



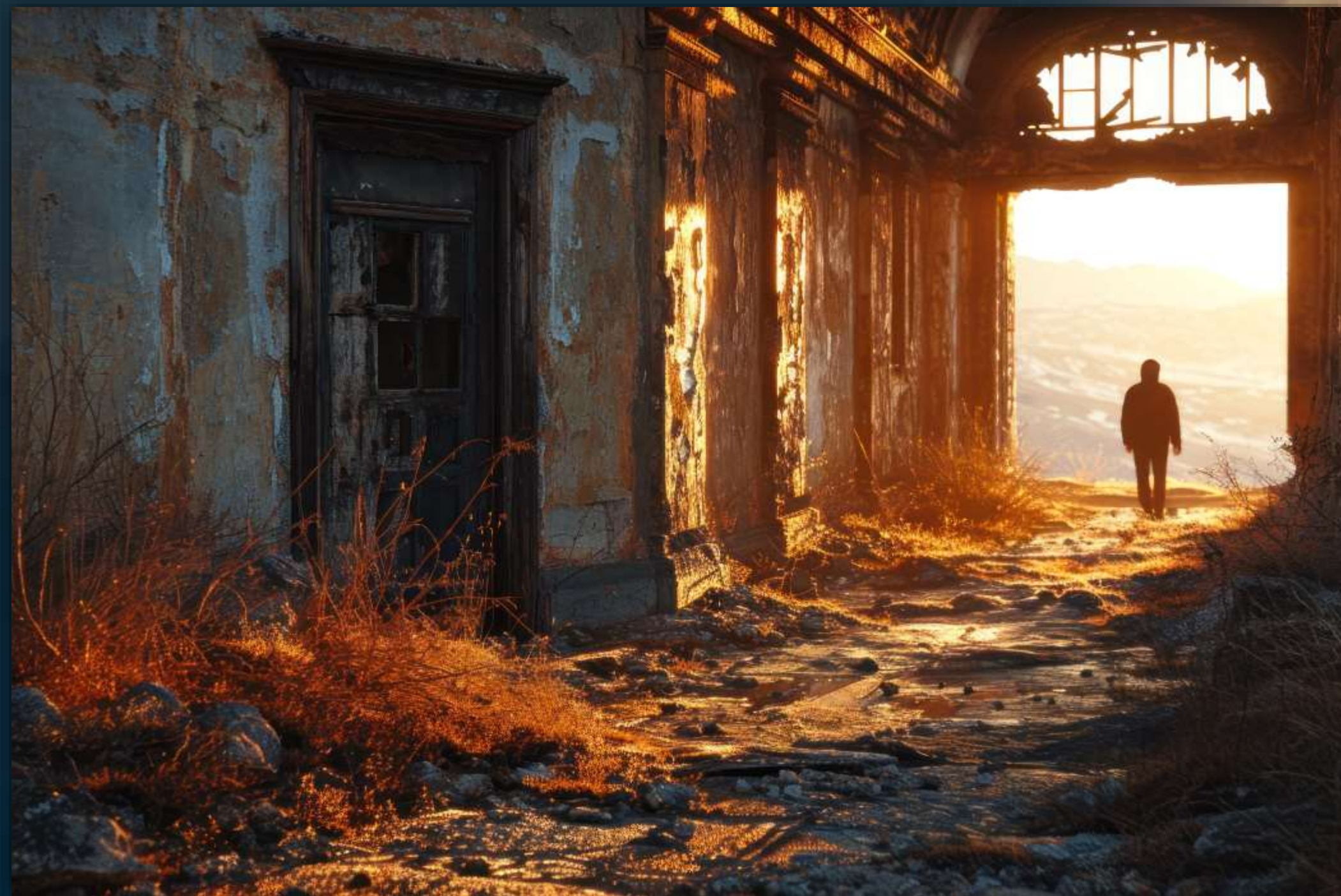
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HOW DO WE REBUILD CIVILIZATION?

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WHAT DOES YOUR FAMILY KINGDOM LOOK LIKE?

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SUCCESSFUL NATION BUILDERS OF THE PAST

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DO WE KNOW THE SOLUTIONS?

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KIDS NEED A CAUSE!

Are they **building** something better?



