

VOLUME ONE

THE CONFEDERACY

Chapter One

Why This Record Was Written

Every generation leaves behind a testimony.

Some preserve the works of the Most High.

Others preserve the works of kings.

Still others preserve their own names, their own kingdoms, and their own achievements.

But the covenant records preserve something greater.

They preserve the dealings of the Most High with His covenant people.

The record declares:

«"And now, go to, I say unto thee, that thou shalt deliver these sayings unto all men; for they shall be taught unto all nations..."

Witness

- Doctrine and Covenants 1:2»

Again the record declares:

«"Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter."

Witness

- Revelation 1:19»

The prophets did not preserve records merely to remember the past.

They preserved them that future generations might understand the works, the judgments, the mercy, and the covenant of the Most High.

The record further declares:

«"This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD."

Witness

- Psalm 102:18»

Therefore this record is written for the generation to come.

Not to replace the covenant records.

Not to stand above them.

But to assemble their testimony line upon line, precept upon precept, that the works of the Most High may be seen together.

The prophets also revealed the manner in which hidden things are discovered.

The record declares:

«"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."

Witness

- Proverbs 25:2»

Again the record declares:

«"Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out."

Witness

- Proverbs 20:5»

Again the prophet testified:

«"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line..."

Witness

- Isaiah 28:9–10»

The latter record preserves the same order.

«"For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept..."

Witness

- 2 Nephi 28:30»

The Most High has never required His people to build doctrine upon imagination.

He has commanded them to search, to remember, to compare witnesses, and to establish every matter through the testimony He has already preserved.

The record declares:

«"In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."»

Witnesses

- Deuteronomy 19:15
- Matthew 18:16
- 2 Corinthians 13:1»

Therefore this record gathers witnesses.

The Bible speaks.

The Book of Mormon speaks.

The Doctrine and Covenants speaks.

The Pearl of Great Price speaks.

The prophets speak together.

The purpose is not to multiply opinions.

The purpose is to preserve testimony.

For the controversy recorded throughout these pages is not new.

The covenant.

The confederacy.

The governments.

The churches.

The kingdoms.

The rebellion.

The judgments.

The remembrance.

These have been preserved from the beginning.

This generation has not been called to invent another testimony.

It has been called to remember the testimony already given.

Therefore this record is written that the scattered witnesses may be assembled.

That hidden patterns may be brought into remembrance.

That the covenant may be understood.

That the confederacy may be recognized.

That the government of the Most High may be distinguished from the governments of men.

That every reader may return to the covenant records and search them diligently for himself.

This volume therefore begins where every faithful search must begin.

Not with conclusions.

But with the preserved testimony of the covenant records.

For when the witnesses stand together...

The record speaks with one voice.

Chapter Two

How the Most High Reveals Hidden Things

The Most High has never hidden truth to prevent His covenant people from finding it.

He conceals truth so that those who seek Him with diligence may discover it according to His appointed order.

The record declares:

«"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."»

Witness

- Proverbs 25:2

The Father therefore conceals.

The covenant servant searches.

The Father preserves.

The covenant servant remembers.

The Father reveals.

The covenant servant records.

This divine order appears from the beginning of the covenant records unto the end.

The Father has never rewarded laziness in His word.

Neither has He scattered His testimony without purpose.

He has distributed His witnesses throughout generations, prophets, and records so that those who love truth might gather them together.

The record further declares:

«"Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out."»

Witness

- Proverbs 20:5

The Spirit compares counsel unto deep water.

Deep water does not reveal its treasures from the shoreline.

It must be drawn out.

Likewise, the testimony of the covenant records is not always gathered by reading one verse in isolation.

The Father has placed one witness beside another.

One prophet beside another.

One generation beside another.

One record beside another.

The understanding is drawn out as the witnesses are assembled.

The prophets revealed the manner in which this understanding is obtained.

The record declares:

«"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."»

Witness

- Isaiah 28:9–10

The latter record bears the same witness.

«"For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept..."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 28:30

The method has never changed.

The Father does not ordinarily reveal an entire matter through one prophet.

Neither does He confine all understanding to one generation.

He gives a little.

Then another little.

He raises one witness.

Then another witness.

He preserves one record.

Then another record.

When those witnesses are brought together, the matter becomes plain.

This is why the covenant records continually establish matters through multiple witnesses.

The law itself declares:

«"At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall the matter be established."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 19:15

The Messiah confirmed the same law.

Witness

- Matthew 18:16

The Apostle likewise preserved it.

Witness

- 2 Corinthians 13:1

The Book of Mormon also bears witness that the Father speaks unto many nations and brings their testimonies together according to His wisdom.

Witness

- 2 Nephi 29:8–13

Therefore this record gathers the witnesses.

The Bible shall speak.

The Book of Mormon shall speak.

The Doctrine and Covenants shall speak.

The Pearl of Great Price shall speak.

The witnesses shall not compete.

They shall stand together.

For they proceed from the same God.

The Father also reveals that there is an appointed time when sealed things are opened.

The record declares:

«"Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."»

Witness

- Daniel 12:9

Again the latter record preserves the same pattern, teaching that sealed records come forth according to the wisdom and timing of God.

Witness

- Ether 4:4–7

The Father therefore governs not only what is revealed...

But when it is revealed.

He appoints seasons.

He appoints witnesses.

He appoints records.

Nothing comes forth before its appointed time.

Neither is anything forgotten before Him.

The prophet Amos declares:

«"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."»

Witness

- Amos 3:7

This is the confidence of every covenant servant.

The Father is not silent.

Neither has He abandoned His people in darkness.

He has spoken.

He has preserved.

He has sealed.

He has revealed.

He continues to reveal according to His appointed order.

Therefore the responsibility of the covenant servant is not to invent hidden things.

It is to search the records already given.

To compare witness with witness.

To search diligently.

To preserve faithfully.

To remember continually.

This record follows that same order.

It does not ask the reader to trust the opinions of men.

It asks the reader to search the witnesses.

To examine the testimony.

To compare the records.

To prove every major matter through the witnesses preserved by the Most High.

For the Father has already established the method.

The covenant servant is called only to walk therein.

Having established the order by which hidden things are revealed...

The record now turns to the first witness.

Psalm Eighty-Three.

Chapter Three

The First Witness

Psalm Eighty-Three

Every record must begin with a witness.

This record begins with David.

Not because David stands alone.

But because the Spirit chose to preserve in Psalm Eighty-Three a testimony that opens the controversy preserved throughout the covenant records.

David does not begin with kings.

He does not begin with nations.

He does not begin with war.

He begins with the throne of the Most High.

The record declares:

«"Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:1

The first words of the Psalm are not directed toward men.

They are directed toward God.

This establishes the order of the controversy.

The controversy belongs first to Heaven.

Only afterward does it appear upon the earth.

The reader should therefore notice what David does not say.

He does not cry unto Israel.

He does not cry unto judges.

He does not cry unto armies.

He cries unto the Most High.

This same order appears throughout the covenant records.

Jehoshaphat first sought the Lord before Israel went to battle.

Witness

- 2 Chronicles 20:3–13

Moses cried unto the Lord before the sea was divided.

Witness

- Exodus 14:13–16

Hezekiah spread the threatening letter before the Lord before Jerusalem was delivered.

Witness

- 2 Kings 19:14–19

The pattern is preserved.

The covenant servant looks first to the throne.

For every earthly controversy is first a heavenly controversy.

The next witness explains why David cried unto the Most High.

The record declares:

«"For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:2

The Spirit immediately establishes the true object of the rebellion.

David does not first say,

"The enemies of Israel."

He says,

"Thine enemies."

Again,

"They that hate thee..."

The controversy is therefore first against the Most High Himself.

Israel becomes the object of persecution because Israel belongs to Him.

This same order appears throughout the covenant records.

The rulers first took counsel against the Lord and against His Anointed.

Witness

- Psalm 2:1–2

The Messiah testified:

«"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."»

Witness

- John 15:18

Again He declared:

«"He that hateth me hateth my Father also."»

Witness

- John 15:23

The order never changes.

Hatred toward the covenant proceeds from hatred toward the God of the covenant.

The reader should also consider another phrase.

«"...have lifted up the head."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:2

The lifting up of the head reveals more than confidence.

Throughout the covenant records, pride continually precedes rebellion.

The record declares:

«"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."»

Witness

- Proverbs 16:18

Isaiah likewise records the pride of Babylon.

«"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven... I will be like the most High."»

Witness

- Isaiah 14:13–14

The rebellion therefore begins long before armies march.

It begins within the heart.

The government of self rises against the government of the Most High.

The fruit then reveals the government operating.

Where humility governs...

The fruit of the Spirit appears.

Where pride governs...

The works of the flesh follow.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–23

The controversy has now been established.

Not between neighboring nations.

Not between rival kings.

Not between competing empires.

The controversy is between two governments.

The Government of the Most High.

The government established through rebellion.

Between two churches.

The Church of the Lamb of God.

The church of the devil.

Witness

- 1 Nephi 14:10–12

Between two kingdoms.

Zion.

Babylon.

The remaining testimony of Psalm Eighty-Three will unfold from this foundation.

Every phrase that follows will reveal another part of this controversy.

The reader should therefore continue with remembrance.

The controversy recorded in Psalm Eighty-Three did not begin with David.

David was chosen to preserve its testimony.

The controversy itself reaches back to the beginning.

The same controversy continues wherever the government of the Most High is opposed, His covenant is resisted, and His people are hated because they bear His name.

The next witness now uncovers the method of the confederacy.

It does not begin with open warfare.

It begins with crafty counsel.

Witness

- Psalm 83:3

Chapter Four

Crafty Counsel

The first witness has established the controversy.

The enemies have been identified.

They are first the enemies of the Most High.

The hatred directed toward the covenant people proceeds from that greater rebellion.

The record now reveals the method by which the rebellion advances.

The record declares:

«"They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:3

The Spirit does not first describe armies.

He does not first describe swords.

He does not first describe battlefields.

He first describes counsel.

The rebellion therefore begins long before war.

It begins in counsel.

Counsel becomes agreement.

Agreement becomes policy.

Policy becomes action.

Action becomes oppression.

The pattern begins in the unseen before it appears in the seen.

This same order is preserved throughout the covenant records.

The record declares:

«"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed."»

Witness

- Psalm 2:2

The controversy begins with counsel.

Not righteous counsel.

But counsel established against the government of the Most High.

The reader should also observe the word chosen by the Spirit.

The Psalm does not merely say,

"They have taken counsel."

It says,

"They have taken crafty counsel."

The Spirit therefore identifies the nature of the counsel.

It is subtle.

Hidden.

Calculated.

Designed to accomplish its purpose without openly revealing itself.

This should bring another witness into remembrance.

The record declares:

«"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field..."»

Witness

- Genesis 3:1

The record is not declaring that every occurrence of subtlety is identical.

It is preserving a recurring pattern.

The rebellion repeatedly advances through deception before it advances through force.

The first rebellion began with deceptive counsel.

The same pattern appears again in the Psalm.

The record therefore calls the reader to search beneath appearances.

The wise reader must not ask only,

"What happened?"

The greater question is,

"What counsel produced it?"

The record already established this principle.

«"Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out."»

Witness

- Proverbs 20:5

Deep water conceals what rests beneath its surface.

So also does counsel.

Policies may be seen.

Laws may be seen.

Wars may be seen.

Persecution may be seen.

Yet beneath every visible work lies counsel.

The Spirit therefore teaches the covenant servant to draw out the counsel before judging the work.

This is the labor of discernment.

The works of the flesh also begin long before outward violence appears.

Hatred gives birth to persecution.

Envy gives birth to oppression.

Wrath gives birth to destruction.

Variance gives birth to division.

Seditions give birth to rebellion.

The fruit reveals the government from which the counsel proceeds.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The government of the Most High produces another counsel.

His counsel brings peace.

His counsel brings truth.

His counsel brings faithfulness.

His counsel produces the fruit of the Spirit.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The contrast is complete.

One government conceals deceit.

The other reveals truth.

One gathers through conspiracy.

The other gathers through covenant.

One preserves crafty counsel.

The other preserves righteous counsel.

The mantle of the Watchman must therefore remain awake.

The Watchman is not called merely to observe events.

He is called to discern the counsel producing the events.

The mantle of the Judge must likewise distinguish between righteous counsel and wicked counsel before rendering judgment.

The armor also bears witness.

The Belt of Truth stands first among the armor of God.

Truth answers deception.

Truth exposes crafty counsel.

Truth preserves the covenant.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:14

The ancient pattern now stands before the reader.

The serpent counseled.

The builders of Babel counseled.

The rulers counseled against the Lord and His Anointed.

The confederacy counseled against His hidden ones.

The pattern remains unchanged.

Wherever crafty counsel is found...

The controversy has already begun.

The record now advances to the next declaration.

The Spirit reveals not only that the confederacy counseled together.

He reveals the object of that counsel.

They consulted against His hidden ones.

Witness

- Psalm 83:3

Chapter Five

Thy Hidden Ones

The record now reveals the object of the confederacy.

Their counsel is no longer hidden.

The Spirit now declares who that counsel is directed against.

The record declares:

«"They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:3

The Spirit does not simply say,

"Against a people."

Neither does He say,

"Against Israel."

He first says,

"Thy people."

Again He says,

"Thy hidden ones."

The controversy therefore remains where it began.

It belongs to the Most High.

His people.

His covenant.

His inheritance.

His government.

The covenant people become the object because they belong to Him.

This pattern is preserved throughout the covenant records.

The record declares:

«"I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God."»

Witness

- Exodus 6:7

Again the record declares:

«"Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation."»

Witness

- Exodus 19:5–6

Again Moses records:

«"The LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself..."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 7:6

The covenant establishes possession.

The people are His.

The nation is His.

The inheritance is His.

Therefore every attack against the covenant people first becomes an attack against the covenant itself.

The Spirit also preserves another remarkable phrase.

"Thy hidden ones."

The hidden ones are not forgotten ones.

Neither are they abandoned ones.

They are preserved ones.

Throughout the covenant records the Most High continually hides what He intends to preserve.

Noah was preserved through the flood.

Witness

- Genesis 7

Moses was hidden among the reeds.

Witness

- Exodus 2:1–10

David was hidden from Saul.

Witness

- 1 Samuel 23:14

Elijah was hidden by the brook Cherith.

Witness

- 1 Kings 17:2–6

The Messiah was hidden in Egypt.

Witness

- Matthew 2:13–15

Again the prophet records:

«"For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion..."»

Witness

- Psalm 27:5

Isaiah likewise declares:

«"Come, my people... hide thyself as it were for a little moment..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 26:20

The pattern becomes plain.

The Most High hides what He intends to preserve.

The confederacy seeks what the Father has hidden.

The government of Heaven preserves.

The government of rebellion pursues.

One gathers.

The other scatters.

One remembers.

The other seeks to erase.

The fruit likewise bears witness.

The government of the Most High produces love.

Love protects.

Love preserves.

Love remains faithful to the covenant.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The government of rebellion produces another fruit.

Hatred.

Envy.

Wrath.

Variance.

Seditious.

These works naturally seek to destroy what belongs to another.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The fruit therefore reveals the government.

Long before kingdoms are identified...

Long before banners are raised...

Long before wars begin...

The fruit has already testified.

The Mantles likewise reveal the response of Heaven.

The Shepherd protects the flock.

The Watchman warns of approaching danger.

The Warrior stands in defense of the covenant.

The Judge discerns righteous judgment.

The Scribe preserves the testimony so that future generations may remember.

No mantle operates apart from the fruit.

No mantle fulfills its calling apart from the government of the Most High.

The armor also answers the controversy.

The Shield of Faith withstands fear.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves hope.

The Sword of the Spirit answers deception with the Word of God.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The ancient pattern now stands complete.

The Father continually preserves.

The adversary continually pursues.

This pattern appears in every generation because the controversy has never changed.

The reader should therefore not ask merely,

"Who are the hidden ones?"

The greater question is,

"Why does the confederacy seek them?"

The answer is preserved in the very next verse.

The confederacy now declares its purpose openly.

It no longer speaks through hidden counsel.

It now announces its objective.

«"Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:4

Chapter Six

Cut Them Off From Being a Nation

The record now removes every uncertainty concerning the purpose of the confederacy.

The counsel has been uncovered.

The hidden ones have been identified.

Now the confederacy speaks for itself.

The record declares:

«"They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:4

The Spirit preserves their words exactly.

The indictment therefore rests upon their own testimony.

No accusation is added.

No interpretation is required.

The confederacy declares its own purpose.

The objective is not merely conquest.

It is not merely political rule.

It is not merely military victory.

It is the destruction of a covenant nation and the removal of its remembrance.

The record preserves two objectives.

First,

«"Let us cut them off from being a nation."»

Second,

«"...that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:4

The first attacks the covenant people.

The second attacks the covenant memory.

One seeks to destroy the nation.

The other seeks to destroy the testimony.

The government of rebellion therefore wages war against both people and remembrance.

The government of the Most High preserves both.

Throughout the covenant records, remembrance is continually commanded.

«"Remember this day..."»

Witness

- Exodus 13:3

«"Remember the sabbath day..."»

Witness

- Exodus 20:8

«"Remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee..."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 8:2

«"Remember his marvellous works..."»

Witness

- Psalm 105:5

«"Remember ye the law of Moses my servant..."»

Witness

- Malachi 4:4

The covenant survives through remembrance.

The confederacy therefore seeks forgetfulness.

The covenant records now preserve another witness that exposes how such rebellion operates.

Moroni warned future generations concerning organized wickedness.

The record declares:

«"Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you... that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you..."»

Witness

- Ether 8:23

Again he declares:

«"For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries..."»

Witness

- Ether 8:25

The Book of Mormon calls them secret combinations.

David calls them crafty counsel.

The witnesses speak together.

The objective remains the same.

Organized rebellion.

Hidden counsel.

Power.

Gain.

Control.

The overthrow of righteousness.

The destruction of nations.

The removal of covenant remembrance.

The pattern is preserved.

The rebellion begins in secret.

It advances through agreement.

It strengthens through combinations.

It seeks dominion.

It openly opposes the government of the Most High.

Thus Psalm Eighty-Three reveals the objective.

Ether reveals the machinery.

One records what the confederacy intends.

The other records how organized wickedness advances its purpose.

The records therefore stand together as one testimony.

The controversy has never been merely against one generation.

Moroni warned that every nation which upholds secret combinations places itself under judgment.

The warning therefore extends beyond the Jaredite record.

It becomes a perpetual witness preserved for every generation.

The fruit also bears witness.

The government of rebellion produces hatred.

Envy.

Wrath.

Seditions.

Murders.

These works are not accidental.

They are the natural fruit of rebellion against the government of the Most High.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The government of the Most High produces another fruit.

Love preserves.

Peace restores.

Faith remains steadfast.

Longsuffering endures.

Temperance governs.

These fruits preserve covenant life.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise answer the controversy.

The Watchman discerns hidden dangers.

The Judge exposes wicked counsel.

The Warrior defends the covenant.

The Shepherd protects the flock.

The Scribe preserves remembrance.

The Teacher instructs future generations so the testimony is not lost.

The armor also stands in direct opposition to the confederacy.

The Belt of Truth exposes deception.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart.

The Shield of Faith withstands fear.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves hope.

The Sword of the Spirit answers every lie with the Word of God.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The ancient pattern now stands complete.

The government of the Most High preserves.

The government of rebellion seeks to erase.

The covenant gathers.

The confederacy conspires.

Truth remembers.

Rebellion forgets.

Life builds.

Secret combinations destroy.

The reader should therefore understand that Psalm Eighty-Three is not an isolated testimony.

Neither is Ether Eight.

The Spirit has preserved multiple witnesses so that the pattern cannot be overlooked.

One reveals the declared purpose.

The other reveals the hidden machinery.

Together they expose the continuing controversy between the government of the Most High and every organized rebellion that sets itself against His covenant.

The record now advances to the next witness.

The confederacy has declared its objective.

The Spirit now reveals the strength behind that objective.

«"For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:5

Chapter Seven

One Consent

The confederacy has declared its purpose.

Now the record reveals its strength.

The Spirit declares:

«"For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:5

The controversy now reaches another level.

The rebellion is no longer individual.

It has become united.

The nations are no longer acting independently.

They have become one in purpose.

One in counsel.

One in agreement.

One in rebellion.

The record does not say they accidentally arrived at the same conclusion.

The Spirit says,

«"They have consulted together..."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:5

Counsel always precedes confederacy.

Agreement always precedes action.

The confederacy therefore begins around a council before it appears in the world.

This same pattern appears throughout the covenant records.

At Babel the people said:

«"Go to, let us build us a city and a tower..."»

Witness

- Genesis 11:4

They first agreed.

Then they built.

The rulers likewise:

«"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed."»

Witness

- Psalm 2:2

Again, counsel before action.

Agreement before rebellion.

The Book of Mormon preserves the same pattern.

Secret combinations never begin with public dominion.

They begin with secret agreements.

With oaths.

With covenants made in darkness.

With combinations seeking power and gain.

Witness

- Helaman 6:21–30

- Ether 8:18–25

The records therefore speak with one voice.

Psalm Eighty-Three reveals the confederacy.

Helaman reveals the combinations.

Ether reveals the warning.

The pattern remains unchanged.

The rebellion first becomes united.

Only afterward does it seek dominion.

The reader should also observe another phrase.

«"...they are confederate against thee."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:5

Once again the Spirit preserves the true controversy.

They are not first confederate against Israel.

They are confederate against the Most High.

Israel suffers because Israel belongs to Him.

The attack upon the covenant people is evidence of the deeper rebellion already taking place against Heaven.

The Messiah preserved this same testimony.

«"If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."»

Witness

- John 15:18

Again He declared:

«"He that hateth me hateth my Father also."»

Witness

- John 15:23

The controversy has never changed.

Hatred toward the covenant reveals hatred toward the God of the covenant.

The government of rebellion therefore seeks unity.

But not unity in righteousness.

Unity in opposition.

Unity in power.

Unity in control.

Unity against the government of the Most High.

The government of the Most High also gathers His people.

But He gathers them by covenant.

By truth.

By repentance.

By righteousness.

The Messiah prayed:

«"That they all may be one..."»

Witness

- John 17:21

Two governments.

Both gather.

Only one gathers in truth.

The fruit exposes the difference.

The government of rebellion cannot produce love.

It cannot produce peace.

It cannot produce faithfulness.

Its unity is sustained by pride, hatred, envy, wrath, seditions, and ambition.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The government of the Most High gathers through another fruit.

Love unites.

Peace reconciles.

Longsuffering endures.

Faithfulness preserves covenant.

Temperance governs power.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles also reveal the response of Heaven.

The Apostolic Mantle builds righteous order.

The Kingly Mantle governs according to justice.

The Judge Mantle distinguishes righteous government from wicked government.

The Watchman Mantle warns before the confederacy matures.

The Scribe Mantle preserves the record so future generations recognize the pattern.

The armor likewise prepares the covenant servant.

The Belt of Truth exposes false unity.

The Breastplate of Righteousness protects the heart from compromise.

The Shield of Faith withstands intimidation.

The Sword of the Spirit answers organized deception with the Word of God.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The ancient pattern now stands before the reader.

The rebellion gathers.

The covenant gathers.

One seeks dominion through combinations.

The other seeks righteousness through covenant.

The controversy therefore is not between unity and division.

It is between two different kinds of unity.

One consent under Heaven.

Or one consent against Heaven.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

The confederacy has been revealed.

The Spirit now identifies those who entered into that confederacy by name.

«"The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes..."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:6–8

Chapter Nine

The Judgment of the Confederacy

The confederacy has spoken.

The counsel has been revealed.

The purpose has been declared.

The participants have been identified.

The record now turns from the works of men to the judgment of the Most High.

The confederacy has rendered its counsel.

Now Heaven renders its judgment.

The record declares:

«"Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:9

David does not ask the Most High to invent a new judgment.

He asks Him to remember His former judgments.

This becomes another law preserved throughout the covenant records.

The future is understood by remembering the former works of the Most High.

The covenant records continually command remembrance.

Not merely the remembrance of blessings.

But the remembrance of judgments.

The record declares:

«"Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth."»

Witness

- Psalm 105:5

Judgment therefore becomes a witness.

Every former judgment testifies concerning the righteousness of the Judge.

David first remembers Midian.

The record declares:

«"The LORD said unto Gideon... By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you."»

Witness

- Judges 7:7

The victory did not come through numbers.

It came through the government of the Most High.

The confederacy trusted in multitudes.

The covenant trusted in obedience.

Again David remembers Sisera.

The record declares:

«"So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel."»

Witness

- Judges 4:23

Again he remembers Jabin.

The Most High overthrew the government that had exalted itself against His covenant.

The pattern is preserved.

Every government that rises against the covenant eventually stands before the Judge of all the earth.

The record continues.

«"Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:10

The Spirit preserves these words to reveal the certainty of divine judgment.

The confederacy may appear powerful for a season.

Yet no government built in rebellion endures forever.

The record continues.

«"Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:11

The judgment now reaches rulers.

Princes.

Governors.

Leaders.

The controversy has always involved government.

Therefore the judgment also begins with government.

The ruler bears responsibility for the counsel he establishes.

The confederacy gathered under leadership.

The judgment therefore visits the leadership.

The Spirit now reveals why the judgment comes.

«"Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:12

The rebellion desired more than land.

It desired what belonged to the Most High.

His covenant.

His inheritance.

His people.

His government.

The controversy therefore reaches its highest expression.

The government of rebellion attempts to possess what belongs only to the government of the Most High.

This same pattern appears throughout the covenant records.

Pharaoh hardened his heart against the command of God.

Witness

- Exodus 5:1–2

Nebuchadnezzar exalted himself.

Witness

- Daniel 4:30–37

Belshazzar profaned the holy vessels.

Witness

- Daniel 5:1–30

The builders of Babel sought to establish their own name.

Witness

- Genesis 11:4

The pattern never changes.

Pride.

False authority.

Usurpation.

Judgment.

The fruit again reveals the government.

Pride produces destruction.

Wrath produces violence.

Envy produces oppression.

Hatred produces persecution.

The works of the flesh continually mature into judgment.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The government of the Most High produces another fruit.

Righteousness.

Peace.

Faithfulness.

Goodness.

Mercy.

These preserve life rather than destroy it.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles answer the controversy.

The Judge Mantle declares righteous judgment.

The Warrior Mantle executes righteous defense.

The Kingly Mantle governs according to justice.

The Prophetic Mantle warns before judgment falls.

The Scribe Mantle preserves every judgment so future generations may learn.

The armor also bears witness.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards against corruption.

The Shield of Faith stands when kingdoms fall.

The Sword of the Spirit declares the judgments already spoken by the Word of God.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should therefore understand that judgment is not the opposite of mercy.

Judgment preserves righteousness.

Judgment defends the covenant.

Judgment protects future generations from the spread of rebellion.

The confederacy has now spoken.

The Judge of all the earth has answered.

The record now advances to its final testimony.

The purpose of judgment is not merely the overthrow of rebellion.

The purpose is that every nation may know the name of the Most High.

«"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is LORD, art the most high over all the earth."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:18

Chapter Ten

That Men May Know

The confederacy has spoken.

The counsel has been uncovered.

The hidden ones have been identified.

The objective has been declared.

The confederacy has been exposed.

The judgment of the Most High has been pronounced.

The record now reveals the purpose of that judgment.

The record declares:

«"O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:13

Again the record declares:

«"As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;"»

Witness

- Psalm 83:14

Again the record declares:

«"So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:15

The language is strong because the controversy is great.

The confederacy has attempted to overthrow the covenant.

The confederacy has attempted to erase remembrance.

The confederacy has united itself against the government of the Most High.

Now Heaven answers.

Yet the judgment does not end with destruction.

The Spirit immediately reveals the purpose.

The record declares:

«"Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:16

This reveals the righteousness of the Judge.

Judgment is not preserved merely to destroy.

Judgment calls men to repentance.

The Most High first exposes.

Then He warns.

Then He judges.

Even in judgment His righteousness is made known.

Throughout the covenant records the same pattern appears.

Before the flood, Noah preached righteousness.

Witness

- Genesis 6:13–22

- 2 Peter 2:5

Before Nineveh was overthrown, Jonah proclaimed repentance.

Witness

- Jonah 3:1–10

Before Jerusalem fell, the prophets warned continually.

Witness

- Jeremiah 25:4–11

Before destruction comes...

The witness is given.

The government of the Most High is therefore just.

The record continues.

«"Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:"»

Witness

- Psalm 83:17

Then David concludes with the purpose governing the entire Psalm.

«"That men may know that thou, whose name alone is the LORD, art the most high over all the earth."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:18

The controversy has never been about the greatness of nations.

It has always been about the sovereignty of the Most High.

The confederacy sought to remove His covenant.

The Most High establishes His throne.

The confederacy sought to erase remembrance.

The Most High preserves remembrance.

The confederacy sought one government.

The Most High declares another.

The controversy therefore ends where it began.

At the throne.

The two governments stand fully revealed.

The Government of the Most High.

The government of rebellion.

The two churches stand fully revealed.

The Church of the Lamb of God.

The church of the devil.

Witness

- 1 Nephi 14:10–12

The two kingdoms stand fully revealed.

Zion.

Babylon.

The two fruits stand fully revealed.

The Fruit of the Spirit builds covenant life.

The works of the flesh destroy covenant life.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–23

The Mantles stand as witnesses.

The Prophet warns.

The Watchman sees.

The Judge discerns.

The Shepherd protects.

The Warrior defends.

The Teacher instructs.

The Scribe preserves.

The Apostle builds.

The Priest ministers.

The Servant humbles himself.

The Healing Mantle restores.

The Kingly Mantle governs under Heaven.

Every mantle exists to establish the government of the Most High.

The armor likewise stands complete.

Truth.

Righteousness.

Peace.

