Plain and Precious Truths Restored

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In 1st Nephi 13 of the Book of Mormon we read 7 times about "plain and precious *things*" removed from the Bible we use today (for most it is the 1611 King James Version). Nephi says that these removed **truths** create a *stumbling block* for belief among both **the Gentile** saints who claim the Book of Mormon, as well as **the Remnant of Jacob** for whom it was written (see the book's Title Page), that both groups might be brought back to their Redeemer, Jesus the Christ.

What are "the plain and precious *truths*" that are returned **in the Book of Mormon**, and specifically those *truths* that have caused purposeful "*stumbling*" by the evil and designing men who removed them in first place? Hereafter I list my **top 10** *truths* (there are so many more - about Jesus [especially in the Old Testament], about great women and their stories *and* priesthood, about various important doctrines, etc.). I provide details of these ten truths hereafter. Some have whole papers dedicated to them on my website, available at www.7witnesses.com I believe the **ten** here present important truths that bear a strong witness for the Book of Mormon as God's message to those in **the house of Israel** upon this precious, choice land, through the bloodline of Joseph of Egypt and Lehi. Thus, #1 is where I start.

1. The Identity of the Remnant of Jacob The Book of Mormon returns the important identity of the Remnant of Jacob (those of the house of Israel) to the Native American people on this Promised Land west, a land given to the posterity of Joseph of Egypt, the birthright son of Jacob, by way of his descendant Lehi (of Manasseh, Alma 10:3). Lehi (and others) was led to this very choice land by the LORD. It is their Promised Land given to them by way of covenant and prophecy, which God made "to their fathers" (see my paper, *The Blessed Covenant Prophecies tied to Joseph of Egypt*). The Book of Mormon contains this important message tied to three things; (1) identity, (2) inheritance, and (3) the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Nephi stated:

"And at that day shall the remnant of our seed know that they are of the house of Israel, and that they are the covenant people of the Lord; and then shall they know and come to the knowledge of their forefathers, and also to the knowledge of the gospel of their Redeemer, which was ministered unto their fathers by him; wherefore, they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer and the very points of his doctrine, that they may know how to come unto him and be saved (1 Ne. 15:14).

The **Gentile** brothers of **the Remnant** (primarily in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) who came to this land via mostly Europe, were to be custodians **of the Remnant of Jacob**, the fulness of the Gospel of Christ, and the land – taking this message **to them**. In this the Gentiles have sadly failed, fulfilling the LORD's prophecy in 3 Nephi 16 (and chapters 20 and 21). Thus, this "fulness" will be taken *from* the Gentiles and be given to **the Remnant of Jacob** on this land, via the last-days work of "the choice seer" or "one mighty and strong" addressed in the book (and in the book of Isaiah). He rises up to share this fulness of **light** with them, serving as a latter-day Moses among them. Those who do not embrace the words of Jesus Christ as "the Prophet" in the Book of Mormon *and* the Bible, as brought to them and **the Gentiles** by His special last-days servant, will be "**cut off**" from God's presence (see Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22-23, 7:37; John 5:46-47, 6:14, 7:40; JS Matt. 24:55; 1 Ne. 22:20-21; 3 Ne. 20:23, 21:10-20, 28:34). The phrase "**cut off**" is used **7 times** by the LORD in 3 Nephi 21. Jesus refers to "*him*" in this way in 3 Ne. 21:11 and as the one "*he hath chosen and sent*" in 3 Ne. 28:34. See also my paper *Servants Focused Upon the Remnant of Jacob*.

2. The Saving Importance of Seeking the LORD's Face The Book of Mormon invites us to know Jesus. He was the Bridegroom Jehovah in the book of Exodus that brought his captive Bride Israel out of Egypt with the help of His servant Moses. At Mt. Sinai the God of creation, Israel's future Redeemer, proposed to His Bride, inviting her (the Israelites) to come into His literal presence atop the mountain, as part of an intimate covenant relationship with Him. She refused and then broke her marriage contract. God desired real relationship and intimacy with Israel in the marriage, but she wasn't ready to commit to Him wholly, as evidenced in the golden calf event. The Bride was then given lesser things because of her unbelief, lack of faith, and adherence to old ways, when she could have had so much more (see D&C 84:23-27 & 50-53).

