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## History of Jesus, Chapter XIV

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Killingworth with his father to see the wonders of "Puffing Billy," and whose terrors at the snorting monster were only soothed by a pleasant and harmless ride on his back. Whether this gave him a taste for steam engines we do not know. At any rate he introduces himself to our notice now, with a patented model of an improved boiler in his hand, which Stephenson thinks it may be worth his while to make trial of. "Try it," exclaimed the young inventor, "try it, and there will be no limit to your speed. Think of thirty miles an hour!"

"Don't speak of thirty miles an hour," rejoined Stephenson; "I should not dare talk about such a thing aloud." For I suppose he could hardly forget how Parliament committees branded him as a fool and madman for broaching such beliefs.

(To be Continued.)

For the Juvenile Instructor.

## HISTORY OF JESUS.

### CHAPTER XIV.

SAMUEL prophesied of the coming of Jesus—that the time was near at hand when he would be born. He also gave the people a strange sign by which they might know the time of his birth; which was that the night, before Jesus was born, would be as light as the day, so that there would be two days and a night in which there would be no darkness: and Samuel the prophet told them about the length of time that would elapse before this sign would appear. He also said that at that time, a new star which had never been seen before, should make its appearance; and other signs also should be seen in the heavens.

He told the people if they would repent of their sins and believe in the name of Jesus they should be saved from the awful destructions that would surely come upon the wicked: for, he said to them, Jesus will be crucified, and at the time of his death there will be lightnings and earthquakes and many fierce and terrible judgments will be poured out upon those who disbelieve the words of the prophets and continue in their wickedness.

At that time the people of the great city Zarahemla were so wicked that they would not allow the prophets of God to enter their gates, and the only way that Samuel could approach them so as to warn them of their impending danger, was to stand upon the wall and there proclaim with a loud voice what the Lord commanded him to say. While in that position, many threw stones to kill him as he stood preaching to the people, but the angels of heaven were there for his protection, and the wicked could not destroy him. Those that believed came out of the city and were baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of their sins, and joined themselves to those who feared the Lord and were obedient to the words of the prophets.

As the time approached when Samuel had predicted that the sign concerning the birth of Jesus should appear, the wicked began to exult and say that the time had expired and the prophecies were all false; and they ridiculed those that believed in them, and threatened to put them to death; and had appointed a day when they would destroy every one of them, if the sign was not to be seen before that day arrived.

There was a very good man called Nephi, who trusted in God and believed in the coming of Jesus: he went out alone and bowing down he prayed fervently for his friends and brethren who were in danger of being destroyed by their enemies. And while he was praying, a voice came to him saying that the sign should be given that very night, and on the next day Jesus should be born. It was the voice of the Lord speaking to

Nephi, and Nephi rejoiced exceedingly when he heard the voice for he knew that the words were true, and his sorrow and mourning were turned into joy and thanksgiving: and he went and told the good news to his brethren.

That same evening the sun went down as usual, but no darkness followed the setting of the sun, but the night time was as light as the day. Instead of the wicked slaying the righteous, great fear fell upon the unbelievers when they saw the sign that had been foretold, and many of them fell to the ground as if they were dead. It was the same in all the land, east, west, north and south; and all the people saw the long day and witnessed the appearance of a new star; and all things were fulfilled which the prophets had spoken concerning that time.

No tongue can express the feelings of joy that filled the hearts of the prophets and of all who believed on them, when they knew, not only by miraculous signs, but by the unerring testimony of the spirit of God, that Jesus the Messiah, the Savior of the world, had really taken a mortal body, and had come to redeem the fallen children of Adam. It was true, he was a long distance off, and they were separated by a mighty ocean, but they knew that he had come, and that all people on the face of the earth were interested in his coming.

During the thirty three years and upwards of the lifetime of Jesus, we have no account of his manifesting himself to those who believed in him, that lived on the western continent; but in all that time there were many who were inspired by the Spirit of God, who went forth testifying of the truths of salvation and teaching the principles of righteousness and a belief in a judgment to come. And in every land they were more or less persecuted, and from time to time they were hunted and driven. Yet they had seasons of peace and prosperity—when the people listened to the teachings of the inspired men, as many did for a few years after the birth of Jesus, their peace and prosperity was great, but it was not long until the most part turned away and went into sin, and at the time of the death of Jesus, there was much division and strife throughout the land, but those that did believe in him were clothed with the power of God and performed great miracles, even to the raising of the dead to life.

E. R. S.

I AM a very little boy,  
But love my parents well,  
Far more than I love my toy,  
And more than I can tell.

I'll try to be most kind to all,  
And act a good boy's part;  
For that I know will always call  
Joy to my parents' heart.

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away.

Whene'er a duty waits for thee,  
With sober judgment view it,  
And never idly wish it done;  
Begin at once and do it.

For Sloth says falsely, "By and by  
Is just as well to do it."  
But present strength is surest strength,  
Begin at once and do it.