

Christ's Masterful Isaiah Sermon to the Nephites INTRO:

There are 3 main objectives for this compilation:

- 1. This is an attempt to display how masterfully the Savior used Isaiah to teach the Nephites about the significance of their role in fulfilling the Abrahamic Covenant being from the tribes from Joseph (Ephraim & Manasseh) as well as inhabitants in their land of inheritance in building the New Jerusalem and establishing Zion. We hope this will help you appreciate Jesus as the Master Teacher and also help modern day inhabitants of either Promised Land or tribe know and understand their role in the Fathers plans and designs.*
- 2. Another purpose is to show to the tribes of Ephraim & Judah their importance and significance in fulfilling the Abrahamic Covenant in the last days. To show their role and also potential future privilege of seeing 'eye to eye' with each other. [Isaiah speaks repeatedly of two main gatherings in the last days; the tribe of Judah to their promised land in the Old Jerusalem, and the tribes of Joseph to the New Jerusalem on their promised land on the American continent]. In teaching them of their role, the Savior primarily uses Isaiah, the great teacher of the Abrahamic Covenant, but also other Old & New Testament prophets and prophecies pertaining to the subject. The manner in which He quotes and cites Isaiah's writings is nothing short of brilliant!*
- 3. This is also an attempt to dispel the mistaken notion that the Book of Mormon was written by Joseph Smith or a group of men or any similar fable. This helps serious scholars of the Book of Mormon to discover the truth and reality of the Book of Mormon as an inspired and translated work by the Almighty Himself and not some creation by man or any other means of it coming forth. Putting together a sermon of this magnitude, depth, and breadth is nothing short of miraculous and virtually impossible for any mortal to construct. As you will discover by careful consideration of this sermon that it is beyond impressive and correlates perfectly Old Testament, New Testament, and modern revelations found in the Doctrine & Covenants. To suggest that a group of fraudulent men constructed not only this sermon but the entire history, story line, coordination of story, characters, doctrines, writing styles, names, etc. as a means of creating a counterfeit belief system that wouldn't serve any of them individually or even collectively is an embarrassment to the true scholar and seeker of truth. To create this work would require an entire life's work and focus and to what end? I submit this sermon to the other mounds of evidence that this Book of Mormon is beyond the scope and work of man, but is part of God the Fathers work and dealings with His children in fulfillment of promises and covenants made thousands of years ago and is part of the Restitution and Restoration of all things in preparation for the Lord's Second Coming. It is a supernal work and ours is the opportunity to learn of it and join in if we so choose.*

It is a very exciting time to be alive and in witnessing the Father orchestrate His work among the nations of the earth in fulfilling His promises and in completing His work and glory.

In this document the Isaiah and other scriptural references are outlined in bold. This was done to help point out and also emphasize His versatile use of a variety of references and in what order, sequence, and frequency He cites them. By glancing through the document and looking quickly at the bolded references, you can easily see His vast use and understanding of these prophecies and scriptures. This sermon is one of the most impressive recorded on either continent in any scriptural record.

Again...what is of particular interest is how He teaches the inhabitants of this land their role in the Abrahamic Covenant and what the Fathers plans and designs are for them in establishing Zion and building the New Jerusalem. No wonder He invites us to "search these things diligently" (3 Nephi 23:1-5).

This is a first attempt at compiling in a document the brilliance of this particular sermon of the Savior. It hopefully will help us all see how Jesus Christ is the Master Teacher and that He and His Father know and keep their promises and covenants and also their willingness to teach us and assist in the fulfillment thereof.

(Any insights, feedback, mistakes, or additions would be greatly appreciated and welcomed by the creator of this document; Dr. Clark Anderson clarka20@gmail.com or 801-885-1119).

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*(Commentary in the document are by Dr. Clark Anderson and are in italics and are meant to help point out the flow and brilliance of the Saviors work. The 3 Nephi [Book of Mormon] reference(s) is placed first and in **red bold font** if there are multiple citing of the same Isaiah reference they will be listed in parenthesis directly after the scriptural reference being quoted. The Isaiah and other Old Testament references are placed at the end of the citing in **bold font** for emphasis and to show His command and use of Scripture).*

Jesus begins by explaining that this is a directive from the Father...

