

ISRAEL - MEANING - "GOD CONTENDS"

1. 2 Nephi 5

Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city. 113 For henceforth there shall no more come into thee, the uncircumcised and the unclean. 114 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

2. "Israe". Meaning in Hebrew is Contend. Israel means God contends. Built into their name God will contend with those that contend with Israel. The promise from Isaiah is that God will contend for His people.

3. There is no substitute to just sit down and read the word and be open to the Spirit and what it wants to share with you. Corey has had many blessings by just sitting and reading. We always need to be in the Word.

4. God is so complex and his ways are so far above ours and yet he speaks to us in plainness.

5. 2 Nephi 6

1 And now, my beloved brethren, I have read these things that ye might know concerning the covenants of the Lord; that he has covenanted with the house of Israel;

6. Everything that is now explained about Isaiah is that one day Israel will be fully restored to God. What is Israel thinking? Do they wonder when this will happen? The veil will soon be removed as they see Jesus as their God.

7. 2 That he has spoken unto the Jews, by the mouth of his holy prophets, even from the beginning down, from generation to generation, until the time comes that they shall be restored to the true church and fold of God;

8. The jews have been gathering home and progress has increased greatly since the early 1800's

9. Mormon 1

82 Therefore I write unto you, Gentiles, and also unto you, house of Israel, when the work shall commence, that ye shall be about to prepare to return to the land of your inheritance;

2 Nephi 6: 6

Wherefore I know that ye know that our flesh must waste away and die;

7 Nevertheless, in our bodies we shall see God. 8 Yea, I know that ye know, that in the body he shall shew himself unto those at Jerusalem, from whence we came; 10. In our bodies we shall see God, even if we die. The God of heaven came in a body. Jesus was this God.

10. We will see God in our body and God will show Himself to the jews here on the earth in a body,

11. The great creator will be subject to man in the flesh. He will wash the feet of men. Allow Himself to be crucified. All so we can become His subjects,.

12. *14 And because man became fallen, they were cut off from the presence of the Lord;15 Wherefore, it must needs be an infinite atonement;16 Save it should be an infinite atonement, this corruption could not put on incorruption.*

13. Corruption and incorruption. The mortal body. Everything here in this world, decays, dies, get sick. One day this will not be. All will be eternal.

14. **Verses 11-18 stair step poetry.**

11 For as death has passed upon all men, to fulfill the merciful plan of the great Creator, there must needs be a power of resurrection, 12 And the resurrection must needs come unto man by reason of the fall;13 And the fall came by reason of transgression;14 And because man became fallen, they were cut off from the presence of the Lord;15 Wherefore, it must needs be an infinite atonement; 16 Save it should be an infinite atonement, this corruption could not put on incorruption.17 Wherefore, the first judgment which came upon man, must needs have remained to an endless duration. 18 And if so, this flesh must have lain down to rot and to crumble to its mother earth, to rise no more.

-Death

-Resurrection

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-Fall

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-Transgression

-Cut off from the Lord

-Infinite Atonement

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17. That first judgment would have been forever. We would have been forever separated without God. "This must needs have remained to an endless duration."

18. The infinite atonement for our sins is the foundation and base building block of our faith.

19. The Devil was an angel who fell from the presence of God.

20 For behold, if the flesh should rise no more, our spirits must become subject to that angel who fell from before the presence of the eternal God, and became the devil, to rise no more.

21 And our spirits must have become like unto him, and we become devils, angels to a devil, to be shut out from the presence of our God, and to remain with the father of lies, in misery, like unto himself;

20. We would be grouped with Satan who falls and the whole group of people that decided that their will was more important than God's will. Our great prayer and desire needs to be that we would desire what God desires. Crave righteousness. That our will would become aligned with His will.

21. The word "willful". Only occurs in the Book of Mormon in the English language. *Moroni 9:24 - For I know they must perish unless they repent and return unto Him and if they perish.....because of the willfulness of their hearts".....*

This is blaspheme, when we know an we don't care. We know. We know. And we don't care, we die in our sin in our own sinful desires.

Jeremiah 18. They will continue on their own and "stubbornness"..... Stubbornness was the Hebrew word for willful. The Hebrew Bible now translates to "willful. Many different versions of the Bible use the word stubbornness. But the real word and translation would have been willful. This is found in a number of places on the Book of Mormon.

The real wickedness is when we desire in our heart those things contrary to the nature of God. We have to be willful to be punished. Willfully rebelling. This is Satan.

22. The evil nature in men is stirred up.

22 Yea, to that being who beguiled our first parents; 23 Who transformeth himself nigh unto an angel of light, and stirreth up the children of men unto secret combinations of murder, and all manner of secret works of darkness.

In our current political climate, with social media and everything else going on, conspiracy theories abound. People conspiring to fight one another. It is hard to tell if there is real organized evil going on or no but the word is clear that we fight against the powers of darkness and spiritual evil not flesh and blood. Now more than ever in our current day we are seeing the hearts of men being stirred up to evil desires. In every way , shape and form.

23. Death and Hell equals the body and the spirit. Many parallels in the following versus. We transition to salvation on a personal level and then Nephi will talk about the spiritual resurrection of Israel.

24. 36 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;

Every single man will return to the judgment seat to be judged. The Holy One of Israel will do the judging. This is Jesus Christ. This is truth. We may be tempted to believe many other things. We may think we are "good". But we will be judged on the standards of God. Have we desired what He desires? Have we allowed Him to change the heart that we now "will" to do His ways, His will?

It is so easy to believe lies. Lazy news is the new truth.

25. People are now loving evil. Openly enjoying evil with no public shame. Hatred is increasing and motivation is hatred. As we turn from God and no longer view one another as a creation of a creator, we lose all value. A huge culture shift. Congress trying to do away with gender in the government House. Thumbing their nose at the very basic plan of God for human flourishing. Perverting His creation and nature.