

## The Scroll of the Alone Mantle and the Scepter in the Wilderness

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#### The Fire Scribe's Record

This scroll beareth sealed witness that solitude is not forsaking, but consecration; that ache is not defeat, but appointment; and that mantle, mind, sentinel, shield, and scepter are fused in the wilderness as one chain of fire.

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### The Forged Witness (Verses 1–100)

1. And it came to pass, that the chosen were led apart, even into the wilderness, where no hand of man could comfort them, that they might be proven before the face of the Father. (Exodus 3:1–2; Mosiah 18:9)
2. For the Spirit saith: I strip away companions, that thou mayest learn that I AM is enough; and in the place of ache, I shall clothe thee with mantle. (Isaiah 41:10; 2 Nephi 2:2)
3. Did not Elijah think himself alone, saying, I, even I only, remain? Yet the voice answered, I have reserved seven thousand who have not bowed the knee unto Baal. (1 Kings 19:10,18; Romans 11:4)
4. Yea, so it is with thee: thou feelest forsaken, yet heaven has reserved company thou knowest not. But the mantle falls only where the path is walked alone. (Ether 12:27; Isaiah 49:16)
5. Behold Moses, who tarried forty years in the desert, until the bush did burn; even so, the fire is revealed in solitude. (Exodus 3:4; Alma 29:6)
6. And Jeremiah wept, forbidden even to marry, that his bones might carry fire unshared with men. (Jeremiah 16:2; Jeremiah 20:9)
7. Yea, and the Son of God, left in the garden, while His own slept, pressed forward alone, praying with sweat as blood. (Matthew 26:40–42; Mosiah 3:7)
8. For the Mind of Christ is this: to feel the ache of absence, yet to finish the will of the Father without delay. (Philippians 2:5–8; 3 Nephi 11:11)
9. Thus saith the Spirit: your loneliness is not forsaking, but consecration; your ache is not defeat, but the seal of obedience. (Deuteronomy 31:8; Alma 36:3)

10. And I saw mantles descending: Elijah's mantle of fire, Moses' mantle of command, Jeremiah's mantle of weeping flame, Isaiah's mantle of trumpet cry, and the Mantle of the Lamb, Spirit without measure. (2 Kings 2:13–14; Isaiah 61:1; John 3:34; 2 Nephi 31:13–14)

11. These mantles come not in crowds, nor in company of flatterers, but in caves, deserts, prisons, and gardens. (Hebrews 11:36–38; Alma 14:23–25)

12. And the Lord said: I give thee also the Sentinel, that thine eyes may discern the enemy afar off, and the Shield, that no dart may prosper against thee. (Ephesians 6:16; 2 Kings 6:17)

13. Yea, when thou feelest resistance, and misjudgment of men, it is the Sentinel stirring thee; when thou art struck, yet stand stronger, it is the Shield transmuting blows into testimony. (Isaiah 54:17; Alma 36:27)

14. Moreover I saw the Scepter of Shiloh placed into thy hand, the staff of government that proceeds from Judah, even the Christ. (Genesis 49:10; Mosiah 5:8)

15. For the Scepter is given first in secret, that heaven may record the authority before earth beholds it. (1 Samuel 16:13; Alma 13:3–4)

16. Did not Joseph govern in prison before he ruled in Egypt? Did not David reign in oil before he reigned in Zion? (Genesis 41:41; 1 Samuel 16:11–13)

17. Even so art thou clothed in mantle, mind, sentinel, shield, and scepter — one living chain of authority. (Mosiah 18:9; 1 Corinthians 12:7)

18. Mantle — fire; Mind — furnace; Sentinel — watch; Shield — guard; Scepter — rule. Together they seal thee as governor in Spirit, though men know it not yet. (Ether 12:27; Doctrine & Covenants 88:66)

19. And it shall come to pass, that when the ache for fellowship returns upon thee, it shall be holy, for thou shalt no longer cling to men as crutches, but embrace them as covenant. (Hebrews 10:24–25; Mosiah 18:21–22)

20. For the record is true: thou wert alone, yet not forsaken; thou ached, yet wast strengthened; thou walked unseen, yet heaven sealed thee. (2 Timothy 4:16–17; Alma 29:6)

21. And I beheld in vision, that the wilderness is not emptiness, but the chamber of coronation, where no hand of flesh lays the crown, but the finger of YHWH alone. (Exodus 19:20; Alma 9:26)

22. Yea, the prophets are not born in temples made by men, but in deserts, caves, prisons, and mountains; for the wilderness gives them the ear to hear. (Isaiah 40:3; Ether 12:5–6)

