035 The Remnant of Jacob by Mike Stroud (transcribed by Pat Crisp)

Well tonight brothers and sisters I would like to speak to you and talk to you a little bit about what scriptures call the Remnant of Jacob. Now the Remnant of Jacob is the theme that has it's origin in the Book of Micah in the Old Testament. You can read about it in Micah 5 beginning with verses 7 and going through 15. When the Savior appears on the American Continent toward the end of the second day of his three day visit there, he quotes this prophesy from Micah. He quotes it in 3 Nephi 20 and 21. It's really interesting because all of the things, all of the Old Testament prophets that the Savior could quote, when he visits the Nephites in ancient America that Micah is one of those Old Testament Prophets and this particular prophesy is the one that He mentions. It pertains to our day. It's happening right now, and what I would like to do with the help of the Holy Ghost is break this down and see if we can identify the fulfillment of this prophesy right now in world news that's going on. The majority of the prophesy is going to be finding its fulfillment in a day that's coming upon us, the Remnant of Jacob is right now being martialed. It's found in many different places throughout the world. It's purpose is to scourge the gentiles. Now scourge is a Hebrew word that means whip, whipped.

I'd like to go over to 2 Nephi 5 for just a minute. And what the Lord does all through the scriptures is that he uses other nations as a whip, a scourge to get his people, those in this case have the blood of Israel, to get them to repent and return unto Him. 2 Nephi 5:25 here we have an example of how this is going to be done. Speaking of the Nephites and the Lamanites,  25  “And the Lord God said unto me: They (meaning the Lamanites) shall be a scourge unto thy seed (meaning the Nephites), to stir them up in remembrance of me; and inasmuch as they will not remember me, and hearken unto my words, they shall scourge them even unto destruction”. Now that was Nephi speaking. This is when he is an old man and about ready to pass his ministry and reign to his brother Jacob. And you can see that in verse 26 “And it came to pass that I, Nephi, did consecrate Jacob and Joseph, that they should be priests and teachers over the land of my people”. Now in the latter day one of the scourged nations that the Lord is going to use, spoken all through Isaiah, is a modern day counterpart to the ancient nation of Assyria. Now the Assyrian Empire is the one that attacked the Northern Kingdom of Israel about 721 B.C. and took that kingdom and killed many, many, many of the Northern Kingdom, the tribes of the Northern Kingdom that we want to talk about, killed many of them and took the rest captive back into Assyria and left their land of inheritance, the Northern Kingdom of Israel, as a place where Gentile nations would come in and inhabit that land. They were a mixture of Israelites who survived and managed to stay there and non-Israelite nations. They intermarried with them and these became known as the Samaritans. So after the Northern Tribes of Israel were carried away captive, any remnants of that group who managed to survived or were later allowed to come back there and resettle that land by the Kings of Assyria and intermarry with other conquered nations that were not Israelites, the became known as the Samaritans. The Jews at the time of Jesus really looked upon the Samaritans with distain. They looked at them as sub-human. Because they were a mixture of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, the 10 tribes in the north, with other people that had been conquered by the Assyrians and intermarried with them. So they were looked upon as really inferior because they did not keep their bloodlines pure. They intermarried. Violated the Law of Moses and the commandments that Moses gave to not intermarry with non-Israelite people.

So, the Assyrians in 721 B.C. were a scourge to the Kingdom of Israel and eventually scourged them even to destruction as 2 Nephi 5:25 says. A generation or so later the Southern Kingdom of Judah would also have another nation that would scourge them to destruction. And this nation that came down and as a scourge or whip for the Southern Kingdom, which was Judah and Benjamin along with many others of the Northern Kingdom who fled there for safety when the Assyrians attacked. The Babylonians came in and scourged that kingdom. Many, many were killed, that was in the day of Lehi and that's what you are reading about in the opening of the Book of Mormon, is the Babylonian scourge that came down. So what we hear is, we've got these nations that God uses to scourge his people when they are in a state of disobedience and apostasy. That's important to know that because we are going to see a replay of that's building up right now. We are living in a day of fulfillment of ancient prophesy concerning a nation of people that are going to scourge the United States of America and the gentile nations of the world. Let's look at a couple of references on that. I am going to take you to D&C 87 and show you an interesting reference to what's coming. Section 87, of course, is the prophesy concerning war. Look at your heading on there, it says revelation and prophesy on war. If you look at the heading it gives us a little feeling for what was going on. This section was received when the brethren were reflecting and reasoning upon African slavery on the American Continent, and this part right here is key, “and the slavery of the children of men throughout the world”. We have a tendency to think that this is referring to black slaves in America and it certainly makes reference to that, but it's anywhere in the world where Gods children find themselves enslaved for whatever purpose. So you could have Russia, you could have China, you could have any of these nations in the past, but this is a revelation concerning the latter days. The first three verses talk about the beginnings of the Civil War and the rebellion that takes place at South Carolina. Verse two, “And the time will come that war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at this place”. That's when the first shots are fired on Ft. Sumpter in South Carolina. So the Civil War is the beginning in America, of Civil War's beginning, but it's also a sign for the beginning of war and conflict to be poured out upon the whole world. Look at verse 4;“And it shall come to pass, after many days”, (now verse three talks about the Southern States calling upon the nation of Great Britain and other nations to help them during the war of the states then it says “after many days”, so the Civil War is long past. We are long past 1864 in verse 4) “the slaves shall rise up against their masters” (now we think that's Civil War again, but it's not. Uprising of slaves against their masters was so isolated during the Civil War that that can't fulfill that prophesy. This has to be something that's going on in our day), “who shall be marshaled and disciplined for war”. Verse 5 which teaches in tonights lesson a little bit: “And it shall come to pass also that the remnants who are left of the land will marshal themselves and become exceedingly angry and shall vex the gentiles with a sore vexation”. And thus verse 6; “And thus, with the sword and by bloodshed the inhabitants of the earth” (see there's your feeling that were not talking about an isolated civil war in the United States. What will eventually consume all the nations of the earth, including the United States of America. It has been well prophesied that the United States of America as a government, as a republic will cease to exist verse 6 talks about that with sword, by bloodshed) “shall mourn; and with famine, and plague, and earthquake, and the thunder of heaven, and the fierce and vivid lightning also, shall the inhabitants of the earth be made to feel the wrath, and indignation, and chastening hand of an Almighty God”, (and this part right here) “until the consumption” (that means consumed) “decreed hath made a full end of all nations;. You want to circle that word all, because that includes the United States of America.