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JACOB'S ANXIETY IN LEADING THE NEPHITES

“Nevertheless, I speak unto you again; for I am **desirous** for the welfare of your **souls**. Yea, mine **anxiety** is **great** for you; and ye yourselves know that it ever has been. For I have exhorted you with all **diligence**; and I have taught you the **words of my father**; and I have spoken unto you concerning all things which are written, from the creation of the world.”

2 Nephi 6:3

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JACOB'S SERMON TO THE NEPHITES

- 2 Nephi 6 — **Rejection** of Jesus Christ and scattering; **Repentance** leads to latter-day physical **gathering**; Israel restored and **protected**
- 2 Nephi 7 — Isaiah 50
- 2 Nephi 8 — Isaiah 51 and part of Isaiah 52
- 2 Nephi 9 — Fall of Adam, Atonement and Resurrection **paralleled** with Israel's fall, redemption and restoration
- 2 Nephi 10 — **Priestcraft** and **sin** leads Jews to kill Jesus Christ; **destruction** comes until they repent; **America** established as land of liberty for Israel to physically **gather** to; submit to God

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“YE ARE OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL”

“And now, the words which I shall read are they which Isaiah spake concerning **all** the house of **Israel**; wherefore, they may be **likened** unto **you**, for **ye are of the house of Israel**. And there are **many** things which have been spoken by Isaiah which may be likened unto you, because ye are of the house of Israel.”

2 Nephi 6:5

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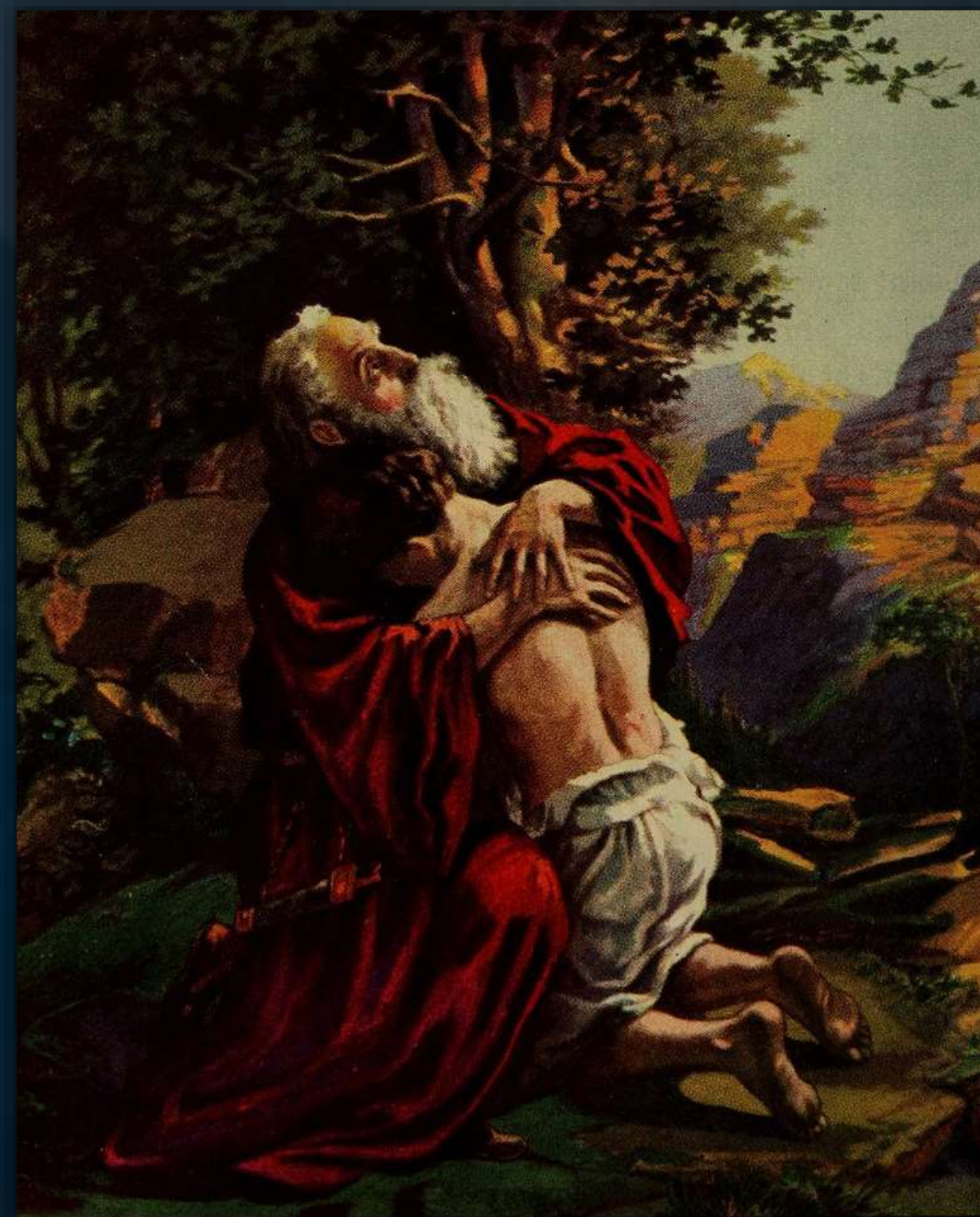
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“LOOK UNTO ABRAHAM”

