

“As a Hen Gathers Her Chickens...”

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JST Luke 13:34 This he spake, signifying of his death. And in this very hour he began to weep over Jerusalem. 35 Saying, O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou who killest the prophets, and stonest them who are sent unto thee; **how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen her brood under her wings, and ye would not.** 36 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. And verily I say unto you, Ye shall not know me, until ye have received from the hand of the Lord a just recompense for all your sins; until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

JST Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Ye who will kill the prophets, and will stone them who are sent unto you; **how often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and ye would not.** 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate!

39 For I say unto you, that ye shall not see me henceforth, and know that I am he of whom it is written by the prophets, until ye shall say, 40 Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord, in the clouds of heaven, and all the holy angels with him. 41 Then understood his disciples that he should come again on the Earth, after that he was glorified and crowned on the right hand of God.

3 Nephi 10:3 And it came to pass that there came a voice again unto the people, and all the people did hear, and did witness of it, saying: 4 O ye people of these great cities which have fallen, who are descendants of Jacob, yea, who are of the house of Israel, **how oft have I gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and have nourished you.**

5 And again, how oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, yea, O ye people of the house of Israel, who have fallen; yea, O ye people of the house of Israel, ye that dwell at Jerusalem, as ye that have fallen; yea, **how oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens, and ye would not.**

6 O ye house of Israel whom I have spared, **how oft will I gather you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,** if ye will repent and return unto me with full purpose of heart. 7 But if not, O house of Israel, the places of your dwellings shall become desolate until the time of the fulfilling of the covenant to your fathers.

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 10:63 And this I do that I may establish my gospel, that there may not be so much contention; yea, Satan doth stir up the hearts of the people to contention concerning the points of my doctrine; and in these things they do err, for they do wrest the scriptures and do not understand them. 64 Therefore, I will unfold unto them this great mystery; 65 For, behold, **I will gather them as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, if they will not harden their hearts;** 66 Yea, if they will come, they may, and partake of the waters of life freely.

67 Behold, this is my doctrine— whosoever repenteth and cometh unto me, the same is my church. 68 Whosoever declareth more or less than this, the same is not of me, but is against me; therefore he is not of my church. 69 And now, behold, whosoever is of my church, and endureth of my church to the end, him will I establish upon my rock, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against them. 70 And now, remember the words of him who is the life and light of the world, your Redeemer, your Lord and your God. Amen.

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 29:1 Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, your Redeemer, the Great I AM, whose arm of mercy hath atoned for your sins; **2 Who will gather his people even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,** even as many as will hearken to my voice and humble themselves before me, and call upon me in mighty prayer.

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 43:24 O, ye nations of the Earth, **how often would I have gathered you together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not!** 25 How oft have I called upon you by the mouth of my servants, and by the ministering of angels, and by mine own voice, and by the voice of thunderings, and by the voice of lightnings, and by the voice of tempests, and by the voice of Earthquakes, and great hailstorms, and by the voice of famines and pestilences of every kind, and by the great sound of a trumpet, and by the voice of judgment, and by the voice of mercy all the day long, and by the voice of glory and honor and the riches of eternal life, and would have saved you with an everlasting salvation, but ye would not!

26 Behold, the day has come, when the cup of the wrath of mine indignation is full. 27 Behold, verily I say unto you, that these are the words of the Lord your God. 28 Wherefore, labor ye, labor ye in my vineyard for the last time—for the last time call upon the inhabitants of the Earth. 29 For in mine own due time will I come upon the Earth in judgment, and my people shall be redeemed and shall reign with me on Earth.

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