

# “Gentile Fate...”

Living Hope Spring 2023 Classes 1-4 Summary  
and remainder of Class 5.



















# Whose Heart?

Class 01 Summary

Book of Mormon Class

Living Hope Congregation, Independence, MO.

Class-1...Every Class begins with....

...A Question.

The question comes from the scriptures....



# Questions regarding the Gentiles

What is the 'R' word.....?

[1 Nephi 3:210](#) And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, Nephi, saying: "Thou hast beheld that if the **Gentiles repent**, it shall be well with them;

[2 Nephi 12:77](#) For behold I say unto you, As many of the **Gentiles** as will **repent** are the covenant people of the Lord; And as many of the Jews as will not **repent** shall be cast off;

[3 Nephi 7:38](#) 'But if the **Gentiles** will **repent** and return unto Me, ' saith the Father, 'Behold, they shall be numbered among My people, O house of Israel;

[3 Nephi 9:56](#) "'And it shall come to pass, ' saith the Father, 'that the sword of My justice shalt hang over them at that day; And except they **repent**, it shall fall upon them, ' saith the Father, 'yea, even upon all the nations of the **Gentiles**.'

The Gentiles Need to..... Repent?

# The Gentiles Need to Repent.

.....but the second question is.....

**Repent from What?**



# Whose Heart?

Ancient Israel? - **HARDENED HEARTS TO GOD!**

The Jews? - **HARDENED HEARTS TO GOD!**

The Lamanites? - **HARDENED HEARTS TO GOD!**

The Nephites? - - **HARDENED HEARTS TO GOD!**

# 1 Nephi 3—THE GENTILES PROMISE AND WARNING

201 And it shall come to pass that if the Gentiles shall hearken unto the Lamb of God in that day that He shall manifest Himself unto them in word and also in power, in very deed, **Unto the taking away of their stumbling blocks, if it so be that they harden not their hearts against the Lamb. (Anidiplosis)**

**And if it so be that they harden not their hearts against the Lamb of God, they shall be numbered among the seed of thy father,**

**213 Therefore, wo be unto the Gentiles if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God,**

# 1 Nephi 3—THE GENTILES PROMISE AND WARNING

First question—what was the STUMBLING BLOCK??

NEXT QUESTION—HOW DID GOD REMOVE THAT STUMBLING BLOCK FROM THE GENTILES???



ANSWER:

**BY GIVING US  
THE BOOK OF MORMON AS 100%  
RELIABLE DOCTRINE!!!**

# The WARNINGS to the GENTILES... 1 Nephi 3

210 And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, Nephi, saying:  
Thou hast beheld that if the Gentiles repent, it shall be well with  
them;

212 And thou also hast heard that whoso repenteth not must perish;

**213 Therefore, wo be unto the Gentiles if it so be that they harden  
their hearts against the Lamb of God,**

214 'For the time cometh, ' saith the Lamb of God, ' that I will work a  
great and a marvelous work among the children of men -

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The Nephites? - - **HARDENED HEARTS TO GOD!**

The Gentiles? - - **HARDENED HEARTS TO GOD!**



# Class 1 Summary

The Book of Mormon Teaches that all people mentioned—Jews, Nephites, Lamanites, Gentiles—would Make the same mistake:

They would harden their hearts against the revelation of who God is.

How do we Gentiles evaluate ourselves in light of this, vs. how the restoration promotes the Gentile Restoration?

Does the restoration teach that we need to repent for this?



# Who Changed?

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# What Happened?



Ancient Israel? 1500 BC-750 BC - **SUFFERED SCATTERING**

The Nephites? - -400 AD... **GENOCIDE**

The Jews? 600 BC - 1948 AD – **CAST OUT, WANDERERS, HOLOCAUST**

The Lamanites? 1500 AD...**AMERICAN HOLOCAUST, EVENTUALLY  
HERDED TO RESERVATIONS, LOSS OF IDENTITY**

The Gentiles? 2??? - - There is no plot twist...Prophetic forecast:  
**SUFFER WORSE THAN ALL**

# The record of the Book of Mormon...

- Josephs lineage....what were they known for?
- Book of Mormon writers were hand picked—for us.
- Some of These men could command mountains and oceans.
- Typographical errors and even a few changes occurred, but put back to original in recent RCE edition.
- The word was not tampered by culture or time like the Bible
- Errors were NOT in doctrine.
- We were given a standard.
- **AND WE WERE WARNED BY THE BOOK OF MORMON...**

# Warning to all....

## [2 Nephi 12:33](#)

And in fine,

wo unto all they that tremble and are angry because of the truth of God.

