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Main Text Sources:

- 1 Nephi 7 (LDS 1 Nephi 22 & 23)
- 3 Nephi 9:56-10:2 (LDS: 3 Nephi 20:20-21:23)

<u>A problem with Words...."Soon" "Speedily"</u>

In ancient Hebrew, the terms <u>"soon" and "speedily" can convey the</u> <u>idea of imminence</u>, meaning that something is about to happen or will happen soon.

However, these terms can also convey <u>the idea of assurance or</u> <u>certainty, indicating that something is guaranteed to happen</u>, even if it may not happen immediately.

<u>A problem with Words...."Soon" "Speedily"</u>

The Hebrew term for "soon" is "karov" קָרוֹב, which can mean "near" or "close."

This term is often used to describe something that is expected to happen soon, <u>but it can also indicate that something is certain to</u> <u>happen</u>, even if the timing is not immediate.

(source: openai.com)

<u>A problem with Words...."Soon" "Speedily"</u>

The Hebrew term for "<mark>speedily</mark>" is "maher" מֵהֵר, which can mean "quickly" or "swiftly."

This term is often used in a <u>prayerful or prophetic context to indicate</u> <u>that something is certain to happen in the future</u>, even if the timing is not immediate.

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Where do we find these words used most? "Soon"

<u>1 Nephi 7:33</u> 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. (LDS: <u>1 Nephi 22:15</u>)

<u>1 Nephi 7:34</u> 'For the time soon cometh that the fullness of the wrath of God shall be poured out upon all the children of men, (LDS: <u>1 Nephi 22:16</u>)

<u>Where do we find these words used most?</u> <u>"Speedily"</u>

<u>1 Nephi 7:32</u> "'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; (LDS: <u>1 Nephi 22:15</u>)

<u>1 Nephi 7:50</u> "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,

(LDS: <u>1 Nephi 22:23</u>)

<u>1 Nephi 7:55</u> "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. (LDS: <u>1 Nephi 22:24</u>)

<u>These words used THROUGHOUT our text</u> from 1 Nephi 7 (22/23 LDS)

Summary of 8 Signposts:

- 1. A Great Nation would have to rise up on the face of this land.
- 2. The Gentiles would be <u>nursing fathers</u> to Israel.
- 3. Israel's Heart Turns to Jesus, THEN they know of these things.
- 4. Gentiles AND Nation of Jews Drunken in Iniquity
- 5. <u>Gods arm revealed</u> against the great and abominable church and all churches to get gain.
- 6. Israel hears the gospel of Jesus; their hearts begin to turn to him.
- 7. <u>The Lamanites</u> come to Christ
- 8. Judgment against the Gentiles.

Bonus: The Spokesman of Manasseh Speaks before Kings, who "shut their mouths at him."

Book of Mormon Prophesy:

1 Nephi 7:15 "And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that <u>the Lord God</u> will raise up a <u>mighty nation</u> among the Gentiles, Yea, even upon the face of this land; (LDS: <u>1 Nephi 22:7</u>)

Number 1. A great nation would rise up on the face of this land.

In the 1820-30s,

the United States was between five and 10 economically.

U.S. did not become number one at least by GDP, until the early 1900s.

The United States in 1830

Estimated World Population 1820s...

- 1. China 355 million
- 2. India 209 million
- 3. Russia 44 million
- 4. France 30 million
- 5. Japan 27 million
- 6. Ottoman Empire 25 million
- 7. Great Britain 14 million
- 8. United States 9.6 million
- 9. Mexico 6.1 million
- 10. Brazil 4.3 million



The United States in 1830

- In 1830, there were <u>24 states</u> in the United State
- The <u>western boundary of the United States</u> <u>in 1830 was the Mississippi River</u>, which served as the boundary between the United States and Spanish-controlled Louisiana to the west.
- The westernmost states were Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana.



Incidentally....Utah

- Utah became a state on January 4, 1896.
- It was the 45th state to join the Union and the first state to be admitted in the 20th century.
- <u>Utah's statehood was granted after the</u> territory had met the requirements for statehood, including drafting a state constitution that <u>prohibited polygamy</u> and establishing a system of government.