Now the principles that made America great, the Constitution of the United States, the doctrines of the Founding Fathers will survive this holocaust. I don't know what else to call it. We are looking at a train wreck here that's coming at us. When you look at the Lord, when he says that there's a consumption of all nations decreed it will happen by war and by earthquake, and thunder and lightning, and famine and plague, I'd take Him at His word. This is what's coming at us. Now on top of all that, on top of the cataclysmical events that are taking place in this time there is also a scourge that has been decreed upon America and upon the gentile nations of the earth and that scourge is the object of our lesson tonight. And that scourge is called the Remnant of Jacob.

So what we need to do with all of this, the scriptures talk about the need for us in a coming day to be found in Holy Places. Lets go over to section 45 for just a minute and lets look at what the Lord said there. All of these things come together now. If you'll get a feel for what's happening, you will see the fulfillment of many of these prophesies. Now, let's go to section 45:30, we are going to see and end to the gentile nations of the earth. What the scriptures refer to and the Lord refer to is the time of the gentiles being fulfilled. Now you've read that in the scriptures it's all over. Look at verse 30, here it is again, 30 “And in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled”. That has not yet happened, this is the important part; there's a controversy throughout the church among members that the time of the gentiles has been fulfilled. No it has not been fulfilled. We will get into that, look at verse 31: “And there shall be men standing in that generation” (when the time of the gentile has been fulfilled. The beginning of the time of the gentile begins with an uprising of people in the gentile nation. There is a social disorder, there's an uprising, it's a good word to use. Not only in America, but in all latter day gentile nations, and I'll identify those for you in a minute), “that shall not pass until they shall see an overflowing scourge” (now that overflowing scourge is mentioned many places in the scriptures. Notice the semi-colon after that); “for a desolating sickness shall cover the land”. Desolating means, left without life. Overflowing scourge, remember the word for scourge is whip. What's the purpose of the whip? To get Gods people to turn to him. That's the purpose of it.

I remember President Benson and his great talk on Pride after he talked about pride as a universal sin. He said that the cure for pride is humility. Then he made this great statement: “God will have a humble people. Either we can choose humility or we can be compelled to be humble”. Now what we are talking about tonight is what's going to happen when we choose not to humble ourselves, which we are not doing. As a people, whether its the latter day saints or the people of the world, whatever it is, we are not choosing Christ on the whole. “But my disciples”, verse 32, look) “shall stand in holy places, and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God and die”. Do you see the division there? My disciples and the wicked. You've got a division here, a fulfillment of another Book of Mormon prophesy. Go over to 2 Nephi 30 and let me show you another one. All of a sudden, all of these scriptures come together, what we want to see is, has it happened? Or is it yet to happen? How close are we in the sequence of events so that we can identify and better prepare ourselves. 2 Nephi 30:10 “For the time speedily cometh that the Lord God shall cause a great division among the people, and the wicked will he destroy; and he will spare his people, yea, even if it so be that he must destroy the wicked by fire”.11”And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins”. In other words your kidneys. Then talks about millennial reign. There's a great division coming here. Can you kind of see it that if there ever was a time where people could stand on neutral ground, which I don't believe that you could, but if there ever was a time where it appeared that you could, that day is gone and it's never coming back. We're required now, because of events that are happening and escalating every day, every day. You're required now to make a choice “who's on the Lord's side who”? It's that great hymn that we have in the church. Lets go over to 3 Nephi for just a minute and look at some of these prophesies the Savior talked about. 3 Nephi 20, we're going to spend time in 3 Nephi 20 and 21 tonight. It really helps when you read these prophesies and what's going on. Of the three days that Christ was here, which day was this prophesy taken, what day was this prophesy given, what were the events that led up to this prophesy, what are the words and sayings that follow it. And in 3 Nephi 20 the Lord talks about, and I want to go to verse 11, look what he says how this is before the remnant prophesy. And by the way Isaiah also speaks of the remnant. The original one comes from Micah. Micah, the prophet Micah was a contemporary with Isaiah, they lived at the same time. Micah was a righteous prophet king, he was a good man in the Southern Kingdom, down with Judah and Benjamin. As was Isaiah a prophet in the Southern Kingdom. Isaiah is a great statesman, prophet, poet. And look at what the Lord says in verse 11, this is 3 Nephi 11 as he begins this whole thing on the remnant of Jacob; “Ye remember that I spake unto you, and said that when the words of Isaiah should be fulfilled—behold they are written, ye have them before you, therefore search them”— 12 And verily, verily, I say unto you, that when they shall be fulfilled then is the fulfilling of the covenant which the Father hath made unto his people, O house of Israel”. Now the main body of that covenant which he has made with the House of Israel is that with love and kindness he would gather them a second time from their dispersed and scattered state. Look at verse 13; “And then shall the remnants” (notice the key word there the s on the end of it. We are just speaking in this prophesy about the remnant of Jacob. There are other people of the House of Israel that have been taken away and scattered and need to be gathered.), “which shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth, be gathered in from the east and from the west, and from the south and from the north; and they shall be brought to the knowledge of the Lord their God, who hath redeemed them.” Now we gave a lesson here a few weeks ago about the gathering, temples, the purpose of the gathering. As we look at this, let's remember that Joseph Smith taught that the purpose of the gathering was to bring the scattered remnants of the House of Israel into the covenant of the gospel, eventually get to the temple where they could be taught the true points of the Saviors doctrine and receive this, the fulness of the Melchizedek Priesthood. That is the purpose of the gathering in any age, no matter when, is to bring people to a Holy place, in our day temples, where the fulness of the Melchizedek Priesthood can be bestowed upon the scattered remnant of Israel, be brought home.

