

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

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## Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; Unchangeable and without Respect to persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.
3. We believe in The Holy Ghost, The Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, Reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of The Atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without The Law. For The Power of Redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)
5. We believe that through The Atonement of Christ all men may be Saved by Obedience to The Laws and Ordinances of The Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in The Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.
6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in The Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.
7. We believe in The Powers and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel: viz: The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Divers kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.
8. We believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.
9. We believe that in The Bible is contained The Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added Witness for Christ, and that these contain 'The Fullness of The Gospel.'
10. We believe in the principle of Continuous Revelation; that The Canon of Scripture is not full, that God Inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.
11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly Baptized members, one of whom is an Elder, there The Church exists with Full Power of Church extension when acting in Harmony with The Law of God.
12. We believe that a man must be Called of God by Revelation and Ordained by those having Authority, to enable him to Preach The Gospel and Administer The Ordinances thereof.
13. We believe in the same Church Organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in The Church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are Twelve, who constitute Special Witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have The Missionary Supervision and The General Watch care of all The Churches.
14. The primary function of The General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is Missionary and the building up and extension of The Kingdom of God in all the world.
15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.
16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends The True Brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein The Divine Command to 'love your neighbor as yourself' is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.
17. We believe that all men are Stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of Stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of The Common Fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy The Bounty and Gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.
18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of The Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when Chosen or Appointed by The Church to devote their entire time to Missionary Work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The Admonition of Christ that The Ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go Trusting in God and the people, is applicable.
19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by The General Bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of The Church. The temporal affairs of The Local Churches shall be Administered by local Bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.
20. We believe that marriage is Ordained of God, and that The Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.
21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.
22. We believe in The Literal gathering of Israel, and in The Restoration of The Ten Lost Tribes.
23. We believe a Temple will be Built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will Reveal Himself and Endow His Servants whom He Chooses with Power to Preach The Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that The Promise of God to Israel may be Fulfilled.
24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be Built upon this land 'unto The Remnant' of The Seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be Built, beginning at The Temple Lot.
25. We believe The Ministry and Membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer Oaths or Covenants in conflict with The Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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Message 53:3, **'Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed repentance and baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be**

laid upon all that **THE GREATER LIGHT** might come to them.’

Message 53:10, ‘Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord’s Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ’s Words that shall judge all men.’

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everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

**It is each Elder's duty to Seek Guidance from and to keep The Territorial Apostle informed of his works in the region he is laboring.**

Secretary For The Twelve  
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## FOREWORD

**THE GREATER LIGHT**, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of the Hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is a history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The American Indians. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

*The Messages* so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11-13). The Angel

first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *The Church of Christ* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us ***The Word Of The Lord*** that *The Church of Christ* might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride Of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People Of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His Judgment* has come. Awake thou that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate ***The Greater Light***.

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**THE MESSAGE OF  
CHRIST TODAY**  
*To All People*

**Fourth Visitation**

The Messenger came to Brother Fetting, November 16, 1927, and delivered a very important prophetic message with words of warning and instruction of a private nature, pertaining to Brother Fetting's personal business affairs; also making mention of certain evil forces, with sinister design, which Brother Fetting does not feel free to make public at this time.

**2016 General Assembly  
Schedule  
(Tentative)**

**Sunday, June 26, 2016**

2:00 p.m. Opening Service  
Opening Remarks: Apostle Jairus Yates  
Speaking: Apostle Richard Johnson

3:30 p.m. Sacrament, Prayer & Testimony  
Apostle Donald Thompson  
Bishop Matthew Thompson

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service  
Introduction: Apostle Richard Johnson  
Speaking: Apostle Jairus Yates

**Monday, June 27, 2016**

10:30 Priesthood Meeting  
General Church Bishopric by Apostles  
Richard Johnson and Jairus Yates  
Bishop Reece Johnson

1:00 p.m Bishopric Study  
Apostles Richard Johnson and Jairus  
Yates  
Bishop Reece Johnson

2:00 p.m. Preaching Service  
Introduction: Apostle Donald Thomp-  
son  
Speaking: Apostle Michael Greenwell

3:00 p.m. Apostles Michael Greenwell  
and Jairus Yates

7:00 Preaching Service  
Introduction: Apostle Richard Johnson  
Speaking: Apostle Eddie Lee

**Tuesday June 28, 2016**

10:30 Priesthood Meeting: Tithing  
Apostles Michael Greenwell & Jairus  
Yates  
Bishop Reece Johnson

1:00 p.m Tithing Study  
Apostles Michael Greenwell & Jairus  
Yates

2:00 p.m Preaching Service  
Introduction: Apostle Richard Johnson  
Speaking: Elder Richard Sega

3:00 p.m Preaching Service  
Introduction: Bishop Matthew Thomp-  
son  
Speaking: Apostle Donald Thompson

4:00 p.m Prayer and Testimony Ser-  
vice  
Apostle Eddie Lee & Zachery Green-  
well  
7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Introduction: Apostle Richard Johnson  
Speaking: Bishop Reece Johnson

8:00 p.m. Closing Assembly & Sacrament  
Apostles Richard Johnson & Donald  
Thompson  
Bishop Reece Johnson

**Handmaiden of the Lord**

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If you wish to help, contact Church Head-  
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**General Assembly 2016**

**June 26 – June 28**

PLAN TO ATTEND

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend the 2016 General Assembly! The Lord wants us to come together in unity to pray, to testify of His goodness in your life, and learn more about His great gospel!

