

JEW
AND THE
AMERICAN INDIAN

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Research and study of the early church, the Restoration of the Gospel in the Latter Days, and the prophecies in the Bible and the Book of Mormon prompted me to write this pamphlet, and I declare that I am wholly responsible for its content.

Introduction

The contents of this article will briefly state the origin and destiny of the Jew; the origin and destiny of the American Indian; their relationship with one another, and the literal gathering of the whole house of Israel.

I am quite certain of the origin of the Jew through secular history and Biblical history. Historians differ regarding the origin of the American Indian. There are many theories, but nothing definite. The most prominent theory today is that the Mongols of Asia migrated over the iceland from Siberia to Alaska. Other theories are that the Chinese, Japanese or perhaps some of the inhabitants of the various Pacific Islands drifted on rafts to the Western Hemisphere, with one or two survivors. This may have accidentally occurred through the course of centuries; however, I am convinced that these theories pertaining to the origin of the American Indian are questionable.

In this booklet I shall endeavor to show the true origin of the American Indian and their destiny given by the revelation of God.

THE JEW

In the world today there are about 15 million Jews, whose very existence is one of the most remarkable facts of history. They trace their lineage back 4,000 years. During the course of centuries, they have been ruthlessly persecuted and scattered throughout the world. In spite of their suffering for many centuries, God has preserved them miraculously. Israel is practically the only nation in the world whose origin is known to us.

The Israelites were chosen by God for a peculiar destiny as a "Holy People." The Jewish people have left an indelible mark on the world with their creative contributions to finance, music, medicine, philosophy and literature. It is through the Jew that we have the conception of one God. Through an Israelite, called Moses, we have the great moral law called the ten commandments upon which many of our civil laws are based.

Christians believe that approximately two thousand years ago, Jesus of Nazareth was born as the Messiah (or Savior). The Jews had been taught to expect a Messiah, but by rejecting Him, they brought about their dispersion and persecutions for many centuries thereafter. Some Christians also believe in a literal gathering of the entire House of Israel to the land of their inheritance.

The Jews are among the most remarkable people in the world today. They have created a culture of national and universal significance, striving throughout the centuries to go back to the land of their fathers and regain their statehood.

In a little more than a decade they have returned in large numbers to a land which had been desolate for many centuries, reclaimed that land, revived their language, built cities and villages, and established a vigorous and ever-growing nation. I believe that all of these events pertaining to the Jews are the fulfillment of prophecy. The Lord has set His hand for the second time for the restoration of His people and the fulfilling of the covenants made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

In recent years Israel has been in the news and public eye often. It is also called the Land of Canaan, the Land of Promise, the Holy Land, and the Land of Ancient Israel.

Having a notable history in the past, we are now in the beginning of a great and marvelous history of the house of Israel. In 1948, the Jews established a state in the land of Palestine, called the Nation of Israel.

There are three principal branches within Judaism today: the Orthodox, Reform, and Conservative. Jews of these various branches contributed heavily to the movement called the Zionist Movement, especially among the American Jews.

It is important to understand the Jew and the American Indian are both of the house of Israel. This I will clearly show through the prophetic utterances in the Scriptures pertaining to the whole house of Israel. The events in the world today are a warning to all nations.

Let us pray for our nation and the nations of the world that they may recognize God's program for Israel now and in the future.

THE ORIGIN OF THE JEW

The Jews can trace their origin over forty centuries, to a man called Abraham, a man that was born and lived in a place called Ur of Chaldees. Abraham's former name was Abram, then later changed to Abraham, which means, "Father of a Multitude." His complete faith and obedience caused him to be called, "the friend of God." In his day there were no Israelites, Jews, or Gentiles, as the terms are used today, only people who had drifted into transgression and idolatry. God selected Abraham to begin to make His covenant people, a holy and righteous nation.

In Genesis 12:1-3 we read, "Now the Lord has said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." And in Genesis 17:1,2, and 7,8, "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; And I will be their God. "

Similar promises or covenants were made to his son Isaac and grandson Jacob. Great were the promises made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, concerning their posterity. When the Lord promised Abraham that his seed would be a multitude of people, his wife, Sarah, was childless and wondered how this thing could be, for they were both advanced in age. However, the word of the Lord was fulfilled. When Abraham was about 100 years of age and Sarah, his wife, about 90 years of age, she gave birth to a son, and named him Isaac (refer to Genesis 21:1-5).

Isaac married Rebekah and she gave birth to twins. The first born was Esau, and the second, Jacob, through whom the promises to Abraham were to be fulfilled. Jacob in one of his experiences, wrestled with a strange person all night. They wrestled so strenuously that his thigh was pulled out of joint in the struggle. And the messenger of God said, "Let me go, for the day breaketh." And Jacob said, "I will not let thee go until thou dost bless me." And the Angel said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, that is he who wrestled with God. For you have wrestled with God and have won the victory" (refer to Genesis 32:24-28). Thus, the name of Jacob was changed to Israel. All those who came from Israel's twelve sons were called the twelve tribes of Israel,

the children of Israel, or Israelites. Joseph, one of the sons of Israel, plays a very important part in the origin of the American Indian.

Moses, many years later, played a very important part in the deliverance of the children of Israel from slavery, or the Egyptian bondage, which Joseph had predicted. Moses performed many signs, wonders and miracles by the power of God, yet the children of Israel were disobedient and rebellious at times, bringing the displeasure of God upon themselves. God fed them in the wilderness for forty years and finally led them into the Land of Promise, through the leadership of Joshua. They had many battles with the inhabitants in the land of Canaan, but as long as they would keep the commandments of the Lord, He would help them. The time came, as it was promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that the Land of Canaan (later Palestine) became their land. The Land of Canaan that was given to the children of Israel was much larger than present day Palestine.

After taking possession of the Land of Canaan one would suppose that after all that God had done for the Israelites, and after their own promises to serve Him faith fully, they would never turn to idols. However, after the death of Joshua and the men that knew him, the children of Israel forgot their God and began to worship images of wood and stone; and from idol worship they sank lower still into wicked deeds. For all this the Lord left them to suffer and caused their enemies to become their masters. After a time of suffering, the Israelites would think of what God had done for them in other times and they would turn from the idols and call upon God. God would hear them and raise up some great person to lead them, this great person they called "a judge"; and under him they would serve God and be happy and successful once more. After fifteen judges they desired a king. Samuel, a prophet of God, warned them about the dangers of having a king, but the people would not follow Samuel's advice. There was at that time a young man named Saul, of the tribe of Benjamin. He was a very large man and noble looking, from his shoulders he stood taller than any other man in Israel. He was selected to be their first king.

After King Saul, David was made king over the children of Israel and was a very important person in the program of God toward Israel. David was followed by Solomon, his son, who was considered a man of great wisdom. And from David's posterity came Jesus the Saviour of the world. David and Solomon were from the tribe of Judah.

After the death of King Solomon there was confusion among the children of Israel and the kingdom was broken up. As a result of this, an insurrection and rebellion resulted, and the northern ten tribes seceded from the nation of Israel leaving the two southern tribes. There was continual war between them. The southern kingdom consisted of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. The northern kingdom became known as Israel and the southern as Judah.

