

# A Third Witness - It Came To Pass

## The Grand Harmony of the Scriptures:

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We have in the two phrases, “And it came to pass” and “And it shall come to pass,” two witnesses of the continuity and validity of all the scriptures: the Bible, and modern scriptures coming forth through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith, as explained in detail in my book [www.ItsAboutTimeBook.com](http://www.ItsAboutTimeBook.com) On the book’s web site in Articles: “Shall” Is A Sure Thing, “And It Came To Pass=El=God”, It Shall Come To Pass=Jehovah” Support this “Grand Harmony of Scriptures.

The first phrase we were able to tie back to the Adamic language with both inductive and deductive scientific evidence when joined with the work of Professor Leonora Leet in her book, *The Secret Doctrine of the Kabbalah, Recovering the Key to Hebraic Sacred Science*. As she shares in her book, the phrase “And it came to pass” has a gematria equivalent to “EL,” which is God and ties to past events. She also shares that the phrase “And it shall come to pass” has a gematria equivalent to “Jehovah” and ties to future events.

We have in the phrase, “And **now** it came to pass,” a third witness.

In September of 2015, while reading the Book of Mormon, I discovered the significance of this last phrase, “And now it came to pass,” as it ties to the Lord’s definition of truth in conjunction with the other two phrases: (D&C 93:24)

**And truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come;**

We see the following correspondence:

- **And now it came to pass** corresponds with: *things as the are*
- **And it came to pass** corresponds with: *things as they were*
- **And it shall come to pass** corresponds with: *things as they are to come.*

There are 96 occurrences of the phrase “**And now it came to pass,**” exclusively in the Book of Mormon, and as you study their usage, it corresponds exactly with “things as they are.” In the same vein, when you study the phrase “And it came to pass” and the phrase “And it shall come to pass,” they correspond in usage to “things as they were” and “things as they are to come,” respectively. There is no way these usages could be coincidences. It gives profound evidence for Divine design and harmony amongst all the scriptures.

In addition, in 40 of the 96 verses -- nearly half -- where the phrase “And now it came to pass” occurs, the phrase starts the chapter. It is as if the Lord is saying, this is an important truth “now” that I want you to understand, and then the contents of the chapter are shared. Similarly,

in the broadened search for this phrase cited below, in 13 of the 21 uses – over half -- in the Bible, the phrase starts the chapter. This again shows a grand harmony between ancient scripture and modern. Both in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, the usage of this phrase stretches across several books in both BC and AD time periods.

It appears that these three phrases have their origin in the Adamic and tie directly to the Lord's definition of truth.

The Book of Mormon preserves the phrase perfectly as translated by the gift and power of God. Who uses it, as well as how it is used, is inspiring and fascinating. Nephi, son of Lehi and the first historian, uses it four times; his brother Jacob uses it two times; Jacob's son, Enos, uses it once, Mormon, the main historian, uses it 80 times; and his son, Moroni, uses it once as follows in Mormon Chapter 8:

*1 Behold I, Moroni, do finish the record of my father, Mormon. Behold, I have but few things to write, which things I have been commanded by my father.*

*2 **And now it came to pass** that after the great and tremendous battle at Cumorah, behold, the Nephites who had escaped into the country southward were hunted by the Lamanites, until they were all destroyed.*

It is as if he notes his father's historic style and starts his record out the same way – telling of his current lonely situation after the great destruction of his people. Mormon quotes letters written by Helaman to Captain Moroni, and in those letters, Helaman uses the phrase eight times.

Helaman is a very spiritual, military leader. As one examines the distribution, context, and who and why these three phrases are used, it gives both inductive and deductive scientific evidence of the validity of the Bible, as Joseph in Egypt prophesied would happen in the day the Bible would be believed to be not true. Most of the leading scientists in America believe the Bible to be a myth. Now, if they have integrity of heart, they can see otherwise and be brought back to faith in God. The Lord told Joseph in Egypt the following: 2 Nephi 3:11-12. It is impossible to explain the usages of these three phrases in any other way.

*11 But a seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins (Joseph Smith, Jr.); and unto him will I give power to bring forth my word (The Book of Mormon) 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 (The Bible).*

*12 Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins shall write; and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of*

*Judah, 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.*

In addition, these three phrases, as three witnesses combined into one, giving scientific harmony to God's definition of truth and tie modern scripture to the ancient Adamic language, which is apparently more pure than any other.

If we broaden our search to not require the exact phrasing, "And now it came to pass," to include "now" and "it came to pass," then the translations in the King James Version of the Bible gives us 21 such scriptures. All of them fit the model of an important truth "now" – "things as they are." Most of the occurrences, both in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, as you will see, start with verse 1 of the chapter in which it occurs. With this broadened search, we pick up 43 more scriptures in the Book of Mormon, which fit the same model. Below, I share these 160 scriptures, 139 of which occur in the Book of Mormon:

The following are the occurrences of the exact phrase "And now it came to pass..."

