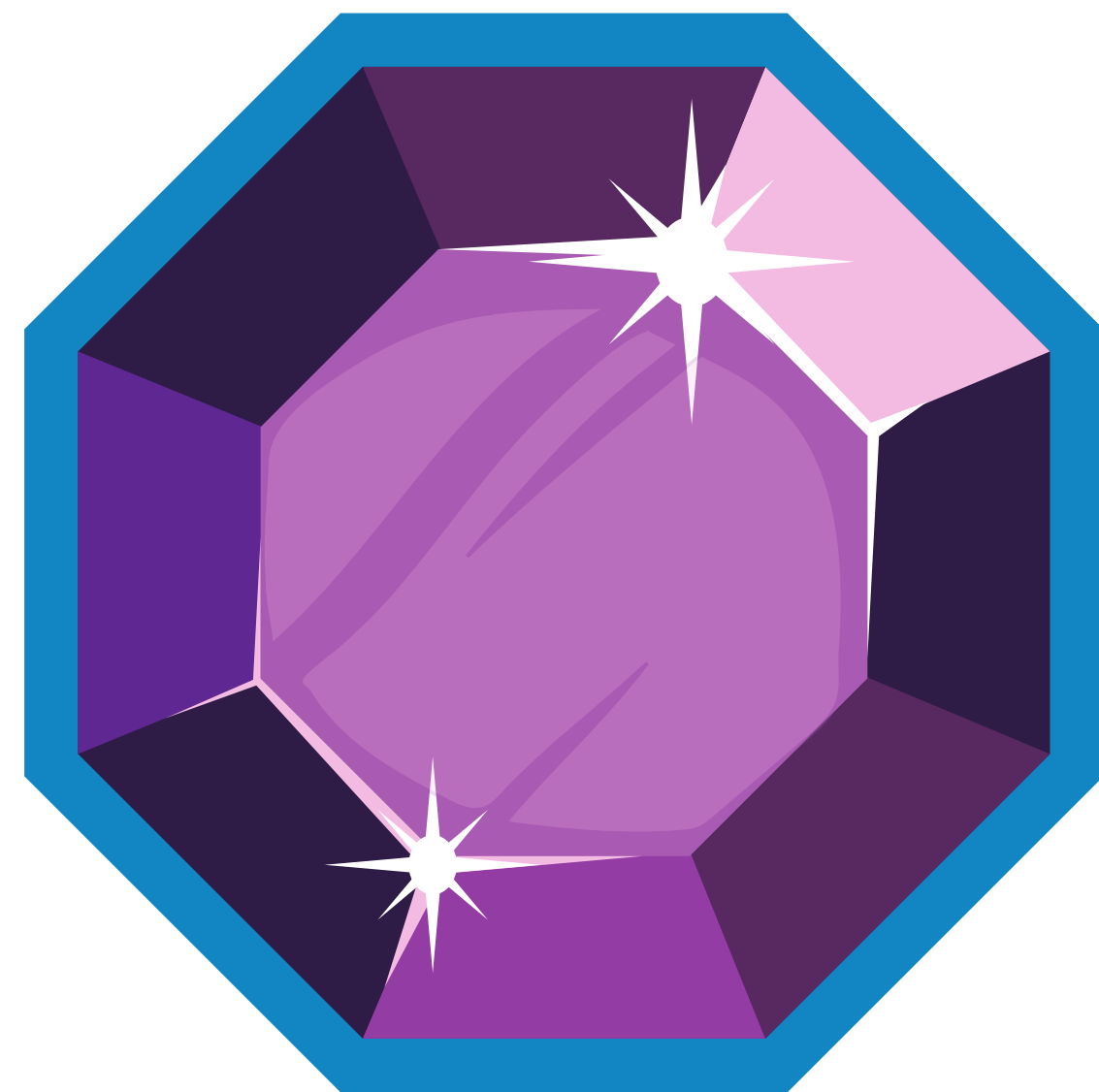