A little over 200 years after the division, the Assyrians descended upon the northern kingdom (the ten tribes of Israel) carrying them captive into Assyria from whence they were scattered throughout the world and never returned. And to this day we do not

know who they are, or where they are, but they are included in the promise of the Lord in the gathering of the whole house of Israel. They are considered as the outcasts of Israel.

Approximately 589-588 B.C., during the reign of King Zedekiah of Judah, the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, besieged Jerusalem, and carried the inhabitants into Babylon as captives. This was predicted by the prophet, Jeremiah, and many others, including one by the name of Lehi. The captives of the kingdom of Judah returned in part, seventy years later. These people came to be known as Jews, from the word Judah - thus, the origin of the Jews, a remnant of the house of Israel.

Jesus of Nazareth, a Jew born in Bethlehem and known to the Christians as the Son of God and Saviour of the world, was from this remnant of the tribe of Judah. The Jews of Jesus' day were of the tribe of Judah and some of the tribe of Benjamin. Jesus predicted the dispersion of the Jews, and in the year 70 A.D. Jerusalem was besieged and destroyed by the Romans. The Jews were scattered or dispersed throughout the nations of the world, where they have been unto this day, fulfilling the prophetic utterances of the Scriptures.

DESTINY OF THE JEW

As there are many prophecies in the Scriptures concerning the dispersion of the Jews, or the Israelites, so are there many prophecies concerning their restoration. We are now in that process. By the events that are transpiring in the world today, we can see the hand of the Lord working, not only by the events, but also by the revelation of God. I will list some of the scriptural prophecies. Read Genesis 15: 18, Genesis 17, and Ezekiel 20:33-38, "As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord."

Read Amos 9: 14 and 15. Read the whole chapter of Ezekiel 37, Jeremiah 16:4, 5 and 16, and Isaiah 11:12, which reads, "And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts [ten tribes] of Israel, and gather together the dispersed [Jews] of Judah from the four comers of the earth." And verses 15 and 16, "And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dry shod. And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt."

It is written in the scriptures that the city of Jerusalem shall be rebuilt and become a holy city. Saul of Tarsus, or Paul the Apostle, of the tribe of Benjamin, in the New Testament writes (Romans 11:25 and 26), "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion [Zion] the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." Here Paul speaks of a Deliverer, someone like unto Moses. I believe that this Deliverer will make his appearance in these the last days, for the time of the Gentiles will soon be fulfilled.

Ezekiel 39:21-29 states, "And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward. And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword. According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name; After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.

"When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; Then shall they know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them anymore there. Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God."

The above prophecy by Ezekiel clearly indicates that blindness in part has happened to Israel substantiating Paul's prophecy that they went into captivity for their iniquity and transgressions and for rejecting the Messiah.

However, God has promised to restore them to the land of their inheritance, and He will pour out His spirit upon the whole house of Israel. Thus saith the Lord God, this is the destiny of the Jew. They shall be persuaded to accept the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, whom **they** rejected over 1,900 years ago. Israel is still God's chosen nation; however, I do not mean that they as individuals can be saved without accepting the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Jew, pray for the peace of Jerusalem, pray for the house of Israel, and ye shall see the word of the Lord fulfilled. Swords shall be beaten into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks and they shall learn war no more.

Jesus lamented over Jerusalem saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:37).

ORIGIN OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Before we go into detail concerning the origin of the American Indian, I must inform you that the material used is taken from a record called the Book of Mormon. We believe that this record is a revelation of God. This book contains a history of the forefathers of the American Indian, their origin and destiny, as well as many prophecies concerning their restoration. It contains a secular and sacred history of two great American civilizations.

This book has been misrepresented. By some it has been represented as a romance, by others a new Bible, and others, the most ingenious literary work ever put together. Many publications were made against said book; and many of them were written by those who had never seen the book, or by those who read it did so with a biased mind, to find fault. Let me urge you to read the book for yourself. There is an adage which goes, "Judge not a book by its cover." The Apostle Paul said, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21).

If this record would have been accidentally found, and had nothing to do with God, or angels, or inspiration, it would have been hailed by all the learned of America and Europe as one of the greatest and most important discoveries of modern times. But who can acknowledge such a thing as an inspired record in this enlightened age? Away with such things! It is in conflict with the wisdom and the popular opinion of the day.

The book speaks concerning colonies which migrated to the Western Hemisphere. The first migrated from the Tower of Babel at the time of the confusion of tongues, about B.C. 2250, by divine direction under the administration of two men, Jared and his brother, a spiritual seer. They and some of their friends composed the colony, traveled westward and crossed the Atlantic from western Europe and landed on the eastern coast of Central America. They brought records of the creation and fall of man and of the flood. Prophets arose among them with many predictions, including the promised Messiah and his redemption, as well as prophecies of what will be in these last days. They developed into a great, flourishing civilization, increasing in population rapidly, experiencing periods of spiritual unity, progress, and general advancement, as witnessed by discoveries of archaeologists. This civilization then declined and became weakened and divided by wickedness, wars, and contentions. The result was that it became extinct about the time of the early development of the second colony, with the exception of one man, who lived about nine months with a third colony that came to the Western Hemisphere.

The second colony left the city of Jerusalem in B. C. 600, preceding the destruction of that city and deportation of its inhabitants by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. This colony plays a very important part in the origin of the American Indian. Like the history of the first colony, its leading tone is distinctly religious. They were led by a prophet of God by the name of Lehi, from Jerusalem. This prophet lived at the same time as the great prophet Jeremiah. Lehi and his family and some friends were led to the Western Hemisphere by the arm of God. Crossing the Pacific Ocean, they landed on the western coast of South America in the territory known as Chile. Lehi was a descendant of Joseph, one of the twelve sons of Jacob of Israel.

The third colony also left Jerusalem about 11 years later, B.C. 589, and was called the Mulek expedition. This Mulek was the son of King Zedekiah of Judah. The Bible informs us that his sons were killed, but the Nephite record informs us that this one son, Mulek, escaped the destruction of Jerusalem. Their colony landed in the territory of Central America and became known as the people of Zarahemla. Sometime between 320 and 400 years later, they were discovered by the second colony, then known as the Nephites. They united and became one people between 280-200 B.C.

The Nephites took with them from Jerusalem certain Brass Plates which included the five books of Moses and the books of diverse prophets. They kept the law of Moses with the understanding that it was to be observed until the coming of Christ.

These colonies were led by divine inspiration to a land declared to be "a choice land above all other lands" to become a righteous and holy people. The land of Canaan was called the Land of Promise; so was this Western Hemisphere referred to as the Land of Promise. After the great flood and the waters receded from the face of the earth, the Western Hemisphere was isolated and consecrated and blessed for the abiding place of a righteous and holy people. And the colonies were warned by the word of the Lord saying, "Inasmuch as you keep my commandments ye shall be blessed, and prosper in this land, and when not, ye shall be judged, and destruction shall be your lot." The word of the Lord has been fulfilled in this respect. Two great civilizations have been destroyed in America: the Jaredite civilization was annihilated by civil war and the Nephites and their civilization were destroyed by their brethren, the Lamanites, who were separated from them and cursed because of their rebellious and unbelieving attitude toward God. I shall go into more detail concerning the Lamanites later in these writings.

