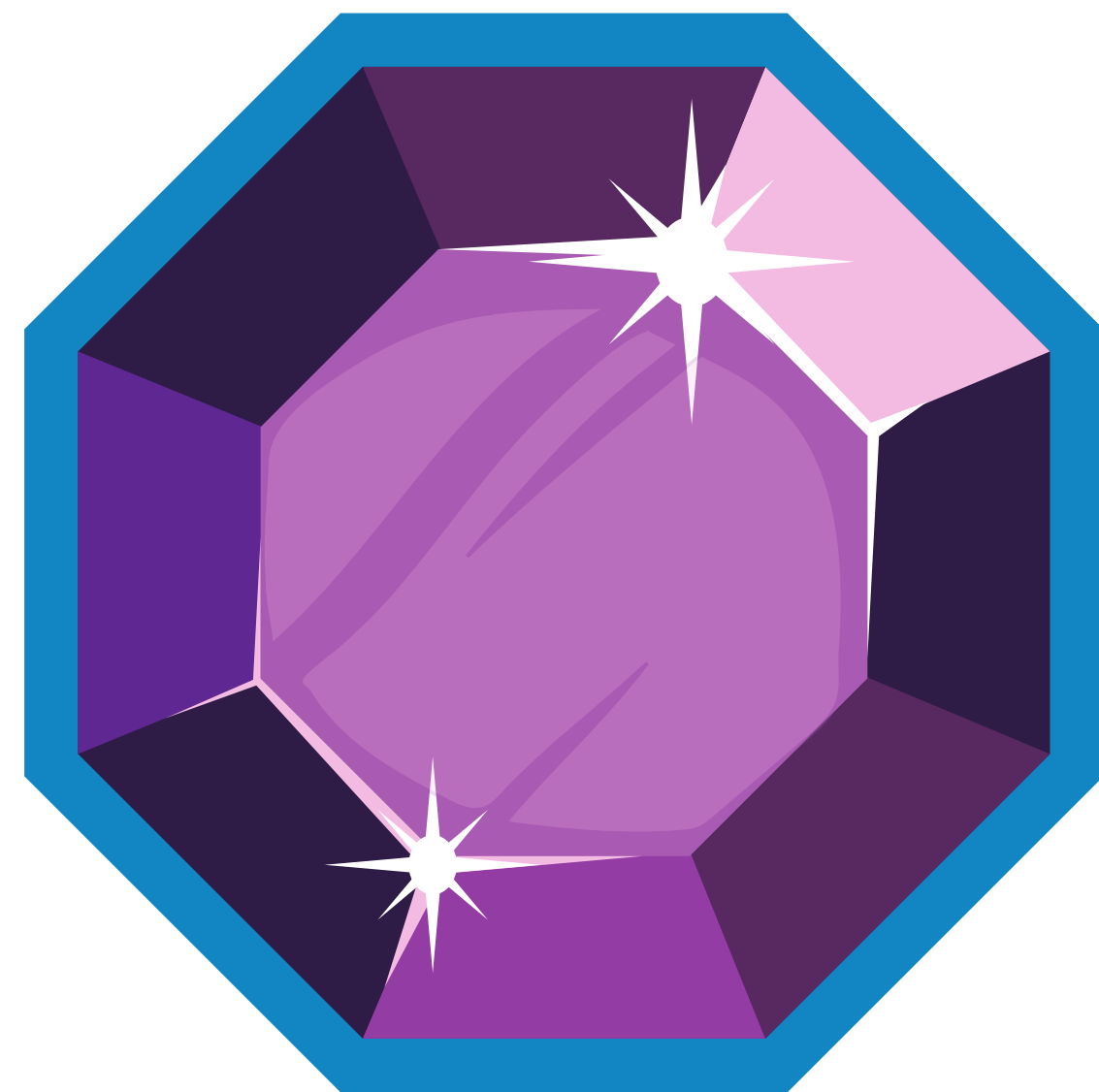
