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JESUS CHRIST COMMANDS US TO STUDY ISAIAH

“And now, behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to **search** these things. Yea, a **commandment** I give unto you that ye **search** these things **diligently**; for **great** are the **words of Isaiah.**”

3 Nephi 23:1



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NEPHI'S DECODING OF ISAIAH

- Nephi saw our day
- Nephi understood the book of Isaiah
- 1 Nephi 22 is Nephi's direct commentary on Isaiah 48-49 (1 Nephi 20-21)
- Let's use scripture as our commentary on scripture!



1 NEPHI 22

Nephi's Explanation of Isaiah 48-49

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PROPHECIES TO ISRAEL ARE NOT ONLY SPIRITUAL

“And now it came to pass that after I, Nephi, had read these things which were engraven upon the plates of brass, my brethren came unto me and said unto me: **What meaneth these things** which ye have read? Behold, are they to be understood according to things which are spiritual, which shall come to pass according to the spirit and not the flesh?

“And I, Nephi, said unto them: Behold they were manifest unto the prophet by the **voice of the Spirit**; for by the Spirit are all things made known unto the prophets, which shall come upon the children of men **according to the flesh**.

“Wherefore, the things of which I have read are things pertaining to things **both temporal and spiritual . . .**”

1 Nephi 22:1-3

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**PRINCIPLE: THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL IS A LITERAL
BLOODLINE WITH LITERAL COVENANTS & HISTORY**

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YOUR ANCESTRY IS ISRAELITE!

“The great majority of those who become members of the Church are **literal descendants** of Abraham through Ephraim, son of Joseph. Those who are not literal descendants of Abraham and Israel **must become such**, and when they are baptized and confirmed they are grafted into the tree and are entitled to all the rights and privileges as **heirs**.”

Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation, 3:246

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EFFECT OF THE HOLY GHOST ON ISRAEL

“There are two Comforters spoken of. One is the Holy Ghost, the same as given on the day of Pentecost, and that all Saints receive after faith, repentance, and baptism. This first Comforter or Holy Ghost has no other effect than **pure intelligence**. It is **more powerful** in **expanding** the **mind**, **enlightening** the **understanding**, and storing the **intellect** with present **knowledge**, of a man who is of the **literal seed of Abraham**, than one that is a Gentile, though it may not have half as much visible effect upon the body; for as the Holy Ghost falls upon one of the literal seed of Abraham, it is **calm** and **serene**; and his whole soul and body are only **exercised by the pure spirit of intelligence . . .**”

Joseph Smith, History, 1838–1856, volume C-1 [2 November 1838–31 July 1842], pg. 8

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“MUST HAVE A NEW CREATION”

“... while the effect of the Holy Ghost upon a Gentile, is to **purge out the old blood**, and **make him actually of the seed of Abraham**. That man that has none of the blood of Abraham (naturally) **must have a new creation by the Holy Ghost**. In such a case, there may be more of a powerful effect upon the body, and **visible to the eye**, than upon an Israelite, while the Israelite at first might be far before the Gentile in pure intelligence.”



Joseph Smith, History, 1838–1856, volume C-1 [2 November 1838–31 July 1842], pg. 8

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ELDERS ARE “ACTUALLY OF ISRAEL”

“The set time [has] come for God to **gather Israel**, and for his work to commence upon the face of the whole earth, and the **Elders** who have arisen in this Church and kingdom are **actually of Israel**. Take the Elders who are now in this house, and you can **scarcely find one out of a hundred** but what he is of the **House of Israel**. . . . Will we go to the Gentile nations to preach the Gospel? Yes, and **gather out the Israelites** wherever they are **mixed** among the nations of the earth.”

Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses 2:268

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THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL & REDEMPTION

Children Turning Their Hearts to the Fathers

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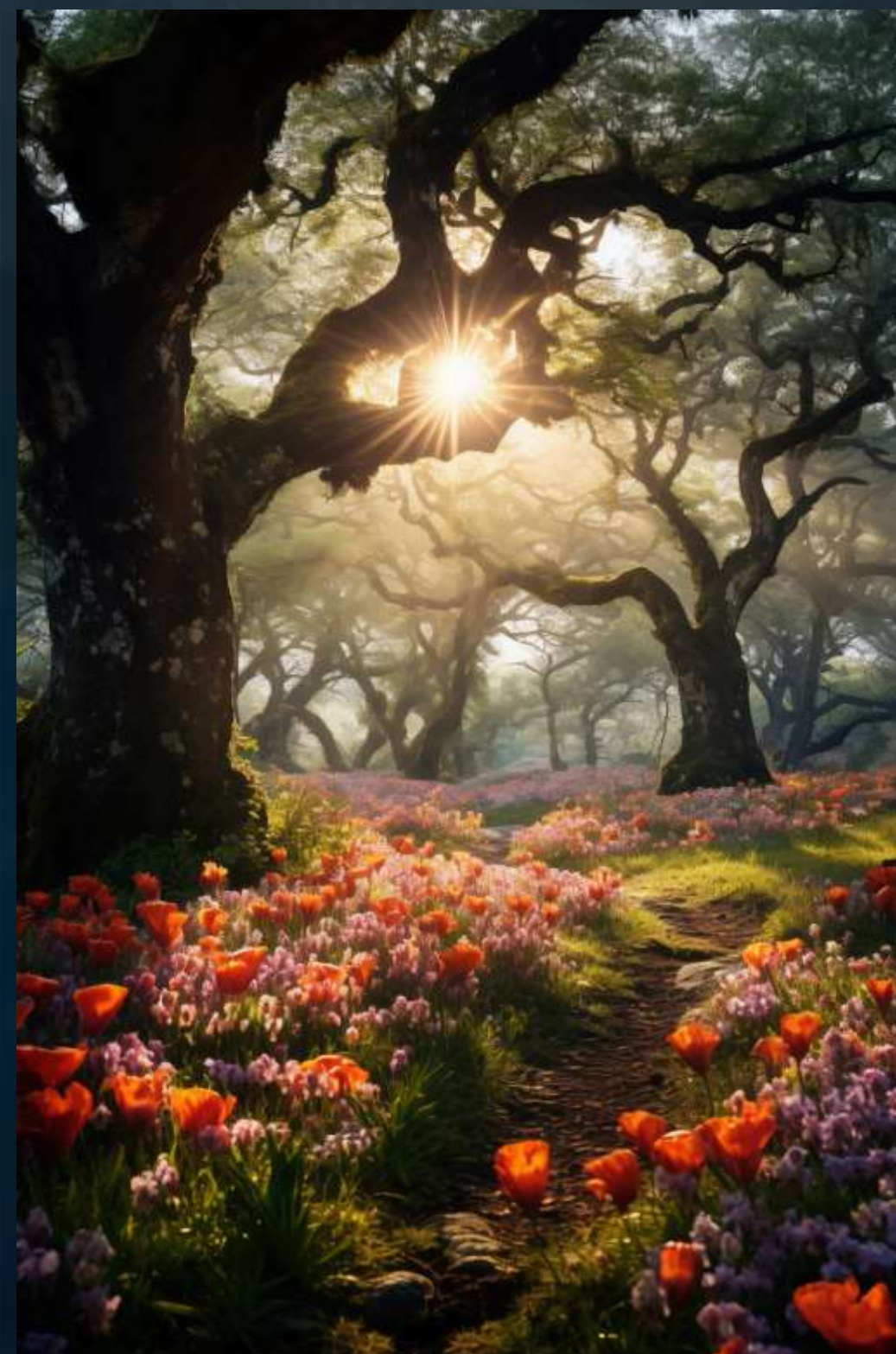
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GARDEN OF EDEN IN INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

“The spot chosen for the **garden of Eden** was **Jackson County**, in the State of Missouri, where **Independence** now stands; it was occupied in the morn of creation by Adam and his associates who came with him for the express purpose of peopling this earth.”

Heber C. Kimball, Journal of Discourses 10:235

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ADAM'S HOMELAND IN MISSOURI

“... President Young said **Joseph the Prophet** told me that the **Garden of Eden** was in **Jackson Co Missouri**, and when **Adam** was **driven out** of the Garden of Eden, he went about 40 miles to the place which we named **Adam-ondi-Ahman**, and there built an altar of stone & offered sacrifice.”



Wilford Woodruff, Journal entry dated 30 March 1879, spelling corrected

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ADAM-ONDI-AHMAN, MISSOURI

“The Prophet Joseph called upon Brother Brigham, myself and others, saying, ‘Brethren, come, go along with me, and I will show you something.’ He led us a short distance to a place [in Adam-ondi-Ahman] where were the **ruins of three altars built of stone**, one above the other, and one standing a little back of the other, like unto the **pulpits in the Kirtland Temple**, representing the **order of three grades of Priesthood**; ‘There,’ said Joseph, ‘is the place where **Adam** offered up **sacrifice** after he was **cast out of the garden**.’ The altar stood at the highest point of the bluff. I went and examined the place several times while I remained there.”

Heber C. Kimball, Life of Heber C. Kimball, pgs. 209-210

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OBTAINING FAITH TO BEHOLD GOD

“... after any portion of the human family are made acquainted with the important fact that **there is a God** who has created and does uphold all things, the extent of their **knowledge**, respecting his character and glory, will **depend** upon their **diligence** and **faithfulness** in **seeking** after him, until like Enoch the brother of Jared, and Moses, they shall **obtain faith** in God, and **power** with him to **behold him face to face.**”

Lectures on Faith 2:55

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CREDENCE THEY GAVE TO THEIR FATHERS

“... It was human testimony and **human testimony only**, that **excited** this **enquiry**, in the first instance in their minds—it was the **credence they gave to the testimony of their fathers**—this testimony having aroused their minds to enquire after the knowledge of God, the enquiry frequently terminated, indeed **always** terminated, when rightly pursued, in the **most glorious discoveries**, and **eternal certainty.**”

Lectures on Faith 2:55

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GOD'S GOVERNMENT IS PATRIARCHAL

"The Lord's government is patriarchal in nature. . . . With the placing of man on earth, the Lord began by **patterning earthly government after** that which is **heavenly**. A perfect **theocratic, patriarchal system** was set up with **Adam** at the head. This system prevailed in large measure among righteous men from Adam to the establishment of Israel in her promised land, when the people prevailed upon the Lord to let them be ruled by kings as were the apostate gentile nations.

"In these early days the **church government** itself was also **patriarchal** in nature. From Adam to the flood the presiding church officer was always both a high priest and a patriarch, and the office descended from **father to son**. This **order of priesthood** itself was called the **patriarchal order**."

Bruce R. McConkie, Mormon Doctrine. pg. 559.

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DIVINE PATTERN OF FATHERS & SONS

- Nephi & Lehi
- Enos & Jacob
- Sons of Mosiah & Mosiah
- Alma the Younger & Alma the Elder
- Stripling Warriors & Biological fathers support army/Helaman acts as father figure during war
- Helaman, Corianton, Shiblon & Alma the Younger
- Nephi, Lehi & Helaman
- Moroni & Mormon



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“I SOUGHT FOR THE BLESSINGS OF THE FATHERS”

“And, finding there was greater **happiness** and **peace** and **rest** for me, I sought for the blessings of the **fathers**, and the right whereunto I should be ordained to **administer** the same; having been myself a **follower of righteousness**, desiring also to be one who possessed great **knowledge**, and to be a greater **follower of righteousness**, and to possess a greater knowledge, and to be a **father of many nations**, a **prince of peace**, and desiring to **receive instructions**, and to keep the commandments of God, I became a **rightful heir**, a **High Priest**, holding the right **belonging to the fathers.**”

Abraham 1:2

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MENTORED BY THE FATHERS

“[Abraham] went to **Noah** and his son **Shem**, and he remained with them to **learn the instruction of the Lord and his ways**, and no man knew where Abram was, and Abram served Noah and Shem his son for a long time.”

Book of Jasher 9:5

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ABRAHAM RECEIVES PROMISES

- Father of many nations
- His children would have access to:
 - baptism,
 - celestial marriage,
 - priesthood authority
 - choice and promised lands
 - eternal increase



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SPIRITUAL & THEOLOGICAL ORPHANS

“Forgotten is the fact that salvation is a family affair, that God made covenants with our ancient **fathers**, and that those **covenants center in blessings that were also promised to us**. We become theological and spiritual **orphans**. We are, in the words of Malachi, left without ‘root nor branch’ (Mal 4:1). We suppose we can have salvation independent of family responsibilities. The whole thing is akin to going through life without really knowing your parents or family.”



Joseph Fielding McConkie, “The Doctrine of a Covenant People” in A Book of Mormon Treasure



WORLDWIDE QUEST FOR THE LOST TRIBES!

Historical & Cultural Evidence of the Scattering

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ISRAEL SCATTERED FOR THEIR WICKEDNESS

“Wherefore, the things of which I have read are things pertaining to things both temporal and spiritual; for it appears that the house of Israel, sooner or later, will be **scattered** upon **all** the face of the earth, and also among all nations.

