



know that it is by ^bgrace that we are saved, after all we can ^cdo.

24 And, notwithstanding we believe in Christ, we akeep the law of Moses, and look forward with steadfastness unto Christ, until the law shall be fulfilled.

25 For, for this end was the ^alaw given; wherefore the law hath become ^bdead unto us, and we are made alive in Christ because of our faith; yet we keep the law because of the commandments.

26 And we atalk of Christ, we rejoice in Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a dremission of their sins.

27 Wherefore, we speak concerning the law that our children may know the deadness of the law; and they, by knowing the deadness of the law, may look forward unto that life which is in Christ, and know for what end the law was given. And after the law is fulfilled in Christ, that they need not harden their hearts against him when the law ought to be done away.

28 And now behold, my people, ye are a astiffnecked people; wherefore, I have spoken plainly unto you, that ye cannot misunderstand. And the words which I have spoken shall stand as a btestimony against you; for they are sufficient to cteach any man the aright way; for the right way is to believe in Christ and deny him not; for by denying him ye also deny the prophets and the law.

29 And now behold, I say unto you that the right way is to believe in Christ, and deny him not; and Christ is the Holy One of Israel; wherefore ye must bow down before him, and aworship him with all your bmight, mind, and strength, and your whole soul; and if ye do this ye shall in nowise be cast out.

30 And, inasmuch as it shall be expedient, ye must keep the ^aperformances and ^bordinances of God until the law shall be fulfilled which was given unto Moses.

CHAPTER 26

Christ will minister to the Nephites—Nephi foresees the destruction of his people—They will speak from the dust—The Gentiles will build up false churches and secret combinations—The Lord forbids men to practice priestcrafts. About 559–545 B.C.

AND after Christ shall have ^arisen from the dead he shall ^bshow himself unto you, my children, and my beloved brethren; and the words which he shall speak unto you shall be the ^claw which ye shall do.

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3 And after the Messiah shall come there shall be ^asigns given unto my people of his ^bbirth, and also of his ^cdeath and resurrection; and great and terrible shall that day be unto the wicked, for they shall perish; and they perish because they cast

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26 1 a 3 Ne. 11:8 (1–12).
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17 For thus saith the Lord God: They shall ^awrite the things which shall be done among them, and they shall be written and ^bsealed up in a book, and those who have dwindled in ^cunbelief shall not have them, for they ^dseek to destroy the things of God.

18 Wherefore, as those who have been destroyed have been destroyed speedily; and the multitude of their aterrible ones shall be as bechaff that passeth away—yea, thus saith the Lord God: It shall be at an instant, suddenly—

19 And it shall come to pass, that those who have dwindled in unbelief shall be ^asmitten by the hand of the Gentiles.

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13b TG Holy Ghost,
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15a 1 Ne. 12:22 (22–23);
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b Isa. 29:3.
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c Ezek. 3:20; 14:4 (3-7).

d 1 Ne. 14:10 (9-10); 22:23; Morm. 8:28 (25-41).