A prophet by the name of Mormon - here in America one of the last surviving Nephites - abridged the plates of Nephi during the fourth century, and for this reason the record after its translation was called the Book of Mormon.

Mormon warns the Gentiles saying, "Hearken, O ye Gentiles, and hear the words of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, which he hath commanded me that I should speak concerning you, for, behold he commandeth me that I should write saying: Turn, all ye Gentiles, from your wicked ways; and repent of your evil doings, of your lyings and deceivings, and of your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries [idolatry is bowing and praying before statues, images, veneration of saints, relics, cross

and personal idols], and of your murders, and your priestcrafts [priestcrafts are that men preach, and set themselves up for a light unto the world, that they may get gain and praise of the world; but they seek not the welfare of Zion], and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations, and come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people who are of the house of Israel" (III Nephi 30:1,2).

The Book of Mormon is a new witness for Christ. Its precepts and teachings are in the spirit of democracy, consent of the governed, ruled by the people. Its history is largely a record of periods of advancement and decline. When obedient to the word of the Lord, they prospered, when not they declined. During the time that Jesus was on the cross, a terrible destruction occurred in the Western Hemisphere, and total darkness covered the land for three days. After the resurrection of Christ, He appeared to those that were spared because they were more righteous. He instituted His gospel among them, which they enjoyed for about 166 years. Then pride, abominations and iniquities came in among them; the result was a general decline, conflicts, and great wars.

Predictions in the Bible concerning the coming forth of the Book of Mormon include: (Psalms 85: 11), "Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven." (Genesis 49:22), "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall [ocean]." (Genesis 11:8 & 9), "So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." (Ezekiel 37:15-19), "The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick [Bible], and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick [Book of Mormon], and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes." (Isaiah 29:11, 12 & 18), "And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness." (Isaiah 37:31,32), "And the remnant [Mulek, son of King Zedekiah] that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this." (John 10:16), "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them

also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

Joseph Smith, Jr., was the principal character in the restoration, and translator of the Nephite records (The Book of Mormon), from reformed Egyptian characters to the English language, by the gift and power of God. He was persecuted from the day he declared that he had a vision that an Angel of God had appeared to him. This messenger of God informed him in 1823 concerning gold plates, which were put in a cement box, by this very same person (the last living prophet of God in America) about the year 421 A.D. These plates lay buried in the earth for about fourteen hundred years in a place called Hill Cumorah, near the city of Manchester in the state of New York. The messenger of God made an appointment to meet him there once a year giving him instructions until 1827, when he was given charge of the plates for translation. After the translation was completed the plates were returned to the messenger. Thus, we see that this farm boy was used instrumentally in the hands of God to bring about the restoration of the gospel of Christ, in fulfillment of the prophecy of John the Divine (Revelations 14:6, 7). After much persecution, he and his brother, Hyrum Smith, were put in jail in Carthage, Illinois, where they were killed by a mob of men on June 27, 1844.

After the death of Joseph Smith, Jr., men arose who had aspiration for leadership as well as men who honestly endeavored to keep the church pure. Seven or eight factions emerged, and leaders of various groups departed from the original faith and doctrine of the church of 1830.

It is only fair to state that all this polygamous reference to Joseph Smith, which the Mormons of Salt Lake City and critics in general hold against him, are without definite proof. Brigham Young had the doctrine of polygamy proclaimed in Salt Lake City in 1852, eight years after the death of Joseph Smith, claiming also that he had a copy of the original document with the signature of Joseph Smith in his own handwriting, **which has never been produced**. Its first appearance as a dogma of the church was in the Utah church in 1852. The church claimed that this doctrine was predicted by a revelation given to Joseph Smith in 1843. **No such revelation was ever made public during the lifetime of Joseph Smith**. And under the law of the church it could not become an article of faith and belief until submitted to and adopted by the church. **This was never done**.

It was also charged by some that Joseph Smith secretly taught and practiced polygamy. If this were so, then he had departed from the faith and became disobedient to the commandments of the Lord. However, this has not been definitely proven. The Book of Mormon condemns in plain and unmistakable terms the wickedness of its own times, as well as all evils, including the polygamy of David, Solomon, and other kings and men of ancient times. It declares polygamy to be abominable in the sight of God. I will insert here one of the passages recorded in the book forbidding such doctrine. "Behold, David and Solomon truly had many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord. Wherefore, thus saith the Lord, I have led this people forth out of the land of Jerusalem, by the power of mine arm, that I might raise up unto me a righteous branch from the fruit of the loins of Joseph. Wherefore, I the Lord God will not suffer that

this people shall do like unto them of old. Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be ONE WIFE; and concubines he shall have NONE" (Jacob 2:24-27). Words cannot be any plainer than this.

Prominent men in the church and his wife, Emma Smith, signed statements declaring that no such marriages ever occurred under the rules of the church and no offspring came from such, although Joseph Smith was in full vigor of young manhood and his wife, Emma, was with child at the time of his death. The Mormons, since the church manifesto of 1890, have forbidden and discontinued the practice of polygamy.

Now to go into more detail concerning the origin of the American Indian. I previously mentioned that a second colony migrated to the Western Hemisphere in B.C. 600. This colony was called the Lehi-Nephi expedition. Lehi, a prophet of God, wrote upon plates many things which he prophesied and spoke to his children. He had four sons, Laman, Lemuel, Sam and Nephi. After their departure from Jerusalem, during their journey toward the sea, two more sons were born, Jacob and Joseph. Nephi made an abridgement of his father's plates, and then began to make plates of his own.

The following selected portions of the Book of Mormon point out what happened to the prophet Lehi and his family and their descendants.

Nephi begins his record thus, "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 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. And I know that the record which I make is true; and I make it with mine own hand; and I make it according to my knowledge.

"For it came to pass in the commencement of the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah, (my father, Lehi, having dwelt at Jerusalem in all his days); and in that same year there came many prophets [Jeremiah one of them], prophesying unto the people that they must repent, or the great city Jerusalem must be destroyed" (1 Nephi 1:1-4).

The Lord showed many marvelous things to Lehi concerning the destruction of Jerusalem. He went forth among the people, and began to prophesy and to declare unto them concerning the things which he had both seen and heard from the Lord. But the Jews did mock him because of the things which he testified of them; for he truly testified of their wickedness and their abominations; and he testified that the things which he read in a book was shown him in a vision, manifested plainly of the coming of a Messiah, and also the redemption of the world. "And when the Jews heard these things they were angry with him; yea, even as with the prophets of old, whom they had cast out, and stoned, and slain; and they also sought his life, that they might take it away. But behold I, Nephi, will show unto you that the tender mercies of the Lord are over all those

whom he hath chosen, because of their faith, to make them mighty even unto the power of deliverance" (I Nephi 1:20).

It came to pass that the Lord spake unto Lehi in a dream, and said unto him: "Blessed art thou Lehi, because of the things which thou hast done; and because thou hast been faithful and declared unto this people the things which I commanded thee, behold, they seek to take away thy life" (I Nephi 2: 1). And the Lord commanded him to take his family and depart from Jerusalem. Obedient to the Lord, he left his house, and the land of his inheritance, and his gold, and his silver, and his precious things, and took nothing with him, except his family, provisions, and tents, and departed into the wilderness. Later another family joined him, Ishmael, his wife and daughters. Lehi's sons and the daughters of Ishmael intermarried. Also, another man accompanied them, by the name of Zoram. He was a servant of a prominent Jew, Laban, who possessed the Brass Plates containing the five books of Moses, prophecies of the holy prophets, and the genealogy of Lehi. These plates were taken from Laban and brought here with the colony.