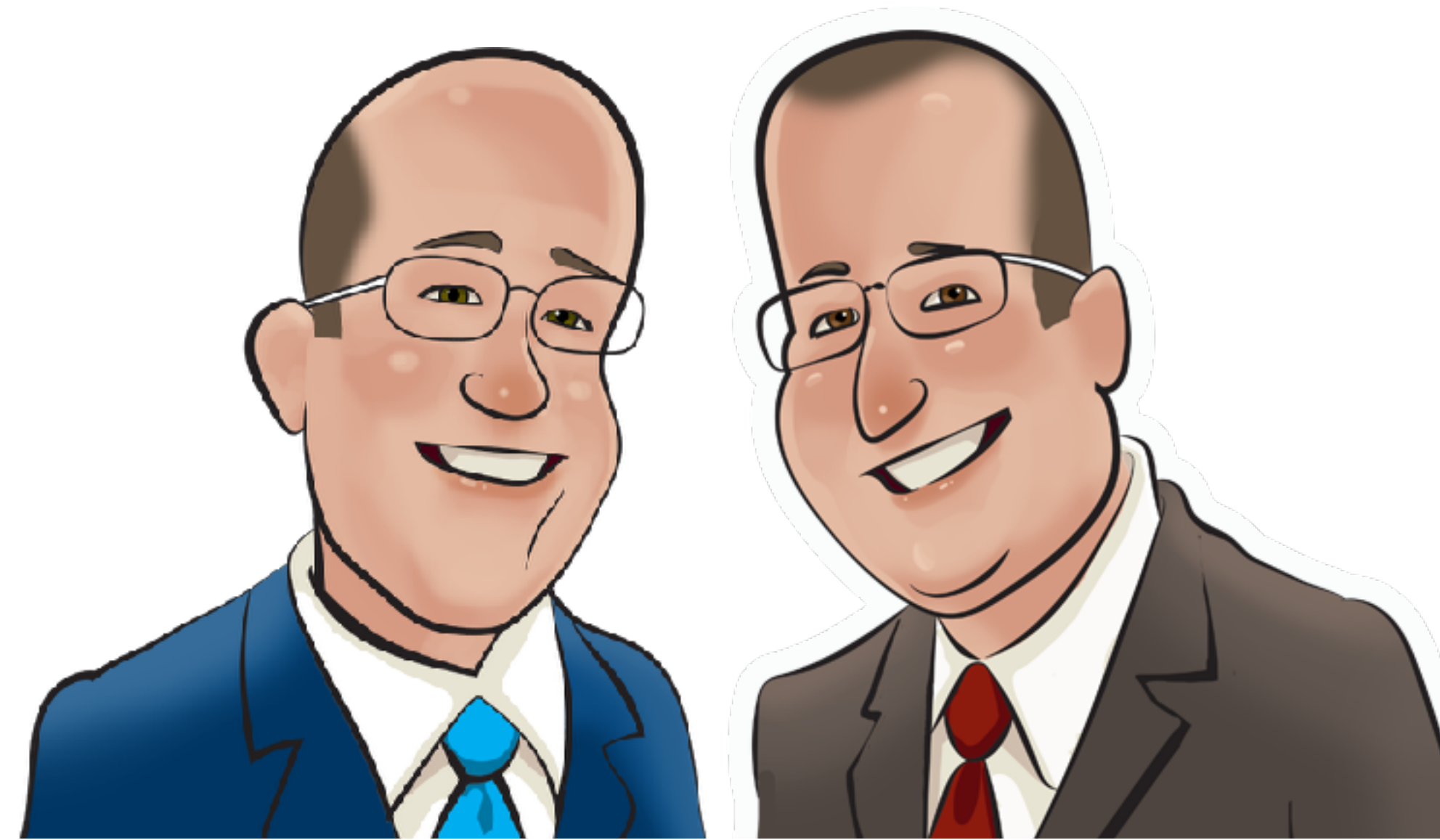
