

Two Kinds of People

- Repentant Sinners and Non-repentant sinners

Understand.

- The 'experience' of the Lamanites was not unique or a curiosity.
- The Lamanite experience of Repentance was/is intended for ALL who come to Christ.
- Simply a turning from sin and the renewal by the Holy Ghost.
- The Gentiles haven't yet understood that the Book of Mormon came so we could experience that change.

Understand

- When we (those of Joseph Smith's church) talk of 'this gospel' it takes on meanings outside the Book of Mormon.

Understand

The Book of Mormon (i.e. 'This Gospel') was given so we could know the process, the path and the Power of Repentance.

This hasn't yet happened to the Gentiles (speaking collectively)

2 Nephi 12:77 (LDS: 2 Nephi 30:2)

For behold I say unto you,

As many of the Gentiles as will repent are the covenant people of the Lord;

And as many of the Jews as will not repent shall be cast off;

Understand

The Book of Mormon (i.e. 'This Gospel') prophesies that all the 'future' hinges on the repentance of the Gentiles. Turning from our sin so we can be washed clean by the Holy Ghost.

3 Nephi 7:38 (LDS: 3 Nephi 16:13)

But if the Gentiles will repent and return unto Me, saith the Father, Behold, they shall be numbered among My people, O house of Israel.

Understand

The Book of Mormon teaches that the Gentiles could enjoy the same privileges as the Lamanites did in coming to Christ.

Instead, we got sidetracked in stories we told ourselves about the Gospel, the Priesthood, Endowments, Temples, and promises we believed because of those stories.

These are stories of spiritual supremacy not humility.

Historically and Prophetically (30,000 ft view)

This is what the Book of Mormon Teaches:

- Moses Day: Israel believed, and Gentiles did not Believe
- To Promised Land: Israel Scatter Gentiles
- Jerusalem: Jesus Comes to Israel, Israel/Jews Reject
- After Death in Jerusalem: Gentiles in Israel Believe / Israel Stumbles
- After Resurrection in America: Israel in America Believes
- Centuries after Resurrection: Israel in America Stumbles
- Many Centuries later: Gentiles Believe, but Stumble over Truth
- Many Centuries later: Gentiles Receive PURE TRUTH
- Many Centuries later: Gentiles Scatter Israel
- Now/Future: Gentiles Reject God and that Truth
- Now/Future: PURE Gospel Taken from Gentiles and given back to Israel BECAUSE OF LACK OF REPENTANCE.
- Now/Future: Israel Receives God and that truth
- Now/Future: Israel Scatters Gentiles
- Now/Future: Israel builds Holy Cities New and Old Jerusalem on Earth
- Now/Future: Gentiles Repent, Numbered among Joseph's Remnant, Assist Remnant
- Now/Future: Israel and Gentiles Believe. (Abraham's covenant Fulfilled)

3 Nephi 7 (LDS: 3 Nephi 16)

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Because Gentiles Believe/Israel Stumbles

PURE Gospel comes to Gentiles, Gentiles Scatter Israel

Gentiles Reject Gospel

PURE Gospel given back to Israel, Israel Scatters Gentiles

Because Israel Believes, Gentiles Repent or not.

3 Nephi 7 and 3 Nephi 9 are Parallel regarding Gentiles and Israel

3 Nephi 7:28-41

If Gentiles Reject
Israel Receives Gospel
Israel Returns to God
Israel Scatters Gentiles
God has given Remnant this Land

3 Nephi 9:85-106

God has Given Remnant this land
Israel Receives Gospel
If Gentiles Reject
Israel Receives Gospel
Israel Returns to God
Israel Scatters Gentiles
(LDS: [3 Nephi 20:46](#)-[3 Nephi 21:21](#))

[3 Nephi 9:106](#) 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, And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them - even as upon the heathen - such as they have not heard! ' (LDS: 3 Nephi 21:21)

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28 That these sayings which ye shall write shall be kept and shalt be manifested unto the Gentiles, That through the fullness of the Gentiles, the remnant of their seed - which shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth because of their unbelief - may be brought in, or may be brought to a knowledge of Me, their Redeemer;

29 And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth; And then will I fulfill the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.

30 "And blessed are the Gentiles because of their belief in Me, in and of the Holy Ghost, which witness unto them of Me and of the Father;

31 'Behold, because of their belief in Me, ' saith the Father, 'and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel, In the latter day shall the truth come unto the Gentiles, that the fullness of these things shall be made known unto them.

