# WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF MORMON TEACH?

Class 4



The Learning of the Jews and the Opposition in All Things

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#### First Verse of the Book of Mormon sets stage

#### 1 Nephi 1:1

I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents, therefore, I was taught somewhat in all the learning of my father.

And having seen many afflictions in the course of my days, nevertheless, having been highly favored of the Lord in all my days,

Yea, having had a great knowledge of the goodness and the mysteries of God,

Therefore, I make a record of my proceedings in my days.

Yea, I make a record in the language of my father, which consists of the learning of the Jews, and the language of the Egyptians;

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      - D which consists of the <u>learning</u> of the <u>Jews</u>
    - **C'** and the <u>language</u> of the Egyptians.
  - **B'** And I know that the <u>record</u> which I make is true: and I make it with mine own hand:
- A' and I make it according to my knowledge. (1 Nephi 1:1)

# Opposition

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# But....Why? And further, why included in the Book of Mormon??

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# Joshua says this....

#### Joshua 24:14-15

Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth.

And put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood and in Egypt, and serve ye the Lord.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

# Joshua says this....

Life was Symbolized by one side of a river or the other.

Are you going to serve the pagan gods, or the God of Israel who saved us,

The decision is yours. THERE IS NO LAW DICTATING YOUR CHOICE.

# Therefore Alma says this....

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In context with God's Laws

#### Alma 16

5 And thus the people did have no disturbance in all the sixteenth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.

6 And it came to pass in the commencement of the seventeenth year of the reign of the judges, there was continual peace;

7 But it came to pass in the latter end of the seventeenth year, there came a man into the Land of Zarahemla, And he was antichrist, for he began to preach unto the people against the prophecies which had been spoken by the prophets concerning the coming of Christ.

8 Now there was no law against a man's belief, for it was strictly contrary to the commandments of God that there should be a law which should bring men

on to unequal grounds,

#### Alma 16

9 For thus saith the scripture, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

10 Now if a man desired to serve God, it was his privilege, or rather if he believed in God, it was his privilege to serve Him, But if he did not believe in Him, there was no law to punish him;

11 But if he murdered, he was punished unto death, And if he robbed, he was also punished, And if he stole, he was also punished, And if he committed adultery, he was also punished; Yea, for all this wickedness they were punished, for there was a law that men should be judged according to their crimes;

#### Alma 16

12 Nevertheless, there was no law against a man's belief, Therefore, a man was punished only for the crimes which he had done, Therefore, all men were on equal grounds.

13 And this antichrist whose name was Korihor - and the law could have no hold upon him - and he began to preach unto the people that there should be noth;

14 And after this manner did he preach, saying: "O ye that are bound down under a foolish and a vain hope, Why do ye yoke yourselves with such foolish things? Why do ye look for a@rist? For no man can know of anything which is to come.

### Choose You This Day....

I never knew what this meant

### Choose You This Day....

- There is no eternal law requiring belief in God or against God.
- Therefore there can not be laws in this life requiring belief.
- It is a privilege to Believe

# Joshua says this....

This is the story of AGENCY in action, without using the word.

NO LAWS EXIST TO MAKE YOU CHOOSE GOD.

THE PROBLEM STARTED WITH OUR HEART, THE PROBLEM IS RESOLVED WITH OUR HEART.

THEN THE ATONEMENT CAN BE APPLIED. THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF THE BOOK OF MORMON. THIS SHOULD BE THE MESSAGE OF THE CHURCH.

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- Perhaps So I would stop complaining to God every time something bad happened, or during every trial.

Important to see that the idea that prompted the scripture in Joshua was the same idea, that could not be laws against thought.

#### **OUR THOUGHTS/OUT Will**

It is in this balance of the opposition.

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### Here is the summary of life

There exists an opposition in all life. If is a fixed law BY GOD, You/We can't do anything about it.

