

AND IT CAME TO PASS = EL=GOD SHALL COME TO PASS=JEHOVAH

Ancient Kabballa Brings Harmony To All Scripture
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I found over 200 occurrences of the phrase,
“...shall come to pass,” in the LDS scriptures.

Over a year ago I felt impressed to study the phrase “And it came to pass.” As explained in Chapter 3, Professor Mijnhardt had determined that this phrase was an ancient Egyptian phrase. As further explained in Chapter 3 by inductive scientific reasoning – looking at all the LDS scriptures – I had arrived at the hypothesis that this phrase had its origin as a significant marker with its beginnings in the Adamic language.

This hypothesis arose for two reasons: 1) the usage of this phrase diminished over time in both the eastern a western hemispheres; and 2) as I read through these occurrences – and there are a lot of them (I counted 1,429 occurrences) – I discovered that the phrase “**And it came to pass**” is always associated with some past significant historic event in the Lord’s vineyard. I share a sample of them in the article “**And It Came To Pass El=God**” -- to give you a feel for this phrase’s significance.

In contrast, all of the 200 plus occurrences that I found in the LDS scriptures of the phrase “...**shall come to pass**...” tie in an inspiring way to our day and to events leading up to and including the Second Coming. I share below some of these as a sample – showing their relevance to us today. They also fit Dr. Leet’s mode in this regard and Kabbalistically connect with the “most Holy name of” Jehovah and to future instead of past historic events.

When the Savior visited America after His resurrection. He shared some profound messages for our day as recorded in 3 Nephi. In that sharing, He includes revelations He had given some of the Old Testament prophets. When studied in detail, He quotes seamlessly the from the following chapters: Genesis 22, 49, Isaiah 40, 49, 52, 54, 60, 66, Micah 4, 5, Zephaniah 3, Malachi 3 and 4. They are woven together in a most inspiring fabric painting a picture so relevant for our day. This picture painted for our day is in 3 Nephi chapters 20-25 and follow His ministry chapters to the Native Americans.

In fact, it is fascinating to observe that chapters 11 through 19 of 3 Nephi cover his ministry to an Israelite tribe (To the descendants of Joseph – birthright son of Israel) here in America – one of the two Promised Lands. Then, as mentioned above, in Chapter 20 he begins his discussion to those of us who He knew would receive the Book of Mormon in the latter-days, and it is not until Chapter 20 that He first uses the

phrase, “**And it shall come to pass**” – after He had finished His ministry with the Nephites (Native Americans).

I believe, in a similar way as the Savior did in 3 Nephi, the scriptures used in conjunction with “...**shall come to pass**” could be made into a scriptural discourse the size of a book – telling in a seamless way a powerful message of the time and times and future times as we move into the winding up scenes for our Savior’s glorious Second Coming. This would need to be done by revelation and not just by scholarship. In the following, I have given some ordering of them, and this is only a subset. I believe as you read through them, you will feel the Spirit in conjunction with what I have shared here. It is fun to think of a book of scriptures hidden within our scriptures.

I believe the scriptures are of infinite depth as we study, ponder, and feast upon them. It is like the scripture from Isaiah our oldest son, Sterling, used in part for the title of his book: The Vision of All is come unto You as the Words of a Book... The word “All” in this scripture seems quite inclusive.

Before I share these scriptures, I would like to point out the importance of Dr. Leet’s work. As I mention in Chapter 3 of our book, the usage of the phrase “**And it came to pass**” has a fundamentally different usage in the scriptures than the phrase “**And it shall come to pass**,” and that both usages fit perfectly Dr. Leet’s two models for these two phrases as she has derived them from the ancient Hebraic science of the Kabbalah. The prophets using the latter phrase are almost exclusively those talking about our day and the Great Day of the Lord.

She derives her information from many cultures and points out that, “Judaism [the Hebrew culture] is the oldest continuous religious tradition...” She also studied the Egyptian, Hindu, and Buddhist cultures and traditions. The “Tree of life” seems to be at the heart of this ancient science. She indicates that sound, symbols, and numbers seem to be a part of this somewhat lost ancient “true sacred science.”

One remarkable dimension of her findings is the “genesis of the divine son.” She shares:

For Hebraic sacred science is centered in that secret doctrine of the son first announced by God when He said: “Israel is my son, even my firstborn” (Exod. 4:22).” This also has analogues to similar doctrines in all of the world’s great religions, most importantly to the earlier Egyptian figures of the son god Horus and his earthly-divine avatar, the pharaoh, the later figures of the Hindu Krishna and Buddhist Amitabha, and, of course, the conceptualization of Jesus derived directly from the Hebraic tradition.

She additionally shares that Judaism – even as the oldest continuous religious practice – has “been the most careful to hide...” the divine son genesis. “One reason for this is undoubtedly its feared similarity to the dominant Christianity...”

Thus this most essential core of the Jewish religion has consistently been both covertly proclaimed for those who could understand it and as openly denied. But from the Bible, ... the central mystery of the son, as of the cosmic process, has ever had but one meaning, that ultimate unification of the human and divine that could affect both the personalization of the divine and complementary divinization of perfected humans.

It appears that the models that Dr. Leet's research derives for the two phrases under consideration: "And it came to pass" and "And it shall come to pass" align perfectly with the LDS scriptures, which she has not studied or considered in her work. These findings align with my feelings of our loving Lord being in the details of our lives as we look, learn, listen, and observe His Divine fingerprints and extended tender mercies to bring us back home.

As I share the following scriptures – and they are only a subset of the 205 occurrences I found, I make some comments in brackets [] – showing in more detail their significant relevance.

Gen. 9: 14 **And it shall come to pass**, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: [Then the year of His Coming, the bow will not be seen.]

Gen. 47:24 **And it shall come to pass** in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. [As Joseph saved the House of Israel in Egypt physically, so shall the seed of Joseph in America help in saving the House of Israel physically and spiritually in the last days; see Ether 13:1-12.]

JST, Genesis 50:25 **And it shall come to pass** that they **shall** be scattered again; and a branch shall be broken off, and **shall** be carried into a far country; nevertheless they **shall** be remembered in the covenants of the Lord, when the Messiah cometh; for he **shall** be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in the Spirit of power; and **shall** bring them out of darkness into light; out of hidden darkness, and out of captivity unto freedom. [In JST, Gen. 50:24-38 we have a part of Joseph's writings in Egypt, and what we have are remarkable. Joseph prophecies of Moses delivering the children of Israel out of Egypt, of Joseph Smith bringing forth the Book of Mormon and the restoration of the fullness of the gospel, and the redemption of Joseph in Egypt's seed before the Savior comes – which is happening as I write this.]

Exodus 3: 21 And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it **shall come to pass**, that, when ye go, ye **shall** not go empty: [As Israel is gathered in our day, they shall bring with them that which is needful to build the Kingdom of God as the kingdoms of this world are brought down.]

Exodus 12:25 **And it shall come to pass**, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. 26 **And it shall come to pass**, when your children **shall** say unto you, What mean ye by this service? 27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who

passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. [We have a similar promise in our day that the Lord has given in Doctrine and Covenants Section 89, which if we do what the Lord asks, then we have His promise that the “destroying angel **shall** pass by...”]:

18 And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel and marrow to their bones;
19 And shall find wisdom and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures;
20 And shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint
21 And I, the Lord, give unto them a promise, that the destroying angel **shall** pass by them, as the children of Israel, and not slay them. Amen.

Which also reminds us of the promise in Isaiah: “Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy **rearward.**” (Isa. 58:8)

Exodus 16: 5 **And it shall come to pass**, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. [As the Children of Israel had manna then, so shall the Lord provide for His children as He gathers them in our day, and keeping the Sabbath will be a critical part (see Ezekiel 20:20).]

Deut. 7: 12 ¶**Wherefore it shall come to pass**, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers:

Deut. 18: 19 **And it shall come to pass**, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

Deut. 28: 1 **And it shall come to pass**, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:... 15 ¶**But it shall come to pass**, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses **shall come** upon thee, and overtake thee:

[The scriptures in Deuteronomy above and below are part of the blessings or cursings the Lord promised the Children of Israel anciently as they kept the commandments or if they did not. Over their history we have witnessed the literal fulfillment of those prophecies of Moses. They are fully applicable to America today as part of the latter-day covenant land as Tim Ballard profoundly documents in his books, specifically, The American Covenant. If we turn from God, we will be destroyed; if we turn to Him and keep the commandments, we will be blessed.]

