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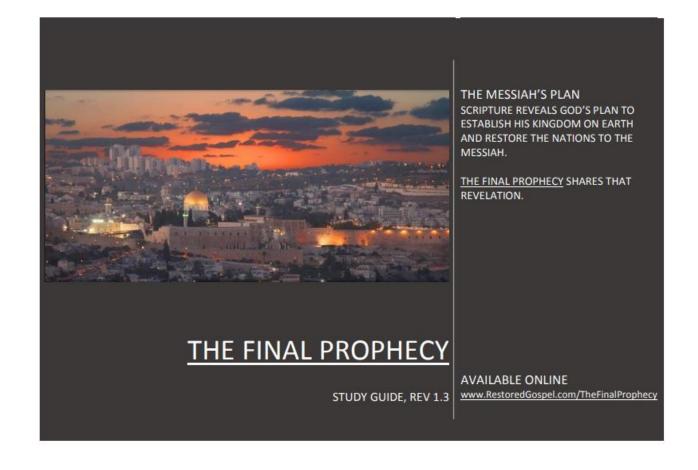
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...And it shall come to pass in the last days
When the mountain of the Lord's house
Shall be established in the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills,
And all nations shall flow unto it;



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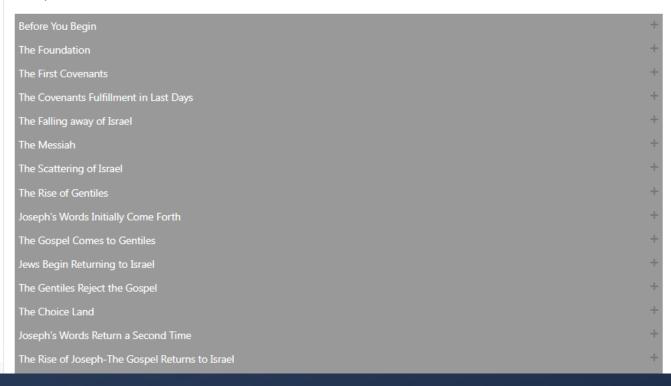
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Times of the Gentiles—Interesting Prophecy

DC 45:3f And this I have told you concerning Jerusalem; and when that day shall come, shall a remnant be scattered among all nations, but they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

DC 45:4b And the love of men shall wax cold, and iniquity shall abound; and when the time of the Gentiles is come in, a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the fullness of my gospel;

DC 45:4d and in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled; and there shall be men standing in that generation that shall not pass, until they shall see an overflowing scourge, for a desolating sickness shall come over the land;

Times of the Gentiles--Fulfilled

Luke 21:23

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the **Gentiles**, **until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled**.

Times of the Gentiles--Fulfilled

Luke 21:25 And he answered them, and said, In the generation in which the times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled, there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, like the sea and the waves roaring. The earth also shall be troubled, and the waters of the great deep;

Times of the Gentiles--Fulfilled

Luke 21:

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. **For the powers of heaven shall be shaken.**

27 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for the day of your redemption draweth nigh.

28 And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory.

The Powers of Heaven....'Shaken.'

Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Mark 13:25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

Luke 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

THE POLITICS OF SCRIPTURE

The Unshakable Kingdom



https://politicaltheology.com/the-unshakable-kingdom-hebrews-1218-29/

But is this what it means?

Had an inspiration last week...

Not to mean shaken as it 'rattled, on its heels, diminished, lessened, afraid, hysterical.'

But shaken as in Awakened, Aroused, Suddenly Engaged.

Witnesses will witness the 'Fierce Anger' of the Lord.

The sleeping giant who is now awakened

3 Nephi 9: (Quoting Isaiah)

75 **Shake thyself from the dust**, arise.

Sit down, O Jerusalem.

Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

76 For thus saith the Lord:

Ye have sold yourselves for naught;

And ye shall be redeemed without money.

2 Nephi 10:9-11 (Quoting Isaiah)

Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel, both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate. And He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light.

The sun shall be darkened in His going forth,

And the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

And I will punish the world for evil and the wicked for their iniquity;

I will <u>cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease</u> and will lay down the haughtiness of the terrible.