They took their journey into the wilderness, and traveled nearly eastward, suffering afflictions and many hardships for the space of eight years until they came to the sea. There the Lord commanded Nephi to build a ship, instructing him how to build it. The two eldest sons of Lehi, Laman and Lemuel, were constantly of a rebellious attitude, while Sam, Jacob, Joseph and Nephi (who later became their leader) were obedient to the commands of the Lord.

After the completion of the ship, the Lord was pleased, and commanded them to set sail for the promised land (America) taking with them meats, fruits, honey and provisions according to that which the Lord had commanded. They also took seeds of different kinds. Sailing for many days they finally crossed the Pacific Ocean and landed on the western coast of South America, calling it the Promised Land (refer to I Nephi 18).

The Lord commanded Nephi to make plates of ore that he might engrave upon them the record of his people, and these records were handed down from one generation to another, principally through the hands of the prophets, sons and men of God. Laman and Lemuel, the two eldest sons of Lehi, constantly murmured and were unbelieving, contentious and rebellious, transmitting to their posterity a spirit of opposition and wickedness, which caused great conflicts between them.

Between the years B.C. 588 and 570, a division took place, thus they became two distinct people. The followers of Laman and Lemuel, the two eldest sons, were called Lamanites, cursing them with a dark skin because of their wickedness (refer to II Nephi 5). The followers of Nephi and his other brethren were called Nephites and remained a fair skinned people until they were destroyed in 385 A.O. as a nation by their dark-skinned brethren, the Lamanites. The Nephites advanced and declined according to their spiritual standing.

Great were the conflicts and wars among them. Over 320 years had passed from the time they had left Jerusalem. The Nephites or second colony discovered the Mulekites, a third

colony, which left Jerusalem about B.C. 589 at the time the city was besieged and the inhabitants and Mulek's father, Zedekiah, king of Judah, were carried away captive into Babylon. The two colonies united and became one people, the Nephites. A great civilization developed among them.

Prophets of God would arise warning them of their sins and transgression, prophesying of their downfall unless they repented, and telling them of the coming of a Messiah and to believe in the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. They increased in population rapidly, both Lamanites and Nephites.

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, a sign concerning His birth was given to the people here in the Western Hemisphere. It was foretold by a prophet of God (refer to Helaman 14:3, 4). There would be great lights in heaven, and the night before He would come there would be no darkness, and it appeared unto man as if it were day. Therefore, a day, and a night, and a day, as if it were one day. And so it was fulfilled according to the word of the Lord (refer to III Nephi 1:15).

The prophets of the Lord continued to cry unto the inhabitants of this land, but in vain. They steadily increased in sin. They rejected and stoned the prophets of the Lord, became hardhearted and disobedient. They built cities and many buildings, prospered materially, but declined spiritually. A prophet of the Lord warned the people that at the time of the crucifixion of the Lord, there would be a great destruction and three days of total darkness (refer to Helaman 14:20). But there were doubtings and disputations among the people.

Listen to this recorded in the book, "And it came to pass in the thirty and fourth year, in the first month, on the fourth day of the month, there arose a great storm, such an one as never had been known in all the land. And there was also a great and terrible tempest; and there was terrible thunder, insomuch that it did shake the whole earth as if it was about to divide asunder. And there were exceeding sharp lightnings, such as never had been known in all the land. And the city of Zarahemla did take fire. And the city of Moroni did sink into the depths of the sea, and the inhabitants thereof were drowned. And the earth was carried up upon the city of Moronihah, that in the place of the city there became a great mountain.

"And there was a great and terrible destruction in the land southward [Central and South America]. But behold, there was a more great and terrible destruction in the land northward [North America]; for behold, the whole face of the land was changed, because of the tempest and the whirlwinds, and the thunderings and the lightnings, and the exceeding great quaking of the whole earth; And the highways were broken up, and the level roads were spoiled, and many smooth places became rough. And many great and notable cities were sunk, and many were burned, and many were shaken till the buildings thereof had fallen to the earth, and the inhabitants thereof were slain, and the places were left desolate. And there were some cities which remained; but the damage thereof was exceeding great, and there were many in them who were slain. And there

were some who were carried away in the whirlwind; and whither they went no man knoweth, save they know that they were carried away.

"And thus the face of the whole earth became deformed, because of the tempests, and the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the quaking of the earth. And behold, the rocks were rent in twain; they were broken up upon the face of the whole earth, insomuch that they were found in broken fragments, and in seams and in cracks, upon all the face of the land.

"And it came to pass that when the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the storm, and the tempest, and the quakings of the earth did cease-for behold, they did last for about the space of three hours; and it was said by some that the time was greater; nevertheless, all these great and terrible things were done in about the space of three hours-and then behold, there was darkness upon the face of the land.

"And it came to pass that there was thick darkness upon all the face of the land, insomuch that the inhabitants thereof who had not fallen could feel the vapor of the darkness; And there could be no light, because of the darkness, neither candles, neither torches; neither could there be fire kindled with their fine and exceedingly dry wood, so that there could not be any light at all. And there was not any light seen, neither fire, nor glimmer, neither the sun, nor the moon, nor the stars, for so great were the mists of darkness which were upon the face of the land. And it came to pass that it did last for the space of three days that there was no light seen; and there was great mourning and howling and weeping among all the people continually; yea, great were the groans of the people, because of the darkness and the great destruction which had come upon them.

"And in one place they were heard to cry, saying: O that we had repented before this great and terrible day, and then would our brethren have been spared, and they would not have been burned in that great city Zarahemla. And in another place they were heard to cry and mourn, saying: O that we had repented before this great and terrible day, and had not killed and stoned the prophets, and cast them out; then would our mothers and our fair daughters, and our children have been spared, and not have been buried up in that great city Moronihah. And thus, were the howlings of the people great and terrible" (III Nephi 8:5-25).

"And it came to pass that there was a voice heard among all the inhabitants of the earth, upon all the face of this land, crying: Wo, wo, wo, unto this people; wo unto the inhabitants of the whole earth except they shall repent; for the devil laugheth, and his angels rejoice, because of the slain of the fair sons and daughters of my people; and it is because of their iniquity and abominations that they are fallen!" (III Nephi 9: 1 & 2). Such it was in the day of the crucifixion of our Lord in this land (America).

After the great destruction in this land, and Jesus had resurrected, He appeared to them that were spared, because of their more righteousness, and told them saying, "Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world. And behold, I am the light and the life of the world: and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the father

hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world^d, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning.

