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"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost;" 1 Nephi 3:187

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"Father, where shall I work today?"
My love flowed warm and free;
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot,
And said, "Tend that for me."

I answered quickly, "Oh, no! Not that!
Why, no one would ever see, no matter
How well my work was done;
Not that little place for me."

And the word He spoke, it was not stern,
He answered me tenderly,
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine,
Art thou working for them, or me?"

"Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee!"

Submitted by Anna Keeney
Author Unknown

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EDITORIAL

The Closing of Another Conference Year

THE CLOSING OF ANOTHER CONFERENCE YEAR

As we approach the closing of another conference year, we do so with some feeling of regret and gladness in our hearts. The regret is for the lack of attaining the horizons of activity in the promotion of the work we would have liked to have obtained. We're glad for the new interest we have seen springing up in the far corners of the Vineyard. This interest has been touched with the spirit and desire declared by the Editorial Staff of the Zion's Advocate, to establish a vessel of value to the whole church. Our prayer is that the Advocate may continue to strengthen and edify the Body of Christ's church. We pray the work of the Zion's Advocate might continue to grow and develop a strong influence for the missionary effort of the church until it becomes a bright beacon set upon the Hill of Zion, to encourage and to direct the wayward traveler from a path that is fraught with the devastation and disasters of the earth to a Haven of Safety under the warm comfort of the influence of the Master of Men.

The task before us as a church is becoming more complex and appears tremendously gigantic. The individual and collective effort to accomplish it is proportionately enormous. With the hearty cooperation of the entire church in all its parts, we will face all odds against us undismayed.

Our task in part is to call all Latter-day Israel from her idols. These idols are human clay, idols in contrary and diversity of opinion, idols in side-stepping organizations which detract from the singleness of our purpose, and all worldly idols. We need to consecrate upon the culminating features of this eleventh hour dispensation.

The General Conference of the Church is an important feature in our endeavor to promote the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these last days. The Lord foresaw some of the complex matters of decision that would have to be made as time went on and we came nearer to the period spoken of by Matt: 24:21, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time; no, nor ever shall be."

The Conference can be of great benefit to the church as a whole. While the main intent and purpose is to confer on matters of business necessary to carry on the orderly conduct of the work, it can be a period of reuniting of scattered souls all over the Vineyard of God's Kingdom, a period of revival of interest in the spiritual welfare of our brothers and sisters. It can be a period of time the Lord may see fit to speak to the church as a whole for their benefit in directing His work in this crucial time. Yes, and it can also bring destruction and disorder if we allow the forces of the spirit of evil to enter in to divide and hinder the onward progress of our Gospel labors.

For Satan also knows the time is short and he must move swiftly if he is to accomplish the task of destroying the work of the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this last hour. So, if we have ever prayed to our Lord and Master in behalf of the work of the church, we should do so now. We should look toward the General Conference with hope and with an earnest prayer in our heart for the salvation and success of the great task that has been allotted to us.

We should pray with all our hearts that God will rule and overrule for good. We should pray that he will protect the church from the ravages of the warning found in Matt: 24:24, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, If it were possible they shall deceive the very elect."

God grant that you can come with a song on your lips and an earnest prayer in your heart that the leading spirit of God Almighty might rule and direct a mighty blessing to His Kingdom here on earth.

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY NOTICE

The following action, relative to the April 1975 General Conference of the ministry, was taken by the Conference of 1974, and is here presented in the hope that many in the Church will feel the need for a greater spiritual preparation for events to be increasingly revealed in fulfillment of ancient prophecy. Let all who will come in the spirit of fasting and prayer, and seek a unity in this important endeavor to commune with and receive the counsel of our heavenly Father. We cannot sufficiently emphasize the fact that this time of crisis is upon us NOW, but that the Lord has provided a way of escape; and this assembly is very much a part of that way.

"Whereas it is deemed important to set aside, each year, a time for fasting and prayer and spiritual meditation in which we rededicate ourselves to God, and

"Whereas this spiritual feast should be made available to as many of the saints as possible, and

"Whereas late arrivals to the assembly, and local members, cannot attend meetings held through daylight hours because of necessity of job requirements, therefore,

"Resolved, that we allow two days of fasting and prayer meetings, one to be Friday evening, and a meeting to be prepared for Saturday night, for all those who care for this service, to take place just prior to the sacrament service on Sunday, the first day of Conference."

These meetings will begin on Friday, April 4, 1975, at 10:00 a. m., at the Church headquarters building on the Temple Lot at Independence, Mo.

William A. Sheldon, Sec.
Council of Apostles

CONFERENCE NOTICE

CONFERENCE TO CONVENE APRIL 6, 1975

Following instruction of the 1966 Referendum, the annual conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) shall begin on the Sunday of the week in which the 6th of April occurs, which, this year will be April 6th.

Business sessions, however, shall start at 10:00 a. m., Monday, April 7.

Officers and committees, as noted in the directory, should see that their reports are filed with the conference secretary as early as possible. Persons needing a place to stay should contact the Housing and Reception Committee. Those wishing to donate food or money to the conference, should contact the Dining Hall Committee.