## [2 Nephi 15:6](#)

And it speaketh harsh against sin, according to the plainness of the truth;

Wherefore, no man will be angry at the words which I have written, save he shall be of the spirit of the devil.



# Warning to all....

## [Ether 1:102](#)

And he that will contend against the word of the Lord,  
let him be **accursed**;

And he that shall deny these things,  
let him be **accursed**;

For unto them will I show no greater things, saith Jesus Christ,  
For I Am He which speaketh.

# The promise is:

- The Gentiles will increase in pride and reject the Lord.
- The Lamanites will eventually increase in humility and return to the Lord
- The Gospel will depart from the Gentiles
- The Gospel will return to the Remnant of Lamanites.

3 Nephi describes. Why isn't this shared within the Restoration? This is part of the Covenant.

**3 Nephi 7:35-36** And if they shall do all these things,  
And shall reject the fullness of My gospel,  
Behold, ' saith the Father,

'I will bring the fullness of My gospel from among them;

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;

# What is the promise?



- All have a promise
- Here is how it plays out....
- THEIR CHILDREN'S HEARTS CHANGE TO CHRIST
- THEN THEY COME BACK TO CHRIST
- Grafting meant to be gathered 'Spiritually' and then 'Physically'
- THEY ARE REUNITED WITH THE WORDS OF THEIR FATHERS
- THEY ARE REUNITED WITH THE GOD OF THEIR FATHERS.

# “Sounds Like....”

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# Learning from Lamanites long ago

## THEIR HEARTS CHANGED

The King exclaimed:

"What shall I do that I may have this eternal life of which thou hast spoken? Yea, what shall I do that I may be born of God, having this wicked spirit rooted out of my breast and receive his Spirit?

that I may be filled with joy?

that I may not be cast off at the last day?

# Warnings...Sounds Like....

## Nephite Warning...

Alma 17:46 And now behold, I tell you by the spirit of prophecy that if ye trangress the commandments of God, Behold, these things which are sacred shall be taken away from you by the power of God, **And ye shall be delivered up unto Satan that he may sift you as chaff before the wind;**

## Lamanite Warning...

2 Nephi 1:32 Or that a cursing should come upon you for the space of many generations, And ye are visited by sword and by famine, **And are hated and are led according to the will and captivity of the devil.**

## Book of Commandments-Gentile Warning

6 And now if this generation do harden their hearts against my word, **behold I will deliver them up unto satan,** for he reigneth and hath much power at this time, **for he hath got great hold upon the hearts of the people of this generation:**

# ULTIMATELY....it was IDEAS of MAN mixed with Scripture

- Ideas of Man have to get mixed in with God's word.
- The Ideas of Man begin to take on meaning, a new and different meaning of their own.
- Man's ideas begin to take on momentum to the believers.
- This distortion causes separation.
- When we hold onto ideas not supported by scripture we become isolated, and enabling ourselves to become more firmly entrenched in incorrect ideas.

## Read in Garland's News Email this week

“Just where it came from, let me repeat, I do not know, but always my faith, my ministry, has been dominated by this idea Zion;

and so I have always been disposed to measure the progress of the church by its approach to this GREAT GOAL;...

Zion fixes the religious position of this church.

IF IT BE THAT ZION IS NOT THE GOAL, THEN THIS CHURCH HAS LITTLE REASON FOR EXISTING...

It is the most attractive, the most soul-appealing goal I know of..”

~Frederick M. Smith

Let me get this straight.....

“...THIS CHURCH HAS LITTLE REASON FOR  
EXISTING...???”



