “*this people*.” Gazelem uses “a *stone*” (v. 23) to add to the message of Book of Mormon, bringing forth the fuller account of the book of Ether via translation of its 24 plates. He may do so to expose the darkness among us in secret combinations. Normally “*my people*” in the Book of Mormon points to the specific bloodline of the people of Lehi and his descendants in the Book of Mormon, including specific lines of the Lamanites on this land, those with the promises of the house of Israel.

It is clear that the Nephites and the Jaredites of the Book of Mormon were totally destroyed from off the face of this land because of their wickedness – their ties to secret combinations and polygamy. In Alma 37, we see that “*the wise purpose*” of Gazelem’s work is to reveal the wickedness among “*his people*” (v. 22) and “*my people*” (v. 23), and specifically the Lord’s servants - “**my people which serve me**” (v. 23). This prophecy serves as a warning to the Gentile Latter-day Saints to repent, that total destruction will not come upon them like those of old.

Though the “*wickedness and abominations*” of these fallen, destroyed people has been addressed in the Book of Mormon, their “*secret plans, oaths, and covenants*” has not. God did not want us to have them, perhaps because we might fall into the same errors – more quickly. Sadly, they have come among us by other means. Details in their “*secret plans, oaths, and covenants*,” will apparently be revealed by “Gazelem” when the full account from the book of Ether is translated by him. These *secret* things to “get gain” began with Satan and Cain, as detailed in Moses 5. They are part of the expanding New World Order and the One World Church about to be put in place. Moses 5 features secret oaths for the purpose of “getting gain.” They led to murder, homo-sexual relationships, and polygamy in Moses 5. Moses 5 came as a result of Joseph Smith’s inspired re-translation of Genesis. It addresses our “awful situation” (see Ether 8:24; Mosiah 2:36-41).

Alma stated that those wicked ones among our “**brethren**” who do not repent in our day will also be destroyed when “the day of the Lord” arrives. It is the Lord’s “day” of judgment upon His house first, those who have *professed to know* Him but have not (see D&C 112:24-26). They have been called to be “*the salt of the earth*,” but instead, many have lost their savor, becoming corrupted by secret oaths, abominations, and murder - all to

get gain (1 Ne. 22:23). Such are good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men (Matt. 5:13; D&C 101:39-40). Such have rejected the living God Jesus the Christ, in favor of the evil one.

Chiasmus Chapter 37 of Alma contains a number of chiastic structures of note on this subject. The center scripture in each of the seven examples that follow reveals the key message of importance - that secret combinations have taken hold among us. It is an “*awful situation*” (Ether 8: 21-26; Mosiah 2:36-41). The chiasms of this chapter provide a wake-up call to the Lord’s last-days *servants* – and a message for all to turn to God. Alma states that there are those among our “**brethren**” who claim to be shepherds in the sheepfold, but who instead are ravening wolves. They are tares among the wheat. Gazelem will “discover” and reveal them.

In Ezekiel’s day there were wicked ones among those leading the people. *Twenty-five* worked in secret among their *brethren* at the temple in Ezekiel chapters 8 and 9. The Lord sent angels to destroy them. Only those with a special “*sealing*” mark on their forehead were preserved in this account. To become one of God’s sons or daughters – to be sealed to Him – is only obtained by repentance and by diligently seeking the Lord with a broken heart and contrite spirit. Such are taken to heaven and sealed “his” (see Mosiah 5:15). Conversely, wicked ones are sealed to Satan (Alma 34:35). Note the central, key messages in seven example chiasms in Alma 37 hereafter.

Alma 37:1-14

- (A) Take the records which have been entrusted with me
- (B) For it is a wise purpose that they are kept
- (C) The brass plates should go forth that they would know the mysteries contained thereon
- (D) If they are kept they must retain their brightness
- (E) **Small means doth confound the wise**
- (E) **By very small means the Lord doth confound the wise**
- (D) These things should be preserved
- (C) The brass plates brought them to the knowledge of the Lord
- (B) They are preserved for a wise purpose
- (A) God has entrusted you with these things

Alma 37:9-19

- (A) The brass plates convinced many thousands of Lamanites and brought them to a knowledge of the truth
- (B) Records will be the means of bringing many thousands to the knowledge of the truth
- (C) Records are preserved for a wise purpose
- (D) God counsels in wisdom – His paths are straight
- (E) Keep the commandments and ye shall prosper
- (F) Keep not the commandments and ye shall be cut off
- (G) **Things which are sacred are preserved for a wise purpose**
- (F) Transgress the commandments and ye shall be delivered up unto Satan
- (E) Keep the commandments and no power on earth or in hell can take the plates from you
- (D) God fulfills all the promises he makes unto you
- (C) God preserves these records for a wise purpose
- (B) That He might show forth His power to future generations
- (A) Even to the restoration of many thousands of the Lamanites to the truth

Alma 37:21

- (A) That ye keep them
- (B) The mysteries and works of darkness and their secret works
- (C) **May be made manifest unto this people**
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- (B) All their murders and robbings, and their plunderings and all their wickedness and abominations
- (A) Preserve them

Alma 37:21-25

- (A) Preserve these *directors* (changed to *interpreters* in later editions)
- (B) The Lord saw that His people began to work in darkness, yea work secret murders and abominations
- (C) The Lord said, if they do not repent, they should be destroyed from off the face of the earth
- (D) **And the Lord said: I will prepare unto my servant Gazelem, a stone which shall shine forth in darkness unto light**
- (C) That I may discover unto them the works of their brethren
- (B) Yea, their secret works, their works of darkness and their wickedness and abominations
- (A) These *directors* were prepared (changed to *interpreters* in later editions)

Alma 37:21-26 (a variation, starting and ending with different verses)

