

WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

Class 09

The Second Time

Aleph-Tov 'LIGHT'

Genesis Chapter 1 בְּרֵאשִׁית

א בְּרֵאשִׁית, בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים, אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם, וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ. 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

ב וְהָאָרֶץ, הָיְתָה תְהוֹמוֹ וְרֵקָה, וְחֹשֶׁךְ, עַל-פְּנֵי תְהוֹמוֹ;
וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים, מְרַקְדָּת עַל-פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם. 2 Now the earth was unformed and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters.

ג וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים, יְהִי אֹר; וַיְהִי-אֹר. 3 And God said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light.

ד וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאֹר, כִּי-טוֹב; וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים, בֵּין
הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

אֵת = God, The Word A-Z

וְאֵת = God as Man

אֵת-הָאֹר = God's Light - Everlasting Light

John 1

1 **In the beginning** was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

2 The same was

3 **in the beginning with God.**

3 All things were made **by him**;
And without him was not any thing
made that was made.

4 **In him was life.**
and the life was the light of men.

5 And the **light shineth in darkness.**
And the darkness comprehended it not.

אֵת = God,
All Creation
All His Words,
All Eternity

וְאֵת = God as
Man

אֵת-הָאֹר
= God's
Everlasting
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Genesis

1 **In the beginning God** created the heaven
and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void.
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of
the waters.

3 And God said, **Let there be light.**
And there was light.

4 And God saw **the light that it was good.**
And God **divided the light from the**
darkness.

John 1

30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32 And John bare record, saying, **I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.**

33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Genesis—Rashi (Rabbi 1040 AD)

עַל פְּנֵי תְהוֹם. עַל פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם שֶׁעַל הָאָרֶץ:

עַל פְּנֵי תְהוֹם ON THE FACE OF THE DEEP — i. e. the waters which were upon the earth.

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת. כִּסֵּא הַכְּבוֹד עוֹמֵד בְּאֵוִיר וּמְרַחֵף עַל פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם בְּרוּחַ פִּי שֶׁל הַקָּב"ה וּבְמֵאֲמָרוֹ, כִּיּוֹנָה הַמְּרַחֶפֶת עַל הַקּוֹן, אֶקוּב"טִיר בְּלַע"ז:

וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS HOVERING —

The throne of Divine Glory was standing in space, hovering over the face of the waters by the breath of the mouth of the Holy One, blessed be He, and by His command, even as a dove hovers over its nest. In old French acoveter.

(return)

Aleph Tov Light—Implies ‘Eternal/Everlasting Light’

Phrase ‘Everlasting Light’ only appears in Book of Mormon

[Alma 12:134](#)

Yea, this **light** had infused such joy into his soul,
the cloud of darkness having been dispelled
And the **light** of **everlasting light** was lit up in his soul,

[Alma 14:95](#) Yea, they were encircled about
with **everlasting darkness** and destruction,
But behold, He hath brought them into His **everlasting light**,
yea, into **everlasting salvation**.

And they are **encircled about with the matchless bounty of His love**
(i.e. Mercy Hebrew Definition—to be wrapped in the arms of love).

When Does Zion Come.....?

...and just as importantly:
Why Does Zion Come.....?

We've spoken this....

When Men Keep All My Commandments...

[Genesis 9:21](#)

And the bow shall be in the cloud;

and I will look upon it,

that I may remember the everlasting covenant, which I made unto thy father Enoch;

that, **when men should keep all my commandments,**

Zion should again come on the earth,

the city of Enoch which I have caught up unto myself.

Zion is when...

J.J. Cornish, for example, wrote in 1919 of the problem with saints being deceived by personal feelings about the Kingdom's return, which discounted facts regarding the scriptures being fulfilled in that regard.

'...I was greatly surprised to hear that one minister said in his discourse, during Conference last April 1918 (while many of the hearers assented to the same), that "If Jesus does not come any time between now and 1930, then this thing is a fizzle, and we may as well throw the Books in the fire..."

(The Last Generation, J.J. Cornish, March 1, 1919)

<http://restorationbookstore.org/articles/doctrine/lastgeneration.htm>

Zion is when...

In a social meeting (in 1918), one stated among other things,

“I would not be surprised to see Christ come any minute.”

J.J Cornish’s response: ‘This cannot be. The Savior cannot come until the Scriptures are fulfilled which He declares must be fulfilled before He comes.’

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1 Nephi 5

251 "And as for they which are at Jerusalem, " saith the prophet, "they shall be scourged by all people, " saith the prophet, "because they crucified the God of Israel and turned their hearts aside, rejecting signs and wonders and power and glory of the God of Israel.