- **1 Nephi 16:1** *And now it came to pass* that after I, Nephi, had made an end of speaking to my brethren, behold they said unto me: Thou hast declared unto us hard things, more than we are able to bear.

- **1 Nephi 17:19** *And now it came to pass that* I, Nephi, was exceedingly sorrowful because of the hardness of their hearts; and now when they saw that I began to be sorrowful they were glad in their hearts, insomuch that they did rejoice over me, saying: We knew that ye could not construct a ship, for we knew that ye were lacking in judgment; wherefore, thou canst not accomplish so great a work.

- **1 Nephi 22:1** *And now it came to pass* that after I, Nephi, had read these things which were engraven upon the plates of brass, my brethren came unto me and said unto me: What meaneth these things which ye have read? Behold, are they to be understood according to things which are spiritual, which shall come to pass according to the spirit and not the flesh?

- **2 Nephi 1:1** *And now it came to pass* that after I, Nephi, had made an end of teaching my brethren, our father, Lehi, also spake many things unto them, and rehearsed unto them, how great things the Lord had done for them in bringing them out of the land of Jerusalem.

- **Jacob 1:15** *And now it came to pass* that the people of Nephi, under the reign of the

second king, began to grow hard in their hearts, and indulge themselves somewhat in wicked practices, such as like unto David of old desiring many wives and concubines, and also Solomon, his son.

• **Jacob 7:1** *And now it came to pass* after some years had passed away, there came a man among the people of Nephi, whose name was Sherem.

• **Enos 1:19** *And now it came to pass* that I, Enos, went about among the people of Nephi, prophesying of things to come, and testifying of the things which I had heard and seen. [things as they are, as they were, and as they are to come]

• **Mosiah 1:18** *And now, it came to pass* that Mosiah went and did as his father had commanded him, and proclaimed unto all the people who were in the land of Zarahemla that thereby they might gather themselves together, to go up to the temple to hear the words which his father should speak unto them.

• **Mosiah 4:1** *And now, it came to pass* that when king Benjamin had made an end of speaking the words which had been delivered unto him by the angel of the Lord, that he cast his eyes round about on the multitude, and behold they had fallen to the earth, for the fear of the Lord had come upon them.

• **Mosiah 5:1** *And now, it came to pass* that when king Benjamin had thus spoken to his people, he sent among them, desiring to know of his people if they believed the words which he had spoken unto them.

• **Mosiah 7:1** *And now, it came to pass* that after king Mosiah had had continual peace for the space of three years, he was desirous to know concerning the people who went up to dwell in the land of Lehi-Nephi, or in the city of Lehi-Nephi; for his people had heard nothing from them from the time they left the land of Zarahemla; therefore, they wearied him with their teasings.

• **Mosiah 7:14** *And now, it came to pass* that after Limhi had heard the words of Ammon, he was exceedingly glad, and said: Now, I know of a surety that my brethren who were in the land of Zarahemla are yet alive. And now, I will rejoice; and on the morrow I will cause that my people shall rejoice also.

• **Mosiah 11:1** *And now it came to pass* that Zeniff conferred the kingdom upon Noah, one of his sons; therefore Noah began to reign in his stead; and he did not walk in the ways of his father.

• **Mosiah 16:1** *And now, it came to pass* that after Abinadi had spoken these words he stretched forth his hand and said: The time shall come when all shall see the salvation of the Lord; when every nation, kindred, tongue, and people shall see eye to eye and shall confess before God that his judgments are just.

- **Mosiah 17:1** *And now it came to pass that when Abinadi had finished these sayings, that the king commanded that the priests should take him and cause that he should be put to death.*
  
- **Mosiah 18:1** *And now, it came to pass that Alma, who had fled from the servants of king Noah, repented of his sins and iniquities, and went about privately among the people, and began to teach the words of Abinadi—*
  
- **Mosiah 18:12** *And now it came to pass that Alma took Helam, he being one of the first, and went and stood forth in the water, and cried, saying: O Lord, pour out thy Spirit upon thy servant, that he may do this work with holiness of heart.*
  
- **Mosiah 18:30** *And now it came to pass that all this was done in Mormon, yea, by the waters of Mormon, in the forest that was near the waters of Mormon; yea, the place of Mormon, the waters of Mormon, the forest of Mormon, how beautiful are they to the eyes of them who there came to the knowledge of their Redeemer; yea, and how blessed are they, for they shall sing to his praise forever.*
  
- **Mosiah 22:1** *And now it came to pass that Ammon and king Limhi began to consult with the people how they should deliver themselves out of bondage; and even they did cause that all the people should gather themselves together; and this they did that they might have the voice of the people concerning the matter.*
  