- (A) Works of darkness and secret works
- (B) Of those people who have been destroyed
- (C) Secret murders and abominations / Repent or be destroyed from off the face of the earth
- (D) I will prepare unto my servant a stone
- (E) **That I may discover unto them the works of their brethren, yea, their secret works, their works of darkness, and their wickedness and abominations**
- (D) These interpreters were prepared
- (C) Except they repent I will destroy them off the face of the earth / Secret works and abominations
- (B) Therefore they have been destroyed
- (A) Secret abominations have been brought forth out of darkness

Alma 37:39-42

- (A) Prepared to show our fathers the course
- (B) Which they should travel
- (C) In the wilderness
- (D) It did work for them according to their faith
- (E) Faith to believe that God could cause spindles
- (F) should point
- (G) The way they should go
- (H) **They had this miracle**
- (H) **And many other miracles**
- (G) Unto them marvelous works
- (F) It did show
- (E) Miracles were worked by small means
- (D) Faith and diligence
- (C) They tarried in the wilderness
- (B) They did not travel
- (A) A direct course

Alma 37:44-45

- (A) Words of Christ point a straight course to eternal bliss
- (B) **Compass points a straight course to the Promised Land**
- (B) **Director points a straight course to the Promised Land**
- (A) Words of Christ carry us to a far better Land of Promise

Truth versus Error Those who build on a sandy foundation today...“are ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:7). Paul said, “But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good *and* evil” (Hebrews 5:14). Our Lord said, “If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall *know* the truth, and the truth *shall make you free*” (John 8:32). Jesus added, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, *but by me*” (John 14:6). The Lord is our source of light, not men (see 3 Ne. 18:24).

Let God's Word in Scripture Say What it Says

The great prophets Isaiah, Mormon, and Moroni saw our day. They and other Prophets have encouraged us to “*awake and arise*” and “*put on strength*” that we might go out and meet the Bridegroom with joy, recognition, and salvation, and then help others to do the same. To be *awake* is to *discern truth from error*, that we might not be *deceived*. Satan and his followers are liars. There are a number of ways to embrace truth. The first is to turn to the Lord, to seek His light and revelation directly, rather than the errors of men, our “fathers, priests, or kings.” Another is to turn to God’s word in scripture - the most accurate scriptures available. I use the Joseph Smith re-translation (JST) of the Bible for my reading and research, along with Royal Skousen’s “*The Book of Mormon: The Earliest Text*” (Yale University Press). There are many important differences in them in comparison to what is used by the average Latter-day Saint. The Lord refers to the JST Bible and the Book of Mormon – along with the unmodified oracles of the Doctrine and Covenants, all together - as “*the fulness of my scriptures,*” “*the fulness of the scriptures,*” “*my holy word,*” and “*the key of knowledge.*” He says in them is knowledge necessary for the salvation of the exalted.³

One change apparent from the 1830 version of the Book of Mormon in Alma 37, is that the word “*directors*” in verse 23, has been changed to “*interpreters*” in our current version. This is significant in that Alma 37 is the only chapter in the Book of Mormon to address the *Liahona*, a *compass* or “*director*” with *spindles* (like a *compass*) for travel purposes and locating where the Lord would have the people go in their original journey to this Promised Land. *Interpreters*, on the other hand, are tied to *translation* of ancient records, as in *the urim and thummim* or *seer stones*. Verse 23 of Alma 37 addresses the darkness of secret combinations in our day – among our “*brethren,*” brought forth to those who serve the Lord via the mission of Gazelem, via a *seer stone* the Lord gives him to reveal these things. It appears that the “*stone*” given him is his *interpreter*, whereas the “*director*” – perhaps the ancient *liahona* – will help him *locate* the plates of the book of Ether, that he might complete this portion of his latter-day work.

Inside Trouble

Secret combinations are addressed frequently in the Book of Mormon for good reason. Some of our modern leaders have also expressed concern over them. Pres. J. Reuben Clark stated, “**The ravening wolves are among us**, from our own membership. And they, more than any others, are clothed in sheep’s clothing, because they wear the habiliments of **the priesthood.**” (*Conf. Report*, April 1949, pps. 161-65). Pres. Ezra Taft Benson added, “It is from *within* the church that the greatest hindrance comes...The Lord has said that in the last-days the Devil will rage in the hearts of the children of men, and if it were possible, *shall deceive the very elect*” (*Be Not Deceived*, Oct. General Conference, 1963). The evil one does so from *within* most effectively. Hugh Nibley added, “In ancient times, apostasy never came by renouncing the gospel but always by corrupting it. No one renounces it today, and so we have the strange paradox of people stoutly proclaiming beliefs and ideals that they have no intention of putting into practice...We seek knowledge as our greatest treasure, while the poverty of most of our manuals and handbooks defies description” (*One Eternal Round: The Hermetic Tradition, Temple and Cosmos, FARMS – Deseret Book*, p. 395).

Satan is the god of this telestial world. He and his servants have infiltrated man’s institutions, including governments, schools, and churches. Mormon stated that cries will go forth from the righteous to God in the last-days. It will occur when *all churches* have become polluted with secret works of darkness.

“And it shall come in a day when **the blood of saints shall cry unto the Lord, because of secret combinations and the works of darkness.** Yea, it shall come in a day when **the power of God shall be denied**, and **churches become defiled** and be lifted up *in the pride of their hearts*...Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be *great pollutions* upon the face of the earth; there shall be *murders, and robbing, and lying, and deceivings, and whoredoms, and all manner of abominations*; when there shall be many who will say, Do this, or do that, and *it mattereth not*, for the Lord will uphold such at the last day. But wo unto such, for they are in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity...Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be **churches built up** that shall say: **Come unto me**, and **for your money you shall be forgiven of your sins**...O ye wicked and perverse and stiffnecked people, **why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get gain? Why have ye transfigured the holy word of God**, that ye might bring damnation upon your souls?...But behold, Jesus Christ hath *shown you unto me*, and I know your doing...**your churches, yea, even every one, have become polluted because of the pride of your hearts.** For behold, ye do love money,

and your substance, and your fine apparel, and the adorning of your churches, more than ye love the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted...O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, **why have ye polluted the holy church of God? Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ?** Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies—because of the praise of the world?...Yea, **why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain**, and cause that widows should mourn before the Lord, and also orphans to mourn before the Lord, and also the blood of their fathers and their husbands to cry unto the Lord from the ground, for vengeance upon your heads? Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you; and the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you, for he will not suffer their cries any longer (Mormon 8:27-41, see also chapter 9).