# What if.....This was Our Purpose Instead??

- What if the church told of The Opposition in all things? (2 Nephi 1:80-98)
- What if the church told about our Choice in the Opposition? (2 Nephi 1:66)
- What if the church told the world of The Fall of Man? (2 Nephi 1)
- What about explaining Justice and Mercy AND Jesus' Compassion? (Alma 19)
- What about announcing The Infinite Atonement? (Alma 16:213)
- What about explaining Repentance and the Change of Heart? (Mosiah 11:182)
- What if the church revealed how Mercy Overcomes Justice through His Atonement and Our Repentance? (Alma 16:216)
- Or Coming in at the Gate, living by the Word, being directed by the Spirit? (2Nephi chapters 13-15)
- TRANSLATED: WHAT IF THIS CHURCH TOLD THE MESSAGE OF THE BOOK OF MORMON?

# “Tradition”

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# Lamanites

(King Benjamin writing about their records handed down...)

## [Mosiah 1:8](#)

And we should have been like unto our brethren, the Lamanites,  
which know nothing concerning these things,

Or even do not believe them when they are taught them,

**because of the traditions of their fathers**

**which are not correct.**

Important: TRADITION vs WRITTEN RECORD  
is what distinguished Nephites from Lamanites.

[Alma 1:109](#)

And it came to pass that whosoever would not believe in the tradition of the Lamanites, But believed those records which were brought out of the Land of Jerusalem,  
and also in the tradition of their fathers, which were correct,  
Which believed in the commandments of God and kept them,  
**Were called the Nephites, or the people of Nephi, from that time forth;**

# It's OK to ask questions....

- The promise is that someday we all see eye to eye
- There will be agreement in Christ.
- We don't always recognize our traditions..
- It's not OK to lack charity...

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# “The Contract”

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# The Contract

Lamanite Tradition

When History Isn't?

A Book

Torn pages

Divergent Pathways

Contract

\$20 and the Governor

Don't Publish

No other Gift

Isaiah's work

AC

PB's

Unalterable Decrees

Eternal Justice

In the Book of Mormon.....

Perhaps the Significant Determinant of  
who the Lamanites were was....

Tradition!

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# Discovery of the 1832 Version of JS Vision (From “The Case of the Three Torn Pages”)

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**Reference:** The Case of the Three Torn Pages

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B46d9-tC8xTAOWdaek56WTdYZVU/preview?pli=1&resourcekey=0-jWtH-9R9KPkNEkUOdneSeA>

<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/letterbook-1/9#!/paperSummary/letterbook-1&p=9>

**1965 – Cheesman prepares typescript of masters thesis:**

“An Analysis of the Accounts Relating Joseph Smith's Early Visions”

<https://scholarsarchive.byu.edu/etd/4590/>

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# (From “The Case of the Three Torn Pages”)

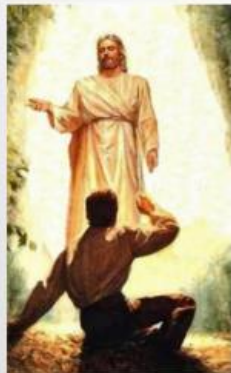
## Discovery of the 1832 Version

- 1832 – Joseph Smith, Jr records his hand-written account of First Vision in first three (2-sided) pages of *Letterbook 1*
- 1838/39 – Official account of First Vision
  - canonized in *Pearl of Great Price* in 1880
- 1844 – Joseph Smith, Jr. killed in Carthage, IL
- 1847 – Brigham Young and saints trek to Utah, bring boxes of Church records to Salt Lake City (including *Letterbook 1*)
- 1901 – Joseph Fielding Smith (JFS) began work in Church Historian and Recorder office
- 1910 – JFS called as Apostle
- 1921 – JFS called as Church Historian
- ~1921-1935 – JFS and Church Historian office process box of Nauvoo records, discover *Letterbook 1* (approximately 100 years after it was created)
- ~1930-35 - **Three pages containing JS’s handwritten 1832 account are torn out of *Letterbook 1* and placed in JFS’s office safe**
  - Rest of *Letterbook 1* and other Nauvoo records placed in Church archives