- **Mosiah 22:15** *And now it came to pass when the Lamanites had found that the people of Limhi had departed out of the land by night, that they sent an army into the wilderness to pursue them;*
  
- **Mosiah 24:8** *And now it came to pass that Amulon began to exercise authority over Alma and his brethren, and began to persecute him, and cause that his children should persecute their children.*
  
- **Mosiah 24:15** *And now it came to pass that the burdens which were laid upon Alma and his brethren were made light; yea, the Lord did strengthen them that they could bear up their burdens with ease, and they did submit cheerfully and with patience to all the will of the Lord.*
  
- **Mosiah 25:14** *And now it came to pass that when Mosiah had made an end of speaking and reading to the people, he desired that Alma should also speak to the people. [Alma, the Chief High Priest commencing under the reign of the Judges]*
  
- **Mosiah 27:10** *And now it came to pass that while he was going about to destroy the church of God, for he did go about secretly with the sons of Mosiah seeking to destroy the church, and to lead astray the people of the Lord, contrary to the commandments of God, or even the king—*
  
- **Mosiah 27:32** *And now it came to pass that Alma began from this time forward to teach*

the people, and those who were with Alma at the time the angel appeared unto them, traveling round about through all the land, publishing to all the people the things which they had heard and seen, and preaching the word of God in much tribulation, being greatly persecuted by those who were unbelievers, being smitten by many of them.

• [Mosiah 29:37](#) *And now it came to pass*, after king Mosiah had sent these things forth among the people they were convinced of the truth of his words.

• [Mosiah 29:43](#) *And now it came to pass* that Alma did walk in the ways of the Lord, and he did keep his commandments, and he did judge righteous judgments; and there was continual peace through the land.

• [Mosiah 29:45](#) *And now it came to pass* that his father died, being eighty and two years old, having lived to fulfill the commandments of God.

• [Alma 4:15](#) *And now it came to pass* that Alma, having seen the afflictions of the humble followers of God, and the persecutions which were heaped upon them by the remainder of his people, and seeing all their inequality, began to be very sorrowful; nevertheless the Spirit of the Lord did not fail him.

• [Alma 6:1](#) *And now it came to pass* that after Alma had made an end of speaking unto the people of the church, which was established in the city of Zarahemla, he ordained priests and elders, by laying on his hands according to the order of God, to preside and watch over the church.

• [Alma 6:7](#) *And now it came to pass* that when Alma had made these regulations he departed from them, yea, from the church which was in the city of Zarahemla, and went over upon the east of the river Sidon, into the valley of Gideon, there having been a city built, which was called the city of Gideon, which was in the valley that was called Gideon, being called after the man who was slain by the hand of Nehor with the sword.

• [Alma 8:1](#) *And now it came to pass* that Alma returned from the land of Gideon, after having taught the people of Gideon many things which cannot be written, having established the order of the church, according as he had before done in the land of Zarahemla, yea, he returned to his own house at Zarahemla to rest himself from the labors which he had performed.

• [Alma 10:24](#) *And now it came to pass* that the people were more angry with Amulek, and they cried out, saying: This man doth revile against our laws which are just, and our wise lawyers whom we have selected.

• [Alma 10:28](#) *And now it came to pass* that when Amulek had spoken these words the people cried out against him, saying: Now we know that this man is a child of the devil, for he hath lied unto us; for he hath spoken against our law. And now he says that he has not spoken against it.

- **Alma 13:21** *And now it came to pass* that when Alma had said these words unto them, he stretched forth his hand unto them and cried with a mighty voice, saying: Now is the time to repent, for the day of salvation draweth nigh;
  
- **Alma 16:3** *And now it came to pass*, before the Nephites could raise a sufficient army to drive them out of the land, they had destroyed the people who were in the city of Ammonihah, and also some around the borders of Noah, and taken others captive into the wilderness.
  
- **Alma 17:1** *And now it came to pass* that as Alma was journeying from the land of Gideon southward, away to the land of Manti, behold, to his astonishment, he met with the sons of Mosiah journeying towards the land of Zarahemla.
  
- **Alma 23:4** *And now it came to pass* that when the king had sent forth this proclamation, that Aaron and his brethren went forth from city to city, and from one house of worship to another, establishing churches, and consecrating priests and teachers throughout the land among the Lamanites, to preach and to teach the word of God among them; and thus they began to have great success.
  
- **Alma 23:16** *And now it came to pass* that the king and those who were converted were desirous that they might have a name, that thereby they might be distinguished from their brethren; therefore the king consulted with Aaron and many of their priests, concerning the name that they should take upon them, that they might be distinguished.
  
- **Alma 24:17** *And now it came to pass* that when the king had made an end of these sayings, and all the people were assembled together, they took their swords, and all the weapons which were used for the shedding of man's blood, and they did bury them up deep in the earth.
  