Mormon described our day well, a day of vanity, unbelief, and pride, a day when there will be both wise and unwise virgins in churches. They must choose and discern. Some represent the wheat and others the tares of God's coming harvest. They are growing together. Jesus said:

“For they that are *wise* and have received *the truth*, and have taken *the Holy Spirit for their guide*, and have **not been deceived**—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day” – the day of His coming in judgment first (D&C 45:57).

We receive the Holy Ghost as our guide when we are born again in Christ, when we come to the Lord Jesus in total submission and humility via repentance – with a broken heart and a contrite spirit (see the paper *Repent and Come unto Me*). Our Lord has provided a way to discern *the righteous* among us versus those who are wicked, those under the bondage of sin.

“*And by this you may know they are under the bondage of sin, because they come not unto me. For whoso cometh not unto me is under the bondage of sin. And whoso receiveth not my voice is not acquainted with my voice, and is not of me. And by this you may know the righteous from the wicked...*”(D&C 84:50-53).

“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” (3 Ne. 21:20).

“**No man can come unto me, except he doeth the will of my Father who hath sent me.** And this is the will of him who hath sent me, that ye **receive the Son**; for the Father beareth record of him; and he who receiveth the testimony, and doeth the will of him who sent me, *I will raise up in the resurrection of the just.* And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that **no man can come unto me, except he doeth the will of my Father who hath sent me**” (JST John 6:44 - 45).

“I have **commanded...that ye should come unto me, that ye might feel and see**; even so shall ye do unto the world; and *whosoever breaketh this commandment suffereth himself to be led into temptation*” (3 Ne. 18:25).

The Two Ways The war in heaven continues to rage upon the battleground of earth today. The choice is between Christ our Savior and Satan the great deceiver, between good or evil, light and darkness. Men and Satan want “gain” - control, power, sex, and money. God simply wants our heart. He wants relationship with us, not man's religion. This is the reason there are many references to Christ as the Bridegroom throughout scripture, and us as His bride.

Isaiah said our #1 sin today is idolatry, lifting up “the arm of flesh” between other men and God. *Who* we believe and trust determines *what* we believe. We are nearing the time of the great harvest of souls. Too many believe they are saved or redeemed when they are not (see D&C 45:2, 56:16; Jer. 8:7, 20). Too many believe the Church or their leaders will save them. They are “*blinded by the craftiness of men*” (D&C 76:75, 99-102). God has given us “**the way of salvation.**” It contains “*the plain and precious things*” which He calls “**my doctrine,**”

“**my** gospel,” and “**my** church.” Too many of the simple and sacred things have been removed from the Bible by evil and designing men who wish to get gain and control over us. Other truths available in the Book of Mormon are not taught, because of ignorance or worse. Many trees in God’s vineyard will thus **not** “*bear fruit meet for the Father’s kingdom*” – the Celestial kingdom (D&C 76:75 & 84:58). Others have little fruit, no fruit, or bitter fruit. These “trees” will be cast into the fire and burned at “*the great day of the Lord*” (see Isa. 22; Jer. 30:1-17; Joel 1-2; Amos 5; Zeph. 1). Such will inherit lesser kingdoms (see D&C 76:75). Ignorance of the way of salvation (Mosiah 2:36-41), and to be surrounded by secret combinations (Ether 8:24) are both “awful situations.”

The Lord said that the Gentiles in our day will reject Him and His fulness (3 Ne. 16:10). In addressing His people today, He said – “*they will deny me*” (2 Ne. 28:32), *forsake me* (Jer. 2:13), and *reject me* (1 Sam. 8:7), along with the *power of the Holy Ghost* (2 Ne. 28:26, 31). This is because too often we choose men to lead us rather than the living God. It is one way many Saints deny Christ and the power of the Holy Ghost that He provides us when we repent and come to Him (2 Ne. 4:34; Psalm 118:8). Too many “*teach for doctrines the commandments of men,*” and deny the real power available in God and the Holy Spirit. Such idolatry stems from the false traditions of *fathers, priests, and kings* (Mos. 11:7). Joshua stated, “but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Josh. 24:2, 15). Matthew stated;

“Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by **your tradition**. *Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias [Isaiah] prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*” (Matt. 15:6-9).

Note that in Joseph Smith’s first vision, God added more, stating:

“...they draw near to me with their lips, but *their hearts are far from me*, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a a form of godliness, **but they deny the power thereof**” (JS History 1:19).

The gift of the Holy Ghost and direct revelation from God is that **power** of God which we must learn to access, that we might **not** be *deceived* today by “the craftiness of men” (D&C 76:75). It is the oil in our lamps of JST Matthew 25 and *the iron rod* we must hold tightly too if we are to make it to the Tree of Life and there receive salvation at the hands of our Redeemer and the promise of eternal life. He is the fountain of living waters, the light and life of the world. To look to men for our light is to practice idolatry, the great sin among us in our day, according to Isaiah. The Lord Jesus said:

“**I am the light which ye shall hold up**—that which ye have seen me do” (3 Ne. 18:24).

We read in Jeremiah of men who hold themselves up as our lights. They are “broken cisterns.”