Simultaneously, there is **NO LAW by GOD** against our belief. (This is more than just an American constitutional right, although you can see where the Founders were inspired on high)

So the challenge of this life becomes: to temper your belief within the boundaries of continual opposition.

### Life guidance

Tempering your belief to the ways of GOOD is called (finding) the way.

 There can not be laws against belief or this would destroy the agency of man, but the WHOLE PLAN OF SALVATION. HUMANITY HAS TO BE FREE TO CHOOSE, THEN ALL JUDGMENT IS BASED ON THE OUTCOME OF YOUR CHOICES.

• Salvation has to be a free choice, likewise is damnation (free)

### Lehi's Teaching Continued....

2 Nephi 1:119 "Wherefore, men are free, according to the flesh; And all things are given them which are expedient unto man;

2 Nephi 1:120 And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life through the great Mediator of all men, Or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil,

#### Lehi's Teaching Continued....

There exists an opposition always in this life.

There is no law (eternal) dictating our belief.

All of life is if you choose to use your belief to guide you to the right.

# We are FREE within the CONTINUAL OPPOSITION.

Moroni 7:12 Wherefore, take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, Or that which is good and of God to be of the devil.

Moroni 7:13 For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know good from evil; And the way to judge is as plain, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night;

Moroni 7:14 For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that they may know good from evil. Wherefore, I show unto you the way to judge: For everything which inviteth to do good and to persuade to believe in Christ is sent forth by the power and gift of Christ;

# Hebrew View of God as 'ONE' was balance of all qualities for a single purpose

Hebrews saw many things as one:

- Heaven and Earth (all things in them is)
- Nightime and Daylight (evening and Morning were the first day)
- Time (one eternal round)
- The creation and human existence. (Everything was created, then God made humans to occupy it.)

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WHY?

| Forbidden Fruit | Р | Tree of Life |
|-----------------|---|--------------|
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#### 2 Nephi 1:99

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#### 2 Nephi 1:100

Wherefore, man could not act for himself, save it should be that he were enticed by the one or the other.

### Some Parallels Lehi Teaches

- Afflictions//Gains
- The Temporal Law of Moses//Jesus Fulfills the Law
- The Spiritual Laws Broken (of sin) // Jesus Intercession Fulfills the Demands
- The Punishment <u>Affixed</u>// The Happiness <u>Affixed</u> (affixed means to be sealed)
- Death//Resurrection (by Jesus Intercession)
- Opposition Required for Righteousness to Occur
- Otherwise—no Righteousness.

#### Some Parallels Lehi Teaches

- The Justice of God// The Mercy of God (vs 87)
- No Laws/Sin vs Laws/Sin
- Righteousness, Happiness//Punishment, Misery

All these created by Opposition.

BUT WHY IS OPPOSITION REQUIRED??

#### BUT THE KEY POINT IS

#### God CREATED US FREE to CHOOSE.

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Play Ben Shapiro Here...

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The balance changes when our self-will changes.

#### Book of Mormon Teaches These MUST BE in Parallel

Man exerts self will over God's word.

Man's Infinite Debt | God's Infinite Goodness

Man's Sin Results in Infinite Separation Godthoses to Take on Flesh So Separation is not Permanent

We Are In the Grasp of Justice | We@n Find the Plan of Mercy

The Plan of Salvation-- His Atonement, Our **Change of Heart-- is So That Mercy Can Overcome Justice** 

#### What is in the Balance??

Justice of God

**Everlasting Death** 

Punishment affixed (as eternal as life of the soul)

Mercy of God

**Everlasting Life** 

Or Happiness Affixed (as eternal as life of the soul)

Sin Remains
Justice claims

Sin is Removed

Mercy Caims

Therefore, there can be No Law on Belief

The Heart is Free to Choose Repentance, or desire to change is in the balance

## Two Principles

An Opposition will exist—always in this life

 There is No Law against your belief. No law dictates you must belief in God. It can not be, for this existence to be 'just.'

The Laws are against the result of your actions based on your beliefs.