252 "And because they have turned their hearts aside, " saith the prophet, "and have despised the Holy One of Israel, they shall wander in the flesh and perish, And become a hiss and a byword and be hated among all nations.

1 Nephi 5

253 Nevertheless, when that day cometh, saith the prophet, that they no more turn aside their hearts against the Holy One of Israel,
Then will He remember the covenants which He made to their fathers;

1 Nephi 5

254 Yea, then will He remember the isles of the sea;

255 'Yea, and all the people which are of the house of Israel will I gather in, ' saith the Lord, according to the words of the prophet Zenos, 'from the four quarters of the earth.'

256 "Yea, and all the earth shall see the salvation of the Lord, " saith the prophet;

One for Israel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glqNTVXpRE0&t=62s>

The Prophecy:

The Jews Rejected The Messiah. 2 Nephi 5

17 "Thus saith the Lord God: 'Behold, I will lift up Mine hand to the Gentiles and set up My standard to the people;

18 And they shall bring thy sons in their arms, And thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders;

19 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, And their queens thy nursing mothers;

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20 They shall bow down to thee with their faces toward the earth and lick up the dust of thy feet.

21 And thou shalt know that I Am the Lord, For they shall not be ashamed that wait for Me."

The Prophecy:

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22 And now I, Jacob, would speak somewhat concerning these words; For behold, the Lord hath shown me that they which were at Jerusalem from whence we came have been slain and carried away captive;

23 Nevertheless, the Lord hath shown unto me that they should return again.

24 **And He also hath shown unto me that the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, should manifest Himself unto them in the flesh;**

The Prophecy:

The Jews Rejected The Messiah. 2 Nephi 5

25 And after that He should manifest Himself, they should scourge Him and crucify Him, according to the words of the angel which spake it unto me;

26 And after that they have hardened their hearts and stiffened their necks against the Holy One of Israel, Behold, the judgments of the Holy One of Israel shall come upon them.

The Prophecy:

The Jews Rejected The Messiah. 2 Nephi 5

27 And the day cometh that they shall be smitten and afflicted;

28 Wherefore, after they are driven to and fro - for thus saith the angel - many shall be afflicted in the flesh and shall not be suffered to perish because of the prayers of the faithful,

Wherefore, they shall be scattered and smitten and hated;

29 Nevertheless, the Lord will be merciful unto them, that when they shall come to the knowledge of their Redeemer, they shall be gathered together again to the lands of their inheritance.

Jacob writes: 2 Nephi 7

1 And now I, Jacob, speak unto you again, my beloved brethren, concerning this righteous branch of which I have spoken;

2 For behold, the promises which we have obtained are promises unto us, according to the flesh.

3 Wherefore, as it hath been shown unto me that many of our children shall perish in the flesh because of unbelief, nevertheless, God will be merciful unto many,

Jacob writes: 2 Nephi 7

4 And our children shall be restored, that they may come to that which will give them the true knowledge of their Redeemer.

5 Wherefore, as I said unto you, it must needs be expedient that Christ - for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be His name - that He should come among the Jews, among they which are the more wicked part of the world,

6 And they shall crucify Him, for thus it behooveth our God;

Jacob writes: 2 Nephi 7

7 And there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God,

8 For should the mighty miracles be wrought among other nations, they would repent and know that He be their God;

9 But because of priestcrafts and iniquities, they at Jerusalem will stiffen their necks against Him, that He be crucified.

Jacob writes: 2 Nephi 7

10 Wherefore, because of their iniquities, destructions, famines, pestilences and bloodsheds shall come upon them,

11 And they which shall not be destroyed shall be scattered among all nations.

Jacob writes: 2 Nephi 7

12 But behold, thus saith the Lord God: "When the day cometh that they shall believe in Me, that I Am Christ, Then have I covenanted with their fathers that they shall be restored in the flesh upon the earth unto the lands of their inheritance.

13 "And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion - from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth;

What are the Words of the Prophets??

God will Set a Standard—Two Definitions:

Isaiah writes: The Lord is the Standard, Brought back to Israel in part via Gentiles

- 2 Nephi 5-10

Nephi writes: The Word becomes the Standard

- 2 Nephi 11-12

The Lord IS the Standard: Isaiah [1 Nephi 6:52](#)

52 Thus saith the Lord God: "Behold, I will lift up Mine hand to the Gentiles and set up My standard to the people; And they shall bring thy sons in their arms, And thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders;

53 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, And their queens thy nursing mothers; They shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth and lick up the dust of thy feet. And thou shalt know that I Am the Lord, For they shall not be ashamed that wait for Me."