- **Alma 27:13** *And now it came to pass* that Ammon went and told the king all the words which the Lord had said unto him.
  
- **Alma 27:20** *And now it came to pass* that Alma conducted his brethren back to the land of Zarahemla; even to his own house. And they went and told the chief judge all the things that had happened unto them in the land of Nephi, among their brethren, the Lamanites.
  
- **Alma 28:1** *And now it came to pass* that after the people of Ammon were established in the land of Jershon, and a church also established in the land of Jershon, and the armies of the Nephites were set round about the land of Jershon, yea, in all the borders round about the land of Zarahemla; behold the armies of the Lamanites had followed their brethren into the wilderness.

- [Alma 30:46](#) *And now it came to pass* that Alma said unto him: Behold, I am grieved because of the hardness of your heart, yea, that ye will still resist the spirit of the truth, that thy soul may be destroyed.
  
- [Alma 34:1](#) *And now it came to pass* that after Alma had spoken these words unto them he sat down upon the ground, and Amulek arose and began to teach them, saying:
  
- [Alma 43:1](#) *And now it came to pass* that the sons of Alma did go forth among the people, to declare the word unto them. And Alma, also, himself, could not rest, and he also went forth.
  
- [Alma 44:8](#) *And now it came to pass* that when Zerahemnah had heard these sayings he came forth and delivered up his sword and his cimeter, and his bow into the hands of Moroni, and said unto him: Behold, here are our weapons of war; we will deliver them up unto you, but we will not suffer ourselves to take an oath unto you, which we know that we shall break, and also our children; but take our weapons of war, and suffer that we may depart into the wilderness; otherwise we will retain our swords, and we will perish or conquer.
  
- [Alma 45:20](#) *And now it came to pass* in the commencement of the nineteenth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, that Helaman went forth among the people to declare the word unto them.
  
- [Alma 46:11](#) *And now it came to pass* that when Moroni, who was the chief commander of the armies of the Nephites, had heard of these dissensions, he was angry with Amalickiah.
  
- [Alma 46:28](#) *And now it came to pass* that when Moroni had said these words he went forth, and also sent forth in all the parts of the land where there were dissensions, and gathered together all the people who were desirous to maintain their liberty, to stand against Amalickiah and those who had dissented, who were called Amalickiahites.
  
- [Alma 47:3](#) *And now it came to pass* that the king was wroth because of their disobedience; therefore he gave Amalickiah the command of that part of his army which was obedient unto his commands, and commanded him that he should go forth and compel them to arms.
  
- [Alma 47:32](#) *And now it came to pass* that the queen, when she had heard that the king was slain—for Amalickiah had sent an embassy to the queen informing her that the king had been slain by his servants, that he had pursued them with his army, but it was in vain, and they had made their escape—
  
- [Alma 48:1](#) *And now it came to pass* that, as soon as Amalickiah had obtained the kingdom he began to inspire the hearts of the Lamanites against the people of Nephi; yea, he did appoint men to speak unto the Lamanites from their towers, against the Nephites.

- **Alma 49:1** *And now it came to pass* in the eleventh month of the nineteenth year, on the tenth day of the month, the armies of the Lamanites were seen approaching towards the land of Ammonihah.
  
- **Alma 50:1** *And now it came to pass* that Moroni did not stop making preparations for war, or to defend his people against the Lamanites; for he caused that his armies should commence in the commencement of the twentieth year of the reign of the judges, that they should commence in digging up heaps of earth round about all the cities, throughout all the land which was possessed by the Nephites.
  
- **Alma 51:1** *And now it came to pass* in the commencement of the twenty and fifth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, they having established peace between the people of Lehi and the people of Morianton concerning their lands, and having commenced the twenty and fifth year in peace;
  
- **Alma 52:1** *And now, it came to pass* in the twenty and sixth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, behold, when the Lamanites awoke on the first morning of the first month, behold, they found Amalickiah was dead in his own tent; and they also saw that Teancum was ready to give them battle on that day.
  
- **Alma 53:8** *And now it came to pass* that the armies of the Lamanites, on the west sea, south, while in the absence of Moroni on account of some intrigue amongst the Nephites, which caused dissensions amongst them, had gained some ground over the Nephites, yea, insomuch that they had obtained possession of a number of their cities in that part of the land.
  
- **Alma 53:22** *And now it came to pass* that Helaman did march at the head of his two thousand stripling soldiers, to the support of the people in the borders of the land on the south by the west sea.
  
- **Alma 54:1** *And now it came to pass* in the commencement of the twenty and ninth year of the judges, that Ammoron sent unto Moroni desiring that he would exchange prisoners.
  
- **Alma 55:4** *And now it came to pass* that when Moroni had said these words, he caused that a search should be made among his men, that perhaps he might find a man who was a descendant of Laman among them.
  