(Note—thoughts are actions)

- This is why the scripture states 'only the penitent saved
- Or this is why the heart must change

- It is what is in the balance
- When our will changes, the plan immediately takes affect

# Opposition exists yes, but we are not left alone

The **spirit of God given to you** IS THE ADVANTAGE.

Weak things to become strong.....

Ether 5:28 I give unto men weakness that they may be humble, And My grace is sufficient for all men that humble themselves before Me;

For **if they humble themselves before Me** and have faith in Me, then will I make **weak things become strong unto them.** 

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The Promises of God to you IS THE ADVANTAGE.

Blessed in All Things.....

#### Mosiah 1:

And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God,

For behold, they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual;

# Opposition exists yes, but we are not left alone

The Power of Him within you IS THE ADVANTAGE.

#### 1 John 4:4

...greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

# When we choose the truth...Light Increases

#### Alma 9:18

And he that will not harden his heart,
to him is given the greater portion of the word
until it is given unto him to know the mysteries of God,
until they know them in full;

## Notice the Opposition ...Light/Truth Decreases

Ever know people who once knew truth then abandoned?

Alma 14:58 And thus we can plainly discern that after a people have been once enlightened by the Spirit of God and hath had great knowledge of things pertaining to righteousness and then have fallen away into sin and transgression, They become more hardened; And thus their state becometh worse than as though they had never known these things.

Alma 21:121 Now these dissenters having the same instruction and the same information of the Nephites, Yea, having been instructed in the same knowledge of the Lord, Nevertheless, it is strange to relate, not long after their dissensions, They became more hardened and impenitent and more wild, wicked and ferocious than the Lamanites -

## Repentance really means

Full purpose of heart

3 Nephi 8:65 For ye know not but what they will return and repent and come unto Me with full purpose of heart and

I shall heal them, And ye shall be the means of bringing salvation unto them.

# God covers, physically, spiritually

Notice adam and eve were still naked before eating the fruit.

God had to physically cover them (with sacrificed animals, physical type for atonement) symbolized that spiritual covering would be required.

Othes make the man, naked people have very little influence over society.

Have to be covered by trist's atonement (spiritual)

# Salvation

We have turned salvation into this ambiguous message of our own creating.

...well you hope for celestial, have to do a lot of work, here is a checklist...

It is not just a matter of baptism, but your baptism expresses outwardly that your heart is changed inwardly. That is why the bold statement—none were received into baptism except they demonstrated fruit meet for repentance.

It is not presented that way.

# Salvation

We fear to state that we have assurance of salvation, when the master teaches, and book of Mormon authors state many times, 'they are saved.'

If you have experienced the change of heart, if you demonstrate that in your life, if you have made a covenant with God, and received this spiritual renewal through the holy ghost he offers, and stay on this course—guess what, it is no mystery at the final day. GOD SAYS your sin is removed.

REMEMBER WE ARE TALKING ABOUT THE ONE WHO SELF PROCLAIMS HS IS MIGHTY TO SAVE

## Remain in sin or have sin removed

Alma 8:96 And He shall come into the world to redeem His people; And He shall take upon Him the transgressions of those who believe on His name, And these are they that shall have eternal life; And salvation cometh to none else.

97 "Therefore, the wicked remain as though there had been no redemption made, except it be the loosing of the bands of death.

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Mosiah 1:84 Which doth cause him to shrink from the presence of the Lord, And doth fill his breast with guilt and pain and anguish, which is like an unquenchable fire whose flames ascendeth up forever and ever.

Mosiah 1:127 'And if they be evil, they are consigned to an awful view of their own guilt and abominations, Which doth cause them to **shrink** from the presence of the Lord into a state of misery and endless torment from whence they can no more return; Therefore, they have drunk damnation to their own souls.

## The Good News

#### Mosiah 1:88-90

And moreover, I would desire that ye should consider on the blessed and happy state of those that keep the commandments of God,

For behold, they are blessed in all things, both temporal and spiritual;

And if they hold out faithful to the end, they are received into heaven, that thereby they may dwell with God in a state of never - ending happiness.

