

**Come Follow Me 2020**  
**1 NEPHI 8-10**



“These great and marvelous results are not to be attributed to any merit of mine ... ; for that which the unaided intellect of man could not compass, the Spirit of God has granted to human exertions, for God is wont to hear the prayers of His servants who love His precepts even to the performance of apparent impossibilities” (The Annals of America [Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., 1976], 1:5).

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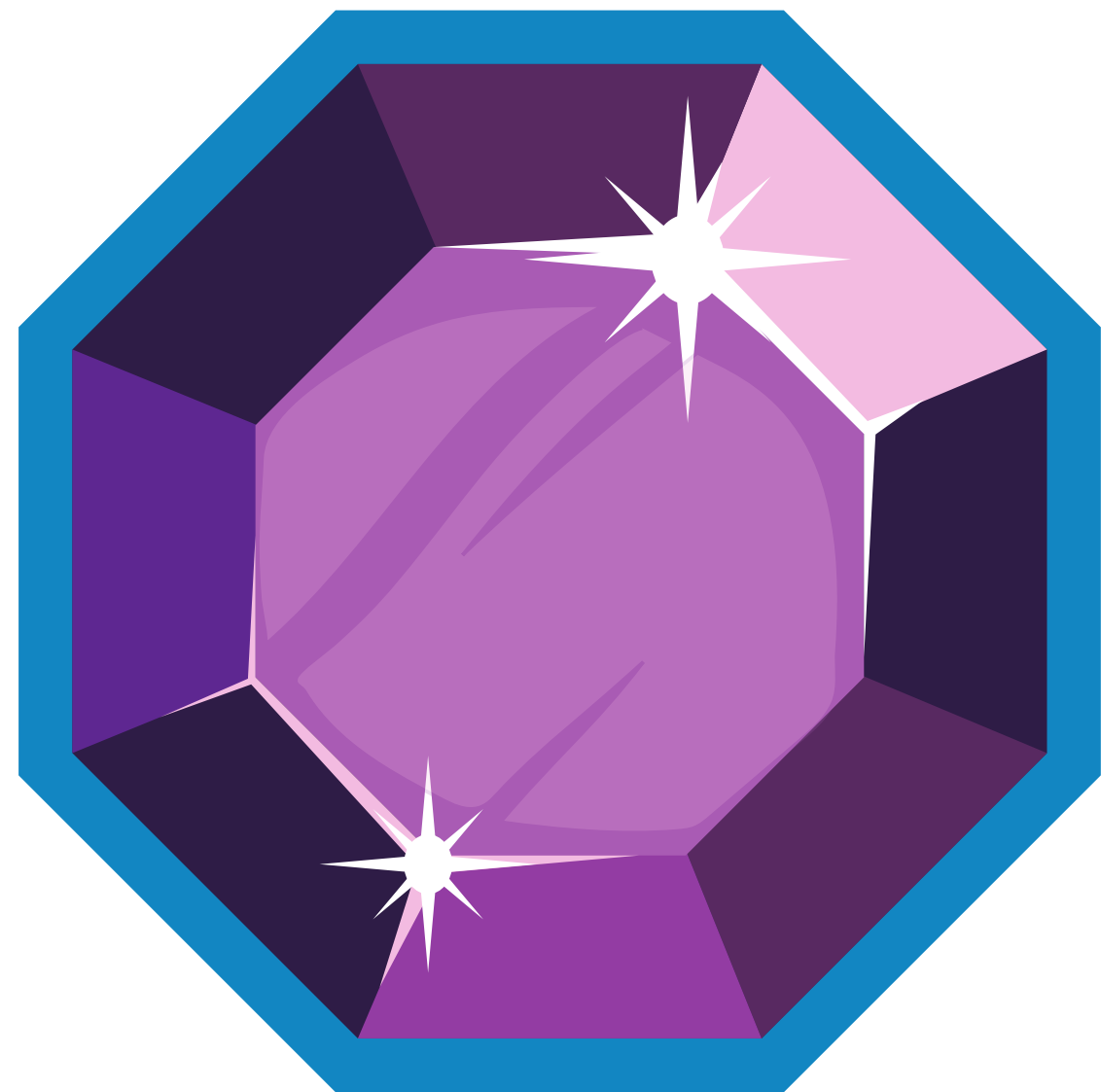
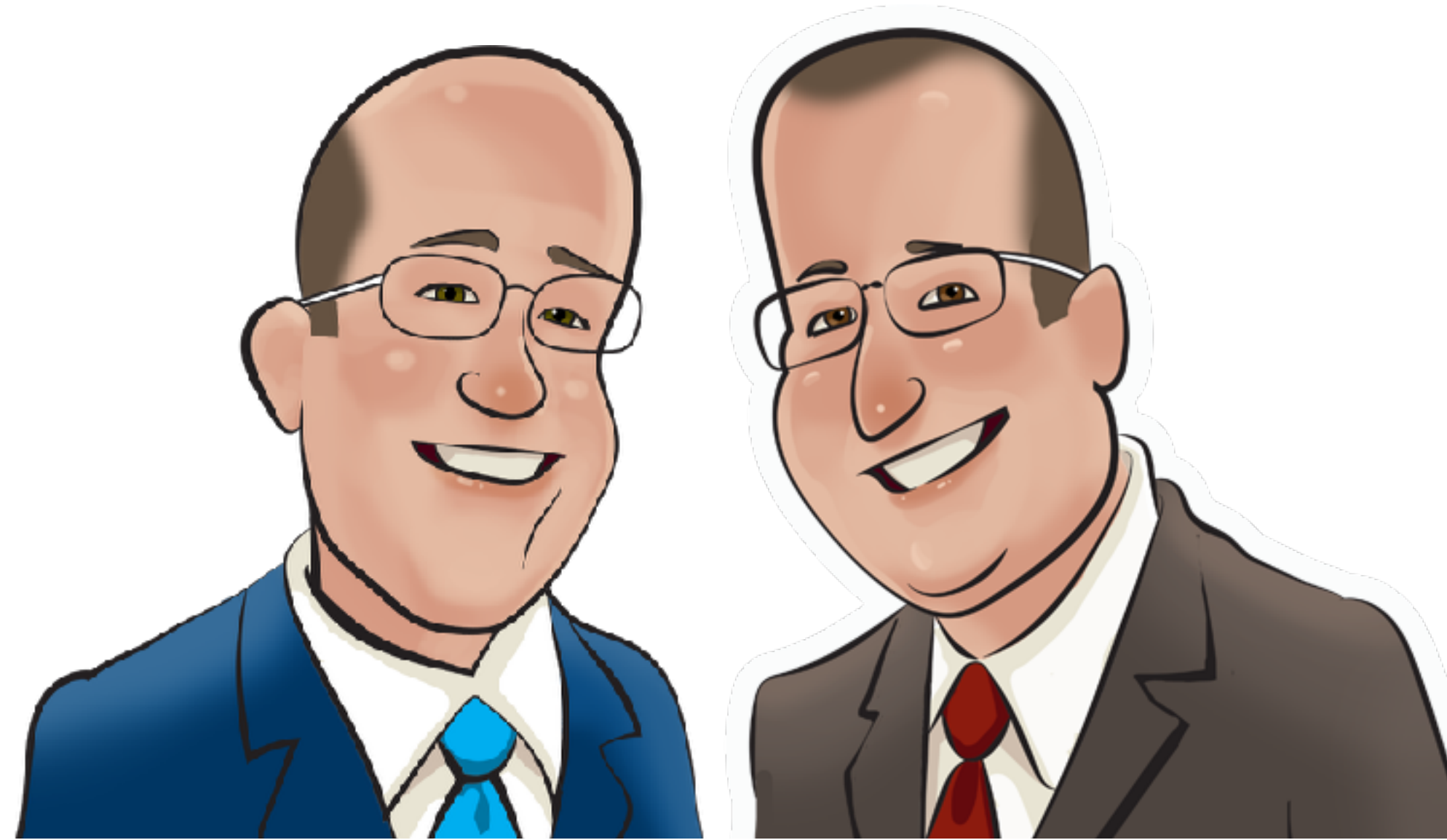
divided the Gentiles from the seed of my brethren.

11 And it came to pass that the angel said unto me: Behold the wrath of God is upon the seed of thy brethren.

12 And I looked and beheld a man among the Gentiles, who was separated from the seed of my brethren by the many waters; and I beheld the Spirit of God, that it came down and <sup>a</sup>wrought upon the man; and he went forth upon the many waters, even unto the seed of my brethren, who were in the promised land.