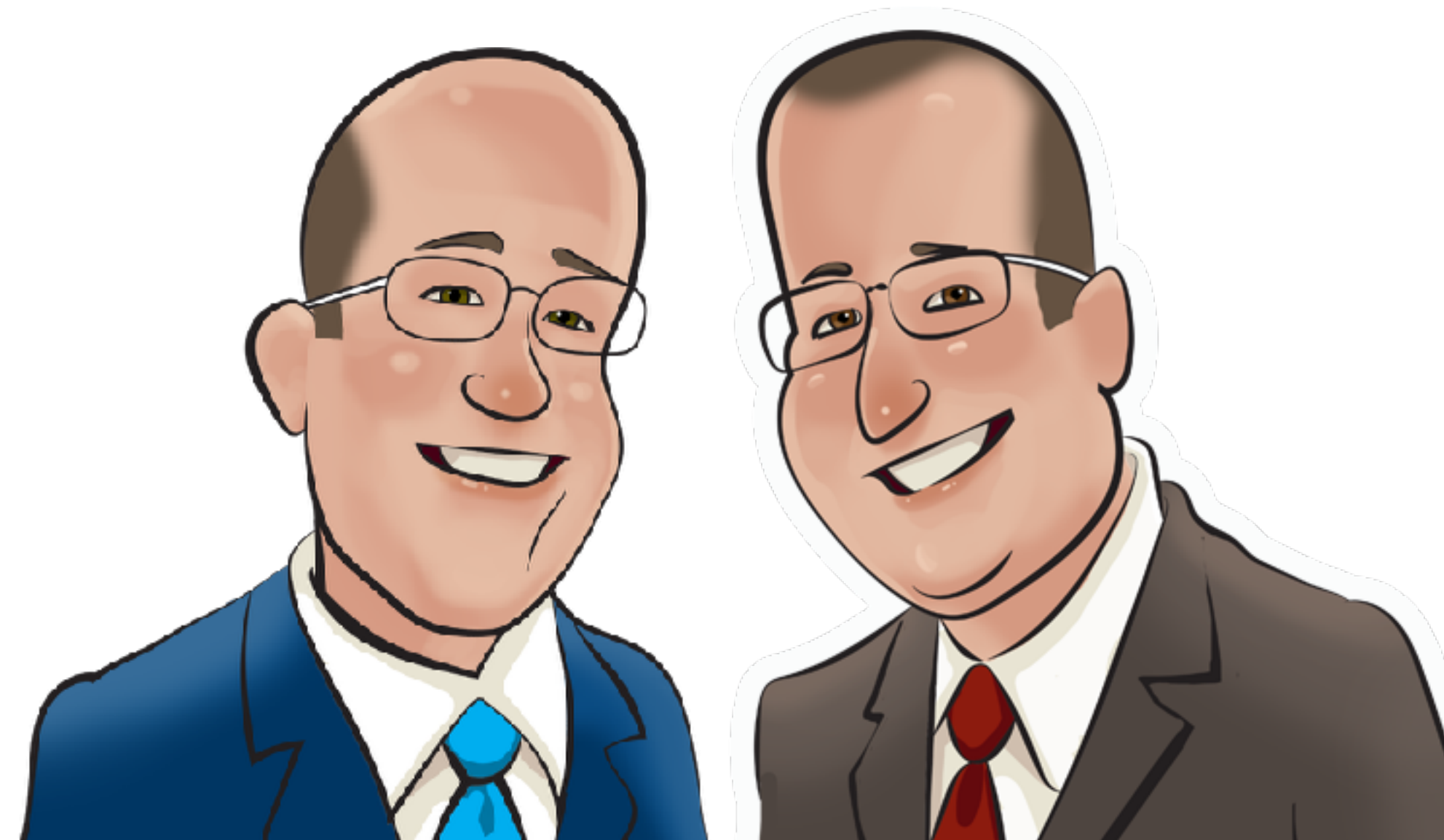