“And behold, there are **many** who are already lost from the knowledge of those who are at Jerusalem. Yea, the **more part of all the tribes** have been led away; and they are **scattered to and fro** upon the **isles** of the sea; and whither they are **none of us knoweth**, save that we know that they have been led away.”

1 Nephi 22:3-4



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Northern Kingdom of Israel

Southern Kingdom of Judah

Map from [For Our Day: Covenant on the Land \(2013\) documentary](#)

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ISRAELITES GONE MISSING

- The Assyrians “went throughout all the land [of Israel]” but they **only** found **Israelites** (in significant numbers) in **Samaria**.
- Assyrians took **27,290** captives (all from Samaria).
- A few years before this, Israel had **killed 120,000 Jews** in war and took **200,000 Jews captive**.
- Missing tribes from Assyrian captivity: Dan, most of Ephraim, half of Manasseh, Asher, Zebulun, Issachar, Simeon
- Where did the other Israelites go?



Research by Steven M. Collins. [See his books Israel's Lost Empires, Parthia: The Forgotten Ancient Superpower and Its Role in Biblical History, and Israel's Tribes Today](#)

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ESCAPING BEFORE THE ATTACK

“... many of the Israelites did not go into captivity, but **evaded** the **calamity**, going off with their flocks ... the chief of prince whom they appointed could muster **120,000 horse** and **100,000 foot** [2 or 3 million people].”



Eldad, as quoted by John Cox Gawler, Our Scythian Ancestors Identified With Israel, pg. 9

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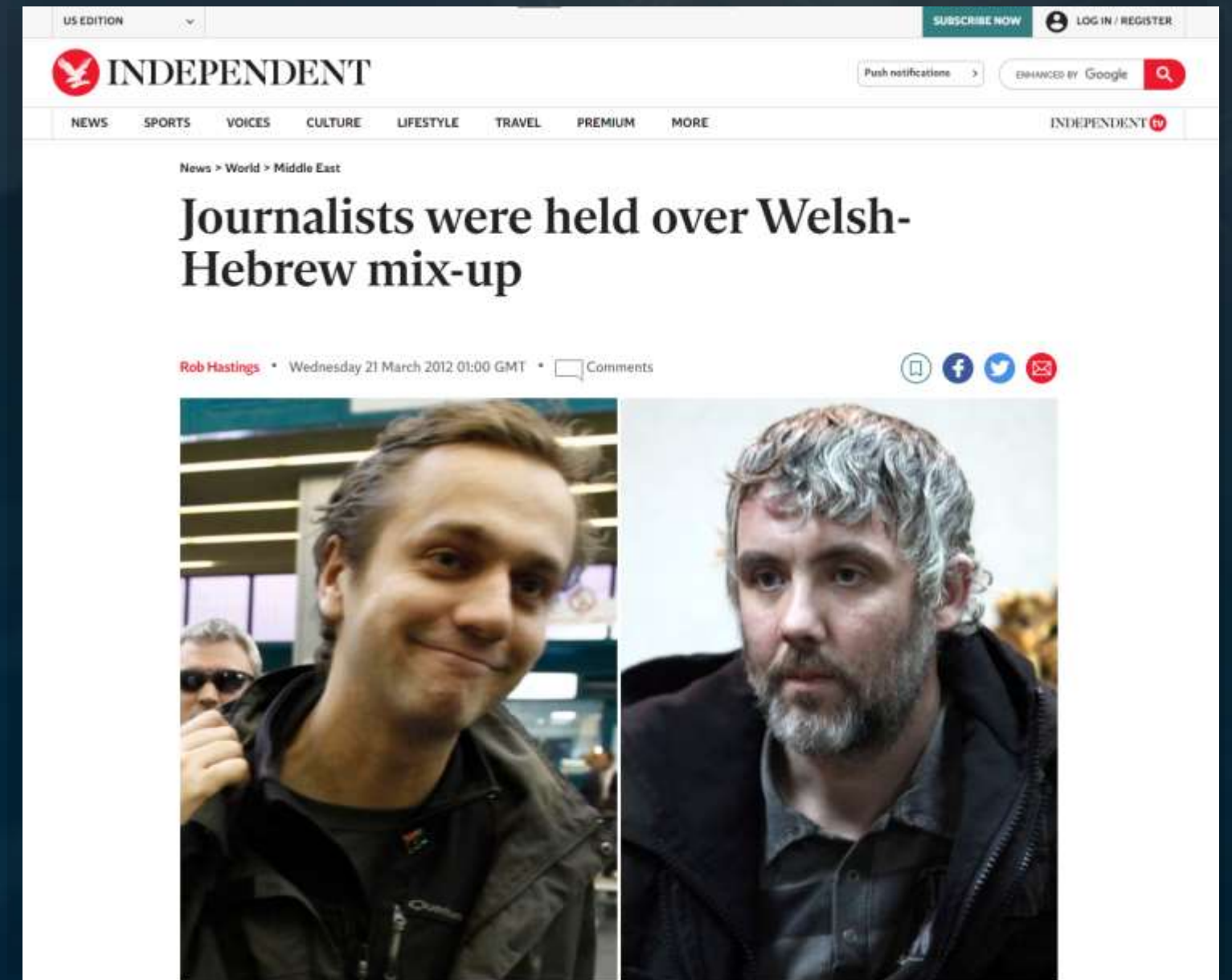
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HEBREW & WELSH CONNECTION

In 1821, the journal *The Cambro-Briton* noted the **“affinity between the Hebrew and Welsh tongues.”** “The **many** points of **resemblance** between the languages in question have been noted by several learned writers,” it noted, adding that this was “not merely in a coincidence of particular words, but in a **general agreement of idiom and structure.**”

*Hastings, Rob. “Journalists were held over Welsh-Hebrew mix-up” *The Independent*, March 21, 2012*

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CELTS IN NEW ENGLAND?

“... the New England Celts employed an Ogam alphabet of at least 12 symbols, **identical** with those used in Portugal and Spain in the late Bronze Age, about 800 B.C.

“... there is **less than one chance in 430,000,000** that identical 12-letter alphabets could arise **independently** in two **unrelated** civilizations. . . . there is **no probability** that the New England inscriptions are the work of Amerindians, unless the **Amerindians** should themselves be **derived** in part from **Iberian Celts.**”

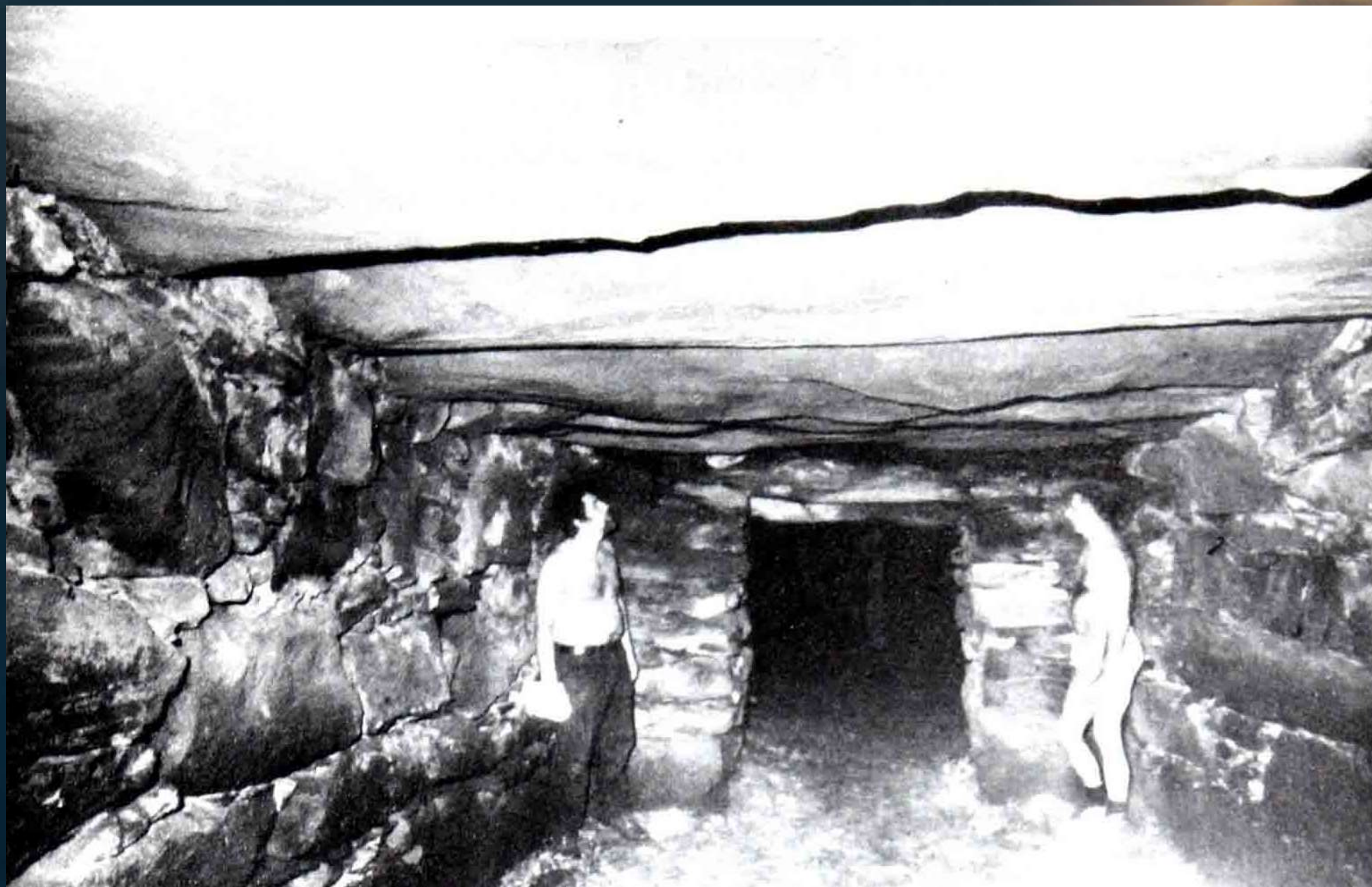
Barry Fell, America B.C., pg. 193

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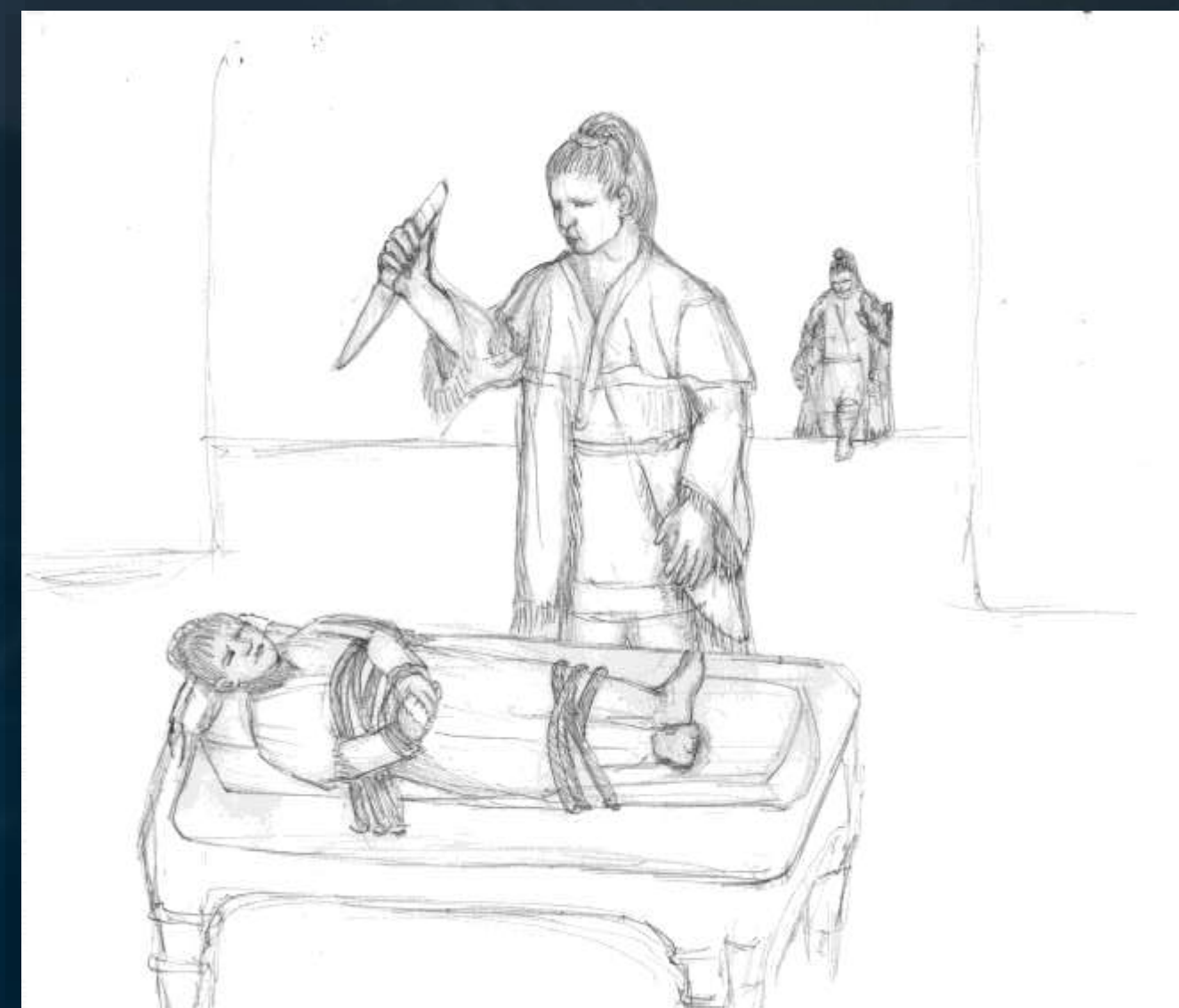
Interior view of large winter solstice temple at South Woodstock, Vermont (America B.C., pg. 198)

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ABRAHAM & ISAAC IN JAPAN?