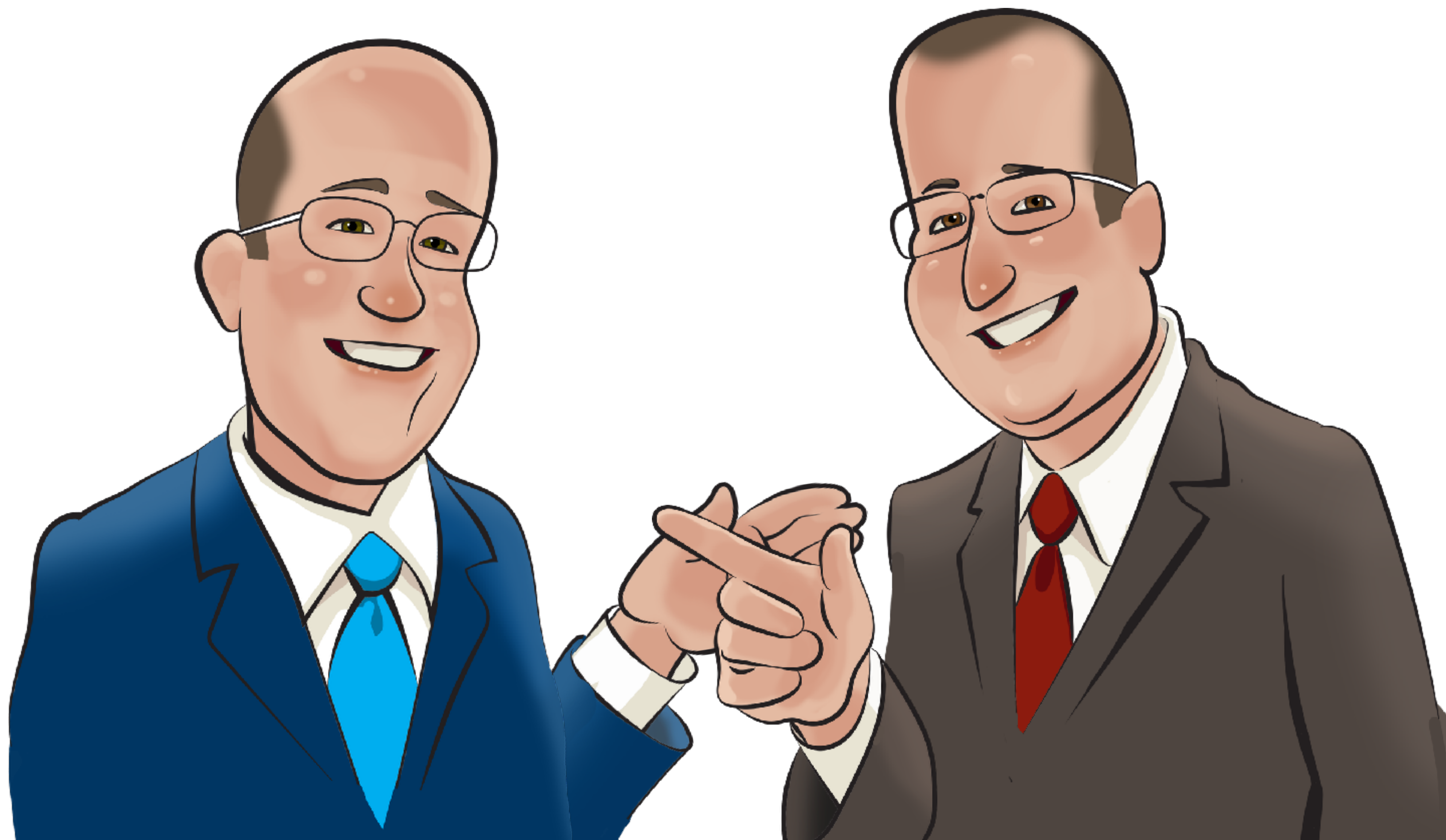