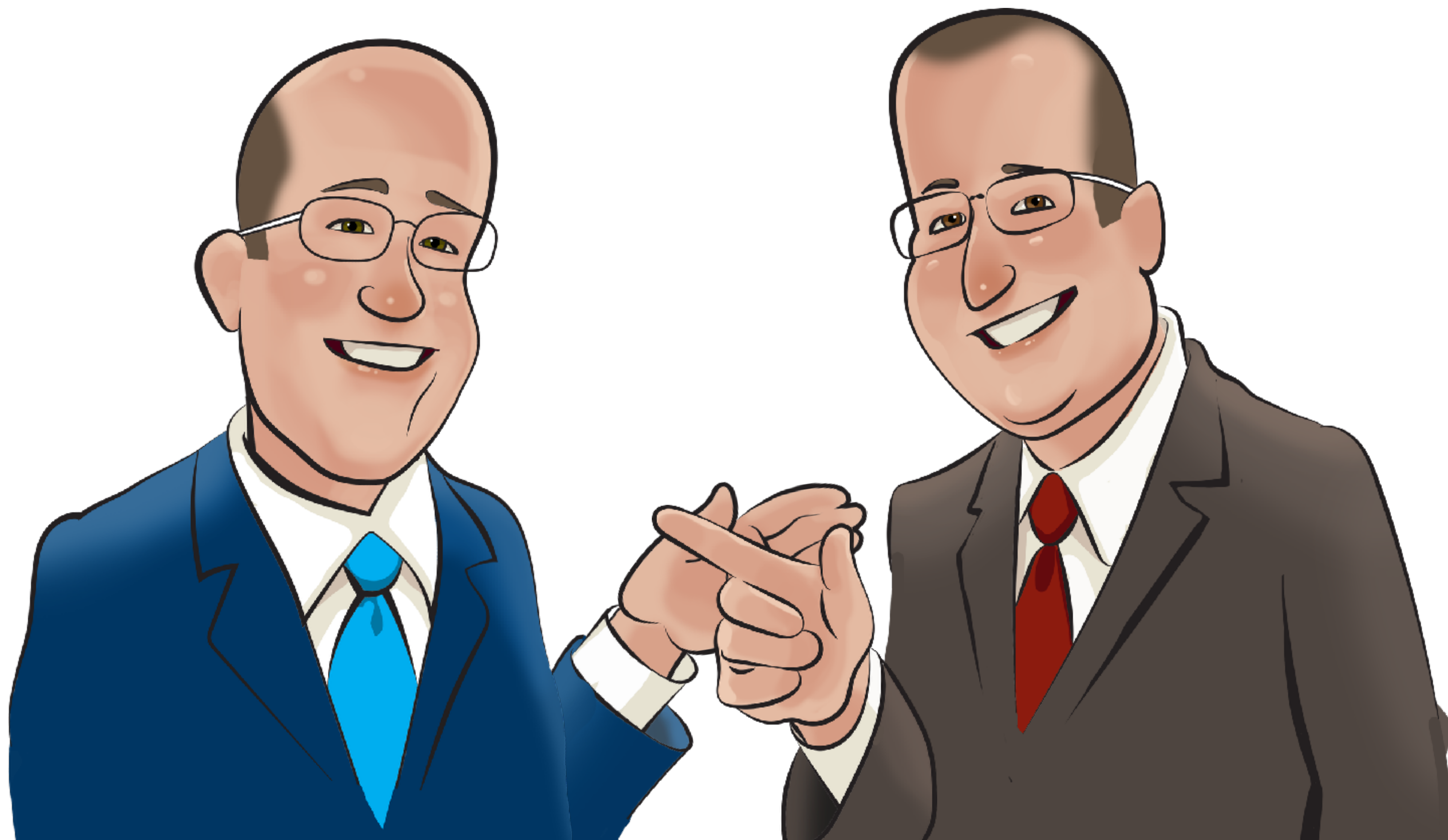
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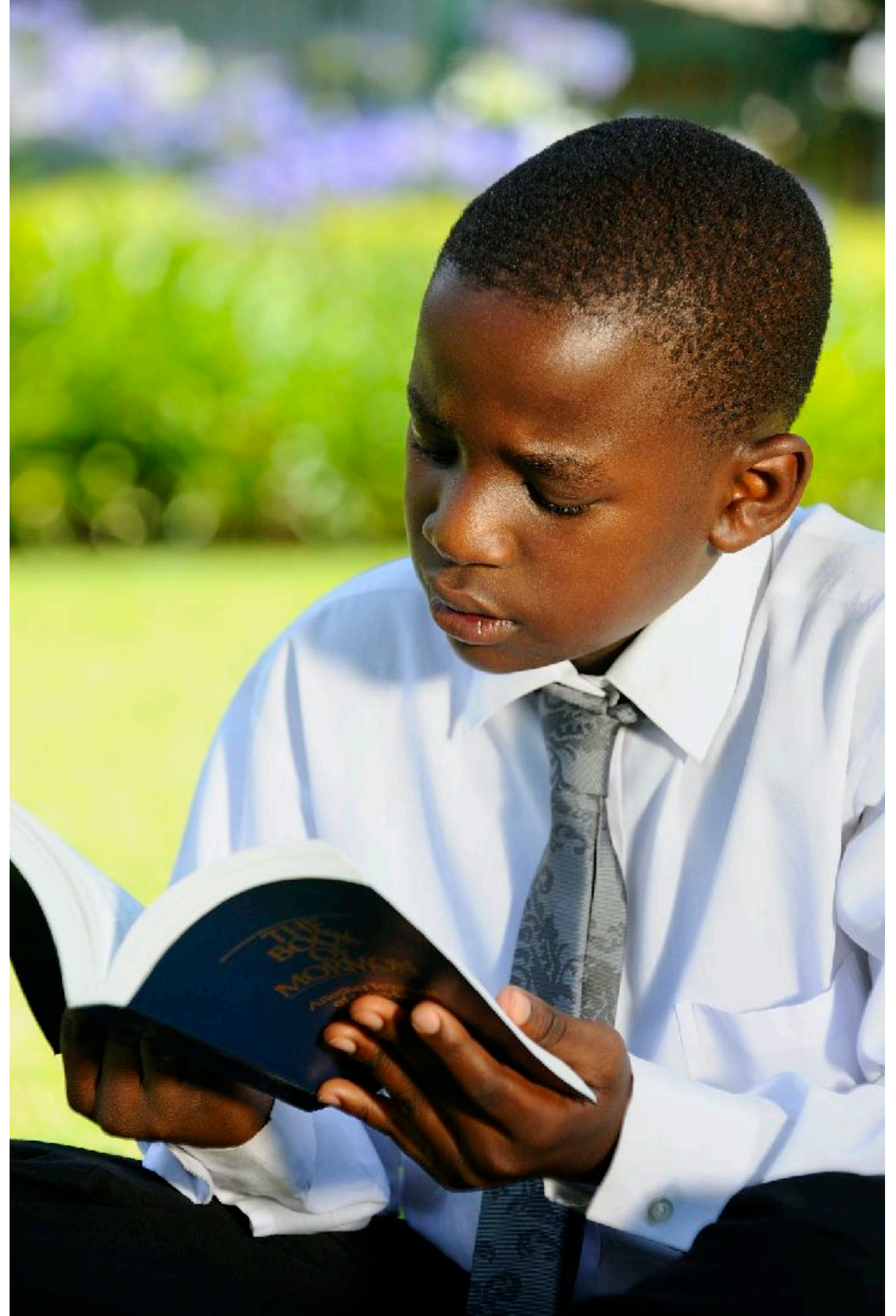


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*January 13-19: 1 Nephi 8-10*