2 Nephi 10:13 (Quoting Isaiah)

Therefore I will shake the heavens and the earth shall remove out of her place. In the wrath of the Lord of Hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger.

Jacob 2:64

O my brethren, hearken unto my words.

Arouse the faculties of your souls.

Shake yourselves,

that ye may awake from the slumber of death;

From Strong's Hebrew word 5287 'Naar'

naar: to shake, shake out or off

• Original Word: נָעַר

Part of Speech: Verb

Transliteration: naar

Phonetic Spelling: (naw-ar')

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• Jeremiah 51:38

<u>HEB:</u> :פַּפְפָרִים יִשְׁאָגוּ **נְעַרָוּ** כְּגוֵֹרִי אֲרָיְוֹת

NAS: like young lions, They will growl like lions'

Perhaps Heaven 'shaking' means Heaven will Growl / Roar Like a Lion.

2 Nephi 8:98-99 (Isaiah Quoted)

Whose arrows shall be sharp and all their bows bent; And their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint and their wheels like a whirlwind;

Their roaring like a lion -

They shall roar like young lions;

Yea, they shall roar and lay hold of the prey and shall carry away safe.

And none shall deliver.

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3 Nephi 9:99 (Jesus Speaking)

And My people which are a remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles.

Yea, in the midst of them as a lion among the beasts of the forest.

As a young lion among the flocks of sheep,

Who if he go through, both treadeth down and teareth in pieces.

And none can deliver.

Is Enoch's City the same as 'Powers of Heaven'

- 3 Nephi 9:59 And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people, Yea, even I will be in the midst of you.
- 3 Nephi 10:4 And then shall the powers of heaven come down among them, And I also will be in the midst; And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people.
- 3 Nephi 13:18 Therefore, more blessed are ye, for ye shall never taste of death, But ye shall live to behold all the doings of the Father unto the children of men, Even until all things shall be fulfilled according to the will of the Father, when I shall come in My glory with the powers of heaven;

Is Spiritual New Jerusalem the same as Enoch's City?

Oral Tradition vs. Scripture

6:1 And now I, Moroni, proceed to finish my record concerning the destruction of the people of which I have been writing.

6:2 For behold, they rejected all the words of Ether;

For he truly told them of all things from the beginning of man. And how that after the waters had receded from off the face of this land, it became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord.

6:3 Wherefore, the Lord would have that all men should serve Him which dwelt upon the face thereof - And that it was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord. (but WHEN??)

6:4 Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ;

And he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land —

And he spake also concerning the house of Israel and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come.

After that it should be destroyed, it should be built up again a holy city unto the Lord;

6:5 Wherefore, it could not be a New Jerusalem, for it had been in a time of old, But it should be built up again and become a holy city of the Lord; And it should be built up unto the house of Israel –

6:6 And that a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for the which things there has been a type — For as Joseph brought his father down into the Land of Egypt, even so he died there;

6:7 Wherefore, the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the Land of Jerusalem,

That He might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph,

that they should perish not,

Even as He was merciful unto the father of Joseph,

that he should perish not.

6:8 Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built up upon this land, And it shall be a land of their inheritance;

And they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the

Jerusalem of old;

And they shall no more be confounded until the end come when the earth shall pass away;

6:9 And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth;

And they shall be like unto the old, save the old have passed away and all things have become new.

6:10 And then cometh the New Jerusalem;

And blessed are they which dwell therein,

For it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the

<u>Lamb;</u>

And they are they which are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph which were of the house of Israel.

6:11 And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old and the inhabitants thereof;

Blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb;

6:12 And they are they which were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth and from the North Countries,

And are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant

which God made with their father Abraham.

6:13 And when these things come, bringeth to pass the scripture which saith, "There are they which were first, which shall be last, And there are they which were last, which shall be first."

6:14 And I was about to write more, but I am forbidden; But great and marvelous were the prophecies of Ether. But they esteemed him as naught and cast him out.

And he hid himself in the cavity of a rock by day, And by night he went forth viewing the things which should come upon the people;

Parable of Olive Tree-Jacob Chapter 3

How do you know the meaning of a parable?