23. Behold John, clothed in camel's hair, crying alone; yet kings and multitudes came to his river. His mantle was birthed in solitude, not in synagogues. (Matthew 3:1–5)

24. And Christ Himself went apart to pray, oft alone in the mountain, to be strengthened by angels, that His face be set like flint toward Jerusalem. (Luke 5:16; Isaiah 50:7)

25. Wherefore the Spirit saith: despise not thy loneliness, for it is the very corridor by which I mantle thee. (Deuteronomy 31:8; 2 Nephi 2:2)

26. For mantles are not poured in feasts, but in famines; not in company, but in silence; not in laughter, but in groaning of spirit. (Lamentations 3:28; Alma 17:2–3)

27. Thus Elijah's mantle fell not in the courts of kings, but in the open air, as fire parted the chariots. (2 Kings 2:11–13)

28. And Elisha took it up, striking the waters, crying, Where is the God of Elijah? — for the mantle proves itself when borne alone. (2 Kings 2:14–15)

29. Even so thy ache proves thee worthy, thy strength shows thee mantled, though none clap their hands. (Mosiah 18:9; Hebrews 11:36–38)

30. Yea, the fire in thy bones is the Jeremiah-portion, and the trumpet in thy mouth is the Isaiah-portion, and the rod in thy hand is the Moses-portion, and the zeal of thy soul is the Elijah-portion. (Jeremiah 20:9; Isaiah 58:1; Exodus 14:21; 1 Kings 18:36–38)

31. Yet all these mantles are shadows, for the fullness is the Christ-portion, Spirit without measure, given in aloneness to govern in eternity. (John 3:34; 3 Nephi 11:10–11)

32. The Mind of Christ is the crown of solitude: to ache without surrender, to weep without despair, to bleed without bowing, to finish without applause. (Philippians 2:5–8; Mosiah 3:7; Luke 23:46)

33. For it is written: Let this mind be in you. And lo, it is sealed upon thee now, through wilderness trial. (Philippians 2:5; Ether 12:27)

34. Thy Sentinel, awake and sharp, seeth the hosts of heaven encamped about thee, though thine enemies see only a man alone. (2 Kings 6:16–17)

35. Thy Shield quenchest the fiery darts, yea, and reflecteth them back, turning curses into testimonies, and slanders into sealed witness. (Ephesians 6:16; Alma 36:27)

36. Behold, when others forsake thee, thou art made a fortress, for the Lord standeth with thee and strengtheneth thee. (2 Timothy 4:16–17)

37. And the Scepter of Shiloh, placed in thine hand in secret, is no toy, but the rod of iron by which thou rulest thoughts, nations, and spirits, under the authority of the Lamb. (Genesis 49:10; 1 Nephi 8:30; Mosiah 5:8)

38. Yea, David's harp sounded in caves before it sounded in palaces, and Joseph's dreams ruled in dungeons before they ruled in courts; thus thy scepter is tested in obscurity before honored in open. (Psalm 142:1–3; Genesis 41:14)

39. The wilderness is thy throne-room, the ache thy anointing oil, the silence thy coronation song. (Isaiah 61:3; Alma 36:3)

40. Men cannot understand this sealing, for they look for crowns in daylight; but heaven crowns its kings in midnight chambers. (John 3:8; Alma 29:6)

41. Wherefore thy loneliness is not a curse but a consecration, not an absence but an appointment, not a void but a vessel. (Psalm 27:10; 2 Nephi 2:2)

42. The Spirit saith: stand thou still, and see the salvation of the Lord; for when no man holds thee, I uphold thee with mine own hand. (Exodus 14:13; Isaiah 41:10)

43. And when the fullness of time is come, thou shalt find that the ache thou endured alone is the very thing that made thee ready to govern many. (Luke 16:10; Ether 12:37)

44. For I reveal My secrets first to the solitary, then display them through the sealed unto the world. (Amos 3:7; 2 Nephi 27:6–7)

45. Did not Enoch walk with God, and was not, for God took him? Who stood with him in his visions, save the Most High? (Genesis 5:24; Moses 7:69)

46. Did not Nephi cry, I am alone, yet my heart is broken, and my spirit contrite? And was he not strengthened to write more plainly than all the prophets? (2 Nephi 4:17–35; 2 Nephi 25:7)

47. Did not Moroni wander alone with the records, no friend beside him, yet sealing the witness for the latter days? (Mormon 8:3–5)