"And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words the whole multitude fell to the earth; for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven. And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto them saying: Arise and come forth unto me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the prints of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel, and the God of the whole earth, and have been slain for the sins of the world. And it came to pass that the multitude went forth, and thrust their hands into his side, and did feel the prints of the nails in his hands and in his feet; and this they did do, going forth one by one until they had all gone forth, and did see with their eyes and did feel with their hands, and did know of a surety and did bear record, that it was he, of whom it was written by the prophets, that should come. And when they had all gone forth and had witnessed for themselves, they did cry out with one accord, saying: Hosanna! Blessed be the name of the Most High God! And they did fall down at the feet of Jesus, and did worship him" (III Nephi 11: 10-17). Then Jesus began to perform signs and miracles among them, healing their sick, and He taught them concerning the Kingdom of God. He then established His church among them and said to them, " ... I give unto you power that ye shall baptize this people when I am again ascended into heaven" (III Nephi 11: 21). And He instructed them further saying, " . . . On this wise shall ye baptize; and there shall be no disputations among you. Verily I say unto you, that whoso repenteth of his sins through your words, and desireth to be baptized in my name, on this wise shall ye baptize them- Behold, ye shall go down and stand in the water, and in my name shall ye baptize them. And now behold, these are the words which ye shall say, calling them by name, saying: Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. And then shall ye immerse them in the water and come forth again out of the water. And after this manner shall ye baptize in my name ... " (III Nephi 11 :22-27). So, you see how plain and simple were the instructions of Jesus to the people on this continent, consistent with his teachings and the apostles of the Bible.

After establishing His church in this land, they enjoyed peace and the blessings of God for about 166 years (200 A.D.). In about 200 A.D. the people had multiplied, insomuch that they were spread upon all the face of the land, and that they had become exceedingly rich, because of their prosperity in Christ. In the following year there began to be among them those who were lifted up in pride, wearing costly apparel, all manner of fine pearls, and of the fine things of the world. From that time forth they did not have their goods and their substance, common among them, and they began to be divided into classes; and they began to build up churches unto themselves to get gain and began to deny the true church of Christ. Those that seceded from the true church began to multiply exceedingly, because of the power of Satan who did get hold upon their hearts.

In the year of 23 A.D. there was a great division among the people. The true believers in Christ were called Nephites, and they that opposed Christ were called Lamanites. As

long as the people of God remained faithful and obedient to the commandments of the Lord, they prospered and had peace. Two hundred and forty-four years had passed away (244 A.D.) and the more wicked part of the people waxed strong and became exceedingly more numerous than the people of God (refer to IV Nephi).

Mormon, a prophet of God and a descendant of Nephi, was born in 310 A. D. -the very same who abridged the plates of Nephi, which were translated by Joseph Smith, the farm boy, through the gift and power of God. When Mormon was about ten years old a prophet of God by the name of Ammaron came to him and said, ". . . I perceive that thou art a sober child, and art quick to observe; Therefore, when ye are about twenty and four years old I would that ye should remember the things that ye have observed concerning this people; and when ye are of that age go to the land An tum, unto a hill which shall be called Shim; and there have I deposited unto the Lord all the sacred engravings concerning this people" (Mormon 1:2 & 3).

In 321 A.D. there began to be a war between the Nephites and the Lamanites because of their wickedness. Healings and miracles discontinued, gifts from the Lord and the Holy Ghost did not come upon any because of their unbelief.

In 325 A.D. Mormon said in his writings," And I, being fifteen years of age and being somewhat of a sober mind, therefore I was visited of the Lord, and tasted and knew of the goodness of Jesus. And I did endeavor to preach unto this people, but my mouth was shut, and I was forbidden that I should preach unto them; for behold they had willfully rebelled against their God; and the beloved disciples were taken away out of the land, because of their iniquity. But I did remain among them, but I was forbidden to preach unto them because of the hardness of their hearts; and because of the hardness of their hearts the land was cursed for their sake" (Mormon 1:15-17). However, having compassion for his people, Mormon became the leader of the Nephite army. Though young, he was large in stature, and great were the conflicts between them.

After many years of wars with a few seasons of peace, the prophet Mormon wrote, "And now I finish my record concerning the destruction of my people, the Nephites. . . " (Mormon 6:1).

"And it came to pass that we did march forth to the land of Cumorah, and we did pitch our tents round about the hill Cumorah; and it was in a land of many waters [the great lakes], rivers, and fountains; and here we had hope to gain advantage over the Lamanites. And when three hundred and eighty and four years [384 A.D.] had passed away, we had gathered in all the remainder of our people unto the land Cumorah" (Mormon 6:4 & 5).

"... I, Mormon, began to be old; and knowing it to be the last struggle of my people, and having been com manded of the Lord that I should not suffer the records which had been handed down by our fathers, which were sacred, to fall into the hands of the Lamanites [for the Lamanites would destroy them], therefore I made this record out of the plates of Nephi, and hid up in the hill Cumorah all the records which had been entrusted to me by

the hand of the Lord, save it were these few plates which I gave unto my son Moroni" (Mormon 6:6).

Thousands upon thousands were slain in battle until only twenty and four were left of the Nephites (among whom was Moroni, his son). Mormon's soul was rent with anguish because of the slain of his people, and he cried: "O ye fair ones, how could ye have departed from the ways of the Lord! O ye fair ones, how could ye have rejected that Jesus, who stood with open arms to receive you! Behold, if ye had not done this, ye would not have fallen. But behold, ye are fallen, and I mourn your loss. O ye fair sons and daughters, ye fathers and mothers, ye husbands and wives, ye fair ones, how is it that ye could have fallen! But behold, ye are gone, and my sorrows cannot bring your return. And the day soon cometh that your mortal must put on immortality, and these bodies which are now moldering in corruption must soon become incorruptible bodies; and then ye must stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, to be judged according to your works; and if it so be that ye are righteous, then are ye blessed with your fathers who have gone before you. O that ye had repented before this great destruction had come upon you. But behold, ye are gone, and the Father, yea, the Eternal Father of heaven, knoweth your state; and he doeth with you according to his justice and mercy" (Mormon 6:17-22).

Mormon, before his death, gave his son Moroni the records to finish the history of his people. Moroni, the only Nephite prophet survivor, writes upon the plates in conclusion. ". . . My father hath been slain in battle, and all my kinsfolk, and I have not friends nor whither to go; and how long the Lord will suffer that I may live I know not. Behold, four hundred years have passed away since the coming of our Lord and Savior [400 A. D.]. And behold, the Lamanites have hunted my people, the Nephites, down from city to city and from place to place, even until they are no more; and great has been their fall [civilization]; yea, great and marvelous, is the destruction of my people, the Nephites. And behold, it is the hand of the Lord which hath done it. And behold also, the Lamanites are at war one with another; and the whole face of this land is one continual round of murder and bloodshed; and no one knoweth the end of the war" (Mormon 8:5-8).

The last chapter in the Book of Mormon, Moroni writes and says, "Now I, Moroni, write somewhat as seemeth me good; and I write unto my brethren, the Lamanites [the American Indian]; and I would that they should know that more than four hundred and twenty years [420 A.D.] have passed away since the sign was given of the coming of Christ. And I seal up these records, after I have spoken a few words by way of exhortation unto you. Behold, I would exhort you that when ye shall read these things, if it be wisdom in God that ye should read them, that ye would remember how merciful the Lord hath been unto the children of men, from the creation of Adam even down until the time that ye shall receive these things, and ponder it in your hearts. And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, He will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things" (Moroni 10:1-5).