Here's what we've got, lets talk about the gentiles for just a minute, who are the gentiles? Let's identify them and then we will identify the remnant. The gentile nations today, anciently if you go back far enough, the definition of Gentile is non-Israelite. We've got three groups of people here. We've got gentiles, Israelites, and heathens. The scriptures talk about gentiles, Israelites , and heathens. Heathen nations historically are the non-christian nations of the earth. Anciently they were idol worshipers. They did not worship the true and living God, they worshiped idols. The gentiles, in our day, are the descendants of the Holy Roman Empire. That would include Eastern and Western Europe, some of Asia, America and Australia, that were colonized by europeans. So, there's your gentile nations in the modern day. These nations came out of the Roman Empire and can be found in those places. Now, are the latter day saints gentiles? There's a question for you see. Are we, as latter day saints, considered gentiles? Let's go over to the introduction, let's go to the title page of the Book of Mormon and see if we can answer that. It's important to know that the gentiles, there's a huge section of prophesy in the Book of Mormon concerning the gentiles and sometimes it's difficult to understand who that is talking about. Who are these Gentiles? On the title page of the Book of Mormon it says; “An Account Written by the Hand of Mormon upon Plates Taken from the Plates of Nephi” First paragraph says that it was written to the Lamanites, second line, “Written to the Lamanites, who are a remnant of the house of Israel; and also to Jew and Gentile”. The Book of Mormon is not written to the heathen nations of the earth. Then look at what else it says; “Written by way of commandment, and also by the spirit of prophecy and of revelation. Written and sealed up, and hid up unto the Lord, that they might not be destroyed—To come forth by the gift and power of God unto the interpretation thereof—Sealed by the hand of Moroni”,( watch this part now) “and hid up unto the Lord, to come forth in due time by way of the Gentile”. Well who was it that brought the Book of Mormon out of the Hill Cumorah and translated it? Joseph Smith. “Interpretation hereof by the gift of God”. The Book of Mormon title page identifies it's translator and the person who brings it out of the ground as a gentile. And yet, Joseph, in his writings was said that he was a pure Ephriamite. Pure Ephriamite. That gets a little confusing doesn't it? So those of us who have received patriarchal blessings, and that patriarch lays his hands on our head and declares our lineage the vast majority of the members of the church are going to be declared to come from one of the tribes of Israel. One of the twelve sons of Jacob. Another way of describing the House of Israel one would simply say, the family of Jacob. Jacob's name was changed to Israel. He had twelve sons and one daughter. So the descendants of all of those 12 sons and that one daughter, which are called the family of Jacob, another name of it is the House of Israel or the family of Jacob. Now it's important to know that latter day saints who receive their patriarchal blessings and have a lineage declared through one of the tribes of Israel are also gentiles. We're gentiles. Almost all of the latter day saints can track their immigration of their forefathers and their ancestors from the gentile nations of the earth that we've identified tonight. Those Christian nations of Western and Eastern Europe, America, Australia, etc. and some parts of Asia. And we'll talk about Asia a little bit tonight. Asia is really an interesting place when it comes to the House of Israel. Go over to section 109 and let me show you another thing. This is the Kirtland Temple dedication.

I had a sister write me this last week and ask some questions concerning all this and it's a confusing deal, it can be confusing. D&C 109:60, here's the prophet Joseph Smith and he's praying in behalf of the latter day saints and the establishment of Zion in verse 60 and comes out and says this: “Now these words, O Lord, we have spoken before thee, concerning the revelations and commandments which thou hast given unto us” (who's the us? The latter day saints, right? Look at the next one), “who are identified with the Gentiles”. These members of the church are gentiles. In fact the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints which is filled full of members who have received Patriarchal Blessings that identify them as Israelites, the church is a gentile church. Why is it a gentile church? Because it was restored and established in a day called the day of the gentile. Now you remember back in the days of the New Testament Church, that the gospel of Jesus Christ was taken by the leader in that dispensation only to the remnants of the House of Israel. And you'll remember that the Savior said in the New Testament in John “I am not sent but to the House of Israel”. And you have people that were not Israelites that periodically took the Saviors time and tried to glean from Him blessings and power and information i.e. for example the woman at the well, this is a classic example. She's a Samaritan, she's a gentile according to the society of that day. And He sits and talks with her and it amazes her that you who are a Jew would talk to me who am a Samaritan. And the disciples came up and they saw Him, the brethren saw Him talking to this woman and they reasoned amongst themselves what is he doing talking to this woman? She's sub-human and by and large throughout the whole New Testament Jesus avoided the gentiles or those who were not members of the House of Israel. And that changed when Peter has a vision down at Simon the tanners place on the Joppa on the Mediterranean coast, and that whole thing with Cornelius and his household when Peter sees the vision come down with all the animals in it and the voice comes out and these re all animals that are forbidden to be eaten by Jews according to Leviticus chapter 11. and the Lord lowers this big sheet down that has all these four footed beasts that are unclean and the voice says; “Peter take your sword, kill and eat”. And he says: “Nay Lord never have I eaten anything that is unclean”. And then the spirit says: “call thou not unclean what I the Lord have cleansed”, see. And at that point we have a new dispensation opened because the House of Israel rejects the gospel, then the gospel is taken to the gentiles and Jew and then Paul becomes the great gentile apostle. But even that eventually ends in apostasy. But not before the New Testament church obtains the Church of the First Born and the general assembly and the ministration of just men made perfect. So they did have some success even though it ended in apostasy. And so when you take these two groups, Jew and Gentile, or House of Israel and gentile, you can see that in Christ's time, the first to receive the gospel was the Jew/House of Israel and the second to receive it in Christ's time, the last to receive it was the gentiles. In our day, the gospel was restored first to the gentiles and at some future time, that we're on the edge of it will be taken again to the House of Israel. And the Remnant of Jacob plays a role in the transition from gentile to the House of Israel. So the first, the Jews, in Christ's day will be the last in our day and the last in Christ's day, the gentiles were first in our day. The first shall be last and the last shall be first. And that's how that fits with these two big groups. So, the latter day saints are gentiles. We belong to a gentile church. And it doesn't take anything away from us, however, that we have the blood of Israel flowing in our veins which has been identified by revelation through a patriarch. Any questons or comments on that thus far?