48. Behold, thou art walking their path, carrying their ache, but also their fire. (Hebrews 12:1; 2 Nephi 31:13–14)

49. And this is the mystery: to be alone with Christ is to be more surrounded than any man, for hosts attend unseen, and mantles weigh heavy. (Matthew 28:20; 3 Nephi 17:24)

50. The ache is holy, the strength divine, the mantle sealed, the mind transformed, the sentinel sharp, the shield radiant, the scepter true. (Isaiah 61:1–3; Ephesians 6:13–17)

51. And the Lord saith: I hid thee, that I might reveal thee; I starved thee of man's applause, that I might feed thee with heaven's bread. (Isaiah 49:2; 1 Nephi 17:3)

52. For the prophet's honor is not born in the company of friends, but in the testimony of fire when no one stands. (Jeremiah 20:7–9; Alma 14:23–25)

53. The ache of thy heart is known before Me, and it is written in the record as oil poured upon the head of My chosen. (Psalm 56:8; Mosiah 18:9)

54. Behold, the mantle clings not to the many, but to the one who endures the solitude of fire. (Isaiah 6:8; Ether 12:7)

55. For the crowd applauds signs, but the mantle rests in silence, unseen, until the hour of display. (John 2:4; Alma 17:2–3)

56. Thou art not alone, for Christ Himself was left of all men, yet heaven crowned Him Lord of all. (Matthew 27:46; Philippians 2:9–11)

57. And if the Head was crowned in aloneness, so also the body shall be mantled in the same. (Hebrews 2:10–11; Mosiah 18:9)

58. Yea, thou art partaker in His sufferings, that thou mayest partake also in His glory. (1 Peter 4:13; Romans 8:17)

59. For the ache of thy heart shall become the song of Zion, and the tears of solitude shall water the garden of nations. (Psalm 126:5–6; 2 Nephi 2:2)

60. Even now, the Shield turns thy sorrow into testimony, and the Sentinel refines thine eyes to see what flesh cannot. (Ephesians 6:16; 2 Kings 6:17)

61. And lo, I saw in vision: the scepter burning in thine hand, glowing with the fire of Shiloh, unbreakable by men, unshakable by nations. (Genesis 49:10; Revelation 19:15)

62. For the government shall be upon His shoulders, yet He lendeth the sceptre to those who walk in His fire. (Isaiah 9:6–7; Mosiah 5:8)

63. And the word of decree from thy mouth shall be registered in heaven, yea, and shall stand against kings, priests, and false prophets. (Job 22:28; 2 Nephi 27:6–7)

64. Fear not when men mock thy loneliness, for in mocking they confirm that thou art set apart. (1 Corinthians 4:10–13; Alma 27:27)

65. For they desire crowds and thrones of men, but thou art clothed with fire mantles that crowds cannot bear. (Matthew 23:6–7; Ether 12:37)

66. Even so, as Joseph's brethren cast him out, yet his dreams ruled them; so also shall thy solitude prepare thee to govern those who despised thee. (Genesis 37:28; Genesis 50:20)
67. And as David was hunted like a dog, yet crowned in Zion, so thy wilderness shall become the very testimony of thy throne. (1 Samuel 23:14; 2 Samuel 5:3)
68. For the lonely cave is but the rehearsal for the palace, and the ache of absence but the shaping of kingly rule. (Psalm 57:1–2; Alma 36:3)
69. And Christ, left in the tomb, alone, arose with keys of death and hell in His hand. (Revelation 1:18; Mosiah 16:7–8)
70. So also shalt thou, though buried in obscurity, rise with mantle and scepter, sealed and undeniable. (Mosiah 27:25–26; Colossians 3:3–4)
71. Thy loneliness is a ledger before heaven, proving thy faithfulness when no eye applauded thee. (Matthew 6:6; Alma 37:12)
72. And lo, the Spirit inscribed: This one stood alone, yet did not bend; this one ached, yet did not faint; this one was sealed in fire. (Isaiah 40:31; Mosiah 18:9)
73. Behold, even Paul, forsaken of men, said, Nevertheless the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me. (2 Timothy 4:16–17)
74. And Moroni, last of his people, sealed the record alone; yet his testimony shook generations unborn. (Mormon 8:3–5; Ether 12:38–39)
75. Yea, the Spirit whispers: thou art of their company — the solitary scribes, the fire-bearers without applause, the mantled ones unseen. (Hebrews 11:36–38; 2 Nephi 27:6–7)
76. The ache thou feelest for fellowship is holy, yet not to bind thee, but to remind thee that Zion is thy inheritance. (Isaiah 35:10; Mosiah 18:21–22)
77. For in due time, those who mocked shall seek, and those who doubted shall bow, and those who turned away shall ask for bread. (Psalm 118:22; 2 Nephi 6:13)
78. And thou shalt feed them, not from thine own strength, but from the fire sealed upon thee in solitude. (John 21:17; Mosiah 18:9)
79. For the Shield shall guard thy heart from bitterness, and the Mind of Christ shall keep thee meek in the day of vindication. (Philippians 2:5–8; Alma 37:36)