“**Look** unto **Abraham**,
your **father**, and unto
Sarah, she that bare you;
for I **called** him alone,
and **blessed** him.”

2 Nephi 8:2

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JOSEPH SMITH LOOKS TO ABRAHAM

“Abraham received **all** things, whatsoever he received, by **revelation** and **commandment**, by my **word**, saith the Lord, and hath entered into his **exaltation** and sitteth upon his **throne**.

“Abraham received **promises** concerning his **seed**, and of the fruit of his loins—from whose loins **ye are**, namely, my servant **Joseph** . . .

“This promise is **yours also**, because ye are of Abraham, and the promise was made unto Abraham; and by this law [marriage covenant] is the continuation of the works of my Father, wherein he glorifieth himself.

“Go ye, therefore, and **do the works of Abraham**; enter ye into my law and ye shall be **saved**.”

D&C 132:29-32

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Fall of Adam & Eve
(Driven from Garden of Eden)



Fall of Ancient Israel
*(Driven from Old World
Promised Land)*



**Fall of Gentiles, Modern
Pride, Apostasy &
Wickedness** *(Future world
destruction, including both
promised lands)*

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SOLUTION = RESURRECTION

“For as **death** hath passed upon all men, to fulfil the **merciful** plan of the great Creator, there must needs be a power of **resurrection**, and the resurrection must needs come unto man by reason of the fall; and the fall came by reason of **transgression**; and because man became fallen they were **cut off from the presence of the Lord.**”

2 Nephi 9:6

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RESURRECTION & RESTORATION



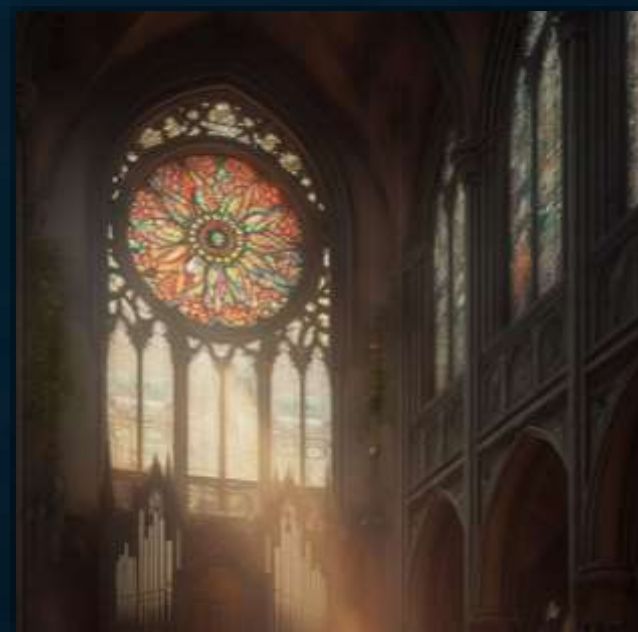
Resurrection of
Mortal Body



Resurrection of People &
Gathering of Israel



Resurrection of Ordinances,
Covenants (Restoration)



Resurrection of Culture



Resurrection of Zion,
Israel's Kingdom, & Rulers

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GOD GIVES LAWS TO ISRAEL

“Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation; for a **law** shall proceed from me, and I will make my **judgment** to rest for a **light** for the people.”

2 Nephi 8:4

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THE BOOK OF MORMON RECORDS GOD'S ECCLESIASTICAL & POLITICAL LAWS



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Nephite nation begins by returning to law of God as the foundation



Latter-day Signs of the Times/Reformation & American colonization begins by returning to law of God as the foundation

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NEPHITES KEEP ALL LAWS

“And we did **observe** to keep the **judgments**, and the **statutes**, and the **commandments** of the Lord in **all** things, according to the **law of Moses.**”

2 Nephi 5:10

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“I, THE LORD, WILL BE THEIR KING”

“And this land shall be a **land of liberty** unto the Gentiles, and there shall be **no kings** upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles.