# (From “The Case of the Three Torn Pages”)

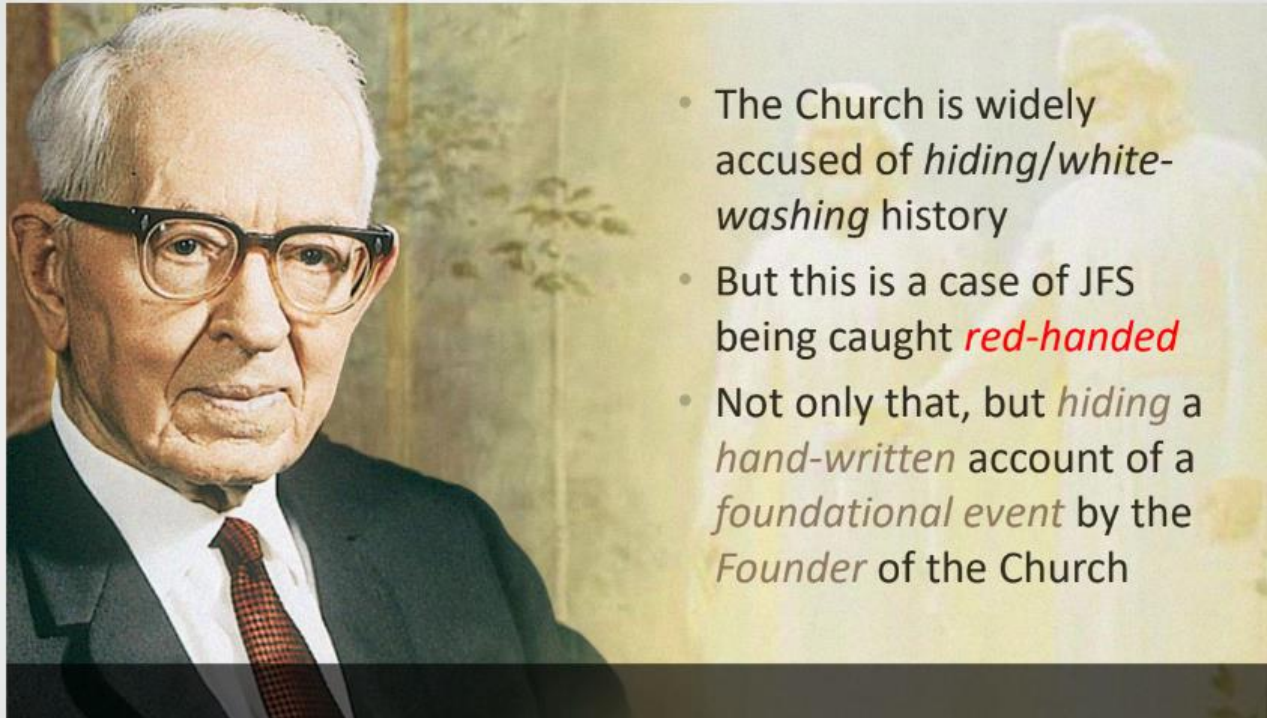
## Who Tore Out the Pages? Why?

- **Who?**
  - Evidence strongly points to **Joseph Fielding Smith**
- **Why?**
  - JS’s hand-written version **contradicted** the canonized 1838 version
    - 1832 - JS already knew no churches were right, only Christ appears
    - 1838 – JS seeks which church to join, Father and Son appears, told to join none of churches
  - This struck at heart of Joseph Smith’s claim of being divinely called to restore True Church. JFS must’ve **feared fallout**.



# (From “The Case of the Three Torn Pages”)

## Why is this significant?



- The Church is widely accused of *hiding/white-washing* history
- But this is a case of JFS being caught *red-handed*
- Not only that, but *hiding* a *hand-written* account of a *foundational event* by the *Founder* of the Church

"MORMONISM, AS IT IS CALLED, MUST STAND OR FALL ON THE STORY OF JOSEPH SMITH. HE WAS EITHER A PROPHET OF GOD, DIVINELY CALLED, PROPERLY APPOINTED AND COMMISSIONED, OR HE WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST FRAUDS THIS WORLD HAS EVER SEEN. THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND."

- PROPHET JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH, DOCTRINES OF SALVATION, PAGE 188

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# Ancient Contracts in the Bible

- "Treaty of the Great King," by Meredith Kline (1963)
- Describes Ancient Contracts in Israel between Parties
- Also Called a "bilateral covenant"
- Same Words written on two sides of the scroll
- Scroll torn, each party keeping a side.
- Brought together in presence of the king.