“For **my people** have committed two evils; *they have forsaken me* the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, *broken cisterns*, that can hold no water” (Jer. 2:13).

Christ is “the Light of the World,” the “Fountain of Living Waters,” “the Lord of the Vineyard,” and “the High Tower” to be built up at its center. When He is rejected, denied, or forsaken, in favor of men (no matter how righteous or well-meaning) or other “things,” we as the trees in the vineyard cannot connect to Him and abide in Him. Thus, we as branches of the Tree of Life cannot bear sweet fruit *in Him* – “fruit meet for *the Father’s kingdom*” (D&C 84:58). We are then good for nothing but to be gathered and burned. Five parables address us as trees in the Lord’s last-days vineyard. Much of the fruit of the trees is bitter. These parables are D&C 101, Isaiah 5, JST Matthew 21, Jeremiah 12, and Jacob 5. They should be read with the Spirit. Note the summarized message in each of them below.

1. **D&C 101: Servants Fail to Build the High Tower – who is Christ - at the Center of the Vineyard**
In verses 39-66, the high tower (Christ) is **not** built up at the center of the vineyard in the last-days. Other things

have replaced Him, including men and their priesthood. Seven scriptures reveal that Christ is the “high tower” of Psalm 18:2, 61:3 & 144:2; 2 Sam. 22:3 & 51; Prov. 18:10, and D&C 97:20. They reject Him by rejecting the invitation to enter to the Lord’s “rest,” “*the fulness of His glory*” or presence (D&C 84:24), primarily through unbelief. This is part of the “fulness” of the gospel (specifically “the fulness of His rest and glory”) rejected by too many in our day as addressed in 3 Nephi 16:10 (see also D&C 113:7-8 [Isa. 11] & 124:28). As leaders fail to build up Christ, lifting themselves up instead (priestcraft, 2 Ne. 26:29), the people of the vineyard (the trees) do not bare, “fruit meet for the Father’s kingdom” (D&C 84:58). They have been deceived by the craftiness of men (D&C 76:75).

2. **Isaiah 5:** *The Lord Removes His Hedge of Protection & the Enemy Advances* In verse 5 of Isaiah 5, the hedge protecting the Lord’s grape vineyard is removed by Him, the vineyard then open to the enemy. This is because the grape vines in this vineyard are bearing “wild grapes.”

3. **JST Matthew 21:** *Last-days Gentile Husbandmen are Destroyed and Replaced by the Righteous Remnant* In verses 43-49, the kingdom of God is taken from wicked Jews and given to the Gentiles in Christ’s day because of the wickedness of the leaders (priestcraft). They and the people under them are the salt that has lost its savor. In verses 51-56, the latter-day Gentile husbandmen of the vineyard are also destroyed and replaced by those who help the trees of the vineyard finally bare good fruit (“fruit meet for the Father’s [Celestial] kingdom). The replacement husbandmen are the Lamanite Remnant, fully converted to Christ by Joseph the Indian Prophet (see the Jacob 5 allegory). Thus the first will become last and the last first, as the house of Israel (the “natural [Lamanite] branches”) once again receive the fulness of the gospel, after the Gentiles reject it.

4. **Jeremiah 12:** *Many Pastors have Destroyed the Lord’s Vineyard* In verse 10, we read that many pastors are responsible for destroying the Lord’s vineyard (see also 1 Ne. 21:1; 2 Ne. 14:2; 15:24; 19:16; 27:1). They have not cared for their flocks as mortal shepherds should have (see Jer. 23). The Good Shepherd (Christ) has a plan for this (the Jacob 5 allegory and JST Mat. 21).

5. **The Jacob 5 Allegory:** *Special Servants are Sent to Gather the Righteous Remnant in the Last-days* In verses 52-75, the unfruitful olive trees are burned in the final pruning and gathering of the vineyard. The “*loftiness*” of the branches are the cause of many being cast into the fire. This is because of their pride and dependence upon them by others. They are *the arm of flesh*, substituted for God and the Holy Ghost (2 Ne. 28:26, 31), both of which are rejected by many in the last-days. Christ and His special last-days servants gather out the righteous Remnant before the great burning, the great and dreadful day of the Lord. The Jacob 5 allegory (and JST Matt. 21 & D&C 101) reveals that God will replace the corrupt, polluted, lofty and wild Gentile branches with natural branches. Some of the replacements will be humble Native American Indians. This is because many Gentiles are bringing forth bitter fruit. They reject the fulness of His gospel (3 Ne. 16:10; D&C 113:8; 124:28). Many among the Native American people will be fully converted to Christ (with the help of Joseph, the Indian Prophet (2 Ne. 3:24). They will help save life still left in the root of the tree, and thus help to bring forth good fruit “meet for the Father’s kingdom” (D&C 84:58).

The Servant Speaks The Lord commanded us to diligently search Isaiah in 3 Nephi 23:1-3 for good reason, most likely because Isaiah addresses us and our day very well. Mormon and Moroni placed 21 Isaiah chapters in the Book of Mormon for this and other reasons. Too few understand them. Note that the *first five* of these Isaiah chapters address one of God’s main servants in our day, one sent into the corrupted vineyard before all is lost (Mat. 21:37; D&C 101:55-61). Note also that in the first four of these five Isaiah chapters, this servant speaks directly to us today!

21 Book of Mormon Isaiah Chapters: *What are they Teaching in this Order*

- *Isaiah 48 (1 Ne. 20) Corruption of last-days Israel. Christ introduces the lead *servant* to us. The *servant speaks to us* today.
- *Isaiah 49 (1 Ne. 21) Christ empowers the *servant* after he is rejected, that he might restore the people for a new Exodus. *He speaks to us*.
- *Isaiah 50 (2 Ne. 7) The *servant* meets opposition from many among his own people, their light is only sparks. *He speaks to us again*.
- *Isaiah 51 (2 Ne. 8) Christ awakens & empowers the *servant* as His “arm” of righteousness, to deliver the Remnant on a new Exodus.
- Isaiah 52 (2 Ne. 8) The *servant*, the watchman, and the awakened 144,000 help restore Zion in the new Exodus.