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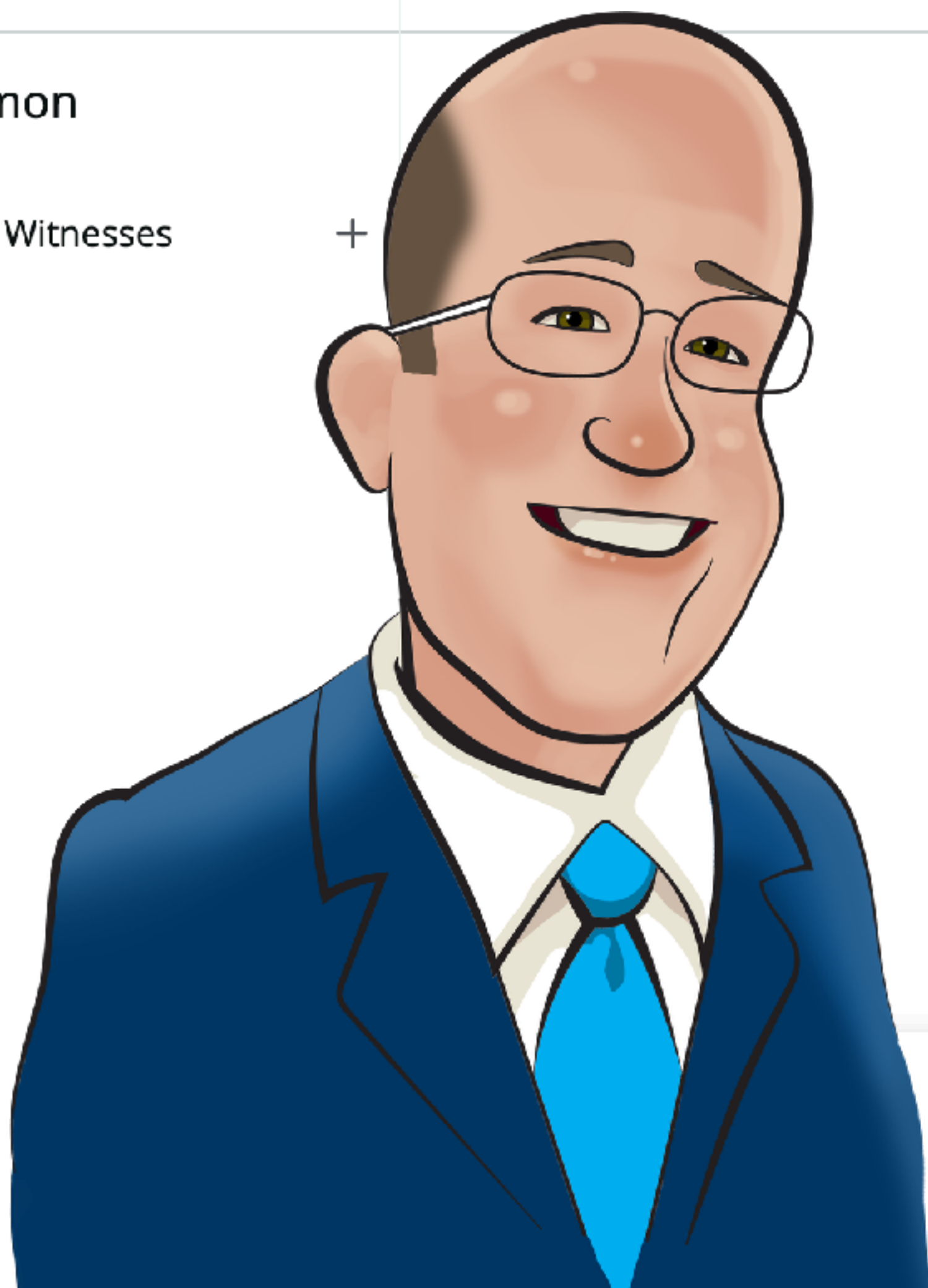
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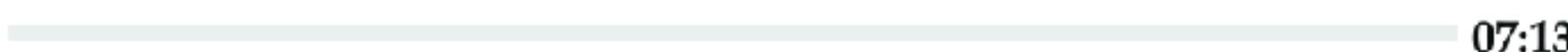
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1 Nephi 8-10

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15 MINUTES





**“You may think that Lehi’s dream or vision has no special meaning for you, but it does.**

**You are in it; all of us are in it (see 1 Nephi 19:23).**

**Lehi’s dream or vision of the iron rod has in it everything a ... Latter-day Saint needs to understand the test of life”**

