WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

Class 14

The End of The Age

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

Summary of Parable-Jacob 4

Israel is the Tame Olive Tree

2 That the things which this prophet Zenos spake concerning the house of Israel, in the which he likened them unto a tame olive tree, must surely come to pass;

Summary of Parable-Jacob 4

The Second Time is the Last Time

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.

Summary of Parable-Jacob 4

God Remembers Israel—Roots and Branches

6 And how merciful is our God unto us

for He remembereth the house of Israel, both roots and branches.

And He stretches forth His hands unto them all the day long;

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?'

Isaiah 2:11-12

The **lofty looks of man shall be humbled,** and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

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;

Spiritual Meaning of 'Grafting'

1 Nephi 3:19

Or, in fine, that after the Gentiles had received the fullness of the gospel,

the natural branches of the olive tree

- or the remnants of the house of Israel should be grafted in,

Or come to the knowledge of the true Messiah,

their Lord and their Redeemer.

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;

Preserve the Roots...

2 Nephi 11:84-85

For they which shall be destroyed <u>shall speak unto them out of the ground.</u> And their speech <u>shall be low out of the dust</u>.

And their voice shall be as one that hath a familiar spirit. For the Lord God will give unto him <u>power</u> that he may whisper concerning them, even as it were out of the ground.

And their speech shall whisper out of the dust..

God will Remember the Covenants

1 Nephi 5:132

Behold, He loved our fathers and He covenanted with them.

Yea, even Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

And He remembered the covenants which He had made;

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;

God will Remember the Covenants

3 Nephi 7:36 And then will I remember My covenant which I have made unto My people, O house of Israel, And I will bring My gospel unto them;

3 Nephi 7:37 And I will show unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you.

But I will remember My covenant unto you, O house of Israel.

And ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fullness of My gospel.

3 Nephi 9:67

And I will remember the covenant which I have made with My people.

And I have covenanted with them that <u>I would gather them together</u> in Mine own due time.



Words from Native Americans...

- Want to go forth, with one heart/one mind.
- As God moved and made bare his Arm on Moses/Exodus, Native Americans anticipate even greater redemption.
- Words will speak from the Dust
- Unified Tribes
- Unifying with Israel
- Blessings of Power of Heaven will come down.

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.

2 Nephi 12:71-72

And it shall come to pass that the Jews shall have the words of the Nephites, And the Nephites shall have the words of the Jews.

And the Nephites and the Jews shall have the words of the lost tribes of Israel;

And the lost tribes of Israel shall have the words of the Nephites and the Jews.

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;

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

Matthew 20 Parable of the Man Hiring Laborers

1 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man, an house-holder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.

2 And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

Matthew 20 Parable of the Man Hiring Laborers

3 And he went out about the third hour, and found others standing idle in the market place.

4 And said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, I will give you; and they went their way.

5 And again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour and did likewise.

6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and said unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?

7 They said unto him, Because no man hath hired us.

8 He said unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right ye shall receive.

9 So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard said unto his steward,

Call the laborers and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.

10 And when they came that began about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.

11 But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received a penny, they murmured against the good man of the house, saying, These last have wrought one hour only and thou hast made them equal unto us, who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.

12 But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong; didst not thou agree with me for a penny?

13 Take thine and go thy way;

I will give unto this last even as unto thee.

Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?

14 Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

15 So the last shall be first, and the first last, for many are called, but few chosen.

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;

Jeremiah 32:

38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

39 And I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever. For the good of them, and of their children after them:

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 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.

Why Does 'the servant' go away for the rest of the story?

Why Does 'the servant' go away for the rest of the story?

Because servant's (i.e. prophets, etc) used to speak God's command for him.

Now he speaks directly.

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;

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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,

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But I must begin to draw to a close, or my letter will be long enough for a pamphlet. I cannot leave the subject, however, till I bring in the "Twelve." They were known from before the foundation of the world, and are thus noticed in the prophecy of Zenos, in the Book of Mormon; I mean in that masterly parable of the "olive tree:" All men, acquainted with revelation and the spirit of God, have agreed that the "servant" spoken of in that parable, was Joseph Smith, and when the Lord commanded him "to go to and call other servants," and "they did go to it with their mights,"-as the whole has been backed up by revelations in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, it would require more than "mortal" to prove that allusion to the "servants," meant any body but the "Twelve."

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I know the Twelve, and they know me.-Their names are Brigham Young, the lion of the Lord; Heber C. Kimball, the herald of grace; Parley P. Pratt, the archer of paradise; Orson Hyde, the olive branch of Israel; Willard Richards, the keeper of the rolls: John Taylor, the champion of right; William Smith, the entablature of truth; Orson Pratt, the gauge of philosophy; John E. Page, the sun dial; and Lyman Wight, the wild ram of the mountain. And they are good men; the best the Lord can find; they do the will of God, and the saints know it.

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.

Summary of The End of the Age

- Scattering of Israel for Rejecting the True Messiah (v 6-12)
- Raising of a great Gentile Nation here (v. 11- 15)
- Scourging of Israel by Gentiles
- Scouring of the Remnant Here by Gentiles.
- The Marvelous Work among Gentiles IS THE RETURN OF THE BOOK OF MORMON TO THE GENTILES. (v 17-19)
- MOST IMPORTANTLY TO RETURN TO THE REMNANT ON THIS LAND, and ALL ISRAEL. (v. 17)
- God MAKES BARE HIS ARM before the Nations (v. 20)

Summary of The End of the Age

- Brings Remnant and Israel out of captivity, obscurity (v. 21-23)
- They shall know that the Lord is their Savior and their Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel. (v. 15)
- Great and Abominable Church makes war, is overcome. (v. 26)
- Great and Abominable shall war among itself/themselves and tumble.
- The Wrath of God is poured out (v. 36)
- The Righteous NEED NOT FEAR. (v. 37)
- Will save the Righteous even as by fire.
- Satan will have no power for many years
- Satan will have no power because of the Righteousness of God's People.