The Church secretary would also like to call to the attention of all those planning on attending conference, that the 1973-1974 conference accepted the invitation of the East Independence Local church to use their building and facilities for the Sunday, April 6, 1975, services of 1975 general church conference.

We are looking forward with eager anticipation to greeting each one of you and pray that the Lord's Will will be done in all things.

Velma J. Wheaton
General Church Secretary

NOTICE

The General Sunday School Association meeting will be held this year on Monday, April 7, 1975 at 8:00 a. m., on the first day of conference business meeting. This will be a very important meeting since the Sunday School Association is in a position to help each one of us and our children grow in knowledge and spiritually. We need to formulate new policies and stimulate interest. Your ideas and help are needed.

Ronald Temple, Superintendent
General Sunday School Ass'n.

NOTICE

It is with regret our attention is called to the deletion of the authors name to a wonderful testimony of God's goodness entitled, "To The Church Scattered Abroad." Elder H. H. Hansen of Hammond, Indiana relates his experiences of genuine interest to the church found in the February issue of the Zion's Advocate, page 20. Please accept our apology for this oversight.

The Editor

"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE"

by Apostle E. L. Yates

Sunday the 9th of Feb. in Collins, Missouri just before I was to speak, a special song was sung. The title of the song, "He Touched Me." As that song was being sung, it seemed that under the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit my mind was lifted to a high level of thinking in keeping with the beautiful words and sentiment of the song. "Yes He touched me and now I know, He touched me and made me whole."

To be a whole christian we must react in every way as a christian. "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Rom. 12:15. In other words, because of the love in our hearts for God and all men we become aware of the joys and sorrows of others, and in that awareness we are caused to rejoice in their joy and caused to weep with them in their sorrow. The element of sorrow, while it brings the tears it brings also a God given urge and desire to ease the pain of those who suffer, quiet the troubled heart, and wipe away the tears.

At this moment there are many who need both your prayers, and a sharing of your substance in order that their suffering may be eased. Our prayers and well wishes seem to be given freely, but the sharing of our substance seems to be equally as important as our prayers. "And now, for the sake of these things which I have spoken unto you; that is, for the sake of retaining a remission of your sins from day to day, that ye may walk guiltless before God, I would that ye should impart of your substance to the poor, every man according to that which he hath, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, and administering to their relief, both spiritually and temporally according to their wants," Book of Mosiah 3:42-43.

And hear this.

"Yea humble yourselves, and continue in prayer unto him; cry unto him when ye are in your fields; yea, over all your flocks; cry unto him in your houses, yea, over all your household, both morning, mid-day, and evening; yea, cry unto him against the power of your enemies; yea, cry unto him against the devil, who is an enemy to all righteousness. Cry unto him over the crops of your fields, that ye may prosper in them: cry over the flocks of your fields, that they may increase. But this is not all: ye must pour out your souls in your closets, and your secret places, and in your wilderness; Yea, and when you do not cry unto the Lord, let your hearts be full, drawn out in prayer unto him continually for your welfare, and also for the welfare of those who are around you." Alma 16:219-222

The above scriptures tell us of the importance of

prayer, who and what we should pray for both morning, mid-day and evening and to pray in our closets and secret places. They also tell us that when we are not crying unto the Lord that we should let our hearts be full, drawn out in prayer continually, not alone for our own selves but also for the welfare of those who are around us.

Now we read verses 223-225

"And now behold, my brethren, I say unto you, do not suppose that this is all; for after ye have done all these things, if ye turn away the needy, and the naked, and visit not the sick and afflicted and impart of your substance if ye have, to those who stand in need; I say unto you, if ye do not any of these things, **behold, your prayer is in vain, and availeth you nothing**, and ye are as hypocrites who deny the faith; Therefore if ye do not remember to be charitable, ye are as dross, which the refiners do cast out, (it being of no worth), and is trodden under foot of men."

At the moment we weep, because while we were in Yucatan we witnessed the terrible physical suffering of our brother and your brother in the great family of Christ, Elder Cayetano, who is also one of the (Seventy Evangelists of this Church of Christ. He has fibrosis of the lungs and other complications. It is not my desire to cause any of you who read this to suffer, but I hope and pray you will be caused to feel at least in part, his suffering, and because of love for him may the spirit of weeping be yours to know. It will have a cleansing effect upon your soul, it will cause mighty prayers of the heart to fall from your lips, it will cause a desire in your heart to share your substance, and the sharing of your substance will cause your prayers to be availing.

Cayetano is not the only one who suffers and with whom we need to share but at the moment the church has a great need of your sharing in order that the Bishops might be able to provide the oxygen necessary to relieve his suffering. His suffering is constant, day and night. While we were there we kept him supplied with oxygen paid for by the substance of those who have donated. We administered to him many times. Each time he would receive relief but in a short time his suffering would return. We do not know why, nor do we know the mind of God, but where it is within our power to relieve suffering we know where our duty lies.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

For several years past, the Bishopric have had a fund known as the, Yucatan Aid Fund. From this fund a starving people, (due to domestic animal and crop destruction by a great hurricane) were fed for over one

year. Aid for many reasons has been given, amounting to thousands of dollars. Now we face an aid need in Yucatan that will require at least \$240 per month for an undetermined time, and at the present the Yucatan Aid Fund is over-drawn.