Isaiah 11...WHO IS THIS?

1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

Isaiah 11...WHO IS THIS?

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Isaiah 11...WHEN IS THIS?

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Isaiah 11...WHEN IS THIS?

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11...THIS IS THE SECOND TIME. WHEN JESUS IS PRESENT, WHEN ZION ESTABLISHED.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

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[2 Nephi 5:36](#) And behold, according to the words of the prophet, the Messiah will set Himself again the **second time** to recover them;

[2 Nephi 9:126](#) And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand again the **second time** to recover the remnant of His people which shall be left - From Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

[2 Nephi 11:28](#) And the Lord will set His hand again the **second time** to restore His people from their lost and fallen state;

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[2 Nephi 12:42](#) But behold, there shall be many at that day when **I shall proceed to do a marvelous work among them**, That I may remember My covenants which I have made unto the children of men,

That I may set My hand again the **second time** to recover My people which are of the house of Israel,

[Jacob 4:3](#) And in 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.

But before we begin, what is this?

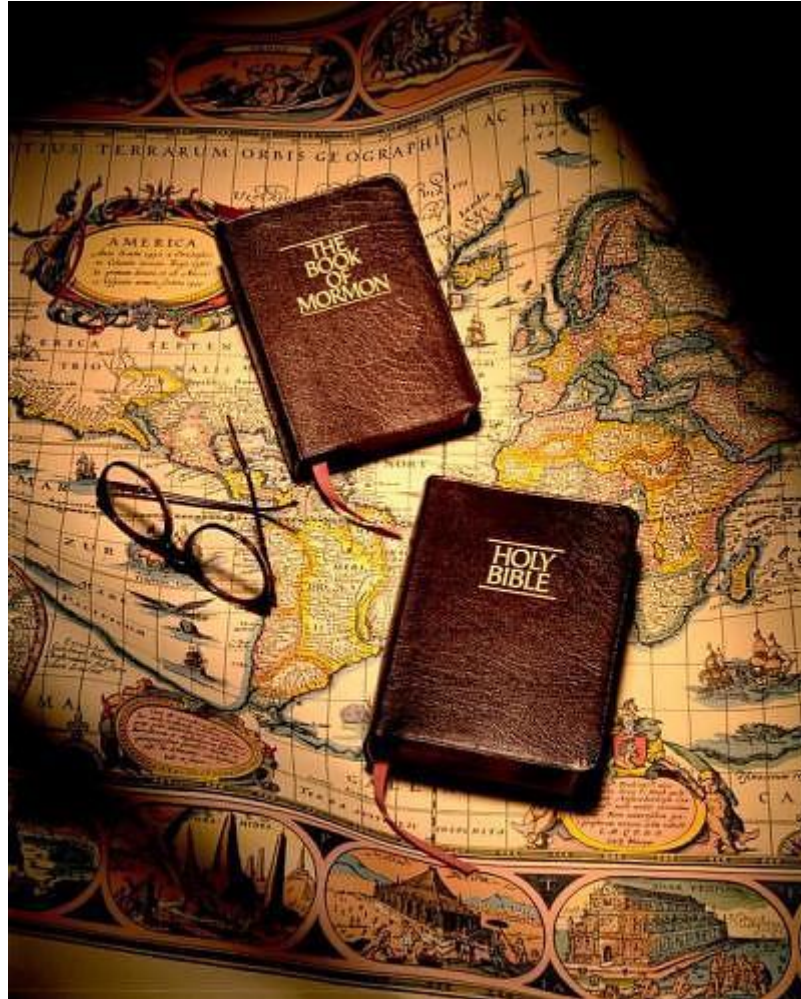


The Covenants contain Information like this flight panel

Every part of the covenants has information
DESCRIBING THE JOURNEY TO THE KINGDOM.



To Understand Covenants, must understand what ALL of them are saying.



The Instruments are Reliable, they rarely malfunction.

The number one source of aviation incidents is: Pilot error.



The Covenants and Prophecies...

Like a 1000-piece Puzzle, and we have half the pieces.

Can't always know where every piece fits until all pieces are in place.

But the parts we do have, if correctly fitted, provide a semblance of the final picture.

Consider this about Prophecy

- **Don't ever assume we have the whole picture with prophecy. We have some of the picture.**
- **Some prophets saw pieces, some saw all but were allowed to write little.**

The Problem about Our Understanding of Prophecy...

False Paradigms based on Oral Traditions

Zion is when...

The Covenants Concerning Zion are Fulfilled.