Deut. 30:1 **And it shall come to pass**, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou **shall** call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee,

Deut. 31: 21 **And it shall come to pass**, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song **shall** testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swear.

[Leaving Deuteronomy, we turn to Isaiah, who uses the phrase “**And it came to pass**” zero times. However, he uses “**And it shall come to pass**” 25 times, and all of them are prophesying about our day. In the Book of Mormon, Jesus and Nephi cite many of these occurrences and then make substantial commentary about these prophecies in 2 Nephi chapters 25-33 and 3 Nephi chapters 20-27.

Dr. Avraham Gileadi, who is probably the world’s best expert on the Book of Isaiah, says the Book of Mormon is the best commentary on the Book of Isaiah. He came from a rabbinical background, and when he first read the Book of Mormon, he immediately recognized its divine origin.]

Isaiah 2:2 **And it shall come to pass** in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and **shall** be exalted above the hills; and all nations **shall** flow unto it. [It is interesting that the meaning of the Ute Indian word Utah is the “top of the mountains.” Some 3 to 4 million people from all over the world visit Temple Square in Salt Lake City each year]

3:24 **And it shall come to pass**, that instead of sweet smell there **shall** be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty. [Isaiah tells what will happen to those who turn against the Lord in the last day purging that is coming.]

4:3 **And it shall come to pass**, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, **shall** be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: [The righteous will be taken through the purging and establish Zion here in America, and the purging of Jerusalem will produce a pure in heart people there as well.]

10: 12 **Wherefore it shall come to pass**, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem [two different places], I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks. 20 ¶**And it shall come to pass** in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, **shall** no more again stay upon him that smote them; but **shall** stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. 21 The remnant **shall** return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. 22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them

shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. 23 For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

24 ¶Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and **shall** lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. 25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation **shall** cease, and mine anger in their destruction. 26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt. 27 **And it shall come to pass** in that day, that his burden **shall** be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke **shall** be destroyed because of the anointing. [The “king of Assyria” is a type and shadow of those who fight against Zion and Jerusalem in the last days. This is covered by the Lord’s statement, “I have created the waster to destroy.” (Isaiah 54:16). The Lord has orchestrated the way for the wicked to destroy the wicked in the end time purging.] [

A book could also be written around Isaiah Chapter 11, and it is totally relevant to our day and the Coming of the Lord. You will notice that verse 11 has the phrase “**And it shall come to pass**” and also the phrase “the Lord **shall** set His hand again the second time” to recover His people. The first time was with Moses; the second time was as the Lord orchestrated the children of Joseph (the Pilgrims, etc.) coming to America from Europe – setting up a free nation – and with the restoration of the fullness of the gospel through the Prophet Joseph Smith. The phrase that the Lord **shall** set His “hand again the second time” is mentioned five times in the LDS scriptures: this one in Isaiah and four times in the Book of Mormon. They all tie to our time as the FIRST becomes the LAST and the Lord gathers His people from the four corners of the earth.]

Isa. 11: 1 And there **shall** come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD **shall** rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; 3 And **shall** make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: 4 But with righteousness **shall** he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he **shall** smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips **shall** he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness **shall** be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also **shall** dwell with the lamb, and the leopard **shall** lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child **shall** lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear **shall** feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion **shall** eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child **shall** play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child **shall** put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. 9 They **shall** not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth **shall** be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 ¶And in that day there **shall** be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his **rest** shall be glorious. 11 **And it shall come to pass** in that day, that the Lord **shall** set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which **shall** be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. 12 And he **shall** set up an ensign for the nations, and **shall** assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 13 The envy also of Ephraim **shall** depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim **shall** not envy Judah, and Judah **shall** not vex Ephraim. 14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they **shall** lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon **shall** obey them.

15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind **shall** he shake his hand over the river, and **shall** smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dry shod. 16 And there **shall** be an highway for the remnant of his people, which **shall** be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Isa. 14: 24 ¶The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so **shall it come to pass**; and as I have purposed, so **shall** it stand: [This scripture shows that Jehovah is making a firm decree of His purposes tied to the phrase “it **shall come to pass**.”]

Isa. 24:18 **And it shall come to pass**, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit **shall** be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake. 19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. 20 The earth **shall** reel to and fro like a drunkard, and **shall** be removed like cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it **shall** fall, and not rise again.

21 **And it shall come to pass** in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. 22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and **shall** be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. 23 Then the moon **shall** be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts **shall** reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously. [Isaiah shares a direct description of the purging of the earth and its inhabitants prior to His Coming, and then the glorious blessing to those who will be with Him on “mount Zion” and in “Jerusalem” – new world and the old.]

28:15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge **shall pass** through, it **shall not come** unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:

[Stephen J. Spykerman in his book, The Covenant with Death, shows the relevance of this scripture to our day.]

Jeremiah. 16: 10 ¶ **And it shall come to pass**, when thou **shalt** shew this people all these words, and they **shall** say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? 11 Then **shalt** thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; 12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me: 13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there **shall** ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

14 ¶ Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it **shall** no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 ¶ Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they **shall** fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they **shall** hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. [Because they turned from the Lord and obeyed not His commandments – worshiping idols – His covenant people were scattered and purged anciently. Now in our day, they are ready to be gathered, and the final gathering will be so impressive that it will be much more miraculous and far reaching than when Moses brought the Children of Israel out of Egypt. Our joke is that Cecil B. DeMille will have to do another movie, which will be much better than “The Ten Commandments!”]

28:9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet **shall come to pass**, then **shall** the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him. [The proof of a prophet is when his words come to pass.]

30:8 **For it shall come to pass** in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers **shall** no more serve themselves of him: [True freedom will be the reward after the purging – both for individuals and for the Zion society established by the Lord during the purging.]

Jer. 31:28 **And it shall come to pass**, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the Lord. 29 In those days they **shall** say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children’s teeth are set on edge. 30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth **shall** be set on edge.

31 ¶Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33 But this **shall** be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they **shall** be my people.

34 And they **shall** teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they **shall** all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. [The new covenant we anticipate is “they **shall** all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord” and His law will be written “in their hearts” as He ushers in His glorious millennial reign.]

35 ¶Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: 36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also **shall** cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

38 ¶Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner. 39 And the measuring line **shall** yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath. 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, **shall** be holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

[In the Book of Daniel, the Lord reveals to King Nebuchadnezzar in a dream the kingdoms of this world from his time down to the end of the world when the Kingdom of God will come on earth as it is in Heaven in answer to what the Lord asked us to pray for in the Lord’s Prayer. Daniel not only reveals what the King saw in his dream, but interprets it – telling of the kingdoms of Babylon, Medes and the Persians (Macedonian Empire), the Roman Empire, and then it breaking up into ten kingdoms (partly weak and partly strong as iron mixed with clay). The last one of the ten kingdoms coming out of the fall of the Roman Empire happened in 1828. So God’s Kingdom is to be set up after that date, “In the days of these kings.”]

Dan. 2:29 As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should **come to pass** hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what **shall come to pass**.

44 And in the days of these kings [1830] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it **shall** stand for ever. 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what **shall come to pass** hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

[Notice “the stone cut out of the mountain without hands,” so it is cut out by God and starts small; then it increases in size until it fills the whole earth, and “it **shall** stand for ever.” In contrast to swords and armament, the Lord uses the “sword of truth” to bring about faith, repentance, and righteousness. Considering the other related prophecies, the wicked will destroy the wicked, and many of the righteous will be pulled out of the fray and need not fear. Some will be martyrs to the cause of truth and their reward will be glorious.]

Joel 2:32 **And it shall come to pass**, that whosoever **shall** call on the name of the Lord **shall** be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord **shall** call. [The angel Moroni quoted much of Joel Chapter 2 to Joseph Smith when he first visited Joseph in preparation for him to receive the gold-plates from which the Book of was translated. Moroni told him that this prophecy “was soon to be,” and that the “fullness of the Gentiles was soon to come in.” Joel 2:3 describes an event – that I believe is eminent -- that fits the description given on page 182, The Second Vignette, of a future event in Spencer’s life as recorded in the book, Visions of Glory.]

Micah 5:1 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek. 2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. 3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren **shall** return unto the children of Israel.