May Christ touch each one with love and com-

passion for all men. May we rejoice together in the knowledge that only the touch of the Master can make us whole.

May each one receive that touch, is my prayer.

Send your donations direct to the Bishopric and mark it for, Yucatan Aid.

MANY SHALL COME IN MY NAME

by Elder Isac Brockman

This is a short treatise dealing with what we feel pertinent to our day and time. We have all types of proclaimers or salesmen of certain religious philosophy, trying to convert people into their way of thinking as to beliefs and doctrines. So, we feel it is important to remind our people to do as we are told in 1 Thess. 5:21: "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good." Also, last part of Philipians 1:27: "that ye may stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." Just one more to stress our point, Jude 3: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." This tells us we are to hold fast to those things that were once delivered to the Saints and we should strive to do so.

In this day and age of time, we have so many different orators coming to us each with a different route that we must follow to reach our God in Heaven and His Son. This is like me leading you to the door without giving you the key to enter. We must refer to the Scripture here again to see that it tells us that this is going to happen: "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." (Matt. 24:4-5) Again we are told about the same thing in Mark 13:21-22: "And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect." Also Luke 21:8: "And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them."

Yes, indeed there are many coming in the name of Christ, and they are deceiving many. How true the scripture stated above portrays our day. We hear on every side someone trying to convince us that their way is the way to follow Christ. But, again we are told in Matt. 15:9: "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Mark 7:6-7 might lend a little more light: "He answered, and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

All kinds of preachers are proclaiming many streets and ways that lead to God's Kingdom, and are painting a beautiful flowery picture, 2 Tim. 3:5 says there will be those "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Christ has given us the way we must return unto God, in the Gospel and the principle proclaimed therein. The scripture tells us that we cannot do it any other way. Matt. 7:13-14: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Also John 10:1: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

The arts of deception are being used by Satan to steer people in every direction except in the right way to accept Christ. Again we go to the scripture for proof. 2 Cor. 11:14-15: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

Let us then take care that we too are not led away by his cunning arts of deception. But, let us stand firmly upon our two feet and declare that Jesus is the Christ, and that we must obey Him and the principles He has set forth if we are going to obtain salvation. Let us then adhere strictly to the principles of the gospel that were originally restored when Christ restored His Church here upon this earth, and be able to say to our people as Paul states in Gal. 1:8, 9: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again. If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

So in final analysis can we not come to the conclusion that today as never before that indeed "many are coming in His name," and they are deceiving many? We hear the hue and cry on every side, that they have the way to heaven, and we hear a lot of people say that all we have to do is accept Christ as our savior and we are saved and will quote John 3:15: "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Just a note of caution if we

believe in Him or accept Him, then we must accept all of Him and believe all that He taught is important to our salvation, and that the example He set for us, we must do also. And, that until we accept ALL of Him we have not accepted Him.

In closing this treatise let us say that we should beware lest we let ourselves fall away from the truth and become deceived also. Let us become indeed proclaimers of the gospel that was restored back in 1830, by the hand of God Himself and stand steadfast

in those principles set forth therein. We cannot compromise the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the least degree; when we do we are not only failing ourselves, but we are failing the Master.

May God bless us each one with love and understanding for our fellowman. May we, each one, be able to help in some way to promote His work, here on earth, while there is yet time. Above all let us pray for one another, for indeed as the hymn says the day is fading fast.

WHY ASK A BLESSING ON FOOD?

Elder Jack Martin

Some people say a prayer over food. It may be called the Returning of Thanks (a thank you prayer) or it may be called Asking A Blessing (a plea for a blessing prayer). But whatever it is called, it is probable some of both.

Most everyone asks a blessing when the preacher is there, or requests the preacher to do it. Why do we ask a blessing when the preacher is present? Is it to impress or please the preacher? Either has some merit.

When you are eating in public restaurants, do you ask a blessing? Do you do it to impress the public? Do you do it to impress or please your companion? Or is it done to train your children?

When you are alone with your family at home, do you ask the blessing on the food to train your children, to please your wife? Either has merit.

When the children are away, why do you then ask a blessing? It is not for their training or to please the preacher. Is it to please your companion or to please God? For many it may be for both, and both have merit. Do you really know if it is to please God or if your mate expects it? Do you feel guilty to your mate if you skip the prayer over the food?

When you are all alone at home, do you return thanks for the food? Then you can be sure it is to please God. Do you feel guilty when you skip the blessing when you are alone? If you don't, why impress your fellow man? Isn't that deceiving?

Do I recommend skipping the blessing in public restaurants? That is each individual's decision. It is each individual's responsibility to determine why they offer a prayer over the food. Hopefully, the main reason is to please God, and secondly to train the children. May God bless you.

A TESTIMONY OF A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD

Penny Adams

In the past few years I feel I have come to know Him even better than I ever thought I would. I'm so happy. He fills my thoughts many hours a day.

My parents approve of Him so much! In fact, they are the ones who introduced us. He is a great friend of the family. All of us love Him. Especially me!