Some of What the Covenants Foretell

- Israel returns to Jesus
- Truth is established among the Gentiles
- Times of Gentiles to Be Fulfilled
- Domination (of Jews) by Gentiles ends
- Josephs Remnant are scattered/gatherd (on this land)
- The 12 Tribes of Israel are regathered
- Gentiles share in Israel's Inheritance
- An earthly New Jerusalem will be built on this Land
- The Old Jerusalem becomes re-established as a Holy City
- Covenant People are restored to their (rightful) lands and knowledge of Jesus
- Good overcomes Evil; the great and abominable church is overcome
- Righteous Life on This Earth where all know Jesus and keep His commandments
- A New Heaven and New Earth are created
- Zion from Heaven Returns
- God dwells with Man.

The covenants were passed down through patriarchs, highlighted in the lives of

- Adam
- Enoch (Gen 7:61-72)
- Methuselah (Gen 7:79)
- Noah (Gen. 9:18-25)
- Abraham (Gen 13:13, 15:21, 17:2, 17:8)
- Isaac (Gen 17:25)
- Jacob (Gen 28:3,4)
- Joseph (Gen 50:25, 28)
- Moses
- Lehi

Fill in the blank.....

The First shall be _____,
and the _____ shall be First.

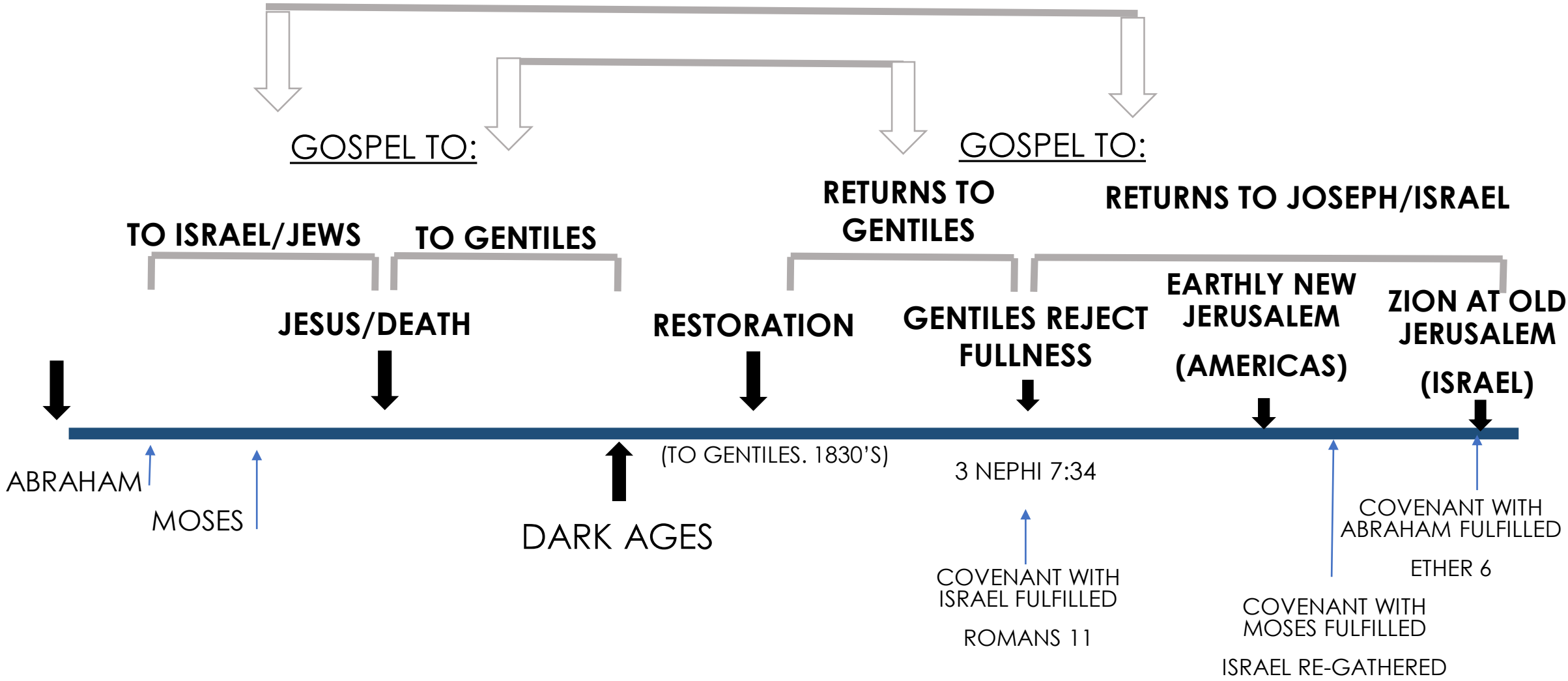
Fill in the blank.....