4 ¶And he **shall** stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. 5 And this man **shall** be the peace, when the Assyrian **shall** come into our land: and when he **shall** tread in our palaces, then **shall** we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. 6 And they **shall** waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus **shall** he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders. 7 And the remnant of Jacob **shall** be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.

8 ¶And the remnant of Jacob **shall** be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. 9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies **shall** be cut off. 10 **And it shall come to pass** in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: 11 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds: 12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: 13 Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands. 14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities. 15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard. [The Savior quotes extensively from this chapter as He shares future days for us as recorded in 3 Nephi 21.]

Zech. 13:4 **And it shall come to pass** in that day, that the prophets **shall** be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither **shall** they wear a rough garment to deceive: 5 But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth. 6 And one **shall** say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. [Doctrine and Covenants Section 45 explains the fulfillment of this prophecy by Zechariah:

verse49 And the Lord **shall** utter his voice, and all the ends of the earth **shall** hear it; and the nations of the earth shall mourn, and they that have laughed shall see their folly. 50 And calamity shall cover the mocker, and the scorner shall be consumed; and they that have watched for iniquity **shall** be hewn down and cast into the fire.51 And then shall the Jews look upon me and say: What are these wounds in thine hands and in thy feet?

52 Then **shall** they know that I am the Lord; for I will say unto them: These wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was crucified. I am the Son of God.

53 And then **shall** they weep because of their iniquities; then **shall** they lament because they persecuted their king.

[There are only eight occurrences of "...come to pass" in the New Testament. I share them here in context.]

Mark. 13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? 5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: 6 For many **shall** come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and **shall** deceive many. 7 And when ye **shall** hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end **shall** not be yet. 8 For nation **shall** rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there **shall** be earthquakes in divers places, and **there** shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

9 ¶But take heed to yourselves: for they **shall** deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye **shall** be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. 10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations. 11 But when they **shall** lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. 12 Now the brother **shall** betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and **shall** cause them to be put to death.

13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that **shall** endure unto the end, the same **shall** be saved. 14 ¶But when ye **shall** see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judæa flee to the mountains: 15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house: 16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment. 17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. 19 For in those days **shall** be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. 20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: 22 For false Christs and false prophets **shall** rise, and **shall** shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. 23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

24 ¶But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, 25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. 26 And then **shall** they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then **shall** he send his angels, and **shall** gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. 28 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: 29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors. 30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. 31 Heaven and earth **shall** pass away: but my words **shall** not pass away. 32 ¶But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. 34 For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. 35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at

midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Luke. 21:7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when **shall these things be?** and what sign will there be when these things **shall come to pass?** 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. 9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must **first come to pass**; but the end is not by and by. 10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: 11 And great earthquakes **shall** be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs **shall** there be from heaven.

Luke. 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these thing that **shall come to pass**, and to stand before the Son of man.

[Peter's great sermon at the Day of Pentecost] Acts 2:17 **And it shall come to pass** in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters **shall** prophesy, and your young men **shall** see visions, and your old men **shall** dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and **they** shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it **shall come to pass**, that whosoever **shall** call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 3: 20 And he **shall** send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. [The Apostle Peter's prophecy of the "restitution of all things" is what the Lord's work is all about in these the last days of the "worlds" existence before the glorious reign of our Lord and Savior during the Millennium.] 22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him **shall** ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it **shall come to pass**, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet [Jesus Christ], **shall** be destroyed from among the people. 24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. 25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed **shall** all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. 26 And it **shall come to pass**, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there **shall** they be called the children of the living God.

JST, 2 Peter 3: 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall shake,

and the earth also shall tremble, and the mountains shall melt, and pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be filled with fervent heat; the earth also shall be filled, and the corruptible works which are therein shall be burned up.

[There are 56 occurrences of the phrase "...**shall come to pass**" in the Book of Mormon as Nephi, Jacob, Abinadi, and Jesus quote from Isaiah and the prophets and explain their relevance to our day. Below, I leave out the quotes from Isaiah, but include their explanations.]

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 And I, Nephi, said unto them: Behold they were manifest unto the prophet by the voice of the Spirit; for by the Spirit are all things made known unto the prophets, which **shall** come upon the children of men according to the flesh.

3 Wherefore, the things of which I have read are things pertaining to things both temporal and spiritual; for it appears that the house of Israel, sooner or later, will be scattered upon all the face of the earth, and also among all nations. 4 And behold, there are many who are already lost from the knowledge of those who are at Jerusalem. Yea, the more part of all the tribes have been led away; and they are scattered to and fro upon the isles of the sea; and whither they are none of us knoweth, save that we know that they have been led away.

5 And since they have been led away, these things have been prophesied concerning them, and also concerning all those who **shall** hereafter be scattered and be confounded, because of the Holy One of Israel; for against him will they harden their hearts; wherefore, they shall be scattered among all nations and **shall** be hated of all men. 6 Nevertheless, after they **shall** be nursed by the Gentiles, and the Lord has lifted up his hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and their children have been carried in their arms, and their daughters have been carried upon their shoulders, behold these things of which are spoken are temporal; for thus are the covenants of the Lord with our fathers; and it meaneth us in the days to come, and also all our brethren who are of the house of Israel.

7 And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles, yea, even upon the face of this land; and by them **shall** our seed be scattered. 8 And after our seed is scattered the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which **shall** be of great worth unto our seed; wherefore, it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles and being carried in their arms and upon their shoulders. 9 And it **shall** also be of worth unto the Gentiles; and not only unto the Gentiles but unto all the house of Israel, unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham, saying: In thy seed **shall** all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. 10 And I would, my brethren, that ye should know that all the kindreds

of the earth cannot be blessed unless he **shall** make bare his arm in the eyes of the nations. 11 Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, in bringing about his covenants and his gospel unto those who are of the house of Israel. 12 Wherefore, he will bring them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the lands of their inheritance; and they **shall** be brought out of obscurity and out of darkness; and they **shall** know that the Lord is their Savior and their Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel.

13 And the blood of that great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, **shall** turn upon their own heads; for they shall war among themselves, and the sword of their own hands **shall** fall upon their own heads, and they **shall** be drunken with their own blood. 14 And every nation which **shall** war against thee, O house of Israel, **shall** be turned one against another, and they **shall** fall into the pit which they digged to ensnare the people of the Lord. And all that fight against Zion **shall** be destroyed, and that great whore, who hath perverted the right ways of the Lord, yea, that great and abominable church, **shall** tumble to the dust and great **shall** be the fall of it.

15 For behold, saith the prophet, the time cometh speedily that Satan **shall** have no more power over the hearts of the children of men; for the day soon cometh that all the proud and they who do wickedly **shall** be as stubble; and the day cometh that they must be burned. 16 For the time soon cometh that the fulness of the wrath of God **shall** be poured out upon all the children of men; for he will not suffer that the wicked **shall** destroy the righteous. 17 Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it so be that the fulness of his wrath must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire. Wherefore, the righteous need not fear; for thus saith the prophet, they **shall** be saved, even if it so be as by fire.

18 Behold, my brethren, I say unto you, that these things must shortly come; yea, even blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke must come; and it must needs be upon the face of this earth; and it cometh unto men according to the flesh if it so be that they will harden their hearts against the Holy One of Israel. 19 For behold, the righteous **shall** not perish; for the time surely must come that all they who fight against Zion shall be cut off. 20 And the Lord will surely prepare a way for his people, unto the fulfilling of the words of Moses, which he spake, saying: A prophet **shall** the Lord your God raise up unto you, like unto me; him **shall** ye hear in all things whatsoever he **shall** say unto you. And it **shall come to pass** that all those who will not hear that prophet shall be cut off from among the people.

21 And now I, Nephi, declare unto you, that this prophet of whom Moses spake was the Holy One of Israel; wherefore, he **shall** execute judgment in righteousness. 22 And the righteous need not fear, for they are those who **shall** not be confounded. But it is the kingdom of the devil, which **shall** be built up among the children of men, which kingdom is established among them which are in the flesh— 23 For the time speedily **shall** come that all churches which are built up to get gain, and all those who are built up to get power over the flesh, and those who are built up to become popular in the eyes of the

world, and those who seek the lusts of the flesh and the things of the world, and to do all manner of iniquity; yea, in fine, all those who belong to the kingdom of the devil are they who need fear, and tremble, and quake; they are those who must be brought low in the dust; they are those who must be consumed as stubble; and this is according to the words of the prophet.