He has helped me in so many ways. He has helped me live in in this world that just seems to be falling apart under my feet. He finds me new friends and helps me get along with people I associate with every day. If I'm sad he cheers me up with His smile that makes the sun rise. He has His days too. On those days he frowns and clouds cover my eyes with a heaviness that burdens my soul. It seems the worst days are when I've done something wrong. To me, He never has, or never will do anything wrong. He's perfect!

A lot of people hate Him or just don't want to know Him from what they've heard other people say

... They just want to stay away from Him because of what they've heard. But I'm sure, **I know**, that if they did, they too, would find a friendship so great, nothing would destroy it.

It's funny; He is so wonderful and I'm so inferior, why does He love me? I've been so wrong so many times and yet He has the patience to love me. Why? He has a lot of love, sure, but aren't there better things to love than me?

The only thing wrong with having a friend like Him is that He lives so far away. Some people may never be so lucky to know Him like I have the privilege of doing. Some people may never have the chance to meet Him.

I hope everyone has this great chance. His friendship is so easy to gain.

Now I would like to introduce you to Him; "This wonderful man is God."

THE BOOK IN THE STONE BOX

by Viola Hening

TWO IMAGINARY FLIGHTS:

MYSTERIOUS JUNGLE RUINS

You are invited to come with me on an imaginary trip. We will fly, for most of the places we want to see are difficult, if not impossible to reach by land. We will fly over primitive jungles, across deserts, and over very high, snow covered mountains.

Our pilot is an archaeologist who wants to know more about the peoples who once lived in America. So he studies the ruins of once great cities and religious centers built long ago. He will take us to places with strange sounding names, in Mexico, Central and South America.

This trip will take a long time. Not only will we fly over ruins, we will take some pack trips to them. We will see buildings restored to something of their old beauty. We will go to other ruins still covered with jungle growth. We will spend time in splendid museums to see actual craft work made by the clever people who once lived in America.

They made fine pottery, exquisite jewelry, delicate carved figures, and hand woven fabrics. Paintings and carvings often tell much of the everyday life, the customs and religion of a people. So all of the things we do and see will teach us more about these ancient civilizations.

We are now flying over enormous trees in a great rain forest. They stretch like a green sea below us, as far as we can see in every direction. Now we are flying low over a clearing. In it are the tumbled walls of an old, old city. Men are cutting away vines and trees that have been overgrowing it for centuries. Such work is going on in many places, we later discover.

Another time, we find ourselves flying above very dry desert land along the west coast of South America. Inland, we fly over the mighty snow covered Andes Mountains, over a great lake, and above wild rivers. In all of these areas, our pilot has pointed out remnants of what was once a large, intelligent race.

Who were these people? Our pilot, and many others who are interested in this exciting puzzle, are trying to find the answers.

THE SECOND IMAGINARY FLIGHT:

Let's take another journey! This one will take us back, back in time, to a period nearly 2,000 years ago. Yet we will see much of the same country we saw in our first trip. As we retrace our flight, we now fly low over immense cities. Many of these are built around central areas consisting of high pyramids and large buildings. We assume these are government and religious centers. Intricate carvings and paintings decorate many buildings. Wide highways connect some cities.

In western South America, we fly above a remarkable highway that is nearly 2,000 miles long. It crosses roaring rivers in deep canyons, and is a truly great engineering feat. From this mountain highway, roads go down east into the jungle areas, and west through deserts to the coast. They connect beautiful cities of stone, the land of the wealthy Inca nation.

In all of these places, we see people busy about their daily affairs: teachers, physicians, businessmen, scientists, tradesmen and all kinds of construction workers. Women do delicate embroidery and intricate weaving. We fly over farming areas where varied crops are raised. In some places there are elaborate irrigation systems. Along the coast of southern Mexico we see large tropical plantation. Huge cities here are connected by waterways. In other places we fly over cotton plantations, or over lands where sheep are grazing. We view a complex and varied scene of civilized activities.

We visit an observatory, and learn that scientists have developed a very accurate calendar. Great carved stone pillars reflect the calculations of astronomers. They seem to be a record of dates of important events. So, as we travel, the picture we begin to put together is not one of primitive savages, but of a highly cultured people.

Who these people were would be even more of a mystery, had they not kept some sort of records. In some museums are pages done with a picture - symbol type of writing. This is also seen in murals. But still another method of recording used was that of marking with a sharp instrument on thin metal pages. These pages were bound together with metal rings, like a notebook. In such books we might find a history of these ancient inhabitants of America. Then some of our mystery would be solved.

THE BOOK IN THE STONE BOX

At least one such complete book has been found. Over one hundred years ago, high on a hill in the state of New York, a young man rolled away a heavy stone. Beneath it he found a flat stone, partly buried. When he pried up this stone, he found it was the cover of a stone box, whose sides and bottom were made of other stones cemented together.

This man did not find the unusual stone box by accident. He knew exactly where to look for it, for he had been shown in a vision where it was. Inside the box was a "book" about six inches thick, made of thin metal bound sheets bound together with big metal rings. Strange writing on the sheets seemed to have been made with a sharp instrument, and later was found to be a combination of ancient Hebrew and Egyptian characters.

Other metal plates similar to these have been found. Some are in museums. Other stone boxes, which may have held similar engraved plates have been uncovered. Why were precious records put into sealed stone boxes which were buried, or hidden in caves?