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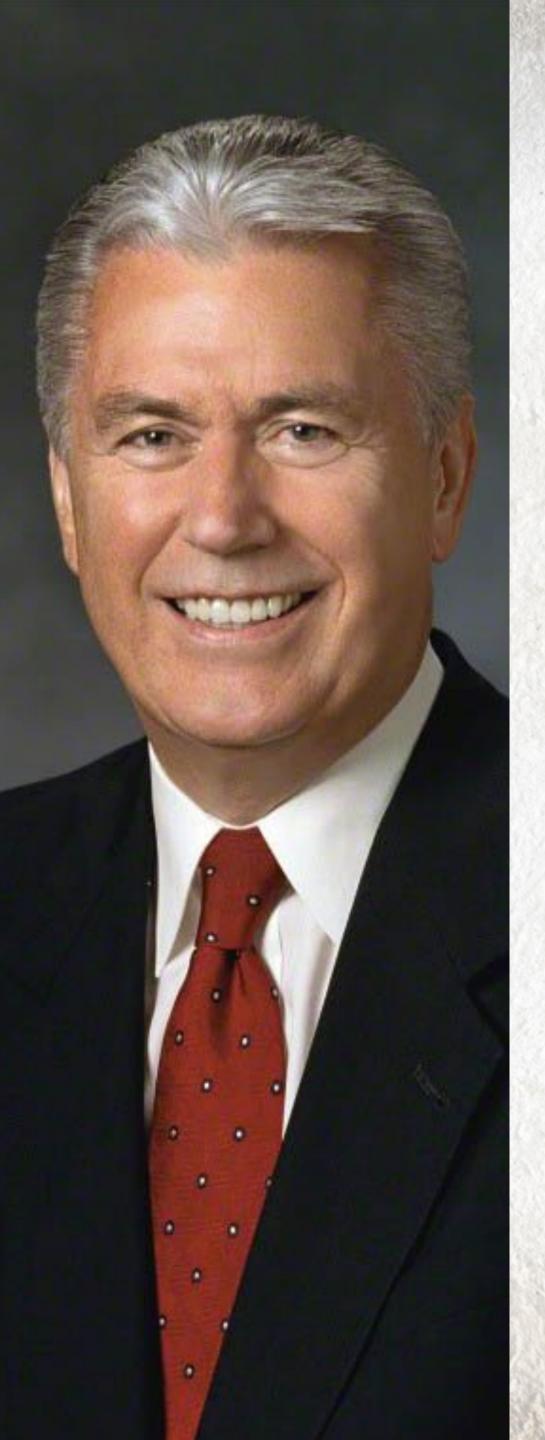
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Now, this restoration shall come to all, both old and young, both bond and free, both male and female, both the wicked and the righteous;

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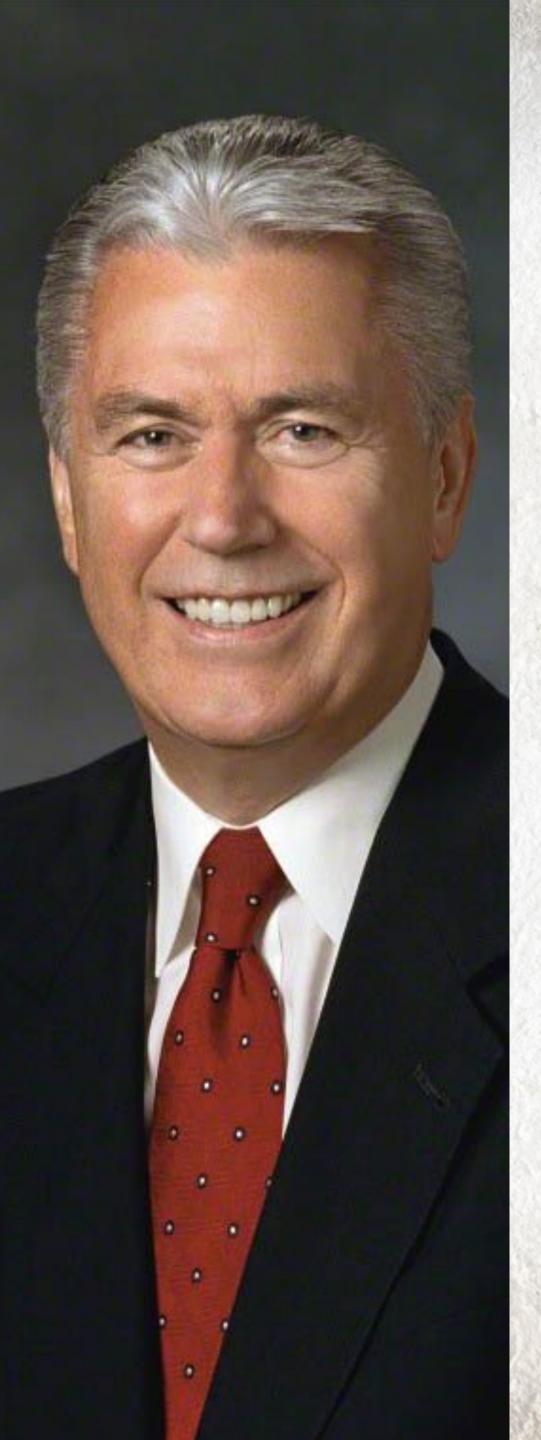
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President Dieter F. Uchtdorf