In the 4th chapter of book of Ether in the Book of Mormon, we read of a very similar invitation the LORD is extending to you and I, an invitation to behold His face in a beautiful, intimate relationship. The brother of Jared responded and received Him along with "the greater things" – more *truths*. We read in verse 7, "And in that day that they [Israel and the Gentles] shall exercise faith in me, saith the LORD, even as the brother of Jared did in me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared say, even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations,

saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things [truths] that in them are" (Ether 4:7).

- **3. Clear Born Again Scripture References** No book of scripture has more clear references in how to be born again in Christ the LORD via repentance and coming to Christ than the Book of Mormon. I list the very best scriptures on this subject, as well as the clearest statements by Jesus, John, Paul, Joseph Smith, and others, tied to this important, life-changing, saving event in my paper, *Clear Born Again Scriptures*.
- **4. How Secret Combinations Maintain Power & Gain Anciently & Today**Satan and evil and designing men use secrecy and blood-oaths to deceive, distract, and divide us. No book of scripture has more references to secret societies and how they operate among us today (and well as anciently) than the Book of Mormon. It has some 83 references to "secret combinations", detailing how Satan influences weak or wicked men on the earth to "get gain" (power, money, sex, etc.). Only the Book of Enoch with its focus on the fallen angels (portions of which are in and enhanced in the Book of Moses) comes close.
- 5. The LORD's Heavenly Calendar Based on the Sun, Moon & Stars

 The Book of Mormon uses the same lunar calendar present in the Bible, the one found in Exodus 12. There the LORD gave Moses and the Israelites their first Passover as part of their new calendar. They were to use it to periodically remember God and His grace among them. It had 7 major holy days (like Passover and Tabernacles), 3 types of Sabbaths, and 2 New Year's Days (12 parts total) to govern time among them. Like the Bible, it makes use of numbers only, not names, to mark days of the week, month, and year (like the 1st day, of the 4th week, in the year 30 since the coming of the LORD. This avoids the idolatry now present in our modern Catholic Gregorian Calendar put in place by Pope Gregory. Its weekly days and months are named after pagan God's, most of them Roman, in days tied to the planets like Sun-day, Moon-day, Saturn-day, and months like January tied to the Roman God Janus. The Book of Mormon calendar is the same as that used by the house of Israel in the Bible. We see this in major events in the Book of Mormon which coincide with special times of the year marked by the heavens, just like the Bible events which honor God and mission of salvation for us.

One example is King Benjamins teachings in the first 5 chapters of Mosiah. Book of Mormon scholars believe it took place at **Tabernacles**, which follows the *civil* New Year's Day. It was then that he brought his people to Christ, taking His name upon them. All were born again in Christ Jesus. This took place at what is believed to be **Tabernacles**, marked by the sun at the fall equinox *and* the full moon - in the 1st month of the *civil* calendar (the festival lasted 8 days). King Benjamin anointed his son Mosiah to be the next king at this time. He would watch over the people in righteousness without pay, protecting them, educating them, caring for the records (now scripture), etc. The whole event, culminating in Mosiah chapter 5, reflects *the Ancient New Year Festival Drama* of **Tabernacles** present at Solomon's Temple anciently. In it new kings were installed and existing kings *renewed* their right to reign as God's representative on earth. He and all the people in the kingdom were part of a yearly covenant *renewal* ceremony at the the New Year. Many scholars believe the Psalms (now out of order) were the words that accompanied this musical liturgy tied to this 8 day drama-festival at Tabernacles at Solomon's Temple – a type of endowment (see Stephen Ricks and Legrand Baker, *Who Shall Ascend the Hill of the LORD*, Eborn books).