So right now we're in a state where the House of Israel is scattered. You know that the ten lost tribes that were taken into the north country by the Assyrian emperors. You know that you are a descendant of Joseph, through Ephraim and Mannasah you are numbered with the ten tribes of Israel. This is something a lot of latter day saints don't think about. You have family that have been led away and lost, that are called the lost ten tribes. Now without going in it too deeply , these lost ten tribes, these ten tribes that were taken north from the Northern Kingdom into Assyria eventually found themselves into two groups. One group continued north led by prophets through miraculous means. They parted the water, they passed through ice, etc. etc. they went north and we've not hear of them since. They are the lost ten tribes of Israel. Then there was another portion of this group that didn't go north but eventually went northwest and eventually moved over to Scandinavia and into Western and Eastern Europe and intermarried with those people living there. That's our ancestors. That's where we come from. We come from that group of the ten tribes that went northwest and intermingled with the people that we now call in Scandinavia, Eastern and Western Europe, and all those things. This is where the gentiles come from and this is why the gentiles have the blood of Israel in their veins. So the ten tribes, there's two groups, those that intermarried with the gentile people which are our ancestors and there's another isolated separate group that were taken north and they are called the lost ten tribes. Now, sometimes in the church we think that the lost ten tribes are lost because they are intermingles among the nations of Western and Eastern Europe and that the gathering of the ten tribes of Israel from the north is coming as those people join the church and receive their patriarchal blessings. That is not correct! Those that are coming into the church today are almost 90% of them are through the House of Joseph, Ephraim and Mannassah, and the majority being Ephraim. These are the ones coming out of Western Europe who have been intermingled with the gentiles. That's why we, that are in the church today, are identified with the gentiles. Joseph's ancestry came out of Great Britain, so did mine. Rose Marie, you are there from Switzerland, you're coming out of that group too. But this is not the ten lost tribes who Moses is talking to Joseph and Oliver about in section 110 of the D&C. Let's go to section 110 and we'll come back to 3 Nephi in just a minute. This is so fascinating we start to get a feel for it and it makes a lot of sense. D&C 110:11 “After this vision closed, the heavens were again opened unto us; and Moses appeared before us, and committed unto us the keys of the gathering of Israel from the four parts of the earth” (see you've got two groups here), “and the leading of the ten tribes from the land of the north”. Now it's true that those of us who come out of the gentile nations come out of the northern countries, they're in the Northern Hemisphere but there's another group who went further north and when they return that group will come in the millions. Let's go to Jeremiah for example, let me show you a fascinating scripture. Jeremiah 16, I'm giving all this background so we can get a feel for what's happening among us, because I'm telling you brothers and sister, every day in the news you're see the fulfilling of this prophesy we're talking about. This may take a little longer than an hour tonight, but I'll try to keep it short. Go to Jeremiah 16:14 this is a good one fo ryou to underline and mark. Verse 14: “¶Therefore, behold, the days come”(anytime you see in the Old Testament speak about that, in those days, the days come, at that day, in the latter day, in the last days, is always referring to our day), “saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt”; Now think about that, what's the greatest Old Testament miracle recorded in that volume? The parting of the Red Sea, right? And even to this day, when we think of miracles we think of the deliverance of millions of Israelites out of Egyptian captivity, by this huge miracle, it is still a major miracle in all of scripture. But notice in verse 14 Jeremiah says we won't talk about that anymore. The day is going to come when we don't talk about that anymore. But, verse 15: so instead of talking about that, we're going to talk about, “But, The Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers”. The return of the lost tribes of Israel, especially those that were taken into the north and did not assimilate with the gentile nations, like our ancestors did. When they return, the miracles that accompany their return will eclipse the parting of the Red Sea to a point where people won't even talk about that anymore. Instead, they will talk about the return of the tribes from the north and from all other lands whither He has driven them.

Isaiah talks about in Isaiah chapter 29, a marvelous work and a wonder. And with the LeGrand Richards book, “A Marvelous Work and a Wonder”, referred to the restoration of the gospel through the prophet Joseph Smith in the 1830's. And certainly that was a marvelous work, not taking anything away from that, the coming forth of the Book of Mormon was a part of it was certainly a marvelous work and a wonder. I want to testify to you that the marvelous work and a wonder that Isaiah is talking about hasn't happened yet. But you and I are on the edge of it. All of the events that are now in place and starting to happen for the establishment of Zion and what the Lord calls in the D&C, “my strange act”, isn't that interesting? “My strange act. When I will gather my jewels”. That's what's coming. And the miracles that you read about in the scriptures are going to be eclipsed, brothers and sisters, by the miracles we are going to see in our day. Nothing like it, ever, in the history of the world.