Episode 23



# Scripture GEMS



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## Doctrine and Covenants 107:1-3

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**2 Why the first is called the Melchizedek Priesthood is because Melchizedek was such a great high priest.**

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*(Prophet Joseph Smith, History of the Church, 6:364).*



**“Before we came here, faithful women were given certain assignments while faithful men were foreordained to certain priesthood tasks. While we do not now remember the particulars, this does not alter the glorious reality of what we once agreed to. You are accountable for those things which long ago were expected of you just as are those we sustain as prophets and apostles!” (“The Role of Righteous Women,” Ensign, Nov. 1979, 102).**

*(Come, Follow Me references: Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Spencer W. Kimball [2006], 215–16)*



**“God has held you in reserve to make your appearance in the final days before the second coming of the Lord. ... God has saved for the [final days] some of His strongest children, who will help bear off the kingdom triumphantly. That is where you come in, for you are the generation that must be prepared to meet your God. ...**

**“In all ages prophets have looked down through the corridors of time to our day. Billions of the deceased and those yet to be born have their eyes on us. Make no mistake about it—you are a marked generation. There has never been more expected of the faithful in such a short period of time than there is of us”**

*(The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson [1988], 104–5).*



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21 And now it came to pass that when Alma had said these words unto them, he stretched forth his hand unto them and cried with a mighty voice, saying: "Now is the time to repent, for the day of salvation draweth nigh;

22 Yea, and the voice of the Lord, by the "mouth of angels, doth declare it unto all nations; yea, doth declare it, that they may have glad tidings of great joy; yea, and he doth sound these glad tidings among all his people, yea, even to them that are scattered abroad upon the face of the earth; wherefore they have come unto us.

23 And they are made known unto us in <sup>a</sup>plain terms, that we may understand, that we cannot err; and this because of our being <sup>b</sup>wanderers in a strange land; therefore, we are thus highly favored, for we have these glad tidings declared unto us in all parts of our vineyard.

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5 And the people went forth and witnessed against them—testifying that they had reviled against the law, and their lawyers and judges of the land, and also of all the people that were in the land; and also testified that there was but one God, and that he should send his Son among the people, but he should <sup>a</sup>not save them; and many such things did the people testify against Alma and Amulek. Now this was done before the chief judge of the land.

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**(President Russell M. Nelson, "We Can Do Better and Be Better," April, 2019 General Conference)**

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10 But behold, in <sup>a</sup>one day it was left desolate; and the <sup>b</sup>carcasses were mangled by dogs and wild beasts of the wilderness.

11 Nevertheless, after many days their <sup>a</sup>dead bodies were heaped up upon the face of the earth, and they were covered with a shallow covering. And now so great was the scent thereof that the people did not go in to possess the land of Ammonihah for many years. And it was called Desolation of <sup>b</sup>Nehors; for they were of the profession of Nehor, who were slain; and their lands remained desolate.

12 And the Lamanites did not come again to war against the Nephites until the fourteenth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi. And thus for three years did the people of Nephi have continual peace in all the land.

13 And Alma and Amulek went forth preaching repentance to the people in their <sup>a</sup>temples, and in their <sup>b</sup>sanctuaries, and also in their <sup>c</sup>synagogues, which were built after the manner of the Jews.

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19 Holding forth things which must shortly come; yea, holding forth the <sup>a</sup>coming of the Son of God, his sufferings and death, and also the resurrection of the dead.

20 And many of the people did inquire concerning the place where the Son of God should come; and they were taught that he would <sup>a</sup>appear unto them <sup>b</sup>after his resurrection; and this the people did hear with great joy and gladness.

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8 And they came upon the armies of the Lamanites, and the Lamanites were scattered and driven into the wilderness; and they took their brethren who had been taken captive by the Lamanites, and there was not one soul of them had been lost that were taken captive. And they were brought by their brethren to possess their own lands.