God tells us to attend services.

Message 81:17 “Let all come to attendance to exhortations to Doctrine that greater Light may come, and it will be those that prepare for it, unto the measure of Christ, in all things showing good works.”

Message 44:18 “...Let them take up this duty to encourage all even the young to attend services...”

Message 104:26 “Let all awaken to their Calling and help more in this Work, attending services, worship and working among the people.”

Message 107:13 “Let there be peace in your gatherings and the weakness will turn to strength. Arise from lethargy. Swing wide the gate. Let the Lord’s people come all the way to this Plan of Deliverance—

receive a new heart and abundance of the God’s Spirit and deliverance will be made sure.”

Message 73:8 “Let your assembling be, that, filled with peace. Let the Lord be honored. Let your conversations be yea, yea, and nay, nay and no evil will come among you. Defend the truth and crush the evil. Be pleasant in your doings. I speak to all that will heed. Defile not the Holy Rites but keep sacred the Plan of God.”

Scriptures tell us to testify of the truth of God that is in us and to testify of the goodness of God and of how God has worked in your life.

Moroni 6:5-9 “And the Church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls; And they did met together oft to partake of bread and wine, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus; And they were strict to observe that there should be no iniquity among them...; But as oft as they repented, and sought forgiveness with real intent, they were forgiven. And their meetings were conducted by the Church, after the manner of the workings of the Spirit, and by the power of the Holy Ghost; for as the power of the Holy Ghost led them whether to preach, or exhort, or to pray, or to supplicate or to sing, even so it was done.”

I Peter 3:15 “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:”

Philemon 1:4-7 “I thank my God making mention of thee always in my prayers, Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus,

and toward all saints; That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.”

Psalm 95:1-2, 6 “O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms...O come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.”

Psalm 105:1-5 “O give thanks unto the Lord: call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people. Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him: talk ye of His wondrous works. Glory ye in His Holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and His strength: seek His face forevermore. Remember His marvelous works that He hath done; His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;”

Psalms 107:21-22, 32 “Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for the wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing...Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.”

The Lord has specifically talked to us many times about the General Assembly.

Message 25:5 “Go to the Assembly in peace. Let your work be in love, for Satan will try to discourage, and seek to destroy. Many will come to seek for truth. Let there be no contentions among you, for the Lord shall require peace at your hands.”

Message 25:11 “...As you meet in the

Assembly, counsel not your God, but seek ye counsel and wisdom at His hands.”

Message 30:7 “Meet in your assembly and cry mightily unto Me. If your prayer is of the heart, I will hear you. I will not accept the vain babblings and sputtering of the lips of man whose prayer is not sincere...”

Message 34:4 “Even now I say to my servants, meet in your solemn Assembly. Cry mightily unto Me, and I will hear you, and manifest My will unto you, yea, concerning Zion. Let My Law be taught in its completeness that the joy of man might be full under the Plan of Redemption. Yea, men are that they might have joy, and according to their faith I manifest My Will unto mankind. Because of unbelief My Work has suffered, leaving many to wander in darkness.”

Message 35:3 “The cries of My people have come up before Me, and I have heard their Humble plea,’ saith your God. ‘Yea, I am pleading for you to continue to come close unto Me. Behold many have obeyed Me in that they have come humbly to this Assembly. I led you here one and all and My wish is that you remain very humble before Me; then I will continue to bless you and lead you close unto Me. Be very humble that the Sunlight of Righteousness from the Lamb of God may shine on you with healing in His power.”

Message 39:23 “Be kind to those that come to learn or truth. Meet in the Assembly and cry mightily unto the Lord, for many shall come to learn the truth. Be not contentious but let the Lord direct.”

Message 41:6 “...Gather in your Assembly in peace and be kind to all men...”

Message 42:2 “...Meet in your Assembly in peace and let the Lord by His spirit



remain among you. Behold, the Lord will meet with you, for truly this shall be the beginning of great things to come to pass.”

Message 43:26 “The Lord has accepted the humbleness and solemnness of His people of this Assembly and if you will continue to be thus before Him, He will make you a blessing...”

Message 54:13 “...Be humble and let your Light shine. Be at peace with all men. Come before Me in humility and meet in your Assembly and I will meet with you. Love one another; bear ye each others burdens. Remember that I have suffered for you that a Way of Deliverance might be. Behold, I will give greater Light and Power as My people will prepare for it.”

Message 60:12 “Gather in the Assembly and cry unto the Lord. Let no evil come among you. The Lord will hear all those that repent and obey His Will. Let your prayers be of the heart. Let no contentions be found among you.”

Message 64:15 “Let the people meet in the Assembly in solemnness and humility and the Lord will bless them in their meekness. Seek not to please man but do the Lord’s bidding. Let not time be spent in contention.”