"I hope that we welcome and love all of God's children, including those who might dress, look, speak, or just do things differently. It is not good to make others feel as though they are deficient. Let us lift those around us. Let us extend a welcoming hand. Let us bestow upon our brothers and sisters in the Church a special measure of humanity, compassion, and charity so that they feel, at long last, they have finally found home. ...

"It seems only right and proper that we extend to others that which we so earnestly desire for ourselves.



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"I am not suggesting that we accept sin or overlook evil, in our personal life or in the world. Nevertheless, in our zeal, we sometimes confuse sin with sinner, and we condemn too quickly and with too little compassion....

"... Let our hearts and hands be stretched out in compassion toward others, for everyone is walking his or her own difficult path."

("You Are My Hands," Ensign or Liahona, May 2010, 68-69).



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Elder Neal A. Maxwell

"Many more scriptural writings will yet come to us, including those of Enoch (see D&C 107:57), all of the writings of the Apostle John (see Ether 4:16), the records of the lost tribes of Israel (see 2 Nephi 29:13), and the approximately two-thirds of the Book of Mormon plates that were sealed: 'And the day cometh that the words of the book which were sealed shall be read upon the house tops; and they shall be read by the power of Christ; and all things shall be revealed unto the children of men which ever have been among the children of men, and which ever will be even unto the end of the earth' (2 Nephi 27:11). Today we carry convenient quadruple combinations of the scriptures, but one day, since more scriptures are coming, we may need to pull little red wagons brimful with books."

(A Wonderful Flood of Light [1990], 18).

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34 But when he aseeth his children, the work of my hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.