6. Bleeding at Every Pore Scripture itself is one of many evidences of God's love for us. He wants us educated and informed to withstand the fiery darts of the adversary. God's written word tells us that *truth* is established in the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses (2 Cor. 13:1). Thus, there are 3 witnesses (a Biblical number symbolically tied to *divinity*) that testify that the LORD bled at every pore in His atonement for us during the first part of it that occurred just after the last supper in the Garden of Gethsemane. This garden, an olive tree grove with nearby grape vines (see Gen. 49:8-12), was one of our LORD's favorite places of retreat for communing with the Father. The night of the Passover full moon, the LORD suffered there so greatly that sweat and great drops of blood oozed from every pore. Native Americans honor Him for His gift in their sweat lodge ceremonies. One record calls it "the ordinance of the similitude of my suffering". The 3 scriptures are:

Bible Luke 22:44
Book of Mormon Mosiah 3:7
D&C D&C 19:18

7. The Tree of Life God's love is extraordinary. He descended to a wicked earth and submitted Himself fully to those who tortured and killed Him, that we might all join Him and the Father in the hereafter, via His cleansing

blood. The Tree of Life visions of Lehi and his son Nephi reveal this love in 1 Nephi 8 and 11-15. They are part of worldwide ancient type put forward again in the Book of Mormon. All we have to do to receive God's magnificent love is to hold on tightly to **the rod** (God's word in scripture *and* pure revelation) that leads to this tree, making sure we hold on firmly to it, avoiding the dark mists, the filthy waters, and the pointing fingers of all the unbelievers surrounding us.

8. Hebrew Chiasmus Structure There are number patterns in the Book of Mormon that reveal its Hebrew roots. One of many is it use of a Hebrew structural technique called "chiasmus" which focuses attention on a particular central-most concept within a scripture. They are many and widespread throughout the Book of Mormon. One example is a **12**-part teaching of King Benjamin in Mosiah 3:28-29 on the Fall of man. It states:

Men will drink damnation to their souls
unless they humble themselves
and become as little children
believing that salvation is in the atoning blood of Christ;
for the natural man is an enemy to God
and has been from the fall of Adam
and will be forever and ever
unless he yieldeth to the Holy Spirit
and putteth off the natural man
and becometh a saint through the atonement of Christ
and becometh as a child,

9. Restoring all 12 of the Beatitudes Throughout inspired scripture we see number symbolism used as an effective teaching tool to express important concepts, like God's **governance** of His whole creation via *priesthood* in the number **12**. We see this number in connection with God's divine **governance** of all *space, time, light,* and *law* among His people, *the house of Israel* – in **12** *Tribes* (the sons of Jacob or Israel). God told Abraham that he and his *seed* would be a blessing to the whole earth through their *priesthood* (Abraham 1:2-4, 2:8-11; Moses 7:1; D&C 86:8-9, 107:40-52). Part of that blessing is *the law* He gave Moses and all of us in its **12** parts below, along with a later fine-tuning by He who originally gave that law when He came among them, teaching these Blessed Beatitudes.

"In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

submissive, meek and humble.

1 Corinthians 13:1, KJV

Luke 6 - 4 Beatitudes Matthew 5 - 9 Beatitudes

The Matthew 5 Account - KJV

- 1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying
- 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 **Blessed** are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 **Blessed** are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 **Blessed** are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 12 **Rejoice**, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

12 Beattitudes rather than 9 or 4

JST Matthew 5 - KJV

- And Jessus, seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain; and when he was set down, his disciples came unto him;
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- 3 Blessed are they who shall believe on me; and again,
- more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am.
- 4 Yea, blessed are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.
- 5 Blessed are the poor in spirit, who come unto me; for theirs is the
- 6 And again, blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
- $7\ \mathrm{And}\ \mathrm{blessed}$ are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.
- 8 And blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- $9\ \mathrm{And}\ \mathrm{blessed}$ are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
- $10\ \mathrm{And}$ $\mathbf{blessed}$ are all the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
- 11 And blessed are all the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.
- 12 Blessed are all they that are persecuted for my name's sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 13 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.
- 14 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.

3 Nephi 12 (BM)

1 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) 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 whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be you servants; 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; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.

- $2\,\mathrm{And}$ again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I
- Yea, blessed are they who 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.
- 3 Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 7 And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy
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- 11 And blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake;
- 12 For ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.