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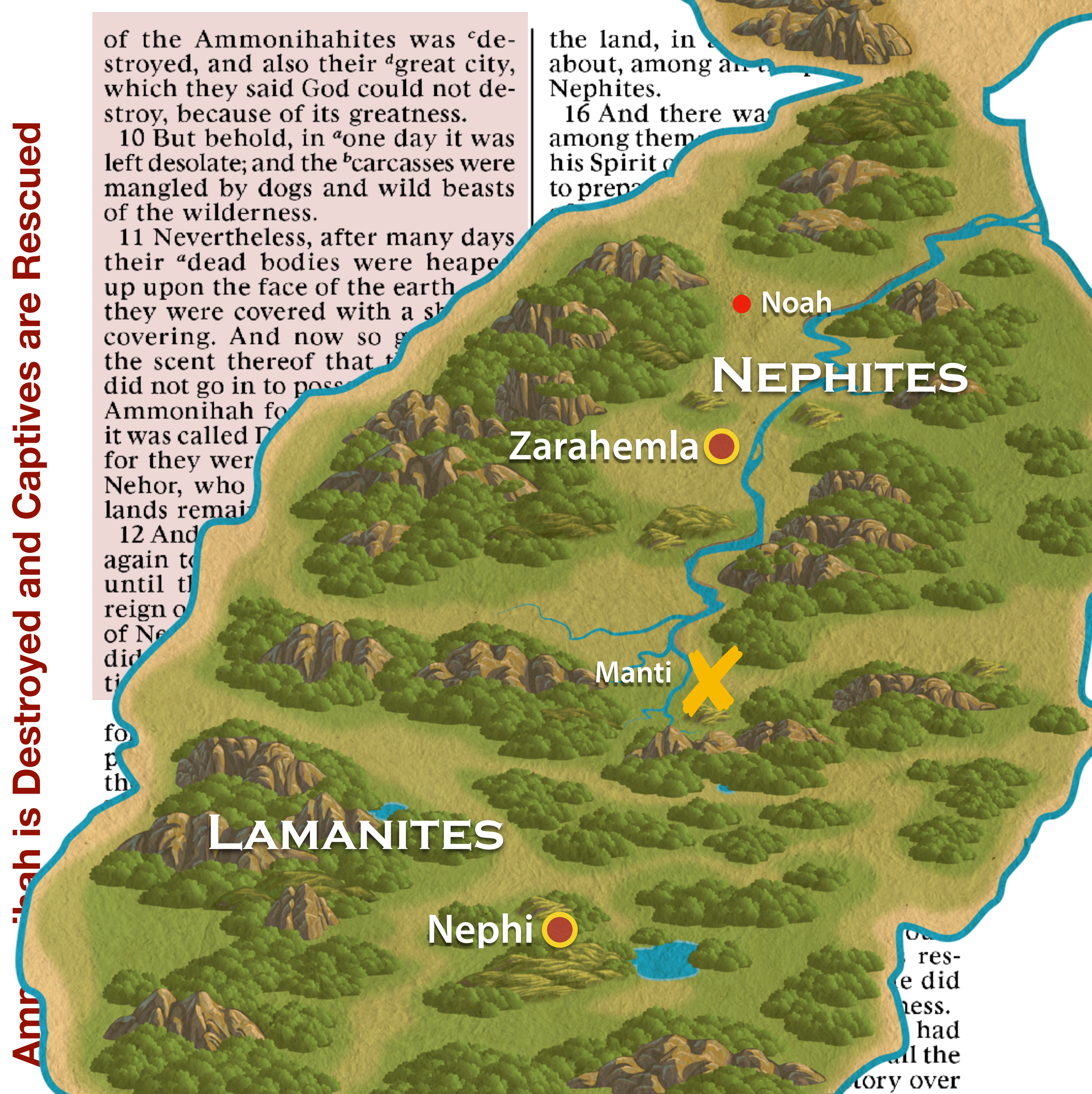
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