*(“Lehi’s Dream and You,” New Era, Jan. 2015, 2)*

# 1 Nephi 8-10



About 280 miles  
14 days of travel

Jerusalem



Valley of  
Lemuel



**Lehi's**  
**Vision of the Tree**  
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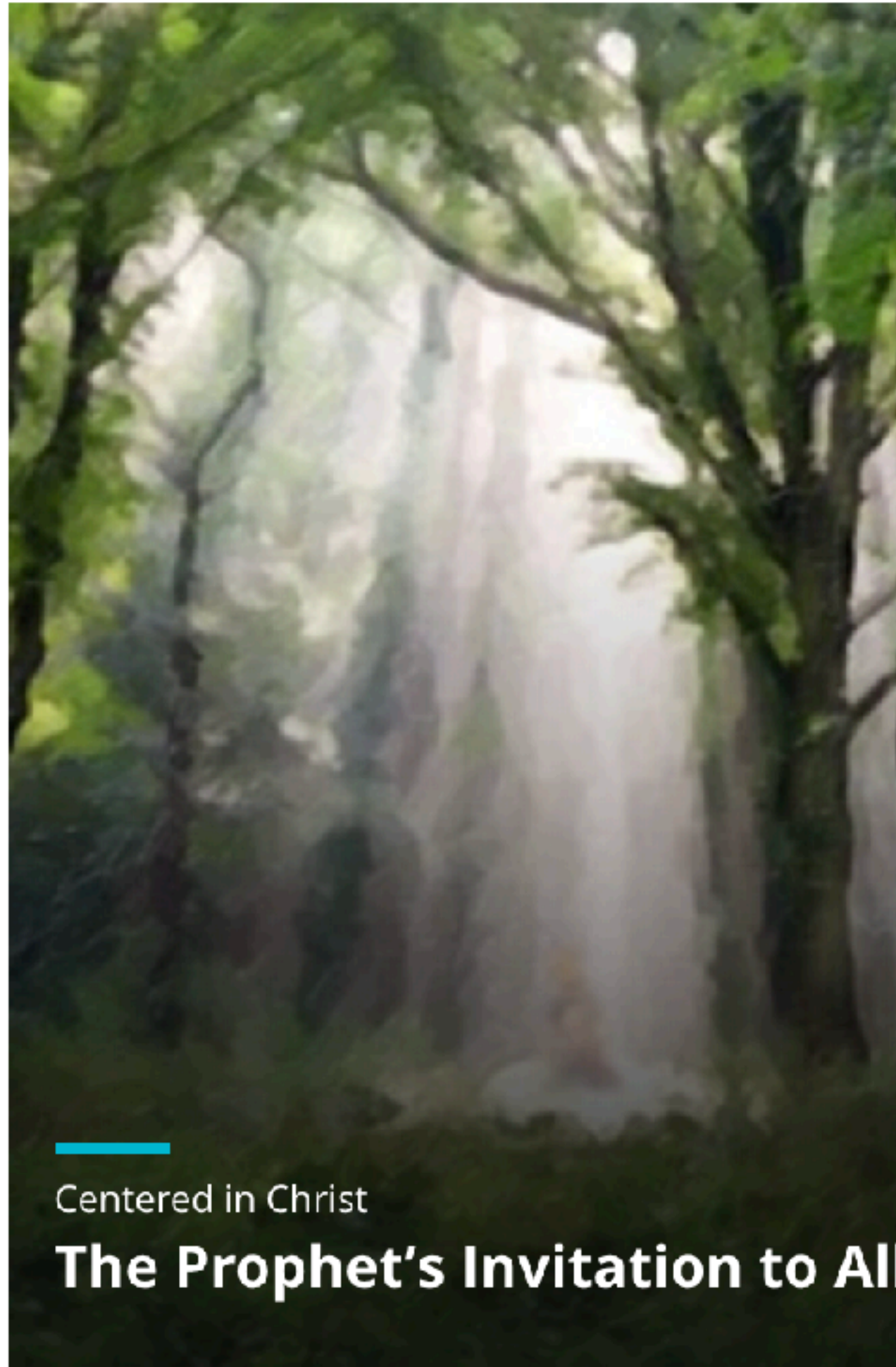
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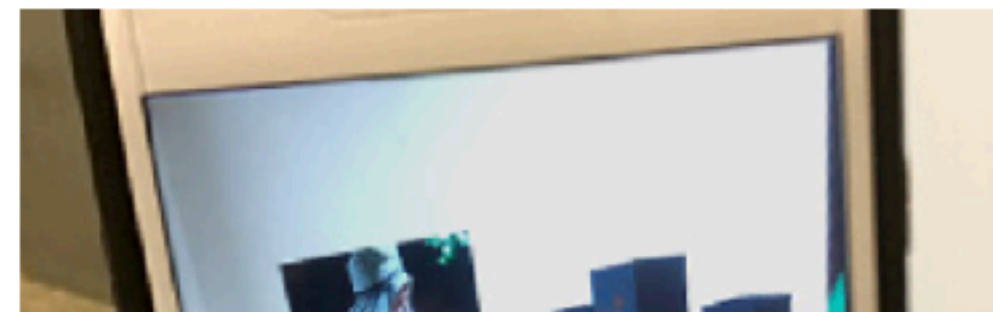
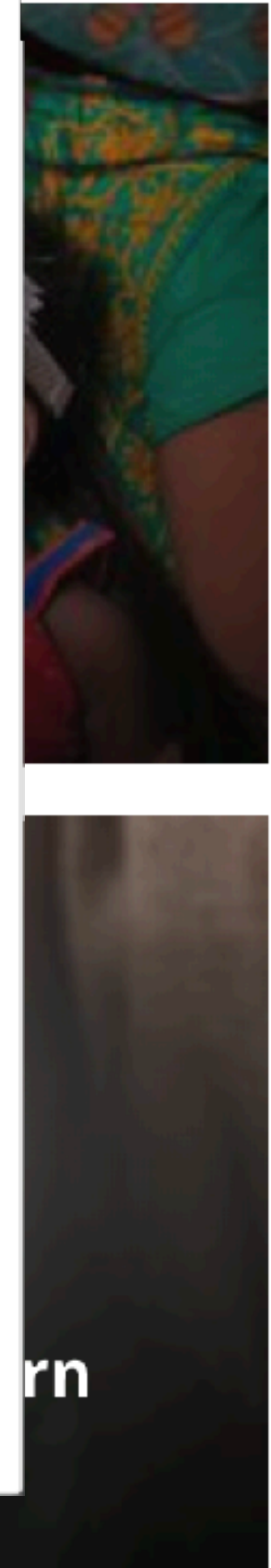
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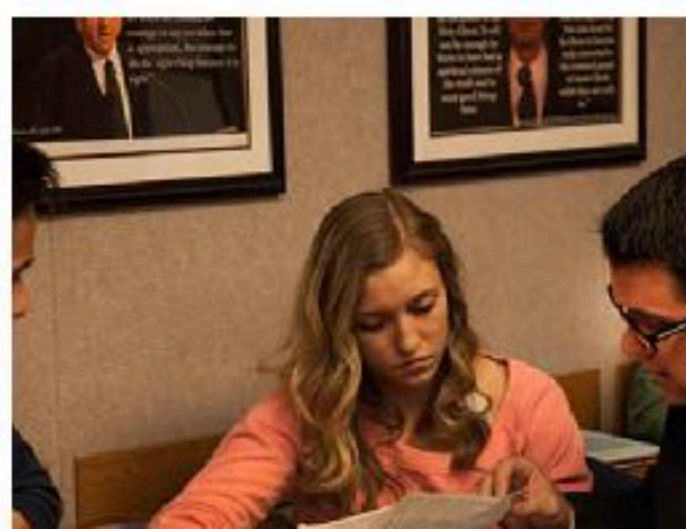
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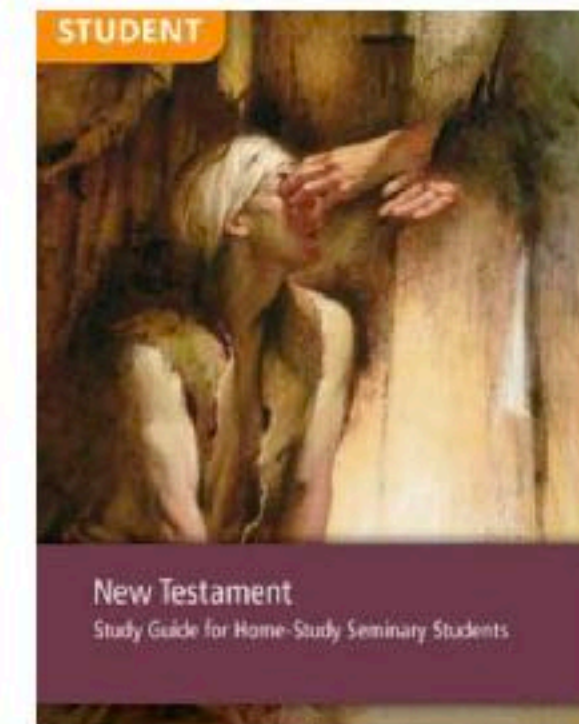
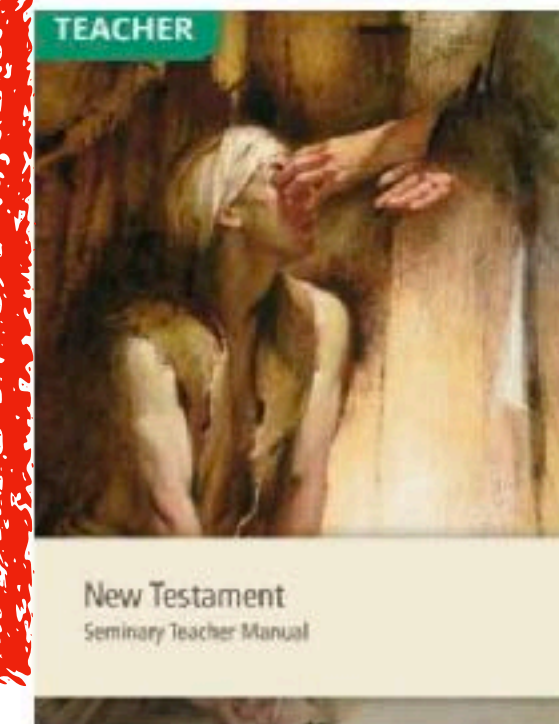
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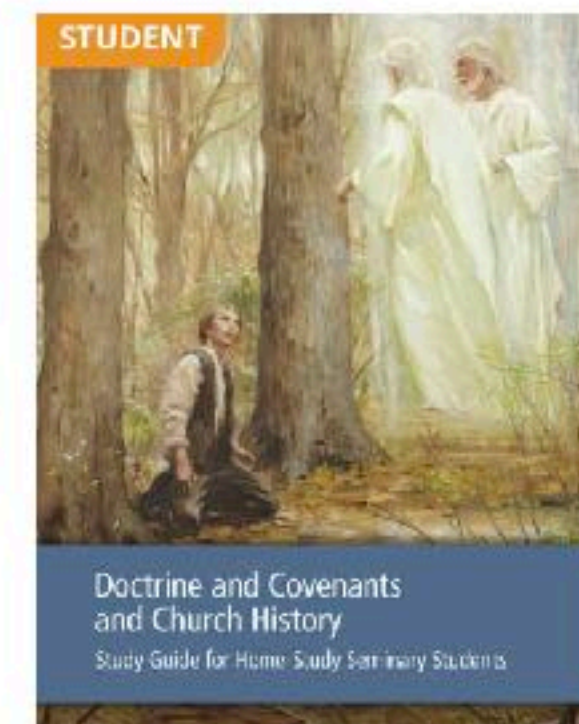
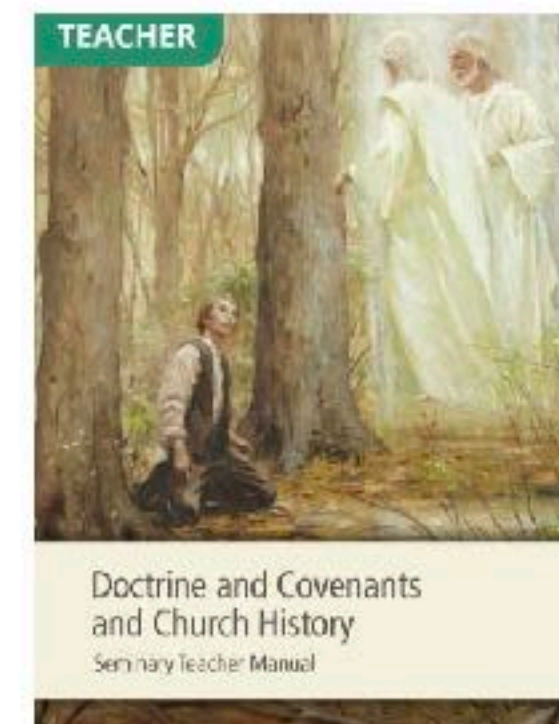
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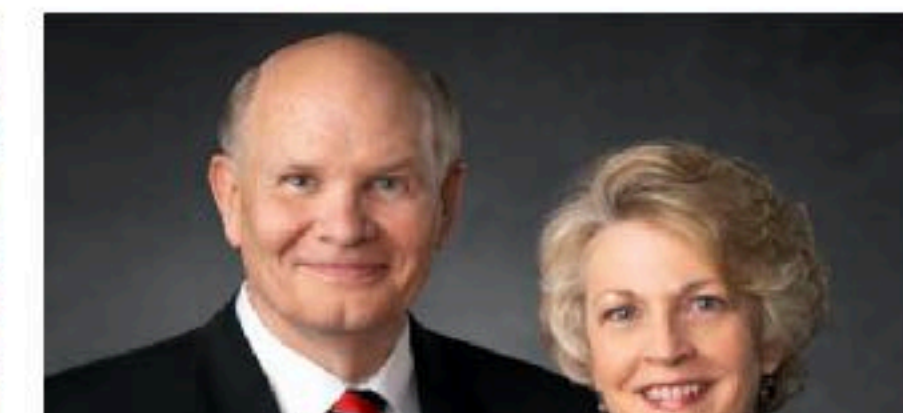
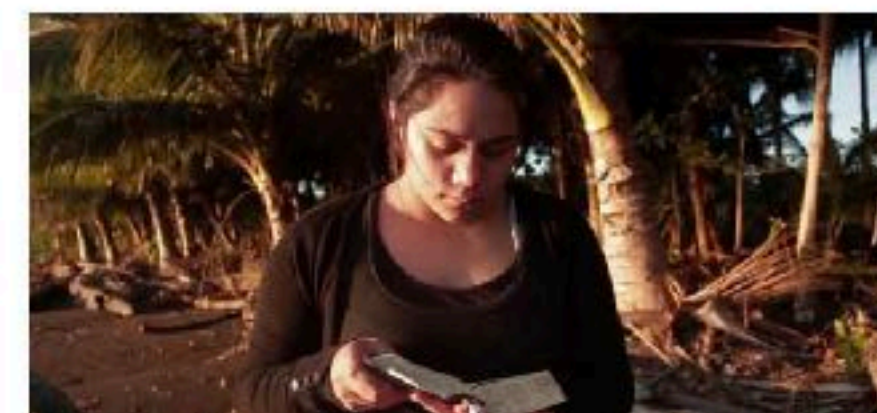
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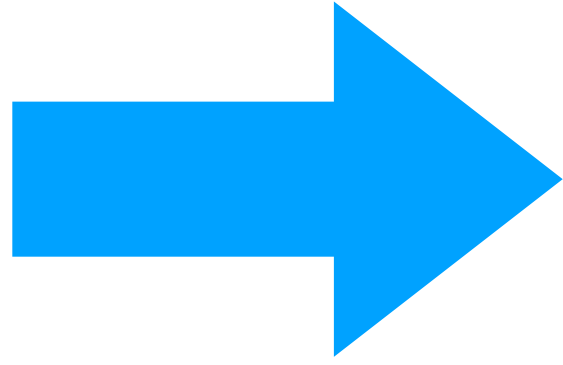
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b 1 Ne. 14:29.  
c 1 Ne. 10:17.