Parable of Olive Tree-Jacob Chapter 3

• Answer: You have to <u>identify the question</u> that prompted the parable.

Parable of Olive Tree-Jacob Chapter 3

 What is the question that Prompted the Parable of the Olive Tree?

3:22 <u>But behold, the Jews were a stiff-necked people,</u> And they despised the words of plainness and killed the prophets and sought for things that they could not understand;

3:23 Wherefore, because of their blindness, which blindness came by looking beyond the mark, they must needs fall,

3:24 For God hath taken away His plainness from them and delivered unto them many things which they cannot understand, because they desired it;

3:25 And because they desired it, God hath done it, that they may stumble.

3:26 And now I, Jacob, am led on by the Spirit unto prophesying, For I perceive by the workings of the Spirit which is in me that by the stumbling of the Jews they will reject the stone upon which they might build and have safe foundation;

3:27 But behold, according to the scriptures this stone shall become the great and the last and the only sure foundation upon which the Jews can build.

3:28 And now my beloved,

how is it possible that these,

after having rejected the sure foundation,

can ever build upon it,

that it may become the head of their corner?

Here is the Question

Parable of Olive Tree Note the Promise:

1 Nephi 4:31-33

31 Yea, I spake unto them concerning the restoration of the Jews in the latter days;

32 And I did rehearse unto them the words of Isaiah which spake concerning the restoration of the Jews, or of the house of Israel;

33 And after that they were restored, they should no more be confounded, neither should they be scattered again.

Parable of Olive Tree Note the Promise:

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.

2 Nephi 11:20 And notwithstanding that they have been carried away, they shall return again and possess the Land of Jerusalem. Wherefore, they shall be restored again to the lands of their inheritance.

Parable of Olive Tree Note the Promise:

2 Nephi 12:82

And the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them.

Wherefore, they shall be **restored** unto the knowledge of their fathers.

And also to the knowledge of Jesus Christ which was had among their fathers.

Rapture Theories couldn't be farther off.

Good people stay on the earth and evil is overcome.

1 Nephi 7:36 'Wherefore,

He will preserve the righteous by His power,
even if it so be that the fullness of His wrath
must come,
And the righteous be preserved,
even unto the destruction of their enemies by
fire;

3:28 And now my beloved, how is it possible that these, after having rejected the sure foundation, can ever build upon it, that it may become the head of their corner?

3:29 Behold, my beloved brethren, I will unfold this mystery unto you, if I do not by any means get shaken from my firmness in the Spirit and stumble because of my overanxiety for you.

3:30 Behold, my brethren, do ye not remember to have read the words of the prophet Zenos which spake unto the house of Israel, saying: Hearken, O ye house of Israel, and hear the words of me, a prophet of the Lord;

3:31 For behold, thus saith the Lord: "I will liken thee, O house of Israel, like unto a tame olive tree which a man took and nourished in his vineyard, And it grew and waxed old and began to decay.

3:32 "And it came to pass that the Master of the vineyard went forth and He saw that His olive tree began to decay; And He saith: 'I will prune it and dig about it and nourish it, that perhaps it may shoot forth young and tender branches and it perish not.'

3:33 "And it came to pass that He pruned it and digged about it and nourished it according to His word.

3:34 "And it came to pass that after many days it began to put forth somewhat a little, young and tender branches; But behold, the main top thereof began to perish.

3:35 "And it came to pass that the Master of the vineyard saw it and He saith unto His Servant: 'It grieveth Me that I should lose this tree;

3:36 Wherefore, go and pluck the branches from a wild olive tree and bring them hither unto Me, And We will pluck off those main branches which are beginning to wither away, And We will cast them into the fire that they may be burned.

3:37 'And behold, 'saith the Lord of the vineyard, 'I take away many of these young and tender branches and I will graft them whithersoever I will;

3:38 And it mattereth not that if it so be that the root of this tree will perish, I may preserve the fruit thereof unto Myself;

3:39 Wherefore, I will take these young and tender branches and I will graft them whithersoever I will;

3:40 Take Thou the branches of the wild olive tree and graft them in, in the stead thereof;

3:41 And these which I have plucked off I will cast into the fire and burn them, that they may not cumber the ground of My vineyard.'