Faith.

Salvation.

The Word of God.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The ancient pattern has now been preserved.

The modern reader is not called merely to admire the ancient record.

He is called to discern the pattern wherever it appears.

For the record has shown that rebellion follows a recognizable order.

Crafty counsel.

Hidden agreements.

Secret combinations.

Confederacy.

Persecution.

Attempts to erase the covenant.

Judgment.

Remembrance.

The covenant follows another order.

Truth.

Repentance.

Obedience.

Remembrance.

Faithfulness.

Preservation.

Life.

The reader must therefore choose between the two governments.

No one stands outside this controversy.

Every heart serves one kingdom.

Every life bears fruit from one government.

Every generation leaves behind its testimony.

This record is therefore preserved for the generation to come.

Not merely that they might understand Psalm Eighty-Three.

But that they might know the Most High.

That they might recognize the controversy.

That they might remember the covenant.

That they might reject the confederacy.

That they might walk in the government of the Most High until His Kingdom fills the whole earth.

Thus ends the first witness.

The record now proceeds to the next witness, where the controversy preserved in Psalm Eighty-Three is traced through the remaining covenant records, line upon line, precept upon precept, until the testimony stands complete.

VOLUME TWO

THE CONFEDERACY THROUGHOUT THE RECORDS

Chapter One

The Rebellion Before the Confederacy

The confederacy did not begin in the days of David.

David preserved its testimony.

The rebellion itself reaches back to the beginning.

Before there were kingdoms...

Before there were nations...

Before there were confederacies...

There was a government established by the Most High.

The record declares:

«"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."»

Witness

- Genesis 1:31

The earth did not begin in confusion.

It began in order.

The heavens moved according to their appointed courses.

The lights of heaven were established for signs, seasons, days, and years.

The earth produced after its kind.

Man was created in the image of God.

The government of the Most High was complete.

The record declares:

«"And the LORD God commanded the man..."»

Witness

- Genesis 2:16–17

The first government established upon the earth was covenant government.

The commandment came before the transgression.

Truth came before the lie.

Obedience came before rebellion.

Life came before death.

The controversy therefore begins with government.

Will man remain under the government of the Most High?

Or will he establish another government for himself?

The record now introduces another voice.

«"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made."»

Witness

- Genesis 3:1

The rebellion does not begin with violence.

It begins with counsel.

The serpent speaks.

The government of rebellion is introduced through words before it is established through actions.

The record declares:

«"Yea, hath God said...?"»

Witness

- Genesis 3:1

The first attack recorded in Scripture is directed against the Word of the Most High.

The commandment is questioned.

Authority is questioned.

Government is questioned.

The controversy therefore begins with truth.

If truth can be replaced...

Government can be replaced.

The serpent continues.

«"Ye shall not surely die."»

Witness

- Genesis 3:4

The first recorded lie now stands against the first recorded commandment.

Two voices.

Two governments.

Two paths.

The Messiah later testified concerning the adversary.

«"He was a murderer from the beginning... for he is a liar, and the father of it."»

Witness

- John 8:44

The rebellion therefore begins with deception.

Murder follows later.

This pattern remains throughout the covenant records.

Counsel.

Deception.

Agreement.

Action.

Judgment.

The rebellion always follows the same order.

The fruit changes before the actions change.

Doubt replaces faith.

Desire replaces contentment.

Pride replaces humility.

Self-will replaces obedience.

The works of darkness always begin within before they become visible without.

James preserves the same witness.

«"Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin..."»

Witness

- James 1:14–15

The government of rebellion therefore first seeks the heart.

The battle for the kingdom begins within the inner man.

The battle for the world comes afterward.

The fruit already reveals the government.

The government of the Most High produces trust.

Obedience.

Peace.

Life.

The government of rebellion produces doubt.

Pride.

Fear.

Rebellion.

Death.

The Mantles also bear witness.

The Watchman would discern another voice.

The Teacher would remember the commandment.

The Judge would distinguish truth from falsehood.

The Warrior would stand against the adversary.

The Scribe now preserves the testimony so that every generation may recognize the pattern.

The armor likewise answers the controversy.

The Belt of Truth answers the lie.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart.

The Shield of Faith extinguishes doubt.

The Sword of the Spirit answers every false word with the Word already spoken by the Most High.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The rebellion has now entered the earth.

Yet it has not become organized.

It remains within individuals.

The government of rebellion has been conceived.

Its fruit has appeared.

Its lie has been spoken.

Its first victory has been won.

But the rebellion is about to mature.

The next generation will reveal something the earth has never seen before.

Not merely rebellion.

Not merely murder.

But the beginning of an organized counterfeit order.

The record now proceeds to Cain.

For in Cain the rebellion bears its first harvest.

And in the generations that follow, it becomes the Order of Mahan, the first organized counterfeit order standing in opposition to the Holy Order of the Most High.

Chapter Two

Cain and the First Harvest of Rebellion

The rebellion entered the world through deception.

It now bears its first visible fruit.

The controversy that began in Eden now moves from the heart into human history.

The record declares:

«"And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.»

«And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock..."»

Witness

- Genesis 4:3–4

The controversy is no longer hidden within the heart.

It now appears in worship.

Two brothers stand before the Most High.

Both bring offerings.

Only one approaches according to the order established by God.

The government of the Most High has always established the manner in which He is to be approached.

Man does not establish covenant.

The Most High establishes covenant.

The record declares:

«"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain..."»

Witness

- Hebrews 11:4

Faith obeys.

Faith does not invent.

Faith submits itself to the government of the Most High.

Cain therefore represents something greater than one man.

He represents worship governed by self rather than by covenant.

The controversy has now entered religion.

The issue is no longer simply obedience.

The issue is authority.

Who determines acceptable worship?

The government of the Most High...

Or the government of man?

The latter record preserves additional testimony.

It declares:

«"Satan said unto Cain: Swear unto me by thy throat, and if thou tell it thou shalt die..."»

Witness

- Moses 5:29

Before the murder...

Another covenant appears.

Not a covenant with God.

A covenant with darkness.

The controversy now reaches another level.

Two covenants stand upon the earth.

The covenant of the Most High.

The covenant of rebellion.

The government of Heaven establishes life.

The government of rebellion establishes secrecy.

The record continues.

«"And Satan sware unto Cain that he would do according to his commands..."»

Witness

- Moses 5:30

The counterfeit government now has its own covenant.

Its own oath.

Its own loyalty.

Its own ruler.

This is the beginning of organized rebellion.

The murder is not merely an act of anger.

It is the fruit of another government.

The record declares:

«"And Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him."»

Witness

- Genesis 4:8

The Messiah later testified:

«"He was a murderer from the beginning..."»

Witness

- John 8:44

The beginning was not merely the act.

It was the government that produced the act.

Counsel became agreement.

Agreement became covenant.

Covenant became murder.

The pattern established in Eden continues without interruption.

The works of the flesh are now plainly visible.

Hatred.

Envy.

Wrath.

Murder.

The fruit reveals the government.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The government of the Most High produces another fruit.

Love does not murder.

Peace does not envy.

Goodness does not destroy the righteous.

Faithfulness remains obedient.

Self-control governs passion.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles also bear witness.

The Priestly Mantle ministers according to the commandment of God.

The Judge Mantle discerns righteous worship from false worship.

The Watchman Mantle sees another covenant rising upon the earth.

The Warrior Mantle stands for righteousness.

The Scribe Mantle preserves the testimony so that every generation may recognize the beginning of organized rebellion.

The armor likewise stands as a witness.

The Belt of Truth rejects deception.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart from envy.

The Shield of Faith remains steadfast before temptation.

The Sword of the Spirit answers false counsel with the Word already spoken by the Most High.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The controversy has now advanced beyond Eden.

Another government has produced another covenant.

Another covenant has produced another worship.

Another worship has produced another fruit.

Another fruit has produced the first righteous martyr.

Yet the rebellion has not reached its full maturity.

It has produced murder.

It has established another covenant.

But it has not yet established an organized order.

The next witness reveals the next stage.

The covenant of darkness becomes an order.

The oath becomes an institution.

The rebellion becomes organized.

The record now proceeds to the Order of Mahan.

Chapter Four

Violence Filled the Earth

The Order of Mahan did not remain with Cain.

The covenant records reveal that organized rebellion spread from one generation to another until it filled the whole earth.

The rebellion did not merely survive.

It multiplied.

The record declares:

«"And Cain gloried in that which he had done..."»

Witness

- Moses 5:31

What began as hidden rebellion soon became an open way of life.

The oath was preserved.

The secret was preserved.

The counterfeit government was preserved.

The generations that followed inherited not only the works of Cain, but the order established through him.

The record declares:

«"And thus the works of darkness began to prevail among all the sons of men."»

Witness

- Moses 5:55

The Spirit now reveals something greater than individual wickedness.

The works of darkness prevailed.

The controversy has become governmental.

The rebellion now possesses influence.

It possesses continuity.

It possesses succession.

The order no longer depends upon one man.

It continues through generations.

This is the nature of organized rebellion.

The man dies.

The order remains.

The names change.

The government continues.

The record declares:

«"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence."»

Witness

- Genesis 6:11

The violence recorded before the Flood did not appear suddenly.

Violence is the harvest.

The seed had already been planted.

The seed was another government.

The seed was another covenant.

The seed was another order.

The seed was the rejection of the government of the Most High.

The record continues:

«"For all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth."»

Witness

- Genesis 6:12

Notice the language preserved by the Spirit.

Not some flesh.

Not a few nations.

All flesh had corrupted his way.

The corruption had become widespread.

The rebellion had become cultural.

The counterfeit order had spread throughout the earth.

The government of rebellion was now the prevailing government among men.

The latter records preserve the same warning.

Moroni writes:

«"They have caused the destruction of this people of whom I am now speaking, and also the destruction of the people of Nephi."»

Witness

- Ether 8:21

Again he warns:

«"Whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations... shall be destroyed."»

Witness

- Ether 8:22

The records therefore preserve one continuous pattern.

The Order of Mahan spreads.

Secret combinations multiply.

Governments become corrupted.

Violence fills the land.

Judgment follows.

The pattern established before the Flood becomes the pattern preserved throughout the covenant records.

The fruit also bears witness.

The works of the flesh cannot remain hidden forever.

Hatred becomes violence.

Covetousness becomes oppression.

Pride becomes tyranny.

Murder becomes policy.

The fruit reveals the government long before judgment falls.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The government of the Most High bears another fruit.

Love preserves life.

Peace restrains violence.

Goodness protects the innocent.

Faithfulness remains steadfast.

Temperance governs power.

The fruit of the Spirit preserves civilization because it preserves the government of Heaven.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles also stand as witnesses.

The Watchman warns before destruction.

The Prophet calls the people to repentance.

The Judge exposes corruption.

The Warrior defends righteousness.

The Shepherd protects the flock.

The Scribe preserves the testimony so future generations understand why judgment came.

The armor likewise bears witness.

The Belt of Truth exposes deception.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards against corruption.

The Shield of Faith stands when violence surrounds the righteous.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves hope.

The Sword of the Spirit calls the people back to the covenant.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The Most High did not judge the earth because violence existed alone.

He judged the earth because violence had become the fruit of a government that rejected His covenant.

The controversy therefore had reached its fullness.

The Holy Order had been rejected.

The counterfeit order had prevailed.

The earth had become filled with violence.

Judgment followed.

Yet after the Flood, the controversy did not end.

The waters removed a generation.

They did not remove the rebellion.

The same counterfeit government would rise again.

The same desire for one government apart from the Most High would appear once more.

The next witness reveals that rebellion gathering itself again upon the plain of Shinar.

The record now proceeds to Babel.

Chapter Five

Babel: The First Global Confederacy

The Flood judged a generation.

It did not remove rebellion from the heart of man.

The controversy between the government of the Most High and the government of rebellion continued after the waters receded.

The record declares:

«"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech."»

Witness

- Genesis 11:1

The earth possessed one language.

This unity could have been used to establish righteousness.

Instead, it was used to establish rebellion.

Unity alone is not righteousness.

The question has always been:

Under whose government is the unity established?

The record declares:

«"And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick..."»

Witness

- Genesis 11:3

Notice the pattern.

The rebellion begins once again with counsel.

"They said one to another."

The same pattern preserved in Eden.

The same pattern preserved in Cain.

The same pattern preserved in the Order of Mahan.

Counsel.

Agreement.

Organization.

Action.

The record continues:

«"Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name..."»

Witness

- Genesis 11:4

The purpose is now revealed.

The builders do not seek the name of the Most High.

They seek their own name.

The controversy therefore remains governmental.

Whose name will be exalted?

The Name of the Most High...

Or the name of man?

The builders also declare:

«"...lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."»

Witness

- Genesis 11:4

The Most High had commanded mankind to replenish the earth.

The builders unite to resist that government.

The confederacy is no longer hidden.

It now seeks to establish a single civilization under a single purpose in opposition to the commandment of God.

The pattern has matured.

The rebellion that began with one voice in Eden...

The rebellion that organized itself through the Order of Mahan...

Now seeks to unite the whole earth.

The Book of Mormon preserves the same pattern.

Secret combinations seek power.

They seek gain.

They seek to overthrow nations.

Witness

- Ether 8:22–25

Babel reveals the same government.

One people.

One counsel.

One purpose.

One rebellion.

The records stand together.

Moses preserves the beginning.

Moroni preserves the warning.

David preserves the confederacy.

The pattern is one.

The record continues.

«"And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower..."»

Witness

- Genesis 11:5

Nothing escapes the judgment of the Most High.

The builders may gather in secret.

The governments of men may establish themselves in pride.

Yet the Judge of all the earth sees every counsel before it becomes an empire.

The record declares:

«"Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language..."»

Witness

- Genesis 11:7

The Most High answers counterfeit unity by scattering it.

He divides what rebellion gathers.

Later, He gathers what righteousness scatters.

This pattern appears throughout the covenant records.

The confederacy gathers against Heaven.

The Most High gathers His covenant people unto Himself.

Two gatherings.

Two governments.

Two purposes.

Psalm Two preserves this same pattern.

«"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed."»

Witness

- Psalm 2:2

Psalm Eighty-Three preserves its mature expression.

«"For they have consulted together with one consent..."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:5

Babel stands between the two.

It is the first great confederacy after the Flood.

It reveals the desire of rebellion to unite the earth under another government.

The fruit also bears witness.

Pride seeks a name.

Ambition seeks dominion.

Strife seeks control.

The works of the flesh naturally gather around power.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The government of the Most High bears another fruit.

Love does not exalt itself.

Peace submits to the government of Heaven.

Faithfulness obeys.

Meekness refuses self-exaltation.

Temperance governs ambition.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles also answer Babel.

The Apostolic Mantle builds according to the blueprint of Heaven.

The Kingly Mantle governs under the authority of the Most High.

The Prophet calls nations to repentance.

The Watchman warns before judgment falls.

The Scribe preserves the record so future generations recognize the pattern.

The armor likewise stands complete.

The Belt of Truth exposes false unity.

The Breastplate of Righteousness rejects pride.

The Shield of Faith trusts the government of Heaven.

The Sword of the Spirit answers every counterfeit kingdom with the Word of the Most High.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the progression preserved by the covenant records.

Eden introduced another voice.

Cain introduced another covenant.

The Order of Mahan introduced organized rebellion.

Before the Flood, violence filled the earth.

Babel united that rebellion into a civilization.

The same controversy continues through every generation.

The same governments remain.

The same pattern remains.

The same Judge remains.

The record now proceeds to Egypt, where the counterfeit government no longer builds a tower.

It builds an empire over the covenant people.

Chapter Six

Egypt: The Counterfeit Kingdom

The rebellion did not end at Babel.

The tower fell.

The languages were divided.

The people were scattered.

But the government of rebellion remained.

The same spirit that sought to establish one kingdom at Babel now appears again in Egypt.

This time it does not build a tower.

It builds an empire.

The record declares:

«"Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph."»

Witness

- Exodus 1:8

The controversy immediately returns to remembrance.

Joseph had preserved Egypt during famine.

Yet a generation arose that refused to remember.

Forgetfulness becomes the doorway to oppression.

The record continues:

«"Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:»

«Come on, let us deal wisely with them..."»

Witness

- Exodus 1:9–10

The language should sound familiar.

"Come..."

"Let us..."

The same pattern appears again.

At Babel:

«"Come, let us build..."»

Witness

- Genesis 11:4

In Egypt:

«"Come, let us deal wisely with them..."»

Witness

- Exodus 1:10

In Psalm Eighty-Three:

«"Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation..."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:4

The records preserve the same progression.

Counsel.

Agreement.

Government.

Action.

The controversy has never changed.

The object has become clearer.

The covenant people are now the target.

The record continues:

«"Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens."»

Witness

- Exodus 1:11

The counterfeit kingdom always seeks dominion.

It governs through oppression.

It governs through fear.

It governs through bondage.

The government of the Most High governs through covenant.

The government of rebellion governs through slavery.

The oppression increases.

The record declares:

«"And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour."»

Witness

- Exodus 1:13

Again:

«"They made their lives bitter with hard bondage..."»

Witness

- Exodus 1:14

The controversy is no longer hidden.

The counterfeit kingdom openly opposes the covenant people.

The pattern preserved in Psalm Eighty-Three has appeared long before David.

The government seeks to weaken the covenant people.

To control them.

To burden them.

To prevent their increase.

The rebellion then advances further.

The record declares:

«"Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river..."»

Witness

- Exodus 1:22

The controversy now reaches the next generation.

The counterfeit government understands that to destroy a covenant people, it must attack the generations that follow.

The covenant preserves generations.

The counterfeit kingdom seeks to erase generations.

This pattern remains throughout the covenant records.

Pharaoh sought to destroy the sons of Israel.

Herod sought to destroy the promised Child.

Witness

- Matthew 2:16

The dragon sought to destroy the man child.

Witness

- Revelation 12:4

Psalm Eighty-Three declares:

«"...let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:4

The witnesses stand together.

The names change.

The governments change.

The pattern remains.

The fruit exposes the counterfeit kingdom.

Fear.

Cruelty.

Oppression.

Envy.

Hatred.

The works of the flesh always seek control through force.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The government of the Most High bears another fruit.

Love protects life.

Peace restores liberty.

Goodness delivers the oppressed.

Faithfulness remembers the covenant.

Temperance refuses tyranny.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles answer the counterfeit kingdom.

The Prophetic Mantle confronts Pharaoh.

The Priestly Mantle stands before the throne of God.

The Warrior Mantle delivers the people.

The Shepherd Mantle leads them through the wilderness.

The Judge Mantle distinguishes righteousness from oppression.

The Scribe Mantle preserves the testimony so that every generation remembers both the bondage and the deliverance.

The armor likewise stands complete.

The Belt of Truth exposes false authority.

The Breastplate of Righteousness refuses corruption.

The Shield of Faith withstands intimidation.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves hope in captivity.

The Sword of the Spirit proclaims the Word of the Most High before kings.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize another stage in the development of the counterfeit order.

Eden introduced another voice.

Cain introduced another covenant.

The Order of Mahan organized rebellion.

Violence filled the earth.

Babel gathered rebellion into one civilization.

Egypt transformed rebellion into an empire that openly afflicted the covenant people.

The controversy continues to grow.

The counterfeit government now extends beyond cities and kingdoms.

It seeks influence over rulers themselves.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

The kings of the earth take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed.

Chapter Seven

The Kings Take Counsel Together

The controversy that began in Eden...

The rebellion that became organized through the Order of Mahan...

The violence that filled the earth...

The kingdom established at Babel...

The empire revealed in Egypt...

Now appears among the rulers of the earth.

The rebellion has reached the throne.

The record declares:

«"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?»

«The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed."»

Witness

- Psalm 2:1–2

The Spirit asks a question before revealing the answer.

Why do the nations rage?

Why do rulers unite?

Why do governments gather?

The answer is preserved in the next verse.

They take counsel together.

Again the controversy begins with counsel.

Not armies.

Not swords.

Not battles.

Counsel.

The rebellion has never changed.

The serpent counseled in Eden.

Cain entered another covenant through counsel.

The Order of Mahan preserved secret counsel.

Babel gathered through counsel.

Egypt dealt wisely through counsel.

Now kings and rulers take counsel together.

The records stand together.

The controversy is one.

The rulers do not merely oppose one another.

The record declares:

«"...against the LORD, and against his anointed."»

Witness

- Psalm 2:2

The controversy has always belonged to the Most High.

The covenant people suffer because they belong to Him.

The prophets were rejected because they spoke for Him.

The Messiah was rejected because He came from Him.

The government of rebellion is therefore first directed against Heaven.

The opposition against the covenant is the fruit of a deeper rebellion already established against the government of the Most High.

The rulers continue.

«"Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."»

Witness

- Psalm 2:3

The language reveals the heart of rebellion.

The rebellion does not seek righteousness.

It seeks independence from the government of Heaven.

It seeks authority without accountability.

Power without covenant.

Government without the King.

This is the same desire preserved at Babel.

The same desire preserved in Egypt.

The same desire preserved in every counterfeit order.

The record now reveals Heaven's response.

«"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."»

Witness

- Psalm 2:4

The kingdoms of men assemble.

The throne of the Most High remains unmoved.

His government is not established by the consent of nations.

His authority is not granted by kings.

He reigns because He is the Creator.

The record continues.

«"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."»

Witness

- Psalm 2:6

Here the two governments stand face to face.

The rulers establish their councils.

The Father establishes His King.

The nations build confederacies.

The Most High establishes Zion.

The rebellion appoints rulers.

The Father anoints His Messiah.

The controversy is complete.

The latter record preserves the same division.

«"There are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil."»

Witness

- 1 Nephi 14:10

Again the records speak together.

Two governments.

Two kingdoms.

Two churches.

Two orders.

The Holy Order of the Most High.

The counterfeit order of rebellion.

Every government ultimately serves one or the other.

Every kingdom bears the fruit of one or the other.

Every counsel proceeds from one or the other.

The fruit reveals the government.

The works of the flesh seek dominion.

They exalt pride.

They establish strife.

They seek power through envy, wrath, sedition, and ambition.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Fruit of the Spirit reveals another Kingdom.

Love submits to the King.

Peace follows His government.

Faithfulness remains under His covenant.

Meekness refuses self-exaltation.

Temperance governs authority with righteousness.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise stand as witnesses.

The Prophetic Mantle speaks before kings.

The Kingly Mantle governs under the authority of Heaven.

The Judge Mantle distinguishes righteous government from counterfeit government.

The Watchman Mantle sees the counsel before the battle begins.

The Apostolic Mantle builds according to the order of the Kingdom.

The Scribe Mantle preserves the testimony against every generation.

The armor likewise prepares the covenant servant.

The Belt of Truth exposes false counsel.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards against compromise.

The Shield of Faith withstands the threats of rulers.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves hope.

The Sword of the Spirit answers every throne with the Word of the King.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The controversy has now reached the rulers of the earth.

The pattern has become unmistakable.

Another voice.

Another covenant.

Another order.

Another kingdom.

Another government.

The record now moves to the witness that gathers every previous pattern into one final testimony.

David no longer speaks only of rulers.

He records a confederacy.

Many peoples.

Many governments.

One consent.

One purpose.

One rebellion against the covenant of the Most High.

The record now returns to Psalm Eighty-Three, where the mature confederacy stands fully revealed.

Chapter Eight

The Mature Confederacy

The rebellion began with one voice in Eden.

It became murder in Cain.

It became an organized order through Master Mahan.

It spread until violence filled the earth.

It gathered itself at Babel.

It established kingdoms such as Egypt.

It entered the councils of kings.

Now the Spirit reveals its mature form.

The record declares:

«"Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:1

David begins where every covenant controversy begins.

At the throne of the Most High.

The controversy does not belong to Israel alone.

It belongs to the God of Israel.

The record continues.

«"For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:2

The Spirit again identifies the true object of the rebellion.

Not Israel first.

The Most High first.

The covenant people become the object because they belong to Him.

The controversy has never changed.

The serpent questioned the Word of God.

Cain rejected the government of God.

The Order of Mahan opposed the covenant of God.

The builders of Babel opposed the commandment of God.

Pharaoh opposed the people of God.

The kings opposed the Anointed of God.

Now the confederacy stands together against the God of the covenant.

The record declares:

«"They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:3

This is no longer one murderer.

No longer one city.

No longer one kingdom.

The counterfeit order has matured into an international confederacy.

The same government now operates through many governments.

The same counsel now proceeds through many rulers.

The same rebellion now speaks with many voices.

The record declares:

«"Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:4

The objective has not changed since Egypt.

The covenant people remain the target.

The remembrance of the covenant remains the target.

The inheritance remains the target.

The government of the Most High remains the target.

The Book of Mormon preserves another witness.

«"Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you..."»

Witness

- Ether 8:23

Again:

«"Whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries..."»

Witness

- Ether 8:25

The records stand together.

Master Mahan introduced the order.

Secret combinations preserved the order.

Psalm Eighty-Three reveals the confederacy produced by that order.

The rebellion has become multinational.

The record continues.

«"For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee."»

Witness

- Psalm 83:5

This is the mature counterfeit government.

Many kingdoms.

One consent.

Many rulers.

One counsel.

Many peoples.

One rebellion.

The counterfeit order has reached its fullness.

The Holy Order gathers by covenant.

The counterfeit order gathers by conspiracy.

The Holy Order gathers by truth.

The counterfeit order gathers by secrecy.

The Holy Order establishes life.

The counterfeit order establishes death.

The fruit reveals both governments.

The counterfeit government produces hatred.

Wrath.

Seditions.

Murders.

Envyings.

These are not isolated sins.

They are the fruit of a kingdom established in rebellion.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The government of the Most High bears another fruit.

Love.

Joy.

Peace.

Longsuffering.

Gentleness.

Goodness.

Faith.

Meekness.

Temperance.

These preserve covenant life.

These reveal the government of Heaven.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise stand against the confederacy.

The Prophet warns.

The Watchman discerns.

The Judge exposes.

The Warrior defends.

The Shepherd preserves.

The Teacher instructs.

The Apostle builds.

The Priest ministers.

The Scribe records the testimony so that no generation can say they were never warned.

The armor likewise answers every work of the confederacy.

Truth exposes crafty counsel.

Righteousness withstands corruption.

Faith refuses fear.

Salvation preserves hope.

The Word of God destroys every lie established against the covenant.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the complete progression preserved throughout the covenant records.

One voice.

One lie.

One murder.

One counterfeit order.

One civilization.

One empire.

One council of kings.

One confederacy.

The rebellion has grown.

The government has expanded.

The controversy has remained exactly the same.

The record now turns to the final witness of this volume.

The Spirit will gather every previous testimony together and place the Holy Order of the Most High beside the counterfeit order, so that every reader may discern the two governments preserved throughout all the covenant records.

Chapter Nine

The Two Orders

The covenant records do not leave mankind with many spiritual governments.

They preserve only two.

From the beginning, every man, every nation, every kingdom, every assembly, and every government is measured by one of two orders.

The Holy Order of the Most High.

Or the counterfeit order established through rebellion.

The controversy has never been between many kingdoms.

It has always been between two.

The record declares:

«"There are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil."»

Witness

- 1 Nephi 14:10

The Spirit does not preserve a third church.

He does not preserve a neutral kingdom.

He does not preserve an undecided government.

The records establish two.

From that point forward, every work is measured by these witnesses.

The Holy Order begins with the government of the Most High.

The record declares:

«"And the LORD God commanded the man..."»

Witness

- Genesis 2:16–17

The first order was established by covenant.

Truth.

Obedience.

Life.

The counterfeit order begins with another voice.

«"Yea, hath God said...?"»

Witness

- Genesis 3:1

The first order submits.

The second questions.

The first obeys.

The second replaces.

The first builds covenant.

The second builds rebellion.

Cain then established another covenant.

Master Mahan established another order.

The builders of Babel established another civilization.

Pharaoh established another kingdom.

The kings took counsel together.

The confederacy stood with one consent.

The records have traced one continuous counterfeit order from Genesis to Psalm Eighty-Three.

The Book of Mormon preserves the same testimony.

«"Whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations... shall be destroyed."»

Witness

- Ether 8:22

Again,

«"Whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries..."»

Witness

- Ether 8:25

The counterfeit order always seeks dominion.

It gathers by secrecy.

It preserves itself through unlawful agreements.

It seeks power.

It seeks gain.

It opposes the covenant.

The Holy Order gathers differently.

It gathers by repentance.

It gathers by covenant.

It gathers by truth.

It gathers by righteousness.

Its King is the Messiah.

Its law is the covenant.

Its government is Heaven.

The fruit reveals the order.

The counterfeit order bears hatred.

Variance.

Emulations.

Wrath.

Strife.

Seditions.

Heresies.

Envyings.

Murders.

These are not merely personal sins.

They are the fruit of a government separated from the Most High.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Holy Order bears another fruit.

Love.

Joy.

Peace.

Longsuffering.

Gentleness.

Goodness.

Faith.

Meekness.

Temperance.

These are not merely personal virtues.

They are the fruit of the Kingdom of God operating within His covenant people.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles also reveal the two orders.

The Prophet calls men back to covenant.

The Priest ministers before the Most High.

The King governs in righteousness.

The Judge executes justice.

The Shepherd protects the flock.

The Teacher preserves sound doctrine.

The Apostle builds according to Heaven's pattern.

The Watchman warns.

The Warrior defends righteousness.

The Healing Mantle restores.

The Servant humbles himself.

The Scribe preserves remembrance.

Every mantle serves the Holy Order.

None exist to build the counterfeit order.

The armor likewise reveals the government.

Truth.

Righteousness.

Peace.

Faith.

Salvation.

The Word of God.

These are the weapons of the Holy Order.

The counterfeit order relies upon deception.

Fear.

Oppression.

Violence.

Secret oaths.

Crafty counsel.