And he further exhorts saying, "And now I speak unto all the ends of the earth-that if the day cometh that the power and gifts of God shall be done away among you, it shall be because of unbelief. And wo unto the children of men if this be the case; for there shall be none that doeth good among you, no not one. For if there be one among you that doeth good, he shall work by the power and gifts of God. And wo unto them who shall do these things away and die, for they die in their sins, and they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God; and I speak it according to the words of Christ; and I lie not. And I exhort you to remember these things; for the time speedily cometh that ye shall know that I lie not, for ye shall see me at the bar of God; and the Lord God will say unto you: Did I not declare my words unto you, which were written by this man, like as one crying from the dead, yea, even as one speaking out of the dust? I declare these things unto the fulfilling of the prophecies. And behold, they shall proceed forth out of the mouth of the everlasting God; and his word shall hiss forth from generation to generation. And God shall show unto you, that that which I have written is true.

"And again, I would exhort you that ye would come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift, and touch not the evil gift, nor the unclean thing. And awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem; yea, and put on the beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion; and strengthen thy stakes and enlarge thy borders forever, that thou mayest no more be confounded that the covenants of the Eternal Father which He hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled. Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in Him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in nowise deny the power of God. And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy, without spot. And now I bid unto all, farewell. I soon go to rest in the paradise of God, until my spirit and body shall again reunite, and I am brought forth triumphant through the air, to meet you before the pleasing bar of the great Jehovah, the Eternal Judge of both quick and dead. Amen" (Moroni 10:24-34).

Moroni then placed the records, or engraved plates of the history of his people in a cement stone box, and buried them in the earth, in a place called Hill Cumorah. There they laid for fourteen centuries until this very same person, Moroni, appeared as a messenger of God to the farm boy, Joseph Smith, Jr., in 1823, instructing him concerning the buried records.

Thus you see it was the end of a great civilization in America. The only inhabitants remaining were the Lamanites. And they then became divided one against another; and separated one from another into tribes, every man according to his family and his kindred and friends; and thus they destroyed the government of the land. And every tribe did appoint a chief or a leader over them; and so, became tribes and chiefs of tribes. Losing all knowledge of the true living God and Christ the Saviour, they became an

idlesome people, full of mischief and subtlety, and sought in the wilderness for beasts of prey.

Through the course of centuries, they became quite distinct in tribal languages and dialects, in dress, in type of habitation, in methods of producing or gathering food, in customs and traditions, and even in physical appearance, and for centuries they had one continual round of tribal warfare. When Columbus discovered the new world, he thought he had reached part of India. For this reason, the Lamanites or the natives of the New World were called Indians.

DESTINY OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Now that we have learned by revelation the origin of the American Indian, before we go into detail concerning their destiny, let us go into some of their history since the discovery of the New World.

When Columbus came to the New World, there were about 1,000,000 Indians in what is now the United States. This was far less than the number of red men in the Aztec or Inca Empire in Mexico, Central America and South America. Yet the Indians of 1492 occupied and used in their way the whole of the present territory of the United States. Only in the Southwest was their economy based on intensive agriculture. Elsewhere north of the Rio Grande, the Indians combined hunting and fishing with extensive agriculture.

Differing in their economic patterns, the pre-Columbian Indians were even more divided in political and language matters. Linguists count more than 500 distinct Indian languages within the present United States and there were more tribes than dialects. Some tribes had considerable population and controlled large amounts of lands. The general Indian picture was one of hopeless division. (It might be added, that this situation exists today. That is one of the problems in working with the Indians.) This made it easy for the white men to defeat the tribes one by one. Frequently, the whites were able to use one tribe against another. Division, however, was only one of several handicaps under which the first settlers of America labored after 1492. The Indian culture, although admirable in many ways, was definitely inferior to the European in the arts of war, commerce and industry. The red man was an experienced warrior and willing enough to fight, but he fought with the bow and arrow; the Europeans had horses, iron and gunpowder. These, plus the crusading spirit, gave the white man victory.

The more advanced native peoples, the Aztecs of Mexico, the Incas of Peru, the Pueblos of the American Southwest, survived the contact with the Europeans. When the white men came, these Indians were already living settled lives and were engaged in intensive agriculture under their native masters. After the conquest, they continued their farming pursuits, serving their white overlords much as they had their own chieftains. They blended their blood with that of the newcomers. They accepted Christianity, and in time they learned a bit about Old World culture from the Christian missionaries.

Economic conflict was a central factor in this situation. The Indians of the present United States relied heavily on hunting and fishing. They, therefore, needed to reserve a good deal of wooded lands for hunting purposes. The white men, on the other hand, were primarily interested in farming. As they cleared the forests, they cut into tribal hunting grounds. The Indians then had a choice, they could depart, or fight for their game preserves. Actually, there was no choice at all, for Indian wars ended in defeat and removal of the red man. Some white men tried to get along with the natives; however, the whites considered themselves superior to the Indians. Everywhere, the whites considered themselves and not the Indians as the discoverers of the New World. Furthermore, the newcomers insisted that the Indians adjust themselves to (or at least not interfere with) the white man's economy. And finally, the whites assumed that their religion and culture in general were infinitely better than the culture of the red man. Many whites did not even attempt to be fair. If they could cheat the Indians out of their land by a show of legality, well and good. If not, the lands were taken anyway. The argument ran that the Indians were savages and heathens; they were called the children of Satan (predicted by ancient American prophets). The Indians were not fully using the rich resources of the New World, so why permit them to hold back those who could.

Such arguments and attitudes explain why some writers and historians consider what we have done a disgraceful record in handling this, our first "minority problem." Time after time, it was the same story, early purchase of Indian lands, friction, war, then removal of the tribes to the West or to local reservations. The pattern held for two- and one-half centuries, from the day of the first settlements until after the Civil War.

As the Indians went down, some white men deplored their passing. Humanitarians formed Indian rights associations. Fair-minded authors praised the first Americans and criticized the Indian policy of the United States. It was pointed out that the Indian population in 1900 stood at 270,500 and seemed on the way to extinction. Today there are 450,000 on tribal rolls. Some say that there are more than that in Oklahoma alone. Many have become city dwellers.

But today the Indian problem, which has existed since the government decided more than a century ago that it was cheaper to buy off the Indian than kill him off, is still one of poverty, abysmal poverty on reservations in the north central and southwestern states, and lack of economic opportunity. Along with these go problems of health, education and social acceptance. In the last few years several Congressmen have attempted to do something in Washington concerning the Indian problem. In spite of the obstacles, the Indian has increased in population.

WHAT IS THEIR DESTINY? Let the revelation of God and the ancient American Prophets tell us. Here are some of their predictions. The Prophet Nephi believed in the things his father, Lehi, saw by revelation, and that the Lord was able to make them known unto him.

Between B.C. 600 and 592 he was caught away in the spirit into an exceeding high mountain, and in vision he saw the Virgin, the Son of God, Christ's ministry, the land

of promise (America), the appearance of Christ to his people after the resurrection, the righteousness, iniquity and down fall of his people, and the Gentile nations in the last days. Now listen to this part of the vision concerning the Gentile nations and the American history foretold (refer to I Nephi 11).