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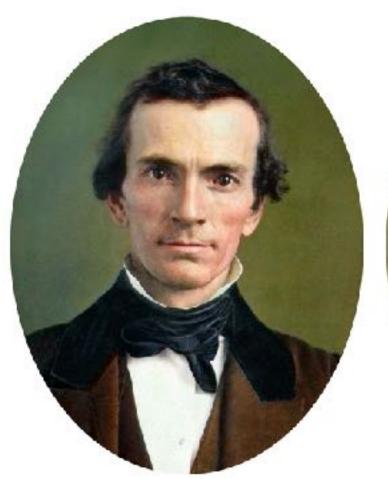
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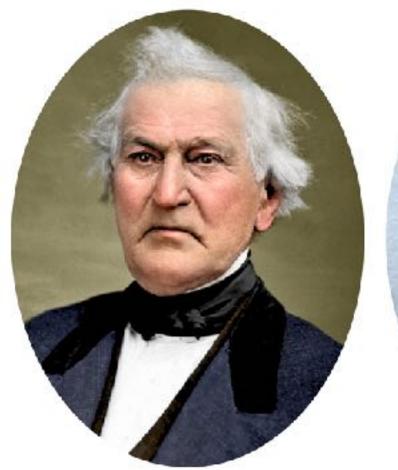
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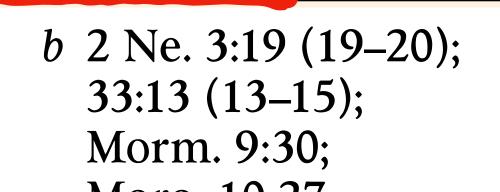
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d Alma 12:10;
D&C 50:24.
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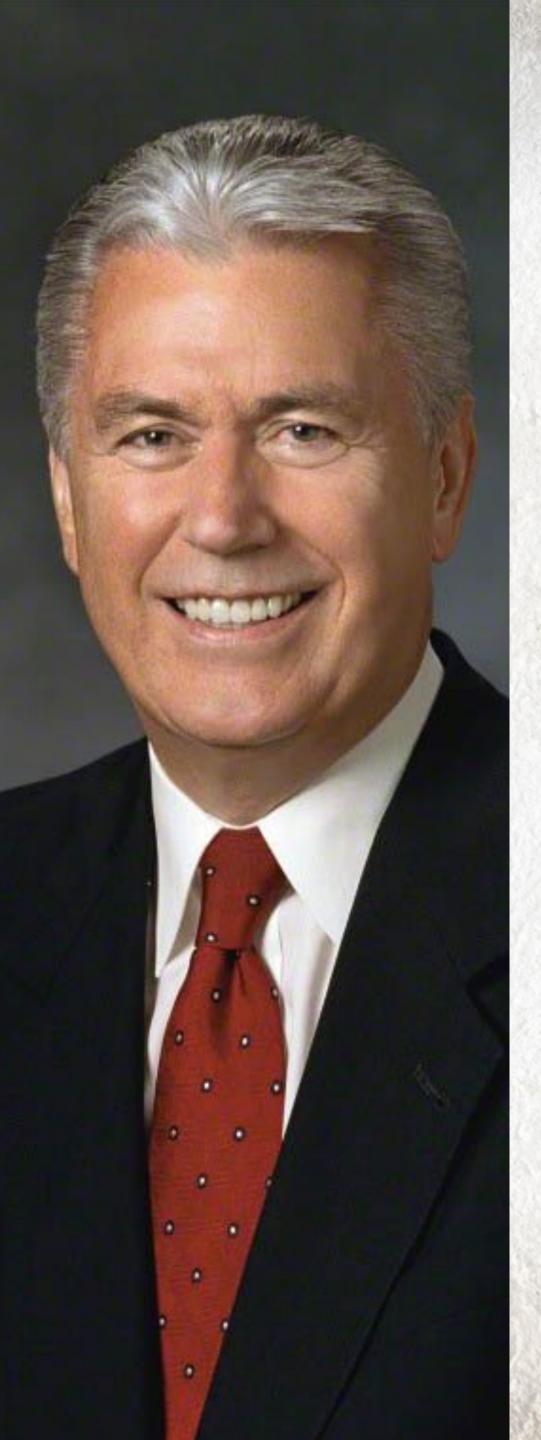
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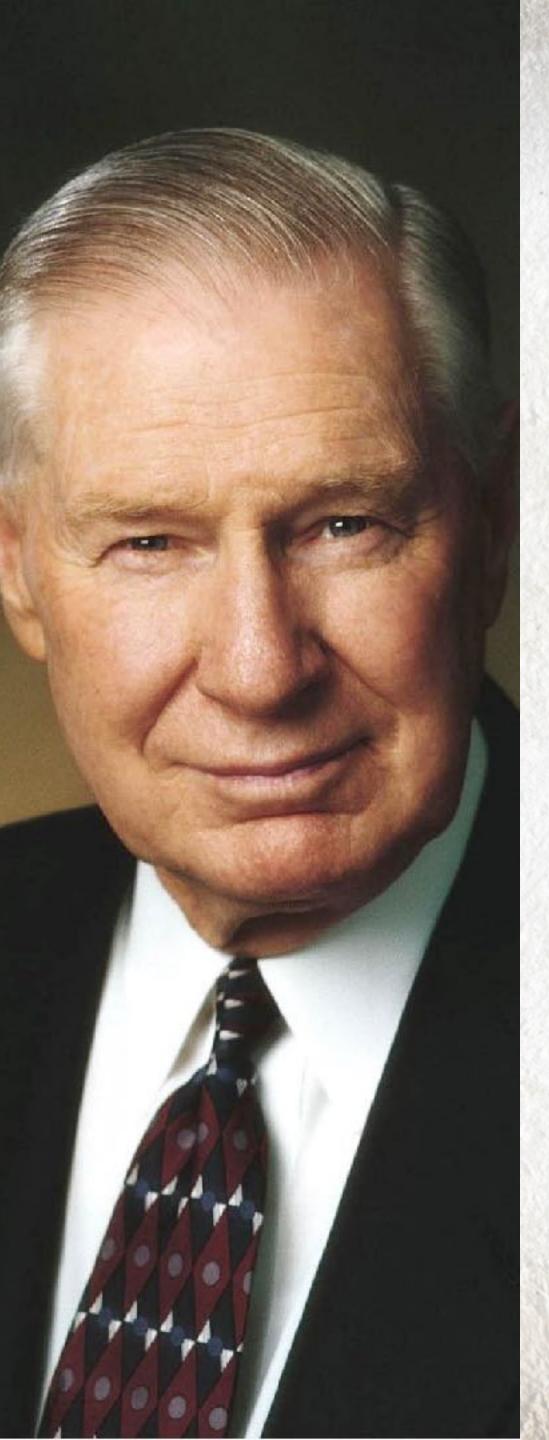
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b TG Whore.