The 3 additional *restored* Beatitudes are the first 3, a summary of the remainder of them, tied to coming unto Christ, repenting, and being baptized by water and the Holy Spirit. These and other *truths* restored are in blue below. We find 9 of them in KJV Matthew 5 and *only* 4 of them in KJV Luke 6. I knew when I first read them that some were missing and that there would likely be 12 total, as I was familiar with number symbolism throughout scripture, especially the Old Testament. There God's *law* was first given to Israel. The LORD taught this higher *law* personally upon the Mount of Beatitudes in the Galilee region of northern Israel. He did so again when He came to the Promised Land given Joseph of Egypt and his posterity through Lehi and others in 3 Nephi chapter 12 of the Book of Mormon. All 12 were restored there, as they were again in JST Matthew 5, a double witness of truth in His higher law of love.

The primary *law* of heaven, to be reflected upon the earth is **love**. God gave **12** total "commandments" in the Old Testament. They include the 2 Great Commandments to love God and to love one another (Deut. 6:4-5 & Lev. 19:18). These 2 laws summarize the 10 additional commandments given Moses in Exodus 20, as found on the 2 tables of stone. The first 5 of them are about loving God, the second 5 are about loving one another. They are supported by **12** blessings and **12** cursings in connection with living them or ignoring them (see Deut. 27 & 28). In the he Book of Mormon we see that God taught Moroni about love using **12** characteristics of Charity, the pure love of Christ (see Moroni 7:45). We also find **12** curses or "wo's" tied to the false churches in our day in 2nd Nephi 28:15-32. See the Appendix for a fuller listing of how God governs his entire creation in the number **12**.

10. The Pattern of Servants Shaking their Garments The Book of Mormon has many patterns revealing its inspired content. One of these is *the shaking of garments* by God's servants after they share their testimony with truth. It transfers *responsibility* from the teacher to the listener, and occurs nine times in the Book of Mormon.

In 2018 I published a book on polygamy, Joseph Smith, and what I believed really happened in Nauvoo in connection with his murder. It is entitled *The Secret Chamber: Spiritual Wifery and the Doctrine of Christ* (\$11.00, Amazon.com). What separates this book from others on the subject was my desire to put the focus on what God had to say about the topic in each of the book's eight chapters, as men typically have agendas that don't always reflect truth. The night before I turned in the manuscript for its publishing, I prayed to know if there where other things to change, highlight, or add to the book. In answer, I was encouraged to read the whole book of Acts in the Bible, not knowing why. When I got to the 18th chapter of Acts, I realized why the LORD had me read Paul's teachings there. In verse 6 of chapter 18 of Acts, Paul the Apostle **shook his garments free of the blood and sin** of those he had just taught. He was teaching *correct doctrine* – the doctrine of Christ! It was rejected by unbelieving Jews because Paul's teaching focused upon Christ the LORD – that He had come to save the people from their sins. The rejection of the LORD and His salvation by unbelieving Jews also included a threat by them to kill Paul. Under inspiration from God, Paul then did something very unique. We read about it in acts 18:

"And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean; from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. And he departed thence . . ." (Acts 18:5-7).

Five chapters prior to this event (chap. 13) Paul "**shook off**" the **dust** from his feet against *unbelieving* Jews at Antioch (Acts 13:50-51). This earlier rite was tied to *judgment* and *cursing*, whereas Paul's **shaking of his garments free of the blood and sin of those whom he had just taught** in chapter 18 - was a *warning* and a *sign*. It gave unbelievers there, time to **change** - if they accepted **responsibility** for their sins and turned to the LORD in humility and repentance.