Message 67:4 “When the Lord speaks answer by your actions. Moreover, He has heard the prayers of this Assembly. Continue humble before Him.”

Message 69:6 “Let the Assembly meet in peace, let rejoicing be in your hearts. Pray earnestly and the Lord will meet with you by His Spirit, and great peace shall flow to all—and the faith of the faithful shall be heard. Power shall come as your hearts shall be prepared.”

Message 70:3 “Moreover the Lord has heard the prayers of this Assembly and has

answered peace—herein is your joy in obedience and in humility: for joy comes by obedience and peace in much assurance.”

Message 71:6 “Let the Assembly meet in peace and hold to the Way of the Lord. Let man deny himself and seek not for the praises of men.”

Message 76:10 “The Lord accepts the humility of the gathering of the Assembly of His people. Continue and peace will go to each home and bring joy in the Lord.”

Message 80:12 “Meet in the Assembly, let your prayers be solemn and from the heart.”

Message 85:7 “To the faithful, be thou joyous in well doing. Keep the peace, as you have and it will abide in your Assemblies, and in your progress adjust to the multitudes that will hear and obey my coming that they may be the Lamb’s Bride, made ready when He comes.”

Message 86: 69 “The Assembly is for the people to learn this great Work and follow through...”

Message 89:4 “The Lord has seen your gatherings and your Assembly. He will continue to be with you.”

Message 90:24 “Let the Assembly be conducted in peace and teaching the Word. Let all learn this Way more perfectly that they might give a reason for the hope in them in defending the words I bring.”

Message 91: 41 “Let the Assembly be conducted in peace and teaching the Word. Let all learn this Way more perfectly that they may give a reason for the hope in them in defending the words I bring.”

Message 92:3 “The Lord’s people have seen trials and afflictions but let all arise to a closer walk with the Lord. Come away from contentions and bring love and obedience in your lives. Continue in good

works. The Lord has heard the prayers that are of the heart, and this assembly. And I bring peace and an answer to the problems when it becometh a need.”

Message 93:5 “The Lord has heard the prayers in behalf of His people and this Assembly. He has blessed and spoken by the Spirit of Revelation; revealing much.”

Message 95:8 “Your gatherings and assembling have been good in sight of the Lord. Keep the Lord’s Spirit among you. Command peace and stand firm, all you faithful.”

Message 97:20 “Meet in your assembly in peace, let no contention be among you.”

Message 105:8 “Even now the Lord instructs all to meet in your solemn assembling, and cry mightily unto Him. He will hear and manifest His Will unto you—even concerning Zion.

Heed God’s prompting to attend the 2016 General Assembly! Make this assembly a priority! Do all you can to attend! Come in humility with a prayer upon your heart that we may cry mightily unto the Lord together! Come to exalt the Lord, to give testimony of the truth that lies within you, to testify of God’s goodness! Come to learn more of His great truth and great plan. Come to receive all the blessings the Lord has for you! Come to be a blessing to others!

I pray the way will open that all will be able to attend the 2016 General Assembly. As my father always said, “Keep sweet.” May God bless you and yours?

Love in Christ,  
Sister Thresa Ray

## Fourth Message

How many of you looked at the Message in the front of the paper? There are two things wrong with it. First it was called Fourth Visitation. This was what the first messages were called. The Message Book was called *Revelations on the Building of the Temple*. It contained 12 Visitations instead of Messages.

The Second Message book that was printed contained 26 Messages and they were called Messages in this book. The name of it was *A Warning to All People of the Second Coming of Christ*.

On January 28, 1933 John the Baptist came and gave the 30<sup>th</sup> Message. The Messenger unrolled the roll on which was written, “The Word of the Lord.” So after the Thirtieth Message this was the name of the book.

I should get back to the Fourth Message. Message 30:9 “Publish the fourth message. What is it to you?...” Did you ever wonder why these sentences were in the Message?

The reason for this is it was not put in the book until after the Thirtieth Message. Brother Fetting withheld the Message from the brethren. After Otto Fetting passed away his wife, Jennie, found the message in the safe which had been set aside by itself. Thereafter all future books included the Fourth Message as it is written below.

### Fourth Message

1. The last time I came to you, I brought a message of warning to you. Read it, and with it I also warned you of the losses that you would have unless you heeded the warning. I told you that this was a time of haste. Now the time has come when you will have greater losses. Come with me

and I will show you a vision of the future.

2. Remember there are trying times ahead that will affect the whole world, and much will come to pass. That great church the mother of harlots, the abomination of all the earth is working against all governments to overthrow them, and it is also working with all its power and helpers to overthrow this government, that she may establish herself upon this land. Remember Satan has great power, and many will be deceived by his power.

3. Release yourself from the business world. Seek not after riches, but seek to warn the world, and save the honest in heart from destruction. Weep not over the losses you will have, for they will be many. Many trials will come to you. Remember, I have told you.

4. The time has come that the words he gave to the churches will come to pass and the judgments will come upon the earth. The abominations will flourish until God will send his angels to reap the harvest of the wicked and Satan will be bound.

5. Many will not be true to the work that God will place upon them, and Satan will try you also, for there is great danger ahead. Let not the riches of this world or the praise of men lead you to destruction.