Partly, no doubt, it was to protect them from the weather, especially if they were meant to last for a long, long time. Also it was to hide them from enemies, or from early explorers who destroyed all books and records they found.

We do not know what is written on ancient records in museums. But we do know, and may all read what was on the pages in the book in the stone box. Joseph Smith was the name of the young man who was directed to the engraved plates that were in this box. For some time he had been praying to be shown which church he should join. God answered his prayers in a miraculous way. Among many things he learned was where the metal plates were hidden. In due time he was permitted to take them from the stone box.

In the box also was a pair of clear stones, set together as was the Urimm and Thummin we read of in the Old Testament. It was used by seers and prophets of those times. Joseph Smith used these stones to translate the strange writing on the metal plates, as he said. "By the gift and power of God." So today, any of us may read the Book of Mormon, which is the name given to the translations of these ancient metal plates.

KEEPERS OF THE RECORD

The Book of Mormon is made up of many parts, written by different men over a long period of time, as was the Bible. A chosen man, in his time was keeper of the sacred record of his people. He wrote what seemed of most importance during his lifetime. The record was guarded most carefully. In it are stories of everyday life, the travels and adventures, and the many wars and conflicts of these ancient dwellers in America.

Of most importance in the book are the religious teachings and beliefs. The Word of God, given through prophets and leaders is recorded there. There are prophecies of guidance to the people of those times, as well as others that refer to the distant future. That is why the Book of Mormon is important to readers today. The teachings in it are as true now as when they were given, and can be applied to our own lives.

The last keeper of the sacred records was named Moroni. He had been left alone, after terrible wars destroyed his people. It was he who carefully buried the plates in their stone box. With them were the stones to be used, by God's power, for their translation. He must have known that God would see to

it that the record of His people was given to our world of today.

A LOST BOOK OF THE INDIANS

In widely scattered parts of the Americas, Indians tell a story of a lost book. In this book, they say, is the story of their fathers. It contains much of their history and their religion. Could the book found in the stone box, which was translated into the Book of Mormon be this same book? It well might be. For in it are just such stories of the ancestors of many modern Indians. Legends and stories of many Indian tribes in South, Central and North America are very similar to those in the Book of Mormon.

Joseph Smith knew that his work was to translate the plates he found. He could then "return" this book to the Indians. When Indians read it, many say it does not seem strange and new to them. Rather, it is as if their own old religion had been brought back.

But this restoration was not only to and for the Indians. In the translating of the metal plates, the old, precious gospel that Christ gave in New Testament times, was restored in its original truth and simplicity. The Book of Mormon does not replace the Bible. It is added testimony to its truth. In the two books are found the fullness of the gospel.

What are the stories in the Book of Mormon, which some Indians call the Lost Book of God? In it we read of three groups of people, led from the Holy Land across the sea. In the new lands they built great new nations. Central American Indians have old legends that say that their ancestors came from the east, far across the sea. The first group of travelers we read of in the Book of Mormon did come from the east, from Jerusalem. They had been warned to flee from coming destruction.

They were descendants of Joseph of Egypt. It says in the Psalms that Joseph's branch is to run over the wall (sea), a vine whose branches were to stretch out very far. The language on the plates translated by Joseph Smith appeared to be a mixture of Hebrew and Egyptian. The ancestors of this group were rather recently from Egypt, so we are not surprised to find they use such a written language. They also brought with them a knowledge of Old World culture, such as astronomy, science and architecture. This explains why pyramids, carvings and paintings of the ancient New World have a definite Egyptian or Near-Eastern look.

This journey was led by a man named Lehi, about 600 B. C. Their long trip by land and by sea was an exciting adventure. With them they took their belief in God, and their Old Testament religion. At

about the same time, a second group fled. Later, in the Book of Mormon we read their story.

Nearly 2,000 years B. C. still a third group had come to America. Their record, also written on metal sheets, was found by those who arrived later. It tells how they had been lead to a new land, at the time the Tower of Babel was built. Spiral towers found in Yucatan are similar to one in the Near East that archaeologist say might have been the Tower of Babel.

So we may read for ourselves how new nations were founded in the Americas long ago. Archaeologists are finding new evidence all the time that points to migration from Mediterranean countries to America. Books by Thor Heyerdahl are of special interest to those who believe the Book of Mormon: *Voyages of Ra Kon Tiki Aku Aku*, and *American Indians in the Pacific*.

Dr. Cyrus Gordon, expert on Mediterrean countries, of Brandies University is author of, *Before Columbus*. In it he tells of travels to and from the New World, of ancient trade routes and of migrations to America. We are sure sometime to know more about travels of the past through all the discoveries being made. But it is exciting to know that today we may read of three such voyages, and about the people who started new nations in America.

The record of these people has been preserved through the ages, and given to us. Perhaps other records and books, some in museums, others yet to be discovered will be translated before too long. What they reveal will no doubt be further evidence of the truth of the stories in the Book of Mormon.

Far more people have migrated to America than we know of at this time. It is a place of refuge. "Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land." These prophetic words are from the Book of Mormon.