Power.

Gain.

The reader should therefore examine every government by the covenant records.

Which order does it serve?

Which fruit does it produce?

Which counsel does it follow?

Which covenant does it preserve?

Which kingdom does it advance?

The records have now preserved the measuring rod.

The controversy is no longer hidden.

The Holy Order stands revealed.

The counterfeit order stands exposed.

The reader is now prepared for the final chapter of this volume.

The Spirit will gather every witness preserved from Eden to Psalm Eighty-Three into one testimony, revealing one controversy, two governments, and one unbroken record stretching across the covenant scriptures.

Chapter Ten

One Controversy, Two Governments

The record has now traced the controversy from its beginning.

The witnesses have spoken.

The pattern has been preserved.

The testimony now stands complete.

The rebellion did not begin with David.

It did not begin with Egypt.

It did not begin with Babel.

It did not begin with the kings of the earth.

The controversy began when another government challenged the government of the Most High.

The record has preserved the progression.

In Eden...

Another voice.

Witness

- Genesis 3:1-5

In Cain...

Another worship.

Another covenant.

Witness

- Genesis 4:3–8

- Moses 5:29–31

In the Order of Mahan...

Another order.

Another government.

Another oath.

Witness

- Moses 5:29–31

Before the Flood...

The works of darkness prevailed.

Violence filled the earth.

Witness

- Moses 5:55

- Genesis 6:11–13

At Babel...

The rebellion gathered into one civilization.

Witness

- Genesis 11:1–9

In Egypt...

The counterfeit kingdom oppressed the covenant people.

Witness

- Exodus 1:8–22

Among the rulers...

The kings took counsel together.

Witness

- Psalm 2:1–6

In Psalm Eighty-Three...

The confederacy stood together with one consent.

Witness

- Psalm 83:1–18

The record has not preserved many controversies.

It has preserved one controversy appearing in many generations.

The names change.

The empires change.

The rulers change.

The methods adapt.

The controversy remains.

The government of the Most High establishes covenant.

The counterfeit government seeks to replace it.

The Holy Order gathers through truth.

The counterfeit order gathers through secrecy.

The Holy Order preserves life.

The counterfeit order produces death.

The Holy Order remembers.

The counterfeit order seeks to erase remembrance.

The Holy Order bears the Fruit of the Spirit.

The counterfeit order bears the works of the flesh.

The Holy Order equips its servants with the whole armor of God.

The counterfeit order arms itself with deception, fear, oppression, unlawful gain, and crafty counsel.

The records therefore preserve the measuring rod.

The controversy is not measured by appearances.

It is measured by fruit.

The Messiah declared:

«"Ye shall know them by their fruits."»

Witness

- Matthew 7:16–20

The Apostle Paul preserved the fruit of both governments.

The works of the flesh.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Fruit of the Spirit.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The armor of the covenant servant.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The latter record preserves the final division.

«"There are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil."»

Witness

- 1 Nephi 14:10

The covenant records therefore preserve two spiritual governments that stand in opposition throughout every generation.

The reader has now followed that controversy from the Garden to the confederacy.

The witnesses have spoken.

The pattern has been established.

The record of discovery has preserved the progression.

What began as one voice in Eden became one organized rebellion against the covenant of the Most High.

Yet the controversy does not end here.

The confederacy continues to unfold throughout the remaining covenant records.

The prophets.

The Messiah.

The Apostles.

The Nephite record.

The revelations concerning the latter days.

Each preserves another witness to the same controversy.

Therefore this volume closes with the testimony of the Scribe.

Nothing has been added to the controversy.

Nothing has been removed from it.

The witnesses have simply been gathered.

Line upon line.

Precept upon precept.

One record beside another.

That every generation may search the covenant records for themselves, discern the pattern they preserve, remember the covenant of the Most High, and walk faithfully under His government.

Thus concludes Volume Two.

The record now advances to the next witness.

VOLUME THREE

THE COUNTERFEIT KINGDOM

Chapter One

Two Kingdoms From the Beginning

The controversy preserved throughout the covenant records is not merely the history of wicked men.

It is the history of two kingdoms.

The government of the Most High.

And the counterfeit kingdom established through rebellion.

The confederacy revealed in the previous volumes is not the kingdom itself.

It is the alliance of that kingdom.

The kingdom existed long before the confederacy became visible.

The record declares:

«"The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all."»

Witness

- Psalm 103:19

Before there were nations...

There was a Kingdom.

Before there were kings...

There was a King.

Before there were governments upon the earth...

The government of the Most High ruled in righteousness.

The prophet Daniel later testified:

«"His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation."»

Witness

- Daniel 4:3

The Kingdom of the Most High is not established by men.

It is everlasting.

Its authority does not depend upon elections.

Its dominion does not depend upon armies.

Its throne does not depend upon the consent of nations.

It exists because the Creator reigns.

Yet another kingdom appears within the record.

The rebellion does not merely oppose the covenant.

It seeks to establish another government.

The record declares:

«"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world..."»

Witness

- Matthew 4:8

The adversary then declares:

«"All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me."»

Witness

- Matthew 4:9

The temptation reveals another kingdom.

Another authority.

Another government seeking worship.

The Messiah does not dispute the existence of earthly kingdoms.

He rejects the worship required to obtain them.

The controversy therefore reaches beyond politics.

It reaches worship.

Every kingdom ultimately asks the same question.

Who will you serve?

The latter record preserves the same division.

«"There are save two churches only; the one is the church of the Lamb of God, and the other is the church of the devil."»

Witness

- 1 Nephi 14:10

Two churches.

Two kingdoms.

Two governments.

Two orders.

The records speak with one voice.

The prophet Daniel also saw both kingdoms.

He witnessed the succession of earthly empires.

Yet after every kingdom of men had appeared, another Kingdom was established.

The record declares:

«"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed..."»

Witness

- Daniel 2:44

Again he testifies:

«"...the kingdom and dominion... shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High..."»

Witness

- Daniel 7:27

The controversy therefore has only one conclusion.

The kingdoms of men rise.

The kingdoms of men fall.

The Kingdom of the Most High remains forever.

The fruit reveals both kingdoms.

The counterfeit kingdom produces pride.

Ambition.

Oppression.

Hatred.

Violence.

The works of the flesh reveal its government.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Kingdom of the Most High bears another fruit.

Love.

Joy.

Peace.

Longsuffering.

Gentleness.

Goodness.

Faith.

Meekness.

Temperance.

These reveal the character of the King.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise testify.

The Kingly Mantle serves the true King.

The Priestly Mantle ministers before His throne.

The Prophetic Mantle proclaims His government.

The Judge Mantle executes His justice.

The Shepherd gathers His flock.

The Apostolic Mantle builds His Kingdom.

The Watchman warns of counterfeit kingdoms.

The Warrior defends the covenant.

The Scribe preserves the record of both kingdoms so every generation may discern between them.

The armor also reveals allegiance.

Truth.

Righteousness.

Peace.

Faith.

Salvation.

The Sword of the Spirit.

These are not merely weapons.

They are the equipment of citizens belonging to the Kingdom of the Most High.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The controversy has now expanded.

The reader has seen the confederacy.

The reader has traced its history.

Now the reader begins to examine the complete structure of the counterfeit kingdom.

The next witness reveals how every counterfeit kingdom must establish authority before it can establish dominion.

The record now proceeds to Counterfeit Authority.

Chapter Two

Counterfeit Authority

Every kingdom is established upon authority.

Without authority there is no government.

Without government there is no kingdom.

The controversy preserved throughout the covenant records is therefore a controversy over authority.

Who possesses the right to govern?

The record declares:

«"The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all."»

Witness

- Psalm 103:19

Authority begins with the throne of the Most High.

He does not receive authority from another.

He possesses all authority because He is the Creator.

Every righteous authority upon the earth flows from Him.

The Messiah declared:

«"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."»

Witness

- Matthew 28:18

The Kingdom of the Most High therefore possesses perfect authority.

It governs through righteousness.

Truth.

Justice.

Mercy.

Holiness.

The counterfeit kingdom cannot create authority.

It can only imitate it.

From the beginning the adversary has sought to establish authority apart from the government of the Most High.

The record declares:

«"I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 14:13–14

Again the prophet records:

«"Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty..."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 28:17

The counterfeit kingdom therefore begins with self-exaltation.

Not appointment.

Not covenant.

Not righteousness.

Self-exaltation.

The rebellion seeks a throne without submission.

Authority without holiness.

Power without covenant.

The same pattern appears throughout the covenant records.

Cain rejected the authority of the Most High.

Master Mahan established another authority through secret oaths.

Pharaoh claimed authority over the covenant people.

The kings of the earth took counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed.

The confederacy united under another authority.

The controversy has never changed.

The Book of Mormon preserves another witness.

«"And they did obtain the sole management of the government..."»

Witness

- Helaman 6:39

The counterfeit order always seeks authority.

Not to serve.

But to rule.

Not to preserve covenant.

But to preserve power.

The Messiah revealed the difference between the two governments.

«"Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them... But it shall not be so among you."»

Witness

- Matthew 20:25–26

The Kingdom of the Most High governs through service.

The counterfeit kingdom governs through domination.

One builds.

The other controls.

One washes feet.

The other seeks thrones.

One lays down life.

The other demands the lives of others.

The fruit reveals authority.

The counterfeit authority bears pride.

Strife.

Envy.

Wrath.

Ambition.

These are the works of the flesh that sustain earthly dominion.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The authority of the Kingdom bears another fruit.

Love.

Longsuffering.

Gentleness.

Faithfulness.

Meekness.

Temperance.

Authority governed by these fruits reflects the character of the King.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise reveal righteous authority.

The Kingly Mantle governs under the authority of the Messiah.

The Priestly Mantle ministers before the throne of God.

The Judge Mantle executes righteous judgment.

The Shepherd leads by example.

The Servant chooses humility before honor.

The Apostle builds according to Heaven's blueprint.

The Watchman answers to the King above every earthly ruler.

The Scribe preserves the testimony of righteous government for every generation.

The armor likewise bears witness.

The Belt of Truth rejects counterfeit authority.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart from the corruption of power.

The Shoes of Peace walk in submission to the King.

The Shield of Faith trusts the authority of Heaven above the authority of men.

The Helmet of Salvation remembers who reigns.

The Sword of the Spirit proclaims the decree of the true King.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize that every kingdom must answer one question.

From where does its authority come?

The Kingdom of the Most High receives authority from the Creator.

The counterfeit kingdom exalts itself.

One reigns by covenant.

The other reigns by rebellion.

One serves righteousness.

The other serves itself.

The controversy therefore is not merely over power.

It is over the source of power.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For once authority has been established, the counterfeit kingdom must establish its worship.

Chapter Three

Counterfeit Worship

Every kingdom establishes authority.

Every authority establishes worship.

The controversy preserved throughout the covenant records has never been merely political.

It has always been spiritual.

The battle is not first for land.

The battle is for worship.

The record declares:

«"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."»

Witness

- Exodus 20:3

The first commandment establishes the foundation of the covenant.

The Most High alone is worthy of worship.

He alone is Creator.

He alone is King.

He alone is Lawgiver.

Every counterfeit kingdom therefore seeks the same objective.

Not merely obedience.

Worship.

The rebellion began with another voice.

It now seeks another altar.

The adversary revealed his desire to the Messiah.

The record declares:

«"All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me."»

Witness

- Matthew 4:9

The temptation exposes the heart of the counterfeit kingdom.

Power.

Authority.

Kingdoms.

All are offered for one purpose.

Worship.

The controversy therefore reaches its center.

Who shall be worshipped?

The Creator?

Or the creation?

The King?

Or the kingdoms of men?

The covenant records repeatedly preserve this controversy.

When Israel departed from the covenant...

They departed first in worship.

The record declares:

«"They made them a molten calf... These be thy gods, O Israel."»

Witness

- Exodus 32:4

The people did not first abandon religion.

They abandoned the true object of worship.

The counterfeit kingdom always substitutes another object.

Another altar.

Another image.

Another devotion.

The prophets continually exposed this pattern.

Isaiah declared:

«"Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands."»

Witness

- Isaiah 2:8

Jeremiah cried:

«"My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns..."»

Witness

- Jeremiah 2:13

The controversy is always the same.

The Holy Order worships the Creator.

The counterfeit kingdom worships what it has made.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

Nephi warned that many would be led away by false worship and false security.

Witness

- 2 Nephi 28:20–29

Moroni warned that secret combinations seek power while rejecting the commandments of God.

Witness

- Ether 8:23–25

The records speak together.

Counterfeit worship always accompanies counterfeit government.

The fruit reveals the worship.

Where worship is directed toward the Most High...

Love increases.

Peace remains.

Faithfulness endures.

Meekness grows.

The Fruit of the Spirit flourishes.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

Where worship is directed elsewhere...

Pride increases.

Covetousness grows.

Hatred spreads.

Envy matures.

Violence follows.

The works of the flesh reveal the altar from which they came.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Mantles likewise testify.

The Priestly Mantle calls the people to holy worship.

The Prophetic Mantle tears down false altars.

The Watchman discerns counterfeit devotion.

The Judge distinguishes holy worship from idolatry.

The Teacher instructs the covenant concerning the commandments.

The Warrior destroys idols within the land.

The Shepherd protects the flock from false worship.

The Scribe preserves every warning so future generations may remember.

The armor likewise protects covenant worship.

The Belt of Truth rejects every lie.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart from idolatry.

The Shield of Faith refuses counterfeit devotion.

The Helmet of Salvation keeps the mind fixed upon the King.

The Sword of the Spirit answers every false altar with the Word of the Most High.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the pattern.

The counterfeit kingdom cannot survive without counterfeit worship.

Where worship changes...

The heart changes.

Where the heart changes...

The fruit changes.

Where the fruit changes...

The government changes.

The controversy has never been merely over images.

It has always been over allegiance.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For once worship has been established, the counterfeit kingdom must establish a priesthood to preserve it.

Chapter Four

The Counterfeit Priesthood

Every kingdom establishes authority.

Every authority establishes worship.

Every system of worship establishes a priesthood.

The controversy preserved throughout the covenant records therefore extends beyond kings and kingdoms.

It reaches the altar.

The record declares:

«"And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother... that he may minister unto me in the priest's office."»

Witness

- Exodus 28:1

The priesthood of the Most High was not established by man.

It was established by the commandment of God.

Its purpose was never self-exaltation.

Its purpose was reconciliation.

Holiness.

Instruction.

Intercession.

The priest stood between the people and the sanctuary because the Most High appointed him.

The counterfeit kingdom cannot produce holiness.

It therefore produces a counterfeit priesthood.

The prophet Jeremiah declared:

«"The priests said not, Where is the LORD?... and the prophets prophesied by Baal."»

Witness

- Jeremiah 2:8

The controversy is not merely over priests.

It is over whom the priest serves.

The Holy Priesthood serves the Most High.

The counterfeit priesthood serves another kingdom.

The prophet Ezekiel was shown corruption within the sanctuary itself.

The record declares:

«"Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations..."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 8:6

Again:

«"Hast thou seen this... there are greater abominations..."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 8:13–18

The counterfeit kingdom always seeks the sanctuary.

If the altar can be corrupted...

The worship can be corrupted.

If the worship can be corrupted...

The people can be led away from the covenant.

The latter record preserves another witness.

Alma testified concerning those who established themselves for gain.

«"They did preach... that all mankind should be saved at the last day... and they did set their hearts upon riches."»

Witness

- Alma 1:3–6

The controversy remains the same.

The Holy Priesthood ministers unto the Most High.

The counterfeit priesthood ministers unto itself.

One serves the covenant.

The other serves gain.

One teaches repentance.

The other flatters rebellion.

One calls the people back to holiness.

The other seeks honor from men.

The Messiah exposed the same pattern.

He declared:

«"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."»

Witness

- Matthew 7:15

Again He warned:

«"They bind heavy burdens... but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers."»

Witness

- Matthew 23:4

The controversy therefore is not confined to one generation.

The covenant records repeatedly distinguish between shepherds appointed by the Most High and shepherds who seek their own honor.

The fruit reveals the priesthood.

The Holy Priesthood bears the Fruit of the Spirit.

Love.

Faithfulness.

Gentleness.

Self-control.

These reveal servants of the covenant.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The counterfeit priesthood bears another fruit.

Pride.

Envy.

Contention.

Covetousness.

Hypocrisy.

The works reveal the government that appointed them.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Mantles also testify.

The Priestly Mantle ministers in holiness.

The Teaching Mantle preserves sound doctrine.

The Prophetic Mantle rebukes corruption.

The Watchman discerns false shepherds.

The Judge distinguishes righteousness from hypocrisy.

The Shepherd protects the flock from wolves.

The Scribe preserves every warning so future generations may discern between holy ministry and counterfeit ministry.

The armor likewise protects the covenant servant.

The Belt of Truth rejects false doctrine.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart from corruption.

The Shield of Faith withstands deception.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves the mind.

The Sword of the Spirit exposes every counterfeit ministry by the Word already spoken.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize another pillar of the counterfeit kingdom.

A counterfeit kingdom cannot endure without a counterfeit priesthood.

It requires ministers who preserve its worship.

Teachers who preserve its traditions.

Leaders who preserve its authority.

Yet the covenant records preserve another priesthood.

One established by the Most High.

One that calls the people back to the covenant.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For every priesthood serves at an altar.

The next chapter examines the counterfeit temple.

Chapter Five

The Counterfeit Temple

Every kingdom establishes authority.

Every authority establishes worship.

Every system of worship establishes a priesthood.

Every priesthood ministers within a sanctuary.

The controversy preserved throughout the covenant records therefore reaches the temple.

The record declares:

«"And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them."»

Witness

- Exodus 25:8

The sanctuary was never man's idea.

The Most High revealed its pattern.

Its measurements.

Its furnishings.

Its priesthood.

Its sacrifices.

Its holiness.

Everything proceeded from Heaven.

The record declares:

«"According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle..."»

Witness

- Exodus 25:9

The Holy Order never invents worship.

It receives the pattern.

The counterfeit kingdom cannot create holiness.

It therefore imitates the pattern while removing the presence of the Most High.

The prophet Ezekiel was shown this corruption.

The record declares:

«"Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations..."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 8:6

Again the record declares:

«"And, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 8:14

Again:

«"...they worshipped the sun toward the east."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 8:16

The controversy reaches the sanctuary.

The building may remain.

The worship changes.

The altar remains.

The object of worship changes.

The priesthood remains.

The allegiance changes.

The counterfeit kingdom does not merely destroy holy places.

It seeks to occupy them.

The prophet Jeremiah declared:

«"Will ye steal, murder... and then come and stand before me in this house..."»

Witness

- Jeremiah 7:9–11

The temple becomes a hiding place for rebellion rather than a house of repentance.

The Messiah later exposes the same corruption.

The record declares:

«"My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."»

Witness

- Matthew 21:13

Again the witnesses stand together.

Jeremiah.

The Messiah.

One testimony.

The sanctuary may bear the appearance of holiness while the heart has departed from the covenant.

The latter record preserves the same pattern.

Nephi warned that many would build systems that draw near with words while denying the power of God.

Witness

- 2 Nephi 28:3–9

Moroni warned against building up works of darkness while rejecting the commandments of God.

Witness

- Ether 8:23–25

The controversy therefore has never centered upon buildings alone.

It centers upon the Presence.

The question is not merely:

Where do men gather?

The question is:

Whom do they serve?

The fruit reveals the sanctuary.

Where the Most High is honored...

Love grows.

Peace remains.

Faithfulness increases.

Holiness is pursued.

The Fruit of the Spirit reveals the dwelling place of the covenant.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

Where the counterfeit kingdom rules...

Pride enters.

Covetousness increases.

Contention spreads.

Hypocrisy flourishes.

The works of the flesh reveal another altar.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Mantles likewise testify.

The Priestly Mantle preserves holy worship.

The Prophetic Mantle tears down false altars.

The Judge Mantle distinguishes holy things from profane things.

The Watchman sees corruption before judgment comes.

The Teacher instructs according to the covenant.

The Shepherd guards the flock from false sanctuaries.

The Scribe preserves the pattern revealed by the Most High so every generation may compare every sanctuary with the covenant record.

The armor likewise protects the covenant servant.

The Belt of Truth exposes counterfeit sanctuaries.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart from corruption.

The Shield of Faith refuses false worship.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves covenant remembrance.

The Sword of the Spirit measures every altar by the Word already spoken.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize another pillar of the counterfeit kingdom.

A counterfeit kingdom requires a counterfeit sanctuary.

A counterfeit sanctuary preserves counterfeit worship.

Counterfeit worship preserves counterfeit authority.

Thus the kingdom sustains itself.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For every kingdom establishes its own rhythm.

The next chapter examines the counterfeit calendar and the changing of times and laws.

Chapter Six

The Counterfeit Calendar

The government of the Most High established more than commandments.

He established time.

Before there were kings...

Before there were nations...

Before there were temples...

The Creator established His appointed order within the heavens.

The record declares:

«"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven... and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years."»

Witness

- Genesis 1:14

The heavenly lights were not created merely to measure time.

They were appointed to reveal the rhythm of the Kingdom.

Signs.

Seasons.

Days.

Years.

Time itself belongs to the Most High.

The record declares:

«"These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons."»

Witness

- Leviticus 23:4

The appointed times are not the appointments of man.

They are the appointments of the Most High.

His Sabbaths.

His New Moons.

His Feast Days.

His Holy Convocations.

The covenant people were commanded to order their lives according to His rhythm.

The counterfeit kingdom understands that whoever governs time governs culture.

Whoever governs the calendar governs remembrance.

Whoever governs remembrance influences worship.

The prophet Daniel preserved this warning.

The record declares:

«"And he shall speak great words against the most High... and think to change times and laws."»

Witness

- Daniel 7:25

Notice the order.

Times.

And laws.

The attack is directed against the rhythm established by the Creator.

The controversy therefore reaches the calendar.

The government of the Most High appoints His times.

The counterfeit kingdom establishes another rhythm.

Another cycle.

Another remembrance.

Another order.

The controversy has never been about dates alone.

It is about government.

Who establishes the rhythm by which a people live?

The covenant records answer:

The Most High.

The latter record preserves the same pattern.

King Benjamin gathered the people according to covenant order.

Witness

- Mosiah 2

The Nephites preserved the remembrance of the covenant through appointed assemblies and sacred remembrance.

Witness

- 3 Nephi 18

The records consistently unite worship with the rhythm established by God.

The fruit reveals the calendar.

The government of the Most High produces order.

Peace.

Faithfulness.

Remembrance.

Obedience.

The appointed times continually call His people back to the covenant.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The counterfeit kingdom bears another fruit.

Forgetfulness.

Confusion.

Self-will.

Indifference.

The works of the flesh thrive where covenant remembrance is neglected.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Mantles likewise bear witness.

The Priestly Mantle preserves the appointed times.

The Teaching Mantle instructs the people concerning the calendar of the Most High.

The Prophetic Mantle calls the people back when they forget His statutes.

The Watchman watches the seasons appointed by Heaven.

The Kingly Mantle governs according to the law of the King.

The Scribe preserves the record of the appointed times so future generations may not forget the rhythm established by the Creator.

The armor likewise preserves covenant remembrance.

The Belt of Truth rejects counterfeit traditions.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart from compromise.

The Shield of Faith trusts the appointments established by the Most High.

The Helmet of Salvation keeps the mind fixed upon His covenant.

The Sword of the Spirit answers every counterfeit tradition with the Word already spoken.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize another pillar of the counterfeit kingdom.

The counterfeit kingdom does not merely seek to govern lands.

It seeks to govern time.

For if the rhythm changes...

The remembrance changes.

If remembrance changes...

The worship changes.

If worship changes...

The covenant is forgotten.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For once the counterfeit kingdom governs authority, worship, priesthood, sanctuary, and time, it seeks to govern commerce itself.

The next chapter examines the counterfeit economy.

Chapter Seven

The Counterfeit Economy

The government of the Most High established stewardship.

The counterfeit kingdom established exploitation.

From the beginning, the controversy has never been about wealth alone.

It has always been about the government under which wealth is obtained, distributed, and used.

The earth belongs to the Most High.

The record declares:

«"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."»

Witness

- Psalm 24:1

The Kingdom of the Most High teaches stewardship.

Man possesses nothing that was not first given by the Creator.

Every field.

Every flock.

Every harvest.

Every treasure.

Every increase.

All belong to Him.

The counterfeit kingdom rejects stewardship.

It seeks ownership apart from the Giver.

The first organized counterfeit order revealed its purpose.

The record declares:

«"...that I may murder and get gain."»

Witness

- Moses 5:31

Again Moroni preserved the same testimony.

«"And they have caused the destruction of this people... and they were built up by the devil..."»

Witness

- Ether 8:21

Again:

«"Whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries..."»

Witness

- Ether 8:25

The counterfeit economy is therefore established upon unlawful gain.

Gain without righteousness.

Prosperity without covenant.

Increase without justice.

The controversy has never changed.

The record continues.

The prophet James warned:

«"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you."»

Witness

- James 5:1

Again:

«"Behold, the hire of the labourers... which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth."»

Witness

- James 5:4

The controversy reaches commerce.

The issue is not wealth.

The issue is fraud.

Oppression.

Unrighteous gain.

The prophet Isaiah also declared:

«"Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 5:8

The Kingdom of the Most High protects the poor.

The widow.

The fatherless.

The stranger.

The laborer.

The counterfeit kingdom consumes them.

The Revelation given to John preserves the mature form of this system.

The record declares:

«"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark..."»

Witness

- Revelation 13:17

Again the merchants of Babylon mourn because their merchandise has fallen.

Witness

- Revelation 18:11–13

The counterfeit kingdom does not merely govern worship.

It seeks to govern commerce.

Buying.

Selling.

Labor.

Trade.

Provision.

Dependence.

Every system is brought under its authority.

The fruit reveals the economy.

The counterfeit kingdom bears covetousness.

Greed.

Oppression.

Fraud.

Partiality.

These are the works of a kingdom seeking gain above righteousness.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Kingdom of the Most High bears another fruit.

Goodness.

Faithfulness.

Kindness.

Temperance.

Love.

Its economy is governed by righteousness rather than greed.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles also bear witness.

The Kingly Mantle governs with justice.

The Judge Mantle refuses partiality.

The Servant Mantle gives rather than exploits.

The Shepherd protects the weak.

The Healing Mantle restores those crushed by oppression.

The Teaching Mantle instructs faithful stewardship.

The Apostolic Mantle builds according to righteousness.

The Scribe records the difference between lawful increase and unlawful gain.

The armor likewise preserves the covenant servant.

The Belt of Truth exposes dishonest scales.

The Breastplate of Righteousness rejects corruption.

The Shoes of Peace walk in integrity.

The Shield of Faith trusts the provision of the Most High rather than the promises of unrighteous gain.

The Helmet of Salvation guards the mind against covetousness.

The Sword of the Spirit judges every economic system by the Word of God.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize another pillar of the counterfeit kingdom.

It does not seek only to govern worship.

It seeks to govern provision.

It seeks to make dependence upon itself appear necessary.

Yet the covenant records continually testify that the Most High is the Provider of His people.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For after authority, worship, priesthood, sanctuary, time, and commerce have been established, the counterfeit kingdom seeks its final expression.

The next witness reveals Babylon the Great, where every pillar of the counterfeit kingdom is gathered together into one mature system.

Chapter Eight

Babylon the Great

The counterfeit kingdom did not appear in one generation.

It grew.

It expanded.

It organized itself.

What began with another voice in Eden has become a complete civilization.

The covenant records call this mature system by another name.

Babylon.

The prophet John declares:

«"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen..."»

Witness

- Revelation 18:2

This is not merely the fall of one city.

It is the judgment of an entire counterfeit kingdom.

Everything established in opposition to the government of the Most High reaches its appointed end.

The prophet continues.

«"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins..."»

Witness

- Revelation 18:4

The controversy therefore is covenant.

The Most High still has a people.

He calls them out.

Not into confusion.

But back into covenant.

Babylon gathers.

The Most High separates.

Babylon confuses.

The Most High sanctifies.

Babylon exalts itself.

The Most High humbles those who belong to Him.

The prophet Isaiah had already preserved the same testimony.

«"Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 47:5

Again:

«"For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 47:10

Jeremiah likewise declared:

«"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken..."»

Witness

- Jeremiah 51:7

The covenant records stand together.

Isaiah.

Jeremiah.

John.

One witness.

Babylon is more than a kingdom.

It is the mature expression of the counterfeit order.

Everything excavated throughout these records gathers here.

The counterfeit authority.

The counterfeit worship.

The counterfeit priesthood.

The counterfeit sanctuary.

The counterfeit calendar.

The counterfeit economy.

The confederacy.

The secret combinations.

The unlawful gain.

The kings.

The merchants.

The false prophets.

The whole counterfeit kingdom stands together.

The record declares:

«"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."»

Witness

- Revelation 18:3

Notice the witnesses gathered together.

The nations.

The kings.

The merchants.

The counterfeit kingdom is complete.

Government.

Religion.

Commerce.

United within one system.

The controversy that began in Eden has reached its mature expression.

The Book of Mormon preserves the same warning.

«"Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you..."»

Witness

- Ether 8:23

Again:

«"Whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations... shall be destroyed."»

Witness

- Ether 8:22

The order established by Master Mahan reaches its fullest expression in Babylon.

The secret becomes a kingdom.

The kingdom becomes a civilization.

The civilization opposes the covenant.

The fruit reveals Babylon.

Pride.

Luxury.

Covetousness.

Oppression.

Violence.

Deception.

These are not isolated sins.

They are the harvest of the counterfeit kingdom.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Kingdom of the Most High bears another fruit.

Love.

Peace.

Faithfulness.

Goodness.

Temperance.

The Fruit of the Spirit reveals another city.