## The Good News

1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Though opposition will always exist, the force for good is and can be greater within you.

The balance is tipped by God's spirit.

- At this point, the world only knows the book of Mormon because of Mormonism.
- The gentiles have mocked and disregarded.
- The book of Mormon is a record written by ancient Israelites, came to the Gentiles first, although the Gentiles have largely rejected it.
- The day is changing.
- You have to know that Jews are coming to Jesus and are beyond the stumbling blocks of the Gentiles. We have created our own stumbling blocks.

## Jacob is instructed because

- He has experienced much affliction
- He has likely only known struggle in his youth.
- His struggles are not without purpose.
- Our struggles are not without purpose.
- He shares this eternal principle—the opposition in all things—so we won't be discouraged wondering where God is, when opposition is present.

## Lehi's Parallels to Jacob

- Knows the greatness of God
- Afflictions consecrated for thy Gain
- Rudeness of brothers, safety of Nephi
- Ot off temporally
- Gt off spiritually
- Had to answer the ends of the law, only the holy one could answer

## Lehi's Parallels to Jacob

What is AFFIXED?

https://biblehub.com/hebrew/strongs 2856.htm

Does not appear in English Bibles (King James, etc) but is perfect Hebrew word.

Means to seal, and is usually translated that way

## (chatham). קַּתַּם (chatham). קָּתַּם (chatham)

Is usually translated as 'sealed'

## Studylight.org khaw-tham' Strong's #2856 - קַּתַב

- 1) to seal, seal up, affix a seal
- 1a) (*Qal*)
- 1a1) to seal, affix one's seal
- 1a2) to seal up, fasten up by sealing
- 1b) (*Niphal*) to seal
- 1c) (*Piel*) to lock up
- 1d) (Hiphil) to be stopped

# The past tense (Hiphil) Hebrew Verb of Chatham is 'to be stopped'

A Hiphil Verb in Hebrew is when something is 'caused' to happen.

#### **Mosiah 2:35**

Nay, He hath poured out His Spirit upon you, And hath caused that your hearts should be filled with joy, And hath caused that your mouths should be stopped, that ye could not find utterance, so exceeding great was your joy.

(The Book of Mormon shows perfect Hebrew context of 'caused to be stopped)

# Tangent: Hebrew 'Hiphil' verbs

Hebrew past tense used different forms of verbs describing:

past actions done many times (I walked home from school) VS

Past actions done once. (I walked home from my father's funeral)

In English we don't differentiate with a different verb (like buy (present tense vs bought past tense)

But in Hebrew they do, so how do you translate to English words that don't exist between the languages?

## Answer

You add other words to approximate.

Further—Hiphil Verbs describe something that CAUSED something to happen.

A HIPHIL uses unique verb forms to distinguish one 'who causes' something to have happened in the past.

There will be a separate form of Hebrew word, not part of English however.

So instead, English would write a Hiphil Verb as...

## "did Cause."

In order to approximate the Hebrew Hiphil verb (causing something to happen in the past) English approximates it by saying 'did cause.'

#### (show examples from Hebrew primer)

But the King James translators didn't apparently understand this nuance of the Hebrew Language. 'Did@use' for a past tense Hiphil would be appropriately translated into English, But it NEVER OCURS in the English Bibles of JS day..... However....

#### INDICATIVE PAST.

#### THE VERBS.

#### TRANSLATION LXVIII.

#### TURN INTO HEBREW-

1, She did cause to learn. 2, He did cause to learn (the) law of Moses on the Sabbath-day (בּוֹשׁבָּרוֹ). 3, He (is) the first. 4, Rachel (is) the second, (fem.) 5, The teacher taught (Pī-ail) the

## The Book of Mormon 'bad English' was perfect Hebrew.

'Did Cause' or 'Caused' occurs many times, in appropriate context in the Book of Mormon.