- **Alma 55:33** *And now it came to pass* that it was expedient for Moroni to make preparations to attack the city Morianton; for behold, the Lamanites had, by their labors, fortified the city Morianton until it had become an exceeding stronghold.
  
- **Alma 56:1** *And now it came to pass* in the commencement of the thirtieth year of the reign of the judges, on the second day in the first month, Moroni received an epistle from Helaman, stating the affairs of the people in that quarter of the land.

- **Alma 56:18** *And now it came to pass* that when the Lamanites saw that Antipus had received a greater strength to his army, they were compelled by the orders of Ammoron to not come against the city of Judea, or against us, to battle.
  
- **Alma 56:27** *And now it came to pass* in the second month of this year, there was brought unto us many provisions from the fathers of those my two thousand sons.
  
- **Alma 56:54** *And now it came to pass* that we, the people of Nephi, the people of Antipus, and I with my two thousand, did surround the Lamanites, and did slay them; yea, insomuch that they were compelled to deliver up their weapons of war and also themselves as prisoners of war.
  
- **Alma 56:55** *And now it came to pass* that when they had surrendered themselves up unto us, behold, I numbered those young men who had fought with me, fearing lest there were many of them slain.
  
- **Alma 57:1** *And now it came to pass* that I received an epistle from Ammoron, the king, stating that if I would deliver up those prisoners of war whom we had taken that he would deliver up the city of Antiparah unto us.
  
- **Alma 57:28** *And now it came to pass* that after we had thus taken care of our wounded men, and had buried our dead and also the dead of the Lamanites, who were many, behold, we did inquire of Gid concerning the prisoners whom they had started to go down to the land of Zarahemla with.
  
- **Alma 62:1** *And now it came to pass* that when Moroni had received this epistle his heart did take courage, and was filled with exceedingly great joy because of the faithfulness of Pahoran, that he was not also a traitor to the freedom and cause of his country.
- **Helaman 3:1** *And now it came to pass* in the forty and third year of the reign of the judges, there was no contention among the people of Nephi save it were a little pride which was in the church, which did cause some little dissensions among the people, which affairs were settled in the ending of the forty and third year
  
- **Helaman 6:20** *And now it came to pass* that when the Lamanites found that there were robbers among them they were exceedingly sorrowful; and they did use every means in their power to destroy them off the face of the earth.
  
- **Helaman 8:1** that when Nephi had said these words, behold, there were men who were judges, who also belonged to the secret band of Gadianton, and they were angry, and they cried out against him, saying unto the people: Why do ye not seize upon this man and bring him forth, that he may be condemned according to the crime which he has done?

• **Helaman 9:16** *And now it came to pass* that the judges did expound the matter unto the people, and did cry out against Nephi, saying: Behold, we know that this Nephi must have agreed with some one to slay the judge, and then he might declare it unto us, that he might convert us unto his faith, that he might raise himself to be a great man, chosen of God, and a prophet.

• **Helaman 13:1** *And now it came to pass* in the eighty and sixth year, the Nephites did still remain in wickedness, yea, in great wickedness, while the Lamanites did observe strictly to keep the commandments of God, according to the law of Moses.

• **Helaman 14:1** *And now it came to pass* that Samuel, the Lamanite, did prophesy a great many more things which cannot be written.

• **Helaman 16:1** *And now, it came to pass* that there were many who heard the words of Samuel, the Lamanite, which he spake upon the walls of the city. And as many as believed on his word went forth and sought for Nephi; and when they had come forth and found him they confessed unto him their sins and denied not, desiring that they might be baptized unto the Lord

• **3 Nephi 3:1** *And now it came to pass* that in the sixteenth year from the coming of Christ, Lachoneus, the governor of the land, received an epistle from the leader and the governor of this band of robbers; and these were the words which were written, saying:

• **3 Nephi 3:11** *And now it came to pass* when Lachoneus received this epistle he was exceedingly astonished, because of the boldness of Giddianhi demanding the possession of the land of the Nephites, and also of threatening the people and avenging the wrongs of those that had received no wrong, save it were they had wronged themselves by dissenting away unto those wicked and abominable robbers.

• **3 Nephi 5:4** *And now it came to pass* that when they had taken all the robbers prisoners, insomuch that none did escape who were not slain, they did cast their prisoners into prison, and did cause the word of God to be preached unto them; and as many as would repent of their sins and enter into a covenant that they would murder no more were set at liberty.

• **3 Nephi 6:1** *And now it came to pass* that the people of the Nephites did all return to their own lands in the twenty and sixth year, every man, with his family, his flocks and his herds, his horses and his cattle, and all things whatsoever did belong unto them.