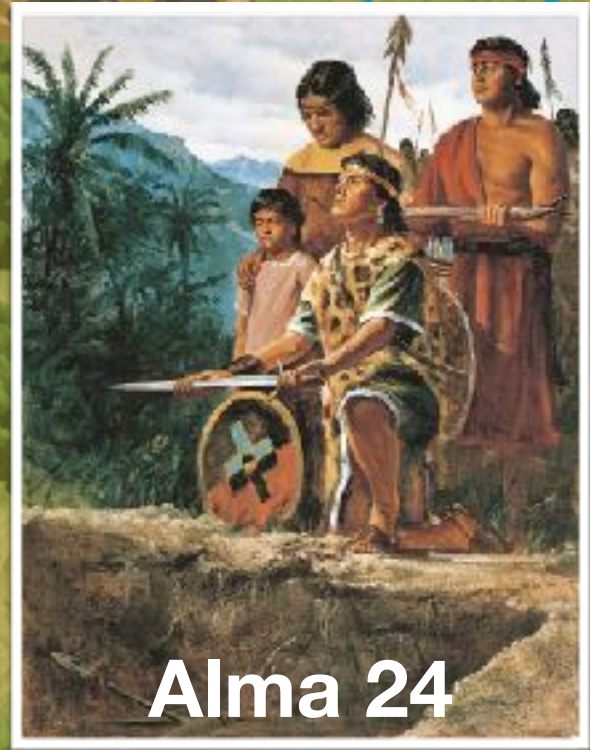
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