In the 1820's-1830's militarily...

- 1. Great Britain
- 2. France
- 3. Russia
- 4. Ottoman Empire
- 5. Prussia
- 6. Austria
- 7. United States
- 8. Spain
- 9. Portugal
- 10. Sweden



A great nation? In 1820s Economically...

- 1. Great Britain
- 2. China
- 3. India
- 4. Russia
- 5. Ottoman Empire
- 6. France
- 7. <u>United States</u>
- 8. Spain
- 9. Portugal
- 10. Netherlands



The US was small economically, militarily, socially.

- Perhaps it is only God's blessing that makes anything 'mighty.'
- Yet the U.S. would not become economic social and military leader until the early 1900s.
- This is more than 70 years after the first publication of the Book of Mormon.
- The US was NOT yet 'mighty' when the Book of Mormon came forth.

<u>This Book of</u> <u>Mormon</u> <u>Prophesy...was for</u> <u>a day to come</u> <u>BEYOND JOSEPH</u> <u>SMITH's DAY:</u> **1 Nephi 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;

What about the Jews?

<u>1 Nephi 7:12</u> Wherefore, they (House of Israel-Jews) shall be **scattered** among all nations and shall be hated by all men.

Jews had been relocated across Europe for centuries



Source: https://commons.princeton.edu/mg/the-fight-of-jews-from-the-medieval-west/

Number 2. The Book of Mormon prophesies <u>Gentiles</u> would be nursing <u>fathers</u>.

2 Nephi 7:14

And the **nations of the Gentiles** shall be great in the eyes of Me,

saith God,

<u>in carrying them forth to</u> <u>the lands of their</u> <u>inheritance;</u>

(LDS: <u>2 Nephi 10:8</u>)

Notice Book of Mormon Expands understanding of Isaiah 49

Isaiah 49:23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

<u>1 Nephi 6:53</u> And kings shall be thy **nursing father**s, And their queens thy **nursing mothers**; They shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth and lick up the dust of thy feet. And thou shalt know that I Am the Lord, For they shall not be ashamed that wait for Me." (LDS: <u>1 Nephi 21:23</u>)

2 Nephi 7:15 Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, And their queens shall become nursing mothers." (LDS: 2 Nephi 10:9)



Jewish State is Born. May 1948.



Foundation of the State of Israel IMMEDIATE HELEASE STATEMENT BY TH

This Government has been info been proclaimed in Falestine, and rethe provisional government thereof. The United States recognizes the as the de facto authority of the new States



August 28,

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Harry Truman Led the Gentiles carrying Jews

to their former homeland.

What did the Book of Mormon Prophesy?

3 Nephi 9:68 That I would give unto them again the land of their fathers for their inheritance, Which is the Land of Jerusalem, which is the Promised Land unto them forever, ' saith the Father.

3 Nephi 9:71 Then will the Father gather them together again, And give unto them Jerusalem for the land of their inheritance.

THIS IS IMPORTANT.

Jesus EXPLAINS that ZION would not be established in Jerusalem <u>until HIS BELIEVERS</u> <u>INHABIT JERUSALEM</u>. This is according to the covenant, to fulfill the covenant.

AFTER THIS....<u>HE</u> ESTABLISHES ZION AMONG THEM

<u>3 Nephi 9:85-86</u>

85 And then shall this covenant
which the Father hath <u>covenanted with His people be fulfilled</u>;
And then shall <u>Jerusalem be inhabited again with My people</u>,
And it shall be the land of their inheritance.
(end of this section)
(Beginning of next section about the sign)
86 "And verily I say unto you, I give unto you a sign.
That ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place.
That I shall gather in from their long dispersion My people,
O house of Israel. (this is Ellipsis, hanging sentence)
And shall establish again among them My Zion.