• **3 Nephi 8:1** *And now it came to pass* that according to our record, and we know our record to be true, for behold, it was a just man who did keep the record—for he truly did many miracles in the name of Jesus; and there was not any man who could do a miracle in the name of Jesus save he were cleansed every whit from his iniquity—

• **3 Nephi 8:2** *And now it came to pass*, if there was no mistake made by this man in the reckoning of our time, the thirty and third year had passed away;

• **3 Nephi 10:8** *And now it came to pass* that after the people had heard these words, behold, they began to weep and howl again because of the loss of their kindred and friends.

• **3 Nephi 11:1** *And now it came to pass* that there were a great multitude gathered together, of the people of Nephi, round about the temple which was in the land Bountiful; and they were marveling and wondering one with another, and were showing one to another the great and marvelous change which had taken place.

• **3 Nephi 13:25** *And now it came to pass* that when Jesus had spoken these words he looked upon the twelve whom he had chosen, and said unto them: Remember the words which I have spoken. For behold, ye are they whom I have chosen to minister unto this people. Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

• **3 Nephi 14:1** *And now it came to pass* that when Jesus had spoken these words he turned again to the multitude, and did open his mouth unto them again, saying: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Judge not, that ye be not judged.

• **3 Nephi 15:11** *And now it came to pass* that when Jesus had spoken these words, he said unto those twelve whom he had chosen:

• **3 Nephi 18:26** *And now it came to pass* that when Jesus had spoken these words, he turned his eyes again upon the disciples whom he had chosen, and said unto them:

• **3 Nephi 19:1** *And now it came to pass* that when Jesus had ascended into heaven, the multitude did disperse, and every man did take his wife and his children and did return to his own home.

• **3 Nephi 23:6** *And now it came to pass* that when Jesus had said these words he said unto them again, after he had expounded all the scriptures unto them which they had received, he said unto them: Behold, other scriptures I would that ye should write, that ye have not.

• **3 Nephi 23:14** *And now it came to pass* that when Jesus had expounded all the scriptures in one, which they had written, he commanded them that they should teach the things which he had expounded unto them

• **3 Nephi 26:1** *And now it came to pass* that when Jesus had told these things he expounded them unto the multitude; and he did expound all things unto them, both great and small.

• **4 Nephi 1:35** *And now it came to pass* in this year, yea, in the two hundred and thirty and first year, there was a great division among the people.

• **Mormon 4:1** *And now it came to pass* that in the three hundred and sixty and third year the Nephites did go up with their armies to battle against the Lamanites, out of the land Desolation.

• **Mormon 8:2** *And now it came to pass* that after the great and tremendous battle at Cumorah, behold, the Nephites who had escaped into the country southward were hunted by the Lamanites, until they were all destroyed.

The following are the occurrences of the phrase from the broadened

search: “now” + “it came to pass...” In so doing, we pick up 21 from the Bible and 43 more from the Book of Mormon. In John 14:29, Jesus sets the tone for His definition of truth, as He gave it the Prophet Joseph Smith in D&C 93:24. He tells you of things to come before they happen that you cannot know otherwise, so that when they happen (now) your faith will increase. Then they are recorded in scripture as truths of history: “And it came to pass.” Hence, from the scriptures, you can build your faith.

• **John 14:29** And now I have told you before *it come to pass*, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

**Joshua 1:1** Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ minister, saying,

**Joshua 10:1** *Now it came to pass*, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;

**Judges 1:1** Now after the death of Joshua *it came to pass*, that the children of Israel asked the Lord, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

**Ruth 1:1** *Now it came to pass* in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.

**2 Samuel 1:1** *Now it came to pass* after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag;

**2 Kings 18:1** *Now it came to pass* in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

**1 Chronicles 17:1** *Now it came to pass*, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the Lord remaineth under curtains.

**1 Chronicles 18:1** *Now after this it came to pass*, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

**2 Chronicles 24:11** *Now it came to pass*, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

**2 Chronicles 25:3** ¶ *Now it came to pass*, when the kingdom was established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father.

**Nehemiah 7:1** *Now it came to pass*, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed,

**Esther 1:1** *Now it came to pass* in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

**Esther 3:4** *Now it came to pass*, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew.

**Esther 5:1** *Now it came to pass* on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

**Isaiah 36:1** *Now it came to pass* in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

**Jeremiah 26:8** ¶*Now it came to pass*, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

**Jeremiah 36:16** *Now it came to pass*, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words.

**Jeremiah 41:1** *Now it came to pass* in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah.

**Jeremiah 41:13** *Now it came to pass*, that when all the people which were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad.

**Luke 8:22** ¶*Now it came to pass* on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

**1 Nephi 16:21** *Now it came to pass* that I, Nephi, having been afflicted with my brethren because of the loss of my bow, and their bows having lost their springs, it began to be exceedingly difficult, yea, insomuch that we could obtain no food.

**Enos 1:9** *Now, it came to pass* that when I had heard these words I began to feel a desire for the welfare of my brethren, the Nephites; wherefore, I did pour out my whole soul unto God for them.