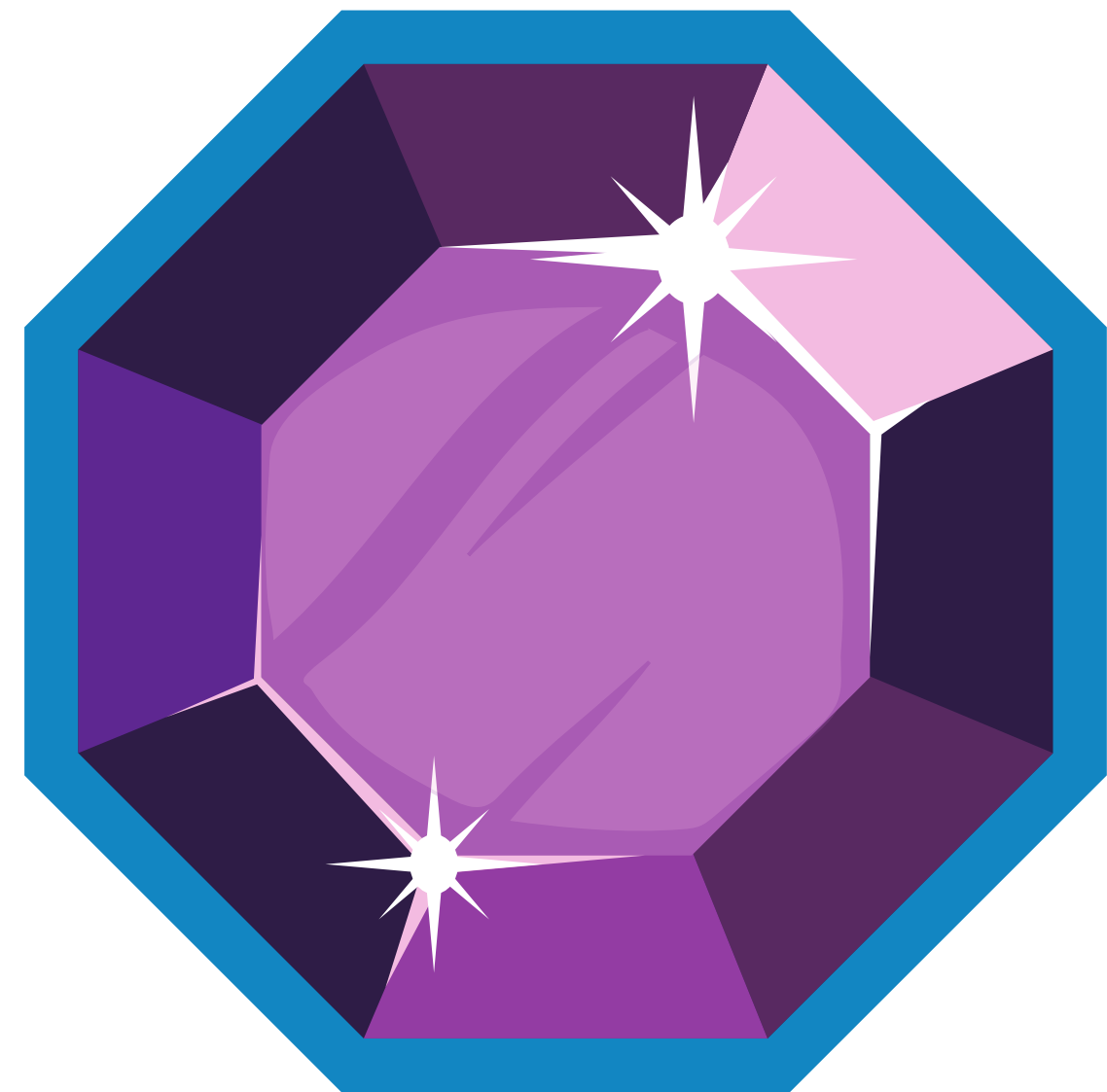
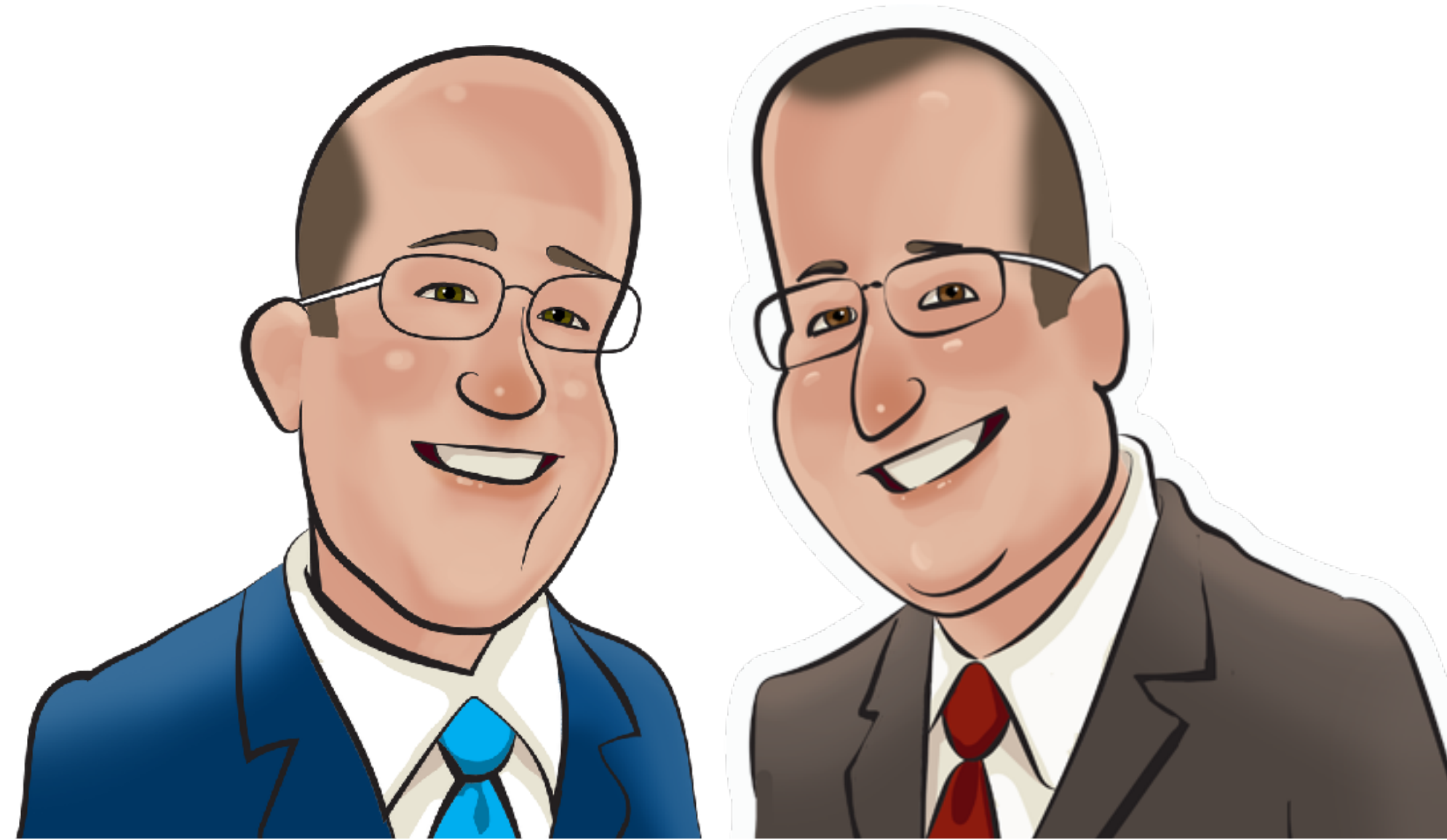
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