6. I will come to you from time to time, to instruct you in many things that will come to pass, and the great work that must be done.

You would think there is nothing in this message that should warrant it to not be published when it was first given. But you need to look at what was going on in the world at this time.

During this time the Catholic Church was building churches throughout the United States. It was getting people into

public offices all over the world. Later we had a man that ran for President. He was a Catholic. The people were afraid that if he won the Pope would be giving instructions to him and we would be losing our rights. They were afraid that the Catholic Church would take over this country. This feeling was expressed by several religious groups.

Because of the atmosphere of the country at this time, Otto felt that the message should not be published and the Lord allowed this for almost six years.

In future when you read the messages, don't just read them, study them thoroughly and try to find why the Lord gave it and what was taking place in the church and the world. He never leaves us without a warning but he wants us to study to be approved. Will you be one of the proven that the Lord speaks of?

## **Honor Your Father and Mother**

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The fifth commandment that the Lord gave us is "Honor thy father and mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12.

Some people may read this and think it is a reward. The reason for this is that if you build a society based on children honoring their parents the society will survive. On the other side of the coin a society that does not honor their parents is doomed to self destruction.

Why is it that honoring our parents is so important? One reason is that we, as children, need it. In this generation we have seen the consequences of growing up with-

out a father. Fatherless boys are more likely to grow up and commit crimes, mistrust women and act against society in every other way. Girls who do not have a father to honor are more likely to seek the wrong men and to be promiscuous at an early age.

### Why Should We Honor Our Parents

It is the right thing to do. Ephesians 6:1-3 “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” We owe our parents our life and gratitude. They have sacrificed so much for us. We don’t realize this until we become parents.

The Bible tells us that disobedience to the parents will be one of the signs of the end time. In II Timothy 3:1-2 “This know, also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.” Is this the society of today? The family is in trouble. We need to study God’s word for solutions.

It pleases God to honor our parents. “Children, obey your parents in all things; for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.” If you notice this verse says to obey your parents. And that is pleasing unto the Lord. This puts honoring your parents on a spiritual level.

Honoring our parents teaches us to respect authority. Ezekiel 22:7 “In thee have they set light by father and mother; in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the strangers; in thee have they vexed

the fatherless and the widow.” Ezekiel 22:15 “And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.”

Now go to Romans 13: 1-2 “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God...and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.”

We see the loss of authority for the parents in many ways – absentee parents, the abdication of authority promoted by permissive parenting styles, even government interferences with some aspects of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. A prime example of this is that you should not spank your child. Proverbs 13:24 “He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.” We do not say that you should beat your child, but a little swat on the bottom shows the child that you are the one with the authority. Today’s children have grown up with the idea that if they are swatted they are abused and therefore they can sue their parents. In this process they have now lost respect for authority.

The authorities that exist have been established by God. When you rebel against your parents, you are really rebelling against authority, and you are rebelling against God as the ultimate authority.

You are under God’s protection when you honor your father and mother. “My son, keep thy father’s commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee; For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light, and reproofs

of instruction are the way of life.” Proverbs 6: 20-23. In Proverbs whenever it talks about the lamp going out, it means a person’s life is being cut short.

We should live righteously. Proverbs 23:24-25 ‘The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice, and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bore thee shall rejoice. In Proverbs 27:11 Solomon says “My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me.”

It helps you grow in wisdom when you honor your parents. Look at Proverbs 4:1-4 “Hear, ye children, the instructions of a father, and attend to know understanding; For I give you good doctrine; forsake ye not my law. For I was my father’s son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words; keep my commandments, and live.”

Parents are teachers of faith and morality. What God is to the world, parents are to their children. Parents have molded their children so their children will have the drive to serve the Lord.

We should listen attentively to what they tell us. Proverbs 23:22 “Hearken unto thy father that begot thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.” The key word is listen. It means to pay attention. As your parents age you should keep in touch with them. You should listen to them even thou some of the stories they have told you, you have heard several times. Every time we would go to Warrensburg, we would pass this barn. Mom would always say I went to many dances in that old barn. We would listen to her and just laugh without her knowing it. I would give anything to

hear these stories now.

Jesus rebuked the Pharisees of his day for neglecting their parents. “But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandments of God by your traditions? For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother; and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your traditions.”

The ancient Greeks believed that you should lose your rights as a citizen if you did not support your parents in old age. This occurred when you failed to provide for them.

### **Promises**

God has attached great and precious promises to the fifth commandment. There are two of them. Exodus 20:12 “Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.” Deuteronomy 5:16 “Honor thy father and thy mother, as the Lord by God hath commanded thee, that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.” Ephesians 6:2-3 “Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.” Simply put, your life will go better if you honor your parents. You avoid many of the dangers that can cut life short or cut off the enjoyment of life, and thus as a rule, they live longer and better. This is the way God designed it to be.

In conclusion this reminds me of the

song “The Cat’s in the Cradle” by Henry Chaplin. The song is about a man who is too busy to spend time with his son. The son goes to college and then starts working and is too busy to spend time with his father. The chorus says that the boy wants to grow up just like his father. And in the last chorus the father realizes that his son did grow up just like him.