Episode 42



# Scripture GEMS

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The End of the Nephites





**“No man can say that this book (laying his hand on the Bible) is true, is the word of the Lord, is the way, is the guide-board in the path, and a charter by which we may learn the will of God; and at the same time say, that the Book of Mormon is untrue; if he has had the privilege of reading it, or of hearing it read, and learning its doctrines. There is not that person on the face of the earth who has had the privilege of learning the Gospel of Jesus Christ from these two books, who can say that one is true, and the other is false”**

*(Discourses of Brigham Young, sel. John A. Widtsoe [1954], 459).*





**“May I remind you for a moment of the greatness and of the goodness of this man Mormon. He lived on this American continent in the fourth century after Christ. When Mormon was a boy of ten, the historian of the people, whose name was Ammaron, described him as ‘a sober child, and ... quick to observe’ (Mormon 1:2). Ammaron gave him a charge that when he reached the age of twenty-four, he was to take custody of the records of the generations who had preceded him.**

**“The years that followed Mormon’s childhood were years of terrible bloodshed for his nation, the result of a long and vicious and terrible war between those who were called Nephites and those who were called Lamanites.**

**“Mormon later became the leader of the armies of the Nephites and witnessed the carnage of his people, making it plain to them that their repeated defeats came because they forsook the Lord and He in turn abandoned them. ...**





**“He wrote to our generation with words of warning and pleading, proclaiming with eloquence his testimony of the resurrected Christ. He warned of calamities to come if we should forsake the ways of the Lord as his own people had done.**

**“Knowing that his own life would soon be brought to an end, as his enemies hunted the survivors, he pleaded for our generation to walk with faith, hope, and charity, declaring, ‘Charity is the pure love of Christ, and it endureth forever; and whoso is found possessed of it at the last day, it shall be well with him’ (Moroni 7:47).**

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*(President Gordon B. Hinckley in Conference Report, Oct. 1990, 69–70; or Ensign, Nov. 1990, 52).*



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*(Discourses of Brigham Young, sel. John A. Widtsoe [Salt Lake City: Deseret Book Co., 1941], p. 128).*



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17 And if there be “faults they be the faults of a man. But behold, we know no fault; nevertheless God knoweth all things; therefore, he that <sup>b</sup>condemneth, let him be aware lest he shall be in danger of hell fire.

18 And he that saith: Show unto me, or ye shall be “smitten—let him beware lest he commandeth that which is forbidden of the Lord.

19 For behold, the same that “judgeth <sup>b</sup>rashly shall be judged rashly

again; for according to his works shall his wages be; therefore, he that smiteth shall be smitten again, of the Lord.

20 Behold what the scripture says—man shall not “smite, neither shall he <sup>b</sup>judge; for judgment is mine, saith the Lord, and vengeance is mine also, and I will repay.

21 And he that shall breathe out “wrath and <sup>b</sup>strifes against the work of the Lord, and against the “covenant people of the Lord who are the house of Israel, and shall say: We will destroy the work of the Lord, and the Lord will not remember his covenant which he hath made unto the house of Israel—the same is in danger to be hewn down and cast into the fire;

22 For the eternal “purposes of the Lord shall roll on, until all his promises shall be fulfilled.

23 Search the prophecies of “Isaiah. Behold, I cannot write them. Yea, behold I say unto you, that those saints who have gone before me, who have possessed this land, shall <sup>b</sup>cry, yea, even from the dust will they cry unto the Lord; and as the Lord liveth he will remember the covenant which he hath made with them.

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27 And it shall come in a day when the “blood of saints shall cry unto the Lord, because of secret <sup>b</sup>combinations and the works of darkness.

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29 Yea, it shall come in a day when “there shall be heard of fires, and tempests, and <sup>b</sup>vapors of smoke in foreign lands;

30 And there shall also be heard of “wars, rumors of wars, and earthquakes in divers places.

31 Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be great “pollutions upon the face of the earth; there shall be <sup>b</sup>murders, and robbing, and lying,

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32 Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be “churches built up that shall say: Come unto me, and for your money you shall be forgiven of your sins.

33 O ye wicked and perverse and “stiffnecked people, why have ye built up churches unto yourselves to get <sup>b</sup>gain? Why have ye “transfigured the holy word of God, that ye might bring “damnation upon your souls? Behold, look ye unto the “revelations of God; for behold, the time cometh at that day when all these things must be fulfilled.

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35 Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing.

36 And I know that ye do “walk in the pride of your hearts; and there are none save a few only who do not <sup>b</sup>lift themselves up in the pride of their hearts, unto the wearing of “very fine apparel, unto envying,

13a Alma 10:3; 3 Ne. 5:20.  
14a Ether 4:3;

Forth.  
17a 1 Ne. 19:6; Morm. 9:31 (31, 33);

21a Prov. 19:19.  
b TG Strife.  
c 1 Ne. 14:17.

25a Morm. 5:21.  
26a 3 Ne. 23:4.  
b 3 Ne. 29:7.

b 2 Tim. 3:1 (1-7); 1 Ne. 14:10 (9-10); 2 Ne. 28:3 (3, 32).

e Acts 8:23; Alma 41:11.  
f TG Bondage, Spiritual





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*(President Boyd K. Packer in Conference Report, Apr. 1974, 137; or Ensign, May 1974, 94).*





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41 Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you; and the time soon cometh that he avengeth the <sup>a</sup>blood of the saints upon you, for he will not suffer their cries any longer.