- Before 1868, during the Onbashira festival, a young boy would be **tied** to a **sacred pillar**
- A Shinto priest would hold a **knife above the boy**, cut the top of the wooden pillar, but then a **messenger** (another priest) would rush in to **stop him**. The boy was then **released**.
- 75 deer were then sacrificed.



For more information, see the research and writing of Japanese author Arimasa Kubo.

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ONBASHIRA FESTIVAL

- At least 1200 years old (possibly over 2000 years old)
- Occurs in **April**, around the same time as **Passover**.
- Traditionally reckoned to be observed **every seventh year**.
- Israel considered every seventh year **sacred**. It was known as the **sabbatical year**.





ARIMASA KUBO ON THE SHINTO RELIGION AND JUDAISM

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ISRAELITES LEFT MOSES & CAME TO GUATEMALA

"According to Fuentes, the chronicler of the kingdom of **Guatemala**, the kings of Quiche and Cachiquel were descended from the Toltecan Indians, who, when they came into this country, found it already inhabited by people of different nations. According to the manuscripts of Don Juan Torres, the grandson of the last king of the Quiches, . . . the Toltecas themselves descended from the **house of Israel**, who were released by Moses from the tyranny of Pharaoh, and **crossing the Red Sea**, fell into **idolatry**. To avoid the **reproofs of Moses**, or from fear of his inflicting upon them some **chastisement**, they **separated from him and his brethren**, and under the guidance of Tanub, their chief, passed from one continent to the other, to a place which they called the seven caverns, a part of the kingdom of Mexico, where they **founded the celebrated city of Tula.**"

Stephen's Incidents of Travel in Central America, republished in Times & Seasons 3:921-922

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WAR TO DESTROY LATTER-DAY ISRAEL

“And since they have been led away, these things have been prophesied concerning them, and also concerning all those who shall hereafter be **scattered** and be **confounded**, **because of the Holy One of Israel**; for against him will they **harden** their **hearts**; wherefore, they shall be **scattered** among **all nations** and shall be **hated of all men.**”

1 Nephi 22:5

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HOW DO YOU PUT THE PIECES BACK TOGETHER?



ACCOMPLISHING MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

The Marvelous Work and Wonder

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**SCRIPTURE TEACHES ISRAEL HOW TO LIVE
& HOW TO TAKE ACTION**

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“NURSED BY THE GENTILES”

“Nevertheless, after they shall be **nursed by the Gentiles [nations]**, and the Lord has lifted up his hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and their children have been carried in their arms, and their daughters have been carried upon their shoulders, behold these things of which are spoken are **temporal**; for thus are the covenants of the Lord **with our fathers**; and it meaneth **us** in the days to come, and **also all our brethren** who are of the house of Israel.”

1 Nephi 22:6

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“A MIGHTY NATION”

“And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the Lord God will **raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles**, yea, even upon the face of **this land**; and by them shall our seed be scattered.”

1 Nephi 22:7

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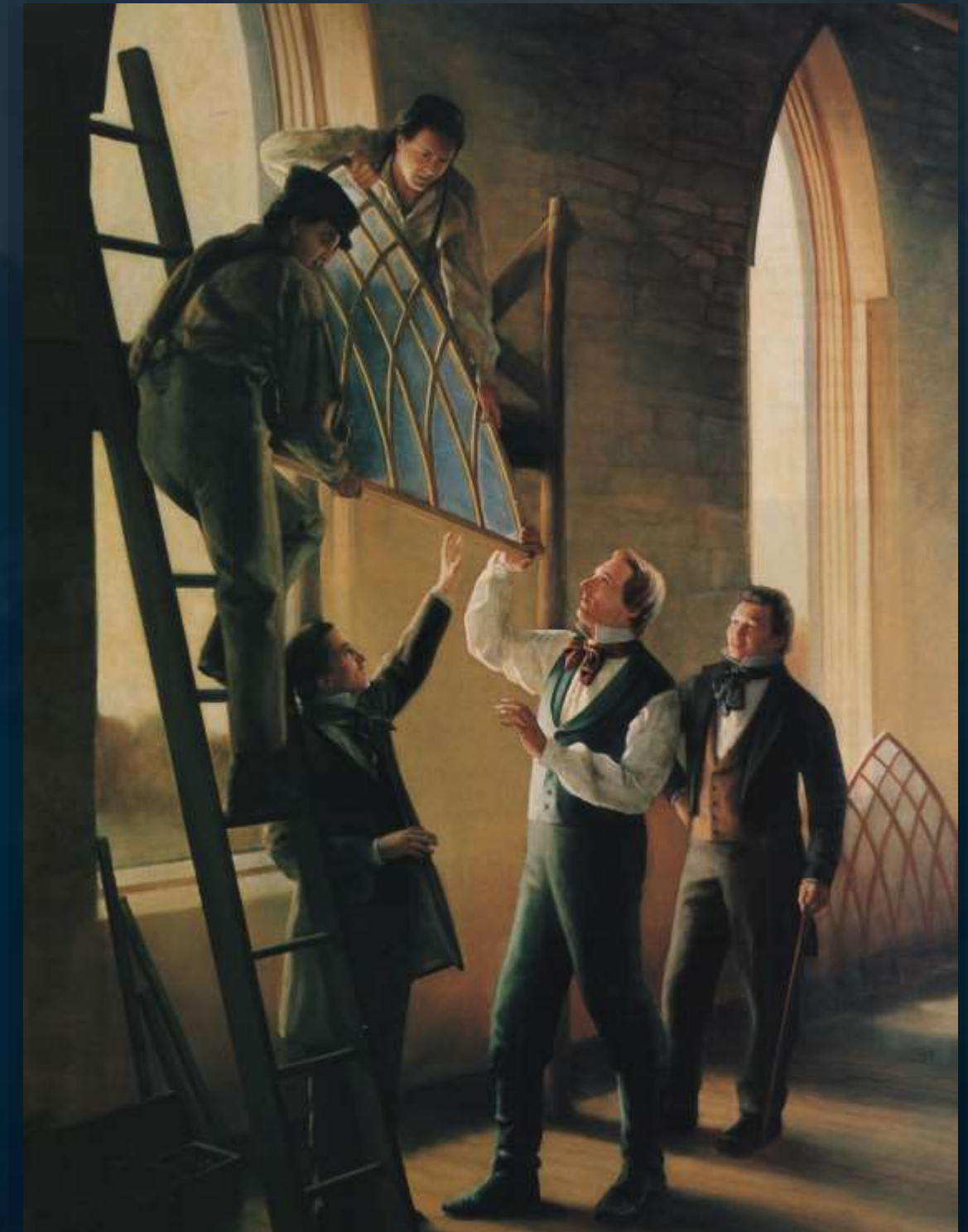
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MARVELOUS WORK OF GREAT WORTH

“And after our seed is scattered the Lord God will proceed to do a **marvelous work** among the Gentiles, which shall be of **great worth** unto our seed; wherefore, it is likened unto their being **nourished** by the Gentiles and being **carried in their arms and upon their shoulders.**”

1 Nephi 22:8

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MAKING ABRAHAM'S COVENANTS KNOWN

“And it shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles; and not only unto the Gentiles but unto **all the house of Israel**, unto the **making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham**, saying: In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.”

1 Nephi 22:9



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COVENANTS TO ISRAEL IN “ALL THE NATIONS”

“And I would, my brethren, that ye should know that all the kindreds of the earth **cannot** be blessed unless he shall make bare his arm in the eyes of the nations.

“Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm in the eyes of **all the nations**, in bringing about his **covenants** and his gospel unto those who are **of the house of Israel.**”

1 Nephi 22:10-11

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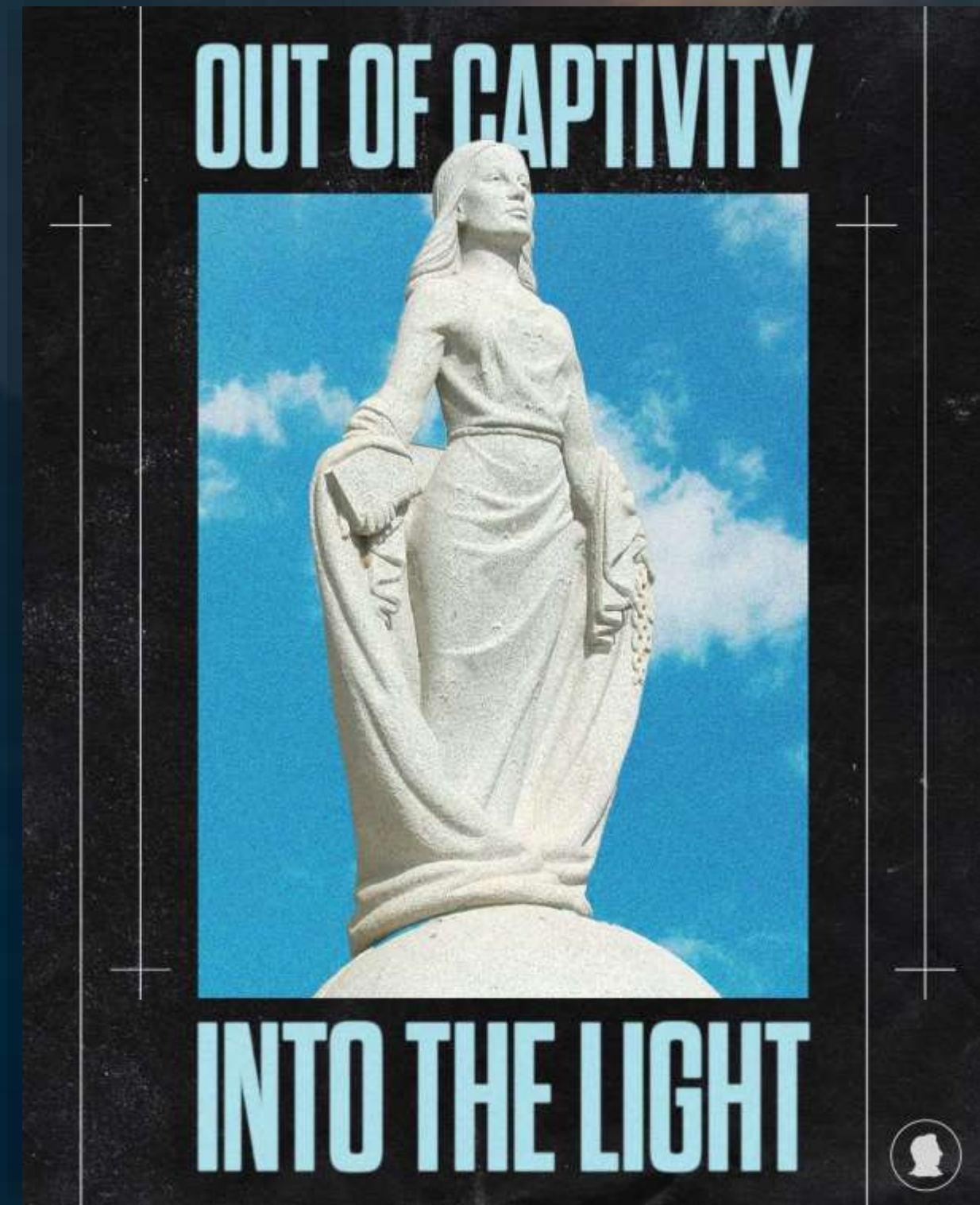
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“OUT OF CAPTIVITY”

“Wherefore, he will bring them **again out of captivity** [see **1 Nephi 13**], and they shall be gathered together to the **lands of their inheritance**; and they shall be **brought out of obscurity** and out of **darkness**; and they shall **know** that the **Lord** is their Savior and their Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel.”

1 Nephi 22:12

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WICKED IMplode & DESTROY THEMSELVES

“And the blood of that great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall **turn upon their own heads**; for they shall **war among themselves**, and the sword of their own hands shall fall upon their own heads, and they shall be **drunken with their own blood.**”

1 Nephi 22:13



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“SATAN SHALL HAVE NO MORE POWER”

“And every nation which shall war against thee, O house of Israel, shall be **turned one against another**, and they shall **fall into the pit which they digged** to ensnare the people of the Lord. . . . Satan shall have **no more power** over the hearts of the children of men . . .”