3 Nephi 16:10 “Thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you...”

3 Nephi 16:12-13 (3 Nephi 16:11 (3 Nephi 20:29 / 3 Nephi 20:46 / 3 Nephi 21:4 / 3 Nephi 21:23-26) “If the Gentiles will repent and return unto me...they shall be numbered among my people, O house of Israel—I will remember my covenant which I have made with my people, O house of Israel” **Isaiah 44:21**

(NOTE: He begins and ends with this message about remembering His people and how this land is part of the Abrahamic Covenant and how the inhabitants of this land from the Joseph tribes (Ephraim/Manasseh) are to build the New Jerusalem in fulfilment of the Abrahamic Covenant. He references this Isaiah 44:21 reference throughout)

3 Nephi 16:15 (3 Nephi 20:16 / 3 Nephi 21:12— take note how He repeats this 3 times)—“I will suffer my people, O house of Israel, that they shall go through among them like a lion and roar like young lions and shall tread them down...” **Isaiah 5:29/Micah 5:8-15**

3 Nephi 16:16 “The Father commanded me—that I should give unto this people *this land* for their inheritance and THEN the words of the prophet Isaiah shall be fulfilled which say...(Isaiah 52:8-10)

*[Note: This Isaiah passage **Isaiah 52:8-10** appears 4 times in the BofM and notice particularly the next time Jesus references it (3 Nephi 20:31-33) and the context = Isaiah 52:8-10 is most frequently quoted Isaiah reference in the Bok of Mormon]; 3 Nephi 16:18-20 / 3 Nephi 20:31-33 / Mosiah 12:22-24 / Mosiah 15:29-31)...*

3 Nephi 16:18-20 “Thy watchmen shall lift up their voice; with the voice together shall they sing, for *they shall see eye to eye* when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God.” **Isaiah 52:8-10**

*Jesus comments: **3 Nephi 17:2-3** “I perceive that ye are weak, that ye cannot understand all my words which I am commanded of the Father to speak unto you at this time (Isaiah = naturally!). Therefore, go ye unto your homes and ponder upon the things which I have said, and ask of the Father, in my name, that ye may understand, and prepare your minds for the morrow, and I come unto you again.”*

GAP IN TIME (Jesus teaches the Nephites...see 3 Nephi 17—20). Then He returns to it...NOTE HIS BRILLIANCE!

Jesus now returns to what He was commanded to tell them from His Father;

3 Nephi 20:10 —“Behold now I finish the commandment which the Father hath commanded me concerning this people, who are a remnant of the house of Israel. Ye remember that I spake unto you (3 Nephi 16:10-15), and said that when the words of Isaiah should be fulfilled...then is the fulfilling of the covenant which the Father hath made unto his people, O house of Israel...

3 Nephi 20:13 —“Then shall the remnants...be gathered in from the east, west, south, north and...” **Jeremiah 46:27**

3 Nephi 20:13 —“And they shall be brought to the knowledge of the Lord their God, who hath redeemed them.” **Ezekiel 20:42-44**

Jesus speaks: **3 Nephi 20:14** “The Father commanded me—that I should give unto this people *this land* for your inheritance...”

3 Nephi 20:16-17 (3 Nephi 21:12 / 3 Nephi 16:15)—“Ye shall be a lion among the beasts of the forest...a young lion among the flocks of sheep...all thine enemies shall be cut off” **Isaiah 5:29/ Micah 5:8** (*Note: this is a repeat from earlier*)

3 Nephi 20:18-21—“I will gather my people...I will make my people...even upon all the nations of the Gentiles. I will establish my people, O house of Israel” **Micah 4:12-13**

3 Nephi 20:22—“This people will I establish in *this land*, unto *the fulfilling of covenant* made with Jacob (Abrahamic); and it shall be a *New Jerusalem*...even I will be in the midst of you.” **Isaiah 2:2-3/Micah 4:1-2**

3 Nephi 20:23-24—“I am he whom Moses testified: A prophet shall the Lord raise up. All prophets testify of me” **Acts 3:19-23**