c 2 Ne. 12:5;

Mosiah 14:6;

Alma 5:37.

d Morm. 8:36.
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e Mosiah 11:2.
f 3 Ne. 29:5 (4–7);
Morm. 9:26.
16a 2 Ne. 27:32.
b Mal. 2:17.
TG Reviling.
c Ether 2:10 (8–11).
18a TG Devil, Church of.
b Rev. 19:2.

D&C 10:20.

21 a Jacob 3:11;
 Alma 5:7 (6–7);
 Morm. 8:31.

b TG Apathy.

c 2 Ne. 9:39; 32:8;
 Alma 30:42 (42, 53).

d Rev. 13:14 (11–18).

22 a TG Flatter.

26a 2 Ne. 9:29.
27a Alma 12:10 (10–11);
3 Ne. 26:10 (9–10);
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28a 2 Ne. 9:40; 33:5.
TG Rebellion.
b Matt. 7:25.
c TG Rock.

TG Wisdom.

c Luke 8:18.

d Alma 12:10;

D&C 50:24.

31a D&C 1:19 (19–20).

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b 2 Ne. 27:25.

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trembleth lest he shall fall.

29 Wo be unto him that shall say: We have received the word of God, and we aneed bno more of the word of God, for we have enough!

30 For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, ^aprecept upon precept, here a little and there a little; and blessed are those who hearken unto my precepts, and lend an ear unto my counsel, for they shall learn ^bwisdom; for unto him that ^creceiveth I will give ^amore; and from them that shall say, We have enough, from them shall be taken away even that which they have.

31 Cursed is he that putteth his atrust in man, or maketh flesh his arm, or shall hearken unto the bprecepts of men, save their precepts shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost.