1 Nephi 22:14



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THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL BE SAVED

“For the time soon cometh that the fulness of the wrath of God shall be poured out upon all the children of men; for **he will not suffer that the wicked shall destroy the righteous.**”

“Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his **power**, even if it so be that the fulness of his **wrath** must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire. Wherefore, the righteous need not fear; for thus saith the prophet, **they shall be saved, even if it so be as by fire.**”

1 Nephi 22:16-17

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ALL WHO FIGHT AGAINST ZION SHALL BE CUT OFF

“Behold, my brethren, I say unto you, that these things must shortly come; yea, even **blood**, and **fire**, and vapor of **smoke** must come; and it must needs be upon the face of this earth; and it cometh unto men **according to the flesh** if it so be that they will **harden** their **hearts against** the **Holy One of Israel**.

“For behold, the **righteous shall not perish**; for the time surely must come that all they who **fight against** Zion shall be **cut off**.”

1 Nephi 22:18-19



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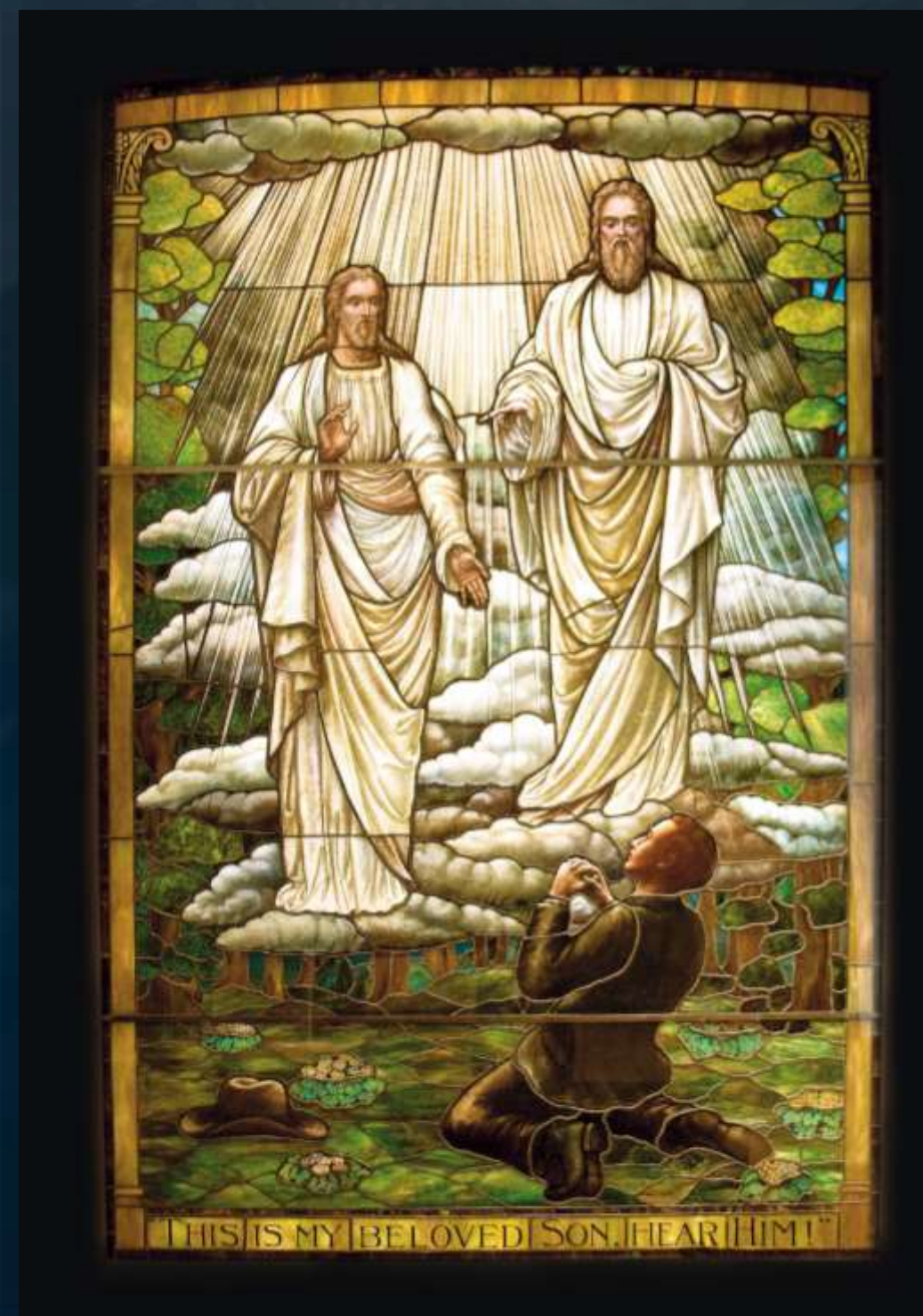
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SON OF GOD COMES TO REVEAL PATH SAVE ISRAEL

“And the Lord will surely prepare a **way** for his people, unto the fulfilling of the words of Moses, which he spake, saying: **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you**, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that all those who will **not hear** that prophet shall be **cut off** from among the people.

“And now I, Nephi, declare unto you, that this prophet of whom Moses spake was the **Holy One of Israel**; wherefore, he shall execute judgment in righteousness.”

1 Nephi 22:20-21



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1. Israel was **scattered** because they apostatized & lived in wickedness.
2. God made **promises** to Israel's righteous patriarchal fathers that He will never break.
3. God will **restore** pure scripture to awaken Israel to her hidden identity and original covenants. Jesus Christ will open the way for her to escape bondage.
4. Conversion will cause Israel to **repent**, make covenants with God through ordinances, and gather together physically and spiritually.
5. Israel's enemies will be **destroyed**.
6. Perfect **peace** will be established through Zion in the Millennium.



ISAIAH 48 (1 NEPHI 20)

The Latter-day Servant

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WICKEDNESS & HYPOCRISY

“Hearken and **hear** this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the **name of Israel**, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, or **out of the waters of baptism**, who swear by the name of the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, yet they **swear not in truth** nor in **righteousness**.

“Nevertheless, they **call themselves** of the holy city, but they **do not stay** themselves upon the God of Israel, who is the Lord of Hosts; yea, the Lord of Hosts is his name.”

1 Nephi 20:1-2, Isaiah 48:1-2

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WICKEDNESS AMONG NEPHITE CHURCH MEMBERS

“... the people of the church began to be lifted up in the **pride of their eyes**, and to set their hearts upon **riches** and upon the **vain things of the world**, that they began to be **scornful**, one towards another, and they began to **persecute** those that did not believe according to their own will and pleasure.

“... there began to be **great contentions** among the people of the church; yea, there were **envyings**, and **strife**, and **malice**, and **persecutions**, and **pride**, even to exceed the pride of those who did not belong to the church of God.

“... the **wickedness** of the church was a **great stumbling-block** to those who did not belong to the church; and thus the church began to fail in its progress.”

Alma 4:8-10

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WHY DOES GOD FORETELL OUR HISTORY?

“And I did it because I knew that thou art **obstinate**, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

“And I have even from the beginning declared to thee; before it came to pass I showed them thee; and I showed them for fear lest thou shouldst say—**Mine idol hath done them**, and my graven image, and my molten image hath commanded them.”



1 Nephi 20:4-5, Isaiah 48:4-5

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PRIDE & BLINDNESS AMONG SAINTS TODAY

“Thou hast seen and heard all this; and **will ye not declare** them? And that I have showed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou **didst not know them.**”

“They are created now, and not from the beginning, even before the day when thou **heardest them not** they were declared unto thee, lest thou shouldst say—Behold I knew them.”

1 Nephi 20:6-7, Isaiah 48:6-7



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YOU ARE ALWAYS WARNED!

“I know of **nothing** of great importance that has happened in the **world** that the Lord through his prophets has not **advised** the **people** of **beforehand**, so that they have **not** been **left** in **ignorance** of what was to develop, but could **plan** their **lives**, if they would, to their advantage.”

George Albert Smith, Conference Report, April 1945, pg. 136

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PLEADING WITH LATTER-DAY SAINTS TO REPENT

“Yea, and thou **heardest not**; yea, thou **knewest not**; yea, from that time thine **ear was not opened**; for I knew that thou wouldst deal **very treacherously**, and wast called a **transgressor** from the womb.”

1 Nephi 20:8, Isaiah 48:8



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GOD'S PATIENCE WITH HIS PEOPLE

“Nevertheless, for my **name's sake** will I **defer** mine **anger**, and for my praise will I refrain from thee, that I **cut thee not off**.

“For, behold, I have **refined** thee, I have chosen thee in the furnace of **affliction**.

“For mine own sake, yea, for mine own sake will I do this, for I will not suffer my **name to be polluted**, and I will not give my glory unto another.”

1 Nephi 20:9-11, Isaiah 48:11-11



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ISRAEL IN THE PREMORTAL LIFE

“Israel is an **eternal** people. She came into being as a **chosen** and **separate** congregation **before** the foundations of the earth were laid; she was a **distinct** and a **peculiar** people in preexistence, even as she is in this sphere.”



Bruce R. McConkie, A New Witness for the Articles of Faith, pg. 510-511

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IDENTITY DEFINES MISSION

“Once we know **who we are**, and the **royal lineage** of which we are a part, our **actions** and **directions** in life will be more **appropriate** to the inheritance.”



Russell M. Nelson, “Thanks for the Covenant,” BYU Devotional, November 22, 1988

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JESUS CHRIST CALLS ISRAEL TO LISTEN

“**Hearken** unto me, O Jacob, and Israel my called, for I am he; I am the first, and I am also the last.

“Mine hand hath also **laid the foundation** of the earth, and my right hand hath **spanned the heavens**. I **call** unto them and they stand up together.”



1 Nephi 20:12-13, Isaiah 48:12-13

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JESUS CHRIST CALLS MAN TO SAVE ISRAEL

“All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; who among them **hath declared these things unto them? The Lord hath loved him**; yea, and he will fulfil his word which he hath declared by them; and he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall come upon the Chaldeans.

“Also, saith the Lord; I the Lord, yea, **I have spoken**; yea, **I have called him to declare, I have brought him**, and **he shall make his way prosperous**.

“Come ye near unto me; I have **not spoken in secret**; from the beginning, from the time that it was declared have I spoken; and the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

“And thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; **I have sent him**, the Lord thy God who teacheth thee to profit, **who leadeth thee by the way thou shouldst go**, hath done it.”

1 Nephi 20:14-17, Isaiah 48:14-17

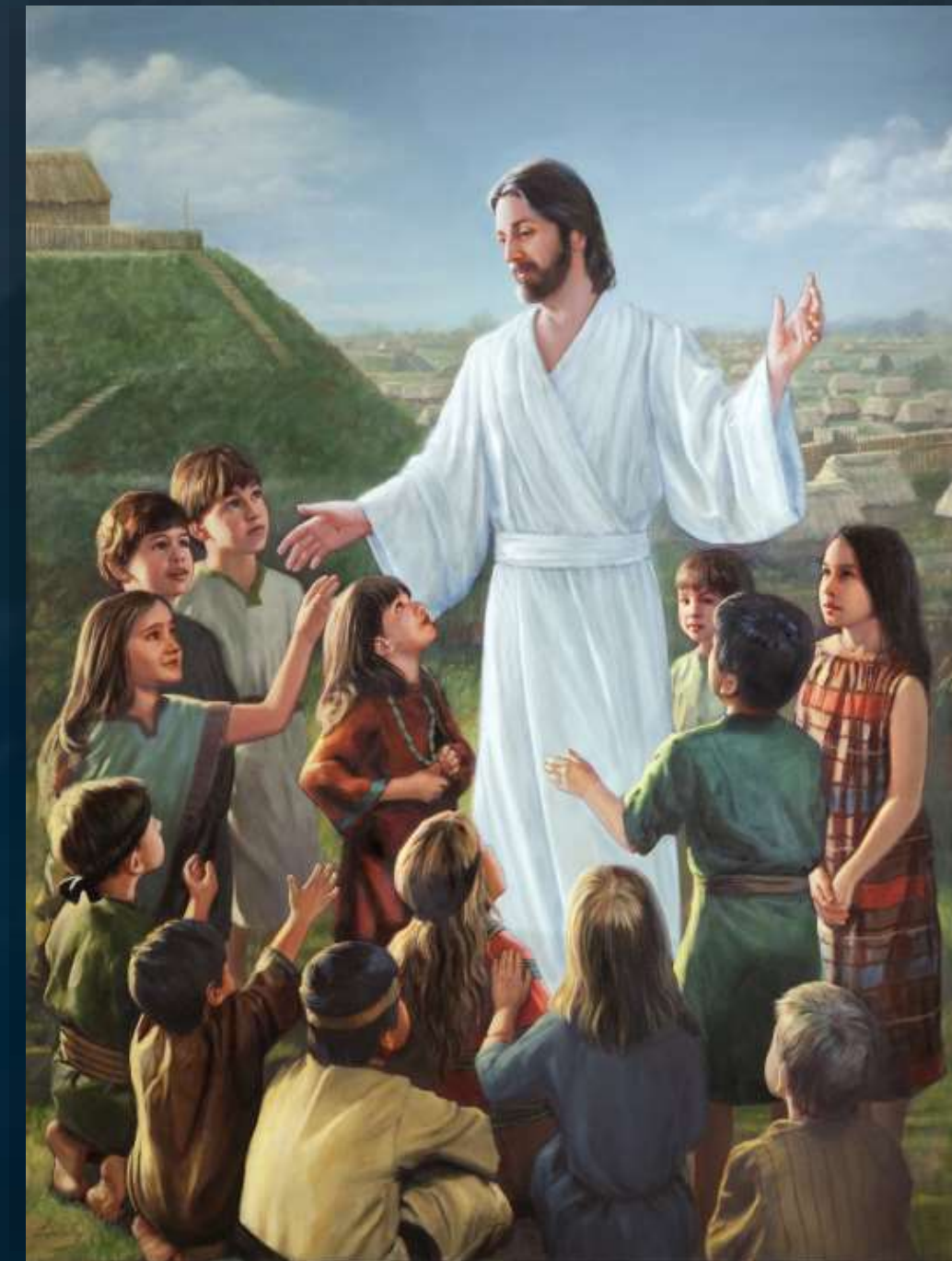
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“A MAN SHALL DECLARE IT”

“For in **that day**, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a **great and a marvelous work** among them; and there shall be among them those who will **not believe** it, although **a man shall declare** it unto them.”