What about Joseph? The Mighty nation would rise of AFTER SCATTERING COMPLETE

1 Nephi 7:15-16

And it meaneth that the time cometh that <u>after</u> <u>all the house of Israel</u> 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;

And by them shall our seed be scattered.



1830 Andrew Jackson Enacts "Indian Removal Act"





Scattering of Joseph in America's

Began official forced removal of Native Americans in 1830

Law Signed by President Andrew Jackson

This Policy Continued into the 1930s

Where were they then and now?

Cherokee Nation - Formerly located in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Alabama. Now based in Oklahoma.

Choctaw Nation - Formerly located in Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana. Now based in Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Nation - Formerly located in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee. Now based in Oklahoma.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation - Formerly located in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Now based in Oklahoma.

Seminole Nation - Formerly located in Florida. Now based in Oklahoma.

Navajo –Long Walk

- In the 1860s, <u>the United States</u> <u>government forcibly removed the</u> <u>Navajo from their homelands</u> and sent them on a forced march to a reservation in eastern New Mexico.
- This event, known as the "Long Walk," resulted in the deaths of many Navajo people due to harsh conditions, disease, and starvation.



Navajo

- After the Long Walk, the Navajo were confined to a reservation in eastern New Mexico and later to the Navajo Reservation, which spans parts of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah.
- <u>Today, the Navajo Nation is the</u> <u>largest federally recognized</u> <u>Native American tribe in the</u> <u>United States, with a population</u> <u>of over 300,000 people.</u>



Navajo Nation Today


What has and has not happened yet? The Jews Scattered by Gentiles and Nourished (Physically) by Gentiles.

The Remnant of Joseph Scattered by Gentiles,

but Joseph NOT YET NOURISHED nor RETURNED by Gentiles. NOTE: The United States did not emerge as the Worlds Economic and Military Leader until post WWII

- 1. United States The US emerged as the world's leading superpower after World War II
- 2. Soviet Union/Russia
- 3. China
- 4. Japan
- 5. Germany
- 6. United Kingdom
- 7. France
- 8. India
- 9. Israel
- 10. Saudi Arabia

Gentile Nourishment—Both Physical & Spiritual

- Physically: Homeland Returned to Jews by the Gentiles.
- Spiritually: the Word will return to them to come to Christ.
- Nephi is asked:

"are they to be understood according to things which are <u>spiritual</u>, which shall <u>come to pass according to the spirit and not the flesh</u>?" (1 Nephi 7:2)

Gentiles setup as 'a standard'

Standard in this verse likely means Responsible as leader vs an Example.

<u>1 Nephi 7:13</u>

"Nevertheless, <u>after</u> 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 (*House of Israel*) children shall be carried in their arms, And their (*House of Israel*) 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;

14 And it meaneth us in the days to come, And also all our brethren which are of the house of Israel.

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;

Nephi writes this in Chiasm 1 Nephi 7 (LDS 22)

Gentiles Scatter	12 Wherefore, <u>they shall be scattered among all nations and shall be hated by all</u> men.
Might of the Gentiles	 13 "Nevertheless, after that they have been nursed by the Gentiles and the Lord hath <u>lifted up His hand upon the Gentiles</u> 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; (Isaiah) Behold, <u>these things of which are spoken are temporal</u>, For thus are the <u>covenants</u> of the Lord with our fathers;
Joseph Judah	14 And it meaneth us in the days to come, And also all our brethren which are of the house of Israel.
Mighty Nation on this Land	15 "And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the <u>Lord God will raise up a mighty nation</u> among the Gentiles, Yea, even upon the face of this land;
Scattered by Gentiles	16 And by them <u>shall our seed be scattered</u> .

<u>#4. Drunken in</u> Iniquity...

Israel....today

THE

4. Drunken in Iniquity...

2 Nephi 11:116 But behold, in the last days, or in the days of the Gentiles, Yea, behold, all the nations of the Gentiles, and also the Jews - Both they which shall come upon this land, And they which shall be upon other lands, yea, even upon all the lands of the earth -Behold, they will be drunken with iniquity and all manner of abominations.