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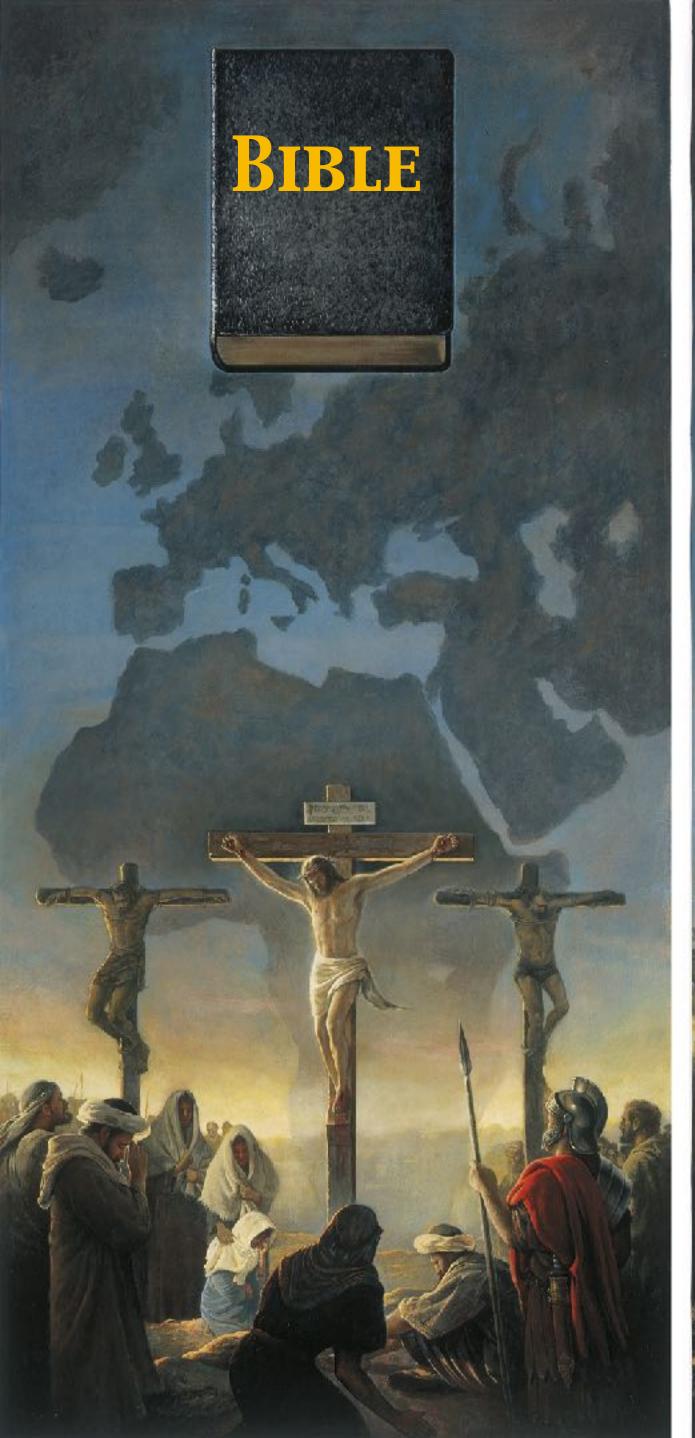
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President Russell M. Nelson

Oh, there is so much more that your Father in Heaven wants you to know. As Elder Neal A. Maxwell taught, "To those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, it is clear that the Father and the Son are giving away the secrets of the universe!" ["Meek and Lowly" (Brigham Young University devotional, Oct. 21, 1986)].

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7 Know ye not that there are more anations than one? Know ye not that I, the Lord your God, have created all men, and that I remember those who are upon the bisles of the sea; and that I rule in the heavens above and in the cearth beneath; and I bring forth my dword unto the children of men, yea, even upon all the nations of the earth?

8 Wherefore murmur ye, because that ye shall receive more of my word? Know ye not that the atesti-

yet finished; neither shall it be until the end of man, neither from that time henceforth and forever.

10 Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible ye need not suppose that it contains all my awords; neither bneed ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written.

11 For I command ^aall men, both in the east and in the west, and in the north, and in the south, and in the islands of the sea, that they shall ^bwrite the words which I speak unto them; for out of the ^cbooks which shall be written I will ^ajudge the world, every man according to their works, according to that which is written.

12 For behold, I shall speak unto the ^aJews and they shall ^bwrite it; and I shall also speak unto the

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Teachings from 2 Nephi 29:7-10

- As the Creator of all people, the Lord remembers them and brings forth His word unto them. (See verse 7.)
- The testimony of two nations witnesses that the Lord is God and that He speaks the same words to all nations. (See verse 8.)
- The Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (See verse 9.)
- The Lord's work is not finished, and He will continue to speak according to His will to accomplish His work. (See verse 9.)