24 And the time cometh speedily that the righteous must be led up as calves of the stall, and the Holy One of Israel must reign in dominion, and might, and power, and great glory. 25 And he gathereth his children from the four quarters of the earth; and he numbereth his sheep, and they know him; and there **shall** be one fold and one shepherd; and he shall feed his sheep, and in him they **shall** find pasture. 26 And because of the righteousness of his people, Satan has no power; wherefore, he cannot be loosed for the space of many years; for he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in righteousness, and the Holy One of Israel reigneth. 27 And now behold, I, Nephi, say unto you that all these things must come according to the flesh. 28 But, behold, all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people **shall** dwell safely in the Holy One of Israel if it so be that they will repent. 29 And now I, Nephi, make an end; for I durst not speak further as yet concerning these things. 30 Wherefore, my brethren, I would that ye should consider that the things which have been written upon the plates of brass are true; and they testify that a man must be obedient to the commandments of God. 31 Wherefore, ye need not suppose that I and my father are the only ones that have testified, and also taught them. Wherefore, if ye shall be obedient to the commandments, and endure to the end, ye **shall** be saved at the last day. And thus it is. Amen.

2 Nephi 3:20 And they **shall** cry from the dust; yea, even repentance unto their brethren, even after many generations have gone by them. And it **shall come to pass** that their cry **shall** go, even according to the simpleness of their words. [Here Lehi tells his son Joseph of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon in fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy:] Isaiah 29: 4 And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech **shall** be low out of the dust, and thy voice **shall** be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust... 11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, ... 12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

13 ¶Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: 14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

[Chapter 9 of 2 Nephi is Jacob's great sermon on the atonement; Jacob is Nephi's brother.] 2 Nephi 9:15 And it **shall come to pass** that when all men **shall** have passed

from this first death unto life, insomuch as they have become immortal, they must appear before the judgment-seat of the Holy One of Israel; and then cometh the judgment, and then must they be judged according to the holy judgment of God.

2 Nephi 10: 1 And now I, Jacob, speak unto you again, my beloved brethren, concerning this righteous branch of which I have spoken. 2 For behold, the promises which we have obtained are promises unto us according to the flesh; wherefore, as it has been shown unto me that many of our children **shall** perish in the flesh because of unbelief, nevertheless, God will be merciful unto many; and our children **shall** be restored, that they may come to that which will give them the true knowledge of their Redeemer. 3 Wherefore, as I said unto you, it must needs be expedient that Christ—for in the last night the angel spake unto me that this should be his name—should come among the Jews, among those who are the more wicked part of the world; and they shall crucify him—for thus it behooveth our God, and there is none other nation on earth that would crucify their God.

4 For should the mighty miracles be wrought among other nations they would repent, and know that he be their God. 5 But because of priestcrafts and iniquities, they at Jerusalem will stiffen their necks against him, that he be crucified. 6 Wherefore, because of their iniquities, destructions, famines, pestilences, and bloodshed shall come upon them; and they who **shall** not be destroyed shall be scattered among all nations.

7 But behold, thus saith the Lord God: When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ, then have I covenanted with their fathers that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance. 8 And it shall come to pass that they **shall** be gathered in from their long dispersion, from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth; and the nations of the Gentiles **shall** be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance.

9 Yea, the kings of the Gentiles **shall** be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens **shall** become nursing mothers; wherefore, the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute? 10 But behold, this land, said God, **shall** be a land of thine inheritance, and the Gentiles shall be blessed upon the land. 11 And this land **shall** be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles, and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles. 12 And I will fortify this land against all other nations. 13 And he that fighteth against Zion **shall** perish, saith God.

14 For he that raiseth up a king against me shall perish, for I, the Lord, the king of heaven, will be their king, and I will be a light unto them forever, that hear my words. 15 Wherefore, for this cause, that my covenants may be fulfilled which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh, I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness, and of murders, and of abominations.

16 Wherefore, he that fighteth **against Zion, both Jew and Gentile, both bond and free, both male and female**, shall perish; for they are they who are the whore of all the earth; for they who are not for me are against me, saith our God. 17 For I will fulfil my promises which I have made unto the children of men, that I will do unto them while they are in the flesh— 18 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, thus saith our God: I will afflict thy seed by the hand of the Gentiles; nevertheless, I will soften the hearts of the Gentiles, that they shall be like unto a father to them; wherefore, the Gentiles shall be blessed and numbered among the house of Israel. 19 Wherefore, I will consecrate this land unto thy seed, and them who **shall** be numbered among thy seed, forever, for the land of their inheritance; for it is a choice land, saith God unto me, above all other lands, wherefore I will have all men that dwell thereon that they shall worship me, saith God.

20 And now, my beloved brethren, seeing that our merciful God has given us so great knowledge concerning these things, let us remember him, and lay aside our sins, and not hang down our heads, for we are not cast off; nevertheless, we have been driven out of the land of our inheritance; but we have been led to a better land, for the Lord has made the sea our path, and we are upon an isle of the sea. 21 But great are the promises of the Lord unto them who are upon the isles of the sea; wherefore as it says isles, there must needs be more than this, and they are inhabited also by our brethren. 22 For behold, the Lord God has led away from time to time from the house of Israel, according to his will and pleasure. And now behold, the Lord remembereth all them who have been broken off, wherefore he remembereth us also.

23 Therefore, cheer up your hearts, and remember that ye are free to act for yourselves—to choose the way of everlasting death or the way of eternal life. 24 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, reconcile yourselves to the will of God, and not to the will of the devil and the flesh; and remember, after ye are reconciled unto God, that it is only in and through the grace of God that ye are saved. 25 Wherefore, may God raise you from death by the power of the resurrection, and also from everlasting death by the power of the atonement, that ye may be received into the eternal kingdom of God, that ye may praise him through grace divine. Amen.

[Now we have the Prophet Nephi's explanation of the several chapters from Isaiah that he has shared from the Brass Plates.] 2 Nephi 25: 7 But behold, I proceed with mine own prophecy, according to my plainness; in the which I know that no man can err; nevertheless, in the days that the prophecies of Isaiah shall be fulfilled men **shall** know of a surety, at the times when they **shall come to pass**.

2 Nephi 25:14 And behold it **shall** come to pass that after the Messiah hath risen from the dead, and hath manifested himself unto his people, unto as many as will believe on his name, behold, Jerusalem shall be destroyed again; for wo unto them that fight against God and the people of his church.

26: 10 And when these things have passed away a speedy destruction cometh unto my people; for, notwithstanding the pains of my soul, I have seen it; wherefore, I know that it **shall come to pass**; and they sell themselves for naught; for, for the reward of their

pride and their foolishness they **shall** reap destruction; for because they yield unto the devil and choose works of darkness rather than light, therefore they must go down to hell. 19 And it **shall come to pass**, that those who have dwindled in unbelief shall be smitten by the hand of the Gentiles.

27: 6 And it **shall** come to pass that the Lord God shall bring forth unto you the words of a book, and they shall be the words of them which have slumbered. 7 And behold the book **shall** be sealed; and in the book **shall** be a revelation from God, from the beginning of the world to the ending thereof. 8 Wherefore, because of the things which are sealed up, the things which are sealed **shall** not be delivered in the day of the wickedness and abominations of the people. Wherefore the book **shall** be kept from them. 9 But the book **shall** be delivered unto a man, and he **shall** deliver the words of the book, which are the words of those who have slumbered in the dust, and he **shall** deliver these words unto another;

10 But the words which are sealed he **shall** not deliver, neither **shall** he deliver the book. For the book **shall** be sealed by the power of God, and the revelation which was sealed **shall** be kept in the book until the own due time of the Lord, that they may come forth; for behold, they reveal all things from the foundation of the world unto the end thereof. 11 And the day cometh that the words of the book which were sealed **shall** be read upon the house tops; and they **shall** be read by the power of Christ; and all things **shall** be revealed unto the children of men which ever have been among the children of men, and which ever will be even unto the end of the earth.

12 Wherefore, at that day when the book **shall** be delivered unto the man of whom I have spoken, the book shall be hid from the eyes of the world, that the eyes of none **shall** behold it save it be that three witnesses **shall** behold it, by the power of God, besides him to whom he book **shall** be delivered; and they **shall** testify to the truth of the book and the things therein. 13 And there is none other which **shall** view it, save it be a few according to the will of God, to bear testimony of his word unto the children of men; for the Lord God hath said that the words of the faithful should speak as if it were from the dead.