# And there is another Aspect...

## Ezekiel 37:16

Son of man, take a stick and write on it, "For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him; "

then take another stick and write on it,

"For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him."

And join them one to another into one stick,  
that they may become one in your hand.'"

# Contract

## Contract

Corey is hiring Mike to  
buy 2 lb. blueberries  
for \$10.

Paid when delivered.

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# Contract—What if torn in half?

## Contract for Corey

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to buy 2 lb. blueberries  
for \$10.

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## Contract for Mike

Corey is hiring Mike  
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The Tear prevented just any two contracts from being joined.

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Contract for Mike

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# No Opportunity for Mischief.

## Contract for Corey

Corey is hiring Mike  
to buy 2 lb. blueberries  
for \$10.

Paid when delivered.

## Contract for Mike

Corey is hiring Mike  
to buy 1 lb. strawberries  
for \$20.

**Paid up front.**

# The Book of Mormon is an ANCIENT ORIGINAL SIDE of God's CONTRACT

2 Nephi 12:

65 **For I command all men** - both in the east, and in the west, and in the north, and in the south, and in the islands of the sea - **That they shall write the words which I speak unto them;**

66 **For out of the books which shall be written, I will judge the world,** Every man according to their works, **According to that which is written.**

67 "For behold, I shall speak unto the Jews, and they shall write it;

68 **And I shall also speak unto the Nephites,** and they shall write it;

69 **And I shall also speak unto the other tribes of the house of Israel** which I have led away, and they shall write it;

70 **And I shall also speak unto all the nations of the earth,** and they shall write it.

71 "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;**

72 **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.**

73 "And it shall come to pass that My people, which are of the house of Israel, Shall be gathered home unto the lands of their possessions;  
**And My word also shall be gathered in one.**

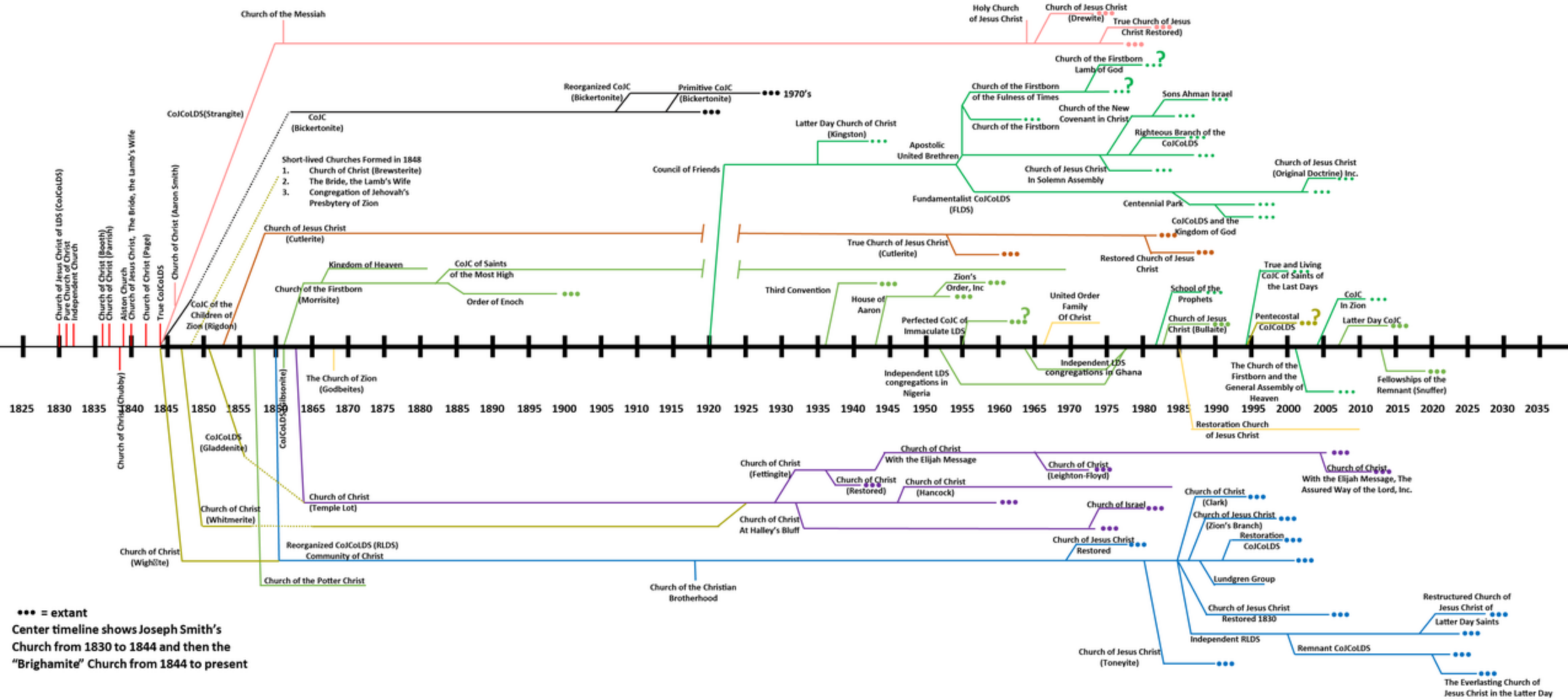
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Jews Kept a Half