Paul's shaking of his "raiment" was a **transfer of responsibility** upon those who rejected his teaching, a message focused on salvation in Jesus as Messiah. He willingly gave His blood for the repentant. The Book of Mormon features similar stories of other teachers shaking their garments free of the blood and sins of those they taught. The Prophet Jacob was one of 8 servants tied to the book doing this. Jacob's people had been taught truth and yet they were beginning to embrace the ways of King David and Solomon, multiplying wives to themselves without authorization from God. Jacob was calling his people to repentance for doing the same. Joseph Smith did this too at Nauvoo at his "last charge" where he shook his garments free of the sins of his people in early church history. He did so at a special, private meeting of **leaders** just before he was murdered. It was a transfer of responsibility off of his shoulders and onto to those who were also practicing this abomination secretly in Nauvoo, including members of *the Twelve*. Modern LDS Church history has been changed to cover it up. The narrative today does not include the shaking of Joseph's garment. Instead it focuses on Joseph transferring all priesthood power to Brigham Young at this meeting, including the sealing power. In reality, Joseph was removing **the blood and sins of his generation** off his shoulders and on to

those who would soon murder him and his two brothers (Hyrum and Samuel). He said, "I now shake my garments clear and free from the blood of this generation and of all men." It was part of his "last charge" at Nauvoo.

We find this same *pattern* in the Book of Mormon a total of 9 times (the number in the Bible tied to *judgment*) by 8 different individuals! They are found at the start, middle, and ending of the Book, after each writer bears his witness and testimony of truth tied to the LORD Jesus. They include the Testimony of the 3 Witnesses to the Book of Mormon (Cowdery, Whitmer & Harris) found just after its Title Page; Jacob in 2 Ne. 9:44-45 and 1:18-19, 2:2; King Benjamin in Mosiah 2:27-28; (4) Alma in Alma 5:21; Moroni in Mormon 9:34-35; Moroni for the Brother of Jared in Ether 12:37-38; And last Joseph Smith during his "Last Charge" at Nauvoo, just before his murder and that of his two brothers. Here is one example by Nephi's brother Jacob in 2 Nephi 9. Jacob stated:

"O, my beloved brethren, remember my words. Behold, I take off my garments, and I shake them before you; I pray the God of my salvation that he view me with his all-searching eye; wherefore, ye shall know at the last day, when all men shall be judged of their works, that the God of Israel did witness that I shook your iniquities from my soul, and that I stand with brightness before him, and am rid of your blood. O, my beloved brethren, turn away from your sins; shake off the chains of him that would bind you fast, come unto that God who is the rock of your salvation" (2 Nephi 9:44-45).

For much more on this subject see Joseph Smith's Last Charge at Nauvoo.

Appendix Governance in the Number 12

God **governs** His Kingdom on earth via His great *light, love,* and *law*. They are the source of His *power,* provided by the *honor* all creation gives him in praise and worship in heaven (see D&C 29:35 & 88:6-13). The principle of "**governance**" via *priesthood* has consistent ties to the number **12** throughout scripture, like the **12** Apostles the LORD called in the New Testament *and* in the Book of Mormon, along with 12 parts of lesser and greater *law* they taught, as addressed hereafter. This *law* is made up **12** total commandments and **12** "Blessed" beatitudes. Living them or ignoring them leads to **12** blessings or **12** cursings (see #2 below). All *Space* and *Time* along with our *Bodies* are governed in the number **12**. It is "*divine*" **governance**, signaled by the number 3, the result of reducing down 12 to the single digit 3 (1+2=3), a number tied to "*divinity*" in scripture.

1. Governance *via* **Light** God is the source of all light, audible, visual, and that not seen, heard or felt. Scripture tells us that He is surrounded by a colorful 360-degree rainbow upon His throne, the visual manifestation of the color frequency of visible



light and His great love for His people and all creation (see Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 4:3 & 10:1; 3 Enoch 22:4). The entire electromagnetic spectrum of *energy, frequency,* and *vibration* (or *light*) is made up of audible and in-audible *sound* and visual and non-visible *light*. God sang all of creation into existence in the book of Genesis using His voice, words, and knowledge. Today western music utilizes "octaves" with 12 notes each. On a piano they include 7 white keys and 5 black keys.