"And it came to pass that I looked and beheld many waters [oceans]; and they divided the Gentiles from the seed of my brethren [Indians]. And it came to pass that the angel said unto me: Behold, the wrath of God is upon the seed of thy brethren. And I looked and beheld a man among the Gentiles [Columbus], who was separated from the seed of my brethren by the many waters; and I beheld the Spirit of God, that it came down and wrought upon the man; and he went forth upon the many waters, even unto the seed of my brethren, who were in the promised land [America].

"And it came to pass that I beheld the Spirit of God, that it wrought upon other Gentiles [Pilgrims]; and they went forth out of captivity, upon the many waters. And it came to pass that I beheld many multitudes of the Gentiles upon the land of promise; and I beheld the wrath of God, that it was upon the seed of my brethren [Indians]; and they were scattered before the Gentiles and were smitten [Indian wars].

"And I beheld the Spirit of the Lord, that it was upon the Gentiles, and they did prosper and obtain the land for their inheritance; and I beheld that they were white, and exceeding fair and beautiful, like unto my people before they were slain. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles [Puritans] who had gone forth out of captivity did humble themselves before the Lord; and the power of the Lord was with them. And I beheld that their mother Gentiles [England] were gathered together upon the waters, and upon the land also, to battle against them [Revolutionary War]. And I beheld that the power of God was with them [Americans], and also that the wrath of God was upon all those that were gathered together against them to battle. And I, Nephi, beheld that the Gentiles that had gone out of captivity were delivered by the power of God out of the hands of all other nations. And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld that they did prosper in the land; and I beheld a book [Bible], and it was carried forth among them" (I Nephi 13: 10-20).

The Prophet Nephi expounding to his brethren the prophecies of ancient prophets concerning the house of Israel saying, "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 [United States], yea, even upon the face of this land; and by them shall our seed [Indians] be scattered. And after 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; wherefore, it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles and being carried in their arms and upon their shoulders. And it shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles; 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.

"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 Wherefore, he will bring them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the land of their inheritance [Jews in Palestine; Indians in America]; and they shall be brought out of obscurity and out of darkness; and they shall know that the Lord is their Saviour and their Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel" (1 Nephi 22:7-12). This was spoken by the Prophet Nephi between B.C. 588 and 570, over 2,500 years ago.

The Prophet Lehi, a principal character in the origin of the American Indian, also about the same time, speaks concerning a prediction of Joseph who was sold by his brethren and carried into Egypt. This prediction Lehi had in his possession upon brass plates. Here it is: "Wherefore, Joseph truly saw our day. And he obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of his loins [his posterity] the Lord God would raise up a righteous branch unto the house of Israel; not the Messiah, but a branch which was to be broken off [Seed of Joseph], nevertheless, to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord that the Messiah should be made manifest unto them in the latter days [our days], in the spirit of power, unto the bringing of them out of darkness unto light-yea, out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom.

"For Joseph truly testified, saying: A seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a choice seer unto the fruit of my loins [Indians]. Yea, Joseph truly said: Thus, saith the Lord unto me: A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins. . . And unto him will I give commandment that he shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren, which shall be of great worth unto them [Indians], even to the bringing of them to the knowledge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers. And I will give unto him a commandment that he shall do none other work, save the work which I shall command him. And I will make him great in mine eyes; for he shall do my work. And he shall be great like unto Moses, whom I have said I would raise up unto you, to deliver my people, O house of Israel. And Moses will I raise up, to deliver thy people out of the land of Egypt. But a seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and unto him will I give power to bring forth my word unto the seed of thy loins-and not to the bringing forth my word only, saith the Lord, but to the convincing them of my word, **WHICH SHALL HAVE ALREADY GONE FORTH AMONG THEM** [duty of the Priesthood].

"Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins [Nephites] shall write [Nephite records]; and the fruit of the loins of Judah [Jews] shall write [Bible]; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins [Book of Mormon], and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah [Bible], shall grow together, unto the confounding of FALSE DOCTRINES and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers in the latter days, and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord. 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.

"And thus prophesied Joseph, saying: Behold, that seer will the Lord bless; and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded; for this promise, which I have obtained of

the Lord, of the fruit of my loins, shall be fulfilled. Behold, I am sure of the fulfilling of this promise; And his name shall be called after me [Joseph]; and it shall be after the name of his father. 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.

"Yea, thus prophesied Joseph: I am sure of this thing, even as I am sure of the promise of Moses [The prediction concerning Moses was fulfilled, so shall the Choice Seer be in the near future.]; for the Lord hath said unto me [Joseph], I will preserve thy seed forever" (II Nephi 3:5-16).

Let me quote again, the apostle Paul in Romans 11 :25 and 26, which says, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. [The fulness of the Gentiles will soon be in.] And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion [Zion] the DELIVERER [Choice Seer], and shall tum away ungodliness from Jacob."

May I insert a warning here. When you see these signs, the coming forth of the Nephite records, which we have, the Jews returning to Palestine, which is in progress, the seed of Joseph (Indians) receiving the gospel, the Choice Seer coming out of the Indian nation, and the fulness of the Gentiles, you will know that God has set His hand for the second time to restore the house of Israel to the land of their inheritance. And wo, unto the unrighteous.

Prophet Nephi's prediction between B.C. 559 and 545: "And now, I would prophesy somewhat more concerning the Jews and the Gentiles. For after the book of which I have spoken [Nephite record] shall come forth, and be written unto the Gentiles, and sealed up again unto the Lord, there shall be many which shall believe the words which are written; and they shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed [Indians]. And then shall the remnant of our seed know concerning us, how that we came out from Jerusalem, and that they are descendants of the Jews. And the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them; wherefore, they shall be restored unto the knowledge of their fathers, and also to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, which was had among their fathers. And then shall they rejoice; for they shall know that it is a blessing unto them from the hand of God; and their scales of darkness shall begin to fall from their eyes; and many generations shall not pass away among them, save they shall be a white and delightsome people.

"And it shall come to pass that the Jews which are scattered also shall begin to believe in Christ; and they shall begin to gather in upon the face of the land; and as many as shall believe in Christ shall also become a delightsome people. And it shall come to pass that the Lord God shall commence his work among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, to bring about the restoration of his people upon the earth" (II Nephi 30:3-8).

As I mentioned before, during the crucifixion of Christ there was three hours of terrible destruction in the Western Hemisphere and three days of total darkness, and after

the resurrection of Christ, He appeared to a few of the people that were spared, because of their more righteousness, and spoke to them many prophecies, especially concerning the last days. Listen to this one: "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, and shall establish again among them my Zion; And behold, this is the thing which I will give unto you for a sign—for verily I say unto you that when these things which I declare unto you, and which I shall declare unto you hereafter of myself, and by the power of the Holy Ghost which shall be given unto you of the Father, shall be made known unto the Gentiles that they may know concerning this people who are a remnant of the house of Jacob, and concerning this my people who shall be scattered by them; Verily, verily, I say unto you, when these things shall be made known unto them of the Father, and shall come forth of the Father, from them unto you; For it is wisdom in the Father that they [Americans] should be established in this land, and be set up as a free people by the power of the Father, that these things might come forth from them [Gentiles] unto a remnant of your seed [Indians], that the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled which he hath covenanted with his people, O house of Israel. "Therefore, when these works and the works which shall be wrought among you hereafter shall come forth from the Gentiles, unto your seed which shall dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity; For thus it behooveth the Father that it should come forth from the Gentiles, that he may show forth his power unto the Gentiles, for this cause that the Gentiles, if they will not harden their hearts, that they may repent and come unto me and be baptized in my name and know of the true points of my doctrine, that they may be numbered among my people, O house of Israel;

"And when these things come to pass that thy seed shall begin to know these things—it shall be a sign unto them, that they may know that the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the people who are of the house of Israel.