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32 'But wo, ' saith the Father, 'unto the unbelieving of the Gentiles! ' For notwithstanding that they have come forth upon the face of this land and have scattered My people which are of the house of Israel, And My people which are of the house of Israel have been cast out from among them and have been trodden under feet by them,

33 And because of the mercies of the Father unto the Gentiles, and also the judgments of the Father upon My people which are of the house of Israel - Verily, verily I say unto you that after all this - And I have caused My people which are of the house of Israel to be smitten, and to be afflicted, and to be slain, and to be cast out from among them, and to become hated by them, and to become a hiss and a byword among them -

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34 "And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you: ' At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against My gospel, And shall reject the fullness of My gospel, And shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations and above all the people of the whole earth, And shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy and murders, and priestcrafts and whoredoms, and of secret abominations -

35 And if they shall do all these things, And shall reject the fullness of My gospel, Behold, ' saith the Father, 'I will bring the fullness of My gospel from among them;

36 And then will I remember My covenant which I have made unto My people, O house of Israel, And I will bring My gospel unto them;

37 And I will show unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you, But I will remember My covenant unto you, O house of Israel, And ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fullness of My gospel.

38 'But if the Gentiles will repent and return unto Me, ' saith the Father, 'Behold, they shall be numbered among My people, O house of Israel;

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39 And I will not suffer My people which are of the house of Israel to go through among them and tread them down, ' saith the Father;

40 ' But if they will not return unto Me and hearken unto My voice, I will suffer them - yea, I will suffer My people, O house of Israel - that they shall go through among them and shall tread them down,

41 And they shall be as salt that has lost its savor, which is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden underfoot of My people, O house of Israel.'

The Urge for Gentiles to Repent from the Book of Mormon

[1 Nephi 3:210](#) And it came to pass that the angel spake unto me, Nephi, saying: "Thou hast beheld that if the **Gentiles repent**, it shall be well with them;

(LDS: [1 Nephi 14:5](#))

[2 Nephi 12:77](#) For behold I say unto you, As many of the **Gentiles** as will **repent** are the covenant people of the Lord; And as many of the Jews as will not **repent** shall be cast off;

(LDS: [2 Nephi 30:2](#))

[3 Nephi 7:38](#) 'But if the **Gentiles** will **repent** and return unto Me, ' saith the Father, 'Behold, they shall be numbered among My people, O house of Israel;

(LDS: [3 Nephi 16:13](#))

[3 Nephi 9:51](#) "And I say unto you that if the **Gentiles** do not **repent** after the blessing which they shall receive after that they have scattered My people, Then shall ye which are a remnant of the house of Jacob go forth among them;

(LDS: [3 Nephi 20:16](#))

[3 Nephi 9:56](#) "'And it shall come to pass, ' saith the Father, 'that the sword of My justice shalt 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**.'

(LDS: [3 Nephi 20:20](#))

[3 Nephi 9:101](#) "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, And I will cut off the cities of thy land And throw down all thy strongholds.

(LDS: [3 Nephi 21:15](#))

[3 Nephi 14:2](#) "Turn, all ye **Gentiles**, from your wicked ways! And **repent** of your evil doings - of your lyings and deceivings, and your whoredoms, and of your secret abominations, and your idolatries, and of your murders, and your priestcrafts, and your envyings, and your strifes, and from all your wickedness and abominations -

(LDS: [3 Nephi 30:2](#))

The Urge for Gentiles to Repent from the Book of Mormon

[Mormon 2:51](#) And then, O ye **Gentiles**, how can ye stand before the power of God except ye shall **repent** and turn from your evil ways?
(LDS: [Mormon 5:22](#))

Ether 1: (LDS: [Ether 2:9](#))

And now we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land - That it is a Land of Promise and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, Or they shall be swept off when the fullness of His wrath shall come upon them;

32 And the fullness of His wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity; For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; Wherefore, he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off, For it is the everlasting decrees of God -

33 And it is not until the fullness of iniquity among the children of the land that they are swept off.

34 And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God, That ye may repent and not continue in your iniquities until the fullness be come, That ye may not bring down the fullness of the wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land hath hitherto done.

35 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 which is Jesus Christ, which hath been manifested by the things which we have written.