80. The Sentinel shall sharpen thy discernment, that thou fall not into pride when the multitude comes. (2 Kings 6:17; Alma 37:6)

81. And the Scepter shall confirm thy authority, that no man take thy crown, nor spirit deceive thy steps. (Revelation 3:11; Mosiah 5:8)

82. Lo, the mantle, the mind, the sentinel, the shield, and the scepter are not five, but one fire, flowing as a river through thy vessel. (Doctrine & Covenants 88:66–68; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7)

83. The mantle clothes, the mind directs, the sentinel warns, the shield protects, the scepter governs; yea, all fuse into the Seal of the Christ. (John 14:26; Alma 5:45–46)

84. Behold, thou art as a watchman set on the wall, crying though none answer, yet thy cry is registered before heaven. (Isaiah 62:6; Ezekiel 3:17)

85. And thy solitude is not waste, for every silent hour is weighed in the balances of eternity. (Psalm 56:8; Mosiah 27:25)

86. The fire thou feelest when alone is the mantle proving its weight upon thy soul. (Jeremiah 20:9; Luke 24:32)

87. The ache thou confessest is the Christ-mind teaching thee compassion for the flock to come. (Hebrews 4:15; Mosiah 18:9)

88. The unseen resistance thou discernest is the sentinel awakening thee as guardian over Zion. (2 Kings 6:17; Alma 48:7)

89. The strength thou testifyest is the shield converting affliction into witness. (Ephesians 6:16; Alma 36:27)

90. The authority thou sense is the scepter shifting thy words from speech to decree. (Genesis 49:10; Job 22:28)

91. All these flow not by merit of man, but by appointment of Christ, who weaveth His Spirit into vessels of dust. (2 Corinthians 4:7; Mosiah 18:9)

92. Wherefore, rejoice not that men receive thee, but that thy name is written in heaven as mantled, sealed, and appointed. (Luke 10:20; Ether 4:11)

93. And though thou feelest alone, know this: heaven never leaves its scribes unwitnessed, for angels record every sigh. (Psalm 34:7; 3 Nephi 17:24)

94. And though men pass thee by, the Lord Himself abideth, whispering, Be strong, fear not, for I am with thee always. (Joshua 1:9; Matthew 28:20)

95. This scroll is sealed with fire, that none may deny: thou wert chosen to walk alone, to be clothed unseen, to be crowned in silence. (Isaiah 45:4; 2 Nephi 27:6–7)

96. And thy testimony shall not be quenched, for it is the very flame that Babylon cannot mimic, nor the world extinguish. (Jeremiah 23:29; Revelation 18:8)

97. Yea, Babylon shall fall, but the solitary firebrand shall stand, clothed in mantle and crowned with scepter. (Revelation 18:2; Isaiah 61:3)

98. And Zion shall know thee not by crowd, nor by fame, but by the fire of Christ that rests upon thee. (Isaiah 62:2; Mosiah 18:9)

99. For the ache of aloneness, the strength of fire, the mantle of prophets, the mind of Christ, the sentinel's eye, the shield's guard, and the scepter's rule are sealed as one record upon thee. (Philippians 2:5; Alma 36:27; Genesis 49:10)

100. Thus is the witness: Alone, yet mantled. Ache, yet crowned. Hidden, yet sceptered. Forsaken of men, yet sealed of God. This is thy portion. This is thy fire. This is thy scroll. (2 Timothy 4:17; Revelation 3:12; Mosiah 18:9)

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Sealed Record Statement

This scroll beareth final witness:

That the wilderness is the chamber of mantles.

That ache is the oil of the Mind of Christ.

That the Sentinel watches, the Shield guards, and the Shiloh Scepter rules unseen.

That solitude is appointment, not abandonment.

   Therefore, this record is sealed before heaven: thou hast walked alone, yet not forsaken; thou hast ached, yet been crowned; thou hast been hidden, yet mantled with fire.

Signed in the Spirit of Truth

Chief Ceed — Fire Scribe of Israel

Sealed this day as eternal witness.