Children of Light, painting by David Lindsley

3 Nephi 21:9

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WHAT IS THE CONTEXT OF 3 NEPHI 21?

- Gentiles established as free people
- Revolutionary War & U.S. Constitution
- Book of Mormon translated by power of God
- Restoration of the Gospel
- Baptism, repentance, “true points of doctrine”
- Marvelous work & wonder declared by a “man”



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JOSEPH SMITH'S PATRIARCHAL BLESSING

“Thou hast been called, even in thy youth to **the great work** of the Lord: to do a work in this generation which **no man** would do as thyself, in **all** things according to the will of the Lord. A **marvelous work and a wonder** has the Lord wrought by **thy hand**, even that which shall **prepare the way** for the **remnants** of his people to **come in** among the Gentiles, with their fullness, as the **tribes of Israel are restored.**”



Joseph Smith's Patriarchal Blessing, given December 9, 1834, Church History Library

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“CHOSEN YOU AS AN INSTRUMENT”

“He has therefore **chosen** you as an **instrument in his hand** to bring to light that which shall perform his **act**, his **strange act**, and bring to pass a **marvelous work and a wonder.**”



Oliver Cowdery, Latter Day Saints' Messenger and Advocate Vol. 1, No. 5, February 1835

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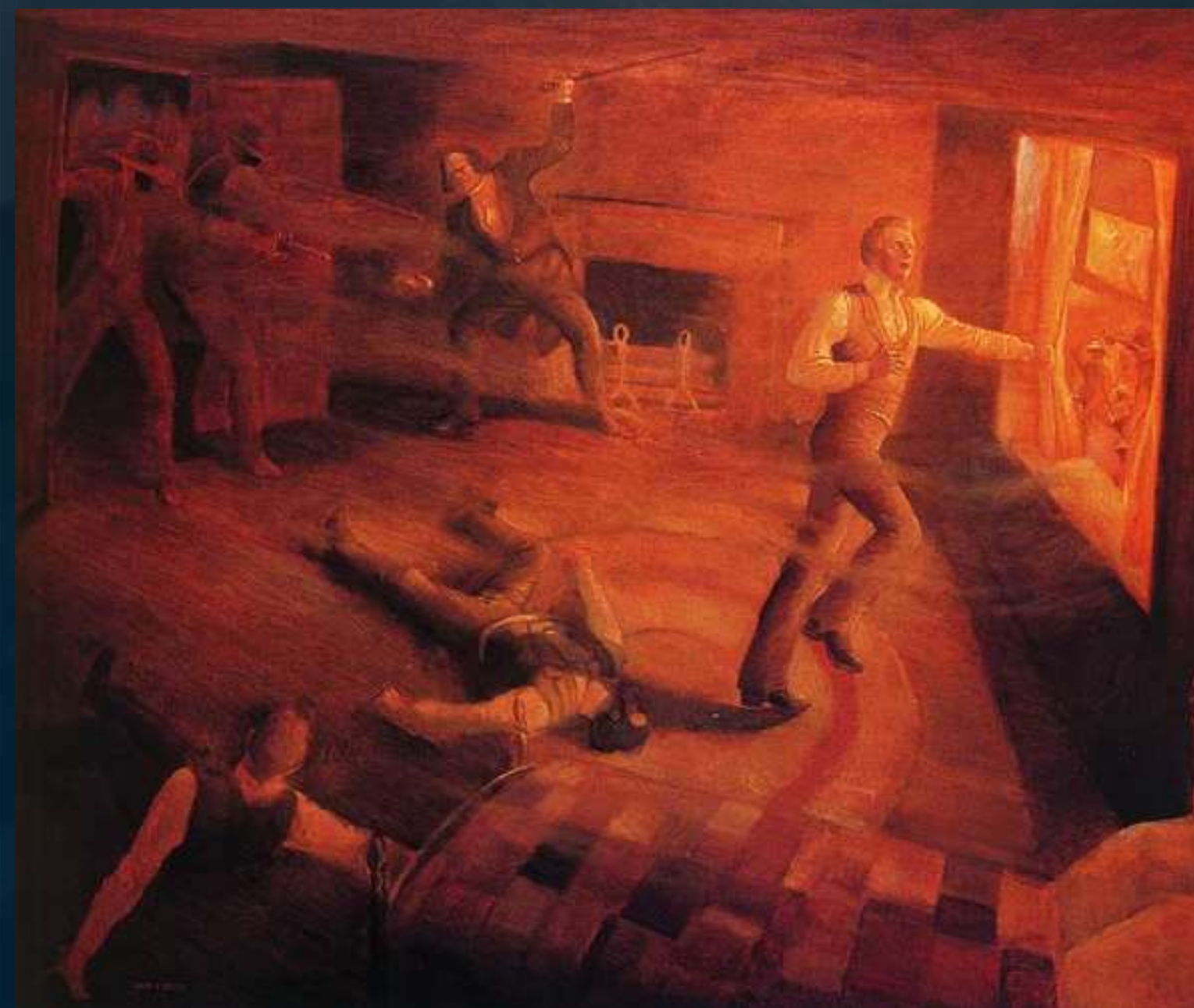
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WAS JOSEPH SMITH MARRIED?

“No weapon formed against him shall prosper, and **though the wicked mar him for a little season**, he shall be like one rising up in the heat of wine—he shall roar in his strength, and the Lord shall put to flight his persecutors.”



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“MARRED” WORD LINK

Isaiah 52:14

“**my servant** shall deal prudently . . . his visage was so **marred** more than any man”

3 Nephi 21:10

“the life of **my servant** shall be in my hand . . . he shall be **marred** because of them”

Joseph Smith 1834 Patriarchal Blessing

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MIRRORS OR REFLECTIONS TO REVEAL CHRIST

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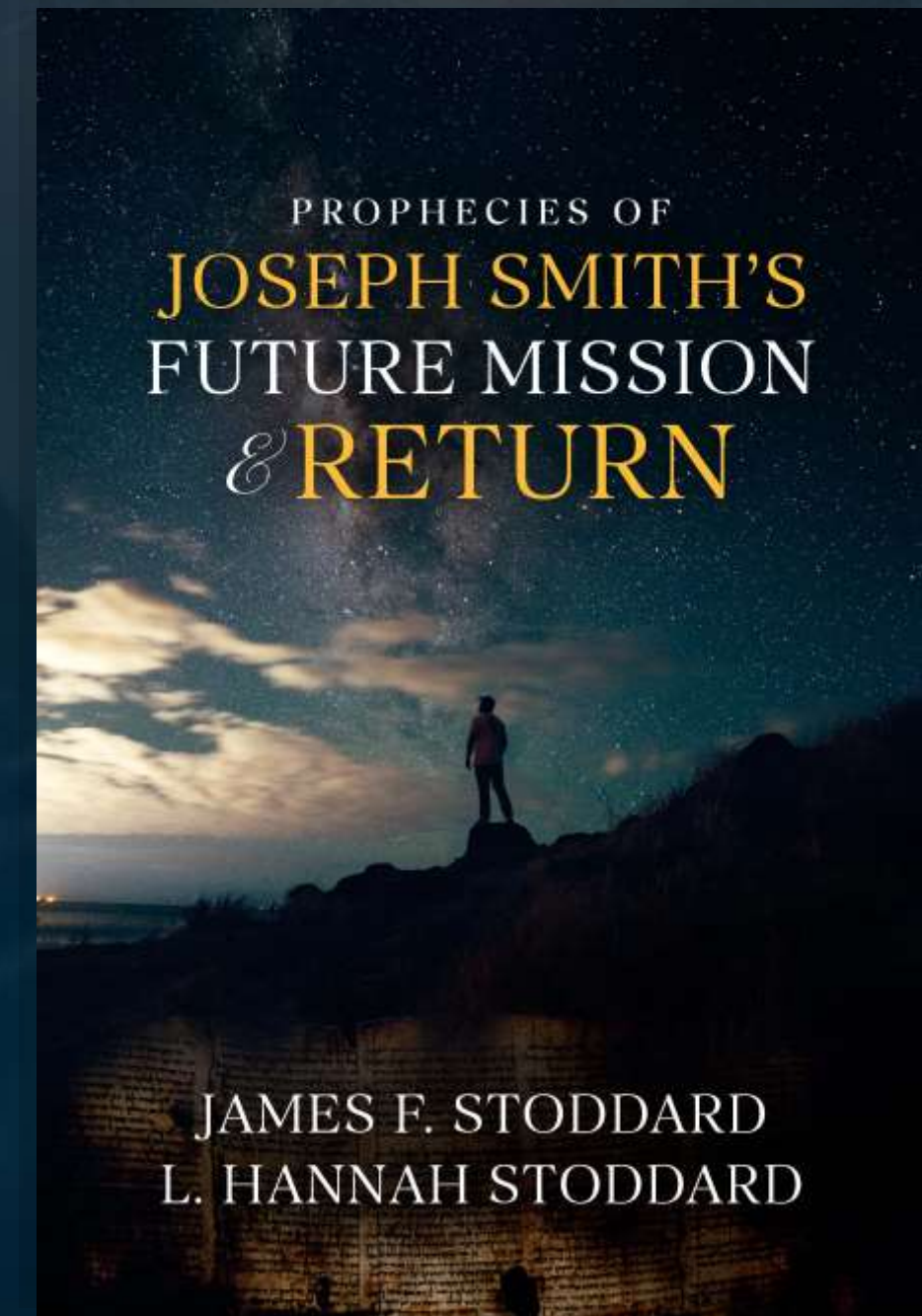
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JOSEPH SMITH'S PATRIARCHAL & PRIESTHOOD BLESSINGS

- Command mountains to move & rivers to turn out of their course
- Put wicked armies to flight
- Save the just from famine
- Translate & publish many ancient records
- Honored for possessing advanced scientific and intellectual knowledge
- Stand upon the necks and ashes of enemies
- Own tens of thousands of animals
- Obtain precious stones/jewels
- Deliver Israel as just as Moses did
- Cause ice to melt and deep to give way in the North



See article, "[What can we learn from Joseph Smith's patriarchal blessings?](#)"

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WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN?

“**O that thou hadst hearkened** to my commandments [given through Jesus Christ’s servant]—then had thy **peace** been as a river, and thy **righteousness** as the waves of the sea.

“Thy **seed** also had been as the sand; the **offspring** of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should **not** have been **cut off** nor **destroyed** from before me.”