**Mosiah 11:26** *Now it came to pass* that when Abinadi had spoken these words unto them they were wroth with him, and sought to take away his life; but the Lord delivered him out of their hands.

**Mosiah 13:5** *Now it came to pass* after Abinadi had spoken these words that the people of king Noah durst not lay their hands on him, for the Spirit of the Lord was upon him; and his face shone with exceeding luster, even as Moses' did while in the mount of Sinai, while speaking with the Lord.

**Mosiah 23:26** *Now it came to pass* that the brethren of Alma fled from their fields, and gathered themselves together in the city of Helam; and they were much frightened because of the appearance of the Lamanites.

**Mosiah 26:1** *Now it came to pass* that there were many of the rising generation that could not understand the words of king Benjamin, being little children at the time he spake unto his people; and they did not believe the tradition of their fathers.

**Mosiah 28:1** *Now it came to pass* that after the sons of Mosiah had done all these things, they took a small number with them and returned to their father, the king, and desired of him that he would grant unto them that they might, with these whom they had selected, go up to the land of Nephi that they might preach the things which they had heard, and that they might impart the word of God to their brethren, the Lamanites—

**Alma 1:1** *Now it came to pass* that in the first year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, from this time forward, king Mosiah having gone the way of all the earth, having warred good warfare, walking uprightly before God, leaving none to reign in his stead; nevertheless he had established laws, and they were acknowledged by the people; therefore they were obliged to abide by the laws which he had made.

**Alma 3:20** *Now it came to pass* that not many days after the battle which was fought in the land of Zarahemla, by the Lamanites and the Amlicites, that there was another army of the Lamanites came in upon the people of Nephi, in the same place where the first army met the Amlicites.

**Alma 5:1** *Now it came to pass* that Alma began to deliver the word of God unto the people, first in the land of Zarahemla, and from thence throughout all the land.

**Alma 8:18** *Now it came to pass* that after Alma had received his message from the angel of the Lord he returned speedily to the land of Ammonihah. And he entered the city by another way, yea, by the way which is on the south of the city of Ammonihah.

**Alma 9:31** *Now it came to pass* that when I, Alma, had spoken these words, behold, the people were wroth with me because I said unto them that they were a hard-hearted and a stiffnecked people.

**Alma 14:14** *Now it came to pass* that when the bodies of those who had been cast into the fire were consumed, and also the records which were cast in with them, the chief judge of the land came and stood before Alma and Amulek, as they were bound; and he smote them with his hand upon their cheeks, and said unto them: After what ye have seen, will ye preach again unto this people, that they shall be cast into a lake of fire and brimstone?

**Alma 20:3** *Now it came to pass* that when Ammon had heard this, he said unto Lamoni: Behold, my brother and brethren are in prison at Middoni, and I go that I may deliver them.

**Alma 23:1** *Behold, now it came to pass* that the king of the Lamanites sent a proclamation among all his people, that they should not lay their hands on Ammon, or Aaron, or Omner, or Himni, nor either of their brethren who should go forth preaching the word of God, in whatsoever place they should be, in any part of their land.

**Alma 27:1** *Now it came to pass* that when those Lamanites who had gone to war against the Nephites had found, after their many struggles to destroy them, that it was in vain to seek their destruction, they returned again to the land of Nephi.

**Alma 27:25** *Now, it came to pass* that when Ammon had heard this, he returned to the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi, and also Alma with him, into the wilderness, where they had pitched their tents, and made known unto them all these things. And Alma also related unto them his conversion, with Ammon and Aaron, and his brethren.

**Alma 30:1** Behold, *now it came to pass* that after the people of Ammon were established in the land of Jershon, yea, and also after the Lamanites were driven out of the land, and their dead were buried by the people of the land—

**Alma 31:1** *Now it came to pass* that after the end of Korihor, Alma having received tidings that the Zoramites were perverting the ways of the Lord, and that Zoram, who was their leader, was leading the hearts of the people to bow down to dumb idols, his heart again began to sicken because of the iniquity of the people.

**Alma 43:22** Behold, *now it came to pass* that they durst not come against the Nephites in the borders of Jershon; therefore they departed out of the land of Antionum into the wilderness, and took their journey round about in the wilderness, away by the head of the river Sidon, that they might come into the land of Manti and take possession of the land; for they did not suppose that the armies of Moroni would know whither they had gone.

**Alma 49:17** And now behold *it came to pass*, that when the Lamanites had found that Lehi commanded the city they were again disappointed, for they feared Lehi exceedingly; nevertheless their chief captains had sworn with an oath to attack the city; therefore, they brought up their armies.

**Alma 55:1** *Now it came to pass* that when Moroni had received this epistle he was more angry, because he knew that Ammoron had a perfect knowledge of his fraud; yea, he knew that Ammoron knew that it was not a just cause that had caused him to wage a war against the people of Nephi.