Isaiah 2 (2 Ne. 12)	The latter-day restoration of Zion and old Jerusalem contrasts that of God’s judgment upon the world.
Isaiah 3 (2 Ne. 13)	Food and water disappear, captivity comes by foreign armies, as our country and others collapse.
Isaiah 4 (2 Ne. 14)	Natural disasters and war lead to many men dying. The preserved have their names written in the Book of Life.
Isaiah 5 (2 Ne. 15)	God’s vineyard is judged & burned, the hedge removed for foreign invasion – a covenant curse.
Isaiah 6 (2 Ne. 16)	Isaiah ascends to heaven, receives mission, is sent back to warn us. Only a tenth will remain.
Isaiah 7 (2 Ne. 17)	World power rises, invades this and other lands, a result of covenant curses.
Isaiah 8 (2 Ne. 18)	Invaders enter this land as a great “river” or “flood.” There is hope for those who are repentant & turn to Christ.
Isaiah 9 (2 Ne. 19)	The people and their leaders are in darkness. God calls and empowers His servant as a light to the Remnant.
Isaiah 10 (2 Ne. 20)	Punishment comes upon Ephraimite Gentiles here by way of the Lord’s left “arm” – the evil tyrant.
Isaiah 11 (2 Ne. 21)	The call & rise of the servant, an Ensign to the Remnant, a Branch with authoritative bloodline (see D&C 113).
Isaiah 12 (2 Ne. 22)	The righteous worship and praise God following the tribulation and deliverance.
Isaiah 13 (2 Ne. 23)	Babylon here thrown down by foreign army (like Sodom & Gomorrah), via the Lord’s left arm (Assyrian alliance)
Isaiah 14 (2 Ne. 24)	King of Assyria conquers and humbles the proud, there is compassion upon the repentant.
Isaiah 29 (2 Ne. 27)	Idolatry abounds, leaders have covered heads, academic learning overturned by unsealed book of Isaiah.
Isaiah 53 (Mos. 14)	Christ Atoned for us – the Remnant, His Bride. He is the Lamb of God and the King of kings over Zion.
Isaiah 54 (3 Ne. 22)	The Father fulfills His covenant with the Remnant via Christ, His servant, and the righteousness of the people.

Summary We must come out of Babylon and its idolatry and worship the living God, Jesus Christ, our savior and redeemer, creator of heaven and earth. Too many men have put themselves between us and the Lord and given us a charge to trust in them. Some say, “we cannot and will not lead you astray.” Scripture tells us that cursings result from this idolatry – from trusting in the arm of flesh (see 2 Nephi 4:34). Four scriptures follow revealing how we deny, forsake, and reject Christ.

Christ is the stone that the builders rejected.

“The stone rejected by the builders has now become the chief cornerstone.”

Psalm 118:22 (Amplified Bible), read by Christ to His disciples at the Last Supper.

Christ is the high tower not built up at the center of the vineyard.

Stewards over the vineyard were commanded to build a high tower at the vineyard’s center, but failed to do so.

Christ is described as a “high tower” in Psalm 18:2, 61:3 & 144:2; 2 Sam. 22:3 & 51;

Prov. 18:10; & D&C 97:20

Christ is our living water. It is not found in broken cisterns.

“For my people have rejected me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold not water” (Jer. 2:13).

Christ is the light and life of the world (3 Ne. 11:11). Many are called to receive both, but few are chosen to do so, as they reject the brilliant light available to them in favor of men and worldly things.

“But behold, verily I say unto you, that there are many who have been ordained among you, whom I have called but few of them are chosen. They who are not chosen have sinned a very grievous sin, in that they are walking in darkness at noon-day” (D&C 95:5-6).

We must not “fear” (honor or respect) or trust man more than God (see D&C 3:3-9). Pres. Ezra Taft Benson stated, “As watchmen on the tower of Zion, it is our obligation and right as leaders to speak out against current evils – evils that strike at the very foundation of all we hold dear... *we must not permit fear of criticism to keep us from doing our duty...There are some of us who do not want to hear the message...Many do not want to be disturbed as they continue to enjoy their comfortable complacency...We do not surrender our standards regardless of current trends or pressures. Our allegiance to truth...is unwavering. Speaking out against immoral or unjust actions has been the burden of prophets and disciples of God from time immemorial. It was for this very reason that many of them were persecuted. Nevertheless, it was their God-given task, as watchmen on the tower, to warn the people” (Ezra Taft Benson, Conference Report, April 1973).*

The Prophets of the Bible prophesied of our day and the evils in it, including wolves present in sheep’s clothing. The Prophets of scripture were seers who saw visions and revelators who revealed truths. Such gifts are less common today. The Bible Prophets were never silent. They were always calling the people to repentance. They

were not popular because of it. The word of God (revelation from Him, the Holy Ghost, and scripture) is full of light and is a powerful two-edged sword, dividing truth from error. We are invited, even commanded to diligently search them, feasting upon God’s word. The wise virgins do this. The unwise virgins try to borrow the light obtained there from others, including leaders. Alma and others tell us that some of them are wolves who look like sheep. Those deceived by them will be shut out from God’s presence. They will thus not come to know the Lord. This is the message of JST Matthew 7 and 25.

Deception because of secret combinations is part of our “*awful situation*.” We simply cannot be saved in ignorance, however (D&C 131:6). The following scriptures address the separation of truth from error.