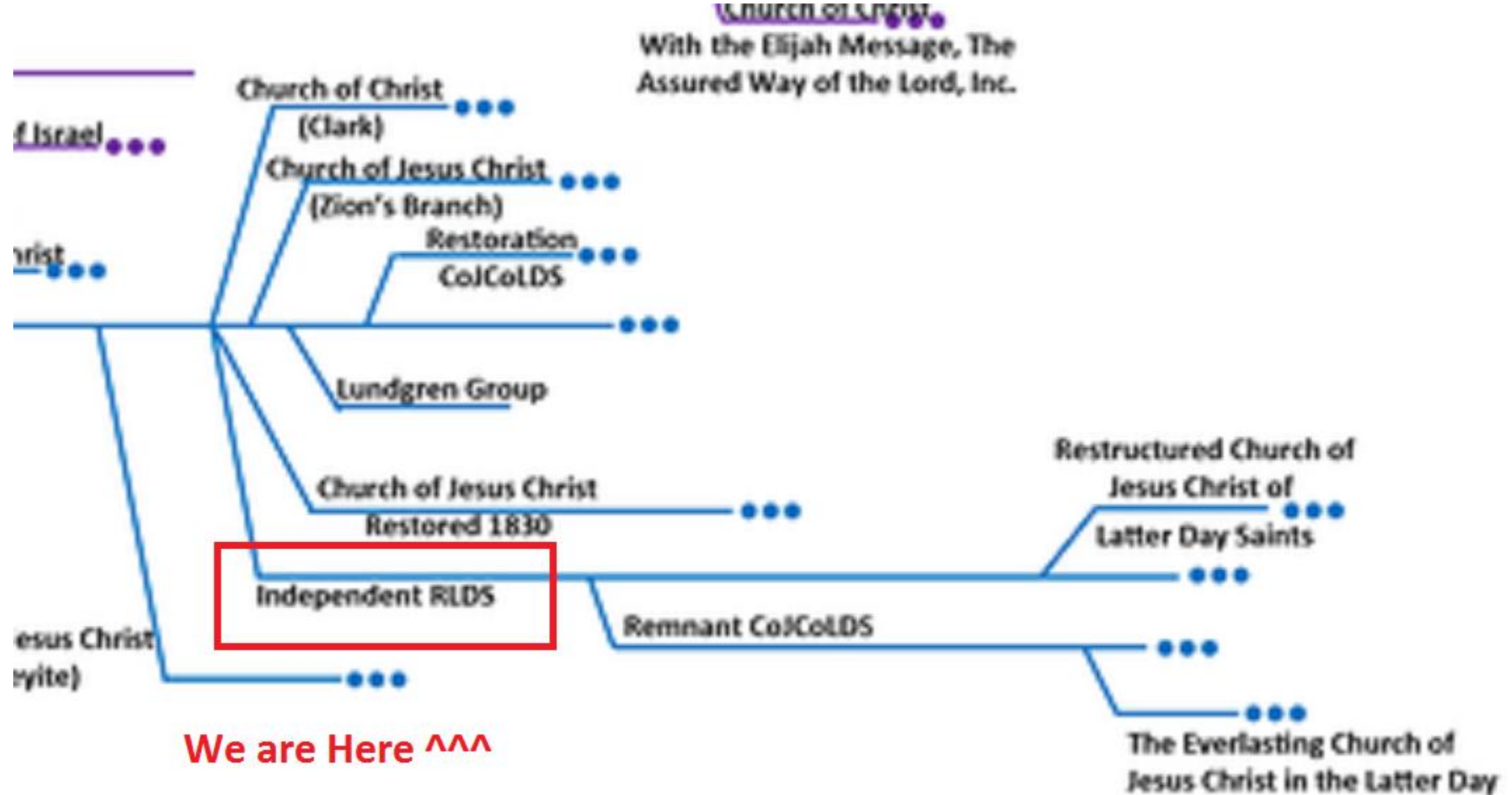
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# What to learn from this?