In D&C 88:13, the LORD stated, "The *light* which is in all things, which giveth *life* to all things, which is the *law* by which all things are **governed**, even the *power* of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things." God's *power* among all created things - is the "honor" and "love" they feel for Him as Creator

(see D&C 29:35). Satan wanted God's *power* (see Isa. 14), and rebelled against Him to try and get it. When a true servant uses "the *sealing power*" given him of God, they do so in God's will, repeating words He may have given them. The elements of creation respond to the directives of the Creator through the servant. The elements recognize God's will in the servant, and *willingly obey* out of *love* and *bonor* for their Creator (Abr. 4:18; D&C 29:36).

12 Colors of Light Dinshah Ghadiali was the first modern healer to use 12 visible colors of light to help heal the body. He found that each color on his unique "star color wheel" was tied to an energy center or "chakra" in the body. Each color represented a specific wavelength of visible light making up "the 49th octave", a small portion of the much larger, entire electromagnetic spectrum, which includes non-visible radiation, like infrared radiation at the low end, and non-visible ultra violet light at the high end. Visible colors make up the colors from 400 to 700 nanometers (12 above left, and 7 in the rainbow).

Note in the 12-part color wheel above that the 3 *primary* colors of **light** are Red, Green, and Blue, whereas Yellow, Magenta, and Cyan are the 3 *secondary* colors tied to **pigment**, *inks* or *paint*. Two sets of 3 additional colors stand between these *primary* and *secondary* colors, making 12 total, in a unique Star of David opposing triangle arrangement (*primaries* oppose *secondaries*).

The Speed of Light God continues to send His great light throughout creation to govern, enlighten, and heal it. There are 3 ways to express the speed of light; (1) 186,000 miles per second; (2) 162,000 nautical miles in real-time per second; And (3) 144,000 minutes of arc per grid second or "the speed of light harmonic", or 12 x 12 x 1000 (see Bruce Cathie, Bridge to Infinity, p. 8).

Light is frequency, whether it is visual light or audible sound. There are 7 colors in the rainbow, each with a unique frequency of vibration. The same is true of sound. In a musical octave of 7 primary notes (the white keys on a piano), there are 12 tones or frequencies, via 5 additional black intermediate keys (the 5 "sharps" or "flats" in-between the 7 whole notes or keys).

Servants of Light The number 144,000 (12 x 12 x 1000) is not only one way to express "the speed of light", it has scriptural ties to the LORD's special "servants of light" in the last days. They hold priesthood as the seed of Abraham in the house of Israel, all 12 Tribes. There are 12,000 servants among each of the 12 Tribes in Revelation 7, making 144,000 total servants serving symbolically with their priesthood as Messianic Jews converted to Christ. Many believe there is a second set of 144,000 Christian servants (see Rev. 14). They are gathered back to God and His greater light first, where they are "sealed" and then they do the gathering to God in a 2nd great last-days gathering (see also Rev. 14, D&C 77).

Moses set up 12 stones at the base of Sinai to represent the 12 Tribes of Israel. He also sent 12 spies (one from each Tribe) into the land of Canaan to investigate it and its current residents of giants in walled cities (they were the posterity of the Fallen Angels of Genesis 6, a great plague on the earth that continues here and now). In Numbers 7 we read about the 12 days tied to the dedication of the Tabernacle of Moses. When the Israelites later crossed over the Jordan River – miraculously on dry ground - into the Holy Land, Joshua had 12 representatives take one stone each from the river, setting them as a memorial to God who once again performed another miracle on their behalf (see Joshua 4:1-10).

Our LORD Jesus called 12 special *servants* or Apostles to be "*special witnesses*" of THE Light of the world - Jesus Christ. John stated that there are 24 Elders surrounding God's throne in heaven (Rev. 4:8, 5:7, 11:2, 19:3). King David put in place 24 courses of priests (2 sets of 12 servants in the bloodline of Jacob's 12 sons) to serve at David's Tabernacle of worship, and to later praise and worship at Solomon's Temple (1 Chron. 24).

There are also 12 hierarchies of angels; 1. Thrones, 2. Arc Angels, 3. Seraphim, 4. Cherubim, 5. Dominions, 6. Virtues, 7. Powers, 8. Principalities, 9. Guardians, 10. Comforters, 11. Holy Animals & Creatures, and 12 Planetary Guardians." The LORD Jesus said that He could command 12 legions of angels to help Him if necessary (Matt. 26:53).