The First shall be Last,
and the Last shall be First.

(1 Nephi 3:200)

But What Does This Mean?

THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST,
THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST.



What the Covenants Promise:

From Adam it begins:

Adam the first man--dwelled in God's presence.

This is how the prophecy Ends—mankind dwells in God's Presence.

What the Covenants Promise:

Enoch

When Men Keep All my Commandments...

The Human Race Eventually Keeps the Commandments,
The Heavenly New Jerusalem comes to Earth.

The Dwelling place of God is with men.

What the Covenants Promise:

Methuselah to Noah

Thy Posterity shall Remain...

His Lineage (Thru Noah) Survives after the Flood

What the Covenants Promise:

Abraham

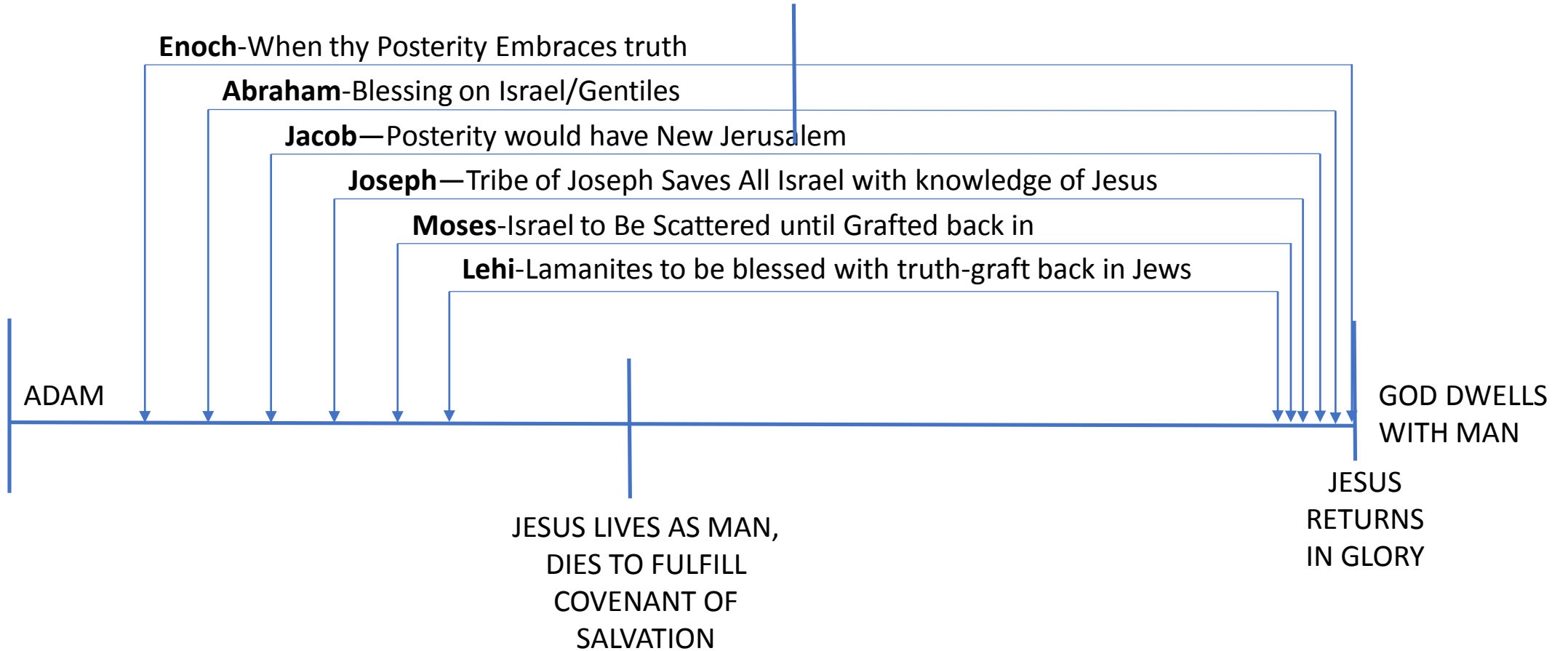
To The one who had no children
Seed shall be as the stars of Heaven.

Father of Both Jews and Gentiles.

Covenant with God that they BOTH shall come back to God
in the Last Days.

Covenants Made with Forefathers

Covenants Fulfilled in Latter Days



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