- Disagreeing over things like 'Authority'

What to learn from this? We Gentiles Call it  
'The Restoration'

[2 Nephi 12:40](#)

Wo be unto the **Gentiles** saith the Lord God of Hosts.

**For notwithstanding I shall lengthen out Mine arm unto them from day  
to day,**

**they will deny Me.**

## 2 Nephi 12:

40 "Wo be unto the Gentiles!" saith the Lord God of Hosts;

For notwithstanding I shall lengthen out Mine arm unto them from day to day, they will deny Me;

41 Nevertheless, I will be merciful unto them, " saith the Lord God, if they will repent and come unto Me.

For Mine arm is lengthened out all the day long, " saith the Lord God of Hosts.

42 "But behold, there shall be many at that day [ELLIPSIS omitted: non-Repentance] 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,

43 And also, that I may remember the promises which I have made unto thee, Nephi, and also unto thy father, that I would remember your seed, And that the words of your seed should proceed forth out of My mouth unto your seed.

44 "And My words shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth for a standard unto My people which are of the house of Israel;

# 3 Nephi 7

34 "And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you: ' **At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against My gospel, And shall reject the fullness of My gospel,**  
And shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations and above all the people of the whole earth,  
And shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy and murders, and priestcrafts and whoredoms, and of secret abominations -

35 **And if they shall do all these things, And shall reject the fullness of My gospel, Behold, ' saith the Father, 'I will bring the fullness of My gospel from among them;**

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;**

# The Prophesied Restoration of Israel

- Israel's True restoration has not happened yet.
- Does not happen in the shadow of the Gentiles.
- Prophecy Indicates the Gentiles Deny God.
- How and Why? Like everyone else. Traditions become incorrect.
- The Restoration of Israel happens when Gentiles Judged for Rejecting God.

# From Book of Commandments...

## Section 4

2 And now, behold, this shall you say unto him: I the Lord am God, and I have given these things unto my servant Joseph, and have commanded him that he should stand as a witness of these things, nevertheless I have caused him that he should enter into a covenant with me, that he should not show them except I command him, and he has no power over them except I grant it unto him;

and he has a gift to translate the book,  
and I have commanded him that he shall pretend to no other gift,  
for I will grant him no other gift

# What was changed??

## Book of Commandments

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(3<sup>RD</sup> PERSON ORIGINALLY)

ORIGINAL WORKING:

Teaches ONE Gift

## Doctrine and Covenants

DC 5:1d And you have a gift to  
translate the plates, and this is the  
first gift that I bestowed upon you,  
and I have commanded that you  
should pretend to no other gift until  
my purpose is fulfilled in this; for I will  
grant unto you no other gift until it is  
finished.

MODIFIED WORDING:

Teaches More than One Gift

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# A Book....

“What an astonishing thing a book is.

It's a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles.

But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person, maybe somebody dead for thousands of years.

Across the millennia, an author is speaking clearly and silently inside your head, directly to you.

Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs.

Books break the shackles of time.

A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic.”

--Carl Sagan, “Cosmos”