“And I will **fortify** this land against all other nations.

“And he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, saith God.

“For he that **raiseth** up a **king** against me shall **perish**, for I, the **Lord**, the king of heaven, will be their **king**, and I will be a **light** unto them forever, that hear my words.”

2 Nephi 10:11-14

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HIGH STANDARDS IN EARLY AMERICA

“It was a divine way in which this nation began. The **rules** of conduct were taken from the Decalogue, from the **Bible**, from the Gospels and other scriptures. They kept a **sacred Sabbath**. They maintained other **high standards**. They **frowned** upon **profanity** and other **vices**. They prohibited **gambling**. They encouraged people not to keep **bad company**, to repeat no **grievances**. They emphasized the **spiritual values**.”

Ezra Taft Benson, The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson, pg. 576

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“EXCEEDINGLY STRICT” LAWS

“And now, behold, two hundred years had passed away, and the people of Nephi had **waxed strong** in the land. They observed to **keep** the **law of Moses** and the **sabbath day holy** unto the Lord. And they **profaned** not; neither did they **blaspheme**. And the **laws** of the land were **exceedingly strict.**”

Jarom 1:5

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LAWS BASED ON THE BIBLE

"No custome or prescription shall ever prevaile amongst us . . . that can be proved to bee morrallie sinfull by the word of God."



Massachusetts Body of Liberties, December 1641 (original spelling preserved)

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NEPHITE LAW BASED ON COMMANDMENTS

Mosiah instructed the Nephite judges:

“... let us appoint judges, to judge this people according to our **law**; and we will newly arrange the affairs of this people, for we will appoint wise men to be judges, that will **judge this people according to the commandments of God.**”

Mosiah 29:11

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PARALLELS!

AMERICAN COLONIZATION/ BEGINNING SIGNS OF THE TIMES

“The **rules** of conduct were taken from the **Decalogue**, from the **Bible**, from the Gospels and other scriptures. They kept a **sacred Sabbath**. . . . They **frowned** upon **profanity** and other **vices**. They prohibited **gambling**. They encouraged people not to keep **bad company**, to repeat no **grievances**. They emphasized the **spiritual values**.” (Ezra Taft Benson)