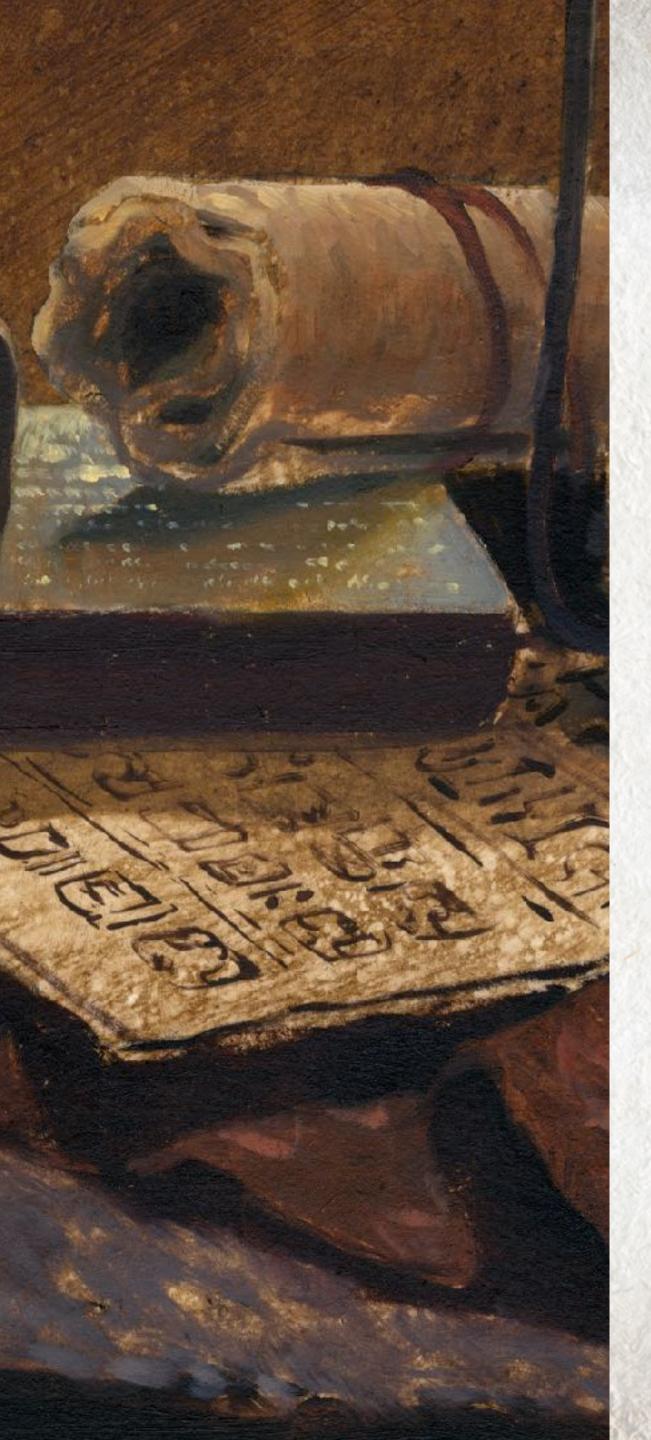
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Elder Neal A. Maxwell

"Lost books are among the treasures yet to come forth. Over twenty of these are mentioned in the existing scriptures. Perhaps most startling and voluminous will be the records of the lost tribes of Israel (see 2 Nephi 29:13). We would not even know of the impending third witness for Christ except through the precious Book of Mormon, the second witness for Christ! This third set of sacred records will thus complete a triad of truth. Then, just as the Perfect Shepherd has said, 'My word also shall be gathered in one' (verse 14). There will be 'one fold and one shepherd' (1 Nephi 22:25) in a welding together of all the Christian dispensations of human history (see D&C 128:18)."

(in Conference Report, Oct. 1986, 70; or Ensign, Nov. 1986, 52).



Bring Together of Sacred Records...