3a 1 Ne. 8:14 (14–18).

4a 1 Ne. 8:25

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22:2 (1–16);  
1 Ne. 11:4, 8 (8–25).  
b 1 Ne. 8:24 (15, 20, 24);  
Alma 32:42 (41–43).  
c TG Happiness.

11a 1 Ne. 15:36.

b 1 Ne. 11:8.  
12a TG Joy.

b Enos 1:9;  
Alma 36:24.  
TG Family, Love within.

c Gen. 3:6;  
1 Ne. 15:36.  
13a 1 Ne. 12:16 (16–18);  
15:26–27 (26–29).  
14a 1 Ne. 8:3 (3–4).

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beckoned unto them; and I also did say unto them with a loud voice that they should **come unto me**, and partake of the fruit, which was desirable above all other fruit.

way, that they wandered off and were <sup>b</sup>lost.

24 And it came to pass that I beheld others pressing forward, and they came forth and caught hold of

16 And it came to pass that I did come unto me and partake of the fruit also.

17 And it came to pass that I was desirous that Laman and Lemuel should come and partake of the fruit also; wherefore, I cast my eyes towards the head of the river, that perhaps I might see them.

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## “COME UNTO ME”

3 Nephi 9:14; 3 Nephi 12:19, 23; 3 Nephi 27:20; 3 Nephi 12:20, 24; Alma 5:16, 34, 35; Ether 4:13, 18; 12:27

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28 And after they had <sup>a</sup>tasted of the fruit they were <sup>b</sup>ashamed, because of those that were <sup>c</sup>scoffing at them; and they <sup>d</sup>fell away into forbidden paths and were lost.

29 And now I, Nephi, do not speak <sup>a</sup>all the words of my father.

30 But, to be short in writing, behold, he saw other multitudes pressing forward; and they came and caught hold of the end of the <sup>a</sup>rod of iron; and they did press their way forward, continually holding

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## **1 Nephi 8:14**

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# Strait

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**STRAIT**, *adjective* [[See Straight.](#)]

1. Narrow; close; not broad.

**STRAIT** is the gate, and narrow is the way that leadeth to life, and few there be that find it. [Matthew 7:13](#).

2. Close; intimate; as a *strait* degree of favor.

3. Strict; rigorous.



**Life is full of many intersecting roads and trails. There are so many paths to follow, so many voices calling out “lo, here” or “lo, there.” There is such a variety and volume of media flooding our personal space, most of it intent on herding us down a path that is broad and traveled by many.**

**When pondering which of these voices to listen to or which road among the many is right, have you ever asked yourself, as Joseph Smith did: “What is to be done? Who of all these [voices and roads is] right; or, are they all wrong together? If any one of them be right, which is it, and how shall I know it?” My witness to you is that Jesus Christ continues to mark the path, lead the way, and define every point on our journey. His path is strait and narrow and leads toward “light and life and endless day.”**

*Elder Lowell M. Snow (Seventy) October 2005 Conference Sunday afternoon session*







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23 And it came to pass that there arose a <sup>a</sup>mist of darkness; yea, even an exceedingly great mist of darkness, insomuch that they who had commenced in the path did lose their

about, and beheld, on the <sup>a</sup>other side of the river of water, a great and <sup>b</sup>spacious building; and it stood as it were in the <sup>c</sup>air, high above the earth.

27 And it was filled with people, both old and young, both male and female; their manner of dress was every way fine; and they were every one full of <sup>b</sup>mocking and pointing fingers towards those who were at and were partaking of the fruit.

28 And I saw that they who had <sup>a</sup>tasted of the fruit were <sup>b</sup>ashamed, because of those who were <sup>c</sup>scoffing at them; and they were driven away into the wilderness, as if they were forbidden to enter.

29 And I saw that they who were <sup>a</sup>all the way

30 Behold, I saw that they who beheld the <sup>a</sup>rod of iron, and commenced in the path, did lose their way

What does it mean to be cast off?

What does it mean to be in the presence of the Lord?

Look for inspired invitations





**“Let me suggest that holding fast to the iron rod entails the prayerful and consistent use of all three of the ways of obtaining living water that we have discussed tonight [reading, studying, and searching].**

**“... The regular use of all three methods produces a more constant flow of living water and is in large measure what it means to hold fast to the rod of iron. ...**

**“Are you and I daily reading, studying, and searching the scriptures in a way that enables us to hold fast to the rod of iron ... ?”**

*Elder David A Bednar, “A Reservoir of Living Water” CES fireside for young adults, Feb. 4, 2007*

## **Look for inspired invitations in 1 Nephi 8**

**Verse 6 - Lehi is invited to follow the messenger in white.**

**Verse 15 - Lehi invites Sariah, Sam and Nephi**

**Verse 18 - Lehi invites (implied) Laman and Lemuel**

**Verse 19-22 - The path and rod invite the numberless people to the tree**



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them, but they would <sup>a</sup>not come unto me and partake of the fruit.

19 And I beheld a <sup>a</sup>rod of iron, and it extended along the bank of the river, and led to the tree by which I stood.

20 And I also beheld a <sup>a</sup>strait and narrow path, which came along by the rod of iron, even to the tree by which I stood; and it also led by the head of the fountain, unto a large and spacious field, as if it had been a <sup>b</sup>world.

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28 And after they had <sup>a</sup>tasted of the fruit they were <sup>b</sup>ashamed, because of those that were <sup>c</sup>scoffing at them; and they <sup>d</sup>fell away into forbidden paths and were lost.

29 And now I, Nephi, do not speak <sup>a</sup>all the words of my father.

30 But, to be short in writing, behold, he saw other multitudes <sup>a</sup>pressing forward; and they came and caught hold of the end of the <sup>a</sup>rod of iron; and they did <sup>a</sup>press their way forward, continually holding

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1 NEPHI 8:31-9:4

fast to the rod of iron, until they came forth and fell down and partook of the fruit of the tree.

31 And he also saw other <sup>a</sup>multitudes feeling their way towards that great and spacious building.

32 And it came to pass that many were drowned in the <sup>a</sup>depths of

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The Book of Mormon: The Earliest Text," Ed Royal Skousen, Yale 2009