Mormon 8 and 9	1 Nephi 22:23	D&C 121:34-46	JST Matthew 7:17:37
Ether 8:13-26	D&C 10:67-68	D&C 112:22-26	JST Matthew 21
Moses 5:16-59		D&C 101:50-66	JST Matthew 23
		D&C 113	JST Matthew 24
		D&C 64:38-43	JST Matthew 25
		D&C 85:7-9, 89-95	JST Mark 9:49-50
		D&C124:24-26	JST Luke 12:54

Isaiah 1:5, 3:12, 9:16, 22:15-25, 28:1, 3, 7, 15; 19:14 29:10, 56:10, 62:6
 Jeremiah 2:8, 13; 5:11-13, 26-31; 10:21; 13:13; 14:14-15; 23:1-32
 Ezekiel 34:1-3, 8, 22-24, 27; 37:22-28
 Hosea 2:16-17, 3:4-5

End Notes

¹ **Sent Servant** There are a number of leading last-day servants of the Lord with special missions. They will be working with the *Servant Scriptures* Many scriptures address the last-days Davidic king, God’s servant on earth. He is part of God’s promise that Davidic kingship will endure eternally (2nd Samuel 7). This “servant” has at least 70 name-titles in scripture, 50 in Isaiah alone. He has been “*hid*” until his mission unfolds in the last days, until he “awakens” into it as the new rising son (Isaiah 49:1-2). He is addressed in the following scriptures:

Doctrine & Covenants: 1:14; 7:3 & 7; 27:5-7, 10-13; 61:14-16, 19, 27; 77:8, 9, 11 & 14 (JST Mat. 17:14); 85:7-8; 88:92; 103:15-16; 113:3-4; 128:20; 133:3-6, 17 & 53

Book of Mormon: 2 Nephi 3:24; 2 Nephi 21:1-5, 10-13; 3 Nephi 3 Nephi 16:20; 21:9-11
 2 Samuel 7: 12-16, 25-26, 29

Bible - Old Testament: Psalm 98:1, 110:1-2 / *Isaiah* 9:7; 11:1-5, 10-13, 16; 19:20; 28:2; 37:36; 40:3, 10; 41:25-27; 42:1-6, 19-20; JST Isaiah 42:19-20; 46:11; 48:13-16; 49:1, 5-9; 51:9-11; JST Isaiah 51:19-20; 52:10; 63:9; 66:7-13; Direct personal statements by the Davidic servant to us include: *Isaiah* 48:16 & 17 and in 49:1-9, 22-23; 50:4-9; 61:1-3 / *Jeremiah* 23:1-5; 30:3, 7-11, 24; 33:15-17 / *Ezekiel* 21:25-27; 34:12-14, 22-24; 37:16-27 / *Hosea* 1:11; 2:14-15; 3:4-5 / *Micah* 5:2-6 (see 3 Nephi 21:12-13 and *Isaiah* 10:16-19 / *Zechariah* 1:8; 2: 1, 8-9, 11-21; 3:1-10; 6:12 / *Malachi* 3:1; 4:2 / *New Testament:* JST John 1:20-26; JST Matt. 11:11-16; JST Matt. 17:8-14; JST Revelation 7:2; 8:13; 10:9-11; 12:1-7

Another Special Servant 2 Nephi 3 addresses another important last-days servant named by the Lord. This chapter is the patriarchal blessing of Lehi on his youngest son “Joseph.” The covenant given Joseph of Egypt is renewed and given to this son and his posterity, some of which will never be destroyed. He is “**Joseph the Indian Prophet**.” The footnote to verse 24 once read, “future Indian prophet” until 1921 when it was changed to “Joseph Smith.” Leaders such as Oliver Cowdery, Parley and Orson Pratt, David Whitmer, and Spencer W. Kimball all understood this future servant to be a Native American (see especially verse 24). He is located in “The city of the Heavenly God” or “The Star God City” in southwestern Mexico near Guatemala. Their current leader is “Joseph” #33. All who have led this body of tall, white Indians have had this special name-title. They have remained separate from worldly ways. It may be his role to reveal the darkness and secret combinations among our “brethren” today, via the use of a seer stone and a more complete version of the book of Ether, to come forth in our day, along with other books, including the plates of Laban, John’s Revelation, etc. (See Alma 37:23; Ether 1:4). For more on this unique servant and the promises made to the Native American Remnant generally in the Book of Mormon on this land, see *The Remnant Awakens*, by the author, www.digitalegend.com
 The Davidic servant in Isaiah has many name-titles. The fifty in Isaiah alone include:

Elias	Ensign	<i>Eliakim</i>	One Mighty and Strong
Wonderful (Pele)	Restorer	Gatherer	Angel of the Lord’s Presence / Israel “Soldier of God”
Son	Father	Man-Child	Stone cut out of the Mountain without Hands
Arm / Hand	Rod	Beloved	Staff of Authority
Whip	Arrow	Leader	Royal Diadem in the Hand of thy God
Governor / Law Giver	Counselor	Tried Stone	Fiery Flying Serpent, Viper
Servant	Prophet	<i>Cyrus</i>	Covenant of the People

Witness	Judge	Righteousness	Crown of Glory in the Hand of the Lord
Voice / Mouth	Nail	Rock of Israel	Prince , Prince of Peace
Chosen	Salvation	The Branch	Sure Foundation
Great One	Mine Elect	Root of Jesse	Counsel of the Lord of Hosts
Deliverer	East Wind	Commander	Precious Cornerstone
savior-intercessor	Bird of Prey	Ravenous Bird	Light, Fire, Furnace, Lamp that Burneth

Twenty more name-titles are given us in the rest of the Old Testament. They include:

the **prince** (throughout Ezekiel, 7 times in chap. 46)
the **man** (Ezekiel 40:4)
the messenger (Malachi 3:1)
breath (Ezekiel 37:9)
the **captain of the Lord's host** (Joshua 5:14-15)
truth (Moses 7:62)
angel from the east (Revelation 7:12)
flaming fire (D&C 7:1)
faithful witness (Revelation 1:5, Gileadi translation)
Son of Righteousness (3 Nephi 25:2; Malachi 4:2)

messiah the prince (Daniel 9:25)
the serpent (Amos 9:2-4)
one shepherd (Ezekiel 37:25)
horn (Ezekiel 29:21)
the **sword of the Lord** (Judges 7:18, 20)
ministering angel (D&C 7:1)
the angel of God (Exodus 14:19)
Ani (ancient Egypt, son of Osiris)
David or *David* my servant (Jer. 23:1-8, 33:14-16, 34:2-5, 22-24, Ezekiel 37:34; Amos 3:4-5; Quotes Joseph Smith & Orson Hyde). *David* is Hebrew for “*beloved*.”