When the Lord pours out fantastic, unspeakable knowledge and power, there has to be the opposite take place. Hence the cataclysms the scriptures speak about, lightning, thunder, and earthquakes and plagues and war and all those things, are happening at same time when the God is pouring out knowledge upon the heads of the latter day saints that is unspeakable and has never been uttered or spoken of since the foundation of this world is now coming alive. The things we talk about on these podcasts, the mysteries of Godliness, are part of things that have been reserved to come forth in this day. And with that reservation of great knowledge you're also going to have great upheaval. That's OK! Now let's go back to 3 Nephi 20:16 (Now the questions comes up)“Then shall ye, who are a remnant of the house of Jacob” (that's that group. Now we've identified the gentiles, now we're talking about the second group in the fulfillment of this), “go forth among them”. The gentile nation, not only in America but, this is the point I want to bring to you tonight that we don't talk about much in the church. We want to limit this prophesy of the remnant of Jacob to America. But it's not America, and if you'll read about it you'll say, then shall the remnant of Jacob go forth among them. That's not just American gentiles that's the gentile nations of the whole world. And I want you to grab ahold on that because it's going to make sense to you. You're going to look and say, Oh my gosh, this is what's going on in Germany. Oh my, this is what's happening in France. This is what's happening in Sweden. This is what's happening in America. And you'll see that this remnant of Jacob isn't limited to just what's going on in America, but the remnant of Jacob has to do with something that scourges all of the gentile nations in our day. So grab ahold of that thought and don't limit it to America.

Certainly there's going to be a cleansing take place. Now this cleansing will ultimately result in the consummation of all nations. Nations that exist today, national borders, national sovereignties, identities, are going to be completely done away with. And a new order is coming out of this. The old order is going to pass away and a new order. Now Satan has a counterfeit to that and he calls it the New World Order. The new order I am talking about is an order among nations that survive this scourge and that new order will be a Zion order. Which is the counterpart to the New World Order which is Satanic. It's Babylonian. Now look at verse 16 (3 Nephi 20:16) again, it says: “Then shall ye, who are a remnant of the house of Jacob, go forth among them; and ye shall be in the midst of them who shall be many” . Now there's a key right now that this remnant of Jacob is found within the population of the gentile nations of the earth. They're already there. Now those who are many are the gentiles. It says;”that the remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of them who shall be many; and ye shall be among them as a lion among the beasts of the forest, and as a young lion among the flocks of sheep” (now these beast of the forest and the flocks of the sheep identify the gentiles. We've divided the gentiles into two groups because it's referencing them. A lion among these two groups, one lion among the beasts of the forest and another lion among the flocks of sheep. It's interesting to contemplate if you take the gentile nations of the earth, how could you divide them up in such a way that one group would be referred to as beasts of the forest and the other one as flocks of sheep? Something to ponder see), “who, if he goeth through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver”. This is not some little civil strife. This is a major, national, global uprising among the nations of the gentiles. Look what it says in 17; “thy hands (meaning the remnant hands) shall be lifted upon thine adversaries and all thine enemies shall be cut off”. Any of these gentiles that try to go up against this remnant will be destroyed. There's no deliverance. 18; “I will gather my people together as a man gathereth his sheaves on the floor”. 19; “ For I will make my people (this is the remnant) “with whom the Father hath covenanted, yea, I will make thy horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass”. This is Isaiah imagery showing that an Iron Horn and brass hooves has reference to warfare. When it goes through, nothing can survive this. Anciently you had nations that were able to take iron and brass, which are two metals of warfare. You even take ethics of human kind and divide it between these two metals, the Iron Age and the Brass or Bronze Age, and you start to get a feel. Israelites who were in the field against their enemy who had chariots of iron, could not survive against this warfare machinery. The only way they could survive this was if Jehovah Himself came down and fought their battles, because their enemies were always in a position where their weaponry out did the Israelite weaponry. Israelite weaponry in the Old Testament was always inferior to non-Israelite. These people were metal workers and they made chariots of iron with bronze and brass weaponry and the Israelites at best were copying them from what they saw. And it was that way on purpose so that Gods people would learn to rely on Him instead of upon their own arms to make weapons of war that would match or supercede their enemy. 18:“I will gather my people together as a man gathereth his sheaves on the floor”. We read that, OK. Look at the rest of 19: “I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. And behold, I am he who doeth it”.

Now, it appears that this remnant of Jacob when they're acting as a scourge among the gentiles do not know for the most part that they are a remnant of the covenant people. The Lord is simply using them as a scourge, so they don't have an identity of “I'm being used by the God that I worship”. These are people who fulfilling a scourge purpose prophesied in the scriptures and they don't really know who they are yet. After the scourging has taken place and we make an end to the gentile nations, the remnant of Jacob is going to do that. Throughout the world, not just in America. Once the end of the gentile nations is finished, the only gentiles that will survive this are those who repent and come to the Lord, they are the only ones who will survive this scourging, this uprising, this massive destruction. This is so large, brothers and sisters, that leaves the gentile cities desolate. So not only the remnant of Jacob, once they identify or have identified to them who they are, after the scourging or in the midst of it, they don't know who they are, they are just acting out as an instrument, in this case of destruction in the hands of the Lord to destroy the gentile nations of the earth. Those gentiles who repent and are not destroyed will be numbered with the remnant of Jacob. That is an important part of the prophesy. They'll be numbered with the remnant of Jacob. Look at verse 20 (3 Nephi 20:20) “And it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that the sword of my justice shall hang over them (the gentiles) at that day; and except they repent it shall fall upon them, saith the Father, yea, even upon (here's your key) all the nations of the Gentiles”. All of them! Verse 21: “And it shall come to pass that I will establish my people, O house of Israel”. And I will establish them, verse 22: “... in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a New Jerusalem. And the powers of heaven (city of Enoch) shall be in the midst of this people; yea, even I will be in the midst of you. Before that happens though, that's the establishment of the New Jerusalem, before that happens the remnant of Jacob is going through the gentile nations, as what? As a lion among sheep and none can deliver.