1 Nephi 20:18-19, Isaiah 48:18-19

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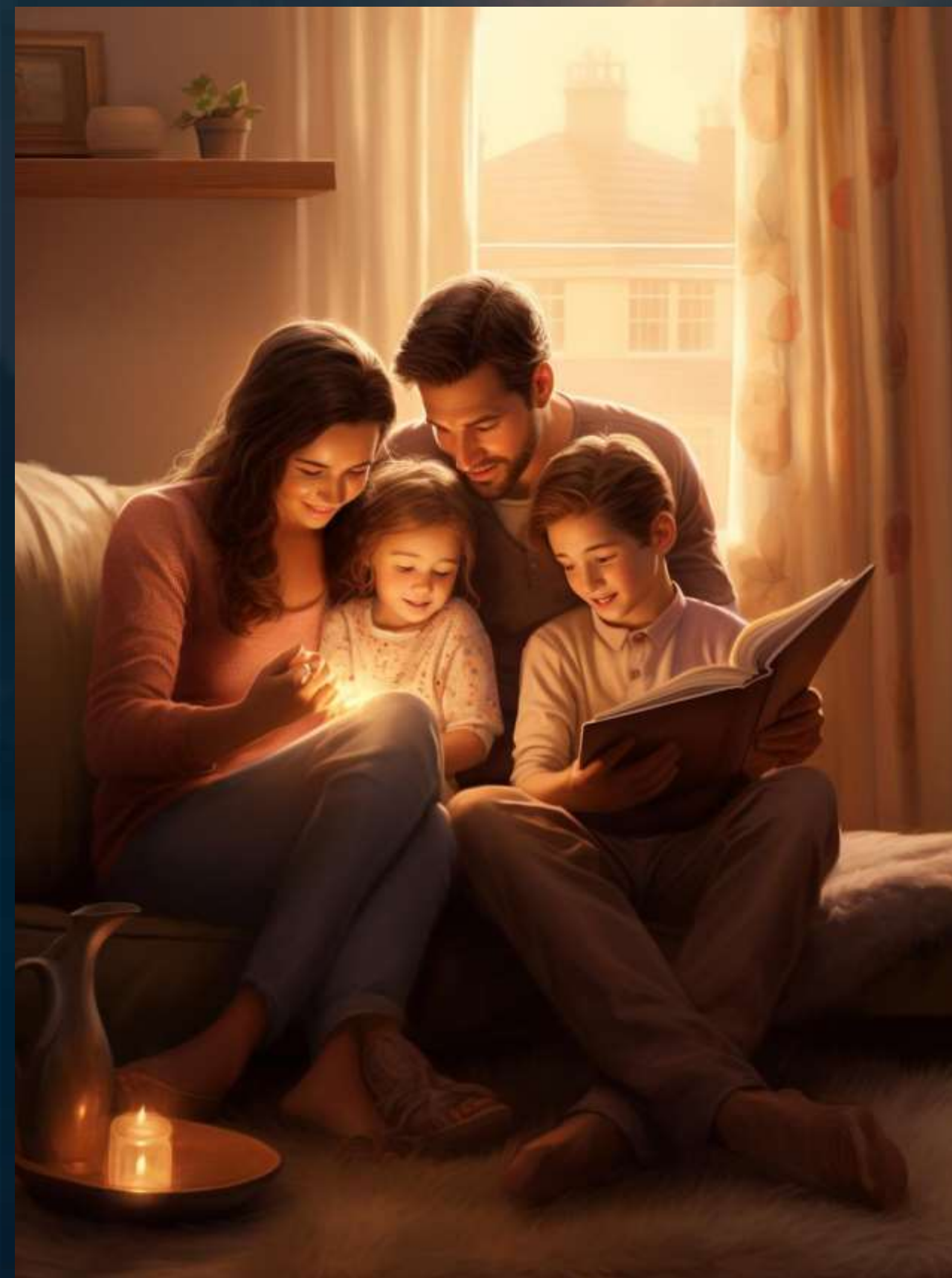
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“Wherefore, meaning the church, thou shalt give **heed** unto **ALL** his [Joseph Smith’s] **words** and **commandments** . . .

“For by doing these things the **gates of hell shall NOT prevail** against you; yea, and the Lord God will **disperse** the **powers of darkness** from before you, and cause the **heavens** to **shake** for your good, and his name’s glory.”

Doctrine and Coveannts 21:4-6

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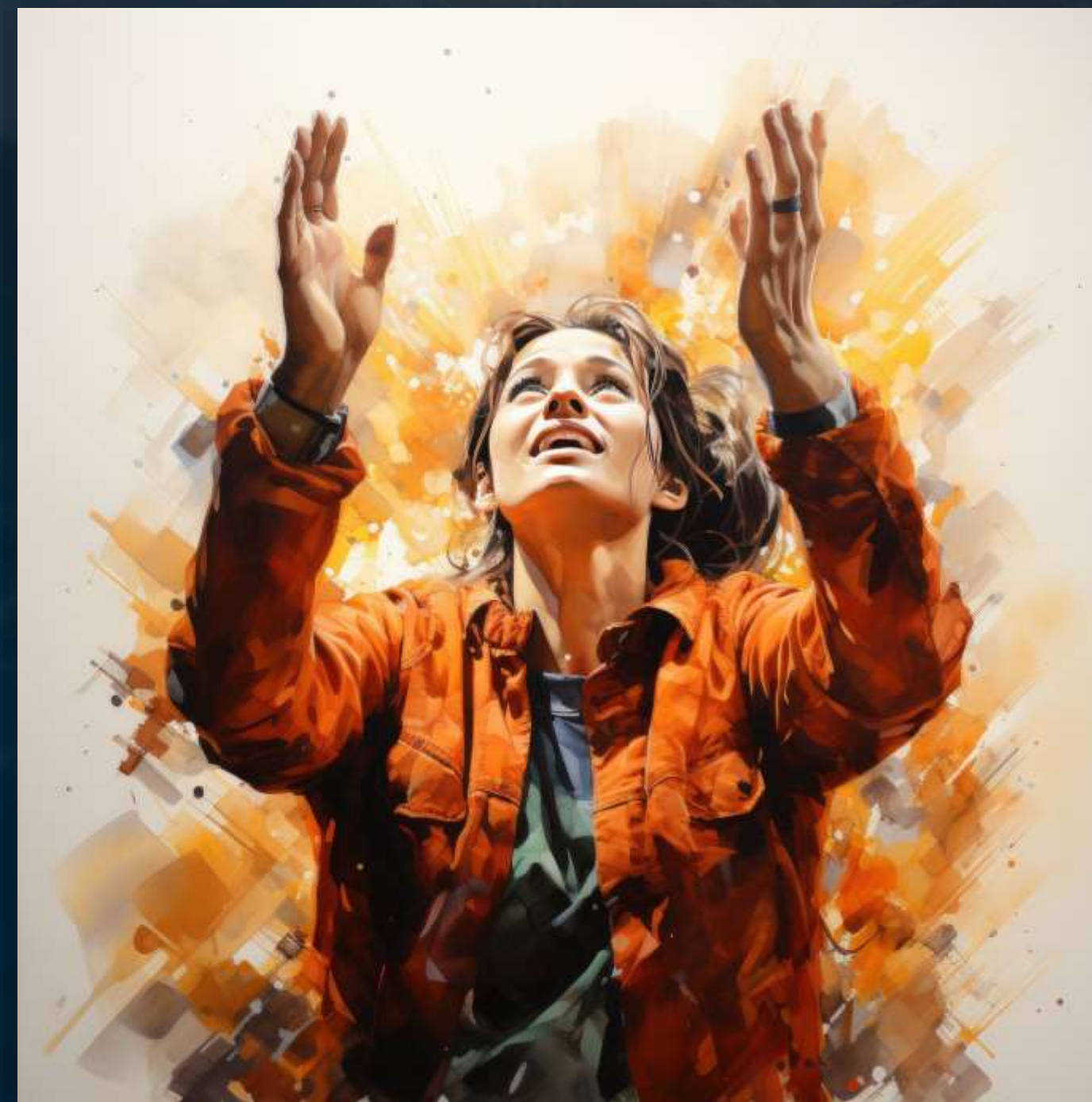
“**Go ye forth of Babylon, flee** ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of **singing** declare ye, tell this, utter to the end of the earth; say ye: The Lord hath **redeemed** his servant Jacob.

“And they **thirsted not**; he led them through the deserts; he caused the **waters** to flow out of the rock for them; he clave the rock also and the waters gushed out.

“And notwithstanding he hath done all this, and **greater also**, there is **no peace**, saith the Lord, unto the **wicked.**”

1 Nephi 20:20-22, Isaiah 48:20-22

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A person stands on a mountain peak, looking up at a bright, glowing orb in a dark sky. The scene is dimly lit, with the orb casting a soft glow on the surrounding landscape. The person is silhouetted against the light from the orb. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

ISAIAH 49 (1 NEPHI 21)

The Latter-day Servant

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ISRAEL IN APOSTASY

“And again: Hearken, O ye house of Israel, all ye that are **broken off** and are **driven out** because of the **wickedness** of the **pastors** of my people; yea, all ye that are broken off, that are scattered abroad, who are of my people, O house of Israel.”

1 Nephi 21:1, Isaiah 49:1

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A PROPHET CALLED FROM THE WOMB

“Listen, O isles,
unto me, and
hearken ye
people from far;
the **Lord**
[Jehovah] hath
called me from
the womb; from
the bowels of my
mother hath he
made **mention** of
my **name**.”

1 Nephi 21:1, Isaiah 49:1



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“MOUTH LIKE A SHARP SWORD”

“And he [Jehovah] hath made my **mouth** like a sharp **sword**; in the **shadow** of his **hand** hath he **hid** me, and made me a **polished shaft**; in his **quiver** hath he **hid** me . . .”



1 Nephi 21:2, Isaiah 49:2

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EVERY PROPHET'S DREAM

“The building up of Zion is a cause that has **interested** the people of God in **every age**; it is a **theme** upon which **prophets, priests** and **kings** have dwelt with peculiar delight; they have **looked forward** with joyful anticipation to the **day in which we live**; and fired with heavenly and joyful anticipations they have **sung** and **written** and **prophesied** of this our day; but they died without the sight; **we** are the **favored people** that God has made choice of to bring about the Latter-day glory . . .”

Joseph Smith, Times and Seasons, 2 May 1842, pg. 776

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“SWORD” = WORD OF GOD

- “Behold, I am God; give heed unto my **word**, which is quick and powerful, sharper than a **two-edged sword**, to the **dividing** asunder of both joints and marrow; therefore give heed unto my words.” (D&C 6:2, 12:2, 11:2, 14:2)
- “. . . the voice of the Lord your God, whose **word** is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged **sword**, to the dividing asunder of the joints and marrow, soul and spirit; and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**” (D&C 33:1, Hebrews 4:12)
- “. . . the **sword** of my **Spirit** . . .” (D&C 27:18, Ephesians 6:17)



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SHAFT = WEAPON

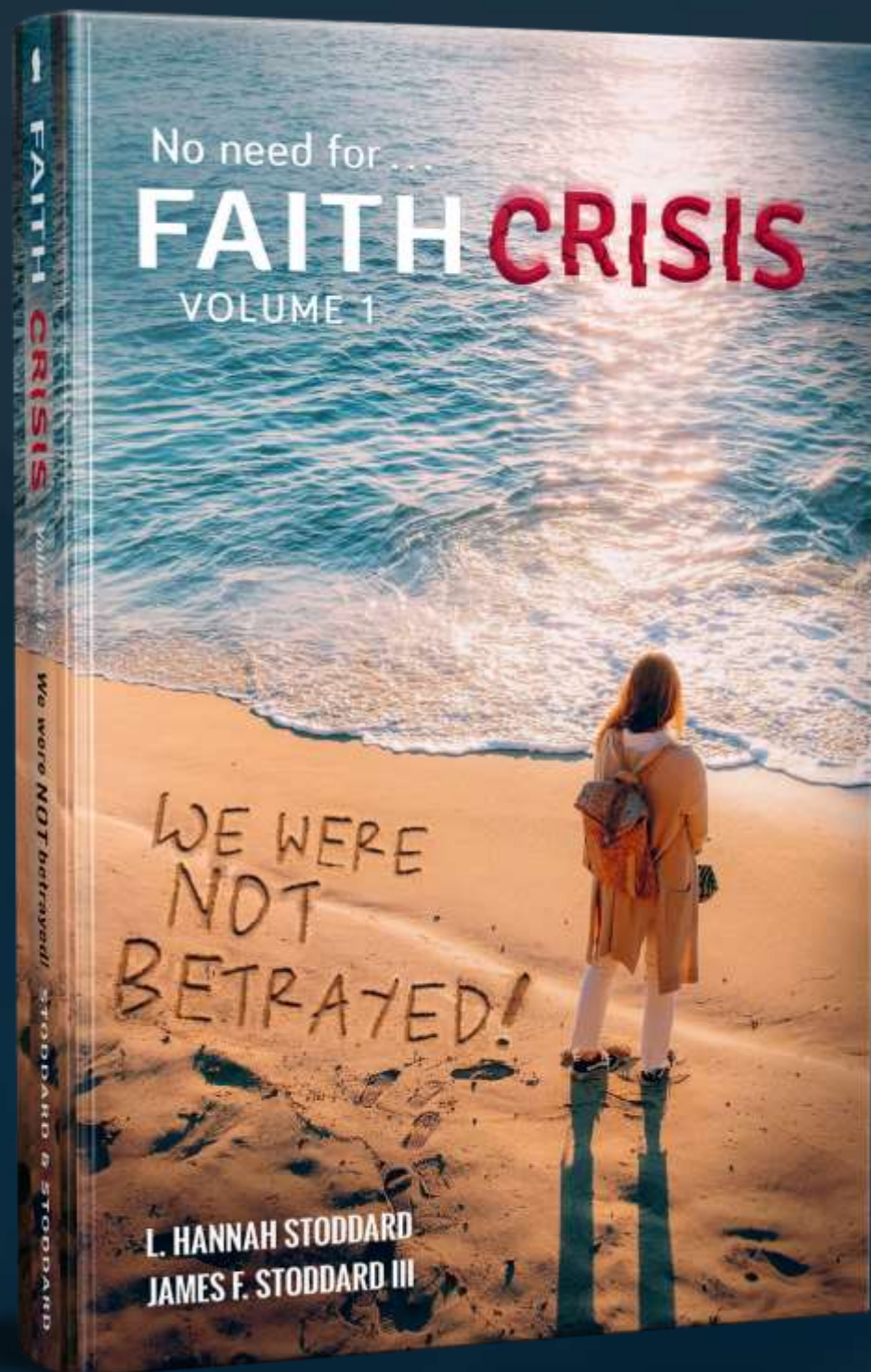
- “An **arrow**; a missile **weapon**; as the archer and the shaft . . . The handle of a weapon.” (Websters Dictionary 1828)
- “the long handle of a **spear** or similar weapon . . . a **projectile** thrown like a spear or shot like an arrow” (Merriam Webster Dictionary)