3:42 "And it came to pass that the Servant of the Lord of the vineyard did according to the word of the Lord of the vineyard and grafted in the branches of the wild olive tree;

3:43 And the Lord of the vineyard caused that it should be digged about and pruned and nourished, saying unto His Servant: 'It grieveth Me that I should lose this tree;

3:44 Wherefore, that perhaps I might preserve the roots thereof, that they perish not, that I might preserve them unto Myself, I have done this thing;

3:45 Wherefore, go Thy way; Watch the tree and nourish it according to My words;

3:47 And I do it that I may preserve unto Myself the natural branches of the tree, And also that I may lay up fruit thereof against the season unto Myself, for it grieveth Me that I should lose this tree and the fruit thereof.'

3:48 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard went His way and hid the natural branches of the tame olive tree in the nethermost parts of the vineyard, Some in one and some in another, according to His will and pleasure.

3:49 "And it came to pass that a long time passed away; And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant: 'Come, let Us go down into the vineyard that We may labor in the vineyard.'

3:50 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard, and also the Servant, went down into the vineyard to labor.

3:51 "And it came to pass that the Servant saith unto His Master: 'Behold, look here! Behold the tree! '

3:52 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard looked and beheld the tree in the which the wild olive branches had been grafted; And it had sprung forth and began to bear fruit;

3:53 And He beheld that it was good; And the fruit thereof was like unto the natural fruit.

3:54 "And He saith unto the Servant: 'Behold, the branches of the wild tree hath taken hold of the moisture of the root thereof, that the root thereof hath brought forth much strength;

3:55 And because of the much strength of the root thereof, the wild branches hath brought forth tame fruit;

3:56 Now if We had not grafted in these branches, the tree thereof would have perished;

3:57 And now behold, I shall lay up much fruit which the tree thereof hath brought forth, And the fruit thereof I shall lay up against the season unto Mine own self.'

3:58 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant: 'Come, let us go to the nethermost parts of the vineyard and behold if the natural branches of the tree hath not brought forth much fruit also, That I may lay up of the fruit thereof against the season unto Mine own self.'

3:59 "And it came to pass that they went forth whither the Master of the vineyard had hid the natural branches of the tree; And He saith unto the Servant, 'Behold these.'

3:60 "And He beheld the first, that it had brought forth much fruit, And He beheld also that it was good.

3:61 "And He saith unto the Servant: 'Take of the fruit thereof and lay it up against the season, that I may preserve it unto Mine own self;

3:62 For behold, 'saith He, 'this long time have I nourished it and it hath brought forth much fruit.'

3:63 "And it came to pass that the Servant saith unto His Master: 'How comest Thou hither to plant this tree, or this branch of the tree? For behold, it was the poorest spot in all the land of Thy vineyard.'

3:64 "And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto Him: 'Counsel Me not; I knew that it was a poor spot of ground; Wherefore I said unto Thee, I have nourished it this long time, And Thou beholdest that it hath brought forth much fruit.'

3:65 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant: 'Look hither; Behold, I have planted another branch of the tree also, And Thou knowest that this spot of ground was poorer than the first;

3:66 But behold the tree; I have nourished it this long time and it hath brought forth much fruit; Therefore, gather it and lay it up against the season, that I may preserve it unto Mine own self.'

3:67 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith again unto His Servant: 'Look hither and behold another branch also which I have planted; Behold that I have nourished it also and it hath brought forth fruit.'

3:68 "And He saith unto the Servant: 'Look hither and behold the last; Behold, this have I planted in a good spot of ground, And I have nourished it this long time and only a part of the tree hath brought forth tame fruit, And the other part of the tree hath brought forth wild fruit; Behold, I have nourished this tree like unto the others.'

3:69 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant: 'Pluck off the branches that have not brought forth good fruit and cast them into the fire.'

3:70 "But behold, the Servant saith unto Him: 'Let Us prune it and dig about it and nourish it a little longer, that perhaps it may bring forth good fruit unto Thee, that Thou canst lay it up against the season.'