Note that at the time Book of Mormon publsihed, there was no specific 'NATION OF THE JEWS'

This had to refer to a day to come.

What the 1830's marked was not 'the end'. It was the <u>BEGINNING OF THE TIME OF THE</u> <u>GENTILES for the 2nd time</u>,

not the end of Gentiles or the end of the world.

- In My Opinion: Early saints were completely wrong.
- Left to the buffetings of Satan. Just as Nephites and Lamanites.
- It was not about establishing a church that the world would flow to. It was about sharing the true gospel to the Remnant of Joseph. <u>This job</u> <u>still undone</u>.
- We have to abandon the old ideas of the end was then, we are just waiting for saints to be good enough.
- <u>NO. THE COVENANTS MUST BE FULFILLED</u>.

Early Gentiles had it wrong, teaching Millennium had already begun.

Brigham Young (1845):

Brethren and sisters, for the sake of your dead and for the sake of yourselves, be faithful and have no feelings in your hearts against one another, but learn to suffer wrong rather than do wrong, and by so doing we will outstrip all our enemies and conquer the evil one, for know ye not that there is Zion? know ye not that the millennium has commenced? We have had Zion upon the earth this fourteen years. Peace reigns among this people which is Zion. Union and true charity dwells with this people: this is the most orderly and peaceable people upon the face of the whole earth. Well, this is Zion, and it is increasing and spreading wider and wider, and this principle of Zion, which is peace, will stretch all over the earth; that is the millennium.

Number 5. Gods arm revealed against the great and abominable church Nephi sees this in his vision and again explains it in first Nephi chapter 1.

<u>1 Nephi 7:31</u> 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.

(LDS: <u>1 Nephi 22:14</u>)

This Isaiah Verse is repeated many times.

Mosiah 7:80 The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God! '?"

Mosiah 8:69 The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God! "

<u>3 Nephi 7:45</u> The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God!

<u>3 Nephi 9:73</u> The Father hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Father; And the Father and I are one.'

<u>Number 5</u>. All Churches to Get Gain must fall.

<u>1 Nephi 7:50</u> "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,

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

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

It is they which must be consumed as stubble; (LDS: <u>1 Nephi 22:23</u>)

Number 6. Israel hears the gospel of Jesus in their hearts begin to turn to him

I believe that is beginning now, we see it in the work of one for Israel.

<u>1 Nephi 7:22</u> 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.

happens after Gentiles reject the gospel.

Number 6: Jews must return and believe

2 Nephi 11:27 And when that day shall come that they shall believe in Christ,

And worship the Father in His name, with pure hearts and clean hands, And look not forward anymore for another Messiah –

And then at that time, the day will come that it must needs be expedient that they should believe these things. (LDS: <u>2 Nephi 25:16</u>)

28 And the Lord will set His hand again the second time to restore His people from their lost and fallen state;

Number 7, the Lamanites come to Christ.

Both Israel and Lamanites coming to Christ is what Jacob three describes as natural fruit again in the Vineyard in the parable of the olive tree.

2 Nephi 6

105 And because of His greatness and His grace and mercy, He hath promised unto us <u>that our seed shall not utterly be</u> <u>destroyed, according to the flesh, but</u> <u>that He would preserve them;</u>

And in future generations they shall become a righteous branch unto the house of Israel.

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<u>3 Nephi 9:52</u> And ye shall be in the midst of them, which shall be many; And ye shall be among them, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, and as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, Who, if he goeth through, both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, And none can deliver.

(LDS: <u>3 Nephi 20:16</u>)

<u>3 Nephi 9:99</u> '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.

(LDS: <u>3 Nephi 21:12</u>)

Mormon 2:54 Therefore, repent ye and humble yourselves before Him, lest He shall come out in justice against you - Lest a remnant of the seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion and tear you in pieces and there is none to deliver! (LDS: Mormon 5:24)

Number 8. Judgment against the Gentiles.

This happens after they reject the gospel.

8. Judgement against the Gentiles

Why Judgement against Gentiles?