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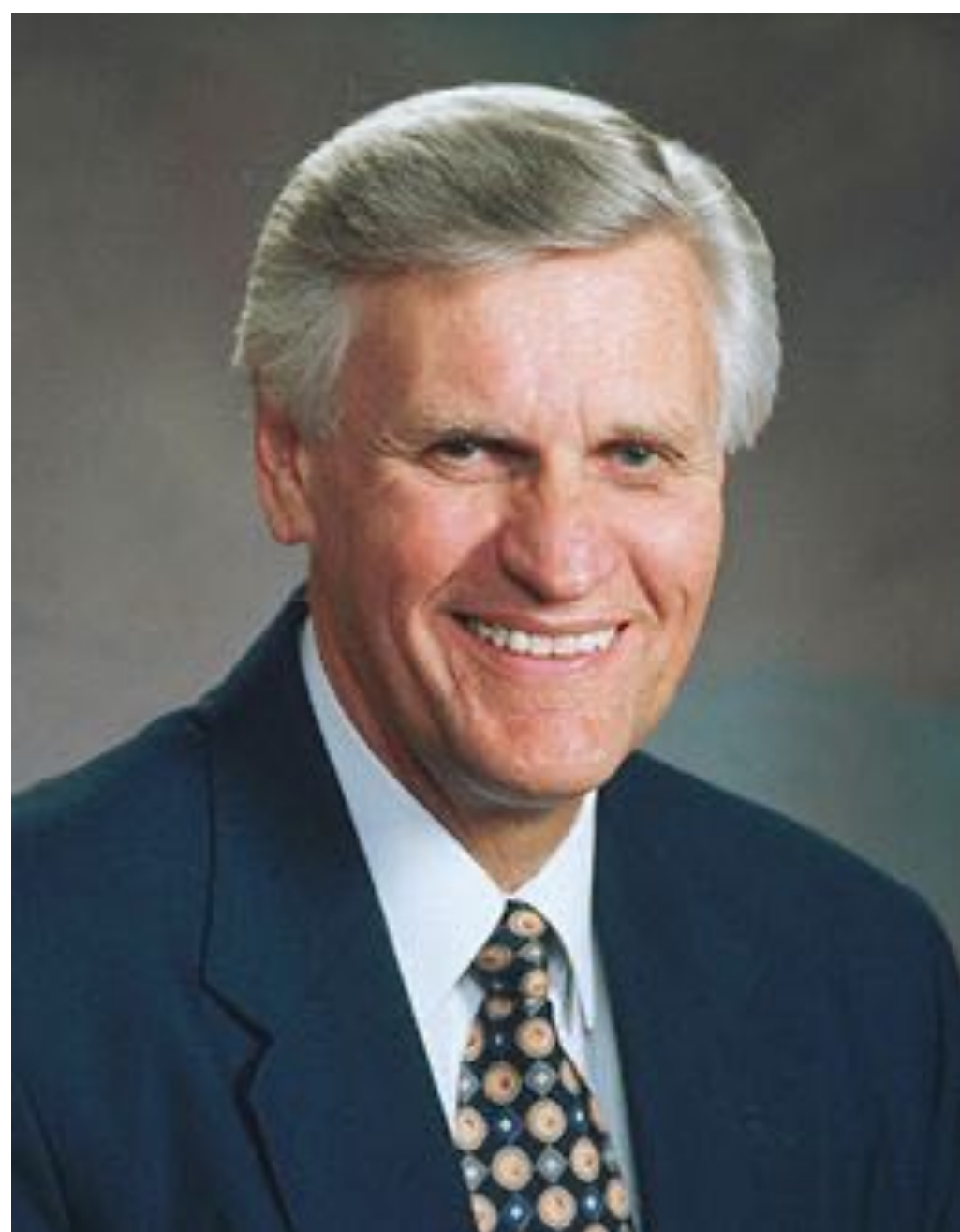
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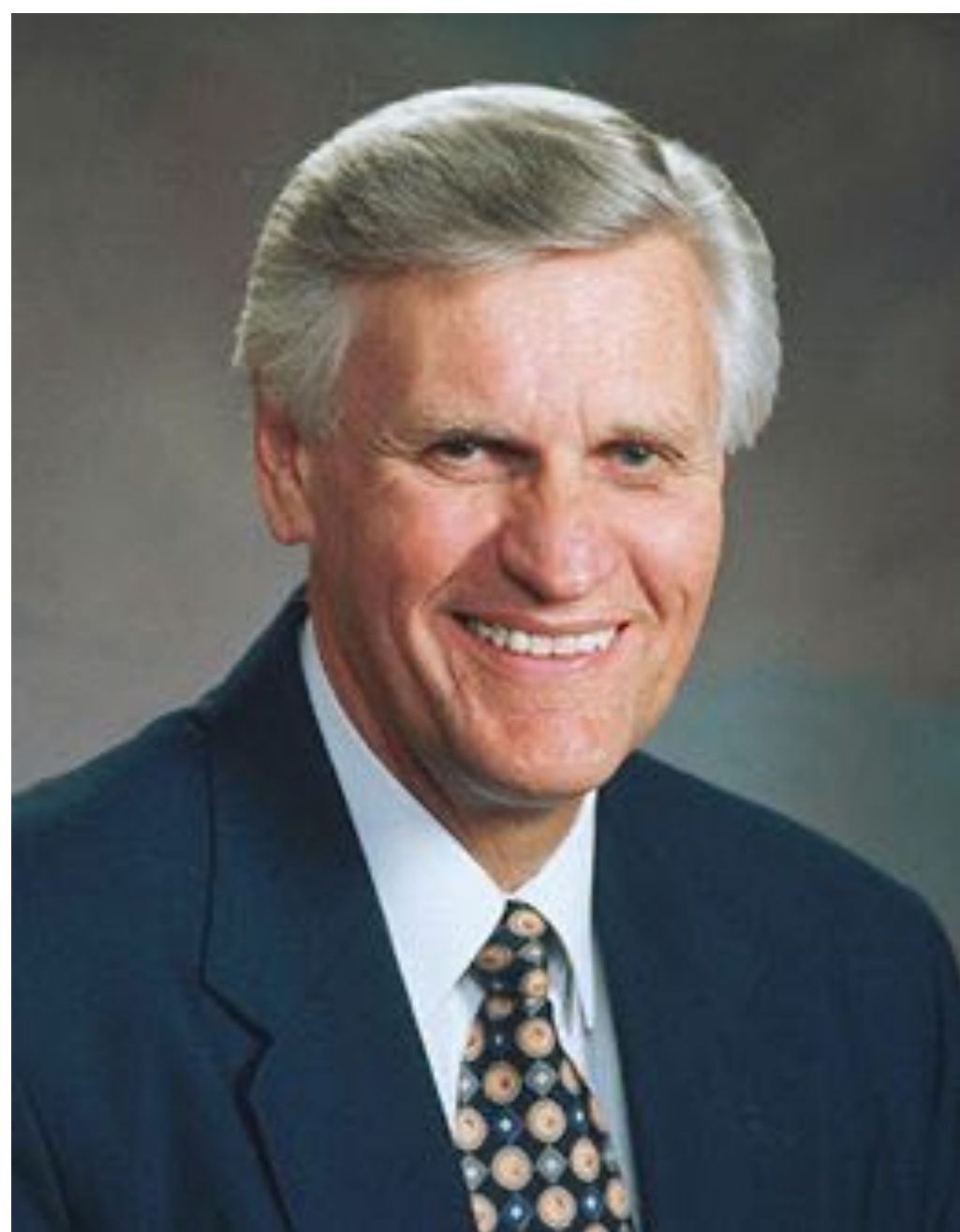
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27a TG Haughtiness; Pride.  
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**“To those of you who are inching your way closer and closer to that great and spacious building, let me make it completely clear that the people in that building have absolutely nothing to offer except instant, short-term gratification inescapably connected to long-term sorrow and suffering. The commandments you observe were not given by a dispassionate God to prevent you from having fun, but by a loving Father in Heaven who wants you to be happy while you are living on this earth as well as in the hereafter.”**

*Elder Glenn L. Pace, Conference Report, Oct. 1987, 49–50; or Ensign, Nov. 1987, 40).*



**“Compare the blessings of living the Word of Wisdom to those available to you if you choose to party with those in the great and spacious building. Compare the joy of intelligent humor and wit to drunken, silly, crude, loud laughter. Compare our faithful young women who still have a blush in their cheeks with those who, having long lost their blush, try to persuade you to join them in their loss. Compare lifting people up to putting people down. Compare the ability to receive personal revelation and direction in your life to being tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine. Compare holding the priesthood of God with anything you see going on in that great and spacious building.”**

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**“The current cries we hear coming from the great and spacious building tempt us to compete for ownership in the things of this world. We think we need a larger home, with a three-car garage and a recreational vehicle parked next to it. We long for designer clothes, extra TV sets (all with [DVDs]), the latest model computers, and the newest car. Often these items are purchased with borrowed money without giving any thought to providing for our future needs. The result of all this instant gratification is overloaded bankruptcy courts and families that are far too preoccupied with their financial burdens”.**

*Elder L Tom Perry, Conference Report, Oct. 1995, 45; or Ensign, Nov. 1995, 35*



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35 And <sup>a</sup>Laman and Lemuel partook not of the fruit, said my father.

36 And it came to pass after my father had spoken his dream of many, he said of these things in vision, he exhorted Laman and Lemuel lest they should see the presence

37 And he did speak with all the feeling of a tender parent, that they would hearken to his words, that perhaps the Lord would be merciful to them, and not cast them off: yea, my father did preach

AND all these things did my father see, and hear, and speak, as he dwelt in a tent, in the <sup>a</sup>valley of Lemuel, and also a great many more things, which cannot be written upon these plates.

2 And now, as I have spoken concerning these plates, behold they are not the plates upon which I make a full account of the history of my people; for the <sup>a</sup>plates upon which I make a full account of my people I have given the name of <sup>a</sup>Nephi: wherefore they are called

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## Genesis 3:8

... and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

3 Nevertheless, I have received a commandment of the Lord that I should make these plates, for the special <sup>a</sup>purpose that there should be an account engraven of the <sup>b</sup>ministry of my people.

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**“We too must have the faith to teach our children and bid them to keep the commandments. We should not let their choices weaken our faith. Our worthiness will not be measured according to their righteousness. Lehi did not lose the blessing of feasting at the tree of life because Laman and Lemuel refused to partake of its fruit. Sometimes as parents we feel we have failed when our children make mistakes or stray. Parents are never failures when they do their best to love, teach, pray, and care for their children. Their faith, prayers, and efforts will be consecrated to the good of their children.”**

*Elder Robert D Hales, Conference Report, Apr. 2004, 90; or Ensign, May 2004, 88*

5 Wherefore, the Lord hath commanded me to make these plates for a <sup>a</sup>wise purpose in him, which purpose I know not.

6 But the Lord <sup>a</sup>knoweth all things from the beginning; wherefore, he prepareth a way to accomplish all his works among the children of men; for behold, he hath all <sup>b</sup>power unto the fulfilling of all his words. And thus it is. Amen.

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3 That after they should be destroyed, even that great city <sup>a</sup>Jerusalem, and many be <sup>b</sup>carried away captive into <sup>c</sup>Babylon, according to the own due time of the Lord, they should <sup>d</sup>return again, yea, even be brought back out of captivity; and after they should be brought back out of captivity they should possess again the land of their inheritance.

