



## What is the Lord's Plainness?

My brothers and sisters, I've had a vision. No, I did not see angels parting through the clouds, nor did I have a revelatory dream. No messenger has visited me, save the Holy Ghost. But I have seen the future, and I know what the most important part of the Lord's work entails.

If the Lord wills, I want you to have this vision also.

Take yourselves away from the world in which we live in and imagine a future where the Native Americans are building the New Jerusalem, and we (Gentiles) assist. (3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 21)

This is the future I would like you to imagine—the recovery of Israel—the restoration of the adopter, and the fulfillment of the

prophecy of the Book of Mormon in that the Lord's seed—the apple of his eye—the covenant people of the Lord—the children of the first covenant—the rightful inheritor has been crowned with authority and power, titles, honors, priesthood, scepters, crowns, thrones, and eternal life and dignity of the fathers who live for evermore. (“A Proclamation to the World” P. Pratt)

**What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.**  
— Ecclesiastes 1:9

This reunion event is a reoccurrence of what has already happened. Ammon and the other sons of Mosiah experienced it once; some of us will experience it again.

Said Ammon, “...for our brethren, the Lamanites, were in darkness, yea, even in the darkest abyss, but behold, how many of them are brought to behold the marvelous light of God! ...behold, my joy is full, yea, my heart is brim with joy... I cannot say the smallest part which I feel. —Alma 26

Today the Native Americans are lost, dependent, confused, poor, and sinful. The Book of Mormon describes these people as a wild, hardened and a ferocious people, plunderers, thieves, and indolent [lazy]. (Alma 17)

Mormon, who saw our day—the last days—describes these people [now] as a dark, a filthy, and a loathsome people, beyond the description of that which ever hath been amongst us... and this because of their unbelief and idolatry. (Mormon 5)

As a result of the faith of the sons of Mosiah, who restored the Lamanites of their day, the opposite description prevailed, just as it will prevail in the future. The Book of Mormon states concerning these same Native American ancestors:

“...rather than take away from a brother they would give unto him; and rather than spend their days in idleness they would labor abundantly with their hands...”

“And they were also distinguished for their zeal towards God, and also towards men; for they were perfectly honest and upright in all things; and they were firm in the faith of Christ, even unto the end... And thus they were a zealous and beloved people, a highly favored people of the Lord.” —see Alma 23-24

Says Samuel the Lamanite:

“Yea, I say unto you, that in the latter times the promises of the Lord have been extended to our brethren, the Lamanites; and notwithstanding the many afflictions which they shall have, and notwithstanding they shall be driven to and fro upon the face of the earth, and be hunted, and shall be smitten and scattered abroad, having no place for refuge, the Lord shall be merciful unto them. And this is according to the prophecy, that they shall again be brought to the true knowledge, which is the knowledge of their Redeemer, and their great and true shepherd, and be numbered among his sheep.” —see Hel 15

The substance of these words echoes throughout the BOM:

1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 15:18, 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 17:40, 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 19:15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 10:15, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 10:17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 10:7, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 29:1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi

16:11, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 20:29, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 29:3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 29:9, Alma 46:24, Mormon 5:20, Enos 1:17, Ether 4:15, Mormon 8:22, Mormon 9:37, Moroni 10:31, Moroni 7:31, 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 17:40, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 29:14, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 5:25, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 21:4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 3:21, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 22:3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nephi 3:14-16, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 20:29, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 10:6-7, Mosiah 1:7, 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 14:8, 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 14:17, 1<sup>st</sup> Nephi 15:14

No wonder Orson Pratt said, in 1855:

“The Lord has caused us to come here for this very purpose—that we might accomplish the redemption of these suffering, degraded Israelites, as predicted in the sacred records of their forefathers... This work is of the greatest importance of any work of the present day. I believe with all my heart... this people will be our shield in days to come; and I believe that if we lose this shield by our carelessness, or by settling down at ease in Zion, it will be woe to us that call ourselves Latter-day Saints. Yes, it will be woe to us if we do not accomplish this work that is given us to do.” —Orson Pratt, 1855

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“And the day that he shall set his hand again the second time to recover his people, is the day, yea, even the last time, that the servants of the Lord shall go forth in his power, to nourish and prune his vineyard; and after that the end soon cometh.”  
—Jacob 6:2