King Limhi and Ammon returning with the Jaredite record (see Mosiah 22:14; 28:12, 14)

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Alma's colony returning with their records (see Mosiah 25:1–6).



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From 2 Nephi 30:1-8 we learn that Heavenly Father covenants with those who repent and believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, regardless of their lineage or nationality. Nephi prophesied that many Gentiles (in this context, members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) will believe the words of the Book of Mormon and carry them to the descendants of Lehi. These descendants will be restored to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The scattered Jews will also begin to believe in the Savior, and they, as well as the believing descendants of Lehi, will become "a delightsome people" (verses 6, 7) and will take the gospel to all nations of the earth.

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13 And it shall come to pass that the ^aJews shall have the words of the Nephites, and the Nephites shall have the words of the Jews; and the Nephites and the Jews shall have the words of the blost tribes of Israel; and the lost tribes of Israel shall have the words of the Nephites and the Jews.

14 And it shall come to pass that my people, which are of the ahouse of Israel, shall be gathered home unto the blands of their possessions; and my word also shall be gathered in ^cone. And I will show unto them that fight against my word and against my ^dpeople, who are of the ^ehouse of Israel, that I am God, and that I fcovenanted with gAbraham that I would remember his ^hseed ⁱforever.

CHAPTER 30

Converted Gentiles will be numbered with the covenant people—Many Lamanites and Jews will believe the word and become delightsome—Israel will be restored and the wicked destroyed. About 559-545 B.C.

AND now behold, my beloved brethren, I would speak unto you; for I, Nephi, would not suffer that ye

should suppose that ye are more righteous than the Gentiles shall be. For behold, except ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall all likewise aperish; and because of the words which have been spoken ye need not suppose that the Gentiles are utterly destroyed.

2 For behold, I say unto you that as many of the Gentiles as will repent are the acovenant people of the Lord; and as many of the ^bJews as will not repent shall be cast off; for the Lord dcovenanteth with none save it be with them that erepent and believe in his Son, who is the Holy One of Israel.

3 And now, I would prophesy somewhat more concerning the Jews and the Gentiles. For after the book of which I have spoken shall come forth, and be written unto the Gentiles, and sealed up again unto the Lord, there shall be many which shall abelieve the words which are written; and bthey shall carry them forth unto the 'remnant of our seed.

4 And then shall the remnant of our seed know concerning us, how that we came out from Jerusalem, and that they are descendants of the Jews.

5 And the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among athem; wherefore, bthey shall be restored unto the cknowledge of their fathers, and also to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, which was had among their

6 And then shall they rejoice; for they shall aknow that it is a blessing unto them from the hand of God; and their bscales of darkness shall begin to fall from their eyes; and many generations shall not pass away among them, save they shall be a pure and a ^cdelightsome people.

7 And it shall come to pass that the ^aJews which are scattered also shall begin to believe in Christ; and they shall begin to gather in upon the face of the land; and as many as shall believe in Christ shall also become a delightsome people.

8 And it shall come to pass that the Lord God shall commence his work among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, to bring about the arestoration of his people upon the earth.

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13 a Morm. 5:14 (13–14).	h Ps. 102:28;	<i>b</i> 1 Ne. 22:9 (5–10);
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(Ezra Taft Benson, "I Testify," Ensign, Nov. 1988, 87).

Elder Larry W. Gibbons

"In this day of moral relativism we must be prepared to take a stand and say, 'This is right, and this is wrong.' We cannot follow the crowd! Now, I am not suggesting, of course, that we move to the wilderness and lock our doors. We can be in the world, go to school, go to work, join worthwhile community organizations, and so forth. But we must hold to the Lord's standards. ...

"Brothers and sisters, stay on the straight and narrow path. No, stay in the middle of the straight and narrow path. Don't drift; don't wander; don't dabble; be careful.

"Remember, do not flirt with evil. Stay out of the devil's territory. Do not give Satan any home-field advantage. Living the commandments will bring you the happiness that too many look for in other places."

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