14 Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to bring forth the words of the book; and in the mouth of as many witnesses as seemeth him good will he establish his word; and wo be unto him that rejecteth the word of God! 15 But behold, it **shall come to pass** that the Lord God shall say unto him to whom he **shall** deliver the book: Take these words which are not sealed and deliver them to another, that he may show them unto the learned, saying: Read this, I pray thee. And the learned shall say: Bring hither the book, and I will read them. 27:19 Wherefore it **shall come to pass**, that the Lord God will deliver again the book and the words thereof to him that is not learned; and the man that is not learned shall say: I am not learned.

20 Then shall the Lord God say unto him: The learned shall not read them, for they have rejected them, and I am able to do mine own work; wherefore thou shalt read the words which I shall give unto thee. 21 Touch not the things which are sealed, for I will

bring them forth in mine own due time; for I will show unto the children of men that I am able to do mine own work. 22 Wherefore, when thou hast read the words which I have commanded thee, and obtained the witnesses which I have promised unto thee, then shalt thou seal up the book again, and hide it up unto me, that I may preserve the words which thou hast not read, until I **shall** see fit in mine own wisdom to reveal all things unto the children of men.

23 For behold, I am God; and I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and I work not among the children of men save it be according to their faith. 24 And again it **shall come to pass** that the Lord shall say unto him that **shall** read the words that **shall** be delivered him:

2 Nephi 28:3 **For it shall come to pass** in that day that the churches which are built up, and not unto the Lord, when the one **shall** say unto the other: Behold, I, I am the Lord's; and the others shall say: I, I am the Lord's; and thus shall every one say that hath built up churches, and not unto the Lord—

2 Nephi 29: 3 And because my words shall hiss forth—many of the Gentiles **shall** say: A Bible! A Bible! We have got a Bible, and there cannot be any more Bible. 4 But thus saith the Lord God: O fools, they shall have a Bible; and it **shall** proceed forth from the Jews, mine ancient covenant people. And what thank they the Jews for the Bible which they receive from them? Yea, what do the Gentiles mean? Do they remember the travails, and the labors, and the pains of the Jews, and their diligence unto me, in bringing forth salvation unto the Gentiles?

5 O ye Gentiles, have ye remembered the Jews, mine ancient covenant people? Nay; but ye have cursed them, and have hated them, and have not sought to recover them. But behold, I will return all these things upon your own heads; for I the Lord have not forgotten my people. 6 Thou fool, that **shall** say: A Bible, we have got a Bible, and we need no more Bible. Have ye obtained a Bible save it were by the Jews? 7 Know ye not that there are more nations than one? Know ye not that I, the Lord your God, have created all men, and that I remember those who are upon the isles of the sea; and that I rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath; and I bring forth my word unto the children of men, yea, even upon all the nations of the earth?

8 Wherefore murmur ye, because that ye **shall** receive more of my word? Know ye not that the testimony of two nations is a witness unto you that I am God, that I remember one nation like unto another? Wherefore, I speak the same words unto one nation like unto another. And when the two nations **shall** run together the testimony of the two nations shall run together also. 9 And I do this that I may prove unto many that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever; and that I speak forth my words according to mine own pleasure. And because that I have spoken one word ye need not suppose that I cannot speak another; for my work is not yet finished; neither **shall** it be until the end of man, neither from that time henceforth and forever.

10 Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible ye need not suppose that it contains all my words; neither need ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written. 11 For I command all men, both in the east and in the west, and in the north, and in the south, and in the islands of the sea, that they **shall** write the words which I speak unto them; for out of the books which **shall** be written I will judge the world, every man according to their works, according to that which is written. 12 For behold, I shall speak unto the Jews and they **shall** write it; and I **shall** also speak unto the Nephites and they shall write it; and I **shall** also speak unto the other tribes of the house of Israel, which I have led away, and they write it; and I **shall** also speak unto all nations of the earth and they **shall** write it. 13 And it **shall come to pass** that the Jews **shall** have the words of the Nephites, and the Nephites shall have the words of the Jews; and the Nephites and the Jews shall have the words of the lost tribes of Israel; and the lost tribes of Israel **shall** have the words of the Nephites and the Jews.

14 And it **shall come to pass** that my people, which are of the house of Israel, **shall** be gathered home unto the lands of their possessions; and my word also **shall** be gathered in one. And I will show unto them that fight against my word and against my people, who are of the house of Israel, that I am God, and that I covenanted with Abraham that I would remember his seed forever.

2 Nephi 30: 7 And it **shall come to pass** that the Jews which are scattered also shall begin to believe in Christ; and they **shall** begin to gather in upon the face of the land; and as many as shall believe in Christ **shall** also become a delightsome people. 8 And it **shall come to pass** that the Lord God **shall** commence his work among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, to bring about the restoration of his people upon the earth.

[The following quote is at the last of one of the most powerful sermons ever given as King Benjamin summarizes:] Mosiah 5: 9 And it **shall come to pass** that whosoever doeth this **shall** be found at the right hand of God, for he **shall** know the name by which he is called; for he **shall** be called by the name of Christ. 10 And now it **shall come to pass**, that whosoever **shall** not take upon him the name of Christ must be called by some other name; therefore, he findeth himself on the left hand of God.

[The following is the prophet Abinadi's powerful sermon before the wicked King Noah just before Noah martyred Abinadi. There will be martyrs in our day, and those who martyr them will die as did the wicked King Noah – by fire.] Mosiah 11:23 And it **shall** come to pass that except this people repent and turn unto the Lord their God, they **shall** be brought into bondage; and none shall deliver them, except it be the Lord the Almighty God. 24 Yea, and it **shall come to pass** that when they **shall** cry unto me I will be slow to hear their cries; yea, and I will suffer them that they be smitten by their enemies.

12: 2 Yea, wo be unto this generation! And the Lord said unto me: Stretch forth thy hand and prophesy, saying: Thus saith the Lord, it **shall come to pass** that this generation, because of their iniquities, **shall** be brought into bondage, and **shall** be smitten on the cheek; yea, and **shall** be driven by men, and **shall** be slain; and the vultures of the air,

and the dogs, yea, and the wild beasts, **shall** devour their flesh. 3 And it **shall come to pass** that the life of king Noah **shall** be valued even as a garment in a hot furnace; for he shall know that I am the Lord. 4 And it **shall come to pass** that I will smite this my people with sore afflictions, yea, with famine and with pestilence; and I will cause that they **shall** howl all the day long. 5 Yea, and I will cause that they **shall** have burdens lashed upon their backs; and they **shall** be driven before like a dumb ass. 6 And it **shall come to pass** that I will send forth hail among them, and it **shall** smite them; and they **shall** also be smitten with the east wind;

[The “east wind” is the wind of the Lord; it opened the Red Sea for Moses and destroyed Pharaoh’s army. It is prophesied that we will have an “East wind” again as part of the Lord’s cleansing of the Earth.] and insects shall pester their land also, and devour their grain. 7 And they **shall** be smitten with a great pestilence—and all this will I do because of their iniquities and abominations. 8 And it **shall** come to pass that except they repent I will utterly destroy them from off the face of the earth; yet they **shall** leave a record behind them, and I will preserve them for other nations which **shall** possess the land; yea, even this will I do that I may discover the abominations of this people to other nations. And many things did Abinadi prophesy against this people.

12:31 And it **shall come to pass** that ye **shall** be smitten for your iniquities,... 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. 17:16 And it will **come to pass** that ye **shall** be afflicted with all manner of diseases because of your iniquities.

[In the following, the Lord is speaking to Alma because he headed the words of the Prophet Abinadi.] Mosiah 26: 20 Thou art my servant; and I covenant with thee that thou shalt have eternal life; and thou shalt serve me and go forth in my name, and shalt gather together my sheep. 21 And he that will hear my voice **shall** be my sheep; and him **shall** ye receive into the church, and him will I also receive. 22 For behold, this is my church; whosoever is baptized shall be baptized unto repentance. And whomsoever ye receive **shall** believe in my name; and him will I freely forgive. 23 For it is I that taketh upon me the sins of the world; for it is I that hath created them; and it is I that granteth unto him that believeth unto the end a place at my right hand. 24 For behold, in my name are they called; and if they know me they **shall** come forth, and **shall** have a place eternally at my right hand. 25 And it **shall** come to pass that when the second trump shall sound then **shall** they that never knew me come forth and **shall** stand before me. 26 And then **shall** they know that I am the Lord their God, that I am their Redeemer; but they would not be redeemed.