Another Kingdom.

Another government.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise answer Babylon.

The Prophet calls the people out.

The Watchman sees her judgment approaching.

The Judge declares the righteousness of God.

The Warrior stands for the covenant.

The Shepherd gathers the scattered flock.

The Apostle builds according to the heavenly pattern.

The Teacher prepares the saints.

The Priest ministers before the true throne.

The Scribe preserves the testimony of Babylon's rise and Babylon's fall.

The armor likewise equips the covenant servant.

The Belt of Truth exposes Babylon's deception.

The Breastplate of Righteousness rejects her corruption.

The Shoes of Peace walk another path.

The Shield of Faith refuses her promises.

The Helmet of Salvation remembers the coming Kingdom.

The Sword of the Spirit proclaims the everlasting Gospel until Babylon falls.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the complete structure of the counterfeit kingdom.

What began with one lie has become a world system.

Yet the covenant records never leave the reader in Babylon.

Every prophecy concerning Babylon ends with another Kingdom.

Another City.

Another Government.

The record now proceeds to the final witness.

The Kingdom of the Most High shall never be destroyed.

Chapter Nine

The Kingdom That Shall Never Be Destroyed

The covenant records do not conclude with Babylon.

They conclude with the Kingdom of the Most High.

The controversy began in a garden.

It ends with a Kingdom.

The rebellion established another government.

The Most High establishes an everlasting government.

The record declares:

«"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed... but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever."»

Witness

- Daniel 2:44

Every counterfeit kingdom has an appointed end.

Every empire rises.

Every empire falls.

Every confederacy dissolves.

Every throne established by men eventually returns to the dust.

The Kingdom established by the Most High remains forever.

Daniel again testifies:

«"The kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom..."»

Witness

- Daniel 7:27

This is the inheritance of the covenant.

Not merely survival.

Government.

Not merely escape.

Dominion under the King.

The prophet Isaiah preserved the same witness.

«"For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."»

Witness

- Isaiah 2:3

Micah likewise declared:

«"The LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever."»

Witness

- Micah 4:7

The prophets speak with one voice.

The Kingdom of the Most High restores what rebellion attempted to destroy.

Truth replaces deception.

Justice replaces oppression.

Peace replaces violence.

The covenant replaces confusion.

The Book of Mormon preserves this same hope.

The resurrected Messiah established His law among the people.

The record declares:

«"There could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God."»

Witness

- 4 Nephi 1:16

Again:

«"There were no contentions and disputations among them... because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people."»

Witness

- 4 Nephi 1:15

The Kingdom of the Most High is recognized by its fruit.

Love.

Peace.

Unity.

Righteousness.

The government is revealed by the people it produces.

The Revelation given to John preserves the final witness.

«"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men..."»

Witness

- Revelation 21:3

Again:

«"And there shall be no more curse..."»

Witness

- Revelation 22:3

The controversy has reached its conclusion.

The counterfeit kingdom falls.

The Holy Kingdom remains.

The counterfeit priesthood passes away.

The everlasting Priest remains.

The counterfeit sanctuary is judged.

The dwelling place of God is established forever.

The counterfeit calendar gives way to eternity.

The counterfeit economy ends.

The riches of the Kingdom endure forever.

The fruit reveals the everlasting Kingdom.

Love never fails.

Faithfulness never ends.

Peace fills the earth.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes the character of a covenant people governed by their King.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles also reach their fulfillment.

The Kingly Mantle reigns under the Messiah.

The Priestly Mantle ministers before His throne.

The Prophetic Mantle is fulfilled.

The Shepherd gathers every sheep.

The Warrior rests from battle.

The Judge establishes everlasting justice.

The Teacher instructs in righteousness.

The Apostle builds no more upon foundations, for the Kingdom stands complete.

The Watchman sees the promise fulfilled.

The Healing Mantle restores what sin had broken.

The Servant enters into the joy of the Master.

The Scribe closes the record with thanksgiving, for every witness has been preserved.

The armor also reaches its fulfillment.

Truth prevails.

Righteousness reigns.

Peace fills the Kingdom.

Faith becomes sight.

Salvation is complete.

The Word of God stands forever.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader has now followed the controversy from the beginning.

Another voice.

Another covenant.

Another order.

Another kingdom.

Babylon.

Then the everlasting Kingdom.

The covenant records have spoken together.

The Bible.

The Book of Mormon.

One controversy.

Two governments.

One everlasting King.

The record is complete.

The Kingdom of the Most High shall never be destroyed.

Chapter Ten

The Final Witness

The covenant records have now spoken.

The witnesses have stood together.

The pattern has been established.

Nothing has been hidden.

Nothing has been separated.

The controversy that began in Eden has been traced through every stage of its development.

Another voice.

Another worship.

Another covenant.

Another order.

Another kingdom.

Another civilization.

Another priesthood.

Another sanctuary.

Another calendar.

Another economy.

Babylon.

Then the everlasting Kingdom.

The records testify together.

The government of the Most High has never changed.

His covenant has never changed.

His righteousness has never changed.

His Kingdom has never changed.

The governments of men have risen and fallen.

Empires have appeared and disappeared.

Kings have lived and died.

Councils have gathered and dissolved.

Confederacies have formed and perished.

Yet the throne of the Most High has remained forever.

The record declares:

«"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."»

Witness

- Hebrews 13:8

Again the prophet declared:

«"For I am the LORD, I change not..."»

Witness

- Malachi 3:6

The covenant therefore is not measured by the kingdoms of men.

The kingdoms of men are measured by the covenant.

The Messiah declared:

«"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..."»

Witness

- Matthew 6:33

The invitation has never changed.

Choose the Kingdom.

Walk in the covenant.

Remain faithful.

The latter record preserves the same invitation.

«"Choose you this day, to serve the Lord God who made you."»

Witness

- Alma 30:8

Again:

«"Come unto Christ, and be perfected in him..."»

Witness

- Moroni 10:32

The covenant records therefore do more than expose rebellion.

They reveal the path of restoration.

Every warning is given that repentance may follow.

Every judgment is preserved that righteousness may be chosen.

Every witness stands so that every generation may discern between the Holy Order of the Most High and the counterfeit kingdom.

The Fruit of the Spirit remains the witness of the Kingdom.

Love.

Joy.

Peace.

Longsuffering.

Gentleness.

Goodness.

Faith.

Meekness.

Temperance.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The whole armor of God remains the equipment of the covenant servant.

Truth.

Righteousness.

The preparation of the gospel of peace.

Faith.

Salvation.

The Sword of the Spirit.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The Mantles remain the works of the Kingdom.

The Prophet calls.

The Priest ministers.

The King governs in righteousness.

The Judge executes justice.

The Shepherd gathers.

The Teacher instructs.

The Apostle builds.

The Watchman warns.

The Warrior stands.

The Healing Mantle restores.

The Servant humbles himself.

The Scribe preserves the testimony.

Together they bear witness to one King.

The reader has now walked through the structure of the counterfeit kingdom.

He has also seen the everlasting Kingdom standing beside it.

The controversy has been measured.

The witnesses have spoken.

The records have testified together.

The decision now belongs to every reader.

The record closes with the testimony preserved by Daniel.

«"The God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."»

Witness

- Daniel 2:44

Thus concludes Volume Three — The Counterfeit Kingdom.

The Record of Discovery now advances to its next witness, continuing the excavation of the covenant records line upon line and precept upon precept.

VOLUME FOUR

THE RESTORATION OF THE COVENANT KINGDOM

Chapter One

The Call to Return

The covenant records never expose rebellion without also revealing the path of return.

Judgment is not the final word.

Mercy is.

The counterfeit kingdom calls men farther from the covenant.

The Kingdom of the Most High continually calls them back.

The record declares:

«"Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts."»

Witness

- Malachi 3:7

The controversy has always been covenant.

The Creator has never abandoned His covenant.

It is man who departs.

The prophets therefore speak with one voice.

Return.

Isaiah declared:

«"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:»

«Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD."»

Witness

- Isaiah 55:6–7

Notice the restoration begins with two things.

The way.

The thoughts.

The Kingdom restores both.

The way becomes obedience.

The thoughts become renewed.

The rebellion began with another thought in Eden.

The restoration begins with returning to the mind of the Most High.

The prophet Ezekiel declared:

«"Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 18:30

Repentance is not merely sorrow.

Repentance is returning to the government of the Most High.

The latter record preserves the same invitation.

The resurrected Messiah declared:

«"Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptized in my name."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 27:20

Again the prophet Alma cried:

«"Behold, he sendeth an invitation unto all men, for the arms of mercy are extended towards them."»

Witness

- Alma 5:33

The invitation is universal.

The covenant remains open.

The Kingdom still gathers.

The controversy has always produced two responses.

One government says:

Remain as you are.

The Kingdom declares:

Return.

One kingdom justifies rebellion.

The other calls for repentance.

One preserves the old man.

The other creates a new creature.

The fruit reveals the return.

Repentance produces love.

Joy.

Peace.

Longsuffering.

Gentleness.

Goodness.

Faith.

Meekness.

Temperance.

These are not merely virtues.

They are the evidence that a citizen has begun returning to the Kingdom.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The old government bears another fruit.

Hatred.

Variance.

Wrath.

Envy.

Murders.

These belong to the kingdom from which the covenant servant has been called.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Mantles also participate in restoration.

The Prophetic Mantle calls the people to repentance.

The Priestly Mantle ministers reconciliation.

The Shepherd searches for the lost.

The Teacher opens the covenant records.

The Judge distinguishes repentance from rebellion.

The Healing Mantle restores the broken.

The Servant receives those who return.

The Watchman sounds the warning before judgment falls.

The Apostle rebuilds according to the covenant.

The Warrior defends the returning flock.

The Kingly Mantle governs in righteousness.

The Scribe preserves every testimony of repentance so future generations know that restoration remains possible.

The armor also prepares the returning servant.

The Belt of Truth rejects every lie.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the renewed heart.

The Shoes of Peace begin walking a new path.

The Shield of Faith receives the promises of God.

The Helmet of Salvation renews the mind.

The Sword of the Spirit cuts away the old life through the Word already spoken.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader has now crossed the threshold.

The counterfeit kingdom has been exposed.

The everlasting Kingdom has been revealed.

Now the covenant records begin the work of restoration.

Everything that follows proceeds from this first command.

Return.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

The covenant is entered through repentance and baptism, where the old government is left behind and the covenant servant enters into the Kingdom of the Most High.

Chapter Two

Entering the Covenant

The call to return is followed by an invitation.

The Kingdom of the Most High is entered by covenant.

Not by birth.

Not by tradition.

Not by the commandments of men.

The record declares:

«"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."»

Witness

- Acts 2:38

Repentance prepares the heart.

Baptism establishes the covenant.

The controversy therefore moves from hearing the invitation to entering the Kingdom.

The Messiah declared:

«"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."»

Witness

- John 3:5

The Kingdom is not entered through human appointment.

It is entered through the covenant established by the King.

The waters of baptism bear witness.

The old government is left behind.

A new government is entered.

The old man dies.

A new creature arises.

The Apostle Paul declared:

«"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death... even so we also should walk in newness of life."»

Witness

- Romans 6:4

Baptism is therefore more than a ceremony.

It is a witness.

A covenant.

A declaration of allegiance.

The old kingdom is renounced.

The Kingdom of the Most High is embraced.

The latter record bears the same witness.

The resurrected Messiah declared:

«"Whoso believeth in me, and is baptized, the same shall be saved."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 11:33

Again He commanded:

«"Repent, all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptized in my name..."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 27:20

The Bible and the Book of Mormon speak together.

One invitation.

One covenant.

One baptism.

One Kingdom.

The covenant does not merely remove sin.

It establishes citizenship.

The servant no longer belongs to the counterfeit kingdom.

He now belongs to the Kingdom of the Most High.

The fruit immediately begins to change.

Where hatred once ruled...

Love begins to grow.

Where fear ruled...

Peace begins to govern.

Where rebellion ruled...

Faithfulness begins to appear.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes the evidence of covenant life.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The works of the flesh belong to the old kingdom.

The Fruit of the Spirit belongs to the new Kingdom.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Mantles also testify.

The Priestly Mantle administers the covenant.

The Prophetic Mantle calls men to repentance.

The Shepherd receives the returning sheep.

The Teacher instructs the newly baptized.

The Healing Mantle restores what sin had broken.

The Servant walks in humility.

The Apostle builds the household of faith.

The Watchman continues to warn.

The Warrior stands against the old kingdom.

The Judge discerns righteous judgment.

The Kingly Mantle governs under the authority of the Messiah.

The Scribe records the covenant so that future generations remember the day they entered the Kingdom.

The armor is now received by the covenant servant.

The Belt of Truth replaces deception.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the new heart.

The Shoes of Peace begin the covenant walk.

The Shield of Faith extinguishes the fiery darts of the adversary.

The Helmet of Salvation renews the mind.

The Sword of the Spirit equips the servant for every good work.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader has now entered the covenant.

The counterfeit kingdom has been left behind.

The waters have borne witness.

The covenant has been established.

Yet the work has only begun.

The covenant servant must now receive a new heart.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

The restoration continues through the circumcision of the heart, where the law of the Most High is written within His people.

Chapter Three

The Circumcision of the Heart

The covenant begins with repentance.

The covenant is entered through baptism.

The restoration continues within the heart.

The government of the Most High has never desired outward obedience alone.

From the beginning He has sought the heart.

The record declares:

«"Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 10:16

Again the covenant records declare:

«"The LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart... to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 30:6

The outward covenant pointed toward an inward work.

The flesh could receive a sign.

Only the Spirit could transform the heart.

The prophet Jeremiah declared:

«"Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart."»

Witness

- Jeremiah 4:4

The controversy has always reached the heart.

The counterfeit kingdom governs from without.

The Kingdom of the Most High governs from within.

The rebellion began in the heart.

The restoration therefore begins in the heart.

The prophet Ezekiel preserved the promise.

«"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 36:26

Again:

«"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 36:27

Notice the order.

The heart is renewed.

The Spirit is given.

The statutes are walked.

Obedience is the fruit of transformation.

It is not the substitute for transformation.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

King Benjamin declared:

«"The Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent... has wrought a mighty change in us... that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually."»

Witness

- Mosiah 5:2

Again Alma asked:

«"Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?"»

Witness

- Alma 5:14

The Bible and the Book of Mormon speak together.

One covenant.

One transformation.

One new heart.

The controversy is therefore not merely external.

The Kingdom is established within the inward man.

The fruit reveals the heart.

A circumcised heart bears love.

Joy.

Peace.

Longsuffering.

Gentleness.

Goodness.

Faith.

Meekness.

Temperance.

These are the evidence that the law of the Most High has been written within.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

An uncircumcised heart continues to bear another fruit.

Hatred.

Wrath.

Envy.

Strife.

Sedition.

The works of the flesh reveal that another government still rules within.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Mantles likewise bear witness.

The Healing Mantle restores the broken heart.

The Priestly Mantle ministers reconciliation.

The Prophetic Mantle calls for inward repentance.

The Shepherd tends wounded hearts.

The Teacher instructs in the law written within.

The Judge discerns the intentions of the heart.

The Servant walks in humility.

The Kingly Mantle governs the inward kingdom through righteousness.

The Watchman guards the heart against returning to the old government.

The Apostle builds living stones into a spiritual house.

The Warrior defends the renewed heart against the adversary.

The Scribe preserves the testimony of every mighty change wrought by the Spirit of the Most High.

The armor likewise protects the heart.

The Belt of Truth rejects deception.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart that has been renewed.

The Shoes of Peace walk according to the covenant.

The Shield of Faith extinguishes every fiery dart directed toward the inward man.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves the renewed mind.

The Sword of the Spirit keeps the heart established in the Word already spoken.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader has now entered beyond outward covenant signs.

The restoration has reached the inward man.

The heart has become the sanctuary.

The law has begun to be written within.

The Kingdom is no longer merely acknowledged.

It is being established.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

The Spirit of the Most High now empowers the covenant servant to walk in the government of the Kingdom day by day.

Chapter Four

Walking in the Spirit

The covenant begins with repentance.

The covenant is entered through baptism.

The heart is renewed.

The restoration now becomes a daily walk.

The Kingdom of the Most High is not entered merely to be observed.

It is entered to be lived.

The record declares:

«"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."»

Witness

- Galatians 5:16

The controversy that began in Eden now continues within every covenant servant.

Two governments.

One seeking to rule through the flesh.

One seeking to rule through the Spirit.

The Apostle continues:

«"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh..."»

Witness

- Galatians 5:17

The battle is no longer merely around the servant.

It is within him.

The counterfeit kingdom continually appeals to the flesh.

The Kingdom of the Most High continually leads by the Spirit.

The prophet Ezekiel preserved this promise.

«"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 36:27

The Spirit does not abolish obedience.

The Spirit empowers obedience.

The law is no longer merely written upon stone.

It is written upon the heart.

The walk therefore becomes the evidence of the covenant.

The latter record preserves the same testimony.

King Benjamin declared:

«"And now... ye have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually."»

Witness

- Mosiah 5:2

Again Nephi testified:

«"Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 32:3

The Spirit and the Word are never separated.

The Spirit leads.

The Word directs.

The covenant servant walks according to both.

The fruit reveals the walk.

Love becomes the way.

Joy strengthens the journey.

Peace governs the mind.

Longsuffering endures trials.

Gentleness directs relationships.

Goodness governs decisions.

Faith remains steadfast.

Meekness refuses pride.

Temperance governs every appetite.

These are not occasional experiences.

They become the character of those who walk in the Kingdom.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The flesh continues to produce another walk.

Hatred.

Contention.

Wrath.

Envy.

Selfish ambition.

These reveal the footsteps of another kingdom.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Mantles now become living functions within the covenant servant.

The Prophetic Mantle walks in obedience to the voice of the Most High.

The Priestly Mantle ministers daily before Him.

The Shepherd walks beside the flock.

The Teacher walks in truth.

The Watchman walks with discernment.

The Warrior walks with courage.

The Judge walks in righteousness.

The Healing Mantle walks in compassion.

The Servant walks in humility.

The Kingly Mantle walks in righteous stewardship.

The Apostolic Mantle walks while building the Kingdom.

The Scribe walks while preserving every testimony of the covenant.

The armor also becomes a daily walk.

The Belt of Truth is worn continually.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards every decision.

The Shoes of the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace carry the covenant servant wherever the King sends him.

The Shield of Faith is lifted against every fiery dart.

The Helmet of Salvation guards the renewed mind.

The Sword of the Spirit remains in the servant's hand through the Word of the Most High.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The restoration is no longer an event.

It becomes a way of life.

Every thought.

Every word.

Every decision.

Every relationship.

Every work.

Every step.

The Kingdom is manifested through the daily walk of the covenant servant.

The reader has now entered the rhythm of restoration.

The heart has been renewed.

The Spirit now governs the walk.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

The Spirit who leads the covenant servant now begins to produce the full harvest of the Kingdom through the Fruit of the Spirit.

Chapter Five

The Fruit of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of the Most High is not recognized by outward appearance.

It is recognized by its fruit.

From the beginning, the controversy has never been merely about professions.

It has always been about what is produced.

The Messiah declared:

«"Ye shall know them by their fruits."»

Witness

- Matthew 7:16

Again He declared:

«"Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."»

Witness

- Matthew 7:17

The Kingdom is therefore examined by its harvest.

The counterfeit kingdom also bears fruit.

Hatred.

Pride.

Violence.

Envy.

Oppression.

These reveal the government from which they proceed.

The Kingdom of the Most High bears another harvest.

The Apostle Paul preserved that harvest.

«"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance..."»

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

Notice that Paul speaks of the fruit.

Not fruits.

The Spirit produces one harvest that is revealed through many expressions.

Every part works together.

Love gives life to joy.

Joy strengthens peace.

Peace produces longsuffering.

Longsuffering preserves gentleness.

Gentleness expresses goodness.

Goodness strengthens faith.

Faith produces meekness.

Meekness protects temperance.

Together they reveal the character of the King.

The counterfeit kingdom produces another harvest.

«"Now the works of the flesh are manifest..."»

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

Again the records reveal two governments.

One produces works.

The other produces fruit.

Works may be manufactured.

Fruit must grow.

Works may appear suddenly.

Fruit matures through abiding.

The Messiah declared:

«"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself..."»

Witness

- John 15:4

Again:

«"I am the vine, ye are the branches..."»

Witness

- John 15:5

The fruit is therefore not self-produced.

It is the evidence that life flows from the true Vine.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

Alma invited the people to plant the word.

«"It beginneth to swell within your breasts..."»

Witness

- Alma 32:28

Again:

«"It shall be a tree springing up unto everlasting life."»

Witness

- Alma 32:41

The Bible and the Book of Mormon preserve one pattern.

The Kingdom grows.

The Kingdom bears fruit.

The Kingdom gives life.

The Mantles exist to serve that fruit.

The Prophetic Mantle speaks in love.

The Priestly Mantle ministers in peace.

The Shepherd protects with gentleness.

The Judge governs with righteousness and temperance.

The Kingly Mantle leads through goodness.

The Teacher instructs in faithfulness.

The Healing Mantle restores with compassion.

The Warrior defends with self-control.

The Watchman warns with longsuffering.

The Apostle builds through every fruit of the Spirit.

The Servant walks in humility.

The Scribe preserves the testimony of the Kingdom's harvest.

The armor likewise protects the harvest.

The Belt of Truth keeps the fruit free from deception.

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart where the fruit grows.

The Shoes of Peace carry the fruit into the world.

The Shield of Faith protects the harvest from the fiery darts of the adversary.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves the renewed mind.

The Sword of the Spirit prunes away everything that opposes the growth of the Kingdom.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the government of the Kingdom.

Its authority is seen through its fruit.

Its citizens are recognized through their fruit.

Its Mantles function through its fruit.

Its armor protects its fruit.

The restoration is therefore not merely returning to commandments.

It is becoming a fruitful tree planted beside the living waters of the covenant.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

The fruit prepares the covenant servant for responsibility.

The Kingdom now entrusts its citizens with Mantles, that the work of the King may be carried throughout the earth.

Chapter Six

The Mantles of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of the Most High does not merely transform people.

It entrusts them with responsibility.

The fruit reveals the character of the citizen.

The Mantle reveals the work of the citizen.

The Kingdom therefore produces fruit before it entrusts authority.

The Messiah declared:

«"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit..."»

Witness

- John 15:16

Notice the order preserved within the Kingdom.

Chosen.

Ordained.

Fruit.

The Kingdom never separates calling from character.

Responsibility follows maturity.

The Apostle Paul likewise declared:

«"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers."»

Witness

- Ephesians 4:11–13

The Kingdom gives functions.

Not titles.

Responsibilities.

Not positions.

Every Mantle exists to build the Body of the Messiah.

No Mantle exists for self-exaltation.

Every Mantle exists to glorify the King.

The latter record preserves the same pattern.

Moroni declared:

«"There are different ways that these gifts are administered; but it is the same God who worketh all in all."»

Witness

- Moroni 10:8

Again:

«"To every man is given a gift by the Spirit of God."»

Witness

- Moroni 10:8

The Bible and the Book of Mormon stand together.

One Spirit.

One Kingdom.

Many functions.

The Mantles therefore reveal the government of Heaven operating through different servants.

The Prophetic Mantle calls the people back to the covenant.

The Priestly Mantle ministers before the Most High.

The Kingly Mantle governs through righteousness.

The Teaching Mantle opens the covenant records.

The Apostolic Mantle establishes and builds.

The Shepherd Mantle protects and feeds the flock.

The Watchman Mantle warns of approaching danger.

The Judge Mantle discerns righteous judgment.

The Warrior Mantle defends truth and righteousness.

The Healing Mantle restores what has been broken.

The Servant Mantle humbles itself for the good of others.

The Scribe Mantle preserves the covenant record for future generations.

These Mantles do not compete.

They complete one another.

The eye does not contend with the hand.

The shepherd does not compete with the teacher.

The prophet does not replace the priest.

The King has established every function for the good of the whole Kingdom.

The Apostle Paul declared:

«"For as we have many members in one body... all members have not the same office."»

Witness

- Romans 12:4

Again:

«"The body is not one member, but many."»

Witness

- 1 Corinthians 12:14

The Kingdom therefore functions as one Body under one Head.

The fruit governs every Mantle.

Without love...

The Mantle becomes power without compassion.

Without peace...

Authority becomes domination.

Without faithfulness...

Calling becomes performance.

Without self-control...

Responsibility becomes corruption.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs every Mantle.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The armor protects every Mantle.

The Prophet speaks with the Belt of Truth.

The Warrior carries the Shield of Faith.

The Shepherd walks in the Shoes of Peace.

The Judge wears the Breastplate of Righteousness.

The Scribe wields the Sword of the Spirit.

The Kingly Mantle wears the Helmet of Salvation.

Every Mantle depends upon the whole armor of God.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the order of the Kingdom.

Repentance opens the way.

Baptism establishes the covenant.

The heart is renewed.

The Spirit governs the walk.

The Fruit forms the character.

The Mantles reveal the work.

The Kingdom is now prepared to send its servants into the earth.

Yet no servant is sent without protection.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

The whole armor of God prepares every covenant servant to stand faithfully until the coming of the King.

Chapter Seven

The Whole Armor of God

The Kingdom of the Most High does not send its servants into the controversy unprepared.

Every citizen is clothed.

Not with the armor of earthly kingdoms.

But with the armor of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The record declares:

«"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."»

Witness

- Ephesians 6:11

The controversy has never been against flesh and blood alone.

It began in Eden.

It continued through Cain.

It organized itself through the Order of Mahan.

It matured through the confederacy.

It established the counterfeit kingdom.

The restoration therefore requires spiritual armor.

The Apostle continues:

«"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world..."»

Witness

- Ephesians 6:12

The covenant servant must therefore learn to stand.

Not through his own strength.

But through the strength of the King.

Every piece of armor bears witness to the government of the Most High.

The Belt of Truth.

Truth establishes the Kingdom.

The counterfeit kingdom is built upon lies.

The covenant servant therefore begins with truth.

Witness

- John 8:32

The Breastplate of Righteousness.

The heart is guarded by righteousness.

The renewed heart must be protected from returning to the old government.

Witness

- Proverbs 4:23

The Shoes of the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace.

The covenant servant walks in peace while carrying the good news of the Kingdom.

His path reflects the government he serves.

Witness

- Isaiah 52:7

The Shield of Faith.

The fiery darts of the adversary are many.

Fear.

Doubt.

Temptation.

Accusation.

The covenant servant lifts faith above every assault.

Witness

- Hebrews 11:6

The Helmet of Salvation.

The renewed mind must remain under the government of the Messiah.

The helmet preserves remembrance.

Identity.

Hope.

Witness

- Romans 12:2

The Sword of the Spirit.

The only offensive weapon given is the Word already spoken by the Most High.

The Messiah answered every temptation in the wilderness with the written Word.

Witness

- Matthew 4:1–11

The Bible and the Book of Mormon stand together.

Captain Moroni prepared his people with both spiritual conviction and physical readiness.

The strength of his people rested in their covenant with God.

Witness

- Alma 48:7–17

The armor therefore belongs to covenant people.

It is not worn by spectators.

It is worn by those who have entered the Kingdom.

The fruit governs the armor.

Truth without love becomes harshness.

Righteousness without gentleness becomes self-righteousness.

Faith without meekness becomes pride.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs how every piece of armor is worn.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise wear the whole armor.

The Prophet proclaims truth.

The Priest ministers in righteousness.

The Shepherd walks in peace.

The Warrior lifts the Shield of Faith.

The Judge wields the Sword of the Spirit with righteous judgment.

The Watchman remains vigilant with the Helmet of Salvation.

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The Teacher instructs with truth.

The Healing Mantle restores under the protection of the King.

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The Kingly Mantle governs according to righteousness.

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The Fruit of the Kingdom.

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Each prepares the covenant servant for the work that lies ahead.

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Chapter Eight

The Gathering of the Covenant People

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From the beginning, the purpose of the covenant has been to gather.

The counterfeit kingdom scatters.

The Kingdom of the Most High gathers.

The record declares:

«"And I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion."»

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- Jeremiah 3:14

The gathering is not man's invention.

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The prophet Isaiah declared:

«"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."»

Witness

- Isaiah 11:12

The covenant has always contained this promise.

Scattering because of disobedience.

Gathering because of mercy.

Judgment was never the end.

Restoration was always the purpose.

The prophet Ezekiel declared:

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The gathering begins before the inheritance.

The people are restored before the land is restored.

The heart is restored before the nation is restored.

The latter record preserves the same testimony.

The Messiah declared:

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The Bible and the Book of Mormon speak together.

The covenant is remembered.

The people are gathered.

The Kingdom advances.

The gathering is not merely geographical.

It is covenantal.

The scattered are called to repentance.

To baptism.

To a new heart.

To walk in the Spirit.

To bear the Fruit of the Kingdom.

To serve within their Mantles.

To stand in the whole armor of God.

The gathering restores the whole covenant life.

The fruit reveals the gathering.

Love replaces division.

Peace replaces hostility.

Faithfulness restores covenant relationships.

Goodness strengthens the community of the saints.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes the evidence that the scattered are becoming one people again.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The works of the flesh scatter.

Hatred divides.

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Contention fragments the people.

These belong to the counterfeit kingdom.

Witness

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The covenant records call that people Zion.

The record declares:

«"And the LORD called his people Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there was no poor among them."»

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- Moses 7:18

Zion is not merely a location.

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The government of Heaven is revealed through the lives of its citizens.

One heart.

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The counterfeit kingdom gathers through fear.

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The Everlasting Kingdom

The covenant records begin in a garden.

They conclude with a Kingdom.

The controversy began with another voice.

It ends with one throne.

The rebellion established another government.

The Most High establishes His everlasting government.