2. Governance via God's Law

The primary law of heaven is love. The LORD taught Moroni that there were 12 characteristics of Charity, the pure love of Christ (see Moroni 7:45). God gave 12 total "commandments" in the Old Testament. They include the 2 Great Commandments to love God and love on another (Deut. 6:4-5 & Lev. 19:18). These 2 laws summarize the 10 additional commandments given Moses in Exodus 20, as found on the 2 tables of stone. The first 5 of them are about loving God, the second 5 are about loving one another. There are 12 blessings and 12 cursings tied to living these 12 commandments or ignoring them (see Deut. 27 & 28). The Book of Mormon also features 12 curses or "wo's" upon the false churches in our day in 2nd Nephi 28:15-32.

The LORD later God gave a higher law, called the "Blessed" Beatitudes in the New Testament. The King James Version of Luke 6 addresses only 4 Beatitudes, while Matthew 5 lists 9 of them. The Prophet Joseph Smith restored all 12 of them in JST Matthew 5 and 3 Nephi 12. The *first 3* replaced Beatitudes address becoming "Blessed" via, 1. Repenting and coming unto Christ; 2. Being baptized in water by one in authority; And 3. The LORD Jesus says He will then baptize such individuals by Fire and the Holy Ghost (see the author's papers *Clear Born Again Scriptures* or *The 2 Great Commandments of 12*, both at www.7witnesses.com). Those living the higher law of 12 Beatitudes are pronounced clean, and called "Blessed" (meaning "in the state of the gods").

- **3. Governing** *via the Measure of Space* There are 12 inches to a foot in the English measure of *space* (the measure of the foot of King David of Scotland in 1150 AD). Ezekiel's altar was 12 cubits square (Ezek. 43:16). Elijah's altar was made of 12 stones, surrounded by a ditch having 12 barrels of water in it. John described New Jerusalem (God's Tabernacle in heaven) as having 12 gates, 12 angels, 12 tribes, 12 foundations, 12 Apostles, 12 stones, and 12 pearls. He describes the measure of this city as a cube of 12,000 furlongs in 3 dimensions.
- **4. Governing** *via the Measure of* Time

 There are 12 hours of light and darkness at the 2 equinoxes, an equal measure of *time* in a day of 24 hours. There are 12 months in the year, and 12 zodiac signs rotating around the sun during "the Great Year," also known as "the precession of the equinoxes." It is 25,920 years, or 12 x 2,160 years, the average time each of the 12 signs remains at the eastern horizon. Note also that 2,160 is the diameter of the moon in miles. The Tabernacle of David featured 24/7 worship and praise of the LORD. In it there were 12 different singers for each of the 24 hours of the day, making 288 prophetic singers (1 Chron. 25:9-31). Each solar "day" (24 hours or 1,440 minutes) the moon cycle is separated by another 12 degrees from it on the 360 degree clock of time (10 minutes per day), resulting in the differing moon phases and the need for recalibration of the 2 time pieces (the sun and the moon) in leap months or leap years.
- **5. Governing the Human Body** God created our physical bodies with 12 governing systems. They are the Circulatory, Digestive, Endocrine, Integumentary, Renal, Lymphatic, Muscular, Nervous, Reproductive, Respiratory, Skeletal, and Vestibular systems. There are also 12 mineral, cell, or tissue salts as part of this governance. They are 1. calcium flouride, 2. Calcium phosphate. 3. Calcium sulfate, 4. Iron phosphate, 5. Magnesium phosphate, 6. Potassium chloride, 7. Potassium phosphate, 8. Potassium sulfate, 9. Sodium chloride, 10. Sodium phosphate, 11. Sodium sulfate, and 12. Silica.