(Note: Acts 3:22-23 was quoted by Moroni to 17 year old Joseph Smith when informing him of the BofM plates—see JSH 1:40)

3 Nephi 20:24-26—“Ye are children of the prophets and of the house of Israel and children of the covenant” **Acts 3:24-26**

3 Nephi 20:28—“If they harden their heart will return their iniquities upon their own heads” **Isaiah 51:23**

**NOTE: This is where He restates Isaiah 44:21 and where He gets REALLY profound and impressive how He provides details to what He began back in 3 Nephi 16 when He first mentioned God remembering His covenant with His people (3 Nephi 16:11/Isaiah 44:21)*

3 Nephi 20:29 (3 Nephi 16:11-13 / 3 Nephi 20:46 / 3 Nephi 21:4 / 3 Nephi 21:23-26)—“I will remember the covenant which I have made with my people” **Isaiah 44:21** (*Again note: He begins and ends with this reference and concept*)

3 Nephi 20:29—“I will gather them (Judah) the land of Jerusalem...their promised land forever” **Amos 9:15**

Jesus now adds and gives this prophecy (not quoting any previous prophet, but providing his own):

“The time cometh, when the fullness of my gospel shall be preached unto them (Judah in Jerusalem) and they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” (3 Nephi 20:30-31)—

[Note: This is very interesting and EXCITING given the current situation with no Christian proselyting in Jerusalem! It begs the questions...When will this happen? And who will do the preaching? Stay tuned...]

3 Nephi 20:32 (3 Nephi 16:18-20 / Mosiah 12:22-24 / Mosiah 15:29-31)—“Then shall their watchmen lift up their voice, sing together and see eye to eye” **Isaiah 52:8**

**Note: This is the reference that appears 4 times in the BofM and that He quoted when He first brought this up back in 3 Nephi 16. Note how He uses it here in concert with and in context of what He just shared about the Gospel being preached to Judah in Jerusalem and also all the other Isaiah references...Brilliant and very insightful! (This is only vs 8 from the reference and He will soon quote vs 9 and then vs 7 after that and then vs 1-3 of that chapter, but He will first use some other Isaiah references first...)*

3 Nephi 20:33—“Father will gather them and give unto them Jerusalem (New) for their inheritance” **Isaiah 18:7**

3 Nephi 20:34 (3 Nephi 22:1)—“Break forth into singing” **Isaiah 54:1**

3 Nephi 20:34-35—“Sing together ye waste places of Jerusalem; the Father hath comforted his people and redeemed Jerusalem and made bare his holy arm...all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Father.” **Isaiah 52:9**

(Note: Now here is vs 9 from this most frequently quoted Isaiah reference 52:8-10. But notice what He gave before quoting vs 8 and now how vs 9 is couched in some other VERY significant Isaiah passages and then is followed up by even more significant Isaiah references that are the first 3 verses at the beginning of ch 52...)

3 Nephi 20:36-38—“Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments O Jerusalem...ye shall be redeemed without money” **Isaiah 52:1-3**

*[Note: This Isaiah passage **Isaiah 52:1-3** has A LOT of significance and has some specific and personal interpretation given by the Lord Himself in D&C 133 (see below). This is also the second most quoted passage in the Book of Mormon appearing 3 times (2 Nephi 8:24-25 / 3 Nephi 20:36-38 / Moroni 10:31 which is the final verses of the book). **D&C 113:7-10** is a **MUST read to understand Isaiah 52:1-3!***

D&C 113:7-10; “What is meant by the command in Isaiah 52nd chapter, 1st verse, which saith: Put on thy strength, O Zion—and what people had Isaiah reference to? He had reference to those whom God should call in the last days, who should hold the power of Priesthood to bring again Zion, and the redemption of Israel; and to put on her strength is to put on the authority of the priesthood, which she, Zion has a right to by lineage; also to return to that power which she has lost. What are we to understand by Zion loosing herself from the bands of her neck; 2d verse? We are to understand that the scattered remnants are exhorted to return to the Lord from whence they have fallen; which if they do, the promise of the Lord is that he will speak to them, or give them revelation. See the 6th, 7th, and 8th verses. The bands of her neck are the curses of God upon her, or the remnants of Israel in their scattered condition among the Gentiles.”