Color of **amber**, brass, bronze, fire (Ezekiel 1:4; 40:3).

According to Smith, the word “Chashmal” is typically translated “bronze” or “color of amber.” It means “*a living being of fire who speaks*.”¹ John is associated with *bronze, brass* and “*Chashmal*” in scripture (Christ with silver, and gold the Father).

Lord (Psalm 110:5, other “Lords” in Psalm 110 include the Son Christ -verse 1, and the Father)

² **The Company of Josephs** The Lord will raise up a body of special servants in the last-days to protect and nourish His bride (the church or group of believers), physically and spiritually. The revealing *name-title* **Joseph** denotes one who is a “*protector, guardian, preserver, or restorer*.” The name also means one who is “fruitful” in the mission “*to add*” or “*to gather*.” The **Josephs** will be like “*fathers*” to those they serve. Seven **Josephs** in scripture fit this role effectively.

Joseph sold into Egypt	Preserver, protector & guardian of the house of Israel - Jacob’s family
Joseph stepfather of Jesus	Preserver, protector & guardian of the Christ child
Joseph of <i>Arimathea</i>	Preserver, protector & guardian of the body of Christ and the family of Christ
Josephus	Preserver, protector & guardian of Israelite history
Joseph Smith	Preserver, restorer of truth in the latter-days
Joseph, an Indian Prophet	Preserver, protector & guardian of the seed of Joseph on this land, via the bloodlines of Manasseh & Ephraim, through Lehi’s 6 th son named “Joseph (see 2 Ne. 3:24). He is “mighty” and will be responsible for much restoration - the fulness, during the time of the marvelous work & wonder.
A Company of Josephs	Preservers, protectors, guardians, and restorers of the Bride of the Lamb, the church in the last-days, perhaps the 144,000 who rise up to the serve the Lord as the “man-child” of Rev. 12.

Individual and Group There are three figures described in John’s Revelation 12 sign, *the woman, the man child, and the dragon*. Each of them represents both a single individual and a group of people. There is also a historic (past) and prophetic (future) fulfillment of this and other scriptures.

Symbol in JST Rev. 12	Individual	Group
<i>Woman</i>	Mary the Mother of Christ (past) Mother of last-days Servant (future)	Bride of the Lamb / Church of believers
<i>Man Child</i>	Jesus Christ (past) Last-days Servant (future)	Company of Josephs / 144,000 / others
<i>Dragon</i>	Satan Beast / Anti-Christ & False Prophet	Servants of Satan / Sons of Perdition New World Order / One World Church

Group Names in Scripture The “company of last-days **Josephs**” may be the collective “*man-child*” of JST Revelation 12. A “*man child*” is one who is *powerful*, or has “*strength*,” a key word meaning “*the fulness of the greater Melchizedek priesthood*” or *the sealing power* (to command the elements according to God’s will). There are many name-titles for the special last-days servants wielding God’s *power* in scripture. All of them are descriptive of what they do. The followers of Jesus were first called “followers of the way.” Later there were known as *Nazoreans*, and finally Christians. Over the cross of Jesus was the notice, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews” (John 19:19). According to Barker, the word “*Nazareth*” as used there was not the usual word Nazarēnos, but *Nazōraios*, suggesting that the Greek word did not mean “*of Nazareth*” but the Hebrew *nāšar*, which meant to “**guard**,” “**preserve**” or “**keep**,” much like the word *Joseph*. The Nazōreans were “*the preserved or guarded people*,” or “*ne šārīm*.” With different vowels, they would be *the guardians* or

preservers themselves, “*nōsrîm*,” which became the Hebrew name for the Christians of Jesus’ day. The *Nazoreans* were protected. They were also to become *protectors* for others in time (see Margaret Barker, *Jesus the Nazorean*).

the **man child** (JST Revelation 12; Isa. 66:7)
 saviors of men (D&C 101:9; Obadiah 1:21)
 sons of God (Job 38:7)
 a remnant (Isa. 10:21; Ether 13:6; D&C 45:43)
 just men *made* perfect (the justified, D&C 76:69)
 laborers in the last kingdom (D&C 88:74)
 sowers of the seed (D&C 86:2)
 sanctified ones (Isa. 13:3)
 those of the church of the Firstborn (D&C 76:
 mighty men of valor (Judges 6:12)
 my mighty ones (Isa. 13:3)
 my young men (D&C 101:55)
 messengers (D&C 124:26; 129:4)
 lawful heirs hid in Christ with God (D&C 86:9)
 high priests of the holy order (D&C 77:11)
 a company of Josephs
 2 anointed ones, 2 olive trees, 2 servants (Zech. 4)

my friends (D&C 84:63; 88:117; 93:45; Isa. 41:8)
 my servants (Jacob 5:61, 70, 72, 75; D&C 77:9, 11; 101:55)
 the 144,000 (D&C 77:11) / *sealed* in their foreheads
 Nazorean / Nazarites (Acts 24.5, Num. 6) / guard, preserve, keep
 the company of the spirits of the just (Heb. 12:23)
 my warriors (D&C 101:55)
 sent ones (“*mine apostles*” to gather disciples, D&C 84)
 the elect of God (D&C 84:34)
 those in the house of God (D&C 76:136)
 those in the school of the prophets (D&C 88:136)
 strong ones (of Zion, D&C 90:36) / mighty and strong ones
 the strength of mine house (D&C 101:55)
 a light (to The LIGHT, Christ)
 elders with clean garments (D&C 88:85)
 priests of the most high, order of Melchizedek (D&C 76:57)
 male missionaries