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12 Yea, even my father spake much concerning the Gentiles, and also concerning the house of Israel, that they should be compared like unto an <sup>a</sup>olive tree, whose <sup>b</sup>branches should be broken off and should be <sup>c</sup>scattered upon all the face of the earth.

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14 And after the house of <sup>a</sup>Israel should be scattered they should be <sup>b</sup>gathered together again; or, in fine, after the <sup>c</sup>Gentiles had received the fulness of the <sup>a</sup>Gospel, the natural branches of the <sup>c</sup>olive tree, or the <sup>f</sup>remnants of the house of <sup>e</sup>Israel, should be grafted in, or <sup>h</sup>come to the knowledge of the true Messiah, their Lord and their Redeemer.

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16 And all these things, of which I have spoken, were done as my father dwelt in a <sup>a</sup>tent, in the valley of Lemuel.

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Messianic Prophecy of deliverance

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as in the time that he should manifest himself unto the children of men.

18 For he is the <sup>a</sup>same yesterday, today, and forever; and the way is prepared for all men from the foundation of the world, if it so be that they repent and come unto him.

19 For he that diligently <sup>a</sup>seeketh shall find; and the <sup>b</sup>mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto them, by the power of the <sup>c</sup>Holy Ghost, as well in these times as in times of old, and as well in times of old as in times to come; wherefore, the <sup>a</sup>course of the Lord is one eternal round.

20 Therefore remember, O man, for all thy doings thou shalt be brought into <sup>a</sup>judgment.

21 Wherefore, if ye have sought to do <sup>a</sup>wickedly in the days of your <sup>b</sup>probation, then ye are found <sup>c</sup>unclean before the judgment-seat of God; and no unclean thing can dwell with God; wherefore, ye must be cast off forever.

22 And the Holy Ghost giveth <sup>a</sup>authority that I should speak these things, and deny them not.

## CHAPTER 11

*Nephi sees the Spirit of the Lord and is shown in vision the tree of life—He sees the mother of the Son of God and learns of the condescension of God—He sees the baptism, ministry, and crucifixion of the Lamb of God—He sees also the call and ministry of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb. About 600–592 B.C.*

FOR it came to pass after I had desired to know the things that my father had seen, and believing that the Lord was able to make known unto me, as I sat <sup>a</sup>ponding in mine heart I was <sup>b</sup>caught away by the Spirit of the Lord, yea, in an exceedingly high <sup>c</sup>mountain, which I never had before seen, and which I never had before set my

2 And the Spirit said unto me: Behold, what <sup>a</sup>desirest thou?

3 And I said: I desire to behold the things which my father <sup>a</sup>desired to know.

4 And the Spirit said unto me: <sup>a</sup>Believest thou that thy father saw the <sup>b</sup>tree of which he hath spoken?

5 And I said: Yea, thou knowest that I <sup>a</sup>believe all the words of my father.

6 And when I had spoken these words, the Spirit cried with a voice, saying: Hosanna to the most high God; for he is over all the <sup>a</sup>earth, yea, even over all. And blessed art thou, Nephi, because thou <sup>b</sup>believest in the Son of the most high God; wherefore, thou shalt behold the things which thou hast desired.

7 And behold this thing shall be given unto thee for a <sup>a</sup>sign, that after thou hast beheld the tree which bore the fruit which thy father tasted, thou shalt also behold another descending out of heaven, and thou shalt witness; and after ye have witnessed him ye shall <sup>b</sup>bear record that it is the Son of God.

8 And it came to pass that the Spirit said unto me: Look! A

<sup>9a</sup> John 1:28.

<sup>b</sup> TG Jesus Christ,

1 Ne. 15:12;

2 Ne. 3:5 (4–5);

<sup>f</sup> TG Israel, Remnant of.

<sup>g</sup> TG Israel, Twelve



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**“The standard is clear. If something we think, see, hear, or do distances us from the Holy Ghost, then we should stop thinking, seeing, hearing, or doing that thing. If that which is intended to entertain, for example, alienates us from the Holy Spirit, then certainly that type of entertainment is not for us. Because the Spirit cannot abide that which is vulgar, crude, or immodest, then clearly such things are not for us. Because we estrange the Spirit of the Lord when we engage in activities we know we should shun, then such things definitely are not for us.”**

*Elder David A Bednar, Conference Report, Apr. 2006, 29–30; or Ensign, May 2006, 29–30*



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**“Sometimes when we are asked to be obedient, we do not know why, except the Lord has commanded. Nephi followed instructions even though he didn’t fully understand the wise purpose. His obedience resulted in blessings to mankind all over the world. By not obeying our present-day leaders, we plant our seeds in stony places and may forfeit the harvest.”**

*Elder Marvin J Ashton, Conference Report, Oct. 1978, 76; or Ensign, Nov. 1978, 51*

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“Some have sincere faith in the existence of a God but not necessarily in a revealing and omniscient God. Other sincere individuals question God’s omniscience, wondering, even though respectfully, whether even God can know the future. But an omniscient and revealing God can at any present moment disclose things future. This is possible because ‘in the presence of God, ... all things for their glory are manifest, past, present, and future, and are continually before the Lord’ (D&C 130:7). Thus God ‘knoweth all things, for all things are present before [his] eyes’ (D&C 38:2). He told Moses, ‘There is no God beside me, and all things are present with me, for I know them all’ (Moses 1:6).