The record declares:

«"And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed... and it shall stand for ever."»

Witness

- Daniel 2:44

Every counterfeit kingdom has an appointed end.

Every confederacy comes to judgment.

Every secret combination is brought into the light.

Every throne established through rebellion falls.

The Kingdom of the Most High alone remains.

Daniel again testified:

«"His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."»

Witness

- Daniel 7:27

The prophets preserved this hope from generation to generation.

Isaiah declared:

«"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."»

Witness

- Isaiah 9:7

The government of the Messiah is unlike the kingdoms of men.

It does not rise through violence.

It is not preserved by deception.

It is not strengthened through oppression.

Its government is established in righteousness.

Its law proceeds from truth.

Its throne is founded upon justice.

The latter record bears the same witness.

King Benjamin declared:

«"Be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works, that Christ... may seal you his."»

Witness

- Mosiah 5:15

Again the resurrected Messiah declared:

«"What manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 27:27

The purpose of restoration has never been information alone.

It has always been transformation.

The covenant servant is restored so that he may reflect the character of the King.

The Fruit of the Spirit reaches its full purpose.

Love governs the Kingdom.

Joy fills the Kingdom.

Peace establishes the Kingdom.

Longsuffering preserves the Kingdom.

Gentleness strengthens the Kingdom.

Goodness blesses the Kingdom.

Faith remains steadfast within the Kingdom.

Meekness reflects the humility of the King.

Temperance governs every citizen.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes the culture of the everlasting Kingdom.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles also reach their fulfillment.

The Prophet has proclaimed the Word.

The Priest has ministered before the throne.

The King has governed in righteousness.

The Shepherd has gathered every sheep.

The Teacher has instructed the nations.

The Apostle has finished building.

The Watchman has seen the promise fulfilled.

The Warrior lays down his sword as righteousness fills the earth.

The Healing Mantle restores what rebellion once destroyed.

The Servant enters into the joy of the Master.

The Judge establishes everlasting justice.

The Scribe closes the record, preserving the testimony for every generation.

The whole armor of God has accomplished its purpose.

Truth has prevailed.

Righteousness reigns.

Peace covers the earth.

Faith has become sight.

Salvation is complete.

The Sword of the Spirit has accomplished everything spoken by the Most High.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader has now walked through the restoration of the covenant.

The call to return.

Repentance.

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The circumcision of the heart.

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Now the Everlasting Kingdom.

The covenant records have spoken together.

The Bible has testified.

The Book of Mormon has testified.

The witnesses stand together.

The restoration is complete.

The controversy has been answered.

The counterfeit kingdom falls.

The Kingdom of the Most High stands forever.

Thus concludes Volume Four — The Restoration of the Covenant Kingdom.

The Record of Discovery now advances to its next witness, continuing the excavation of the covenant records line upon line, precept upon precept, until every witness stands together before the King.

VOLUME FIVE

THE COVENANT GOVERNMENT

Chapter One

The Throne of the Most High

Every government begins with a throne.

Every throne establishes authority.

Every authority establishes law.

Every law establishes a kingdom.

The covenant records therefore begin the government of the Kingdom where Heaven begins.

At the throne of the Most High.

The record declares:

«"The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all."»

Witness

- Psalm 103:19

The throne was not established by men.

It was not voted into existence.

It was not inherited from another king.

The throne proceeds from the Creator Himself.

His authority is everlasting because His existence is everlasting.

The prophet Isaiah was permitted to behold the throne.

The record declares:

«"I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 6:1

The throne is high because no throne stands above it.

It is lifted up because every kingdom answers to it.

The prophet Daniel was likewise shown the heavenly government.

«"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit..."»

Witness

- Daniel 7:9

Again Daniel declared:

«"Thousands of thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him..."»

Witness

- Daniel 7:10

The throne is not empty.

The throne governs.

The throne judges.

The throne sends.

The throne establishes covenant.

The Revelation given to John preserves the same witness.

«"And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne."»

Witness

- Revelation 4:2

The Bible preserves one throne.

The Book of Mormon preserves the same King.

King Benjamin declared:

«"The Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, who was, and is from all eternity to all eternity..."»

Witness

- Mosiah 3:5

Again the resurrected Messiah declared:

«"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."»

Witness

- Matthew 28:18

The covenant records speak together.

One King.

One Throne.

One Government.

The counterfeit kingdom continually seeks another throne.

Lucifer declared:

«"I will exalt my throne..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 14:13–14

The controversy therefore has always been governmental.

Whose throne shall rule?

Whose government shall govern?

Whose authority shall direct the nations?

The covenant servant answers by submitting to the throne of the Most High.

The Fruit of the Spirit reveals those who live beneath His government.

Love reflects the heart of the King.

Joy reflects the confidence of His Kingdom.

Peace reflects His rule.

Longsuffering reflects His patience.

Gentleness reflects His mercy.

Goodness reflects His justice.

Faith reflects trust in His throne.

Meekness reflects submission to His authority.

Temperance reflects self-government under the government of Heaven.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise proceed from the throne.

The Prophet speaks because the King has spoken.

The Priest ministers because the King has appointed him.

The Kingly Mantle governs under the authority of the everlasting King.

The Judge executes the King's justice.

The Shepherd gathers the King's flock.

The Teacher teaches the King's law.

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The Healing Mantle restores the King's people.

The Servant serves according to the King's example.

The Scribe records the decrees of the King for every generation.

The whole armor also proceeds from the throne.

Truth.

Righteousness.

Peace.

Faith.

Salvation.

The Sword of the Spirit.

Every piece of armor belongs to the King before it belongs to the servant.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the foundation of the covenant government.

It does not begin with man.

It begins with the throne.

Every law.

Every Mantle.

Every Fruit.

Every piece of armor.

Every covenant.

Every judgment.

Every act of mercy.

Flows from one throne.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For every throne establishes law, and the law of the Kingdom reveals the character of its King.

Chapter Two

The Law of the Kingdom

Every throne establishes a government.

Every government establishes law.

The law of the Kingdom does not exist to burden the covenant people.

It reveals the character of the King.

The record declares:

«"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul."»

Witness

- Psalm 19:7

The law proceeds from the throne because righteousness proceeds from the throne.

The commandments do not create holiness.

They reveal the holiness of the One who gave them.

From the beginning the Most High established His covenant through His word.

The record declares:

«"And God spake all these words, saying..."»

Witness

- Exodus 20:1

The commandments were not given to earn the covenant.

They were given to teach the covenant people how to walk before their King.

Moses declared:

«"Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 4:6

The law was never intended to separate Israel from the Most High.

It was intended to separate Israel from the nations.

The counterfeit kingdom also establishes laws.

Its laws preserve rebellion.

Its traditions replace commandments.

Its customs exalt the wisdom of men above the wisdom of the Most High.

The prophet Isaiah declared:

«"Their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men."»

Witness

- Isaiah 29:13

The Messiah bore the same witness.

«"In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."»

Witness

- Matthew 15:9

The controversy has always been over whose law governs the heart.

The law of the King.

Or the traditions of men.

The promise of the covenant was never merely commandments written upon stone.

The prophet Jeremiah declared:

«"I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts."»

Witness

- Jeremiah 31:33

The writer of Hebrews preserved the same testimony.

«"I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts."»

Witness

- Hebrews 8:10

The latter record bears witness with the Bible.

King Benjamin declared:

«"I would that ye should remember, and always retain in remembrance, the greatness of God."»

Witness

- Mosiah 4:11

Again the resurrected Messiah declared:

«"Behold, I have given unto you my gospel."»

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- 3 Nephi 27:13–21

The covenant records testify together.

The law is not abolished.

It is written within.

The government of the Kingdom proceeds from an obedient heart rather than outward compulsion.

The Fruit of the Spirit reveals the law written within.

Love fulfills the law.

Joy delights in the law.

Peace rests in the law.

Faithfulness walks according to the law.

Temperance governs the desires that once resisted the law.

The law is no longer merely read.

It becomes lived.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

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The Teacher explains it.

The Prophet calls the people back to it.

The Judge applies it with righteousness.

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The Apostle builds upon it.

The Watchman warns when it is forsaken.

The Warrior defends it.

The Healing Mantle restores those returning to it.

The Servant obeys it in humility.

The Scribe preserves it for every generation.

The whole armor protects the covenant servant while walking in the law.

Truth keeps the law from corruption.

Righteousness keeps the law from hypocrisy.

Peace keeps the law from becoming oppression.

Faith keeps the servant steadfast.

Salvation fixes the mind upon the King.

The Sword of the Spirit rightly divides the Word already spoken.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the government of the Kingdom.

The throne establishes the law.

The law reveals the King.

The King writes His law upon the hearts of His covenant people.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For once the law is written within, the government of the Kingdom begins to rule the inward man, where every decision is first conceived.

Chapter Three

The Government of the Heart

The throne of the Most High establishes His government.

His government establishes His law.

His law must be written somewhere.

Not merely upon stone.

Within the heart.

The controversy preserved throughout the covenant records has always been a controversy over the heart.

Every kingdom seeks the heart because the heart governs the life.

The record declares:

«"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."»

Witness

- Proverbs 4:23

The heart is not merely the seat of emotion.

It is the well of counsel.

The place where loyalties are formed.

Where desires mature.

Where intentions are weighed.

The wise man declared:

«"Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out."»

Witness

- Proverbs 20:5

The government of the Kingdom therefore begins beneath the surface.

The counterfeit kingdom governs outward behavior.

The Kingdom of the Most High transforms inward counsel.

The prophet Jeremiah declared:

«"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"»

Witness

- Jeremiah 17:9

Yet the record does not leave the heart in corruption.

The covenant contains a promise.

The prophet Ezekiel declared:

«"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you."»

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- Ezekiel 36:26

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- Jeremiah 31:33

The government of Heaven therefore does not merely issue commands.

It changes the throne within the servant.

The King no longer governs from without alone.

He reigns within.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

King Benjamin testified:

«"The Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent... has wrought a mighty change in us... that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually."»

Witness

- Mosiah 5:2

Again Alma asked:

«"Have ye experienced this mighty change in your hearts?"»

Witness

- Alma 5:14

The Bible and the Book of Mormon bear one testimony.

The Kingdom is first established in the heart.

Before the hand obeys...

The heart yields.

Before the mouth speaks...

The heart believes.

Before the feet walk...

The heart chooses its path.

The Fruit of the Spirit reveals the government of the heart.

Love becomes its first law.

Joy becomes its strength.

Peace becomes its atmosphere.

Longsuffering governs its responses.

Gentleness softens its judgments.

Goodness directs its intentions.

Faith anchors its confidence.

Meekness removes pride from its throne.

Temperance governs every desire.

The heart becomes a sanctuary where the King Himself reigns.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The works of the flesh reveal another government.

Hatred.

Variance.

Wrath.

Strife.

Envy.

These are the decrees of a heart still ruled by another kingdom.

Witness

- Galatians 5:19–21

The Mantles all begin within the heart.

The Prophet first hears with the heart.

The Priest first consecrates the heart.

The Shepherd first loves with the heart.

The Judge first searches his own heart before judging another.

The Kingly Mantle first learns self-government before governing others.

The Teacher treasures the Word within the heart.

The Watchman keeps the heart awake.

The Warrior guards the heart against compromise.

The Healing Mantle ministers from a compassionate heart.

The Servant delights in humility of heart.

The Apostle builds from a faithful heart.

The Scribe preserves the testimony flowing from a heart established in the covenant.

The whole armor also guards the heart.

The Belt of Truth removes deception.

The Breastplate of Righteousness protects the inward man.

The Shoes of Peace keep the heart walking steadily.

The Shield of Faith extinguishes every fiery dart aimed at the heart.

The Helmet of Salvation preserves the renewed mind that governs the heart.

The Sword of the Spirit discerns the thoughts and intentions hidden within.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the government of the Kingdom.

The throne is in Heaven.

The law proceeds from the throne.

The heart becomes the place where that government is received.

Every outward work begins with an inward government.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For once the heart has been established under the authority of the King, the government of the Kingdom renews the mind, bringing every thought into obedience to the Messiah.

Chapter Four

The Government of the Mind

The throne of the Most High governs His Kingdom.

His law is written upon the heart.

From the heart the government proceeds into the mind.

The Kingdom therefore does not merely change behavior.

It renews understanding.

The record declares:

«"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."»

Witness

- Romans 12:2

Transformation is not the result of outward conformity.

It begins with inward renewal.

The mind becomes the place where truth is received.

Where wisdom is discerned.

Where understanding is cultivated.

The counterfeit kingdom also seeks the mind.

The first temptation was directed toward thought before action.

The serpent first questioned the Word of God.

The record declares:

«"Yea, hath God said...?"»

Witness

- Genesis 3:1

The battle began with a thought.

Every rebellion begins the same way.

The government of the Kingdom therefore restores the mind to the Word already spoken.

The prophet Isaiah declared:

«"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD."»

Witness

- Isaiah 55:8

The restoration is therefore a replacing of thoughts.

The thoughts of rebellion.

For the thoughts of the Kingdom.

The Apostle Paul declared:

«"Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."»

Witness

- 2 Corinthians 10:5

Again he declared:

«"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."»

Witness

- Philippians 2:5

The goal of the covenant is not merely correct information.

It is the Mind of the Messiah.

The latter record bears the same witness.

Nephi declared:

«"Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 32:3

Jacob likewise testified:

«"Seek not to counsel the Lord, but to take counsel from his hand."»

Witness

- Jacob 4:10

The Bible and the Book of Mormon testify together.

The renewed mind submits itself to the counsel of the Most High.

It no longer exalts its own understanding.

The mind governs attention.

Memory.

Meditation.

Imagination.

Discernment.

Every one of these becomes an instrument of the Kingdom.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs the mind.

Love directs every thought toward others.

Joy strengthens the mind during affliction.

Peace quiets anxious thoughts.

Longsuffering restrains impulsive judgments.

Gentleness softens harsh reasoning.

Goodness seeks righteous understanding.

Faith anchors the mind in the promises of God.

Meekness receives correction.

Temperance governs every imagination and desire.

The renewed mind becomes a place of continual communion with the King.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles also require a renewed mind.

The Prophet discerns by the Mind of the Messiah.

The Teacher studies with understanding.

The Judge reasons according to righteousness.

The Watchman remains spiritually alert.

The Shepherd remembers every sheep.

The Apostle plans according to the heavenly pattern.

The Kingly Mantle governs wisely.

The Warrior refuses the counsel of fear.

The Healing Mantle thinks with compassion.

The Servant esteems others above himself.

The Priest meditates upon the law of the Most High.

The Scribe preserves truth with accuracy and remembrance.

The whole armor protects the renewed mind.

Truth rejects deception.

Righteousness guards every thought.

Peace steadies the imagination.

Faith overcomes doubt.

Salvation preserves hope.

The Sword of the Spirit divides truth from error.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the order of the covenant government.

The throne governs the Kingdom.

The law proceeds from the throne.

The heart receives the law.

The mind is renewed by the Word.

The Kingdom is now established within the inward man.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For once the mind has been renewed, the government of the Kingdom begins to produce its visible Constitution through the Fruit of the Spirit.

Chapter Five

The Constitution of the Kingdom

Every kingdom is governed by law.

Every law reveals the character of its king.

The Kingdom of the Most High possesses a Constitution.

Not written by men.

Not amended by generations.

Not established by councils.

Its Constitution is revealed by the Fruit of the Spirit.

The record declares:

«"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance..."»

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

This is not merely a list of virtues.

It is the government of the Kingdom written into the life of every covenant citizen.

The counterfeit kingdom governs through fear.

The Kingdom governs through love.

The counterfeit kingdom governs through confusion.

The Kingdom governs through peace.

The counterfeit kingdom governs through pride.

The Kingdom governs through meekness.

The counterfeit kingdom governs through appetite.

The Kingdom governs through temperance.

Every decision made within the Kingdom passes through the Fruit.

Love governs justice.

Peace governs authority.

Faith governs endurance.

Goodness governs judgment.

Temperance governs power.

Without the Fruit, authority becomes tyranny.

Without the Fruit, knowledge becomes pride.

Without the Fruit, strength becomes oppression.

The Fruit is therefore the Constitution of the Kingdom.

The Messiah declared:

«"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."»

Witness

- John 13:35

The first law of the Kingdom is not domination.

It is love.

Love governs every other Fruit.

Joy strengthens the labor of the Kingdom.

Peace preserves unity within the Kingdom.

Longsuffering prevents division.

Gentleness restores the broken.

Goodness protects justice.

Faith remains steadfast during tribulation.

Meekness keeps every citizen beneath the authority of the King.

Temperance governs every desire.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

Moroni declared:

«"Charity is the pure love of Christ."»

Witness

- Moroni 7:47

Again Mormon declared:

«"Pray unto the Father with all the energy of heart, that ye may be filled with this love."»

Witness

- Moroni 7:48

King Benjamin likewise taught:

«"When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God."»

Witness

- Mosiah 2:17

The Bible and the Book of Mormon testify together.

The government of the Kingdom is revealed through the character of its people.

The Mantles cannot function apart from this Constitution.

The Prophet speaks through love.

The Priest ministers through gentleness.

The King governs through righteousness and temperance.

The Judge executes justice through goodness and mercy.

The Shepherd leads through peace.

The Teacher instructs through patience.

The Apostle builds through faithfulness.

The Watchman warns through love for the people.

The Warrior fights without hatred.

The Healing Mantle restores through compassion.

The Servant places others before himself.

The Scribe preserves truth with humility.

Every Mantle is governed by the Constitution of the Kingdom.

The whole armor also functions according to this Constitution.

Truth serves love.

Righteousness serves peace.

Faith serves goodness.

Salvation strengthens joy.

The Sword of the Spirit is never wielded apart from the Fruit of the Spirit.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the order of the covenant government.

The throne establishes the Kingdom.

The law proceeds from the throne.

The heart receives the law.

The mind is renewed.

The Fruit becomes the Constitution by which every citizen lives.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For every Constitution requires faithful servants to administer it.

The Kingdom therefore appoints Mantles, that every work of the King may be carried out in righteousness throughout the earth.

Chapter Six

The Administration of the Kingdom

The throne establishes the Kingdom.

The law reveals the King.

The Fruit becomes the Constitution of the Kingdom.

Every kingdom must also have servants entrusted to administer that government.

The Kingdom of the Most High administers its government through Mantles.

Not for honor.

Not for position.

Not for dominion over one another.

But for service.

The Messiah declared:

«"Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister."»

Witness

- Matthew 20:26

Again He declared:

«"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."»

Witness

- Matthew 20:28

The administration of the Kingdom begins with service.

Every Mantle exists to reveal another aspect of the government of the King.

No Mantle governs independently.

Every Mantle remains under one Throne.

The Apostle Paul declared:

«"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."»

Witness

- 1 Corinthians 12:4

Again:

«"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."»

Witness

- 1 Corinthians 12:27

The Kingdom therefore functions as one Body.

Different responsibilities.

One government.

Different administrations.

One King.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

Moroni declared:

«"There are different ways that these gifts are administered; but it is the same God who worketh all in all."»

Witness

- Moroni 10:8

Again:

«"All these gifts come by the Spirit of Christ."»

Witness

- Moroni 10:17

The Bible and the Book of Mormon testify together.

The Kingdom is administered through servants filled with the same Spirit.

The Prophetic Mantle administers revelation.

The Priestly Mantle administers reconciliation.

The Kingly Mantle administers righteous stewardship.

The Judge Mantle administers justice without partiality.

The Shepherd Mantle administers care for the flock.

The Teaching Mantle administers understanding.

The Apostolic Mantle administers building and order.

The Watchman Mantle administers vigilance and warning.

The Warrior Mantle administers courage in defense of the covenant.

The Healing Mantle administers restoration.

The Servant Mantle administers humility.

The Scribe Mantle administers remembrance and preservation of the covenant records.

Each Mantle strengthens the others.

None is complete alone.

Together they reveal the complete administration of the Kingdom.

The Fruit governs every administration.

Love governs the Prophet.

Peace governs the Judge.

Gentleness governs the Shepherd.

Goodness governs the King.

Faithfulness governs the Apostle.

Temperance governs the Warrior.

Meekness governs the Teacher.

Joy strengthens the Servant.

Longsuffering preserves the Watchman.

Every Mantle is restrained and directed by the Constitution of the Kingdom.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The whole armor protects every administrator of the Kingdom.

Truth preserves every judgment.

Righteousness guards every decision.

Peace guides every step.

Faith strengthens every labor.

Salvation preserves every servant's hope.

The Sword of the Spirit directs every work according to the Word already spoken.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the administration of the covenant government.

The throne appoints.

The law governs.

The Fruit forms the character.

The Mantles administer the work.

The armor preserves the servants.

The Kingdom operates as one Body beneath one King.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For every government that is established in righteousness must also be defended.

The next witness reveals the defense of the covenant government through the whole armor of God.

Chapter Seven

The Defense of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of the Most High is governed by righteousness.

Yet every righteous government must be defended.

Not because the throne of the Most High is in danger.

But because the covenant people remain in the midst of a world that lies under another government.

The record declares:

«"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."»

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10

The strength of the covenant servant does not proceed from himself.

It proceeds from the King.

The government of Heaven equips every citizen before sending him into the field.

The record declares:

«"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."»

Witness

- Ephesians 6:11

Notice the command.

Not merely to possess the armor.

To put it on.

The Kingdom is not defended by intention.

It is defended through daily obedience.

The controversy has never ceased.

The serpent still deceives.

The counterfeit kingdom still opposes the covenant.

The confederacy still seeks the people of God.

The covenant servant therefore stands clothed in the government of Heaven.

The Belt of Truth establishes the foundation.

Without truth, every other piece of armor collapses.

The record declares:

«"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."»

Witness

- John 8:32

The Breastplate of Righteousness guards the heart.

The government of the Kingdom protects the inward man before it sends him outward.

Witness

- Proverbs 4:23

The Shoes of the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace establish every step.

The covenant servant carries peace into a world governed by conflict.

The prophet declared:

«"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 52:7

The Shield of Faith extinguishes every fiery dart.

Faith trusts the King when circumstances appear contrary to His promises.

Witness

- Hebrews 11:1–6

The Helmet of Salvation guards the renewed mind.

The servant remembers whose Kingdom he serves.

He remembers whose victory has already been secured.

Witness

- Romans 12:2

The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God.

The Messiah Himself revealed its use.

When tempted in the wilderness, every answer proceeded from the written Word.

Witness

- Matthew 4:1–11

The latter record bears the same testimony.

Captain Moroni prepared his people with armor, liberty, and covenant.

Their confidence rested not merely in weapons, but in the God whom they served.

Witness

- Alma 48:7–17

Again the covenant records testify together.

The defense of the Kingdom begins with covenant faithfulness.

The Fruit governs the armor.

Truth without love wounds.

Righteousness without gentleness condemns.

Faith without meekness becomes pride.

Peace without goodness becomes compromise.

The Fruit governs how the armor is worn.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise defend the Kingdom.

The Prophet exposes deception.

The Priest intercedes for the people.

The King governs with justice.

The Judge preserves righteousness.

The Shepherd protects the flock.

The Teacher establishes truth.

The Apostle strengthens the household.

The Watchman warns before danger arrives.

The Warrior stands in courage.

The Healing Mantle restores those wounded in the battle.

The Servant refuses the pride that destroys kingdoms.

The Scribe preserves every victory of the covenant so future generations remember the faithfulness of the Most High.

The reader should now recognize the defense of the covenant government.

The throne appoints.

The law governs.

The heart submits.

The mind is renewed.

The Fruit establishes the Constitution.

The Mantles administer the Kingdom.

The armor defends the Kingdom.

The government of Heaven is now fully established within the covenant servant.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For the government of the Kingdom is not established merely in individuals.

It is established within households, where generations learn to walk together in the covenant before the Most High.

Chapter Eight

The Government of the Covenant House

The Kingdom of the Most High is not established in individuals alone.

It is established in households.

Before there was a nation...

There was a family.

Before there was a kingdom upon the earth...

There was a covenant house.

The record declares:

«"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD..."»

Witness

- Genesis 18:19

The covenant was entrusted to Abraham.

It was preserved through his household.

The government of the Kingdom therefore begins at home.

The counterfeit kingdom seeks to divide the house.

The Kingdom of the Most High restores it.

Moses declared:

«"These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:»

«And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children..."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 6:6–7

The covenant was never intended to remain within one generation.

Every father.

Every mother.

Every elder.

Every child.

Every household became a place where the Kingdom was taught.

The psalmist declared:

«"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts."»

Witness

- Psalm 145:4

The Kingdom is preserved through remembrance.

The covenant house becomes the first school.

The first sanctuary.

The first place of discipleship.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

King Benjamin gathered entire families before teaching the covenant.

The record declares:

«"They pitched their tents round about the temple, every man having his tent with the door thereof towards the temple."»

Witness

- Mosiah 2:6

The covenant was received together.

The fathers heard.

The mothers heard.

The children heard.

The house learned together beneath the government of the King.

Again the resurrected Messiah blessed the little children among the covenant people.

Witness

- 3 Nephi 17:21–24

The Bible and the Book of Mormon testify together.

The Kingdom is built from household to household.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs the covenant house.

Love governs the family.

Joy strengthens the home.

Peace settles disputes.

Longsuffering preserves unity.

Gentleness shapes correction.

Goodness guides provision.

Faithfulness preserves covenant promises.

Meekness removes pride from the household.

Temperance governs every relationship.

The covenant house becomes a reflection of the Kingdom itself.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles likewise strengthen the covenant house.

The Kingly Mantle governs through righteous stewardship.

The Priestly Mantle leads the house before the Most High.

The Shepherd protects every member of the flock.

The Teacher instructs daily in the covenant.

The Prophet calls the household back whenever it begins to wander.

The Judge administers justice with mercy.

The Servant places the needs of others before himself.

The Healing Mantle restores broken relationships.

The Warrior defends the covenant house from spiritual attack.

The Watchman remains vigilant over the gates of the home.

The Apostle builds each generation upon the foundation already laid.

The Scribe preserves the testimony of the household so the generations yet unborn remember the faithfulness of the Most High.

The whole armor protects the covenant house.

Truth governs every conversation.

Righteousness guards every relationship.

Peace fills every room.

Faith sustains every trial.

Salvation gives hope to every generation.

The Sword of the Spirit remains the final authority within the house.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the pattern of the covenant government.

The throne governs Heaven.

The law governs the heart.

The mind is renewed.

The Fruit becomes the Constitution.

The Mantles administer the Kingdom.

The armor defends the Kingdom.

The covenant house becomes the place where the government of the Most High is lived from generation to generation.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For when covenant households stand together under one King, they become more than families.

They become Zion.

Chapter Nine

Zion: The Government Made Visible

The Kingdom of the Most High is not merely believed.

It is seen.

When the government of Heaven is established within a people, the covenant records call that people Zion.

Zion is the visible expression of the invisible Kingdom.

The record declares:

«"And the LORD called his people Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there was no poor among them."»

Witness

- Moses 7:18

Notice the order.

One heart.

One mind.

Righteousness.

Stewardship.

These are not merely characteristics.

They are the evidence that the government of the Most High has become visible upon the earth.

The throne governs Heaven.

Zion reflects that government upon the earth.

The prophet Isaiah declared:

«"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD... and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths."»

Witness

- Isaiah 2:3

Zion is not built by the wisdom of men.

It is taught by the King.

It walks in His paths.

It submits to His law.

The prophet Micah preserved the same testimony.

«"Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."»

Witness

- Micah 4:3

Again:

«"They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid."»

Witness

- Micah 4:4

The peace of Zion is not produced by treaties.

It is produced by righteousness.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

After the ministry of the risen Messiah, the people became one.

The record declares:

«"There were no contentions and disputations among them, and every man did deal justly one with another."»

Witness

- 4 Nephi 1:2

Again:

«"Surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God."»

Witness

- 4 Nephi 1:16

The Bible and the Book of Mormon testify together.

Zion is the government of Heaven made visible among a covenant people.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes the culture of Zion.

Love governs every relationship.

Joy strengthens every labor.

Peace settles every controversy.

Longsuffering preserves unity.

Gentleness restores the weak.

Goodness establishes justice.

Faithfulness keeps every covenant.

Meekness removes every throne of pride.

Temperance governs every appetite.

The Constitution of the Kingdom is now visible throughout the nation.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles work together without rivalry.

The Prophet hears for the people.

The Priest ministers before the Most High.

The King governs in righteousness.

The Judge executes justice.

The Shepherd protects every flock.

The Teacher preserves understanding.

The Apostle builds according to the heavenly pattern.

The Watchman guards the walls.

The Warrior defends the covenant.

The Healing Mantle restores the broken.

The Servant strengthens the whole body through humility.

The Scribe preserves every covenant record for generations yet to come.

Each Mantle serves one government.

Each Mantle glorifies one King.

The whole armor preserves Zion.

Truth protects the nation from deception.

Righteousness guards its heart.

Peace establishes its borders.

Faith strengthens every citizen.

Salvation preserves its hope.

The Sword of the Spirit remains the final authority over every matter.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader should now recognize the purpose of the covenant government.

The throne was never meant to remain hidden in Heaven alone.

Its government was intended to become visible through a covenant people.

When the law governs the heart...

When the mind is renewed...

When the Fruit becomes the Constitution...

When the Mantles faithfully administer...

When the armor preserves righteousness...

The Kingdom appears upon the earth.

That people is called Zion.

The record now proceeds to its final witness.

For the government established in Zion looks beyond the present age to the everlasting Kingdom, where the government of the Most High fills the whole earth forever.

Chapter Ten

The Kingdom That Fills the Whole Earth

The covenant government begins with one throne.

It ends with one Kingdom.

The controversy preserved throughout the covenant records has always pointed toward this conclusion.

The kingdoms of men are temporary.

The Kingdom of the Most High is everlasting.