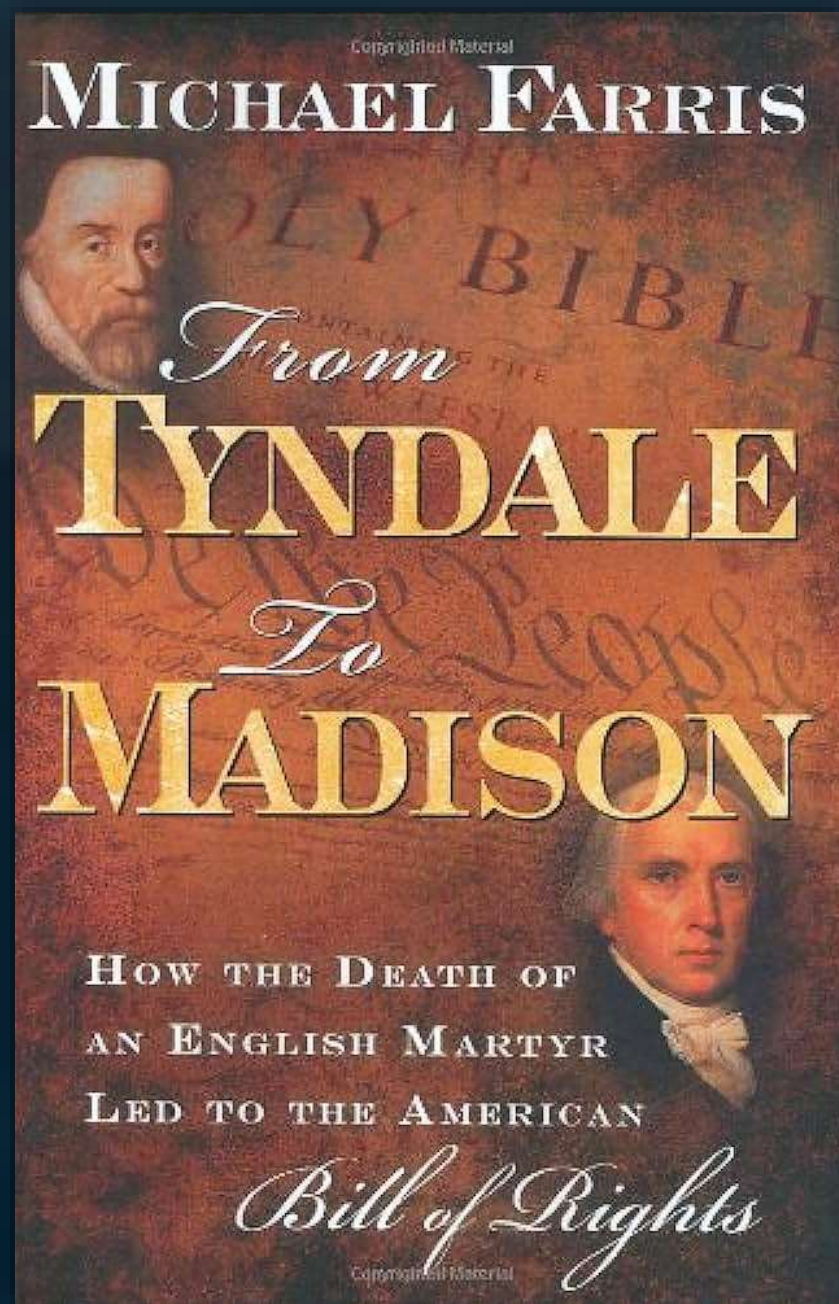
BOOK OF MORMON

“They observed to **keep** the **law of Moses** and the **sabbath day holy** unto the Lord. And they **profaned** not; neither did they **blaspheme**. And the **laws** of the land were **exceedingly strict**.” (Jarom 1:5)

“. . . **judge** this people according to the **commandments** of God.” (Mosiah 29:11)

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FROM TYNDALE TO MADISON, MICHAEL P. FARRIS

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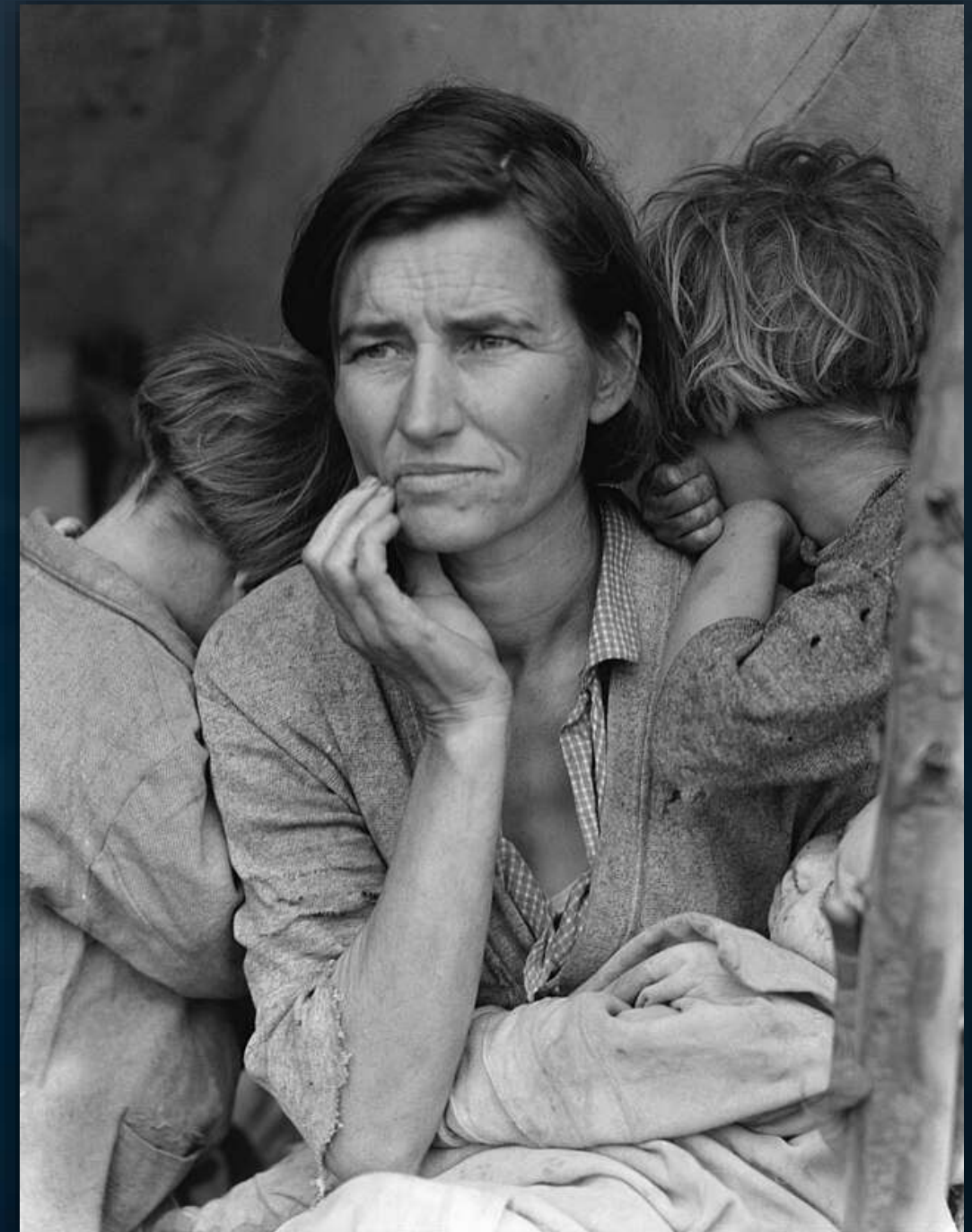
DEPRESSION FROM BREAKING THE SABBATH AND COMMANDMENTS