[The Prophet Alma the Younger to the repentant Zoromites:] Alma 33:22 If so, wo shall come upon you; but if not so, then cast about your eyes and begin to believe in the Son of God, that he will come to redeem his people, and that he **shall** suffer and die to atone for their sins; and that he **shall** rise again from the dead, which **shall bring to pass** the resurrection, that all men shall stand before him, to be judged at the last and judgment

day, according to their works. 23 And now, my brethren, I desire that ye **shall** plant this word in your hearts, and as it beginneth to swell even so nourish it by your faith. And behold, it will become a tree, springing up in you unto everlasting life. And then may God grant unto you that your burdens may be light, through the joy of his Son. And even all this can ye do if ye will. Amen.

[The Prophet Alma the Younger to his son Corianton:] Alma 40:12 And then **shall it come to pass**, that the spirits of those who are righteous are received into a state of happiness, which is called paradise, a state of rest, a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles and from all care, and sorrow. 13 And then **shall it come to pass**, that the spirits of the wicked, yea, who are evil—for behold, they have no part nor portion of the Spirit of the Lord; for behold, they chose evil works rather than good; therefore the spirit of the devil did enter into them, and take possession of their house—and these **shall** be cast out into outer darkness; there **shall** be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth, and this because of their own iniquity, being led captive by the will of the devil.

[The visit of Christ to America came after the massive destruction at the time of His resurrection—destroying all the wicked here in America. At His appearing, He ministered to them, as described in 3 Nephi chapters 11-19. Traditions and writings among the Native Americans tell of His transcendent visit and the enormous impact that His visit had on their society. The events described in Chapter 19 are particularly touching to me as it is a fulfillment of His last great High Priest’s prayer recorded in John 17 that we might be one.

They became one and lived in peace for 200 years, as described in 4 Nephi. There is direct archeological evidence of this time of great peace as illustrated in the following link: http://www.allanstime.com/Spiritual/Hopewell_Civilization_Great_Octagon/index.html Then, in perfect harmony with the model for the phrase “**And it shall come to pass**” in the subsequent chapters the Savior uses that phrase for the first time -- knowing that His words would be shared with us through the Book of Mormon in our day. He quotes from the prophets and explains the events leading up to His Second Coming in these subsequent chapters. He has told us through His prophets that His first coming to America is type and shadow of His Second Coming to the world, and we see the Lord using this phrase often as He describes these last days’ events.] 3 Nephi 20:20 And it **shall come to pass**, saith the Father, that the sword of my justice shall hang over them at that day; and except they repent it **shall** fall upon them, saith the Father, yea, even upon all the nations of the Gentiles. 21 And it **shall come to pass** that I will establish my people, O house of Israel.

22 And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a New Jerusalem. And the powers of heaven **shall** be in the midst of this people; yea, even I will be in the midst of you. 23 Behold, I am he of whom Moses spake, saying: A prophet **shall** the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he

shall say unto you. And it **shall come to pass** that every soul who will not hear that prophet shall be cut off from among the people.

24 Verily I say unto you, yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have testified of me. 25 And behold, ye are the children of the prophets; and ye are of the house of Israel; and ye are of the covenant which the Father made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham: And in thy seed **shall** all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. 26 The Father having raised me up unto you first, and sent me to bless you in turning away every one of you from his iniquities; and this because ye are the children of the covenant— 27 And after that ye were blessed then fulfilleth the Father the covenant which he made with Abraham, saying: In thy seed **shall** all the kindreds of the earth be blessed—unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through me upon the Gentiles, which blessing upon the Gentiles shall make them mighty above all, unto the scattering of my people, O house of Israel. 28 And they **shall** be a scourge unto the people of this land.

Nevertheless, when they **shall** have received the fulness of my gospel, then if they **shall** harden their hearts against me I will return their iniquities upon their own heads, saith the Father. 29 And I will remember the covenant which I have made with my people; and I have covenanted with them that I would gather them together in mine own due time, that I would give unto them again the land of their fathers for their inheritance, which is the land of Jerusalem, which is the promised land unto them forever, saith the Father. 30 And it **shall come to pass** that the time cometh, when the fulness of my gospel shall be preached unto them; 31 And they **shall** believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and shall pray unto the Father in my name. 32 Then **shall** their watchmen lift up their voice, and with the voice together shall they sing; for they **shall** see eye to eye. 33 Then will the Father gather them together again, and give unto them Jerusalem for the land of their inheritance.

34 Then shall they break forth into joy—Sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Father hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. 35 The Father hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth **shall** see the salvation of the Father; and the Father and I are one. 36 And then **shall** be brought to pass that which is written: Awake, awake again, and put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city, for henceforth there **shall** no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. 37 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

38 For thus saith the Lord: Ye have sold yourselves for naught, and ye **shall** be redeemed without money. 39 Verily, verily, I say unto you, that my people **shall** know my name; yea, in that day they **shall** know that I am he that doth speak. 40 And then **shall** they say: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings unto them, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings unto them of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion: Thy God reigneth! 41 And then **shall** a cry go forth: Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch not that which is unclean;

go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. 42 For ye **shall** not go out with haste nor go by flight; for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel **shall** be your rearward.

[There are nine occurrences of "rearward" in LDS scriptures; this an archaic 14th century English word. Six of these usages are in the Bible. Five of them directly relate to the gathering of Israel in the last days (Isa. 52:12; Isa. 58:8; 3 Nephi 20:42; 3 Nephi 21:29; D&C 49:27). It is evident that the Lord will provide the rear guard as He gathers Israel in the last days. (See Joel 2:3; and VISIONS OF GLORY p. 182-30, as an example of what will happen, as seen in vision. He will also go before them as illustrated in VISIONS OF GLORY as well. See also Isa. 45:2). Given the importance of the word "rearward" as it relates to the gathering, how it is used, the context in which it is used and the locations in scripture are a direct attestation received by the Prophet Joseph Smith in bringing forth these scriptures – perfectly complementing those in Isaiah.]

43 Behold, my servant **shall** deal prudently; he shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. 44 As many were astonished at thee—his visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men— 45 So **shall** he sprinkle many nations; the kings **shall** shut their mouths at him, for that which had not been told them **shall** they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. 46 Verily, verily, I say unto you, all these things shall surely come, even as the Father hath commanded me. Then **shall** this covenant which the Father hath covenanted with his people be fulfilled; and then shall Jerusalem be inhabited again with my people, and it shall be the land of their inheritance.

3 Nephi 21: 1 And verily I say unto you, I give unto you a sign, that ye may know the time when these things **shall** be about to take place—that I **shall** gather in, from their long dispersion, my people, O house of Israel, and **shall** establish again among them my Zion; 2 And behold, this is the thing which I will give unto you for a sign—for verily I say unto you that when these things which I declare unto you, and which I **shall** declare unto you hereafter of myself, and by the power of the Holy Ghost which shall be given unto you of the Father, **shall** be made known unto the Gentiles that they may know concerning this people who are a remnant of the house of Jacob, and concerning this my people who **shall** be scattered by them;

3 Verily, verily, I say unto you, when these things **shall** be made known unto them of the Father, and **shall** come forth of the Father, from them unto you; 4 For it is wisdom in the Father that they should be established in this land, and be set up as a free people by the power of the Father, that these things might come forth from them unto a remnant of your seed, that the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled which he hath covenanted with his people, O house of Israel; 5 Therefore, when these works and the works which **shall** be wrought among you hereafter **shall** come forth from the Gentiles, unto your seed which **shall** dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity; 6 For thus it behooveth the Father that it should come forth from the Gentiles, that he may show forth his power unto the Gentiles, for this cause that the Gentiles, if they will not harden their hearts, that they may repent and come unto me and be baptized in my name and know of the

true points of my doctrine, that they may be numbered among my people, O house of Israel; 7 And when these things come to pass that thy seed shall begin to know these things—it shall be a sign unto them, that they may know that the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the people who are of the house of Israel. 8 And when that day **shall** come, it **shall come to pass** that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them **shall** they see; and that which they had not heard **shall** they consider. 9 For in that day, for my sake **shall** the Father work a work, which **shall** be a great and a marvelous work among them; and there shall be among them those who will not believe it, although a man **shall** declare it unto them.