The prophet Daniel beheld the conclusion before it came to pass.

The record declares:

«"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands..."»

Witness

- Daniel 2:34

The stone was not formed by the governments of men.

It was established by the Most High.

Its origin is heavenly.

Its government is divine.

Its authority proceeds from the everlasting King.

The record continues:

«"And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."»

Witness

- Daniel 2:35

Notice the pattern.

The Kingdom does not remain small.

It fills the earth.

Again Daniel declared:

«"The God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."»

Witness

- Daniel 2:44

Every counterfeit kingdom comes to an end.

The confederacy ends.

Babylon ends.

The secret combinations end.

The kingdoms of men end.

The covenant government alone remains.

The prophet Isaiah declared:

«"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."»

Witness

- Isaiah 9:7

The government of the Messiah continually increases.

Not through oppression.

Not through fear.

Not through secret combinations.

But through righteousness.

Truth.

Mercy.

Justice.

The Revelation given to John preserves the same witness.

«"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."»

Witness

- Revelation 11:15

Again John declared:

«"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men."»

Witness

- Revelation 21:3

The latter record bears the same testimony.

The resurrected Messiah declared:

«"Behold, I am the light; I have set an example for you."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 18:16

Again:

«"What manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 27:27

The everlasting Kingdom is not merely awaited.

Its citizens begin living under its government now.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes the culture of the everlasting Kingdom.

Love governs every nation.

Joy fills every people.

Peace covers the earth.

Longsuffering preserves righteousness.

Gentleness removes oppression.

Goodness establishes justice.

Faithfulness preserves every covenant.

Meekness removes every throne of pride.

Temperance governs every appetite.

The Constitution of the Kingdom fills the whole earth.

Witness

- Galatians 5:22–23

The Mantles reach their complete fulfillment.

The Prophet has proclaimed the Word.

The Priest has ministered before the throne.

The King governs in righteousness.

The Judge establishes everlasting justice.

The Shepherd gathers every sheep.

The Teacher fills the earth with understanding.

The Apostle has completed the building.

The Watchman sees the morning without end.

The Warrior lays aside warfare as righteousness covers the earth.

The Healing Mantle restores every wound left by rebellion.

The Servant enters into the joy of the King.

The Scribe closes the record, preserving the testimony that every promise of the Most High has been fulfilled.

The whole armor reaches its completion.

Truth prevails forever.

Righteousness reigns forever.

Peace fills the earth forever.

Faith has become sight.

Salvation is complete.

The Sword of the Spirit has accomplished every word spoken from the beginning.

Witness

- Ephesians 6:10–18

The reader has now followed the government of the Kingdom from its beginning to its fulfillment.

The Throne.

The Law.

The Heart.

The Mind.

The Constitution.

The Administration.

The Defense.

The Covenant House.

Zion.

The Everlasting Kingdom.

The covenant records have spoken together.

The Bible has testified.

The Book of Mormon has testified.

The witnesses stand united.

One Throne.

One Government.

One Covenant.

One King.

Thus concludes Volume Five — The Covenant Government.

The Record of Discovery now advances to its next witness, continuing to uncover the government, wisdom, and purposes of the Most High through the united testimony of the covenant records, line upon line and precept upon precept.

The Scribe's Charge

Bringing Forth Treasures Old and New

Introduction

Before the reader continues deeper into the Record of Discovery, it is fitting to pause and consider the work that has been undertaken.

The volumes that have preceded this record were not written to establish a new religion.

They were not written to replace the covenant records.

They were not written to create another tradition among men.

They were written to search the treasury of the Kingdom.

The Messiah declared:

«"Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."»

Witness

- Matthew 13:52

The work of the Kingdom scribe is not invention.

It is discovery.

Not imagination.

But excavation.

Not replacing the ancient records.

But allowing the ancient records to testify together.

The Father concealed His wisdom throughout the covenant records.

The responsibility of the scribe is to search them faithfully.

The proverb declares:

«"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."»

Witness

- Proverbs 25:2

Again the Lord declared:

«"And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 45:3

The treasures of darkness are not treasures of evil.

They are treasures concealed.

Truths hidden until the appointed time.

Patterns waiting to be discovered.

Wisdom preserved until the Father chooses to reveal it.

Therefore the work of discovery begins with humility.

The scribe does not decide the truth.

The records bear witness of the truth.

The scribe gathers the witnesses.

The Father reveals what has been hidden.

This has been the method from the beginning of this Record of Discovery.

One witness alone was never sufficient.

The Law spoke.

The Prophets answered.

The Psalms testified.

The Gospel fulfilled.

The Apostles confirmed.

The Book of Mormon established another witness.

The covenant records speak together because they proceed from one King.

Throughout these volumes the reader has witnessed the discovery of two governments.

The government of the Most High.

The counterfeit government.

The Holy Order.

The counterfeit order.

The Kingdom established upon righteousness.

The kingdom established through rebellion.

The confederacy.

The secret combinations.

The restoration.

The covenant government.

These discoveries were not manufactured.

They were uncovered by allowing the records to interpret one another.

Line upon line.

Precept upon precept.

Here a little.

There a little.

The treasury of the Kingdom has not been exhausted.

Many chambers remain unopened.

Many witnesses remain unheard.

Many treasures remain concealed within the covenant records.

The purpose of this Record of Discovery is therefore simple.

To search.

To compare.

To gather.

To preserve.

To remember.

To bring forth treasures old.

Treasures new.

And treasures once concealed in darkness until the Father reveals them through the united testimony of His covenant records.

Therefore let every reader continue with diligence.

Not seeking confirmation of traditions.

But seeking the voice of the King speaking through His witnesses.

The Record of Discovery now opens another chamber within the treasury of the Kingdom.

Let the search continue.

Chapter One

The Kingdom Scribe

The Kingdom of Heaven has always preserved its testimony through witnesses.

From generation to generation, the Most High has raised up prophets, priests, judges, kings, apostles, and scribes.

Each carried a different stewardship.

Each fulfilled a different labor.

Yet every labor served one Kingdom.

Among these callings stands the Kingdom Scribe.

The Messiah declared:

«"Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."»

Witness

- Matthew 13:52

The Messiah did not compare the Kingdom Scribe to a philosopher.

He did not compare him to a scholar.

He did not compare him to a ruler.

He compared him to a householder.

A steward.

One entrusted with a treasury.

A steward does not own the treasure.

He preserves it.

He protects it.

He distributes it faithfully.

The treasury belongs to the Master.

The records belong to the King.

The scribe therefore serves the King rather than himself.

The Scriptures have always honored this stewardship.

When Moses received the Law, he wrote the words of the covenant.

Witness

- Exodus 24:4

When Joshua completed his testimony, he added his witness to the Book of the Law.

Witness

- Joshua 24:26

When Baruch heard Jeremiah, he faithfully recorded the words given to the prophet.

Witness

- Jeremiah 36:4

Ezra was described as:

«"A ready scribe in the law of Moses."»

Witness

- Ezra 7:6

The labor of the scribe has never been to create revelation.

It has been to preserve what the Most High has spoken.

The latter record bears the same witness.

Nephi declared:

«"And upon these I write the things of my soul."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 4:15

Mormon abridged generations of covenant history.

Moroni preserved the final testimony.

None sought their own glory.

Each became a faithful steward of the treasury entrusted to him.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore understands that the covenant records are not competing voices.

They are witnesses standing together.

Every record strengthens another record.

Every witness confirms another witness.

The law speaks.

The prophets answer.

The Psalms testify.

The Messiah fulfills.

The Apostles proclaim.

The Book of Mormon establishes another witness.

The treasury grows richer because the witnesses stand together.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore searches every witness.

Not to force agreement.

But to discover the harmony already preserved by the King.

The proverb declares:

«"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."»

Witness

- Proverbs 25:2

The work of the scribe is therefore not merely writing.

It is searching.

It is comparing.

It is discerning.

It is preserving.

It is remembering.

It is bringing hidden treasures into the light at their appointed time.

The Kingdom Scribe labors with patience.

He does not hurry the records.

He allows one witness to illuminate another.

He waits until the pattern stands complete.

Then he records what the witnesses have declared together.

The reader should therefore understand the spirit of this Record of Discovery.

Its purpose is not to speak above the covenant records.

Its purpose is to serve them.

Not to replace them.

But to gather them.

Not to establish another foundation.

But to reveal the unity of the foundation already laid by the Most High.

The treasury remains open.

The Master continues to bring forth treasures old.

Treasures new.

And treasures once concealed until the appointed time of discovery.

The Kingdom Scribe simply follows where the witnesses lead.

The record now proceeds deeper into the treasury, where the labor of searching becomes the joy of discovery.

Chapter Two

The Treasury of the Kingdom

Every kingdom possesses a treasury.

The treasury reveals the wealth of the king.

The Kingdom of the Most High also possesses a treasury.

Its treasure is not silver.

Its treasure is not gold.

Its treasure is truth.

The Messiah declared:

«"The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field..."»

Witness

- Matthew 13:44

Again He declared:

«"Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."»

Witness

- Matthew 13:52

The Kingdom therefore contains a treasury.

The Kingdom also appoints stewards over that treasury.

The treasure does not belong to the steward.

It belongs to the King.

The steward simply brings forth what the Master has already placed within His house.

From the beginning, the Father has filled His treasury.

Some treasures were plainly revealed.

Others were carefully concealed.

The proverb declares:

«"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."»

Witness

- Proverbs 25:2

The treasury therefore invites searching.

The Father conceals.

The faithful search.

The Father reveals.

The discovery becomes another witness of His wisdom.

Again the Lord declared:

«"And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 45:3

The treasures of darkness are treasures concealed from ordinary sight.

They remain hidden until the appointed time.

The darkness belongs to the concealment.

Not to the treasure.

The treasure has always belonged to the King.

Throughout the covenant records, the treasury continues to grow.

The Law preserves commandments.

The Prophets preserve warnings.

The Psalms preserve worship.

The Proverbs preserve wisdom.

The Gospel preserves the words of the Messiah.

The Apostles preserve the testimony of His resurrection.

The Book of Mormon preserves another witness of the covenant.

Each record enters the treasury.

None competes.

Each strengthens the whole.

The treasury therefore becomes richer with every faithful witness.

The Kingdom Scribe does not search one shelf.

He searches the whole house.

He compares one witness with another.

He gathers scattered testimony.

He waits patiently until the pattern stands complete.

Only then does he bring forth the treasure.

This Record of Discovery has followed that pattern.

The Confederacy was not discovered through one verse.

The counterfeit kingdom was not discovered through one passage.

The covenant government was not established through one witness.

Every discovery came by gathering the records together.

The treasury revealed what no single chamber could reveal alone.

The treasures therefore are connected.

The Father does not scatter truth without purpose.

One discovery unlocks another.

One witness opens another chamber.

One record illuminates another record.

The Kingdom itself is discovered in this manner.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes another treasure.

The Mantles become another treasure.

The Whole Armor becomes another treasure.

The Covenant House becomes another treasure.

The Kingdom Government becomes another treasure.

Each had always been present.

The treasury simply revealed them as the witnesses stood together.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore learns patience.

He does not force conclusions.

He continues searching.

He continues gathering.

He continues comparing.

He continues preserving.

Until the Master of the house opens another chamber within His treasury.

The reader should therefore understand that the Record of Discovery is not creating treasure.

It is opening chambers that have long existed within the treasury of the Kingdom.

The house is larger than any one servant can fully explore.

The treasury is deeper than any one generation can completely uncover.

Yet the King continues to invite His servants to search.

To discover.

To preserve.

To remember.

The treasury remains open.

The Master continues to reveal its riches.

The Kingdom Scribe continues his labor.

The record now proceeds to another chamber, where the ancient witnesses themselves become treasures preserved for every generation that seeks the voice of the King.

Chapter Three

Treasures Old

The Kingdom Scribe is instructed to bring forth treasures old.

The Messiah did not begin with treasures new.

He began with treasures old.

The Kingdom does not despise what came before.

It builds upon the foundation already established.

The record declares:

«"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set."»

Witness

- Proverbs 22:28

Again the prophet declared:

«"Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way..."»

Witness

- Jeremiah 6:16

The treasures of the Kingdom are ancient.

Older than kingdoms.

Older than nations.

Older than the traditions of men.

They proceed from the Ancient of Days.

Therefore the Kingdom Scribe begins where the Father began.

Not with modern opinion.

With the covenant records.

The Law is a treasure.

The commandments reveal the holiness of the King.

The statutes reveal His wisdom.

The judgments reveal His righteousness.

The Torah is not merely history.

It is part of the treasury of the Kingdom.

The Prophets are treasures.

Isaiah preserved the promises.

Jeremiah preserved the warnings.

Ezekiel preserved the visions.

Daniel preserved the Kingdom.

Each prophet became another steward within the treasury.

The Psalms are treasures.

Within them are songs.

Prayers.

Prophecies.

Lamentations.

Praise.

The heart of covenant worship remains preserved there.

The Proverbs are treasures.

Wisdom hidden within short sayings.

Counsel preserved for every generation.

The Gospel is a treasure.

The words of the Messiah reveal the King Himself.

The Kingdom is no longer spoken only through shadows.

The King walks among His people.

The Apostles are treasures.

They preserved the testimony of His resurrection.

They established the assemblies.

They strengthened the saints.

They guarded the doctrine delivered unto them.

The latter record stands as another treasure.

The Book of Mormon preserves another witness of the covenant.

It remembers what another branch of Israel preserved.

It confirms the promises made unto the fathers.

It bears witness of the Messiah.

The covenant records therefore stand together.

One treasury.

Many witnesses.

One King.

The Kingdom Scribe does not rank the treasures.

He gathers them.

He searches Moses.

He searches David.

He searches Isaiah.

He searches Daniel.

He searches Matthew.

He searches Paul.

He searches Nephi.

He searches Alma.

He searches Mormon.

He searches Moroni.

Not because one record is greater than another.

But because every faithful witness strengthens the whole treasury.

The ancient records are therefore not relics.

They are living witnesses.

Every generation enters the same treasury.

Every generation hears the same King.

Every generation discovers another chamber.

The treasures remain ancient.

The discovery becomes new.

This is why the Kingdom never grows old.

Its foundation is ancient.

Its witness is continual.

Its treasury remains inexhaustible.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore approaches the ancient records with reverence.

He does not search them merely for information.

He searches them to hear the voice of the King.

The reader should likewise understand the purpose of these treasures.

The old treasures are not preserved because they are old.

They are preserved because they remain true.

The Father has watched over His word throughout generations.

He has preserved witnesses.

He has preserved records.

He has preserved covenants.

He has preserved testimony.

The treasury therefore stands open before every generation.

Those who enter with humility continue to discover what faithful witnesses have preserved from the beginning.

The Kingdom Scribe receives the ancient treasures with thanksgiving.

Then, under the direction of the Master of the house, he continues deeper into the treasury, where old treasures illuminate new discoveries and every witness strengthens another.

Chapter Four

Treasures New

The Kingdom Scribe is instructed to bring forth treasures old and new.

The treasures are not divided because they belong to different kingdoms.

They belong to one treasury.

They proceed from one King.

The old treasures establish the foundation.

The new treasures reveal what the foundation has always contained.

The Messiah did not say that the old treasures had become obsolete.

Neither did He say that the new treasures replaced the old.

The householder brings forth both.

Together.

The Kingdom therefore grows through revelation.

Not because truth changes.

But because understanding increases.

The prophet declared:

«"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine?... For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."»

Witness

- Isaiah 28:9–10

The Father has always revealed His Kingdom in this manner.

One witness prepares another.

One discovery opens another.

One chamber leads into another chamber.

The latter record preserves the same pattern.

Nephi declared:

«"For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little..."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 28:30

The Bible and the Book of Mormon speak together.

Revelation unfolds.

The treasury opens.

The Kingdom becomes clearer.

The treasures therefore become new to the discoverer.

Not because they have recently come into existence.

But because they have now been brought into the light.

The Kingdom Scribe rejoices in these discoveries.

Not because they are his.

Because they belong to the King.

The Father concealed them.

The witnesses preserved them.

The appointed time revealed them.

Throughout this Record of Discovery, many treasures have been brought forth in this manner.

The confederacy.

The counterfeit kingdom.

The Holy Order.

The counterfeit order.

The Kingdom government.

The Fruit of the Spirit governing the Mantles.

The Mantles functioning together as one administration.

The Whole Armor protecting the covenant servant.

The Covenant House.

The gathering.

Zion.

These discoveries did not replace the ancient records.

They arose from them.

The witnesses spoke together.

The pattern appeared.

The treasure was brought forth.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore understands that discovery is progressive.

The treasury cannot be emptied in one generation.

The Father continually opens another chamber.

Not because He changes.

Because His wisdom is deeper than man's searching.

Daniel was told:

«"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."»

Witness

- Daniel 12:4

Again the Lord declared:

«"And none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."»

Witness

- Daniel 12:10

The increase of understanding belongs to the unfolding of the Father's purpose.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore searches with expectation.

Not seeking novelty.

Seeking faithfulness.

He does not search for something different.

He searches for what has always been there.

The treasury continues to reveal itself to those who diligently search.

One discovery strengthens another.

One witness confirms another.

One pattern illuminates another.

The Kingdom grows brighter.

Not because the truth has changed.

Because more of the truth has become visible.

The reader should therefore understand the purpose of treasures new.

They are not additions to the Kingdom.

They are discoveries within the Kingdom.

The Master of the house has never ceased filling His treasury.

Generation after generation, He continues to open its chambers to those who seek Him with diligence.

The Kingdom Scribe walks forward with reverence.

He receives every discovery with thanksgiving.

Then he returns again to the treasury.

For beyond every chamber already opened, another chamber still waits to be discovered.

Chapter Five

The Treasures of Darkness

The Kingdom Scribe is instructed to bring forth treasures old and treasures new.

The Father also speaks of another treasury.

One that remains hidden until the appointed time.

The record declares:

«"And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places..."»

Witness

- Isaiah 45:3

The treasures are not darkness.

The darkness is their concealment.

The Father hid them.

The Father preserved them.

The Father appointed the season when they would be discovered.

From the beginning, the Most High has concealed His wisdom.

Not to keep His children from truth.

But to invite them into the labor of searching.

The proverb declares:

«"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."»

Witness

- Proverbs 25:2

The Kingdom therefore advances through discovery.

The Father conceals.

The seeker searches.

The Spirit reveals.

The scribe records.

The cycle continues from generation to generation.

Many things remain hidden because they have not yet been searched.

Others remain hidden because the appointed time has not yet come.

Daniel was commanded:

«"Shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end..."»

Witness

- Daniel 12:4

Again the angel declared:

«"The words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."»

Witness

- Daniel 12:9

The revelation was preserved.

Its understanding awaited its season.

The latter record bears the same witness.

Nephi declared:

«"For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept..."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 28:30

The Father does not empty His treasury all at once.

He opens it according to His wisdom.

Every generation receives enough light to continue the search.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore never assumes the treasury has been exhausted.

He searches again.

He compares again.

He returns to the records again.

Because another chamber may yet be opened.

Throughout the covenant records, treasures have remained concealed until another witness revealed their place within the whole.

A prophecy answered by another prophecy.

A symbol interpreted by another record.

A pattern completed by another witness.

The treasury begins to unfold.

Not because something new was created.

Because something ancient became visible.

The Kingdom itself is discovered this way.

The covenant government.

The administration of the Mantles.

The Constitution revealed through the Fruit of the Spirit.

The harmony of the covenant records.

These are not inventions.

They are treasures brought from concealment into understanding through diligent searching.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore walks carefully.

He does not seek hidden things for the sake of mystery.

He seeks the voice of the King.

If the Father has concealed it...

The Father can reveal it.

If the Father has preserved it...

The Father can appoint its season.

If the Father opens another chamber...

The scribe enters with reverence.

The reader should therefore understand the treasures of darkness.

They are witnesses waiting in concealment.

Patterns waiting for completion.

Treasures waiting for the appointed season.

The Kingdom of Heaven is deeper than any generation has fully searched.

The treasury remains open.

The King continues to invite His servants into its hidden chambers.

Every faithful search becomes another act of worship.

Every true discovery becomes another witness of the wisdom of the Most High.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore continues his labor.

He searches without pride.

He discovers without boasting.

He records without altering.

He preserves without diminishing.

Until every treasure the King appoints to be revealed has been brought forth from the treasury of His everlasting Kingdom.

Chapter Six

The Work of Discovery

The Kingdom Scribe has been entrusted with a treasury.

The treasury contains treasures old.

Treasures new.

Treasures once concealed until the appointed time.

The stewardship of the scribe is therefore more than writing.

It is discovery.

The work begins with seeking.

The Messiah declared:

«"Seek, and ye shall find."»

Witness

- Matthew 7:7

The Kingdom is not discovered by neglect.

It is discovered by diligent searching.

The Father conceals.

The servant searches.

The Spirit reveals.

The scribe records.

This has always been the pattern.

The Bereans were commended because:

«"They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."»

Witness

- Acts 17:11

They did not reject the message.

Neither did they receive it without examination.

They searched.

The Kingdom Scribe follows the same pattern.

Every witness must be searched.

Every testimony must be gathered.

Every pattern must be examined.

The latter record preserves the same labor.

Nephi declared:

«"Feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 32:3

The Kingdom is discovered by dwelling within the records.

Not by passing over them.

The work of discovery therefore requires patience.

The Father rarely reveals an entire pattern at once.

He gives one witness.

Then another.

One prophecy.

Then its fulfillment.

One symbol.

Then its interpretation.

One record.

Then another record standing beside it.

The scribe gathers them together until the whole counsel begins to appear.

The record declares:

«"In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."»

Witness

- 2 Corinthians 13:1

The Book of Mormon bears the same witness.

«"By the mouth of three witnesses, shall these things be established."»

Witness

- Ether 5:4

The Kingdom is therefore established by witnesses.

Not by imagination.

Not by private invention.

The Kingdom Scribe does not search to prove himself right.

He searches so the witnesses may speak.

Sometimes the discovery confirms what was already known.

Sometimes it reveals another chamber that had remained hidden.

The faithful servant receives both with thanksgiving.

Throughout this Record of Discovery, the same labor has continued.

Searching.

Comparing.

Remembering.

Recording.

The confederacy was discovered by comparing witnesses.

The counterfeit kingdom was discovered by comparing witnesses.

The covenant government was discovered by comparing witnesses.

The Kingdom continues to unfold because the records continue to testify.

The work of discovery never belongs to one generation alone.

Every faithful generation receives the treasury handed to it.

Every faithful generation searches what has been preserved.

Every faithful generation adds its testimony of what the Father has revealed.

Then it faithfully passes the treasury forward.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore labors with humility.

He does not search to become great.

He searches because the King has invited His servants into His treasury.

The discovery belongs to the King.

The wisdom belongs to the King.

The glory belongs to the King.

The scribe simply bears witness to what has been found.

The reader should therefore understand the work that lies before him.

This Record of Discovery is an invitation.

Search the records.

Compare the witnesses.

Search again.

Ask.

Knock.

Seek.

Allow the treasury to unfold according to the wisdom of the Master of the house.

For the Kingdom is deeper than one search.

The treasury is richer than one generation.

The discoveries continue because the King has not ceased opening the chambers of His house.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For the work of discovery cannot stand upon one record alone.

The Father established multiple covenant witnesses, that every word might be established and every treasure confirmed by the united testimony of His records.

Chapter Seven

The Two Witnesses

The Kingdom of Heaven is not established by one witness alone.

From the beginning, the Father has established His word through multiple witnesses.

The record declares:

«"In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 19:15

Again the Apostle testified:

«"In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."»

Witness

- 2 Corinthians 13:1

The government of the Kingdom follows this pattern.

Truth stands upon witnesses.

Not upon imagination.

Not upon private interpretation.

Not upon the traditions of men.

The Father speaks.

Then He establishes His word through another witness.

The prophet Isaiah declared:

«"Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples."»

Witness

- Isaiah 8:16

The testimony and the law stand together.

The witness is preserved.

The covenant is remembered.

The latter record declares:

«"Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible ye need not suppose that it contains all my words..."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 29:10

Again the Lord declared:

«"For I command all men... that they shall write the words which I speak unto them."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 29:11

The Father is the God of records.

He commands His servants to preserve His words.

He remembers every covenant.

He preserves every witness.

He gathers every testimony.

The Bible therefore stands as a covenant witness.

The Book of Mormon stands as another covenant witness.

The records do not compete.

They testify.

The Law prepares the way.

The Prophets declare the promises.

The Gospel reveals the Messiah.

The Apostles proclaim His resurrection.

The Book of Mormon bears another witness that He is the Messiah.

The treasury becomes complete because the witnesses stand together.

Ezekiel was shown this pattern beforehand.

The record declares:

«"Take thee one stick... for Judah... then take another stick... for Joseph... and join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand."»

Witness

- Ezekiel 37:16–17

The joining of the records reflects the unity of the covenant.

Not two kingdoms.

One Kingdom.

Not two Christs.

One Messiah.

Not two gospels.

One everlasting Gospel.

The witnesses therefore increase understanding.

Moses explains.

Isaiah expands.

Daniel reveals.

Matthew fulfills.

Paul teaches.

Nephi confirms.

Alma expounds.

Mormon preserves.

Moroni concludes.

Each witness strengthens another witness.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore refuses to isolate the records.

He gathers them.

He compares them.

He allows one witness to illuminate another.

The pattern becomes visible.

The discovery becomes complete.

The treasury becomes richer.

The reader has already witnessed this throughout the Record of Discovery.

The Confederacy was established through many witnesses.

The counterfeit kingdom appeared through many witnesses.

The covenant government emerged through many witnesses.

The Holy Order was strengthened through many witnesses.

The hidden treasures came forth because the witnesses stood together.

This is the labor of the Kingdom Scribe.

Not selecting isolated passages.

Gathering the whole counsel preserved by the King.

The Father has never lacked witnesses.

He has preserved them from generation to generation.

Some spoke through prophecy.

Some through history.

Some through poetry.

Some through law.

Some through visions.

Some through remembrance.

Yet all testified of one King.

One covenant.

One Kingdom.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore rejoices whenever another faithful witness enters the treasury.

Every witness establishes another word.

Every record strengthens another record.

Every testimony glorifies the same King.

The reader should therefore understand why this Record of Discovery continually brings the covenant records together.

The purpose is not to elevate one witness above another.

The purpose is to hear them speak with one voice.

When the witnesses stand together...

The patterns become clear.

The hidden treasures emerge.

The government of the Kingdom becomes visible.

The record now proceeds deeper into the work of the Kingdom Scribe.

For once the witnesses have been gathered together, the labor of excavation begins, comparing line with line, precept with precept, until the whole counsel of the Most High stands revealed.

Chapter Eight

The Pattern of Excavation

The Kingdom Scribe has gathered the witnesses.

Now he begins another labor.

Excavation.

A treasure hidden within the earth is not uncovered in one movement.

Layer is removed from layer.

Stone from stone.

Until what has always existed becomes visible.

The Kingdom is searched in the same manner.

The Father did not reveal every mystery in one place.

He distributed His testimony throughout the covenant records.

One prophet received one portion.

Another prophet received another.

One record preserved one witness.

Another record preserved another.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore becomes an excavator.

Not of earth.

Of testimony.

The prophet declared:

«"Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine?... For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."»

Witness

- Isaiah 28:9–10

The latter record preserves the same order.

«"For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little..."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 28:30

The pattern of excavation therefore proceeds according to the Father's order.

Not man's impatience.

The Kingdom is not built by isolated verses.

It is uncovered by connected witnesses.

The Kingdom Scribe first gathers.

Then compares.

Then observes.

Then waits.

The Spirit begins revealing relationships that remained hidden until the witnesses stood together.

The excavation is not merely collecting scriptures.

It is discovering patterns.

The Law speaks to the Prophets.

The Prophets answer the Gospel.

The Gospel illuminates the Apostles.

The Bible stands beside the Book of Mormon.

Every witness strengthens another witness.

The pattern begins to emerge.

This Record of Discovery has followed that labor from its beginning.

Psalm Eighty-Three was not studied by itself.

It was compared.

The confederacy was traced throughout the records.

The counterfeit kingdom was excavated through multiple witnesses.

The Holy Order emerged through comparison.

The covenant government was assembled piece by piece.

The Fruit revealed the Constitution.

The Mantles revealed the administration.

The Whole Armor revealed the defense.

The Covenant House revealed the first government upon the earth.

Zion revealed the visible Kingdom.

Each chamber unlocked another chamber.

The excavation continued.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore understands that no discovery stands alone.

Every discovery belongs to a larger structure.

Every chamber belongs to the same house.

Every treasure belongs to the same treasury.

The Father concealed an architecture.

The witnesses preserve its pieces.

The Spirit reveals how those pieces fit together.

The excavation therefore uncovers not merely isolated truths.

It uncovers the design of the Kingdom itself.

The Kingdom Scribe must therefore resist haste.

He must not force pieces together.

Neither must he leave pieces separated that the Father has joined.

The records themselves establish the pattern.

The witnesses themselves reveal the architecture.

The servant simply follows.

The reader should therefore understand this Record of Discovery.

It has never been a collection of independent studies.

It is one excavation.

One treasury.

One architecture.

One Kingdom.

Every volume has removed another layer.

Every chapter has opened another chamber.

Every witness has uncovered another portion of the counsel of the Most High.

The excavation continues because the treasury is not yet exhausted.

The architecture continues to appear because the Master Builder has not finished revealing His design.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore returns again to the records.

Not searching for something different.

Searching more deeply.

For every faithful excavation reveals another chamber within the everlasting Kingdom of the Most High.

Chapter Nine

The Responsibility of the Kingdom Scribe

The Kingdom Scribe has searched the treasury.

He has gathered the witnesses.

He has excavated the patterns.