Many of us have children and parents. How are you doing? Are you honoring them today. God commands us to do so.

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Read: Genesis 3:1-9.

Adam and Eve knew not to eat of the tree of knowledge. The enemy (Satan) came and tricked them so they would disobey what God said. They had to live with the discipline God gave them. God still loved them—but they still had to live with choices they made. And it is the same for us. If you never learn to obey when you’re young, when you’re older you will find it hard to obey your teachers, your coach (if you play sports, people you work for, the laws of the land and God. It is hard to get along with someone that has not learnt to obey. They often won’t listen and want to do everything their own way. Maybe you know someone like that! They end up hurting themselves – and God. It makes God sad when we don’t obey. Obedience need’s to start in the home with Mom and Dad. If we learn to obey Mom and Dad we will know how to obey when we are older. This is one of the most important lessons to

learn, and maybe the hardest. God has given us a free will – which means we are free to make our own choices. We can choose to obey or not. It is our choice. But we need to remember what happened to Adam and Eve. There is a price to pay! Jesus is our example. He obeyed His parents. If you find it hard to obey – tell Jesus. He understands and will help you. Remember He was a kid Himself once! “Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this right. Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth” Ephesians 6:1-3.

Lord today I ask that you  
Would help me to obey  
Even though I don’t want to  
Help me choose to anyway.

**Junior Department**  
**Editor: Thresa Ray**

May & June 2016

Dear Youth,

We will be observing ‘Mother’s Day’ on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and Father’s Day on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Our country has set aside these days each year to honor our Mothers and Fathers.

God tells parents how to raise their children:

Proverbs 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Deuteronomy 11:18–19 “Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them

for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them, when thy sittest in thine house, when thou walkest by the way, when thy liest down, and when thy risest up.” (parents teach the way of God to your children at all times)

Exodus 20:4 “And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

The Holy Bible also tells children of all ages how treat to their parents. Even the Ten Commandments tell us to honor our parents:

Exodus 20:12 “Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.”

Obey your parents.

Ephesians 6:1-4 “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: That it may be well with thee, and thou may live long on the earth.”

Proverbs 10:1 “The proverbs of Solomn. A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.”

Leviticus 19:3 “Ye shall fear (respect) every man his mother, and his father, and keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God.

Proverbs 1:8-9 “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother. For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

Proverbs 7:1-3 “My son, keep my

words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. Bind they upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.”

Colossians 3:20 “Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.”

As you can see by these verses, that God wants us to obey and honor our parents and show them love and respect. This will not only make your parents feel very happy and loved, it will make God feel that way also.

Remember what you do to others you do to God as well:

Jesus said in Matthew 26:40 “... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

So as you do what God asks of you in honoring your parents, you are also honoring God.

May God bless you as you strive to obey his will and commandments. May you feel and receive the many Blessings He has for you in your obedience!

Love in Christ,

Sister Thresa Ray

## Letters

Dear beloved Brethren and Sisters

On behalf of the worldwide membership of this Church of Christ with the Elijah Message The Assured Way of the Lord in general and Africa in particular.

I extend to our general Church Headdquarters at Independence, Missouri,

the Quorum of Apostles and Bishops, the Little Oley's Family and friends, Independence Local, and all the USA locals, to Sister Ellen, Joy and Ruby Draves, Sister Oladawn Thompson and Sister Thresa Ray, entire church family and friends our condolences and hearts felt sympathy at this time of great sorrow.

Brother Leonard Draves has worked tirelessly to advance the cause of Christianity, to lift the burdens of the poor as I am, to speak fearlessly in behalf of moral values and human dignity, even human right. He will be greatly missed, particularly by very many who have looked to him for Leadership as we are here in Africa.

Since he went home in Heaven where he came from, now we come to understand that Heaven is our purpose. But we do forget a bit when death arrives to us, because we do like to remain enjoying with our families and friends here. And forget that we need to return home. This world is not ours and not our forever place. We are just passengers taking rest each and every one where he was placed to live.

I need all of you to understand this great loss that came in our way. Let us be united in one purpose like Brother Leonard was. Do not accept any kind of contentious among us, the family and the church. Let us continue the mission of our church by sustaining the Quorums of Twelve Apostles and Bishops for uplifting our Church in God's way.

What I know and believe is once a great leader of the family or any other organization passes away, it always destabilize many things. There maybe the gap to fill-in, and there may be different views. I feel to warn you in advance before any consequence appear. The time has come for all

of us to stand a little taller than before, to lift up our eyes and stretch our minds to a greater comprehension and understanding of the grand millennial mission of The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message the Assured Way of the Lord.

This is a season to be strong. It is a time to move forward without hesitation, knowing well the meaning, the breadth and the importance of our mission.

It is a time do what is right of the consequences that might follow. It is time to be found keeping the commandments. It is a season to reach out with kindness and love to Leonard's family, to those in distress and to those who are wondering in darkness and pain. It is a time be considerate and good, decent and courteous towards one another in all our relationships, in other words to become more Christ like.

This is the work of the Master and no one can do it his way. Remember love is our Mission.