Summary of The End of the Age

- Jesus The Holy One of Israel Reigns (v. 62)
- All nations, kindreds, tongues and people shall dwell safely in the Holy One of Israel, if it so be that they will repent. (v. 64)

7:6 For it appears that the house of Israel, sooner or later, will be scattered upon all the face of the earth, and also among all nations.

7:7 "And behold, there are many which are already lost from the knowledge of they which are at Jerusalem;

7:8 Yea, the more part of all the tribes have been led away,

7:9 And they are scattered to and fro upon the isles of the sea;

7:10 And whither they are, none of us knoweth, save that we know that they have been led away.

7:11 "And since that they have been led away, these things have been prophesied concerning them, And also concerning all they which shall hereafter be scattered and be confounded because of the Holy One of Israel, For against Him will they harden their hearts;

7:12 Wherefore, they shall be scattered among all nations and shall be hated by all men.

7:13 "Nevertheless, after that they have been nursed by the Gentiles and the Lord hath lifted up His hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard - And their children shall be carried in their arms, And their daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders; Behold, these things of which are spoken are temporal, For thus are the covenants of the Lord with our fathers;

7:14 And it meaneth us in the days to come.

And also all our brethren which are of the house of Israel.

7:15 "And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles, Yea, even upon the face of this land; 7:16 And by them shall our seed be scattered.

7:17 "And after that our seed is scattered, the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles which shall be of great worth unto our seed;

7:18 Wherefore, it is likened unto their being nursed by the Gentiles and being carried in their arms and upon their shoulders.

7:19 "And it shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles,

7:20 And not only unto the Gentiles, but unto all the house of Israel unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham, saying: 'In thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.'

7:21 "And I would, my brethren, that ye should know that all the kindreds of the earth cannot be blessed unless He shall make bare His arm in the eyes of the nations;

7:22 Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare His arm in the eyes of all the nations in bringing about His covenants and His gospel unto they which are of the house of Israel.

7:23 "Wherefore, He will bring them again out of captivity, And they shall be gathered together to the lands of their first inheritance;

7:24 And they shall be brought out of obscurity and out of darkness;

7:25 And they shall know that the Lord is their Savior and their Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel.

7:26 "And the blood of that great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall turn upon their own heads,

7:27 For they shall war among themselves; And the sword of their own hands shall fall upon their own heads, And they shall be drunken with their own blood.

7:28 "And every nation which shall war against thee, O house of Israel, shall be turned one against another;

7:29 And they shall fall into the pit which they digged to ensnare the people of the Lord;

7:30 And all they which fight against Zion shall be destroyed;

7:31 And that great whore which hath perverted the right ways of the Lord, yea, that great and abominable church, shall tumble to the dust, And great shall be the fall of it.

7:32 "'For behold, ' saith the prophet, 'that the time cometh speedily that Satan shall have no more power over the hearts of the children of men;

7:33 For the day soon cometh that all the proud and they which do wickedly shall be as stubble; And the day cometh that they must be burned.

7:34 'For the time soon cometh that the fullness of the wrath of God shall be poured out upon all the children of men,

7:35 For He will not suffer that the wicked shall destroy the righteous.

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;

7:37 Wherefore, the righteous need not fear '; For thus saith the prophet: 'They shall be saved, even if it so be as by fire.'

7:38 "Behold my brethren, I say unto you that these things must shortly come, Yea, even blood and fire and vapor of smoke must come;

7:39 And it must needs be upon the face of this earth;

7:40 And it cometh unto men according to the flesh, if it so be that they will harden their hearts against the Holy One of Israel.

7:41 "For behold, the righteous shall not perish;

7:42 For the time surely must come that all they which fight against Zion shall be cut off.

7:43 "And the Lord will surely prepare a way for His people, unto the fulfilling of the words of Moses which he spake, saying:

7:44 'A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you;

7:45 And it shall come to pass that all they which will not hear that Prophet shall be cut off from among the people.'

7:46 "And now I, Nephi, declare unto you that this Prophet of whom Moses spake was the Holy One of Israel;

7:47 Wherefore, He shall execute judgment in righteousness.

7:48 "And the righteous need not fear, for it is they which shall not be confounded;

7:49 But it is the kingdom of the devil which shall be built up among the children of men, Which kingdom is established among them which are in the flesh.

7:50 "For the time speedily shall come that all churches which are built up to get gain, And all they which are built up to get power over the flesh, And they which are built up to become popular in the eyes of the world, And they which seek the lusts of the flesh, and the things of the world, and to do all manner of iniquity,

7:51 Yea, in fine, all they which belong to the kingdom of the devil - It is they which need fear and tremble and quake;

7:52 It is they which must be brought low in the dust;

7:53 It is they which must be consumed as stubble;

7:54 And this is according to the words of the prophet.

7:55 "And the time cometh speedily that the righteous must be led up as calves of the stall, And the Holy One of Israel must reign in dominion and might and power and great glory.

7:56 "And He gathereth His children from the four quarters of the earth;

7:57 And He numbereth His sheep and they know Him;

7:58 And there shall be one fold and one Shepherd;

7:59 And He shall feed His sheep, And in Him they shall find pasture.

7:60 "And because of the righteousness of His people, Satan hath no power;

7:61 Wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years,

7:62 For he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in righteousness, And the Holy One of Israel reigneth.

7:63 "And now behold, I, Nephi, say unto you that all these things must come according to the flesh;

7:64 But behold, all nations, kindreds, tongues and people shall dwell safely in the Holy One of Israel, if it so be that they will repent.