(Note which Zion He is clarifying and referencing here. These are members of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Latter-days who hold the Priesthood and who will help bring again Zion and redeem Israel and assist in this entire process. He just got done announcing that the fullness of the Gospel would be preached in Jerusalem to the tribe of Judah (3 Nephi 20:30). So...knowing the modern priesthood holders are to be involved with this...it begs further questions of ; who exactly shall SEE EYE TO EYE as referenced in Isaiah 52:8? Could it be the modern day Ephraimites who hold the Priesthood and will be responsible to build the New Jerusalem in this land will see eye to eye with the tribe Judah in the Old Jerusalem who have been gathered to the land of their inheritance? WOW! Amazing! (See how this is described and explained in D&C 133:32-35. Actually the entire section 133 revelation could be broken down in similar fashion as this sermon. It is a brilliant compilation of Old Testament prophecies of Christs return and provides insights and correlates perfectly the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant with the return of the lost 10 tribes and the whole works!). These same 2 tribes (Ephraim & Judah) are the ones who showed valiancy through the ages and were given the best and preferential blessings from Jacob before he died (Genesis 49:8-12, 22-26) which is the lineage and fulfillment arm for the Abrahamic Covenant. Ephraim & Judah were the tribes who over time separated themselves in valiant ways; Joshua and Caleb who brought the favorable report from the 12 tribes spying on the Land of Promise were from these 2 tribes and were the only 2 saved from the deadly provocation of all first generation Israelites dying in the wilderness not being able to see the Promised Land (see Numbers 14 and 26). Ephraim ended up receiving the preferential blessing over his brother and his blessing would find realization in the last days (see D&C 133:32-35). An interesting side note is that in many Jewish orthodox homes, on the evening of the Sabbath the father will gather his son and place his hands on the head of his son and bless him as if he were Ephraim & Manassah. This he does blessing them and including them in God’s blessing to Abraham. It is done in similitude of Jacob doing this with Ephraim and Manassah, including them in this supernal heritage and Abrahamic Covenant. Ephraim and Judah would be rivals throughout the Old Testament but Isaiah prophesied that in the last days this would be healed—see Isaiah 11: 13—(Ironically Isaiah 11 was quoted in its entirety to the 17 year old Joseph Smith by Moroni who was instructing him on the location of the Book of Mormon and in preparation for his role in the Restoration of the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Coincidence?). The masterful use by the Master Teacher of these thread of verses in the order and alignment He gives them in is nothing short of brilliant and insightful. He is not done...

He Inserts: **3 Nephi 20:39**-- “Verily, Verily, I say unto you, that my people shall know my name; yea, in that day they shall know that I am He that doth speak.”

3 Nephi 20:40—“Then...How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings unto them, that publisheth peace...that sayeth unto Zion: Thy God reigneth!” **Isaiah 52:7**

**Again Note this is vs 7 from Isaiah 52 and the verse right before the most frequently quoted verses and appears several times in the BofM. Remember how he gave us Isaiah 52:8 earlier (3 Nephi 20: 32) and provides some dialog and then gave us vs. 9 (3 Nephi 20:34-35) and then inserted Isaiah 52:1-3 (3 Nephi 20:36-38) now He gives us verse 7 from ch. 52! Wow! Talk about brilliant and insightful! Now He will give us later verses in chapter 52...*

3 Nephi 20:41-45 (3 Nephi 21:29)—“Then shall a cry go forth...’Depart ye...touch not the unclean; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Go not out with haste or by flight; the Lord will go before you, and be your rearward...shall see & consider new...” **Isaiah 52:11-15**

Jesus reaffirms: **3 Nephi 20:46** --“Verily, Verily, I say unto you, all these things shall surely come, even as the Father hath commanded me. Then shall this covenant which the Father hath covenanted with his people be fulfilled (**Isaiah 44:21**); and then shall Jerusalem be inhabited again with my people (**Joel 2:18**), and it shall be the land of their inheritance.”

