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Abstract: This series of study guides contains several lessons that address the Book of Mormon and prophecy. It also deals with the Book of Mormon as fulfillment of ancient prophecy, prophecies in the Book of Mormon that have been fulfilled, are now being fulfilled, and others that have not yet been fulfilled. Furthermore, it looks at prophecies dealing with the American Indian, the United States, and the Latter-day Saints. The third part covers "prophecies and promises to individuals," "prophecies with promise to nations and peoples," and "prophecies in the Book of Mormon not found in any other scripture."

PROPHECY AND HISTORY

A Study for the Advanced Senior Class M. I. A., 1924-25

PROPHECY—THE BOOK OF MORMON

Introductory Note: The attention of teachers and students is called to the following: The prophecies and promises of each lesson are limited to five and, therefore, represent only a few of what might be presented under the title of the lesson. In some instances those selected are less striking than others which might be selected, because the latter have been used in some previous lesson and when a prophecy is used in more than one lesson it is because of the importance of studying it from a new angle. It is expected that the teacher and the student will supplement the lessons with the consideration of other predictions than the five selected for one lesson.

Lesson XIX—Prophecies and Promises to Individuals

Special References for Class Study

1. I Nephi 2:19-22;
2. I Nephi 3:7;
3. II Nephi 26:13;
4. Alma 40;
5. Ether 4:19.

QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS

1. What had Nephi done to merit the divine promise recorded in I Nephi 2:19-22?
2. Show that Nephi's declaration recorded in I Nephi 3:7 is a promise to every individual.
3. On what condition are we promised divine interposition or special help from the Lord? II Nephi 26:13.
4. Mention what three promises concerning the resurrection are recorded in Alma 40.
5. Quote and name the author of the promise recorded in Ether 4:19.

Lesson XX—Prophecies with Promise to Nations and Peoples

Special References for Class Study

1. Nephi 10:7, 8;
2. II Nephi 29:7, 8;
3. Mosiah 26:30;
4. Ether 1:43;
5. Ether 2:9-12.

QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS

1. Tell how the prediction in II Nephi 10:8 is being fulfilled today.
2. What two peoples are referred to in II Nephi 29:8 and how is the prediction being fulfilled?
3. Give some scriptural or historical evidence of the fulfilment of the promise recorded in Mosiah 26:30.
4. In the light of Ether 1:43, what was the relative greatness of the Jaredite nation at the time of its existence?
5. Using the divine declaration recorded in Ether 2:9-12, what are the conditions upon which national greatness may be perpetuated on this continent?
6. Discuss the proposition: To the extent that a people popularizes iniquity, and a nation legalizes evil, their cup of iniquity is becoming full.

Lesson XXI—Prophecies in the Book of Mormon Not Found in Any Other Scripture

Special References for Class Study

1. II Nephi 1:7; 2. III Nephi 16:10; 3. III Nephi 20:24-27;
4. Ether 4:6, 7; 5. Ether 4:11.

QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS

1. Accepting as true the declaration recorded in II Nephi 1:7, what is the price of liberty in this land of Promise?
2. Who is the author of III Nephi 16:10, and to what nation is the prophet declaring a most solemn warning?
3. Show from II Nephi 20:24-27 that Jesus was acquainted with what the people had been doing on this continent before he was born, and tell what he meant by calling them the children of the covenant.
4. What book contains the fulfilment of Ether 4:7?
5. What book contains "these things" spoken of in the promise recorded in Ether 4:11?

Prayer and Service

I dreamed,

And the dream was the dream of a youth
Exploring the future in quest of truth,
Reaching to grasp with one mighty span,
All the vastness of God's infinite plan.

I paused

On my voyage down life's restless stream
And slowly I awoke from youth's ardent dream,
I woke to learn that wisdom divine,
Gives "Precept on precept, line upon line."

I prayed,

And the pray'r was the pray'r of a man,
One meeting life's problems with thoughtful scan;
Each hour, each day, new problems to meet,
No time for worry, no place to retreat.

I mused

Till the faith-lamps within, burning low,
Flamed higher and brighter, a lambent glow,
Bearing a message fresh from the scroll
And blazing its truth on my hungry soul!

I served,

And the clouds from my skies rolled away,
Revealing, in splendor, God's flush of day!
He bade me be brave, hopeful and true,
Finding life's joys in the service I do!

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