³ **The Fulness of My Scriptures** The Prophet Joseph began re-translating the King James Version of the Bible six months after completing the Book of Mormon in 1830. Though Joseph, Oliver, and Sidney held unique prophetic insights learned while re-translating the Bible, the Lord did not allow them to share these insights with the Saints *at that time*. The reason is apparent in the Lord’s own words. He said, “It is not the will of the Lord to print any of the new Translation in the Star [or elsewhere]; but when it is published, it will all *go to the world together, in a volume by itself; and the New Testament and the Book of Mormon will be printed together*” (HC 1:341). In July of 1833 the Star stated, “At no very distant period, we shall print the book of Mormon and the [New] Testament, and *bind them in one volume.*” When this finally occurs with the whole re-translated Bible, it may be a fulfillment of Ezekiel 37:15-17, when the two sticks come together, the scriptures given Judah (the Bible) *and* Joseph (the Book of Mormon). This may occur in the near future, when other scripture also comes forth. The Lord told Joseph that he was to teach by *the spirit* instead, that given by the prayer of faith, until “the **fulness of the scriptures** is given [in totality],” or when they could be given to all men. God said, “It is expedient that thou shouldst hold thy peace concerning them, and not teach them until thou hast received them in *full*. And I give unto you a **commandment**, that *then ye shall teach them unto all men; for they shall be taught unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people*” (verses 56-58). Note, that what the Lord calls “**my scriptures**” were to be “**my law to govern my church**” (v. 59).

Of special note is another statement Joseph attributed to the Lord. We read in *The Far West Report*, “Brother Joseph Smith, Jr. said ... that **the promise of God** was that the greatest blessings which God had to bestow should be given to those who contributed to the support of his family while he was translating *the fulness of the Scriptures* ... that God had often sealed up the heavens because of covetousness in the Church ... and *except the Church receive the fulness of the Scriptures that they would yet fail*” (Far West Report, p. 16, TPJS, p 9). The Lord added that “*the salvation of the elect*” was dependent upon **the fulness of truths** being delivered to the world in a future one-volume publication of both the Book of Mormon and JST version of the Bible (a replacement of the KJV, see D&C 35:20).

God had said earlier, “For you shall live by **every word** that proceedeth forth from the *mouth of God* [not man] For the **word** of the Lord is **truth**, and whatsoever is **light**, and whatsoever is **light** is **Spirit**, even the **Spirit of Jesus Christ**. And the *Spirit* giveth *light* to every man that cometh into the world; and the *Spirit* enlighteneth every man through the world, that hearkeneth to the *voice* of the *Spirit*. And every one that hearkeneth to the *voice* of the **Spirit** cometh unto God, even the *Father*” (D&C 84:44-47; see also Matt. 4:4; 2 Ne. 32:1-6). He added, “And whoso treasureth up **my word**, shall not be deceived” (JS Mat. 1:37). He added, “If ye continue in **my word**, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you free” (John 8:32). Note the following four phrases of the Lord. Embracing the fulness of God’s word leads to the fulness of His law, the fulness of the priesthood, and then the fulness of rest and presence. They are a formula for the creation of Zion.

“**the fulness of my scriptures**” (see D&C 42; 12, 15, 56 & 59)

“**the fulness of the scriptures**” (JST Luke 11:53)

“**the key of knowledge**” (JST Luke 11:53)

“**my holy word**” (D&C 124:89)

Note the following things made more plain in the Joseph Smith re-translation of the Bible.

1. We must **know the Lord** to enter the bridal chamber *and* Zion / JST Matt. 25:10-11; 7:33
2. Greater understanding of the Melchizedek Priesthood, the Sealing Power, etc. / JST Gen. 14
3. Knowledge of the Rainbow Covenant God made with Enoch & his city returning / JST Gen. 9
4. The mystery that John the Baptist is Elijah, and how this effects D&C 110 / See Joseph Smith History 1:36-39; Mark 1:1-JST, Mark 9:3; Luke 1:17 & 76; D&C 110:13-16; JST Matthew 17:10-14; JST John 1:22-28 (see also “*To Go No More Out*”)
5. That the *salvation of the elect is dependent upon the “the fulness of my scriptures,”* which is the JST Bible, Book of Mormon & D&C, as they provide a return of “*the key of knowledge*” for the Bible, taken by wicked lawyers, rabbis, etc. / JST Luke 11:52
6. Clarification of the Lord’s prophecy on the last-days / JST Matt. 24

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7. The Lord's prophecy of destruction of wicked husbandmen in His last-days vineyard, and the Gentiles / JST Matt. 21
 8. The 3 degrees of glory & who inherits them / D&C 76, which comes from the Joseph's re-translation of John 5:29
 9. The Book of Moses and its many significant insights, including Moses' ascent-vision, who Satan is, choice & accountability, secret combinations and their traits today, spiritual versus physical creation, Enoch, Earth as a living being, and much more / JST Genesis
 10. Greater clarity on the coming forth of the man child and the last-days kingdom of God / JST Rev. 12 / Clarity on John the Beloved's last-days mission / JST Matt. 11, 17; D&C 77 - JST Rev. various chapters / Clarity on the Beatitudes –how to return to the Lord's presence / JST Matt. 5.