10 But behold, the life of my servant **shall** be in my hand; therefore they shall not hurt him, although he **shall** be marred because of them. Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil. 11 Therefore it **shall come to pass** that whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ, which the Father **shall** cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, and **shall** give unto him power that he **shall** bring them forth unto the Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) they **shall** be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant.

12 And my people who are a remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he go through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. 13 Their hand **shall** be lifted up upon their adversaries, and all their enemies shall be cut off. 14 Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles except they repent; for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots; 15 And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds; 16 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy land, and thou shalt have no more soothsayers;

17 Thy graven images I will also cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee, and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands; 18 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. 19 **And it shall come to pass** that all lyings, and deceivings, and envyings, and strifes, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, shall be done away. 20 For it **shall come to pass**, saith the Father, that at that day whosoever will not repent and come unto my Beloved Son, them will I cut off from among my people, O house of Israel; 21 And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

22 But if they will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they **shall** come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance; 23 And they **shall** assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as **shall** come, that they may build a city, which **shall** be called the New Jerusalem. 24 And then **shall** they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem.

25 And then **shall** the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst. 26 And then **shall** the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people. Verily I say unto you, at that day **shall** the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people, yea, even the tribes which have been lost, which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem.

27 Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed of my people, with the Father to prepare the way whereby they may come unto me, that they may call on the Father in my name. 28 Yea, and then **shall** the work commence, with the Father among all nations in preparing the way whereby his people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance. 29 And they **shall** go out from all nations; and they **shall** not go out in haste, nor go by flight, for I will go before them, saith the Father, and I will be their rearward. [See Isaiah 52:12]

[I find it fascinating that the Lord honors the King James addition except where there are significant differences. The following chapter in Third Nephi has two significant differences, and since it is totally relevant to our day, I share here the entire chapter.] 3 Nephi 22:1 And then **shall** that which is written come to pass: Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child; for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. 2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes; 3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed; neither be thou confounded, for thou shalt not be put to shame; for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember thereproach of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. 5 For thy maker, thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel—the God of the whole earth **shall** he be called. 6 For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. 7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. 9 For this, the waters of Noah unto me, for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee. 10 For the mountains **shall** depart and the hills be removed, but my kindness **shall** not depart from thee, neither **shall** the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. 11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted! Behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. 12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children **shall** be taught of the Lord; and great **shall** be the peace of thy children. 14 In righteousness shalt thou be established; thou shalt be far from oppression for thou shalt not fear, and from terror for it **shall** not come near thee. 15 Behold, they **shall** surely gather together against thee, not by me; whosoever shall gather together against thee **shall** fall for thy sake. 16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. 17 No weapon that is formed against thee **shall** prosper; and every tongue that **shall** revile against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

[Because of the importance of Isaiah's prophecies to our day, the Lord gave the following commandment, which is more important for us today than it was for them then:] 3 Nephi 23: 1 And now, behold, I say unto you, that ye ought to search these things. Yea, a commandment I give unto you that ye search these things diligently; for great are the words of Isaiah. 2 For surely he spake as touching all things concerning my people which are of the house of Israel; therefore it must needs be that he must speak also to the Gentiles. 3 And all things that he spake have been and **shall** be, even according to the words which he spake. 4 Therefore give heed to my words; write the things which I have told you; and according to the time and the will of the Father they **shall** go forth unto the Gentiles. 5 And whosoever will hearken unto my words and repenteth and is baptized, the same **shall** be saved. Search the prophets, for many there be that testify of these things.

3 Nephi 27:16 **And it shall come to pass**, that whoso repenteth and is baptized in my name shall be filled; and if he endureth to the end, behold, him will I hold guiltless before my Father at that day when I **shall** stand to judge the world. [In this chapter, the Lord defines the gospel more succinctly than anywhere; see verses 13-22.]

[Three of the 12 Disciples that Christ appointed in America were translated like John the Beloved. (See John 21:21-23) 3 Nephi 28: 26 But behold, I [the Prophet Mormon] have seen them, and they have ministered unto me. 27 And behold they will be among the Gentiles, and the Gentiles **shall** know them not. 28 They will also be among the Jews, and the Jews **shall** know them not. 29 And it **shall come to pass**, when the Lord seeth fit in his wisdom that they shall minister unto all the scattered tribes of Israel, and unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, and shall bring out of them unto Jesus many souls, that their desire may be fulfilled, and also because of the convincing power of God which is in them.

30 And they are as the angels of God, and if they shall pray unto the Father in the name of Jesus they can show themselves unto whatsoever man it seemeth them good. 31 Therefore, great and marvelous works shall be wrought by them, before the great and coming day when all people must surely stand before the judgment-seat of Christ; 32 Yea even among the Gentiles **shall** there be a great and marvelous work wrought by them, before that judgment day. 33 And if ye had all the scriptures which give an

account of all the marvelous works of Christ, ye would, according to the words of Christ, know that these things must surely come.

34 And wo be unto him that will not hearken unto the words of Jesus, and also to them whom he hath chosen and sent among them; for whoso receiveth not the words of Jesus and the words of those whom he hath sent receiveth not him; and therefore he will not receive them at the last day; 35 And it would be better for them if they had not been born. For do ye suppose that ye can get rid of the justice of an offended God, who hath been trampled under feet of men, that thereby salvation might come?

36 And now behold, as I spake concerning those whom the Lord hath chosen, yea, even three who were caught up into the heavens, that I knew not whether they were cleansed from mortality to immortality— 37 But behold, since I wrote, I have inquired of the Lord, and he hath made it manifest unto me that there must needs be a change wrought upon their bodies, or else it needs be that they must taste of death; 38 Therefore, that they might not taste of death there was a change wrought upon their bodies, that they might not suffer pain nor sorrow save it were for the sins of the world.

39 Now this change was not equal to that which shall take place at the last day; but there was a change wrought upon them, insomuch that Satan could have no power over them, that he could not tempt them; and they were sanctified in the flesh, that they were holy, and that the powers of the earth could not hold them. 40 And in this state they were to remain until the judgment day of Christ; and at that day they were to receive a greater change, and to be received into the kingdom of the Father to go no more out, but to dwell with God eternally in the heavens. [People we know have seen them as well; they are providing major assistance in the gathering process.]

[Mormon, speaking prophetically of his people in the latter days shares:] Mormon 5: 20 But behold, **it shall come to pass** that they **shall** be driven and scattered by the Gentiles; and after they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles, behold, then will the Lord remember the covenant which he made unto Abraham and unto all the house of Israel. [When the Europeans came to America, they drove the Native Americans ruthlessly across the land in fulfillment of this prophecy of the Savior.]

[In the following we have Moroni's use of the phrase "And when these things come, **bringeth to pass** the scripture...", which has the same meaning as "**And it shall come to pass...**", and the usage is in a most poignant place.] Ether 13:1 And now I, Moroni, proceed to finish my record concerning the destruction of the people of whom I have been writing. 2 For behold, they rejected all the words of Ether; for he truly told them of all things, from the beginning of man; and that after the waters had receded from off the face of this land it became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord; wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him who dwell upon the face thereof; 3 And that it was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord. 4 Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land.

5 And he spake also concerning the house of Israel, and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come—after it should be destroyed it should be built up again, a holy city unto the Lord; wherefore, it could not be a new Jerusalem for it had been in a time of old; but it should be built up again, and become a holy city of the Lord; and it should be built unto the house of Israel—

6 And that a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type. 7 For as Joseph brought his father down into the land of Egypt, even so he died there; wherefore, the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the land of Jerusalem, that he might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph that they should perish not, even as he was merciful unto the father of Joseph that he should perish not.

8 Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph **shall** be built upon this land; and it **shall** be a land of their inheritance; and they **shall** build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they **shall** no more be confounded, until the end come when the earth shall pass away. 9 And there **shall** be a new heaven and a new earth; and they shall be like unto the old save the old have passed away, and all things have become new. 10 And then cometh the New Jerusalem; and blessed are they who dwell therein, for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb; and they are they who are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph, who were of the house of Israel.