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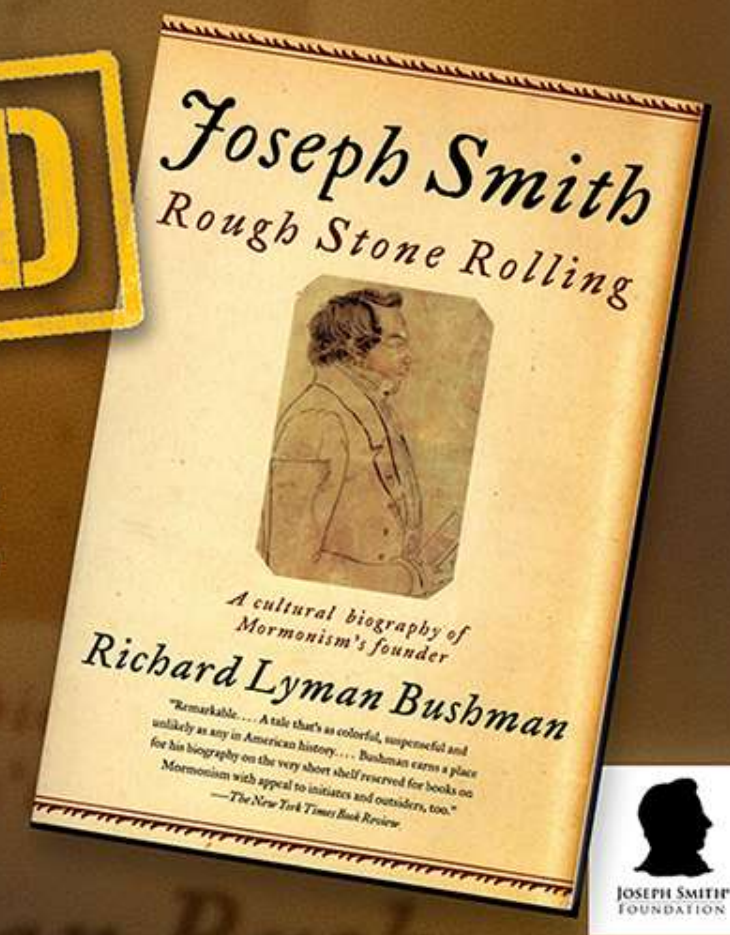
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“POLISHED SHAFT”

“I am like a huge rough stone rolling down from a high mountain, and the only polishing I get, is when some corner gets rubbed off by coming in contact with something else **striking** with accelerated **force** against Religious bigotry, Priestcraft, Lawyer craft, Doctor craft, Lying Editors, suborned Judges and Jurors, and the authority of Perjured Executives, backed by Mobs, Blasphemers, Licentious and corrupt men and women; all **hell** knocking off a corner here and a corner there; thus, **I will become a smooth and polished shaft in the quiver of the Almighty, who will give me dominion over all and every one of them**, when their refuge of lies shall fail, and their hiding place shall be destroyed, while these smooth polished stones with which I come in contact, become **marred**.”

Joseph Smith May 1843 Sermon, History, 1838–1856, vol. D-1, pg. 1556, Church History Library

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“POLISHED SHAFT” WORD LINK

Isaiah 49:2

“he [the Lord] . . . made me a **polished shaft**; in his **quiver** hath he [the Lord] hid me . . .”

Joseph Smith May 1843 Sermon

“I will become a smooth and **polished shaft** in the **quiver** of the **Almighty**”



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“HIDDEN” WORD LINK

Isaiah 49:2

“... in his quiver hath he [the Lord] **hid** me ...”

Joseph Smith 1835 Blessing

“He shall be a shure **arrow** in the bow of his God, for he shall be **hid** under the shadow of his wing.”



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SERVANT IS REJECTED AT FIRST

“And [he] said unto me: Thou art my **servant**, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

“Then I said, **I have labored in vain**, I have spent my strength for naught and in vain; surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.”

1 Nephi 21:3-4, Isaiah 49:3-4

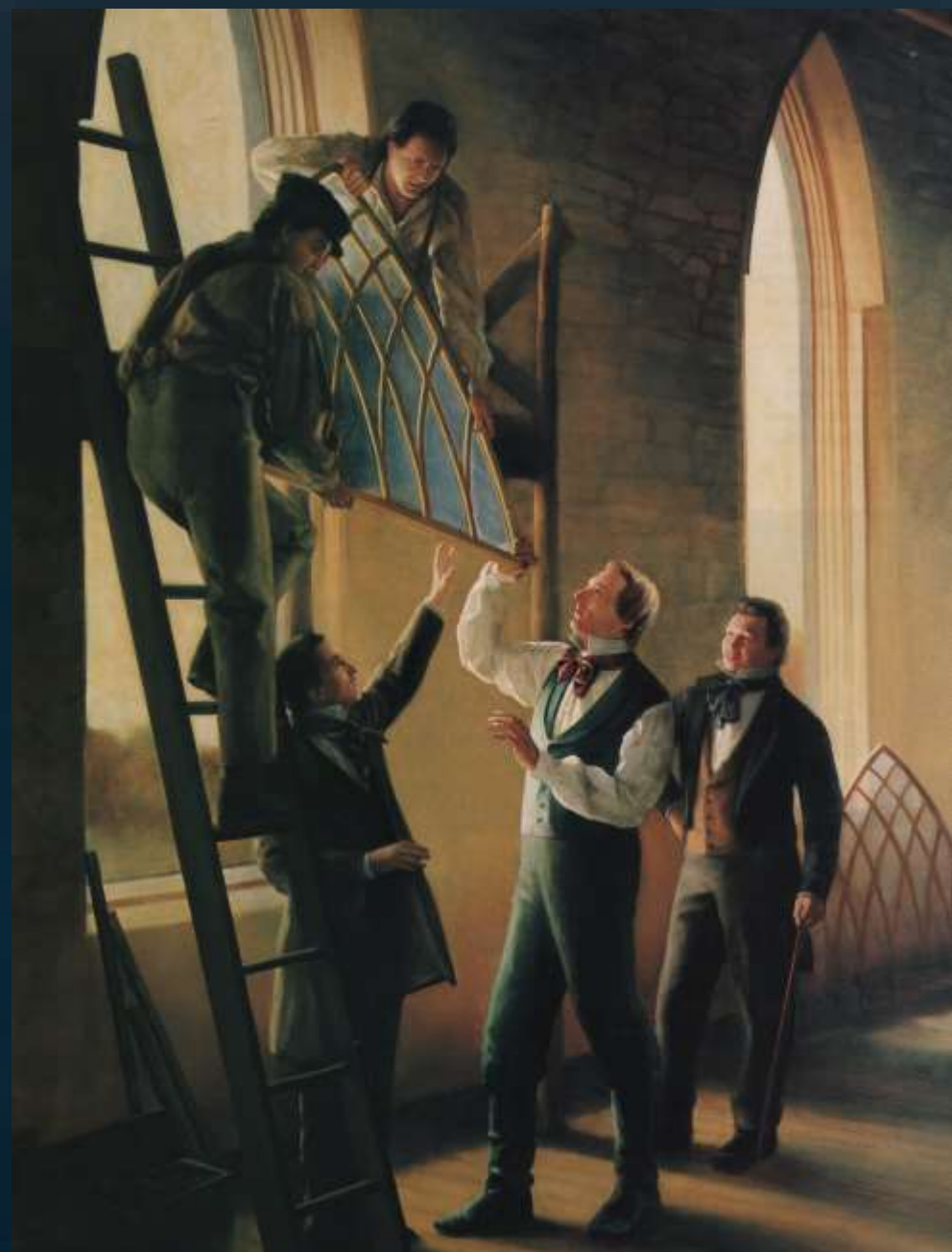
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ATTEMPT #1: KIRTLAND



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ATTEMPT #2: MISSOURI



Adam-ondi-Ahman, original home of Adam & Eve after the Fall

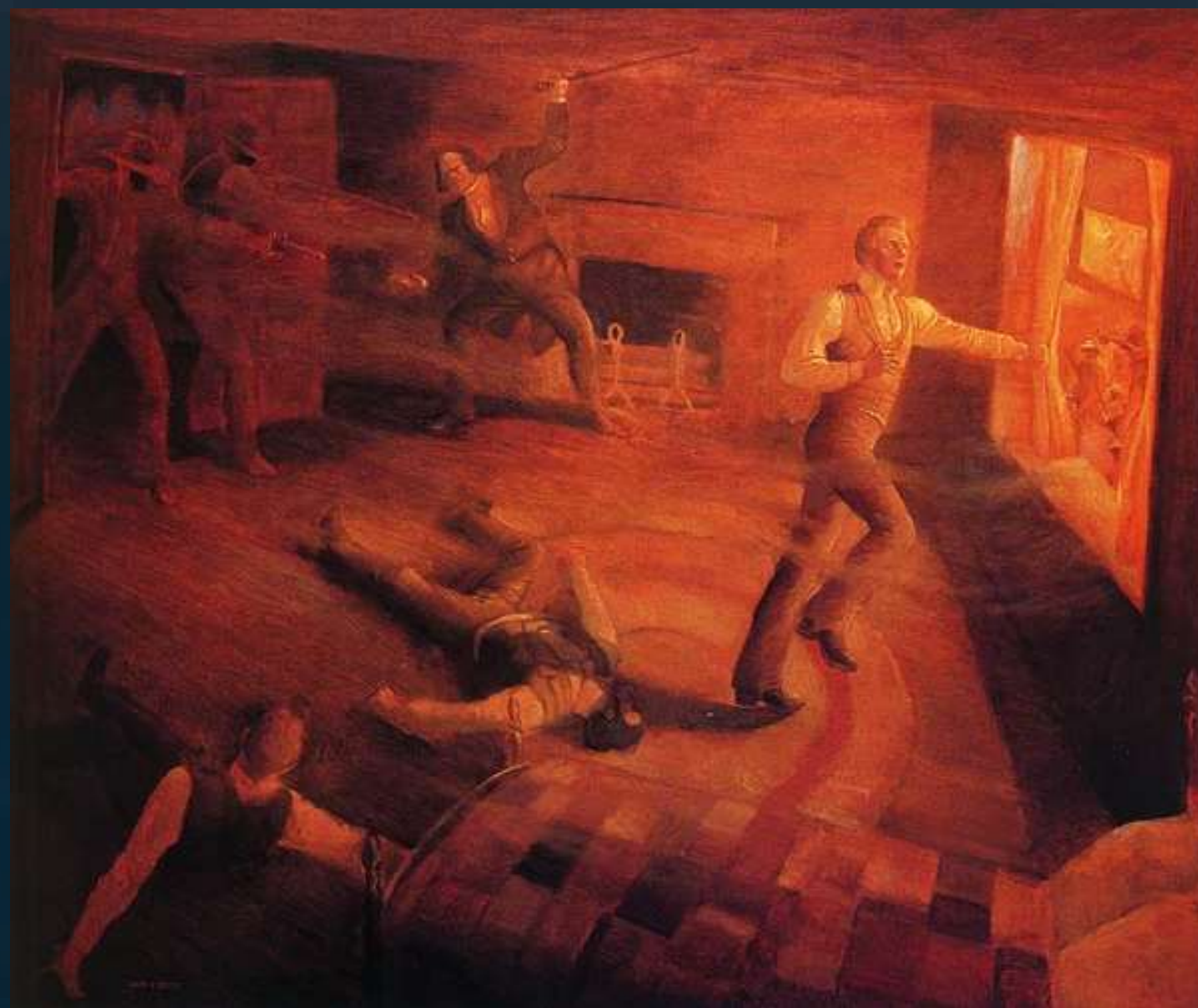


Far West Temple Site, declared "most holy" by Jesus Christ in Doctrine and Covenants 115

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ATTEMPT #3: NAUVOO



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CHRIST PROMISES SERVANT EVENTUAL VICTORY

“And now, saith the Lord—that formed me from the **womb** that I should be his **servant**, to bring Jacob again to him—**though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord**, and my God shall be my strength.”