All of you must be the judge of how far we have come in realizing the fulfillment of the good work we have done from 1929 to 1933, from 1937 to 1994 from 1994 to 2003 and from 2003 up to February 20, 2016. We can't destroy in one day what we build 87 years, 80 years, 22 years or 11 years.

Brother Leonard Draves was among the brothers and sisters who defended and preserved this work, thou in much pain, persecution, hated by many, accepted any kind of sabotage, neglected by his own fellows, but he accepted to suffer but so this work to not fail. We must do the same. When all doors close he looked the way on window until other doors were opened. Today we have the Church he left us with in its pure authority standing in good state.



I personally, Bama WA Mobutu Gloire, will do whatever I can with my ability and knowledge even wisdom to remain faithful to the Church and defend this work here in Africa and wherever I will or God will extend me. With help of the Quorums of Disciples and Vice Bishops, this work will never be destroyed again here in Africa, apart from it God allows it. Do the same in your area of influence to defend this great work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have our adversaries and enemies who are standing on fences waiting and watching what and how our church will be after Leonard Draves. There is no turning back, do not backslide, and if it happens, stand again and go forward. Do not let the Church down or the work that Brother Leonard suffered for a long time for.

Let us use wisdom in all matters that will arise. When there is any problem, let us set together and look for proper solutions in prayers. Do not take any decision without asking God first, and me secondly. I can help you with a proposition but not a specific solution. Let us follow the foot steps, advises and directions of the Quorums of Apostles and Bishops in all Church affairs.

Let us sustain our current chairman of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, Jairus C. Yates, and all members of the said quorum, they will help us when we will have any problem.

Brother Leonard knows all of us very well and left not the work in darkness but in pure Greater Light. That each and every one must work where he was called during the life time of Brother Leonard Draves, until the quorum of twelve and bishops may sit to discuss about what to do and decide who will replace him the office as the general church recorder.

My advice is that, if possible, the quorums of Apostles and Bishops may share the view with Brother Leonard Draves' family. They may have good ideas for the good of this work. Be very careful to not neglect any idea they may have, but examine them in God's words and our Church doctrine.

This is very funny. I believe not one among you will have doubt that Brother Apostle Leonard Draves received a revelation from God that soon he would go home to Heaven to rest with his fathers after a long working for Christ and His Church here on earth. There was a great need for someone to replace him and called me to replace him in the quorum of twelve. This means I was called to be a really living Apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ signed and sealed it in Heaven, revealed to Brother Leonard H. Draves, sustained by the Quorum of Twelve Apostles on October 4, 2015. I am waiting to be ordained by apostles with pure authority. I don't know if you are aware of this. I feel already His Spirit and Unction to be upon me. Sometimes you may think you are only there in America, but I need you to be aware that Jesus brought many people here in Africa. That Leonard Draves and William A. Draves has many spiritual sons and daughters here in Africa. Not only do Ellen, Ruby, Joy, Thresa Ray and Oladawn Thompson have many think about them.

Let us be faithful in the trust and God will bless us forever.

We need to remember the family he left, widows and orphans. Let good work of Leonard's be remembered or generations and generations. May God bless you. This is only my view as the work of man is never perfect.

Keep sweet  
Your Brother Mobutu

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### Sharing a Thought!

I was thinking on one of the warnings given in the Message. "Have strong faith in the words of the prophets. On these Satan has no hold. Study the words of the prophet thus freeing your lives from the bands of Satan.

Greater study illuminates our minds, opens our understanding, gives us light and we know Satan cannot share these thoughts, thus breaking his hold. I say to myself, Lord, what is going to happen – with out this strong faith and greater understanding. I was brought to understand that what God did and was to the prophets of old, even more can he be to us – and we must know he can deliver and is able to carry us through regardless of what things come or go. So we must not worry about things to come.

The Messenger says, read the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrew, it would strengthen our faith and while thinking on these things these words came to me.

God was:

Noah's – Dove a flying  
Abraham's – King of Salem  
Isaac's – promised seed  
Jacob's – oath indeed  
Joseph's – corn of Egypt  
Moses' – Ten Commandments  
Joshua's – sun standing still  
Elijah's – fire from Heaven  
Elisha's – life giver  
Job's – living redeemer  
David's – psalm writer

Solomon's – little sweet song  
Isaiah's – trained filled temple  
Jeremiah's – tears a crying  
Ezekiel's – breath in the valley  
Daniel's – revelator  
Hosea's – good God  
Joel's – out poured Spirit  
Amos' – basket of summer fruit  
Jonah's – repenting sermon  
Micah's – mountain of the Lord  
Habakkuk's – waited on vision  
Zechariah's – Zion's king to come  
Malachi's – in the prophet Elijah

Our God was this and more to the prophets of old, who wrote, the words we study as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. These died not have the promise. How much more can He and will He be to us who have the promise. The promised Elijah Messenger to bring us all God's words, restoring us back to the One Sheep fold of God. The Master who sends him is more than able to keep all the Father has given him.

So at anytime your faith is weak read the Messages, the Bible and the Nephite Record, study them. See how He kept the prophets of old and remember God is able to carry you through and will give strong faith to those that seek it.