Worldwide DNA research reveals many strands of DNA, most likely 12, not just the 2 explored in western science, those tied to the **physical** makeup of our bodies. Those beyond 2 have been called "junk DNA" in the west and are mostly ignored. The revolutionary work of 2 Russian scientists, molecular biologist Dr. Pjotr Garjajev and researcher Dr. Vladimir Poponin, has revealed the purpose for the additional DNA strands, thought to be 12 total (as seen by energy healers in their clients). The more holistic

research of the Russians has revealed a **spiritual** focus for them. They found that human DNA is a receiver and transmitter of information and that it is not genetically "fixed", but can be *repaired* and *reprogrammed* by light or frequency, whether it is visual light (like a laser) or audible frequencies (like music and words).

God is sending forth His great light (D&C 88:6-13) to awaken and transform our DNA, that we might be *physically* and *spiritually* prepared for His coming as Judge and King over a new millennial Kingdom of justice, peace, and love. He used words to create in Genesis *and* did so again during his earthly ministry to heal many. All creation willingly responds to the Creator's voice (Abr. 4:18) out of love *and* honor for Him. This "honor" is His great **power**. Satan was jealous, wanting both God's honor and power (see D&C 29:36), and thus he rebelled against God, taking many when they were cast out of heaven to earth.

6. Governing with Love, Healing & Deliverance The LORD Jesus is the Great Healer and Deliverer, bringing forth the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt at Passover. He has delivered His wayward people over and over again. Throughout the Psalms, David proclaimed, "His mercy endureth forever." In the Book of Revelation we read about the Tree of Life (Rev. 22:2). It has 12 manner of fruits on it for the healing of the nations. God, as the great healer created the 12 governing systems of our mortal bodies, with 12 tissue salts, and the probability of 12-strands of DNA. Our wise, loving God inspired "the 12-Step program" providing healing and deliverance for those held captive to drugs, alcohol, pornography, and other additions. The first of the 12 steps addresses the need to place faith and trust in the living God, stating, "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable. We have come to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. And we have made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God…"

7. Governance of God's Kingdom on Earth Matthew addressed Christ as "King" 12 times, and with 12 references to His "gospel". John provided 12 different "divine" titles for Him, along with the 12 references in which Jesus called Himself, "the Son of Man" (John 1:51; 3:13, 14; 527; 6:27, 53, 62; 8:28; 9:35; 12:23, 34; 13:31).

The Word **(John 1:1)**The Creator of all things (John 1:3)
The Only Begotten of the Father (John 1:14)
The Lamb of God (John 1:29)

The Bread of Life **(John 6:35)**The great I AM (John 8:58; 18:6, 8; Ex. 3:14)
The Light of the world (John 9:5)
The Door of the sheep (John)10:7

The Good Shepherd **(John 10:11)**The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
The Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:
The true Vine (John 15:1

The 12 chapters of the "sealed" book of Daniel addresses true versus false worship, God's control over earthly kingdoms, and the final establishment of an everlasting Kingdom of peace, love, and justice under Christ as King of kings in the last-days. In Daniel 6 we read of 120 jealous princes who tried to trap Daniel in false worship. Daniel 12:9-13 provides a limited timeline of last-days rule by the beast and false prophet of 1,290 total days. Daniel calls those who make it to 1,335 days "blessed." They will be part of God's kingdom on the earth. Note that both numbers add up to 12 (these 3 time periods are about 3.5 years each, also known as "time, times, and a half" (each "time" is 12 months – or 1 year).

Three scriptures prophetically address the return of the "Tabernacle of David" as part of God's last-days kingdom on the earth (see Amos 9:11; Acts 15:16; Isa. 16:5). "ages" was the focus of this tabernacle and will return to the earth in His Millennial kingdom in our day. It mirrors the type of worship present in heaven. The LORD's prayer states, "They kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). King David implemented "True Worship" in the Holy City via 24/7 worship, praise, and thanksgiving in the special tent or tabernacle he first set up near the Gihon Spring. It has since come to be known as the Tabernacle of David, a different structure than the Tabernacle Moses set up in the book of Exodus. In it, King David employed 4,000 musicians and 288 prophetic singers (24 courses of 12 Levite singers each). Many believe they used musical instruments tuned to 432 or 444 hz, which had power to push away evil and darkness, while simultaneously providing healing qualities for God's people (the numbers 144 and 288 have ties to light in #1 above, "Governance via Light"). God governs all things by His great light and love.