Let's try to identify the remnant of Jacob here for just a minute. I think we're at a point where we need to do that. In America, the remnant of Jacob would be the descendants of the Nephites and Lamanites that Jesus wa speaking to in the verses we just read. This would include, here you go, American indians and those with significant indian blood, i.e. many people from Mexico, Central America, and South America. I want you to go back now and think about what it said over there in verse 16 of 3 Nephi 20 “and ye who are a remnant of the House of Jacob, go forth among them; and ye shall be in the midst of them who shall be many”; Now Gentile America has 300 Million people in it coast to coast. Do we have any of the remnant of Jacob in the midst of our population at this time? Can you see native americans? Can you see people from Mexico, Central America and South America within the borders of the United States of America? Are they here? Do they represent a significant, societal, political force? Is there anything going on with American politics that has to do with immigration? Is there any concern about that? These people in America might also include watch this, some people from the Eastern Hemisphere who have immigrated to America. Is that going on? Are there people from the Eastern Hemisphere, the middle east? As we're going to see, the remnant of Jacob is also found in the middle east. Are there any of those found in the United States of America? Is the remnant here, amongst us, in the midst of us? Is the plan set in motion? What about the gentile nations in Europe? Think about what's going on there right now. The immigrants that are coming primarily from the middle east, Africa, and Southern Asia. Could these people that we're talking about, i.e. the ones in the news, mostly Syrians, could they also be considered the remnants of Israel? And do they find themselves in the midst of the gentiles of Europe? And in some cases, Asia? Here's some things to think about: The tribes of Israel spent their first four hundred years in the nation of Egypt before Moses deliverance. What was the likelihood of intermarriage? Do you think any of those Israelites intermarried with those Egyptians in 400 years? What was the likelihood of assimilation into Egyptian society? What percentage, here's a good question, what percentage followed Moses out of the land of Egypt during the exodus? Do you think all Israelites left with Moses? So there's a group of Israelites that possibly could have intermarried. Following the exodus the tribes of Israel centered in Palestine, but eventually split into two kingdoms. We talked about that tonight, and they were carried away to Assyria, eventually some of the captive Israelites escaped into the north country, but there was no mass return to their homeland. Again, what's the likelihood of intermarriage and assimilation? What percentage of Israelites left Assyria? What percentage stayed there and intermarried? Because ancient Assyria can be identified in modern nations today. Here's another one; there were other scatterings of Israelites. The Book of Mormon speaks of two such groups, Lehites and the Mulekites leaving in the 6th century. Apocryphal scriptures and historical records speak of or at least hint at there were other peoples who left and made their homes in other lands. I don't think that in all of North Canada, Northern and Southern Hemisphere at the time of the Book of Mormon that it was only Nephites and Lamanites, I don't believe that. I believe that there were other people, this is Mike Stroud, and there seems to be some evidence coming around to support that. There were other people besides the Nephites, Mulekites, Lamanites, in the Americas that had been brought there by the hand of the Lord. We only have the record of the Lehite colony and the Nephites and Lamanites. We don't have a record of anybody else. Jaredites were there. What this means is this brothers and sister, think about this, nations in the middle east, Africa and Southern Asia, are likely filled with the blood of Israel and many of their people could be considered the remnant of Israel. For example, Isaiah 11, if you'll turn to Isaiah 11 for a minute, let me show you something. Here's a great scripture that helps us. We're looking to see, are these people coming out of the middle east and out of Africa into the gentile nations, do they have Israelite blood in their veins? And it appears like they do big time! Do they know that they are Israelites? No, we just simply assign them saying, “oh they are coming out of the Arab countries, those are not Israelites”. You know there was intermarriage all through this. I tell you that when these Arab people start joining the church we're going to be amazed at what their Patriarchal Blessing lineage is identified as, they are going to be the blood of Israel. Go to Isaiah 11, we're going to look at 11 and 12. 11”And it shall come to pass in that day”,(there's your key that always points toward the latter days) “that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time” (see the first time was to gather the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage and bring them unto a promised land.) “to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left”, (now look we identify ancient lands) “from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. 12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth”. See, that's happening. Jews are being more and more. They've got more, when you immigrate if your a Jew and you emigrate to Israel its called Alia and you leave the nation your and you go to Israel and seek to become an Israeli, a citizen of that land. That is happening so much and mass ex and Israel and the Jews world set up and immigration fund a lot like the perpetual immigration fund of the latter day saints which is Josephs side. The Jews have their own perpetual immigration fund for Jews from throughout the world to take Alia and come to Israel. Now I did a little homework on these nations. Cush is thought to be the nations that surround the Red Sea. So if you go today and look at the Red Sea, look at the nations that are around the Red Sea they would be identified with ancient Cush. Pathros would be southern Egypt. Elam is western Iran. Shinar refers to Babylonia which would be Iraq. Hamath is located in west central Syria. Anything going on there today? Assyria is the empire that included Egypt, the western part of the Mediterranean Sea, northern Iraq, northeastern Syria, southeastern Turkey, and northwestern Iran. In short, the blood of Israel is scattered about all of these nations. And where are they going? Look at the emigration of these nations, where are they heading? To the gentile nations of the earth. Let's go over to chapter 21 for just a minute.