OTHER STORIES IN THE BOOK OF MORMON

No book of fiction could be filled with more exciting stories of adventure and courage than are found in the Book of Mormon. Read there of great leaders whose faith in God helped them to lead their people in times of peace, as well as in times of war and great sorrows. Read of 8 evil kings who enslaved them, of the troubles that came when they turned from God. Kings or religious leaders sometime called their people together in large gatherings to teach them how they should live.

Through the centuries, for various reasons, nations were scattered across the Americas. Wandering sheep growers looked for new land. Farmers left, perhaps in times of drought, to find more fertile land. Some

groups may have moved when areas became too crowded, other just for the adventure. We read how large number traveled by sea to new homes. Legends is Pacific Islands tells of ancestors coming from the east. Many of their customs and religious beliefs are similar to those of early inhabitants of the west coast of North or South America.

Wherever they went, and for whatever reason, these people took with them that which was most sacred: their religion, and records of their past. This is why, even today, widely scattered Indian tribes have basic religions that are very alike. They often include Old Testament stories of creation and the flood, and pre-date the coming of priests from Europe.

A promise has been made, that anyone who reads all of the Book of Mormon, asking in faith and prayer to know if it is true, will be shown its truth.

THE COMING OF CHRIST

The coming of a Messiah is foretold in the Old Testament. Also, in the Book of Mormon, a prophet warned the people to prepare for His coming. He prophesied the Christ was to be born, in a distant land, and told when it would be. He warned of a time of violent earthquakes and destruction before Christ would appear to them, in America.

Jesus said, "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." When Christ did appear to teach and minister to followers in America. He told them they were part of those "other sheep."

These ancient Americans had faithfully prepared themselves for His coming. To them Christ taught the same gospel of love and peace that we know so well. He healed the sick and blind, blessed the little children and showed people how to be kind to each other. He established His Church in its original simplicity and purity.

His coming so impressed those who saw and heard Him, that for nearly three hundred years there was peace among nations. The Good News of Christ's coming spread to distant nations where the powerful influence of His doctrine of love became part of their lives.

Nearly all Indians, including those in remote areas, have a story that is sacred to them. It is of a wonderful teacher who appeared quite suddenly to their ancestors. He lived among them for a time, performing miracles, and bringing a religion of love. Then quite as suddenly, He left. Most descriptions say he was bearded, fair of skin, and wore long robes. Different countries gave Him different names: Viracocha, Kulculcan, and Quetzacoatl, among many others. He gave to all the same gospel, and we know He was one and the same.

WHAT SHOULD THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BE LIKE?

What should the Church of Christ be like today? The purpose of God was "to establish my church like unto the church which was taught by my disciples of old." Christ established His church in Book of Mormon times exactly like His church in New Testament days. The church as originally restored in our times, through Joseph Smith, also followed just the same pattern.

At all times there was the same name: The Church of Christ. The same gospel of love and compassion for our fellowman was given. The blessings, fruits of the spirit and special gifts were to be given to those who followed Christ's teachings. Gone were the harsh rituals and rites of the Old Testament church. Christ was the Head of the church. There was no need for, or mention of, a president. Rather, the highest officials of the church were twelve apostles or disciples. Christ tells us that since He made the sacrifice of His Life to save mankind, there was no longer a need for high priests. He gave us a simple, workable and most efficient plan for His church.

In both New Testament and Book of Mormon churches there was a gradual drifting away from the gospel as Christ presented it. That is why there was a need for it to be "restored" in modern times, as it was set at the time the Book of Mormon was brought forth.

Unfortunately, again, changes were made, this time very soon, in the restored Word of God. Often, these changes did not agree with what Christ taught. This led to confusion, and division, resulting in many different churches that today use the Book of Mormon.

WHERE IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST TODAY?

Many people could not accept changes that destroyed the very purpose of the gospel being restored to its original state. One such group, who wanted to keep the Church of Christ as it was in New Testament and Book of Mormon times, was directed to settle in Independence, Missouri. They were to build a church on the highest spot of what is now Jackson County, near the place where Joseph Smith had been directed to place a corner stone. Here a temple was some day to be built.

Earlier groups who believed the Book of Mormon, and who had settled in Missouri had been driven out. It was still not considered safe to return, but this little group was protected. They built the church, and today headquarters for The Church of Christ are at that place.

This church contains the "fullness of the gospel" as always found wherever Christ has taught His message. It hopes to be a place of peace and refuge for those who seek to follow Christ.

We hope you will want to learn more of the Church of Christ, and the Book of Mormon. Especially we want you who are of Indian blood to seek further. For the Book of Mormon is truly your book, since it is the record of ancestors of many of you. They were a powerful, highly cultured race. There is a promise in the book of bright days ahead when you will become a "prosperous and delightful people."

We hope all of you will want to discover more about the interesting people who once had great cities, and a fine civilization in Ancient America. You can do this by reading of the adventures and explorations of modern explorers and archaeologists, and by traveling back through the years to discover their story in the Book of Mormon in the Stone Box.

TEMPLE LOT LOCAL NEWS

We have two weddings to report. They are, I am afraid, less late news than just plain late. Still, a wedding is always news and ours are much too important to be dismissed.