3:71 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard and the Servant of the Lord of the vineyard did nourish all the fruit of the vineyard.

3:72 "And it came to pass that a long time had passed away; And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant: 'Come, let Us go down into the vineyard, that We may labor again in the vineyard;

3:73 For behold, the time draweth near and the end soon cometh; Wherefore, I must lay up fruit against the season unto Mine own self.'

3:74 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard and the Servant went down into the vineyard; And They came to the tree whose natural branches had been broken off and the wild branches had been grafted in; And behold, all sorts of fruit did cumber the tree.

3:75 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard did taste of the fruit, every sort according to its number;

3:76 And the Lord of the vineyard saith: 'Behold, this long time have We nourished this tree, And I have laid up unto Myself against the season much fruit;

3:77 But behold, this time it hath brought forth much fruit and there is none of it which is good;

3:78 And behold, there are all kinds of bad fruit, And it profiteth Me nothing, notwithstanding all Our labor; And now it grieveth Me that I should lose this tree.'

3:79 "And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant: 'What shall We do unto the tree, that I may preserve again good fruit thereof unto Mine own self?'

3:80 "And the Servant saith unto His Master: 'Behold, because Thou didst graft in the branches of the wild olive tree, they have nourished the roots, that they are alive and they have not perished; Wherefore, Thou beholdest that they are yet good.'

3:81 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant: 'The tree profiteth Me nothing, And the roots thereof profiteth Me nothing, so long as it shall bring forth evil fruit;

3:82 Nevertheless, I know that the roots are good and for Mine own purpose I have preserved them; And because of their much strength, they have hitherto brought forth from the wild branches good fruit,

3:83 But behold, the wild branches have grown and have overrun the roots thereof; And because that the wild branches have overcome the roots thereof, it hath brought forth much evil fruit;

3:84 And because that it hath brought forth so much evil fruit, Thou beholdest that it beginneth to perish, And it will soon become ripened that it may be cast into the fire, except We should do something for it to preserve it.'

3:85 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto His Servant: 'Let Us go down into the nethermost parts of the vineyard and behold if the natural branches have also brought forth evil fruit.'

3:86 "And it came to pass that They went down into the nethermost parts of the vineyard.

3:87 "And it came to pass that They beheld that the fruit of the natural branches had become corrupt also, yea, the first and the second and also the last; And they had all become corrupt;

3:88 And the wild fruit of the last had overcome that part of the tree which brought forth good fruit, even that the branch had withered away and died.

3:89 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard wept and saith unto the Servant: 'What could I have done more for My vineyard?

3:90 Behold, I knew that all the fruit of the vineyard, save it were these, had become corrupted;

3:91 And now these which have once brought forth good fruit have also become corrupted;

3:92 And now all the trees of My vineyard are good for nothing, save it be to be hewn down and cast into the fire;

3:93 And behold, this last, whose branch hath withered away, I did plant in a good spot of ground - Yea, even that which was choice unto Me above all other parts of the land of My vineyard;

3:94 And Thou beheldest that I also cut down that which cumbered this spot of ground, that I might plant this tree in the stead thereof;

3:95 And Thou beheldest that a part thereof brought forth good fruit and a part thereof brought forth wild fruit;

3:96 And because that I plucked not the branches thereof and cast them into the fire, Behold, they have overcome the good branch, that it hath withered away.

3:97 'And now behold, notwithstanding all the care which We have taken of My vineyard, The trees thereof hath become corrupted, that they bring forth no good fruit;

3:98 And these I had hope to preserve, to have laid up fruit thereof against the season unto Mine own self.

3:99 'But behold, they have become like unto the wild olive tree and they are of no worth but to be hewn down and cast into the fire; And it grieveth Me that I should lose them;

3:100 But what could I have done more in My vineyard?

3:101 Have I slackened Mine hand, that I have not nourished it?

3:102 Nay, I have nourished it and I have digged it and I have pruned it and I have dunged it, And I have stretched forth Mine hand almost all the daylong, And the end draweth nigh,

3:103 And it grieveth Me that I should hew down all the trees of My vineyard and cast them into the fire, that they should be burned;

3:104 Who is it that hath corrupted My vineyard?'