Love to all  
Jeanette Simmons

## Handmaidens of the Lord Tammy Thompson Missouri

As I was studying the women of the Bible I realized that I didn't know about the women of the The Record of the Nephites.

So I thought that I would do a study on them also. There aren't very many women mentioned by name, I found three: Sariah, Aabish and Isabel. But there are some many references to specific women, most of them are references to groups of women like wives, daughters and children, meaning there are hundreds and hundreds of women mentioned in the pages of The Record of the Nephites. While we many not know a lot about them as individuals, the scriptures give us lots of insight into what their lives may have been like and what type of women they were, you just have to read between the lines a little bit.

It's the mundane and normal things I want to know about these women of the Record. What were their thoughts, what they suffered, what they loved, what they feared, how they bore and raised their children, how they held it all together through years of war and famine, and how they kept their faith in Christ through it all? There are conversations that will have to wait until Heaven. Right now we can piece together the bits and pieces of their lives from the Record.

I have pieced together all the women I found listed in The Record of the Nephites, if you know of ones I left out, please let us all know, so we can add to the list.

They are in chronological order by the books in the Record. I hope this helps you to read between the lines to piece together pieces of these women's lives.

#### **I Nephi:**

5 daughters of Ishmael 7:1. 6. 19; 16:7. 26. 35; 18:9

Wife of Ishmael 7:6, 19

Sariah 2:5; 5:1-9; 8:14; 17:55; 18:17-19

Nephi's wife 16:7; 18:19

Women who traveled with Lehi into the

wilderness 17:1-2, 20; 18:6

#### **II Nephi:**

Daughters of Laman 4:3

Nephi's sisters 5:6

#### **Jacob:**

Nephite wives who grieve because of the wickedness of their husbands 2:7-9, 31-33, 35

Wives of the Lamanites whose husbands love them 3:7

#### **Mosiah:**

Wives and daughters who came to hear King Benjamin's speech 2:5; 4:1-3; 5:2-5; 6:1-2

Women of the people of Zeniff 10:5, 9

Wives and concubines of King Noah 12:2,4,14

Wives and concubines of King Noah's wicked priests 11:2,4, 14; 20:3

Women of the people of Noah 19:9-15, 19-24; 20:11

Fair daughters of the people of Noah, 24 daughters of the Lamanites abducted by King Noah's priests 20:1-5,15,18,23; 21:20-21; 23:33-34; 25:2,8

Widows among the people of Limhi 21:9-11, 13-17; 22:2,8

Great numbers of women afflicted in the war between Limhi and Lamanites 21:9-11, 13-17; 22:2, 8

Wives of the people who followed Alma 23:28; 24:22

Wives of the guards left to occupy the land of Helam 23:38

#### **Alma:**

Wives of the people of Minon 2:25

Wives of the people of Nephi 2:26; 3:1-2

Ishmaelite women 3:7

Women of Gideon 7:27

Wife of Amulek 10:11

Women in Amulek's household 10:11

Wives and children of those who believe

Alma and Amulek 14:8-11, 14; 15:2  
 Daughters of King Lamoni 17:24; 18:43  
 Wife of King Lamoni 18:43; 19:2-3, 17-18, 28-30  
 Abish 19:16-17, 28  
 Queen of the Lamanites (Mother of King Lamoni) 22:19-24  
 Widows and daughters of Nephites slain protecting the people of Ammon 28:5  
 Women led away by Korihor 30:18  
 Wives of the Zoramites who repented 35:14  
 Isabel 39:3-4  
 Wives of the Nephites 43:9, 45; 44:5; 4:12; 48:10, 24; 58:12  
 Lamanite queen who marries Amalakhiah 47:32-35; 52:12  
 Maid servant of Morianton 50:30-31  
 Women of the city Bountiful 53:7  
 Women taken prisoner by the Lamanites 54:3; 55:17-24; 58:30-31; 60:17  
 Wives of the 10,000 Nephite soldiers at the City of Judea 56:28  
 Mothers of the stripling warriors 56:47-48; 57:21  
 Women and children carried off by the Lamanites 58:30-31  
 Wives and daughters of the 5,400 Nephites who migrated northward 63:4-10

**Helaman:**

Women and children slaughtered by Coriantumr 1:27  
 Women who toiled and spun all manner of cloth 6:13

**III Nephi:**

Women who united against the Gadianton robbers 2:12-16; 3:13  
 Fair daughters who gathered together to be protected from the Gadianton robbers 3:13  
 Mothers and fair daughters killed when the city of Moroniah was buried 8:25; 9:2  
 Women who heard Jesus pray and who were healed 17:1-25; 19:1

Girls who were encircled about by fire and ministered to by angels 19:1

**Mormon:**

Wives and children of the Nephites at the time of Mormon 2:23; 4:14-15, 21; 6:7, 19