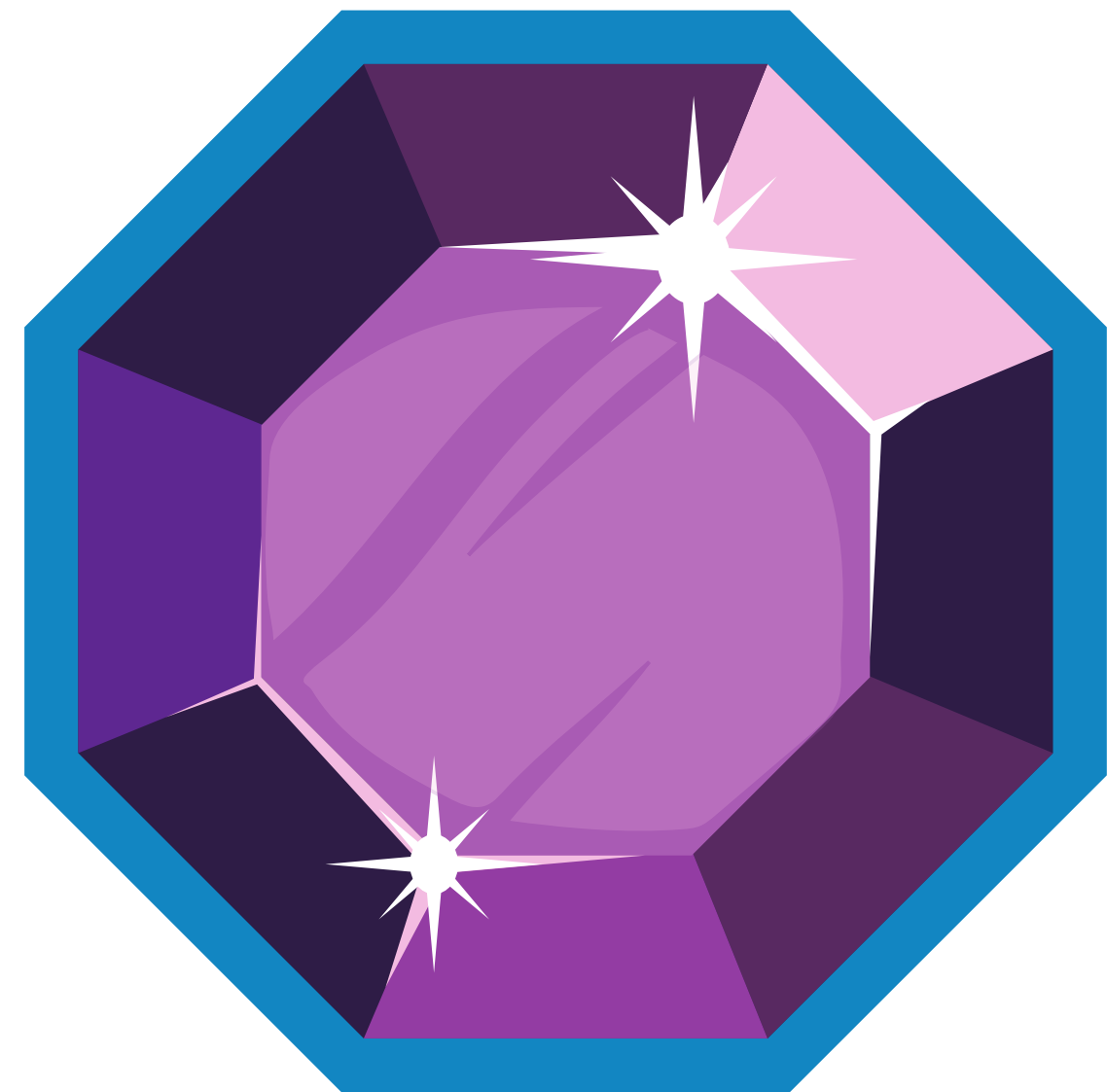
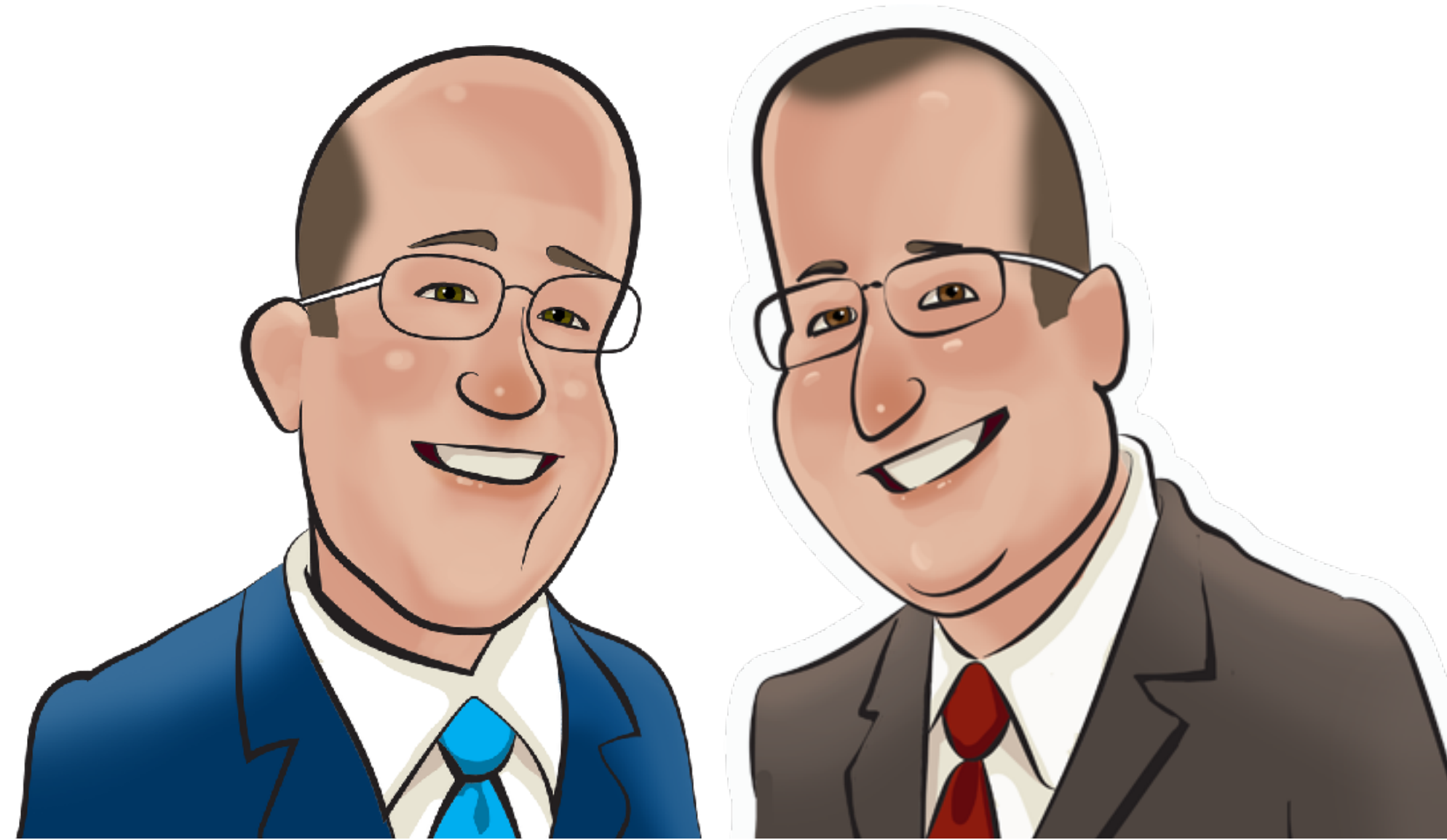
“No qualifiers on the scope of God’s knowledge appear in holy writ. Instead, we read: ‘O how great the holiness of our God! For he knoweth all things, and there is not anything save he knows it.’ (2 Nephi 9:20.)”

*Elder Neal A Maxwell, “If Thou Endure It Well” [1996], 46*

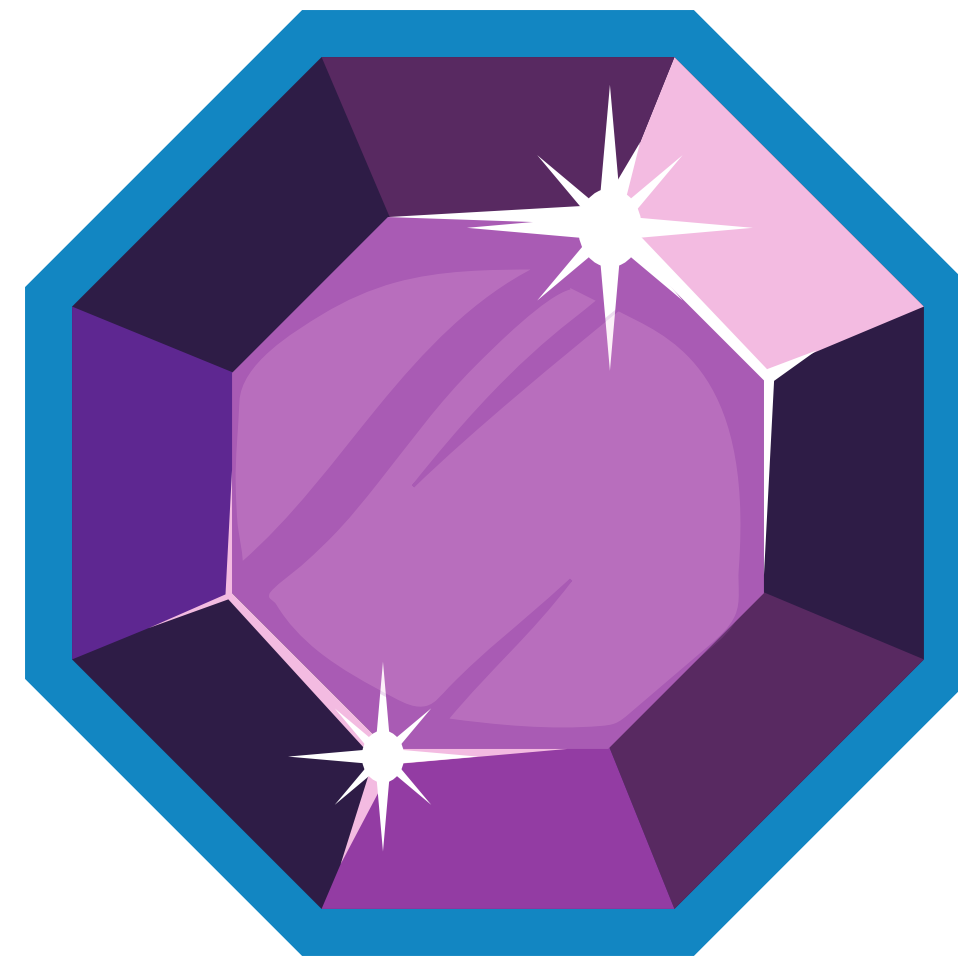


**“God bless all of us that we may follow the course laid out for us by our Heavenly Father and our greatest example—the Lord, Jesus Christ. May we do so regardless of what the world may say or do, that we may hold fast to the iron rod, that we may be true to the faith, that we may maintain the standards set for us and follow this course to safety and exaltation (see *1 Nephi 8:19*). The door is open. The plan is here on earth. It is the Lord’s plan. The authority and power are here. It is now up to you.”**

*Quoted by President Hinckley, GC Oct 1992. The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson (Salt Lake City: Bookcraft, 1988), 26.*



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**Final music:**

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**Violin: Becky Fullmer**

**Cello: David Affleck**

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**“Why was Israel scattered? The answer is clear; it is plain; of it there is no doubt. Our Israelite forebears were scattered because they rejected the gospel, defiled the priesthood, forsook the church, and departed from the kingdom. They were scattered because they turned from the Lord, worshipped false gods, and walked in all the ways of the heathen nations. ... Israel was scattered for apostasy. The Lord in his wrath, because of their wickedness and rebellion, scattered them among the heathen in all the nations of the earth.**



**“What, then, is involved in the gathering of Israel? The gathering of Israel consists in believing and accepting and living in harmony with all that the Lord once offered his ancient chosen people. It consists of having faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, of repenting, of being baptized and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost, and of keeping the commandments of God. It consists of believing the gospel, joining the Church, and coming into the kingdom. It consists of receiving the holy priesthood, being endowed in holy places with power from on high, and receiving all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, through the ordinance of celestial marriage. And it may also consist of assembling to an appointed place or land of worship.**

**“Having this concept of the scattering and gathering of the chosen seed, we are able to understand the prophetic word relative thereto”**

*Elder Bruce R McConkie, A New Witness for the Articles of Faith [1985], 515*