It is the appropriate way to express the Hiphil past tense of a verb describing something that was 'caused' to occur.

Complex to understand? Yes.

Do you think an undereducated farmboy in 1820's understood this nuance of Hebrew?

# Imperative/Infinitive Hiphal, Hophal, Niphal??

- Sound like Dr Suess words?
- No, Hebrew forms of speech.

# Examples of Hebrew Hiphil Correct Phrases in English "did cause" in the Book of Mormon

And did cause that they Gidgiddoni did cause that they God did cause a skin He did cause that his did cause my people did cause that the did cause them to achoneus did cause that they ord did cause the serpents Mosiah did cause his people Nephi did cause my people Shiblon did cause that al Which did cause some little account did cause the people and did cause the word he did cause his people

and did cause their hearts and did cause them to and did cause us that he did cause his people he did cause that his he did cause that they he did cause the Lamanites he did cause the death he did cause the shedding he did cause to be it did cause great joy that did cause that this

they did cause a great they did cause fear to they did cause great fear they did cause that all they did cause that the they did cause that they they did cause the Lamanites they did cause three divisions this did cause much joy torment did cause them to we did cause that our which did cause much sorrow which did cause the earth which did cause the more which did cause them to

# More Hebrew Examples can simple contain 'caused' in the Book of Mormon

caused My people which caused a breastwork to caused a contention among caused a deep sleep caused a great tower caused a search to caused a tower to caused among the people caused by the fierceness caused by the great caused by the iniquities caused by the labors caused dissensions amongst them caused him to wage caused his army to caused man to commit caused many buildings to caused me sore repentance caused me to come caused men to behold caused more to be caused much rejoicing among caused or rather did caused places of security caused so much bloodshed caused stones to shine caused such a great caused that Aaron and caused that Abinadi should caused that Alma should caused that Ammon should caused that Gid with caused that Laman and caused that Nephi should caused that Teancum should caused that a curse

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caused that their wounds

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Amalickiah caused that his Amalickiah caused that one Amulon caused that they And caused that all And caused that the And caused them to But caused that they God caused that a God caused that there He caused that the He caused the waters I caused that Gid I caused that forty I caused that my I caused that the I caused that there I caused that they I caused to be I caused to come Lamoni caused that his Limhi caused that his Lord caused a deep

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# Hebrew Names were written differently if the person 'CAUSED' something (great) to happen

Then in his successor "Joshua," year, is found the verb yer, as it is inflected in the third person masculine, imperfect, Hophal, with the a retained, probably for two reasons—first, to mark it as a proper name; and next, to distinguish between it and the otherwise similar name of our Lord. This derivation, of course, gives to the name of Joshua the significant meaning, "he was caused to be victorious."

This name was originally "", and was changed by Moses (Numbers xiii. 16). Its first form is either the imperative Niphal or Hiphil, or the infinitive Niphal or Hophal. If the retention of the in the verb is objected to, then it can be interpreted "he caused Judah to be victorious,"—" standing for "Judah," it again for "Israel," and yy being the third person masculine, perfect, Kal, from yw,—but the first reading is the most accurate.

Lastly....

# About the Hebrew Word for "Savior" Excerpted from *Benner's Commentary on the Torah*

Deuteronomy 22:27

For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to <u>save</u> her. (Deuteronomy 22:27, KJV)

The Hebrew word translated as "save" is מושיע (moshi'a), the hiphil participle of the verb ישע (Y.Sh.A).

Most of the time, this word is translated as "savior" or "deliverer" (see Isaiah 43:11) and Deuteronomy 22:27 could better be translated as;

For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, and there was no <u>savior</u> for her.

## Benner's Commentary on the Torah

A common mistake is made with the word "savior."

If you look up this word in a concordance, you will find that this word is #3467 in *Strong's Dictionary* and is identified as the Hebrew word ישה that is transliterated as *yasha*.