**Ether**

Wives of the families of Jared, Brother of Jared and their friends 1;33, 37, 41; 2;1; 6:3  
 Daughters of the brother of Jared 6:15, 20  
 Daughters of the friends of Jared and his brother 6:16-17  
 8 daughters of Jared 6:20  
 12 daughters of Orihah 7:1  
 Daughters of Corihor 7:4, 14  
 Daughters of Shule 7:12,26  
 Daughters of Jared 8:1  
 Daughters of Omer 8:4; 9:2-3  
 Wicked daughter of Jared 8:8-12, 17; 9:24  
 Daughters of Emer 9:21  
 Wife of Coriantumr 9:24  
 Young maid Coriantumr takes as his second wife 9:24  
 Daughters of the young maid bears to Coriantumr 9:24  
 Daughters of Com 9:25  
 Daughters of Shez 10:2  
 Many wives of concubines of Riplakish 10:5  
 Daughters of Kim 10:14  
 Daughters of Levi 10:16  
 Daughters of Com 10:17  
 Daughters of Lib 10:29  
 Fair daughters of Coriantumr 13:17-22  
 Fair daughters of Cohor 13:17-22  
 Wives of the Nephites at the time of Ester 14:2  
 Women and children who were slain by Shiz 14:17  
 Women killed in the final Jaradite battle 14:22, 31; 15:2  
 Women and children who take up arms for battle 15:12-25

**Moroni:**

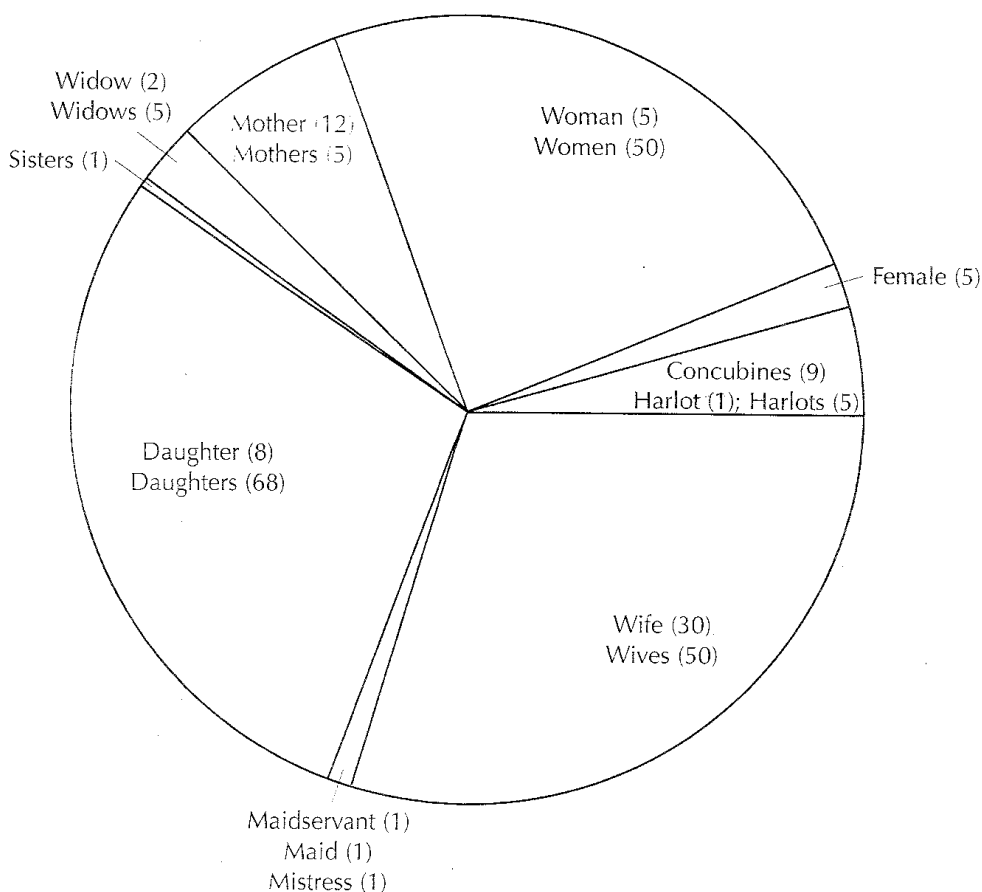
Nephite women from the tower of Sherriah who were held captive by the Lamanites 9:7-9, 19  
 Daughters of the Lamanites held prisoner in Moriantum 9:9-10  
 Widows and their daughters who remained in Sherrizah 9:16,19  
 Many old women who died in Sherrizah 9:16, 19

This is all the references that I have. If you find more please let me know so I can add to my lesson.

God bless each of you.

Love to all; Your sister in Christ.

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Title	Number	Specific Women Mentioned
Known by name	6	Eve, Sarah, Mary, Sariah, Isabel, Abish
Known as wives or queens	12	Lehi's, Ishmael's, Nephi's, Lamon's, Lamoni's father's, Amalickiah's, Coriantumr's, Akish's, Zoram's, Laman's Lemuel's, Sam's
Known as daughters	at least 44	Ishmael's (5 or more), Laman's (2 or more), Lemuel's (2 or more), Lehi's (2 or more), Lamoni's (2 or more), Jared's, Coriantumr's (2 or More), Cohor's (2 or more), Chorihor's (2 or more), 24 Lamanite Daughters

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