Now another responsibility remains.

Faithfulness.

The scribe is not judged by the amount he writes.

He is judged by how faithfully he preserves what has been entrusted to him.

The record declares:

«"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."»

Witness

- 1 Corinthians 4:2

The Kingdom Scribe is first a steward.

The treasury belongs to the King.

The records belong to the King.

The discoveries belong to the King.

The glory belongs to the King.

The scribe therefore seeks no honor for himself.

His joy is that the King is faithfully represented.

From the beginning the Most High has commanded His servants to preserve His words.

The record declares:

«"Write this for a memorial in a book."»

Witness

- Exodus 17:14

Again the Lord declared:

«"Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables."»

Witness

- Habakkuk 2:2

The written record preserves remembrance.

Generations pass.

Kings rise.

Kings fall.

Empires appear.

Empires disappear.

The written testimony remains.

The latter record preserves the same command.

Nephi declared:

«"And I know that the record which I make is true."»

Witness

- 1 Nephi 1:3

Mormon labored to preserve the history of an entire people.

Moroni completed the record when no one else remained.

Neither wrote for themselves.

They wrote for generations they would never meet.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore writes beyond his own lifetime.

He writes for sons and daughters yet unborn.

He writes for future witnesses.

He writes so remembrance will not perish from the earth.

The record declares:

«"Remove not the ancient landmark."»

Witness

- Proverbs 22:28

The Kingdom Scribe does not alter what the Father has established.

He does not move the landmarks.

He preserves them.

He points future generations back to them.

The responsibility therefore includes humility.

The scribe must never force the records to say what they do not say.

Neither may he ignore what they plainly declare.

He must patiently allow witness to establish witness.

Pattern to establish pattern.

The Spirit to illuminate the whole.

The Kingdom Scribe is accountable for every word entrusted to him.

Not because the record belongs to him.

Because it belongs to the King.

Throughout this Record of Discovery, one responsibility has remained constant.

To preserve the covenant.

To preserve the witnesses.

To preserve the remembrance.

To preserve the architecture of the Kingdom as it has been uncovered through the united testimony of the covenant records.

The discoveries themselves are not the inheritance.

Faithfulness is the inheritance.

The treasury is not diminished when faithfully preserved.

It grows richer.

Each faithful generation adds another testimony of the goodness of the Most High.

Then hands the treasury to the next generation.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore writes with reverence.

He searches with patience.

He records with accuracy.

He preserves with humility.

He remembers with thanksgiving.

For he knows that one day another servant will enter the same treasury.

Another scribe will search the same records.

Another generation will continue the excavation.

The reader should therefore understand the charge placed upon every faithful servant of the Kingdom.

Receive the treasury.

Guard the treasury.

Search the treasury.

Preserve the treasury.

Pass the treasury forward.

For the records are not merely books.

They are witnesses.

The witnesses are not merely history.

They are the remembrance of the covenant between the Most High and His people.

The Kingdom Scribe fulfills his labor when he faithfully delivers that remembrance to the generation that follows.

The record now proceeds to its final witness.

For the treasury remains open, and the work of discovery continues until every appointed treasure has been brought forth by the Master of the house.

Chapter Ten

The Treasury Remains Open

The Kingdom Scribe has searched the treasury.

He has gathered the witnesses.

He has brought forth treasures old.

Treasures new.

Treasures once concealed until the appointed time.

Yet the treasury remains open.

The Kingdom of the Most High cannot be exhausted.

The prophet declared:

«"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"»

Witness

- Romans 11:33

The wisdom of the Most High is deeper than the searching of man.

Every generation enters the treasury.

Every generation discovers another chamber.

Every generation receives another witness.

The Father has never ceased speaking through the records He has preserved.

The record declares:

«"For precept must be upon precept... line upon line... here a little, and there a little."»

Witness

- Isaiah 28:10

The latter record preserves the same promise.

«"For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept..."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 28:30

The Kingdom therefore continues to unfold.

Not because the truth changes.

Because the treasury is deeper than one lifetime.

The Kingdom Scribe finishes one excavation.

Then returns to the treasury.

Another chamber waits.

Another witness waits.

Another pattern waits.

Another discovery waits.

This Record of Discovery has never claimed to exhaust the counsel of the Most High.

It has simply opened the chambers the Master has permitted to be opened.

Many chambers still remain.

The government of the Kingdom.

The order of the Kingdom.

The covenants.

The appointments.

The judgments.

The remembrances.

The inheritances.

The restoration of Israel.

The New Jerusalem.

The everlasting reign of the Messiah.

The treasury continues beyond the present record.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore understands that every finished record becomes another doorway.

One discovery prepares the next.

One volume opens another.

One witness leads to another witness.

The treasury continually invites the faithful servant to return.

The Father conceals.

The servant searches.

The Spirit reveals.

The scribe records.

The treasury grows brighter.

The Kingdom becomes clearer.

The glory always returns to the King.

The reader should therefore understand the purpose of this record.

It is not the conclusion of discovery.

It is an invitation to continue searching.

To continue comparing.

To continue gathering.

To continue preserving.

Until every witness appointed by the Most High stands together.

The Kingdom Scribe lays down his pen for a season.

Not because the work has ended.

Because another chamber now awaits.

The treasury remains open.

The Master of the house still walks among His treasures.

He continues to call faithful servants into His storehouse.

He continues to reveal treasures old.

Treasures new.

Treasures once concealed.

Therefore the Record of Discovery continues.

The Hall of Covenant Records remains open.

The witnesses continue to speak.

The Kingdom continues to unfold.

The King continues to reveal His counsel.

Thus concludes The Scribe's Charge.

The reader is now prepared to continue deeper into the Record of Discovery, understanding that every volume which follows is another chamber within the treasury of the Kingdom of Heaven, brought forth by the

united testimony of the covenant records through the guidance of the Most High.

Epilogue

The Householder and His Treasury

The Messiah did not compare the Kingdom Scribe to a king.

He did not compare him to a conqueror.

He did not compare him to a builder.

He compared him to a householder.

The house already existed.

The treasury already existed.

The treasures already existed.

The labor was to bring them forth.

The record declares:

«"Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."»

Witness

- Matthew 13:52

The Kingdom of Heaven is the Father's house.

Its treasury cannot be exhausted.

Every chamber contains another witness.

Every witness reveals another chamber.

The faithful servant never reaches the end of the King's storehouse.

For the wisdom of the Most High is everlasting.

The covenant records therefore are not isolated books.

They are chambers within one house.

The Law opens one chamber.

The Prophets open another.

The Psalms another.

The Gospel another.

The Apostles another.

The Book of Mormon another.

Every faithful witness enlarges the house before the reader.

The Kingdom Scribe simply walks from chamber to chamber.

Searching.

Comparing.

Remembering.

Recording.

Preserving.

Bringing forth whatever the Master appoints.

This has been the labor of this record.

Not to establish another voice.

But to hear the voices already preserved.

Not to invent another government.

But to discover the government that has always proceeded from the throne of the Most High.

Not to establish another testimony.

But to allow the testimonies to stand together.

The Father has concealed many things.

The Father continues to reveal many things.

The treasury remains full.

The house remains open.

The invitation remains extended.

Therefore let every reader become a faithful seeker.

Search the covenant records.

Search them patiently.

Search them prayerfully.

Search them together.

For the King still walks within His treasury.

He still opens hidden chambers.

He still reveals treasures old.

Treasures new.

Treasures once concealed.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not merely read.

It is discovered.

The covenant is not merely studied.

It is remembered.

The witnesses are not merely preserved.

They continue to speak.

May every reader enter the treasury with humility.

May every discovery produce greater reverence for the King.

May every witness strengthen another witness.

May every chamber reveal another portion of His everlasting Kingdom.

And may every faithful scribe remember that the glory belongs to the Master of the house, whose treasury can never be emptied and whose wisdom shall endure throughout all generations.

Thus ends The Scribe's Charge.

The Record of Discovery continues.

The treasury remains open.

The search continues.

Volume Six

The Kingdom Economy

Discovering the Economy of Heaven

Introduction

Every kingdom possesses an economy.

Not merely a system of exchange.

But a system that reveals the heart of its king.

The counterfeit kingdom measures wealth by accumulation.

The Kingdom of Heaven measures wealth by stewardship.

The kingdoms of men ask:

"What do you own?"

The Kingdom asks:

"What has been entrusted to your care?"

The kingdoms of men build treasures upon the earth.

The King declared:

«"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth... But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."»

Witness

- Matthew 6:19–20

The economy of Heaven therefore cannot be measured by earthly standards.

It operates according to another government.

Another law.

Another reward.

Throughout the covenant records, this economy appears again and again.

The Garden.

The Sabbath.

The Manna.

The Jubilee.

The Tithes.

The Storehouse.

The Talents.

The Steward.

The Widow's Mite.

The Rich Young Ruler.

King Benjamin.

The Consecration of Zion.

The Law of the Harvest.

The kingdoms of men pursue ownership.

The Kingdom teaches stewardship.

The kingdoms of men consume.

The Kingdom multiplies.

The kingdoms of men compete.

The Kingdom supplies.

The kingdoms of men hoard.

The Kingdom distributes.

This economy proceeds from the throne of the Most High.

It reflects His character.

His generosity.

His justice.

His mercy.

His abundance.

The purpose of this volume is to search the covenant records and discover the economy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not merely the economy of money.

But the economy of life.

Time.

Gifts.

Land.

Inheritance.

Labor.

Increase.

Stewardship.

Reward.

Treasure.

The reader is invited once again into another chamber within the treasury of the Kingdom.

For the government of Heaven cannot be understood apart from the economy through which the King administers His blessings.

The discovery continues.

Chapter One

The King Owns Everything

Every economy begins with ownership.

Before there can be stewardship...

There must first be an Owner.

The kingdoms of men begin with possession.

The Kingdom of Heaven begins with the King.

The record declares:

«"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."»

Witness

- Psalm 24:1

Again the Lord declared:

«"For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."»

Witness

- Psalm 50:10

Nothing exists apart from His authority.

Nothing exists apart from His provision.

Nothing exists apart from His government.

The heavens belong to Him.

The earth belongs to Him.

The seas belong to Him.

The nations belong to Him.

The silver belongs to Him.

The gold belongs to Him.

The record declares:

«"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts."»

Witness

- Haggai 2:8

The Kingdom economy therefore begins with a simple truth.

Nothing truly belongs to man.

Everything belongs to the King.

Man is not an owner.

He is a steward.

The first man was not given ownership of the garden.

He was entrusted with it.

The record declares:

«"And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."»

Witness

- Genesis 2:15

Adam entered the garden as a steward.

Not a possessor.

The garden belonged to the Most High.

Adam's responsibility was faithfulness.

The latter record preserves the same pattern.

King Benjamin declared:

«"Ye are eternally indebted to your heavenly Father, to render to him all that you have and are."»

Witness

- Mosiah 2:34

Again he declared:

«"If ye should serve him with all your whole souls yet ye would be unprofitable servants."»

Witness

- Mosiah 2:21

The covenant records testify together.

The servant can never place the Master in his debt.

Everything the servant possesses first came from the King.

Life.

Breath.

Strength.

Wisdom.

Land.

Time.

Opportunity.

Increase.

Every gift proceeds from above.

The Apostle declared:

«"What hast thou that thou didst not receive?"»

Witness

- 1 Corinthians 4:7

The Kingdom economy therefore removes pride.

The steward cannot boast.

He manages what has been entrusted to him.

The King alone possesses absolute ownership.

This truth changes everything.

Money becomes stewardship.

Land becomes stewardship.

Knowledge becomes stewardship.

Authority becomes stewardship.

Children become stewardship.

Time becomes stewardship.

Even spiritual gifts become stewardship.

Nothing exists outside the King's government.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs stewardship.

Love directs every resource toward righteousness.

Goodness governs every transaction.

Faithfulness preserves every trust.

Temperance restrains greed.

Meekness removes pride.

Peace removes anxious striving.

Joy transforms labor into worship.

The Constitution of the Kingdom governs the economy of the Kingdom.

The Mantles likewise administer stewardship.

The Kingly Mantle governs resources.

The Apostolic Mantle builds faithfully.

The Servant distributes generously.

The Scribe preserves the inheritance.

The Priest consecrates.

The Judge administers justice.

The Shepherd protects what has been entrusted.

Every Mantle serves the King's economy.

The reader should therefore understand the first law of the Kingdom economy.

Ownership belongs to the King.

Stewardship belongs to His servants.

When this order is forgotten...

Greed is born.

When this order is remembered...

Faithfulness flourishes.

The discovery therefore begins where every covenant begins.

The King owns everything.

The servant manages what the King has entrusted.

The record now proceeds to the next witness.

For once ownership is understood, the covenant records begin revealing the first great law of the Kingdom economy:

Stewardship.

Chapter Two

The Law of Stewardship

The King owns everything.

Therefore every blessing entrusted to His servants becomes a stewardship.

The Kingdom of Heaven does not first ask what a man possesses.

It asks what has been entrusted to him.

The first stewardship began in the Garden.

The record declares:

"And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

Witness

- Genesis 2:15

Adam was not commanded to create the Garden.

He was commanded to keep it.

The Kingdom therefore begins with stewardship.

Not ownership.

The Garden belonged to the King.

Adam was entrusted with its care.

The same pattern appears throughout the covenant records.

Noah became a steward of the ark.

Joseph became a steward over Egypt.

Moses became a steward of Israel.

Joshua became a steward of the inheritance.

David became a steward of the throne.

Every servant received an assignment.

Every assignment remained the King's.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

King Benjamin declared:

"See that all these things are done in wisdom and order."

Witness

- Mosiah 4:27

The Kingdom economy therefore rejects waste.

It rejects neglect.

It rejects selfishness.

Faithful stewardship governs every blessing.

The Messiah taught the same principle.

The record declares:

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household...?"

Witness

- Matthew 24:45

Again He declared:

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant... thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

Witness

- Matthew 25:21

The Kingdom rewards faithfulness before increase.

The world rewards appearance.

The Kingdom rewards stewardship.

Small assignments prepare the servant for greater assignments.

Nothing entrusted by the King is insignificant.

A field.

A family.

A scroll.

A talent.

A conversation.

A gift.

A mantle.

Each becomes part of the King's economy.

The Apostle declared:

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Witness

- 1 Peter 4:10

Grace itself becomes a stewardship.

Knowledge becomes a stewardship.

Wisdom becomes a stewardship.

Mercy becomes a stewardship.

Even time becomes a stewardship.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore understands that revelation is entrusted before it is proclaimed.

He must first prove faithful with what has already been revealed.

Only then does the Master open another chamber within His treasury.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs stewardship.

Love serves faithfully.

Joy labors willingly.

Peace removes anxious striving.

Longsuffering remains steadfast.

Goodness acts honestly.

Faithfulness protects every trust.

Meekness rejects pride.

Temperance restrains excess.

The Constitution of the Kingdom governs the steward before it governs the treasury.

The Mantles also reveal stewardship.

The Kingly Mantle stewards authority.

The Priestly Mantle stewards holiness.

The Teaching Mantle stewards understanding.

The Shepherd stewards lives.

The Healing Mantle stewards restoration.

The Scribe stewards remembrance.

Every Mantle is measured by faithfulness rather than prominence.

The reader should therefore understand the first law of stewardship.

The King does not ask first how much was received.

He asks how faithfully it was managed.

Faithfulness precedes increase.

Stewardship precedes inheritance.

Obedience precedes abundance.

The Kingdom economy therefore begins with one question.

Will the servant faithfully manage what belongs to the King?

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For once stewardship has been established, the covenant records reveal the principle by which the King brings increase to everything faithfully placed into His servants' hands.

Chapter Three

The Law of Increase

The Kingdom of Heaven is not stagnant.

Everything entrusted to the faithful steward is designed to increase.

The increase does not begin with abundance.

It begins with faithfulness.

The Messiah declared:

«"For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance..."»

Witness

- Matthew 25:29

This saying follows the parable of the talents.

The servants did not all receive the same measure.

One received five.

Another received two.

Another received one.

The King did not judge them by equality of possession.

He judged them by faithfulness in stewardship.

The servant who increased what had been entrusted to him heard the words:

«"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."»

Witness

- Matthew 25:21

The Kingdom economy therefore measures increase differently than the kingdoms of men.

The world celebrates accumulation.

The Kingdom celebrates multiplication through faithful stewardship.

The increase belongs to the King.

The steward simply participates in His work.

The pattern began in creation.

The record declares:

«"Be fruitful, and multiply..."»

Witness

- Genesis 1:28

Fruitfulness is one of the first commandments given to mankind.

Increase is therefore woven into the government of the Kingdom.

Seeds multiply.

Trees multiply.

Families multiply.

Wisdom multiplies.

Disciples multiply.

Righteousness multiplies.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

Alma compared the word of God to a seed.

If nourished with diligence, it grows.

It enlarges the soul.

It enlightens the understanding.

It becomes a tree of everlasting life.

Witness

- Alma 32:28–43

The Kingdom economy therefore follows the law of the seed.

Nothing increases without being planted.

Nothing is harvested without first being sown.

The Apostle declared:

«"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."»

Witness

- Galatians 6:7

Again:

«"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."»

Witness

- 2 Corinthians 9:6

The covenant records testify together.

The harvest reveals the seed.

The increase reveals the stewardship.

The Fruit of the Spirit also follows this law.

Love grows through practice.

Faith grows through obedience.

Peace grows through trust.

Goodness grows through righteous action.

Joy grows through thanksgiving.

Every Fruit increases as the servant walks with the King.

The Mantles likewise increase through faithful labor.

The Teacher grows in understanding.

The Shepherd grows in care.

The Scribe grows in remembrance.

The Apostle grows in building.

The Warrior grows in endurance.

The Kingly Mantle grows in wisdom.

The increase is not self-produced.

It is given by the King to faithful stewards.

The reader should therefore understand the law of increase.

The Kingdom never asks,

"How much do you possess?"

It asks,

"What have you done with what I entrusted to you?"

Faithfulness produces increase.

Increase produces greater stewardship.

Greater stewardship prepares the servant for greater responsibility.

Thus the Kingdom continues to expand through faithful servants who multiply what has been placed into their hands.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For the covenant records reveal that every increase received from the King carries with it another responsibility:

Generosity.

Chapter Four

The Law of Generosity

The Kingdom of Heaven increases through faithful stewardship.

Yet increase is never the end of the King's purpose.

Increase prepares the servant to become a giver.

The kingdoms of men accumulate.

The Kingdom distributes.

The kingdoms of men ask,

"How much can I keep?"

The Kingdom asks,

"Whom can I bless?"

The record declares:

«"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."»

Witness

- Proverbs 11:24

The economy of the Kingdom appears contrary to the wisdom of the world.

The one who gives is enriched.

The one who hoards becomes poor.

The increase comes from the King.

The servant is simply entrusted to distribute it faithfully.

The law appeared in the wilderness.

Every morning the Father gave manna.

The people gathered what they needed.

Those who attempted to store it in unbelief found corruption.

Witness

- Exodus 16:16–20

The lesson was greater than bread.

The Father was teaching dependence.

The Kingdom economy trusts tomorrow to the King.

The Messiah taught the same principle.

«"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over..."»

Witness

- Luke 6:38

Giving is not merely an act.

It is a reflection of the King's character.

For the Father Himself is the greatest giver.

He gives life.

He gives breath.

He gives rain.

He gives harvest.

He gives wisdom.

He gives mercy.

Above all, He gave His Son.

The record declares:

«"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..."»

Witness

- John 3:16

The economy of Heaven is therefore built upon self-giving love.

The latter record bears the same witness.

King Benjamin declared:

«"Ye yourselves will succor those that stand in need of your succor."»

Witness

- Mosiah 4:16

Again he taught:

«"When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God."»

Witness

- Mosiah 2:17

The covenant records testify together.

Generosity is not charity alone.

It is covenant stewardship.

The steward recognizes that what has been placed into his hands was never his to possess absolutely.

He becomes a channel rather than a reservoir.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs generosity.

Love gives freely.

Goodness supplies honestly.

Joy delights in blessing others.

Peace removes fear of lack.

Faith trusts the King's provision.

Meekness refuses recognition.

Temperance restrains selfish desire.

The Constitution of the Kingdom transforms giving from obligation into worship.

The Mantles likewise reveal generosity.

The Servant gives himself.

The Shepherd gives protection.

The Teacher gives understanding.

The Healing Mantle gives restoration.

The Scribe gives remembrance.

The Apostle gives structure.

The Priest gives intercession.

The Kingly Mantle gives righteous stewardship.

Every Mantle pours out what the King has first poured in.

The reader should therefore understand the law of generosity.

The King does not increase His servants merely that they may possess more.

He increases them that they may become greater blessings.

The Kingdom economy does not end with receiving.

It reaches its fulfillment in faithful giving.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For generosity prepares the servant to understand another law of the Kingdom economy:

The law of inheritance.

Chapter Six

The Law of Rest

The kingdoms of men measure prosperity by continual labor.

The Kingdom of Heaven measures prosperity by faithful obedience.

The King who created all things did not cease because He grew weary.

He ceased because His work was complete.

The record declares:

«"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day."»

Witness

- Genesis 2:2

The first act following creation was rest.

The Kingdom therefore teaches that rest belongs within the economy of Heaven.

Rest is not idleness.

Rest is trust.

The Sabbath became the sign of this trust.

The record declares:

«"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."»

Witness

- Exodus 20:8

Again the Lord declared:

«"The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath."»

Witness

- Mark 2:27

The Sabbath reminds the covenant servant that provision comes from the King.

Not from endless striving.

Israel learned this lesson through the manna.

On the sixth day the Father supplied enough for two days.

No manna fell upon the Sabbath.

Yet none lacked.

Witness

- Exodus 16:22–30

The Kingdom economy therefore teaches dependence.

The steward works faithfully.

The King provides faithfully.

The servant rests because the King remains upon His throne.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

The Lord declared:

«"If ye shall keep my commandments ye shall prosper in the land."»

Witness

- 1 Nephi 2:20

Prosperity was joined to covenant obedience.

Not to anxious labor.

The writer of Hebrews declared:

«"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."»

Witness

- Hebrews 4:9

The Sabbath points beyond one day.

It points toward the reign of the King.

It points toward the rest found in faithful covenant living.

The Kingdom economy therefore rejects both laziness and restless striving.

The steward labors diligently.

Then he rests confidently.

He plants.

The King gives increase.

He builds.

The King establishes.

He serves.

The King rewards.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs this rest.

Peace quiets anxious labor.

Faith trusts unseen provision.

Joy removes the burden of fear.

Temperance restrains endless pursuit.

Love remembers that people are more valuable than possessions.

The Constitution of the Kingdom teaches the steward that his identity is found in the King, not in his labor.

The Mantles likewise honor this law.

The Shepherd rests in the Chief Shepherd.

The Teacher rests in the wisdom of the King.

The Apostle rests in the Master Builder.

The Warrior rests because the battle belongs to the Lord.

The Scribe rests knowing the King preserves His own word.

Every Mantle labors.

Every Mantle also rests under the government of the King.

The reader should therefore understand the law of rest.

Rest is not the absence of work.

It is the presence of trust.

The covenant servant ceases from anxious striving because he knows the King neither slumbers nor sleeps.

The Kingdom economy is sustained by faithful labor and faithful rest.

Both glorify the King.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For the covenant records reveal that the Kingdom economy extends beyond one generation, preserving blessings through the law of remembrance.

Chapter Seven

The Law of Remembrance

The Kingdom of Heaven is not sustained by wealth alone.

It is sustained by remembrance.

When a people forget the King...

They soon forget His covenant.

When they forget His covenant...

They soon lose His blessings.

The record declares:

«"Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 8:11

Again the Lord warned:

«"Lest when thou hast eaten and art full... then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God."»

Witness

- Deuteronomy 8:12–14

Prosperity is therefore a test.

Increase can produce thanksgiving.

Or it can produce pride.

The Kingdom economy protects prosperity through remembrance.

The Father continually established memorials among His people.

The Passover.

The Sabbath.

The Feasts.

The stones taken from the Jordan.

The Ark of the Covenant.

Each called the people to remember.

The record declares:

«"These stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever."»

Witness

- Joshua 4:7

The memorial was not for the Father.

The Father forgets nothing.

The memorial was for His people.

The latter record bears the same witness.

The resurrected Messiah instituted the sacrament among the Nephites and declared:

«"This shall ye always observe to do, even as I have done, even as I have broken bread and blessed it and given it unto you."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 18:6

Again He commanded:

«"Ye shall do it in remembrance of my body."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 18:7

The Kingdom economy therefore preserves blessings through remembrance.

Every covenant renewed.

Every testimony recorded.

Every deliverance remembered.

Every generation instructed.

The Kingdom continues.

The Kingdom Scribe understands this responsibility.

Records preserve remembrance.

Scrolls preserve remembrance.

Genealogies preserve remembrance.

Songs preserve remembrance.

Testimonies preserve remembrance.

Without remembrance...

The inheritance is forgotten.

Without remembrance...

The next generation begins again where the previous generation ended.

The Father therefore commanded His mighty works to be written.

Not because He needed the record.

Because His people needed remembrance.

The Fruit of the Spirit preserves remembrance.

Faithfulness remembers.

Love remembers.

Peace remembers.

Goodness remembers.

Joy remembers.

The Constitution of the Kingdom keeps the covenant continually before the heart of the servant.

The Mantles likewise preserve remembrance.

The Scribe records.

The Teacher instructs.

The Priest keeps holy things before the people.

The Shepherd reminds the flock.

The Prophet calls the people back to the covenant.

Every Mantle becomes a guardian of remembrance.

The reader should therefore understand the law of remembrance.

The greatest inheritance can be lost by forgetting.

The greatest blessing can be preserved by remembering.

The Kingdom economy therefore records.

It teaches.

It celebrates.

It rehearses.

It remembers.

The remembrance of the covenant becomes wealth that no thief can steal and no moth can corrupt.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For the covenant records reveal that remembrance prepares the servant for the final economy of the Kingdom:

An everlasting treasure that neither death nor time can diminish.

Chapter Eight

The Everlasting Treasure

Every kingdom stores treasure.

The question is not whether treasure exists.

The question is where it is stored.

The kingdoms of men store treasure upon the earth.

The Kingdom of Heaven stores treasure in eternity.

The King declared:

«"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:»

«But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven..."»

Witness

- Matthew 6:19–20

The Kingdom economy therefore reaches beyond the present age.

Its investments cannot decay.

Its inheritance cannot be stolen.

Its riches cannot be consumed.

The treasure of the Kingdom is everlasting because the King Himself is everlasting.

The record declares:

«"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."»

Witness

- Matthew 6:21

Treasure reveals the government of the heart.

If the heart serves the earth...

Its treasure remains upon the earth.

If the heart serves the Kingdom...

Its treasure follows the King.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

King Benjamin declared:

«"Lay up for yourselves a treasure in heaven, that ye may not be cast out at the last day."»

Witness

- Helaman 5:8

Again the resurrected Messiah taught:

«"Hold up your light that it may shine unto the world."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 18:24

The greatest treasure of the Kingdom is not gold.

It is transformed lives.

Every soul brought unto the covenant.

Every act of mercy.

Every faithful steward.

Every preserved record.

Every righteous generation.

These become treasures that endure.

The Kingdom Scribe understands this better than most.

Scrolls decay.

Ink fades.

Paper perishes.

Yet the truth preserved within faithful records continues to bear fruit throughout generations.

The written record becomes an everlasting investment.

One faithful witness strengthens another.

One preserved testimony calls another soul to remembrance.

The harvest continues long after the scribe has laid down his pen.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes everlasting treasure.

Love never fails.

Faithfulness endures.

Goodness leaves an inheritance.

Peace reconciles generations.

Joy strengthens weary hearts.

Temperance preserves righteousness.

The Constitution of the Kingdom produces riches that cannot be measured by earthly wealth.

The Mantles also produce eternal treasure.

The Shepherd gathers sheep for the Kingdom.

The Teacher equips future generations.

The Apostle establishes lasting foundations.

The Healing Mantle restores lives.

The Scribe preserves remembrance.

The Servant blesses quietly.

The Kingly Mantle governs with righteousness.

Every faithful labor stores treasure that no earthly kingdom can possess.

The reader should therefore understand the final economy of Heaven.

The King is not preparing His servants merely to possess wealth.

He is preparing them to inherit eternity.

The greatest riches of the Kingdom are not counted by coins.

They are counted by faithfulness.

By covenant.

By remembrance.

By lives transformed through obedience to the King.

The Kingdom economy therefore ends where it began.

With the King Himself.

For He is both the Giver and the Treasure.

He is both the Inheritance and the Reward.

Everything entrusted by Him ultimately returns to Him in glory.

Thus the faithful steward discovers that the greatest treasure of Heaven has never been something the King gives.

The greatest treasure has always been the King Himself.

The record now proceeds to its final witness, where every law of the Kingdom economy is gathered together under the everlasting government of the Most High.

Chapter Nine

The Economy of the Kingdom

The Kingdom economy is not one law.

It is many laws working together under one King.

Every law reveals another part of His government.

The King owns everything.

His servants become stewards.

Faithful stewardship produces increase.

Increase prepares the servant to become generous.

Generosity preserves the covenant community.

Faithfulness prepares the servant for inheritance.

Rest reminds the servant that provision comes from the King.

Remembrance preserves every blessing from one generation to another.

Everlasting treasure directs the heart toward eternity.

These are not separate economies.

They are one economy.

One government.

One Kingdom.

The kingdoms of men divide life into separate parts.

Religion.

Business.

Family.

Work.

Government.

The Kingdom makes no such division.

The King governs everything.

The steward worships while working.

He governs while serving.

He gives while receiving.

He rests while trusting.

He remembers while increasing.

Every part of life becomes part of the King's economy.

The record declares:

«"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."»