3 Nephi 21:1-33—“I give unto a *sign* that ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place—that I should gather in, from their long dispersion, my people, O house of Israel and shall establish again among them my Zion...” **Isaiah 66:19**

**Jesus then provides 4 signs whereby they may know that the Father is fulfilling His work (3 Nephi 21:2-11):*

1. This land is set up as a free people by the power of the Father (3 Nephi 21:4) [Establishment of the USA]
2. The Father will work a work...a great and a marvelous work among them [Restoration] (vs 9) (**Isaiah 29:14**)
3. The life of my servant shall be in my hand...he shall be marred...I will show that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil (vs 10) [116 pages/Joseph Smith]
4. He shall bring my word (BofM) forth unto the Gentiles (vs 11) [Coming forth of the Book of Mormon]

**Note: He now comes back to the Isaiah reference (Isaiah 44:21 as well as Isaiah 5:29/Micah 5:8-15) He began with...*

3 Nephi 21:23-26 (3 Nephi 6:11 / 3 Nephi 20:29 / 3 Nephi 20:46 / 3 Nephi 21:4)—“The covenant of the Father may be fulfilled which he hath covenanted with his people, O house of Israel.” **Isaiah 44:21**

3 Nephi 21:12 (3 Nephi 16:15 / 3 Nephi 20:16)—“My people who are a remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles...as a lion” **Isaiah 5:29/Micah 5:8-15**

3 Nephi 21:17—“Thy graven images I will also cut off...no more worship the works of thy hands” **Isaiah 41:24-29**

3 Nephi 21:21—“I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.” **Isaiah 34:8/Isaiah 61:2**

**He now Reviews, Summarizes, & Emphasizes His point to make sure we understand! (This summary in and of itself is amazing and something a Master Teacher would do!)*

3 Nephi 21:22-26—“If they will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance; and they (Americas) shall assist my people (see 3 Nephi 16:8-15 where He stated this at the beginning), the remnant of Jacob and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the *New Jerusalem* (see 3 Nephi 20:21-22,39). And then shall they assist my people (see 3 Nephi 21:6) that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the *New Jerusalem*. And then shall the power of heaven (see 3 Nephi 20:22) come down among them; and I also will be in the midst (**Isaiah 2:2/Isaiah 59:20-21**). And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, (see 3 Nephi 20:29-34) even when this Gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people (see 3 Nephi 21:6-7). Verily I say unto you, at

that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people, yea, even the tribes which have been lost, which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem. Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed of my people, with the Father to prepare the way whereby they may come unto me, they may call on the Father in my name. Yea, and then shall the work commence, with the Father among all nations in preparing the way whereby his people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance. And they shall go out from all nations; and 'they shall not go out in haste, nor go by flight, for I will go before them, saith the Father, and I will be their rearward (**Isaiah 52:11-12**).

*NOTE: Then He quotes **the entire chapter of Isaiah 54 (3 Nephi 22)** which **verse 1** was quoted in His stream of Isaiah references in 3 Nephi 20:32-46. Here is the content of Isaiah 54 (ch heading); In the last days, Zion and her stakes shall be established, and Israel shall be gathered in mercy and tenderness—They shall triumph” **Isaiah 54***

1 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD. **2** Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; **3** For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. **4** Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. **5** For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. **6** For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. **7** For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. **8** In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. **9** For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. **10** For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. **11** ¶ O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. **12** And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. **13** And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. **14** In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. **15** Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. **16** Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. **17** ¶ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Wow! AND THEN THIS PLEA and COMMANDMENT FOR US TO STUDY ISAIAH...

3 Nephi 23:1-6 “And now, behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to *search these things (specifically 3 Nephi 16, 20-22)*. Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye *search these things diligently*; for great are the words of Isaiah. For surely he spake as touching all things concerning my people which are of the house of Israel; therefore it must needs be that he must speak also to the Gentiles (**Isaiah 49:6**). And *all things that he spake have been and shall be*, even according to the words which he spake. Therefore give heed to my words; write the things which I have told you; and according to the time and the will of the Father they shall go forth unto the Gentiles (BofM). And whosoever will hearken unto my words and repenteth and is baptized, the same shall be saved. Search the prophets, for many there be that testify of

these things. And now it came to pass that when Jesus had said these words he said unto them again, after He had expounded all the scriptures unto them which they had received, He said unto them: Behold, other scriptures I would that ye should write, that ye have not..."