3:105 "And it came to pass that the Servant saith unto His Master: 'Is it not the loftiness of Thy vineyard?

3:106 Hath not the branches thereof overcome the roots which are good?

3:107 And because that the branches have overcome the roots thereof - For behold, they grew faster than the strength of the roots thereof, taking strength unto themselves —

3:108 Behold I say, is not this the cause that the trees of Thy vineyard hath become corrupted?'

3:109 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant: 'Let Us go to and hew down the trees of the vineyard and cast them into the fire, that they shall not cumber the ground of My vineyard, for I have done all - What could I have done more for My vineyard?'

3:110 "But behold, the Servant saith unto the Lord of the vineyard: 'Spare it a little longer.'

3:111 "And the Lord saith: 'Yea, I will spare it a little longer, for it grieveth Me that I should lose the trees of My vineyard;

3:112 Wherefore, let Us take of the branches of these which I have planted in the nethermost parts of My vineyard and let Us graft them into the tree from whence they came;

3:113 And let Us pluck from the tree those branches whose fruit is most bitter and graft in the natural branches of the tree in the stead thereof;

3:114 And this will I do that the tree may not perish, that perhaps I may preserve unto Myself the roots thereof for Mine own purpose.

3:115 'And behold, the roots of the natural branches of the tree, which I planted whithersoever I would, are yet alive;

3:116 Wherefore, that I may preserve them also for Mine own purpose, I will take of the branches of this tree and I will graft them in unto them;

3:117 Yea, I will graft in unto them the branches of their mother tree, that I may preserve the roots also unto Mine own self, That when they shall be sufficiently strong, that perhaps they may bring forth good fruit unto Me and I may yet have glory in the fruit of My vineyard.

3:118 "And it came to pass that They took from the natural tree which had become wild and grafted in unto the natural trees which also had become wild;

3:119 And They also took of the natural trees which had become wild and grafted into their mother tree.

3:120 "And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto the Servant: 'Pluck not the wild branches from the trees, save it be those which are most bitter, And in them Ye shall graft according to that which I have said;

3:121 And We will nourish again the trees of the vineyard, And We will trim up the branches thereof, And We will pluck from the trees those branches which are ripened that must perish and cast them into the fire.

3:122 'And this I do that perhaps the roots thereof may take strength because of their goodness and because of the change of the branches, that the good may overcome the evil,

3:123 And because that I have preserved the natural branches and the roots thereof, And that I have grafted in the natural branches again into their mother tree and have preserved the roots of their mother tree, That perhaps the trees of My vineyard may bring forth again good fruit,

3:124 And that I may have joy again in the fruit of My vineyard, And perhaps that I may rejoice exceedingly that I have preserved the roots and the branches of the first fruit.

3:125 'Wherefore, go to and call servants that we may labor diligently with our mights in the vineyard, That we may prepare the way that I may bring forth again the natural fruit, which natural fruit is good and the most precious above all other fruit.

3:126 'Wherefore, let Us go to and labor with Our mights this last time, For behold, the end draweth nigh, And this is for the last time that I shall prune My vineyard;

3:127 Graft in the branches; Begin at the last, that they may be first, and that the first may be last; And dig about the trees - both old and young, the first and the last, and the last and the first - That all may be nourished once again for the last time.

3:128 'Wherefore, dig about them and prune them and dung them once more for the last time, For the end draweth nigh;

3:129 And if it so be that these last grafts shall grow and bring forth the natural fruit, then shall Ye prepare the way for them that they may grow;

3:130 And as they begin to grow, Ye shall clear away the branches which bring forth bitter fruit, according to the strength of the good and the size thereof;

3:131 And Ye shall not clear away the bad thereof all at once, lest the roots thereof should be too strong for the graft, And the graft thereof shall perish and I lose the trees of My vineyard;

3:132 For it grieveth Me that I should lose the trees of My vineyard. 'Wherefore, Ye shall clear away the bad according as the good shall grow, That the root and the top may be equal in strength, until the good shall overcome the bad, And the bad be hewn down and cast into the fire, that they cumber not the ground of My vineyard; And thus will I sweep away the bad out of My vineyard.