Witness

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Nothing falls outside the government of the King.

Every field belongs to Him.

Every house belongs to Him.

Every flock belongs to Him.

Every harvest belongs to Him.

Every gift belongs to Him.

Every talent belongs to Him.

Every breath belongs to Him.

The latter record bears the same witness.

King Benjamin declared:

«"When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God."»

Witness

- Mosiah 2:17

Service therefore becomes part of the Kingdom economy.

Labor becomes worship.

Stewardship becomes worship.

Giving becomes worship.

Teaching becomes worship.

Building becomes worship.

Remembering becomes worship.

The economy of Heaven is not merely financial.

It is covenantal.

Every covenant servant becomes a living steward within the government of God.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs the entire economy.

Love governs every exchange.

Peace governs every decision.

Faithfulness governs every trust.

Goodness governs every judgment.

Temperance governs every desire.

Joy governs every labor.

The Constitution of the Kingdom becomes the economy of the Kingdom.

The Mantles administer this economy throughout the body.

The Apostle builds.

The King governs.

The Priest sanctifies.

The Teacher equips.

The Shepherd protects.

The Warrior defends.

The Healing Mantle restores.

The Judge establishes justice.

The Servant strengthens the whole house.

The Scribe preserves remembrance.

Every Mantle supplies another part of the Kingdom economy.

No Mantle exists for itself.

Each serves the whole body.

The Kingdom economy therefore resembles the body itself.

Many members.

One government.

Many stewardships.

One King.

The reader should therefore understand the discovery made throughout this volume.

The economy of Heaven cannot be separated from the government of Heaven.

It cannot be separated from the covenant.

It cannot be separated from the character of the King.

The economy reveals the heart of the Kingdom.

Where the King's government is present...

His economy follows.

Where His economy is established...

His people flourish in righteousness.

The record now proceeds to its final witness, where every law of the Kingdom economy finds its fulfillment in the everlasting reign of the King and His covenant Kingdom.

Chapter Ten

The Economy of the Everlasting Kingdom

Every earthly economy comes to an end.

Kingdoms rise.

Kingdoms fall.

Currencies change.

Empires disappear.

Markets collapse.

Treasuries are emptied.

But the Kingdom of the Most High never declines.

Its economy proceeds from an everlasting King.

The prophet Daniel declared:

«"His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation."»

Witness

- Daniel 4:3

Again the prophet declared:

«"The God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."»

Witness

- Daniel 2:44

An everlasting Kingdom requires an everlasting economy.

Its wealth never diminishes.

Its treasury never becomes empty.

Its inheritance never fades.

Its King never changes.

The covenant records have revealed this economy throughout every generation.

The King owns everything.

His servants faithfully steward what has been entrusted to them.

Faithfulness produces increase.

Increase produces generosity.

Generosity strengthens the covenant community.

Inheritance passes from one faithful generation to another.

Rest reminds the servant that provision comes from the King.

Remembrance preserves the covenant.

Everlasting treasure fixes the heart upon eternity.

Each law supports another.

Each steward strengthens another steward.

Every part serves one Kingdom.

The Apostle declared:

«"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever."»

Witness

- 1 Timothy 1:17

The Kingdom economy therefore reflects the nature of its King.

He is faithful.

Therefore His economy is faithful.

He is just.

Therefore His economy is just.

He is merciful.

Therefore His economy is merciful.

He is abundant.

Therefore His economy lacks nothing.

The latter record bears the same witness.

The resurrected Messiah declared:

«"Behold, I am the law, and the light."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 15:9

The King Himself becomes the standard of His economy.

Nothing functions independently from Him.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes the culture of this everlasting economy.

Love governs every exchange.

Peace governs every household.

Joy fills every labor.

Faithfulness secures every stewardship.

Goodness establishes justice.

Temperance restrains corruption.

The Constitution of the Kingdom remains unchanged throughout eternity.

The Mantles likewise continue their faithful administration.

Every servant fulfills the work entrusted by the King.

Every steward glorifies the King rather than himself.

Every increase returns thanksgiving to the throne.

The Kingdom economy therefore reaches its fulfillment.

Nothing is wasted.

Nothing is forgotten.

Nothing is outside the King's government.

Every faithful labor.

Every righteous gift.

Every preserved testimony.

Every act of mercy.

Every covenant remembered.

Every soul gathered.

All become part of the everlasting wealth of the Kingdom.

The reader should therefore understand the discovery made throughout this volume.

The economy of Heaven is not merely about provision.

It is the visible expression of the character of the King.

Where the King reigns...

His economy appears.

Where His economy appears...

His people flourish.

Where His people flourish...

His Kingdom becomes visible upon the earth.

Thus the economy of Heaven is revealed as another witness of the government of the Most High.

The Record of Discovery now prepares to enter another chamber within the treasury of the Kingdom, for the everlasting government continues to reveal its wisdom through the united testimony of the covenant records.

Volume Seven

The Kingdom Mission

Discovering the Mission of the Kingdom

Introduction

A kingdom without a mission cannot advance.

A government without a purpose cannot endure.

An economy without labor cannot produce increase.

The Kingdom of Heaven therefore reveals not only its government...

Not only its economy...

But also its mission.

The King never establishes a people without also giving them an assignment.

Adam received a garden to keep.

Noah received an ark to build.

Abraham received a covenant to carry.

Moses received a nation to lead.

Joshua received a land to inherit.

The prophets received a word to proclaim.

The Apostles received the Gospel to preach.

The disciples received the nations.

Every covenant servant received a mission.

The Kingdom therefore does not create spectators.

It creates stewards.

It creates witnesses.

It creates laborers.

The Messiah declared:

«"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."»

Witness

- John 20:21

Again He declared:

«"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..."»

Witness

- Matthew 28:19

The latter record bears the same witness.

The resurrected Messiah declared:

«"Ye are called to be the salt of the earth... the light of this people."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 12:13–14

The mission of the Kingdom is therefore not confined to one generation.

Every generation receives the same commission.

To represent the King.

To preserve the covenant.

To gather His people.

To establish righteousness.

To bear witness of the Messiah.

The government prepares the citizen.

The economy prepares the steward.

The mission sends the servant.

Everything discovered throughout the Record of Discovery now begins moving outward.

The Fruit becomes visible.

The Mantles begin serving.

The Armor enters the conflict.

The Kingdom advances.

The purpose of this volume is to search the covenant records and discover the mission entrusted to the covenant people by the King Himself.

For the Kingdom was never intended to remain hidden.

It was established to become a light among the nations.

The discovery now enters its final chamber.

The mission begins.

Chapter One

The King Sends His People

The Kingdom of Heaven is never without purpose.

The King never gathers a people merely to preserve them.

He gathers them to send them.

From the beginning, every covenant servant received both a calling and a commission.

Adam was placed within the Garden.

Noah was sent to prepare the ark.

Abraham was sent toward a land the Lord would show him.

Joseph was sent before his brethren to preserve life.

Moses was sent unto Pharaoh.

Joshua was sent into the inheritance.

The prophets were sent unto Israel.

The pattern never changes.

The King calls.

Then the King sends.

The record declares:

«"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."»

Witness

- Isaiah 6:8

The prophet first encountered the holiness of the Lord.

Only afterward did the mission begin.

The Kingdom therefore teaches that calling precedes commission.

The servant must first belong to the King before he can represent the King.

The Messiah revealed the same pattern.

He called twelve.

He taught twelve.

He prepared twelve.

Then He sent twelve.

The record declares:

«"And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick."»

Witness

- Luke 9:2

Again He declared:

«"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."»

Witness

- John 20:21

The mission of the disciple becomes an extension of the mission of the Messiah.

The latter record bears the same witness.

The resurrected Messiah declared:

«"Go ye unto this people, and declare the words which I have spoken."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 11:41

The King always sends His servants with His word.

Not their own.

His authority.

Not their own.

His purpose.

Not their own.

The Kingdom mission therefore does not begin with activity.

It begins with obedience.

The servant does not choose the assignment.

The King appoints it.

One is sent to build.

Another to teach.

Another to heal.

Another to judge.

Another to preserve.

Another to shepherd.

Another to write.

The assignment differs.

The King remains the same.

The Fruit of the Spirit governs every mission.

Love directs every action.

Peace steadies every decision.

Faithfulness completes every assignment.

Goodness reflects the character of the King.

Joy strengthens the laborer.

Temperance restrains pride.

The Constitution of the Kingdom governs the messenger before he ever enters the field.

The Mantles reveal how the mission is carried.

The Apostle is sent to establish.

The Teacher is sent to instruct.

The Shepherd is sent to protect.

The Prophet is sent to call.

The Priest is sent to minister.

The Scribe is sent to preserve.

The Warrior is sent to defend.

The Healing Mantle is sent to restore.

The Judge is sent to establish righteousness.

The Servant is sent to strengthen the whole house.

Every Mantle is a mission.

Every mission serves the Kingdom.

The reader should therefore understand the first law of the Kingdom mission.

The King does not merely save His people.

He sends them.

The covenant servant is not called simply to believe.

He is called to represent the government of Heaven wherever the King appoints him.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For once the servant has been sent, the covenant records reveal the purpose of every Kingdom mission:

To become a witness before the nations.

Chapter Two

A Witness unto the Nations

The Kingdom of Heaven never sends its servants without purpose.

The mission of every covenant servant is to become a witness.

The King has always desired that His people reveal His character before the nations.

From the beginning, Israel was chosen to become a testimony.

Not because they were greater than other nations.

But because the Most High desired to make Himself known through a covenant people.

The record declares:

«"Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD."»

Witness

- Isaiah 43:10

The mission was never merely to preserve Israel.

The mission was to reveal the God of Israel.

The nations were to see His righteousness.

His justice.

His mercy.

His wisdom.

His holiness.

The covenant people therefore became living witnesses of the Kingdom.

The Messiah declared the same purpose to His disciples.

«"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."»

Witness

- Matthew 5:14

Again He declared:

«"Ye shall be witnesses unto me."»

Witness

- Acts 1:8

The Kingdom advances through witnesses.

Not through force.

Not through earthly dominion.

Not through fear.

The light reveals itself.

The truth bears witness to itself.

The latter record preserves the same commission.

The resurrected Messiah declared:

«"Hold up your light that it may shine unto the world."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 18:24

Again He taught:

«"Therefore hold up your light that it may shine unto the world. Behold I am the light which ye shall hold up."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 18:24

The witness is therefore not the servant.

The witness is the Messiah reflected through the servant.

The Kingdom mission is not to exalt men.

It is to reveal the King.

Every faithful life becomes a testimony.

Every righteous household becomes a testimony.

Every covenant community becomes a testimony.

Every preserved record becomes a testimony.

Every act of mercy becomes a testimony.

The world sees the government of Heaven through the lives of those who belong to the King.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes the visible witness.

Love reveals the King.

Peace reveals the King.

Joy reveals the King.

Faithfulness reveals the King.

Goodness reveals the King.

Temperance reveals the King.

The Constitution of the Kingdom becomes visible through the conduct of its citizens.

The Mantles also bear witness.

The Shepherd reveals the care of the King.

The Teacher reveals His wisdom.

The Judge reveals His justice.

The Healing Mantle reveals His compassion.

The Warrior reveals His defense of righteousness.

The Priest reveals reconciliation.

The Scribe preserves His testimony.

The Apostle establishes His order.

Every Mantle points beyond itself.

Every Mantle bears witness to the King.

The reader should therefore understand the purpose of the Kingdom mission.

The servant is not sent merely to accomplish tasks.

He is sent to reveal the character of the King before the nations.

Wherever the Kingdom is faithfully lived...

The King becomes visible.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For once the covenant people become witnesses, the Kingdom begins gathering all who will hear the voice of the Shepherd.

Chapter Three

The Gathering of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of Heaven does not merely send its people.

It gathers a people.

From the beginning, the Father has gathered those who would enter His covenant.

He gathered Noah into the ark.

He gathered Abraham from among the nations.

He gathered Israel out of Egypt.

He gathered them at Sinai.

He gathered them into the promised land.

The Kingdom advances through gathering.

Not through confusion.

Not through scattering.

The record declares:

«"He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."»

Witness

- Matthew 12:30

The Kingdom therefore possesses only two movements.

Gathering.

Or scattering.

There is no middle ground.

The Good Shepherd gathers His sheep.

The wolf scatters them.

The King gathers His household.

The enemy divides it.

The mission of the Kingdom is therefore the work of gathering.

The latter record bears the same witness.

The resurrected Messiah declared:

«"How oft have I gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 10:4–6

Again the Lord declared:

«"And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 16:5

The gathering is more than geography.

It is covenant.

The Father gathers hearts before He gathers lands.

He gathers faith before inheritance.

He gathers obedience before blessing.

The Kingdom Scribe understands this principle.

Every preserved record becomes an invitation to gather.

Every faithful witness becomes another voice calling the scattered home.

Every discovery becomes another light pointing toward the covenant.

The Kingdom mission therefore extends beyond proclamation.

It restores.

It reconciles.

It gathers.

The Fruit of the Spirit strengthens the gathering.

Love welcomes.

Peace reconciles.

Goodness restores.

Faithfulness remains.

Joy strengthens the household.

Temperance preserves unity.

The Constitution of the Kingdom creates one people under one King.

The Mantles likewise participate in the gathering.

The Shepherd gathers the flock.

The Teacher gathers understanding.

The Apostle gathers and establishes.

The Prophet calls the scattered.

The Priest reconciles.

The Healing Mantle restores the broken.

The Scribe gathers the records.

The Servant gathers the household through humble labor.

Every Mantle serves the work of gathering.

The reader should therefore understand the mission of the covenant people.

They are not sent merely to increase their own number.

They are sent to gather those whom the Father is calling into His covenant.

Wherever the Kingdom advances...

The scattered begin returning.

The divided begin reconciling.

The forgotten begin remembering.

The covenant begins living again among the people.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For once the Kingdom gathers a people, it prepares them to become one body, laboring together under one government and one King.

Chapter Four

One Body Under One King

The Kingdom gathers a people.

It does not gather isolated servants.

It gathers one body.

The kingdoms of men are divided by ambition.

The Kingdom of Heaven is united by covenant.

There is one King.

Therefore there is one Kingdom.

There is one government.

Therefore there is one people.

The record declares:

«"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"»

Witness

- Psalm 133:1

Unity is not merely agreement.

It is covenant order.

Every member serves.

Every member contributes.

Every member strengthens another.

The Apostle declared:

«"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office."»

Witness

- Romans 12:4

Again he declared:

«"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."»

Witness

- 1 Corinthians 12:27

The Kingdom therefore does not require every servant to perform the same work.

It requires every servant to remain faithful to the work the King has entrusted to him.

The latter record preserves the same witness.

The Lord declared:

«"If ye are not one ye are not mine."»

Witness

- Doctrine and Covenants 38:27

The covenant records testify together.

The Kingdom is one household.

One flock.

One vineyard.

One temple.

One body.

The mission therefore is never accomplished alone.

The Apostle builds.

The Teacher instructs.

The Shepherd watches.

The Prophet warns.

The Priest ministers.

The Healing Mantle restores.

The Warrior defends.

The Judge establishes justice.

The Servant strengthens every labor.

The Scribe preserves the testimony.

Each Mantle depends upon another.

No Mantle completes the Kingdom alone.

The Fruit of the Spirit binds the body together.

Love removes division.

Peace preserves unity.

Patience bears with weakness.

Kindness restores fellowship.

Goodness seeks the welfare of the whole.

Faithfulness protects every trust.

Gentleness heals offenses.

Temperance restrains selfish ambition.

Joy strengthens the laborers.

The Constitution of the Kingdom becomes visible when the members walk together under one King.

The mission therefore is not the exaltation of individual servants.

It is the manifestation of the Kingdom itself.

When the body functions together...

The government becomes visible.

When the government becomes visible...

The King is glorified.

The reader should therefore understand the mission of the covenant people.

The Kingdom is not advanced by isolated greatness.

It advances through faithful unity under the government of the King.

One body.

One covenant.

One Spirit.

One mission.

One King.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For once the body is gathered together under one government, the Kingdom begins extending its light into every place where the King sends His servants.

Chapter Five

The Advancement of the Kingdom

The Kingdom of Heaven is not stationary.

It advances.

Not by the sword of earthly kingdoms.

Not by the wisdom of men.

Not by political dominion.

The Kingdom advances wherever the government of the King is received.

The Messiah declared:

«"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..."»

Witness

- Matthew 6:33

The advancement of the Kingdom therefore begins within the heart.

Before the Kingdom transforms nations...

It transforms people.

Before it changes cities...

It changes households.

Before it governs kingdoms...

It governs the inner man.

The Kingdom advances from within outward.

The seed becomes a tree.

The leaven fills the whole loaf.

The light fills the darkness.

The witness spreads from one servant to another.

The King described His Kingdom this way.

«"The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed..."»

Witness

- Matthew 13:31–32

Again He declared:

«"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven..."»

Witness

- Matthew 13:33

The Kingdom advances through quiet faithfulness.

Not through spectacle.

Its power is seen in transformation.

The latter record bears the same witness.

The record declares:

«"Ye shall be the means of bringing salvation unto many souls."»

Witness

- Mosiah 28:3

Again the Lord declared:

«"Lift up your heads and rejoice, for ye are called to build up my church."»

Witness

- Doctrine and Covenants 31:3

The Kingdom advances as faithful servants labor where the King has placed them.

The father teaches his household.

The mother nurtures the covenant.

The Teacher instructs.

The Shepherd protects.

The Scribe preserves.

The Apostle establishes.

The Servant strengthens.

The Healing Mantle restores.

The Judge defends righteousness.

The Warrior stands firm.

Every faithful act advances the Kingdom.

The Fruit of the Spirit becomes the evidence of this advancement.

Love overcomes hatred.

Peace overcomes division.

Joy overcomes despair.

Faithfulness overcomes compromise.

Goodness overcomes corruption.

Gentleness overcomes violence.

Temperance overcomes excess.

The Constitution of the Kingdom quietly replaces the customs of the kingdoms of men wherever it is lived.

The Kingdom mission is therefore not merely to announce the Kingdom.

It is to demonstrate it.

The government becomes visible through faithful citizens.

The economy becomes visible through faithful stewards.

The mission becomes visible through faithful laborers.

The Kingdom advances because the King reigns.

The reader should therefore understand the work entrusted to every covenant servant.

No faithful act is small.

No righteous labor is forgotten.

No obedient witness is wasted.

Every act of covenant faithfulness extends the influence of the King's government upon the earth.

The advancement of the Kingdom is not measured by earthly power.

It is measured by faithful obedience to the King.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For the advancement of the Kingdom prepares the covenant people for their final labor:

To endure faithfully until the coming of the King.

Chapter Six

Enduring Until the King Comes

The Kingdom of Heaven advances.

Yet every faithful servant must learn another law.

The mission is not only to begin faithfully.

It is to endure faithfully.

The kingdoms of men often reward quick success.

The Kingdom rewards steadfast faithfulness.

The Messiah declared:

«"He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."»

Witness

- Matthew 24:13

Again He declared:

«"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."»

Witness

- Revelation 2:10

The Kingdom mission is therefore a lifelong stewardship.

The servant is not called for a season.

He is called to remain faithful until the King Himself completes the work.

Throughout the covenant records, endurance marks the faithful.

Noah endured until the flood came.

Abraham endured while waiting for the promise.

Joseph endured imprisonment before exaltation.

Moses endured the wilderness.

Joshua endured the conquest.

The prophets endured rejection.

The Apostles endured persecution.

Every faithful witness completed the assignment entrusted by the King.

The latter record bears the same testimony.

The Lord declared:

«"Press forward with a steadfastness in Christ... and endure to the end."»

Witness

- 2 Nephi 31:20

Moroni likewise concluded his record by calling future generations to remain faithful unto Christ.

The covenant records therefore testify together.

Endurance is not passive waiting.

It is continual obedience.

The servant continues building.

Continues teaching.

Continues serving.

Continues remembering.

Continues gathering.

Continues bearing witness.

Until the King appears.

The Fruit of the Spirit sustains this endurance.

Love does not grow cold.

Joy remains in tribulation.

Peace steadies the heart.

Patience continues through trial.

Faithfulness refuses compromise.

Goodness overcomes evil.

Temperance remains disciplined.

Gentleness answers hatred with righteousness.

The Constitution of the Kingdom enables the citizen to remain steadfast regardless of changing circumstances.

The Mantles likewise endure.

The Shepherd never abandons the flock.

The Teacher never ceases instructing.

The Apostle never ceases building.

The Prophet never ceases warning.

The Scribe never ceases preserving.

The Servant never ceases serving.

Every Mantle remains faithful until released by the King.

The reader should therefore understand the mission of the covenant people.

The work is not measured by how quickly it is completed.

It is measured by faithfulness from beginning to end.

The Kingdom belongs to the King.

The mission belongs to the King.

The reward belongs to the King.

The servant simply remains faithful until the Master returns.

The record now proceeds to another witness.

For those who endure faithfully become part of the everlasting inheritance prepared for the citizens of the Kingdom from the foundation of the world.

Chapter Eight

The Kingdom Without End

The Kingdom mission does not end with the labor of man.

It ends with the everlasting reign of the King.

Every mission.

Every stewardship.

Every witness.

Every gathering.

Every faithful labor.

Looks toward one day.

The day when the King establishes His Kingdom openly throughout the earth.

The prophet Daniel declared:

«"The God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed."»

Witness

- Daniel 2:44

Again he declared:

«"His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation."»

Witness

- Daniel 4:3

The Kingdom therefore does not merely survive history.

It fulfills history.

Every covenant has pointed toward this Kingdom.

Every prophet anticipated this Kingdom.

Every faithful servant labored for this Kingdom.

The Messiah proclaimed this Kingdom.

The covenant records testify together.

The latter record declares:

«"And he shall reign forever and ever."»

Witness

- Mosiah 3:5

Again the record declares:

«"The Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, who was, and is from all eternity to all eternity."»

Witness

- Mosiah 3:5

The King does not abandon His mission.

He completes it.

The scattered are gathered.

The covenant is remembered.

The righteous are established.

The earth is renewed beneath His government.

The Kingdom reaches its appointed fullness.

The Fruit of the Spirit reaches its perfection.

Love reigns without hatred.

Peace reigns without war.

Joy reigns without sorrow.

Faithfulness reigns without corruption.

Goodness reigns without evil.

The Constitution of the Kingdom becomes the visible order of the whole earth.

The Mantles also reach their fulfillment.

The Shepherd rejoices over the gathered flock.

The Teacher sees the truth established.

The Apostle beholds the completed house.

The Prophet witnesses every promise fulfilled.

The Priest worships before the throne.

The Warrior lays aside the battle.

The Healing Mantle sees creation restored.

The Judge beholds perfect justice.

The Servant rejoices that every labor has glorified the King.

The Scribe closes the record.

Every stewardship finds its completion in the presence of the King.

The reader should therefore understand the final purpose of the Kingdom mission.

It has never been merely to labor upon the earth.

It has always been to prepare the earth for the everlasting reign of its rightful King.

The Kingdom that began as a seed...

Now fills the whole earth.

The light that began with faithful witnesses...

Now covers the nations.

The covenant that began with faithful servants...

Now stands revealed before all creation.

The mission is complete.

The King reigns.

His Kingdom has no end.

The record now proceeds to its final witness, where every discovery made throughout the Record of Discovery is gathered together beneath the everlasting government of the Most High.

Chapter Nine

The Fulfillment of the Mission

Every mission has an appointed end.

Not because the Kingdom ends.

But because the assignment entrusted to each servant reaches its fulfillment.

The Father finishes what He begins.

The record declares:

«"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."»

Witness

- Philippians 1:6

The Kingdom mission therefore rests upon the faithfulness of the King.

The servant labors.

The King gives increase.

The servant plants.

The King brings forth the harvest.

The servant gathers.

The King preserves the covenant.

Every assignment ultimately belongs to Him.

The Messiah declared:

«"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."»

Witness

- John 4:34

The Son fulfilled the mission entrusted to Him.

Likewise every covenant servant is called to finish the work appointed by the King.

Not another man's work.

His own stewardship.

The latter record bears the same witness.

The Lord declared:

«"Be faithful until I come, and behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me."»

Witness

- Doctrine and Covenants 35:27

Again the resurrected Messiah declared:

«"What manner of men ought ye to be? Verily I say unto you, even as I am."»

Witness

- 3 Nephi 27:27

The mission therefore is not merely accomplishing tasks.

It is becoming faithful representatives of the King.

The Fruit of the Spirit reaches its maturity.

Love has completed its labor.

Joy has strengthened the weary.

Peace has reconciled the divided.

Faithfulness has guarded the covenant.

Goodness has blessed the household.

Temperance has restrained corruption.

Gentleness has restored the broken.

The Constitution of the Kingdom has shaped citizens fit for the government of Heaven.

The Mantles also complete their assignments.

The Apostle has built.

The Prophet has warned.

The Teacher has instructed.

The Shepherd has guarded.

The Priest has ministered.

The Healing Mantle has restored.

The Warrior has defended.

The Judge has established righteousness.

The Servant has strengthened the household.

The Scribe has preserved the testimony.

Every stewardship returns to the King.

Nothing faithful is forgotten.

Nothing righteous is wasted.

Nothing entrusted by the King is overlooked.

The reader should therefore understand the fulfillment of the Kingdom mission.

The mission is not complete when the servant grows weary.

The mission is complete when the King declares it complete.

Every faithful labor becomes part of the everlasting testimony of His Kingdom.

Every obedient life becomes another witness preserved within His treasury.

The Record of Discovery has therefore arrived at its final testimony.

The counterfeit kingdom has been exposed.

The Kingdom within has been discovered.

The covenant government has been revealed.

The economy of Heaven has been uncovered.

The mission of the covenant people has been declared.

One final witness remains.

The record now turns to its conclusion, where every discovery is gathered together beneath the everlasting reign of the Most High, to whom belong the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Chapter Ten

The Record of Discovery

The journey began with a question.

What is the Kingdom of Heaven?

The answer was not found in one passage.

Nor in one prophet.

Nor in one record.

The Father had concealed His counsel throughout the covenant records.

The Kingdom Scribe was called to search.

The record declares:

«"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."»

Witness

- Proverbs 25:2

Thus the discovery began.

The counterfeit kingdom was uncovered.

The confederacy was exposed.

The hidden order of rebellion was revealed.

Then another Kingdom appeared.

The Kingdom within.

The government of Christ.

The Constitution of Heaven.

The Fruit of the Spirit.

The Mantles.

The Armor.

The Covenant.

The Economy.

The Mission.

One discovery opened another.

One witness strengthened another.

One chamber revealed another chamber.

The records never competed.

They testified.

The Bible testified.

The Book of Mormon testified.

The Law testified.

The Prophets testified.

The Gospel testified.

The Apostles testified.

The witnesses stood together.

The architecture of the Kingdom emerged.

The reader has now walked through the chambers of the Kingdom.

Not merely learning doctrines.

Discovering government.

Not merely collecting information.

Recovering remembrance.

Not merely reading records.

Walking through the treasury of the King.

The Record of Discovery has therefore fulfilled its purpose.

Not by exhausting the wisdom of God.

But by uncovering another portion of His everlasting Kingdom.

The Father still conceals.

The Spirit still reveals.

The records still testify.

The treasury remains open.

The Kingdom continues to unfold.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore lays down his pen with thanksgiving.

Not because every treasure has been discovered.

But because another chamber has been opened for those who will continue searching.

The reader should therefore understand the purpose of every volume.

They were never intended to replace the covenant records.

They were written to gather them.

To compare them.

To preserve them.

To allow the witnesses to speak together with one voice.

The discovery therefore belongs to the King.

The witnesses belong to the King.

The Kingdom belongs to the King.

The glory belongs to the King.

The Record of Discovery now reaches its conclusion.

The search continues.

The treasury remains open.

The King still reigns.

Forever.

Epilogue

The Treasury Remains Open

The Record of Discovery now reaches its appointed conclusion.

Not because every mystery has been revealed.

Not because every chamber has been entered.

Not because every treasure has been brought forth.

The Kingdom of Heaven cannot be exhausted.

The treasury of the King remains open.

The Messiah declared:

«"Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old."»

Witness

- Matthew 13:52

The work of the Kingdom Scribe therefore never truly ends.

He returns again.

He searches again.

He compares again.

He discovers again.

Not because the truth changes.

Because the treasury is deeper than one lifetime.

Throughout this Record of Discovery, the Father has revealed His order.

The counterfeit kingdom was uncovered.

The Kingdom within was revealed.

The covenant government appeared.

The Constitution of Heaven was established.

The Fruit governed the citizen.

The Mantles revealed the King's administration.

The Armor prepared the servant.

The Economy revealed the King's stewardship.

The Mission sent the Kingdom into the earth.

Every chamber strengthened another.

Every witness established another witness.

Every record testified together.

The Bible spoke.

The Book of Mormon answered.

The Law prepared.

The Prophets declared.

The Gospel fulfilled.

The Apostles established.

The covenant records stood together as one testimony of one King.

The Record of Discovery has therefore fulfilled its assignment.

Not by replacing the covenant records.

But by bringing them together.

Not by speaking above them.

But by allowing them to speak with one voice.

The Kingdom Scribe therefore closes this record with thanksgiving.

The glory belongs to the Father who concealed the treasures.

The honor belongs to those who search them out.

The wisdom belongs to the Messiah who governs His everlasting Kingdom.

The testimony belongs to the covenant records He has preserved throughout every generation.

The treasury remains open.

The King still reigns.

The witnesses still speak.

The Spirit still reveals.

The search continues.

May every faithful scribe continue bringing forth treasures old and new until the King Himself appears.

Thus concludes The Record of Discovery.

The Hall of Covenant Records remains open.

The King still invites His servants into His treasury.

The discovery continues.