

October 14–20
3 Nephi 20–26

“Ye Are the Children of the Covenant”



Overview

Jesus teaches from some of the Old Testament prophets:

Micah 5:8–9	3 Nephi 20:16–17
Micah 4:12–13	3 Nephi 20:18–19
Isaiah 52:8	3 Nephi 20:23
Isaiah 52:9–10	3 Nephi 20:34–35
Isaiah 52:1–3	3 Nephi 20:36–38
Isaiah 52:6–7	3 Nephi 20:39–40
Isaiah 52:11–15	3 Nephi 20:41–45
Isaiah 52:15	3 Nephi 21:8
Habakkuk 1:5	3 Nephi 21:9
Micah 5:9-11	3 Nephi 21:12-21
Isaiah 52:12	3 Nephi 21:29
Isaiah 54	3 Nephi 22
Malachi 3 & 4	3 Nephi 24 & 25

Gathering of Israel

3 Nephi 20:13-17

What does Jesus prophesy about the descendants of Lehi when they are “brought to the knowledge of the Lord their God”?

Could you argue that this has happened, is happening, will happen?

Brigham Young

“They [the Government] will keep teasing and worrying and contending and fighting with one another, until the prophecy be fulfilled concerning the sons of Jacob, who will rise up and go through among the Gentiles like a lion through the forest. And who can stand before them? No one. Jew and Gentile, hear it; you are bringing upon your heads the very things you are trying to avoid, like the Government of the United States, which is striving with all its might, and calling to its aid the best wisdom of the nation to preserve its existence. Everything they do divides them until they will be split asunder and shivered to pieces. So they would do with this work.” (JD, 8:222)

Gathering of Israel

3 Nephi 20:18-22,26

What does Jesus prophesy will be established for the house of Israel?

Could you argue that this has happened, is happening, will happen?

Gathering of Israel

3 Nephi 20:29-33, 46

What does Jesus prophesy concerning the Jews in Jerusalem?

Could you argue that this has happened, is happening, will happen?

LeGrand Richards

"It would be an interesting thing were there time to consider the prophecies that are yet to be fulfilled.... So many of the prophets, and the Savior of the world, himself, and particularly when he visited the Nephites, have told of the day when the Jews would be gathered back to that land and how the Lord would fight their battles and how he would do a marvelous work among them. And when you read what is going on and see how they have become a nation today, it is a wonderful thing." (CR, April 1954)

Gathering of Israel

3 Nephi 21:1-3,7

What did Jesus prophesy concerning the gathering that lets us know that we live in the time that it is taking place?

Marion G. Romney

"Now, with this foreknowledge as an interpretative guide to the signs of the times, all who have seeing eyes and understanding hearts may rest assured that the fulfillment of the promises to the Lamanites is at hand. Most of the foregoing prophecies have already been fulfilled, and others are now in course of fulfillment. The apostasy and fourth generation destruction, the degeneration of the remnant, the coming of the gentiles, their establishment by the power of God as a free people in this land, their harassment of the remnant, the preservation of the promised record, and its coming forth by way of the gentiles are now all documented history." (CR, April 1963)

Gathering of Israel

3 Nephi 21:4

Why was it important to the gathering that America was established as a free country?

President Mark E. Petersen

“I take you back now to the time when the Savior was ministering in America.... It is meaningful to us as Americans and as Latter-day Saints who live right now....

“[The Savior] had been talking about... the records which eventually become the Book of Mormon. He said that this great modern nation of the Gentiles should be established on this land as a free people. And now I quote directly, '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' (3Ne 21:4).

“That is the reason there is an America. That is the destiny of America. He raised it up specially as he has raised up no other nation.” (BYU Speeches of the Year, 1968)

Gathering of Israel

3 Nephi 21:9-11

What does the Lord promise the prophet who brings forth this “great and marvelous work”?

Gathering of Israel

3 Nephi 21:22-25

What does Jesus promise the gentiles if “they will repent and hearken unto [His] words”?

Could you argue that this has happened, is happening, will happen?

Scripture Study

3 Nephi 23:1-5

How do these verses demonstrate the importance that Jesus puts on the scriptures?

Bruce R. McConkie

"We believe in gospel scholarship. We think that devout men everywhere, in and out of the Church, should seek spiritual truth, should come to know God, should learn his laws, and should strive to live in harmony with them. There are no truths as important as those that pertain to God and his gospel, to the pure religion that he has revealed, to the terms and conditions whereby we may gain an inheritance with him in his kingdom....

"I know of no better way to heed his counsel, 'follow thou me,' than to live in harmony with the truths recorded in the scriptures." (CR, Oct. 1988)

Scripture Study

3 Nephi 23:6-11

How does this example of Samuel the Lamanite demonstrate the importance that Jesus puts on the scriptures?

Milton R. Hunter

"Christ admonished the Nephites for neglecting to record these important predictions [from Samuel] and their fulfillment.... Perhaps Jesus desired that those important events should be recorded as a testimony for the people in the latter days to help us know that if a man dies, he will live again." (CR, April 1960)

Scripture Study

3 Nephi 26:1-2

How does this example of Malachi demonstrate the importance that Jesus puts on the scriptures?

Why do you think he chose these two chapters of Malachi?

What principles do they teach us?

Scripture Study

3 Nephi 26:9-11

How do you think that the scriptures try your faith?

What do you think are the "greater things" Mormon made reference to?

Can you think of other times in the scriptures when great things have been revealed but not permitted to come forth?

Spencer W. Kimball

“I have had many people ask me through the years, When do you think we will get the balance of the Book of Mormon records? And I have said, 'How many in the congregation would like to read the sealed portion of the plates?' And almost always there is a 100-percent response. And then I ask the same congregation, 'How many of you have read the part that has been opened to us?' And there are many who have not read the Book of Mormon, the unsealed portion. We are quite often looking for the spectacular, the unobtainable. I have found many people who want to live the higher laws when they do not live the lower laws.” (The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball, pg. 531-2)

Scripture Study

3 Nephi 26:3-4

Scripture Study

3 Nephi 26:16-17

What blessing can we receive if we who “[fear] the Lord [speak] often one to another”?

George Q. Cannon

"I thank him every day that I live for this Church. I thank him that I am a Latter-day Saint. If I can only have a name among this people I feel as though I could have no greater comfort.... I know this is the Church and Kingdom of God. I know that those who cling to it will, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, receive glory and exaltation at his right hand. I know that people who love him, as the Latter-day Saints do, and are willing to make sacrifice, will not be forgotten by him. He will not forget them in the day that he makes up his jewels; he will bless them and honor them." (JD, 23:133)

Children

3 Nephi 26:14,16

Jeffrey R. Holland

“As he had done the first and second days, so too on the third he again ministered to the children, loosing their tongues and filling their hearts with spiritual truths. As a result, not only children but also babes in arms 'did open their mouths and utter marvelous things; and the things which they did utter were forbidden that there should not any man write them' (3Ne 26:16).

“It is significant that in each of the three days of his Nephite ministry, Christ had a singular spiritual experience with children. Those experiences, linking each of the days of his Nephite ministry, trumpet again the truth that Christ taught in the Old World as well as the New, that 'of such is the kingdom of heaven' (Matt 19:14).” (Christ And The New Covenant, pg. 301-2)

Next Week:

October 21–27

3 Nephi 27–4 Nephi

“There Could Not Be a Happier People”