Because of this, many believe the Hebrew word *yasha* means "savior" and this is not true. The word ישה (Y.Sh.Ah) is a simple verb meaning "to deliver."

When the letters (i or y), (o or u) and n(m) are added to the verb, a more complex verb is formed, specifically a *hiphil* participle verb.

The *hiphil* verb is causative and means "cause to deliver."

The participle is a verb of present or continuous action meaning "delivering."

A hiphil participle verb combines both of these, meaning "causing to deliver."

### Omni 1

19 Behold, I will speak unto you somewhat concerning **Mosiah**, which was made king over the Land of Zarahemla;

20 For behold, he being warned of the Lord that he should flee out of the Land of Nephi, And as many as would hearken unto the voice of the Lord should also depart out of the land with him into the wilderness.

Mosiah CAUSED THEM TO BE DELIVERED

## Benner's Commentary on the Torah

In Biblical Hebrew there is a fine line between verbs and nouns and both can be used to describe an action or a person, place or thing. The word מושיע (<u>moshi</u>) can be used in the sense of an action, as in Deuteronomy 28:29 where it is translated as "save" but literally means "causing to be delivered."

The same word can be used as a **noun**, as in Isaiah 43:11 where it is translated as "savior,"

but literally means "one who is causing to be delivered."

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The word *moshia* (as a noun) is generally translated two different ways as shown below:

I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no **savior**. (RSV, Isaiah 43:11)

But when the people of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up for them a <u>deliverer</u>, Ehud, the son of Gera. (RSV, Judges 3:15)

As the words "savior" and "deliverer" are the same Hebrew word, there appears to be a contradiction between these two verses. If God is the only savior, how can there be another savior such as Ehud?

A good understanding of what the word *moshia* means is critical to proper interpretation of the Hebrew Bible.

As the verb moshia is a hiphil verb meaning "to cause to be delivered,"

we can see that God is one who "causes to be delivered" and this can be done by the hand of God himself or by sending another to be the agent of the deliverance.

Israel's deliverance is caused by God, the one and only moshia, who sent Ehud.

## AFFIX=CHATHAM (kaw-tham')

Places where chatham was translated as 'sealed' instead of affixed in English Bibles

### **Deuteronomy 32:34**

H<u>EB:</u> :פָּמֵס עִמָּדֵי **חָתֻם** בָּאוֹצְרֹתַי

NAS: Is it not laid up in store with Me, Sealed up in My treasuries?

KJV: [Is] not this laid up in store with me, [and] sealed up among my

treasures?

INT: laid Me Sealed treasure

### 1 Kings 21:8

אַחְאָָב וַתַּחְתָּם **בְּחֹתָמֵוֹ** וַתִּשְׁלַח [הַסְפָּרִים HEB: אַחְאָָב וַתַּחְתָּם **בְּחֹתָמֵוֹ** וַתִּשְׁלַח NAS: name and sealed them with his seal,

KJV: name, and sealed [them] with his seal,

INT: Ahab's his seal and sealed and sent letters

### <u>Isaiah 29:11</u>

אוּלַל כִּי **חָתוּם** הְוּא: <u>HEB:</u>

NAS: I cannot, for it is sealed.

KJV: I cannot; for it [is] sealed:

INT: cannot for is sealed he

Bible never uses 'affixed' but it is the proper meaning, the English translations didn't use that English word, but JS knew to use it. HOW?

### Saved

Alma 8:92 Therefore, how can ye be saved except ye inherit the kingdom of heaven? Therefore, ye cannot be saved in your sins."

93 Now Zeezrom saith again unto him: "Is the Son of God the Very Eternal Father?"

94 And Amulek saith unto him: "Yea, He is the Very Eternal Father of heaven and of earth and all things which in them is;

### Saved

96 And He shall come into the world to redeem His people; And He shall take upon Him the transgressions of those who believe on His name, And these are they that shall have eternal life; And salvation cometh to none else.

97 "Therefore, the wicked remain as though there had been no redemption made, except it be the loosing of the bands of death.