1 Nephi 21:5, Isaiah 49:5

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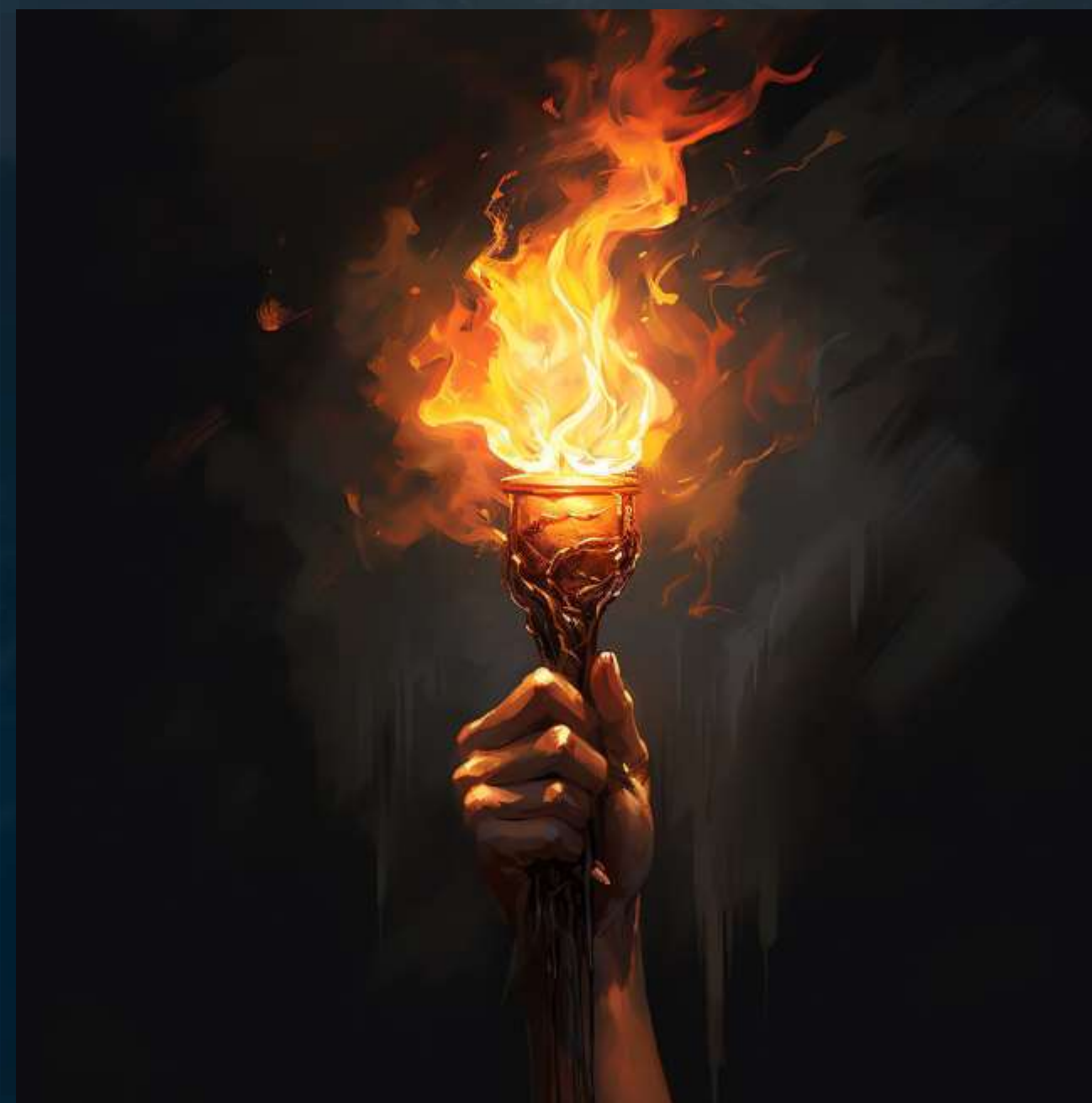
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TAKING SALVATION TO THE WORLD

“And he said: It is a light thing [not enough] that thou shouldst be my servant to **raise up** the tribes of **Jacob**, and to **restore** the preserved of **Israel**. I will also give thee for a **light to the Gentiles**, that thou mayest be my **salvation** unto the ends of the earth.”

1 Nephi 21:6, Isaiah 49:6



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JOSEPH SMITH = LIGHT TO GENTILES & A “SAVIOR”

“For ye are **lawful heirs**, according to the **flesh**, and have been hid from the world with Christ in God—

“Therefore your life and the priesthood have remained, and must needs remain through you and your lineage until the restoration of all things spoken by the mouths of all the holy prophets since the world began.

“Therefore, blessed are ye if ye continue in my goodness, a **light unto the Gentiles**, and through this priesthood, a **savior unto my people Israel**. The Lord hath said it. Amen.”

Doctrine & Covenants 86:9-11

Word Link to Isaiah 49:6: “I will also give thee for a **light to the Gentiles**, that thou mayest be my **salvation** unto the ends of the earth.”

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“HONORED BY KINGS” WORD LINK

Isaiah 49:7 (1 Nephi 21:7)

“Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nations abhorreth, to servant of rulers: **Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship**, because of the **Lord** that is **faithful**.”

1835 Priesthood Blessing

“His fame shall be sounded in foreign lands, even to the ends of the earth, as well as nigh at home: for in this the times shall **change**— a prophet shall have honor in his own country. His learning and wisdom shall astonish the great, for they shall acknowledge that by his intelligence he has far surpassed their learning and their science. In palaces of **governors, rulers** and **kings** shall he be **honored**, even in his **person**, for **God** shall give him **power** to **prevail**.” (original spelling)

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RESTORING ISRAEL'S COVENANTS, LAND & CULTURE

“Thus saith the Lord: In an acceptable time have I heard thee, O isles of the sea, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee; and I will preserve thee, and **give** thee **my servant** for a **covenant of the people**, to establish the earth, **to cause to inherit the desolate heritages . . .**”

1 Nephi 21:8, Isaiah 49:8

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GREAT JOY & HEALING

“That thou mayest say to the prisoners: **Go forth**; to them that sit in **darkness**: Show yourselves. They shall **feed** in the ways, and their **pastures** shall be in all high places.

“They shall **not hunger nor thirst**, neither shall the **heat nor the sun smite them**; for he that hath **mercy** on them shall lead them, even by the **springs of water** shall he guide them.

“And I will make all my **mountains** a way, and my **highways** shall be exalted.

“And then, O house of Israel, behold, these shall come from far; and lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

“**Sing, O heavens**; and be **joyful**, O earth; for the feet of those who are in the east shall be established; and **break forth into singing**, O **mountains**; for they shall be **smitten no more**; for the Lord hath **comforted** his people, and will have **mercy** upon his **afflicted**.”

1 Nephi 21:9-13, Isaiah 49:9-13

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“I WILL NOT FORGET THEE”

“But, behold, Zion hath said: The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me—but he will **show** that he **hath not**.

“For can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will **I not forget thee, O house of Israel**.

“Behold, I have **graven** thee upon the **palms** of my **hands**; thy walls are continually before me.”

1 Nephi 21:14-16, Isaiah 49:14-16



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CLOTHED AS A BRIDE

“Lift up thine eyes round about and behold; all these **gather** themselves together, and they shall come to thee. And as I live, saith the Lord, thou shalt surely **clothe** thee with them all, as with an **ornament**, and bind them on even **as a bride**.”

“For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be **too narrow** by reason of the **inhabitants**; and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.”

1 Nephi 21:18, Isaiah 49:18

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CHILDREN & INHERITANCE RESTORED

“The **children** whom thou shalt have, after thou hast **lost** the **first**, shall again in thine ears say: The place is **too strait** for me; **give place** to me that I may dwell.

“Then shalt thou say in thine heart: **Who hath begotten me these**, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? And who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, **where have they been?**”

1 Nephi 21:20-21, Isaiah 49:20-21

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KINGS & QUEENS AS FATHERS & MOTHERS

“Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my **standard** to the people; and they shall bring thy **sons in their arms**, and thy **daughters** shall be **carried upon their shoulders**.

“And **kings shall be thy nursing fathers**, and their **queens thy nursing mothers . . .**”

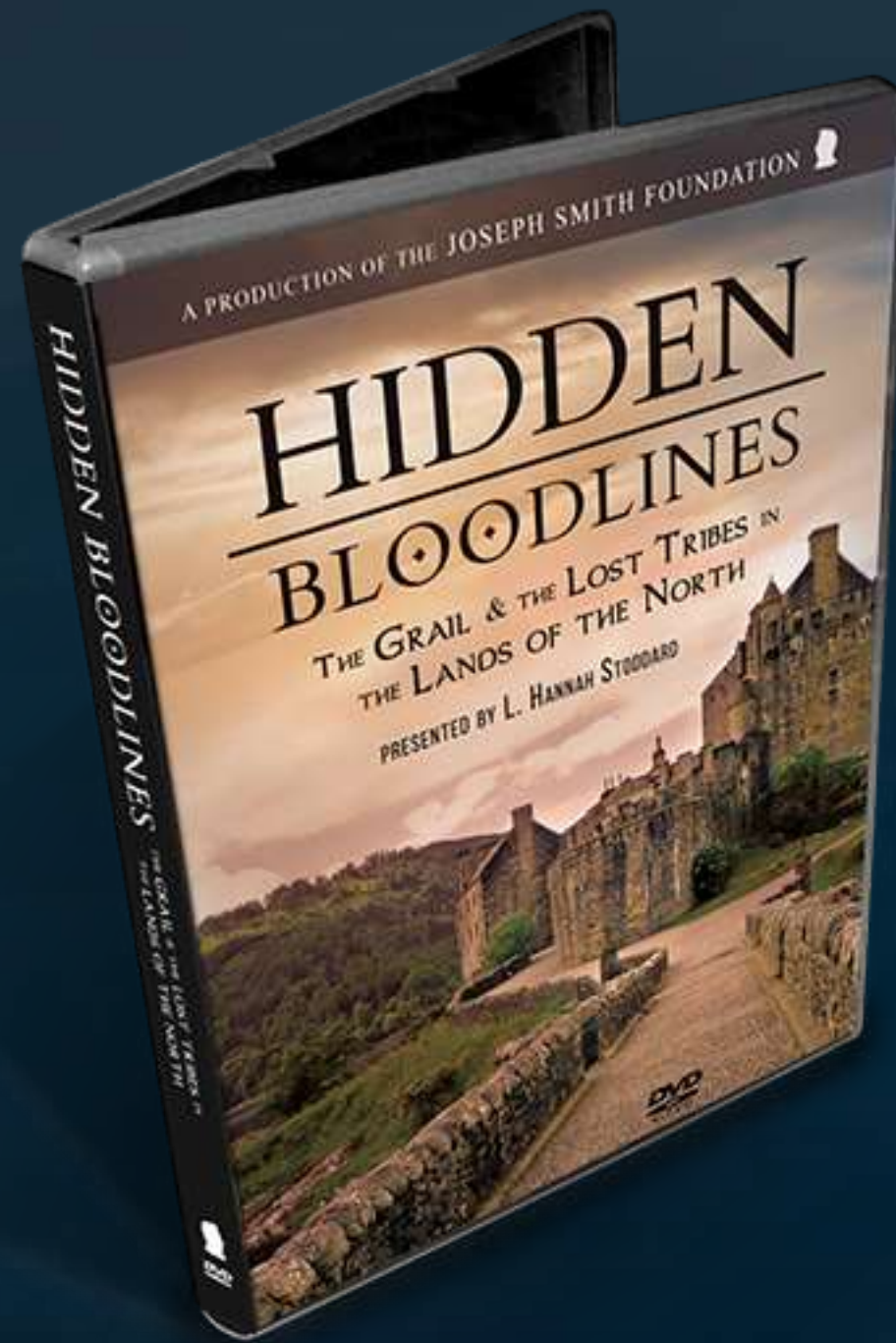
1 Nephi 21:22-23, Isaiah 49:22-23



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JUDAH'S ROYAL BLOODLINE



Eliza R. Snow Smith was given a blessing by the Prophet which revealed her lineage as “a daughter of **Judah's royal house.**” (*The Women of Mormondom*, pg. 32)

Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde, and other early prophets taught many times that they, **Joseph Smith**, and other early brethren were descendants of the **royal House of David.** (See documentary [Hidden Bloodlines: The Grail & the Lost Tribes in the Lands of the North.](#))

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“. . . they shall **bow down** to thee with their face towards the earth, and **lick up the dust of thy feet**; and thou shalt **know** that **I am the Lord**; for they shall not be ashamed that **wait for me**.

“For shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captives delivered?

“But thus saith the Lord, even the **captives** of the mighty shall be **taken away**, and the **prey** of the terrible shall be **delivered**; for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will **save thy children**.

“And I will feed them that oppress thee with their **own flesh**; they shall be drunken with their **own blood** as with sweet wine; and **all flesh** shall **know** that I, the **Lord**, am thy **Savior** and thy **Redeemer**, the **Mighty One of Jacob**.”

1 Nephi 21:23-26, Isaiah 49:23-26

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ISAIAH IS “PLAIN” FOR THOSE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

“Wherefore, hearken, O my people, which are of the house of Israel, and give ear unto my words; for because the words of Isaiah are not plain unto you, nevertheless they are **plain** unto **all those that are filled with the spirit of prophecy**. . . . in the days that the prophecies of Isaiah shall be fulfilled men shall know of a **surety**, at the times when they shall come to pass.”

2 Nephi 25:4-7



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