Back in October, on the 26th, Esther Moncada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eulogio Moncada, was married here to Alfredo Tovar. Each had four attendants; unfortunately most of the names are not known to me. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Roseann; their little brother, Joseph Moncada was ring bearer; small Eileen Steel was the flower girl. The ceremony was performed by Elder Nicholas Denham, who is the bride's uncle. The young couple were in an apartment

here in Independence for a short while and are now on an extended visit with his parents in Mexico. Though I was unable to attend the wedding, I join our congregation in wishing God's blessings on them for a happy and useful life together.

Then, in December the little white chapel was the scene of another wedding. This one was preceded, just a week earlier, by a double baptism in the font outside. The bride's best friend, Connie Greenfield, and the groom-to-be, David Albright, wanted so earnestly to begin a new life as members of the Church of Christ that they insisted on this wintry baptism, refusing to wait for the warmer air of springtime. (The bride had been baptized for some time.)

So, when Laurie Camyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Camyn, was married on Saturday, December 21st to David Albright, they were united in the Church as well as in wedlock. This made their walk together to the altar particularly fitting. Denise Rudd attended the bride; Mike Greenfield was the groomsman. The ceremony was performed by our pastor, Elder Richard Wheaton. Grace Rudd played the wedding music and Patricia and Nanette Wheaton sang.

There was a reception afterward. Rachel Wheaton and Konie Caviness served refreshments and Paula Case presided over the guest book. The bride and groom opened their presents, assisted by his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Barnes.

David and Laurie are living in Independence. We are so happy to have them as members of our congregation - - together. I think they know that they have our loving prayers for their new life.

The Y. P. C. L. met on February 7 and elected officers for the coming quarter, as follows: Leader, Gerry Case; Assistant Leader, Jim Case;; Secretary, Debbie Hedrick; Treasurer, Danny Hedrick; Reporter, Recorder, Benny Case; Parliamentarian, Konie Caviness; Pianist, Marie Case; Choristor, Karma Augustine; Auditing Committee, Johnny Case, Ronnie Sheldon, Scott Adams; Planning Committee, Tricia Wheaton,

Ronnie Sheldon, Debbie Hedrick; Social Committee Member, Karma Augustine; and Crossroads Editors, Danny Herdick, Konie Caviness and Johnny Case.

Our United Workers took on a project recently and found that there were many in the church group who were equally interested. There has been a fine response to our calls for help and we hope to have it completed in time for conference. What is it? We hope to have beautiful new drapes in place on all the upstairs windows by April. In this notice, let me include an open "thank you note."

Dear Young People,

You are dear, you know, very dear, everyone of you, to all of us! Your contribution to our drapery fund could almost be said to have been the deciding factor. May you enjoy a long, long time looking at this offering that we all humbly bring for the beautification of God's house.

Thank you again,
The United Workers
(and the congregation)

And a deep gratitude to all who have helped!

Until conference time, then, we here join you all in earnest prayers for God's presence at that special time.

OBITUARY

Mary Jane Jordan

Sister Mary Jane Jordan, of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada passed on to her Heavenly reward on January 13, 1975. She was the wife of the late Apostle Thomas J. Jordan. She was also preceded in death by one sister, Effie Slaughter and one brother, Andrew Buchanan. Survivors include her daughter, Lin Cariss of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, one granddaughter and two great grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on January 16th at the Chapel of the Lee Funeral Home, with M. B. Banting of the United Church officiating. Weather prevented travel into Regina from any distance of length. Interment was at Regina Memorial Gardens.

IN MEMORIUM, by Apostle Robert H. Jensen

Sister Jordan was known by hosts of people, both within and outside of the Church of Christ. All who ever knew her loved her as one of the sweetest, dearest and kindest little ladies that ever graced this earth. Everyone had only the greatest love for her, because of her love and sympathy and compassion for others regardless of their individual traits of character. Her

patient endurance of the trials of life, which were many and often severe, stood as a giant pillar of faith - common only to the most devoted of the saints of the Almighty God. We shall not know the reason for some of the things that she was called upon to endure until all is made known to us in the hereafter, when our knowledge shall be made perfect and we are caused to rejoice with the angels of Heaven in the unfathomable wisdom and mercy and grace of a loving Heavenly Father.

All we know of a surety now is what was said of the early devoted followers of the Lord, Jesus:

"Of whom the world was not worthy; . . . And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promises; God having provided some better things for them through their sufferings, for without sufferings they could not be made perfect." (Hebrews, Chapter 11).

And, we think that not strange, when we read of even our Lord's trials:

"(Jesus) Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." (Hebrews, Chapter 5).

After all is said and done, we have this glorious and sure promise:

"But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Corinthians, Chap. 2).

We are assured that Brother and Sister Jordan now both rest from their earthly labors in the Paradise of God, where they await the Resurrection of the Righteous. May we all be privileged to again greet them then, basked in the sunlight of God's countenance.

OBITUARY

Bessie May Jordan

Bessie May Jordan passed from this life December 23, 1974. She was born May 25, 1899 in Ontario, Canada. Having been baptized into Christ in 1910, she

transferred her membership to the Church of Christ July 14, 1931 and was a charter member of the Regina, Sask. Local Church.