11 And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old; and the inhabitants thereof, blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb; and they are they who were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth, and from the north countries, and are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father, Abraham. 12 And when these **things come, bringeth to pass** the scripture which saith, there are they who were first, who shall be last; and there are they who were last, who shall be first. 13 And I was about to write more, but I am forbidden;

[Whereas Joseph Smith uses the phrase “**And it came to pass...**” zero times in the revelations he personally received – except for the three instances where the revelations cite the Bible and the Book of Mormon – he uses the phrase “**And it shall come to pass...**” many times. Some examples are as follows. This also validates Joseph being a prophet for our day and to help us in preparation for the glorious advent of our Lord.

D&C 24:16 **And it shall come to pass** that whosoever shall lay their hands upon you by violence, ye shall command to be smitten in my name; and, behold, I will smite them according to your words, in mine own due time. [This literally happened to the persecutors of the Prophet Joseph. A whole book is written about it, The Fate Of The Persecutors Of The Prophet Joseph Smith by N. B. Lundwall and John A. Widtsoe.]

D&C 29: 17 **And it shall come to pass**, because of the wickedness of the world, that I will take vengeance upon the wicked, for they will not repent; for the cup of mine indignation is full; for behold, my blood **shall** not cleanse them if they hear me not.

D&C 29: 20 And it **shall come to pass** that the beasts of the forest and the fowls of the air **shall** devour them up.

D&C 29: 23 And the end **shall come**, and the heaven and the earth **shall** be consumed and pass away, and there **shall** be a new heaven and a new earth. 29: 26 But, behold, verily I say unto you, before the earth **shall** pass away, Michael, mine archangel, **shall** sound his trumpet, and then **shall** all the dead awake, for their graves shall be opened, and they **shall** come forth—yea, even all. 35:7 And it **shall** come to pass that there **shall** be a great work in the land, even among the Gentiles, for their folly and their abominations **shall** be made manifest in the eyes of all people.

39: 12 And it **shall come to pass** that power shall rest upon thee; thou shalt have great faith, and I will be with thee and go before thy face. 39:23 And again, it **shall come to pass** that on as many as ye shall baptize with water, ye **shall** lay your hands, and they **shall** receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and **shall** be looking forth for the signs of my coming, and **shall** know me.

42:39 For it **shall come to pass**, that which I spake by the mouths of my prophets **shall** be fulfilled; for I will consecrate of the riches of those who embrace my gospel among the Gentiles unto the poor of my people who are of the house of Israel.

D&C 42: 46 And it **shall come to pass** that those that die in me shall not taste of death, for it shall be sweet unto them;

42: 63 And behold, it **shall come to pass** that my servants shall be sent forth to the east and to the west, to the north and to the south.

42:48 And again, it **shall come to pass** that he that hath faith in me to be healed, and is not appointed unto death, shall be healed.

45:21 **And it shall come to pass**, that this generation of Jews shall not pass away until every desolation which I have told you concerning them **shall come to pass**.

45:35 And I said unto them: Be not troubled, for, when all these things **shall come to pass**, ye may know that the promises which have been made unto you **shall** be fulfilled.

45:39 And it **shall come to pass** that he that feareth me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to **come**, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

45:71 And it **shall come to pass** that the righteous **shall** be gathered out from among all nations, and **shall** come to Zion, singing with songs of everlasting joy.

85: 7 And it **shall come to pass** that I, the Lord God, will send one mighty and strong, holding the scepter of power in his hand, clothed with light for a covering, whose mouth shall utter words, eternal words; while his bowels **shall** be a fountain of truth, to set in order the house of God, and to arrange by lot the inheritances of the saints whose names are found, and the names of their fathers, and of their children, enrolled in the book of the law of God;

87: 4 **And it shall come to pass**, after many days, slaves shall rise up against their masters, who shall be marshaled and disciplined for war. 5 And it **shall come to pass** also that the remnants who are left of the land will marshal themselves, and shall become exceedingly angry, and shall vex the Gentiles with a sore vexation.

90: 11 **For it shall come to pass** in that day, that every man **shall** hear the fulness of the gospel in his own tongue, and in his own language, through those who are ordained unto this power, by the administration of the Comforter, shed forth upon them for the revelation of Jesus Christ.

93: 1 Verily, thus saith the Lord: It **shall come to pass** that every soul who forsaketh his sins and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name, and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my commandments, shall see my face and know that I am;

93:18 **And it shall come to pass**, that if you are faithful you **shall** receive the fulness of the record of John.

101:10 I have sworn, and the decree hath gone forth by a former commandment which I have given unto you, that I would let fall the sword of mine indignation in behalf of my people; and even as I have said, it **shall come to pass**.

124: 47 **And it shall come to pass** that if you build a house unto my name, and do not do the things that I say, I will not perform the oath which I make unto you, neither fulfill the promises which ye expect at my hands, saith the Lord.

[Because of its relevance, I share the vision of Enoch of the coming of the Son of Man:]
Moses 5:55 And the Lord said unto Enoch: Look, and he looked and beheld the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, after the manner of men; 56 And he heard a loud voice; and the heavens were veiled; and all the creations of God mourned; and the earth groaned; and the rocks were rent; and the saints arose, and were crowned at the right hand of the Son of Man, with crowns of glory;

57 And as many of the spirits as were in prison came forth, and stood on the right hand of God; and the remainder were reserved in chains of darkness until the judgment of the great day. 58 And again Enoch wept and cried unto the Lord, saying: When shall the earth rest? 59 And Enoch beheld the Son of Man ascend up unto the Father; and he called unto the Lord, saying: Wilt thou not come again upon the commanded me that I should ask in the name of thine Only Begotten; thou hast made me, and given unto me a right to thy throne, and not of myself, but through thine own grace; wherefore, I ask

thee if thou wilt not come again on the earth. 60 And the Lord said unto Enoch: As I live, even so will I come in the last days, in the days of wickedness and vengeance, to fulfil the oath which I have made unto you concerning the children of Noah; 61 And the day shall come that the earth **shall** rest, but before that day the heavens **shall** be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth; and the heavens **shall** shake, and also the earth; and great tribulations shall be among the children of men, but my people will I preserve;

62 And righteousness will I send down out of heaven; and truth will I send forth out of the earth, to bear testimony of mine Only Begotten; his resurrection from the dead; yea, and also the resurrection of all men; and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, unto a place which I shall prepare, an Holy City, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there **shall** be my tabernacle, and it **shall** be called Zion, a New Jerusalem.

63 And the Lord said unto Enoch: Then shalt thou and all thy city meet them there, and we will receive them into our bosom, and they shall see us; and we will fall upon their necks, and they shall fall upon our necks, and we will kiss each other; 64 And there shall be mine abode, and it shall be Zion, which **shall** come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and for the space of a thousand years the earth **shall** rest. 65 **And it came to pass** that Enoch saw the day of the coming of the Son of Man, in the last days, to dwell on the earth in righteousness for the space of a thousand years;

66 But before that day he saw great tribulations among the wicked; and he also saw the sea, that it was troubled, and men's hearts failing them, looking forth with fear for the judgments of the Almighty God, which should come upon the wicked. 67 And the Lord showed Enoch all things, even unto the end of the world; and he saw the day of the righteous, the hour of their redemption, and received a fulness of joy;

Abr. 2:1 **And it shall come to pass**, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee,

[Here again we have the great message of how to not be deceived by the great deceiver of all mankind.] JS-Mt. 1:35 Although, the days will come, that heaven and earth shall pass away; yet my words shall not pass away, but all shall be fulfilled. 36 And, as I said before, after the tribulation of those days, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken, then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory;

37 And whoso treasureth up my word, shall not be deceived, for the Son of Man shall come, and he **shall** send his angels before him with the great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together the remainder of his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 38 Now learn a parable of the fig tree—When its branches are

yet tender, and it begins to put forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh at hand; 39 So likewise, mine elect, when they **shall** see all these things, they b know that he is near, even at the doors; 40 But of that day, and hour, no one knoweth; no, not the angels of God in heaven, but my Father only.

I believe the messages of this article, and the article “It Came To Pass El= God”, and the book are for our day, for this nation, and for the world to repent and come unto Christ and are validated by not only inductive and deductive scientific reasoning, but most importantly by the Spirit. The direct linguistic evidence we see here is very far reaching, and as time goes on I expect the evidence of God’s love will be manifest in ever more directions. The messages around these two phrases profoundly help us to prepare not only for the days ahead, but give us hope in this most exciting time in the history of our planet as we look forward to the glorious day of the Lord.

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