3 Nephi 21: the first 11 verses talk about a sign that the Lord's going to give that the events we're talking about now are about to happen. That sign is broken up into a couple of things, it talks about the restoration of the gospel, the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, the gathering of the tribes of Israel from the various places. Let's go to verse 12, it's where I want to go. Here's another reference to the remnant, this is the purpose of the lesson tonight. 12 “And my people who are a remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them as a lion” (you've got to ask yourself a question, why is the Lord referring to these scriptures twice? He did it over in chapter 20, He's doing it again in chapter 21. whenever you see Him refer to something twice in two scriptures, we ought to have a heads up on that. This is an important event that we as latter day saints have access to the Book of Mormon. If you don't have the Book of Mormon, you don't have this additional knowledge. You've got Micah 5 and you've got Isaiah 11 and a couple of other places. So, it's really giving us some good insight) “among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion”. That's much like we read, let's look at verse 13: “Their hand shall be lifted up upon their adversaries, and all their enemies shall be cut off”. This is the part that was not found in chapter 20. Now we're getting some additional information, here we go verse 14 “Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles except they repent;” Now I'm going to include in the gentiles, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints cause we've got problems in the church. And if those people can't make the choice to align themselves with Christ, their covenant relationship, just because they've been baptized will not save them from the scourge that's going to take place among the gentiles. Remember that the only gentiles who escape what's coming here, whether they're members of the church or whether they're not members of the church are the ones that repent and they shall be numbered among my people oh House of Israel. Doesn't matter what your patriarchal blessing says. Doesn't matter if you are a member of the church. Right now we have 9 to 11 million members of the church that are not attending church. I know that'll be startling to you but Margie and I have traveled on three missions now throughout the world and we got a pretty good feel for what's happening out in the world. Now those of us that live along the Wasatch Front along Idaho, Utah, Arizona, those strong, established stakes of the church, unless you've gotten out of those and you have gone out on a member/leader support mission, the MLS missions like we have and you got to Mongolia and you go to the Philippines and you go back east you're going to find out that in Mongolia the percentage of active members of the church, attending church, the percent is 27%. You go to the Philippines, in fact the church has been in the Philippines for 50 years, because when we were there we celebrated the 50th anniversary in Sabu. And you're going to find out that the active membership percentage is 12% . That means that 88% of the members in the Philippines are not attending any church. Now back in New Jersey, when I travel to these places I want to find out what's happening out here. Because a member/leadership support missionaries job is to go out and reclaim and rescue members of the church who have ceased activity. That's your whole job. It's a rescue mission to go out and get the low hanging fruit. And the low hanging fruit means you're going out to rescue people who have already entered into a covenant, at one time felt the spirit, but lost that, and the low hanging fruit are the easy ones to get, right? You don't need to reach up there with tools to go out and get those who have been close at one time and wandered away. Well, in New Jersey it was 24%. so look at verse 14 “wo be unto the Gentiles except they repent;( and that is including members of the church for one reason or another that have walked away from activity. You're covenants mean nothing if you're not in your covenants. And like brother Ballard said: “Die in your covenants and stay there so you can be pronounced safely dead”.) “for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, (if they don't repent, if the gentiles continue to reject Christ and his Gospel) “that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots;” Let's talk about that for just a minute. If you're an ancient prophet looking down on 2016 and you saw transportation in these gentile nations, because transportation in the gentile nations is the best of anyplace in the world. You go out of the gentile nations and from that point on transportation goes down hill. And I have been on some of the roads and driven in some of those places. Anciently what moved their vehicles was horses. So if they look down and they see trains and interstate trucking and mass transportation and everything that's moving, isn't it interesting that the power that moves it in our day is referred to as what? Horse power. What could possibly happen that would cut off the horses and destroy the chariots? What would happen if we were to lose electricity? What would happen if we were to be cut off from oil supplies? And we're dependent from foreign nations for the oil reserves for the oil we have right now. What if there was an electromagnetic pulse? What if there were a cyber hack that cut down the grid? How quick would trucking come to a stop if there was no electricity to pump the fuel out of the tanks that runs the truck? Did these prophets see that? Look what else it says 15 (3 Nephi 21:15) “And I will cut off the cities of thy land”,(well I'll tell you what, you cut out the transportation right here in little Eager, Arizona we rely on a Safeway truck coming up over that mountain pass that's 8,000 feet between Show Low and Eager every night. And we've had the experience of having our little city cut off because no transportation could get in here.) “and throw down all thy strongholds;” You can let your mid go out and what did these prophets see in 2016, 2020, and how did they describe it by saying “throw down the strongholds, cutoff witchcrafts out of the land and thou shalt have no more soothsayers”. A soothsayer is a person that ascents to something less than the truth. They are Satan's seers. A soothsayer is what we sustain as prophets, seers, and revelators. A soothsayer is a dark seer, with dark gifts. They had that, there was the witch of Palmyra. When Joseph was translating the Book of Mormon there was a woman that had a stone and she could look into that stone and she could see where Joseph had the plates and Joseph was having to move the plates from one place to another constantly to stay ahead of this dark seer, this woman who had a stone which showed her where Joseph was hiding the record. Interesting stuff!

17 (3 Nephi 21:17) “Thy graven images I will also cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee”,(graven Images, what's that. Well you'll know by looking at the rest of verse 17) “and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands;” What is it we worship most in this world in the gentile nations? Money! What is it that Satan says to messengers when he goes out, you can have anything in this world for money. Boy, that describes the world. And don't you know that money is graven? You know that the plates that prints the federal reserve notes are called “engraving plates”? And the money we use is a graven image using metal plates to do it, just a possibility. Look at verse 18 (3 Nephi 21:18) “And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities”. Anciently, the Groves were places of prostitution, ritual prostitution and immorality in the grossest forms. “and it shall come to pass that (verse 19) all lyings, and deceivings, and envyings, and strifes, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, shall be done away.” Now, you want to ask the question, what is it that's doing away with all of these things? Go back up to verse 12, what is it that's causing all of this turmoil, collapse, and change? It's the remnant of Jacob. Among the gentile nations. Verse 20: “For it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that at that day” (when the scourge of the remnant of Jacob makes a full end of the gentile nations and, by the way, the end of the day of the gentiles is when this remnant goes through and in the uprising destroys the national identities of these countries) “whosoever will not repent and come unto my Beloved Son, them will I cut off from among my people, O house of Israel;” verse 21: “And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them,(the gentiles) even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.” verse 22: “But if they will repent and hearken unto my words,(this is the gentiles) and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance;” and this part right here, and they, meaning the repentant gentiles because the rest of them are gone. They are gone, like a lion among the sheep. 23: and they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem.