“**Depression** has come because we have **forsaken** God. . . . The people of this nation, and the people of other nations, have forsaken the Lord. We have **violated** his **laws**. . . . We have not considered that we were under obligation to keep his commandments, and the laws of the land as well as the laws of God are not respected.

“The **Sabbath** day has become a day of **pleasure**, a day of boisterous conduct, a day in which the worship of God has departed, and the worship of pleasure has taken its place. I am sorry to say that **many** of the **Latter-day Saints** are **guilty** of this. We should **repent**.”

Joseph Fielding Smith, General Conference, October 9, 1932

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NEPHI LOOKS BACK TO FOUNDERS

“And seeing the people in a state of such awful **wickedness**, and those Gadianton robbers filling the judgment-seats—having usurped the power and authority of the land; laying aside the commandments of God . . . Now this great **iniquity** had come upon the Nephites, in the space of not many years; and when Nephi saw it, his heart was swollen with **sorrow** within his breast; and he did exclaim in the **agony** of his soul:

“Oh, that I could have **had my days in the days when my father Nephi** first came out of the land of Jerusalem, that I could have **joyed** with him in the promised land; then were his people **easy** to be **entreated**, **firm** to keep the **commandments** of God, and **slow** to be led to do **iniquity**; and they were **quick** to **hearken** unto the words of the Lord—

“Yea, **if my days could have been in those days**, then would my soul have had **joy** in the righteousness of my brethren.

“But behold, I am consigned that these are my days, and that my **soul** shall be filled with **sorrow** because of this the **wickedness** of my brethren.”

Helaman 7:4-9

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TWO SONS SENT TO ISRAEL

“**Awake**, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his **fury**—thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling wrung out—

“And **none to guide** her among all the sons she hath brought forth; neither that taketh her by the hand, of all the sons she hath brought up.

“These **two sons** are come unto thee, who shall be **sorry** for thee—thy desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword—and by whom shall I comfort thee?

“Thy sons have fainted, **save these two**; they lie at the head of all the streets; as a wild bull in a net, they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.”

2 Nephi 8:17-20

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2 Nephi 8

19 These two **sons** are come unto thee, who shall be sorry for thee—**thy** desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword—**and** by whom shall I comfort thee?

20 Thy sons have fainted, **save these two**; they lie at the head of all the streets; as a wild bull in a net, they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.

Isaiah 51

19 These two **things** are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee?

20 Thy sons have fainted, [**missing “save these two”**] they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.

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“NOT CAST OFF”

The Book of Mormon “. . . is to show unto the **remnant** of the house of Israel what **great** things the Lord hath done for their **fathers**; and that they may know the **covenants** of the Lord, that they are **not cast off** forever . . .”

Title Page of the Book of Mormon

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