They are guilty same as Jews, Nephites, Lamanites: for REJECTING GOD who was revealed to them.

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;

3 Nephi 7:35 And <u>if they (*gentiles*) shall do all these</u> things, And shall <u>reject</u> the fullness of My gospel, Behold, ' saith the Father, 'I will bring the fullness of My gospel from among them;

8. Judgement against the Gentiles for Rejecting

3 Nephi 9:106

For it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that at that day, whosoever will not repent and come unto My beloved Son,

Them will I cut off from among My people, O house of Israel,

And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them - even as upon the heathen - such as they have not heard

(LDS: <u>3 Nephi 21:21</u>)

AFTER THIS...

- The Exchange of the Words from Nephites to Jews
- And Jews to Nephites
- The Bad Branches are removed (Parable of Olive Tree).

8. Judgement against the Gentiles

- Early Church Missed this.
- Incorrectly assumed Book of Mormon coming forth marked END of the Gentiles.
- NO, it was the beginning of the time of the Gentiles.
- The END of the TIME of the Gentiles is marked by Judgement AGAINST the GENTILES.
- Why Judgement against Gentiles?
- They are guilty same as Jews, Nephites, Lamanites: for REJECTING GOD who was revealed to them.

Bonus: Spokesman for Manasseh to come forth, 'arguing' the gospel before Kings.

So...who is this??

24 "And out of weakness he shall be made strong in that day when My work shall commence among all My people, unto the restoring thee, O house of Israel, " saith the Lord.'

25 "And thus prophesied Joseph, saying: 'Behold, that seer will the Lord bless;

26 And they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded;

So...who is this??

29 And his name shall be called after me, And it shall be after the name of his father,

30 And he shall be like unto me; For the thing which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand, by the power of the Lord, shall bring my people unto salvation.'

We've been taught this is Joseph Smith. But is it?

So...does this Sound Like Joseph Smith??

	IN Joseph Smith's Life	
Condition	Yes	No
Of Manasseh (vs7)		Х
In Spirit of Power (vs9)		Х
Out of Darkness in his day (vs9)		Х
Esteemed Highly among Joseph's People (11)		Х
Brought Joseph to Knowledge of Covenants (12)		Х
Judah and Joseph shall write (vs 19)	Х	
but to establish peace among Joseph (21)		Х
to Bring to knowledge of fathers and covenants (22-23)		Х
when My work shall commence among all My people (24)		Х
seek to destroy him shall be confounded (26)		Х
shall be after the name of his father, (29)	Х	

Jesus Expands on Lehi's Words....This Person shall confound Kings in the latter day. Maybe Jesus, but Maybe the speaker from Manasseh.

<u>3 Nephi 9:83</u>

81 'Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently - He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

82 As many were astonished at thee; His visage was so marred - more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

So shall He sprinkle many nations. The kings shall shut their mouths at Him;

For that which had not been told them shall they see,

And that which they had not heard shall they consider.'

Notice the information from Isaiah:

Isaiah 52:15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

3 Nephi 9:83 So shall He sprinkle many nations. The kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For that which had not been told them shall they see, And that which they had not heard shall they consider.' (LDS: 3 Nephi 20:45)

<u>3 Nephi 9:94</u> "And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass that **kings** shall shut their **mouth**s, For that which had not been told them, shall they see, And that which they had not heard, shall they consider; (LDS: 3 Nephi 21:8)

Jesus Expands on Lehi's Words.... <u>This Person shall confound Kings in the latter day.</u> <u>Maybe Jesus, but Maybe the speaker of Manasseh</u>.

<u>3 Nephi 9:96</u> But behold, the life of My servant shall be in My hand; Therefore, they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them,

97 Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that My wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil.

98 "Therefore, it shall come to pass that whosoever will not believe in My words - which am Jesus Christ - Which the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, And shall give unto him power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles - it shall be done even as Moses said - They shall be cut off from among My people which are of the covenant.

(Chiasm of the servant with verse 83)

(LDS: <u>3 Nephi 21:10</u>)