



THE CHRONICLE OF NATIONS

Liken the scriptures unto yourselves ...

Dear Reader:

The Book of Mormon was written to you who will read it. The warnings are specific to you, not empty comments to those who will not read it. Moroni laments in Mormon chapter 8 verse 35, *"Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing."*

The purpose of this work is to bring to light parts of the Book of Mormon which have been obscured because of iniquity. The great and marvelous purpose of the Lord's recorded word is to assist mankind in regaining His presence, even in this life. The Book of Mormon will help us avoid falling prey to the great deceptions of our time. It will help us navigate the turmoil of these the last days before the Lord's return. However as an LDS culture we are under condemnation. We are attempting to fight this fight with half of the book tied behind our backs.

President Hinckley elaborated on this subject and gave the following quote numerous times over three decades (most recently in the August 2005 Ensign):

The Book of Mormon narrative is a chronicle of nations long since gone. But in its descriptions of the problems of today's society, it is as current as the morning newspaper and much more definitive, inspired, and inspiring concerning the solutions of those problems.

I know of no other writing which sets forth with such clarity the tragic consequences to societies that follow courses contrary to the commandments of God. Its pages trace the stories of two distinct civilizations that flourished on the Western Hemisphere. Each began as a small nation, its people walking in the fear of the Lord. But with prosperity came growing evils. The people succumbed to the wiles of ambitious and scheming leaders who oppressed them with burdensome taxes, who lulled them with hollow promises, who countenanced and even encouraged loose and lascivious living. These evil schemers led the people into terrible wars that resulted in the death of millions and the final and total extinction of two great civilizations in two different eras.

No other written testament so clearly illustrates the fact that when men and nations walk in the fear of God and in obedience to His commandments, they prosper and grow, but when they disregard Him and His word, there comes a decay that, unless arrested by righteousness, leads to impotence and death. The Book of Mormon is an affirmation of the Old Testament proverb: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 14:34).

The God of heaven spoke to these people of the Americas through prophets, telling them where true security could be found: "Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ" (Ether 2:12).

President Gordon B. Hinckley - A Testimony Vibrant and True

There are five devastating societal behaviors that affect us now which the Book of Mormon address. These are war, priestcrafts, socialism, humanist education, and secret combinations. Moroni indicates in Ether chapter 8, (paraphrasing) that when we see these things come among us, we must awaken to our awful situation and repent. It is very simple. But as a culture we are prideful and tend to believe that all is well in Zion. Zion prospereth. We are becoming more

acceptable to the world because we are more accepting of the world. This is folly.

Moroni's warnings towards the end of the book couldn't be more clear.

*Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing. And I know that ye do walk in the pride of your hearts; and there are none save a few only who do not lift themselves up in the pride of their hearts, unto the wearing of very fine apparel, unto envying, and strifes, and malice, and persecutions, and all manner of iniquities; and your churches, yea, **even every one**, have become polluted because of the pride of your hearts. For behold, ye do love money, and your substance, and your fine apparel, and the adorning of your churches, more than ye love the poor and the needy, the sick and the afflicted. O ye pollutions, ye hypocrites, ye teachers, who sell yourselves for that which will canker, **why have ye polluted the holy church of God?** Why are ye ashamed to take upon you the name of Christ? Why do ye not think that greater is the value of an endless happiness than that misery which never dies--because of the praise of the world? Why do ye adorn yourselves with that which hath no life, and yet suffer the hungry, and the needy, and the naked, and the sick and the afflicted to pass by you, and notice them not? Yea, why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain, and cause that widows should mourn before the Lord, and also orphans to mourn before the Lord, and also the blood of their fathers and their husbands to cry unto the Lord from the ground, for vengeance upon your heads? Behold, the sword of vengeance hangeth over you; and the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you, for he will not suffer their cries any longer.*

Mormon 8:35-41

Please consider the lateness of the hour and the importance of this life. We all need to awaken and repent of our support of these mechanisms that have destroyed liberty and obscured the pure intent of the gospel. Please prayerfully consider the content of this site. It was not put together in haste or thoughtlessness but after careful study. Above all, please prayerfully read and study the Book of Mormon and your role in it as you liken it unto yourself. If there are mistakes they are the mistakes of men. Now more than ever, we need help from above to strengthen ourselves for the time that is at hand.