CHAPTER 9

*Moroni calls upon those who do not believe in Christ to repent—He proclaims*

*a God of miracles, who gives revelations and pours out gifts and signs upon the faithful—Miracles cease because of unbelief—Signs follow those who believe—Men are exhorted to be wise and keep the commandments. About A.D. 401–21.*

AND now, I speak also concerning those who do not believe in Christ.

2 Behold, will ye believe in the day of your visitation—behold, when the Lord shall come, yea, even that <sup>a</sup>great day when the <sup>b</sup>earth shall be rolled together as a scroll, and the elements shall <sup>c</sup>melt with fervent heat, yea, in that great day when ye shall be brought to stand before the Lamb of God—then will ye say that there is no God?

3 Then will ye longer deny the Christ, or can ye behold the Lamb of God? Do ye suppose that ye shall dwell with him under a <sup>a</sup>consciousness of your guilt? Do ye suppose that ye could be happy to dwell with that holy Being, when your souls are racked with a consciousness of guilt that ye have ever abused his laws?

4 Behold, I say unto you that ye would be more miserable to dwell with a holy and just God, under a consciousness of your <sup>a</sup>filthiness before him, than ye would to dwell with the <sup>b</sup>damned souls in <sup>c</sup>hell.

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<sup>c</sup>pure, fair, and white, having been cleansed by the blood of the <sup>d</sup>Lamb, at that great and last day.

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9 For do we not read that God is the <sup>a</sup>same <sup>b</sup>yesterday, today, and forever, and in him there is no <sup>c</sup>variableness neither shadow of changing?

10 And now, if ye have imagined up unto yourselves a god who doth vary, and in whom there is shadow of changing, then have ye imagined up unto yourselves a god who is not a God of miracles.

11 But behold, I will show unto you a God of <sup>a</sup>miracles, even the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and it is that same <sup>b</sup>God who created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are.

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the <sup>a</sup>presence of the Lord; yea, this is wherein all men are redeemed, because the death of Christ bringeth to pass the <sup>b</sup>resurrection, which bringeth to pass a redemption from an endless <sup>c</sup>sleep, from which sleep all men shall be awakened by the power of God when the trump shall sound; and they shall come forth, both small and great, and all shall stand before his bar, being redeemed and loosed from this eternal <sup>d</sup>band of death, which death is a temporal death.

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37a Ezek. 34:8; 1 Ne. 13:7;

40a 1G Secret Combinations. 41a 1 Ne. 22:14;

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6c 1G Cleanliness; Purification.

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**“The antidote for pride is humility—meekness, submissiveness (see Alma 7:23). It is the broken heart and contrite spirit (see 3 Nephi 9:20; 12:19; D&C 20:37; 59:8; Psalm 34:18; Isaiah 57:15; 66:2). ...**

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*(President Ezra Taft Benson in Conference Report, Apr. 1989 “Beware of Pride”, 6; or Ensign, May 1989, 6).*





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18a John 6:14;  
3 Ne. 8:1.  
b Mark 6:5.

19a Rom. 15:19 (18-19);

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b 1G Damnation.  
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*(Sister Sydney S. Reynolds, “A God of Miracles,” April 2001 GC Ensign, May 2001, 12).*



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19 And if there were <sup>a</sup>miracles wrought then, why has God ceased to be a God of miracles and yet be an unchangeable Being? And behold, I say unto you he <sup>b</sup>changeth not; if so he would cease to be God; and he ceaseth not to be God, and is a God of miracles.

20 And the reason why he ceaseth to do <sup>a</sup>miracles among the children of men is because that they dwindle in unbelief, and depart from the right way, and know not the God in whom they should <sup>b</sup>trust.

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26 And now, behold, who can stand <sup>a</sup>against the works of the Lord? <sup>b</sup>Who can deny his sayings? Who will rise up against the almighty power of the Lord? Who will despise the works of the Lord? Who will despise the children of Christ? Behold, all ye who are <sup>c</sup>despisers of the works of the Lord, for ye shall wonder and perish.

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*(President Russell M. Nelson, “The Book of Mormon: What Would Your Life Be Like without It?” Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2017, 61).*





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*(President Ezra Taft Benson in Conference Report, Apr. 1986, 100; or Ensign, May 1986, 78).*