3:133 'And the branches of the natural tree will I graft in again into the natural tree; And the branches of the natural tree will I graft into the natural branches of the tree;

3:134 And thus will I bring them together again, that they shall bring forth the natural fruit and they shall be one;

3:135 And the bad shall be cast away, yea, even out of all the land of My vineyard; For behold, only this once will I prune My vineyard.'

3:136 "And it came to pass that the Lord of the vineyard sent His Servant, And the Servant went and did as the Lord had commanded Him and brought other servants, and they were few;

3:137 And the Lord of the vineyard saith unto them: 'Go to and labor in the vineyard with your mights,

3:138 For behold, this is the last time that I shall nourish My vineyard, For the end is nigh at hand and the season speedily cometh;

3:139 And if ye labor with your mights with Me, ye shall have joy in the fruit which I shall lay up unto Myself against the time which will soon come.

3:140 "And it came to pass that the servants did go to it and labor with their mights, And the Lord of the vineyard labored also with them, And they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in all things;

3:141 And there began to be the natural fruit again in the vineyard, And the natural branches began to grow and thrive exceedingly,

3:142 And the wild branches began to be plucked off and to be cast away, And they did keep the root and the top thereof equal, according to the strength thereof.

3:143 "And thus they labored with all diligence according to the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard, Even until the bad had been cast away out of the vineyard and the Lord had preserved unto Himself, that the trees had become again the natural fruit;

3:144 And they became like unto one body, And the fruit were equal, And the Lord of the vineyard had preserved unto Himself the natural fruit which was most precious unto Him from the beginning.

3:145 "And it came to pass that when the Lord of the vineyard saw that His fruit was good and that His vineyard was no more corrupt, He calleth up His servants and saith unto them: 'Behold, for this last time have we nourished My vineyard, And thou beholdest that I have done according to My will,

3:146 And I have preserved the natural fruit, that it is good, even like as it was in the beginning; And blessed art thou,

3:147 For because that ye have been diligent in laboring with Me in My vineyard and have kept My commandments, And hath brought unto Me again the natural fruit, that My vineyard is no more corrupted and the bad is cast away, Behold, ye shall have joy with Me because of the fruit of My vineyard.

3:148 'For behold, for a long time will I lay up of the fruit of My vineyard unto Mine own self against the season which speedily cometh;

3:149 And for the last time have I nourished My vineyard and pruned it and dug about it and dunged it;

3:150 Wherefore, I will lay up unto Mine own self of the fruit for a long time, according to that which I have spoken.

3:151 'And when the time cometh that evil fruit shall again come into My vineyard, Then will I cause the good and the bad to be gathered;

3:152 And the good will I preserve unto Myself and the bad will I cast away into its own place;

3:153 And then cometh the season and the end, And My vineyard will I cause to be burned with fire."

Ether's Warning: The Conversation, The Decree, The Warning.

Ether 1:30-35

And <u>He had sworn in His wrath</u> unto the brother of Jared that whoso should possess this Land of Promise from that time henceforth and forever should serve Him the true and only God.

Or they should be swept off when the **fullness** of His wrath should come upon them.

And now we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land,

That it is a Land of Promise.

And whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God,

Or they shall be swept off when the fullness of His wrath shall come upon them.

And the fullness of His wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity;

For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands.

Wherefore, he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off.

For it is the everlasting decrees of God.

Ether's Warning:

Ether 1:33-34 And it is not until the fullness of iniquity among the children of the land that they are swept off.

And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God.

That ye may repent and not continue in your iniquities until the fullness be come.

That ye may not bring down the fullness of the wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land hath hitherto done.

Ether's Warning:

Ether 4:22

And thus the Lord did pour out His blessings upon this land, which was choice above all other lands.

And He commanded that whoso should possess the land should possess it unto the Lord

or they should be destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity;

For upon such, saith the Lord,

I will pour out the fullness of My wrath.

Ether 6:61 And thus we see that the Lord did visit them in the fullness of His wrath.

And their wickedness and abominations had prepared a way for their everlasting destruction.