**Alma 58:1** And behold, *now it came to pass* that our next object was to obtain the city of Manti; but behold, there was no way that we could lead them out of the city by our small bands. For behold, they remembered that which we had hitherto done; therefore we could not decoy them away from their strongholds.

**Alma 58:26** *Now it came to pass* that when it was night, I caused that my men should not sleep, but that they should march forward by another way towards the land of Manti.

**Alma 59:1** *Now it came to pass* in the thirtieth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, after Moroni had received and had read Helaman's epistle, he was

exceedingly rejoiced because of the welfare, yea, the exceeding success which Helaman had had, in obtaining those lands which were lost.

**Alma 61:1** Behold, *now it came to pass* that soon after Moroni had sent his epistle unto the chief governor, he received an epistle from Pahoran, the chief governor. And these are the words which he received:

**Alma 62:30** *Now it came to pass* that Moroni, after he had obtained possession of the city of Nephihah, having taken many prisoners, which did reduce the armies of the Lamanites exceedingly, and having regained many of the Nephites who had been taken prisoners, which did strengthen the army of Moroni exceedingly; therefore Moroni went forth from the land of Nephihah to the land of Lehi.

**Alma 62:37** *Now it came to pass* that when Lehi and Moroni knew that Teancum was dead they were exceedingly sorrowful; for behold, he had been a man who had fought valiantly for his country, yea, a true friend to liberty; and he had suffered very many exceedingly sore afflictions. But behold, he was dead, and had gone the way of all the earth.

**Alma 62:38** *Now it came to pass* that Moroni marched forth on the morrow, and came upon the Lamanites, insomuch that they did slay them with a great slaughter; and they did drive them out of the land; and they did flee, even that they did not return at that time against the Nephites.

**Helaman 1:1** And now behold, *it came to pass* in the commencement of the fortieth year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi, there began to be a serious difficulty among the people of the Nephites.

**Helaman 7:1** Behold, *now it came to pass* in the sixty and ninth year of the reign of the judges over the people of the Nephites, that Nephi, the son of Helaman, returned to the land of Zarahemla from the land northward.

**Helaman 7:10** And *behold, now it came to pass* that it was upon a tower, which was in the garden of Nephi, which was by the highway which led to the chief market, which was in the city of Zarahemla; therefore, Nephi had bowed himself upon the tower which was in his garden, which tower was also near unto the garden gate by which led the highway.

**Helaman 9:1** Behold, *now it came to pass* that when Nephi had spoken these words, certain men who were among them ran to the judgment-seat; yea, even there were five who went, and they said among themselves, as they went:

**Helaman 10:12** And behold, *now it came to pass* that when the Lord had spoken these words unto Nephi, he did stop and did not go unto his own house, but did return unto the multitudes who were scattered about upon the face of the land, and began to

declare unto them the word of the Lord which had been spoken unto him, concerning their destruction if they did not repent.

**3 Nephi 1:1** *Now it came to pass* that the ninety and first year had passed away and it was six hundred years from the time that Lehi left Jerusalem; and it was in the year that Lachoneus was the chief judge and the governor over the land.

**3 Nephi 6:26** *Now it came to pass* that they were taken and brought up before the judge, to be judged of the crime which they had done, according to the law which had been given by the people.

**3 Nephi 6:27** *Now it came to pass* that those judges had many friends and kindreds; and the remainder, yea, even almost all the lawyers and the high priests, did gather themselves together, and unite with the kindreds of those judges who were to be tried according to the law.

**3 Nephi 10:1** And now behold, *it came to pass* that all the people of the land did hear these sayings, and did witness of it. And after these sayings there was silence in the land for the space of many hours;

**3 Nephi 17:1** Behold, *now it came to pass* that when Jesus had spoken these words he looked round about again on the multitude, and he said unto them: Behold, my time is at hand.

**4 Nephi 1:10** And now, *behold, it came to pass* that the people of Nephi did wax strong, and did multiply exceedingly fast, and became an exceedingly fair and delightsome people.

**Mormon 6:1** And now I finish my record concerning the destruction of my people, the Nephites. *And it came to pass* that we did march forth before the Lamanites.

**Ether 2:13** And now I proceed with my record; for behold, *it came to pass* that the Lord did bring Jared and his brethren forth even to that great sea which divideth the lands. And as they came to the sea they pitched their tents; and they called the name of the place Moriancumer; and they dwelt in tents, and dwelt in tents upon the seashore for the space of four years.

**Ether 9:1** And now I, Moroni, proceed with my record. Therefore, behold, *it came to pass* that because of the secret combinations of Akish and his friends, behold, they did overthrow the kingdom of Omer. [HOW REVELANT IS THIS TO OUR DAY!]  
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