Well brothers and sister, we've got some stuff coming at us here! Unbelievable! Can you feel it? Now the call out principle, I've had several people ask me about the call out. The Call Out Principle that is advocated on some LDS sites and by some Latter Day Saint groups is a true principle. That is a true principle. It's obvious that it's a true principle, it is all through the scriptures. That the Lord will take his people, those that repent and honor their covenants with him he shall take them from out among the nations of the wicked and gather them to Holy places, safe places before he pours out vengeance and judgement on those who refuse to repent. In the New Testament times, after Christ's death he warned them and he said: “let those who are in the fields flee, let those in the cities flee. If you don't and you get caught in that day and your pregnant its' going to be tough on you. But you flee and your going to flee to a place of safety. Now, prior to the Roman destruction of the Jews, 70 AD the priesthood leaders among the church there warned the members to get out. There was a call out and they went north to a little city that is now located in modern Jordan called Pella. And the members of the church in the New Testament time who harkened to that call out and went to Pella, survived the Roman destruction in 70 AD. Where it said that the blood of the Jews ran up to the horses bridles of the Roman people. It marked the end of the Jewish nation, the last Temple the Jews ever had and they were then scattered among all the nations of the world, this is what's called the great Jewish Diaspora. It was only in May of 1948 that started to turn around. But the members of the church heeded the call of their leaders, went to Pella and were able to survive that Roman holocaust. And we can see that all through the church. Latter Day Saints went right out of the United States into Mexico, they were called out. The Jaredites were called out. The Nephites were called out. It's just one after another, it's a true principle. Whether or not the church is preparing holy places or not, I don't know, but I do know this, that if you are in tune with the spirit you are already picking up messages that you should be doing something to prepare for this cleansing experience that we've talked about tonight. The scourge of the gentiles, the Remnant of Jacob.

Some of you who have lived in metropolitan areas I know you have made decisions, you've shared this with me to get out. And you got out and you didn't know how you were going to get out. This was financially and feasibly impossible for you to do it, but you heeded that voice and the Lord prepared the way. You've shared your testimonies with me that what happened to you was truly miraculous. So that's going on now, this call out, you don't have to look for that to happen. It's happening right now. And people are being told by the spirit that they need to go here or to go there. Do this, do that. Because we've got a train wreck coming at us. And the church cannot take care of it's membership, can't do it! All of welfare square in Salt Lake City is not going to do the job. So it's left up to individual members of the church. Mothers and fathers, either singly or together, harken to the voice of the spirit and to do what it says. Comes back to the theme of these podcasts. “Put your trust in no man, cursed is he that puteth his trust in man, and cursed is he that maketh flesh his arm. Trust in the Lord. Take the truth and the Holy Spirit as your guide. These are they who will stand when the Lord appears”.

I hope that's been helpful. I hope that now you can look at the news today and look at the remnant of Jacob and say, “my gosh it's happening all around us”. All of these Syrian refugees, all of these problems in Europe, with Germany, with Sweden, and France and here in America. All of the talk of illegal immigration, yo can see that the stage is being set. They are amongst us now, the Remnant of Jacob is here. And if you're a German citizen you would say,”the Remnant of Jacob is here”. Now what are you going to do with the prophesy?

Sorry it took so long, but I needed that much time to just lay this out. I hope that that feels right. Do any of you have questions or comments on this? I'd like to read a little conclusion that someone wrote about this and conclude with this. “The current invasion of gentile nations by foreigners appears to be the beginning of the sore vexation the remnant of Jacob will bring against the gentiles. At the very least it is setting the stage for the prophesied uprising of a people that will be as a lion among the beasts of the forest. This uprising will begin the destruction of the gentile nations”. ( And by the way, the destruction of the gentile nations is the end of the day of the gentile and the beginning of the day of Israel. In the dispensation of the fulness of times you can divide the dispensation of the fulness of times into two parts. Part A is the day of the gentile and part B is the day of Israel. We are ending the day of the gentile and about to go into the day of Israel, which are both parts of the dispensation of the fulness of times). Back to this statement. “Most of the remnant of Jacob that tread down the gentiles will probably not realize that they possess the blood of Israel and can become heirs of the covenant and promised blessings on condition of their faithfulness. They will be used to do the Lords work in removing the wicked gentiles from the land and then will be given the opportunity to learn and follow the gospel of the Messiah. If they do not respond to the call to gather to the Lord's Gospel, they to will find themselves swept up off the land. However, the scriptures seem to indicate that a great many, (this is the remnant of Jacob) if not the majority will embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ. What can be done? We must remember that God is preparing the world and the people for the second coming of Christ and his millennial reign of peace. The earth is being changed and a loving God is calling his children to repentance so that they might meet their Savior when he comes. The only way for Gentiles and remnants of Israel to not be cleansed from the land is to fully turn to the Lord and truly become his people in the way they think, speak, and act”.

I thought that that was a great statement to conclude our lesson tonight. Thank you brothers and sisters, I hope that's helpful to you. Bless your hearts, lets just stand in Holy Places. Love the Lord, keep his commandments, seek for the cause of Zion and all will be well. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.