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## Word Portraits from Third Nephi, I

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**Abstract:** A series presenting narrative taken from 3 Nephi 1-28 with accompanying illustrations. Illustrations depict the events surrounding Christ's birth, death, and visit on the American continent. The first part consists of scenes from chapters 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9.



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# WORD PORTRAITS

FROM THIRD NEPHI

*with sketches by Goff Dowding*



1. Behold the prophecies of the prophets began to be fulfilled more fully; for there began to be greater signs and greater miracles wrought among the people. Nevertheless there were some who began to say the time was past for the words of Samuel the prophet to be fulfilled, and they did make a great uproar throughout the land. A day was set apart for the unbelievers, that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death except the sign shall come to pass. (Chapter 1, v. 4, 2, 9.)



3. From this time forth there began to be lyings sent forth among the people, by Satan, to harden their hearts. The Gadianon robbers, who dwelt upon the mountains, did infest the land for so strong were their secret places that the people could not overpower them. As the years passed a great battle commenced with the Nephites and there never was known so great a slaughter among all the people of Lehi. However the Nephites were victorious and did all return to their own lands in the twenty and sixth year. (See chapters 1, 4, and 6.)



2. Nephi saw this wickedness, bowed himself down and cried mightily to his God in behalf of his people; and behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him saying: On this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world. Behold, I come unto my own, to fulfil all things which I have made known unto the children of men, and to do the will of the Father. . . . And it came to pass that a new star did appear, according to the word. (Chapter 1, v. 10-21.)



4. Throughout these years many things had transpired which, in the eyes of some, would be great and marvelous; nevertheless, they cannot all be written in this book; yea this book cannot contain even a hundredth part of what was done among so many people in the space of twenty and five years; but behold there are records which do contain all the proceedings of this people. And a shorter but true account was given by Nephi. (See chapters 5, 8, and 9.)

With "Word Portraits" follow to completion the book of Third Nephi in the next four issues of THE IMPROVEMENT ERA.