*He then gave them **Malachi 3 and 4 (3 Nephi 24 and 25)**.*

Malachi 3 / 3 Nephi 24 ch heading: "The Lord's messenger will prepare the way for the Second Coming—The Lord will sit in judgment—The people of Israel are commanded to pay tithes and offerings—They keep a book of remembrance. "

Malachi 4 / 3 Nephi 25 ch heading; "At the Second Coming, the proud and wicked will be burned as stubble—Elijah will return before that great and dreadful day."

The promise of Elijah's return is a most well-known prophecy cherished by the tribe of Judah and is an integral and important part of their Passover celebration each and every spring. Near the end of the Passover meal the Jewish patrons will have the youngest member of the gathering open the front door as the rest stand and sing a song welcoming in the promised Elijah. They will also have an empty dinner setting set for him with an empty chair. This still continues today. Once Ephraim and Judah see 'eye to eye' it will be fun to share with them the fact that Elijah indeed did come on Passover day on April 3, 1836 to the first physical temple structure built since the infamous 2nd Temple (Herod's Temple) was destroyed by the Romans in 70ad (see D&C 110). This was also a very, very special day for Christians as well as it was Easter Sunday. Another fascinating fact was this day, April 3, 1836 was the most similar day to Resurrection day since Resurrection day and the sun, moon, and stars were also testifying of the significance of the event (See "The Significance of the Restoration of the Priesthood" part 1, June 1985 Ensign, and part 2 in July 1985 Ensign by John Pratt). Won't this be exciting when the tribe of Judah and the tribe of Ephraim are able to share records and fully see 'eye to eye'?

Please don't try to tell me that this record of the ancient America's, this Book of Mormon, is made up by Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, Oliver Cowdery, Martin Harris or any other group of people. I don't know of any Isaiah scholar in any age that could orchestrate this type of brilliance in the careful integration of references and prophecies in such an insightful and meaningful way. It correlates with all other prophecies ancient and modern and fills in all gaps and provides insights that will continue to reveal itself and impress us. Wow! Well done Jesus of Nazareth!

TODAY: *The current President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, President Russell M. Nelson knows and understands these doctrines and the role Christ will personally play as well as the role of His established Church today.*

On June 3, 2018, President Russell M. Nelson and his wife, Wendy W. Nelson, invited every single youth in the Church to "enlist in the youth battalion of the Lord" and take part in "the greatest challenge, the greatest cause, and the greatest work on earth." ([Watch the entire broadcast.](#)) "Would you like to be a big part of the greatest challenge, the greatest cause, and the greatest work on the earth today?"

"And what is the greatest challenge? The gathering of Israel."

*"You—my dear extraordinary youth—were sent to earth at this precise time, this most crucial time in the history of the earth, to help gather Israel," the prophet said. "There is *nothing* happening on this earth right now that is more important than that. There is *nothing* of greater consequence. Absolutely *nothing*. This gathering should mean *everything* to you. This is the mission for which you were sent to earth." So, President Nelson asked, "Are you willing to enlist in the youth battalion of the Lord to help gather Israel?"*

Several years earlier Pres Nelson gave a talk in General Conference on the subject of the Gathering of Israel. To fully see his understanding of this topic please take a moment to read his brilliant talk given in October of 2006: "The Gathering of Scattered Israel" by Russell M. Nelson. <https://www.lds.org/general-conference/2006/10/the-gathering-of-scattered-israel?lang=eng>

Another great talk he gave on the topic is; "The Book of Mormon, the Gathering of Israel, and the Second Coming"

By Elder Russell M. Nelson from an address given during the seminar for new mission presidents at the Provo Missionary Training Center on June 26, 2013. <https://www.lds.org/study/ensign/2014/07/the-book-of-mormon-the-gathering-of-israel-and-the-second-coming?lang=eng>