OBITUARY

Ruby Tindell

Ruby Tindell, age 74, passed from this life on February 15, 1975 at Lancaster Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Grant County on February 14, 1901 to William and Tony (Spease) Matthews and spent most of her lifetime in the Grant County area. She was united in marriage to Raymond Tindell on December 27, 1928.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Tony Matthews, her husband Raymond Tindell, one sister, Helen and one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Aloha) Halferty.

She leaves to mourn her passing three daughters, Mrs. Harold (Colleen) DuFresne, Mrs. Walter (Mary Lou) Abing, Mrs. Tom (Karen) Stoney and one son,

Raymond Tindell. Also five sisters, Miss Flossie Matthews, Mrs. Donovan (Sylvia) Axtell, Mrs. Virgil (Florence) Tracy, Mrs. Beth Stivarius, Mrs. Kittie Crone, three brothers, Clyde, Oscar and Virgil Matthews, 10 grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends too numerous to mention.

She was a life long member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), and was true to her faith through all her trials and tribulations.

Services were held at Harris and Wepking Funeral Home in Lancaster, Wisconsin, on February 18, 1975. Interment at Oak Ridge Cemetery with Elder Isaac Brockman Sr. officiating.

MICHIGAN REUNION

The Michigan State Reunion is to be held on the 21st. and 22nd. of June, 1975 at the Bradly Local of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), Bradly, Michigan.

There is plenty of camping area within two miles of the Church at a KOA Camp Grounds. If any further information is needed please contact:

Benjamin La Seur
Route 1
Hopkins, Michigan 49328

Phone (616) 793-9318

Please accept this as your personal invitation to attend.

Submitted by the
Mich. Reunion Committee:

Elder Harold Polack
Elder Conley Addington
Brother Benjamin La Seur

WISCONSIN REUNION

To be held August 2nd and 3rd, 1975, in the American Legion Hall at Rio, Wisconsin. East of Portage, Wisconsin on U. S. Highway 16.

We wish to invite as many of you as can to come and fellowship with us for these two days; we would appreciate a card from those who are coming, as it is possible to arrange camp sites or motel rooms for those who want them.

Let us all unite in Prayer that all of our reunions this year will be a spiritual success. Please contact.

Mr. and Mrs.. Virgil Addie
414 Harvey
Rio, Wisconsin

Isaac Brockman
Box #466
Sparta, Wisconsin

Just an additional note to the Wisconsin Saints:

We are giving plenty of notice for our Wisconsin Reunion, in hopes that the folks from Wisconsin will so arrange their vacations and affairs so that we might have 100 per cent attendance at our reunion this year for all meetings both days.

Now more than ever before in the history of the Church, we need to reunite both spiritually and physically with God and each other and pose a solid front in the cause of Christ. So, please I say especially to the Wisconsin Saints, set these two days aside on your calendar and insist to yourself that you are going to spend them at the Wisconsin Reunion. May God bless each of you.

Your Brother in Christ
Elder Isaac Brockman

RESPONSE

by

Relations Committee

Inquiries have been received concerning an historical chart published in the RLDS (Saints Church) Saints Herald for January, 1975. The chart was intended to list what is considered to be the remaining nineteen groups of an approximate total of ninety-four organizations with some identity to the movement defined as "Latter Day Saintism." Certain data related to this Church of Christ (Temple Lot) was not thought by the Relations Committee and certain others to most accurately portray its identity. As a result, the Relations Committee submitted a letter of recommendation to a similar RLDS committee stating that certain other data than that which was published would more correctly identify this Church of Christ. An in-

vitiation at the end of the chart encouraged the submission of authoritative information concerning any of the groups listed. A reply from the RLDS committee has stated that our letter along with other material from the Zion's Advocate has been forwarded to their church historian for study. It is anticipated that some acknowledgement of our recommended data will be presented in a future issue of the Saints Herald. Friendly discussions have continued between the committees from the two churches for about four years, with better understandings developing along topics of mutual consideration.

Robert H. Jensen, Chairman

BLESSINGS

Daniel Jared Malone, the son of William and Karin Malone of Phoenix, Arizona, was blessed by Elder John H. Jones at Phoenix January 26, 1975.

Laurie Francis, Gary Bruce, Jr., Jason Henry and

Jeremy J. Roberts, the children of Gary Bruce Roberts and Brenda Sue Vander Mey, were blessed by Elder Max Lee at Stanwood, Michigan January 26, 1975.

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(Temple Lot)

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NOTICE

To the Conference, Assembled

Church of Christ:

Greeting:

Whereas in the past many problems have arisen relating to housing needs and availability, and

Whereas our number of visitors to conference are increasing, and

Whereas suitable available space is not sufficient to care for our needs, and

Whereas due to the poor communication and adequate notice our problems have been compounded, therefore,

Be it resolved that this conference look with favor in admonishing our people by this means, to notify the housing committee if possible at least a month in advance as to their needs, and

Be it further resolved, that admonition be given our Local people regarding the need of advising the housing committee as to the available facilities . . .

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Do you summon God when your'e in need,
Or do you unto Him not heed?

Do you pray to Him at night,
Or do you say it isn't right?

Do you thank him for everything He's done,
Or do you complain from the smallest thing to the Sun?

Do you say to Him I love you,
So that He may say that He love's you too,

DO YOU?