"And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a great and a marvelous work among them; and there shall be among them those who will not believe it, although a man shall declare it unto them. 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. Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil.

"Therefore it shall come to pass that whosoever will not believe in my words, who 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 who are of the covenant. And my people who 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. Their hand shall be lifted up upon their adversaries, and all their enemies shall be cut off.

"Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles except they repent; for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots. And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds; And I will cut off witchcrafts out and thou shalt have no more soothsayers; Thy graven images I will also cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee, and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands; And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities.

"And it shall come to pass that all lyings, and deceivings, and envyings, and strifes, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, shall be done away. 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. But if they will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance;

"And they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem [a holy city in America]. And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem. And then shall the power 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. Verily I say unto you, at that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people, yea, even the tribes which have been lost [ten tribes], which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem. Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed of my people, with the Father, to prepare the way whereby they may come unto me, that they may call on the Father in my name.

"Yea, and then shall the work commence, with the Father, among all nations, in preparing the way whereby his people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance. And they shall go out from all nations; and they shall not go out in haste, nor go by flight, for I will go before them, saith the Father, and I will be their rearward" (III Nephi 21: 1-29).

The Prophet Jacob, the son of Lehi, in his teachings between B.C. 559 and 545: "And now I, Jacob, speak unto you again, my beloved brethren, concerning this righteous branch of which I have spoken. For behold, the promises which we have obtained are promises unto us according to the flesh [not spirit]; wherefore, as it has been shown unto me that many of our children shall perish in the flesh because of unbelief, nevertheless, God will be merciful unto many; and our children shall be restored, that they may come to that which will give them the true knowledge of their Redeemer.

"Wherefore, as I said unto you, it must needs be expedient that Christ-for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be his name-should come among the Jews, among those who are the more wicked part of the world; and they shall crucify him-for thus it behooveth our God, and there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God. For should the mighty miracles be wrought among other nations they would repent, and know that he be their God. But because of priestcrafts and iniquities, they at Jerusalem will stiffen their necks against him, that he be crucified.

"Wherefore, because of their iniquities, destructions, famines, pestilences and bloodshed shall come upon them; and they who shall not be destroyed shall be scattered among all nations. But behold, thus saith the Lord God: When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ, then have I covenanted with their fathers that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance.

"And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion, from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth; and the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance. Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers; wherefore, the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute? But behold, this land, said God, shall be a land of thine inheritance, and the Gentiles shall be blessed upon the land. And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles, and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles. And I will fortify this land against all other nations. And he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, saith God. For he that raiseth up a king against me shall perish, for I, the Lord, the king of heaven, will be their king, and I will be a light unto them forever, that hear my words.

"Wherefore, for this cause, that my covenants may be fulfilled which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh. I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness, and of murders, and of abominations. Wherefore, he that fighteth against Zion, both Jew and Gentile, both bond and free, both male and female, shall perish; for they are they who are the whore of all the earth; for they who are not for me are against me, saith our God. For I will fulfill my promises which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh-

"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, thus saith our God: I will afflict thy seed [Indians] by the hand of the Gentiles; nevertheless, I will soften the hearts of the Gentiles, that they shall be like unto a father to them; wherefore, the Gentiles shall be blessed and numbered among the house of Israel. Wherefore, I will consecrate this land unto thy seed, and them who shall be numbered among thy seed, forever, for the land of their inheritance; for it is a choice land, saith God unto me, above all other lands, wherefore I will have all men that dwell thereon that they shall worship me, saith God" (II Nephi 10: 1-19).

You will notice in this prophetic utterance that there shall be no kings upon this land. Napoleon Bonaparte endeavored to set up a king in Mexico, but they both perished. And

He will fortify this land against all other nations. The United States of America is the most powerful nation in the world today. However, in other prophecies it states, "And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of his saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them and yet he avenge them not" (Ether 8:22).

The Prophet said, "Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you, which are built up to get power and gain—and the work, yea, even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you, to your overthrow and destruction if ye shall suffer these things to be. Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your awful situation, because of this secret combination which shall be among you; or wo be unto it, because of the blood of them who have been slain; for they cry from the dust for vengeance upon it, and also upon those who built it up. For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the FREEDOM of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies; even that same liar who beguiled our first parents, yea, even that same liar who hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets, and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning" (Ether 8:23-25).

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The Prophet Moroni said, "Wherefore, I, Moroni, am commanded to write these things that evil may be done away, and that the time may come that Satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men, but that they may be persuaded to do good continually, that they may come unto the fountain of all righteousness and be saved" (Ether 8:26).

The Lord has said through ancient American Prophets, "Cursed shall be the land, yea, this land, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, unto destruction, which do wickedly, when they are fully ripe; and as I have said so shall it be; for this is the cursing and the blessing of God upon the land, for the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance" (Alma 45:16).

The prediction of St. Paul in the Holy Bible in II Timothy 3:1-7 says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with

sins, led away with divers lusts, EVER LEARNING, AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH."

In conclusion I pray that I have given sufficient information concerning the origin and destiny of the Jew by the Holy Bible and also the origin and destiny of the American Indian by the revelation of God, the Book of Mormon. Thus it can be seen by this record, the American Indians are the descendants of Joseph, the son of Jacob or Israel, a remnant of the house of Israel.

The prophecies in the Bible concerning the restoration of the house of Israel includes the American Indian: "America" to the American Indian, the land of their inheritance, "Palestine" to the Jew and other tribes of Israel, the land of their inheritance.

Great and marvelous shall be the work of the Lord in these last days. As it is prophesied a Moses will come out of the Indian nation, a "Deliverer," as St. Paul prophesied; "a Choice Seer," as Joseph prophesied. He shall be esteemed highly among his people the American Indian, and the Lord will bless him and make him great in His eyes. He shall do no other work, but the commandments of the Lord and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded. And the wicked shall the Lord destroy.

Jew, Gentile, and the American Indian, when you see these things you will know that the Lord has set His hand for the second time to restore His people. This may seem impossible to the natural mind, but down through the ages the Lord has many times worked in a manner which seemed impossible to men. God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding every hour.

Americans, and all the inhabitants of the world, AWAKE to your awful situation. Abomination and sin are abounding. The judgments of God are coming upon the earth. DESTRUCTION is inevitable in this nuclear, missile and rocket age, except there be repentance, baptism, and a return to God. COME, repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and keep His commandments. For he that endureth until the end shall be saved. The Apostle Paul as I said before, wrote, "Prove all things." I urge all to ask God our Holy Father, in the name of Christ, with faith, sincerity, and real intent if these things are not true. He will manifest the truth of it unto you by the power of the Holy Ghost. May the peace and grace of our Lord be with you all. AMEN.