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## History of Jesus, Chapter XVII

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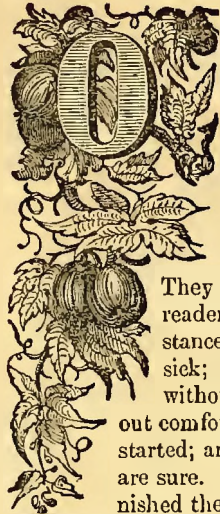
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**Abstract:** Chronicles Jesus' visit to the Lehites after the cataclysm.

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Biography.

JOSEPH SMITH, THE PROPHEET.



On the 1st of July, 1841, President B. Young and Elders H. C. Kimball and John Taylor arrived at Nauvoo from their mission to England. Their brethren, who had been with them to England, were detained a few days after them by business, visiting their relatives, etc. They had performed a glorious mission, and they returned with great joy to their families and to the society of the Saints.

They had started upon their journey, as our readers will recollect, under very peculiar circumstances. They were sick, their families were sick; and they were compelled to leave them without any visible means of support and without comfortable places to shelter them. Yet they started; and God proved to them that His promises are sure. He preserved them on their journey, furnished them means wherewith to travel, raised them up friends, healed them, and made them the instruments of bringing thousands to the knowledge of the truth. They now returned strong in body, rich in faith and experience, to find their families alive and well, and to rejoice, once more, in the society of the prophet and Saints of God. And could Joseph not appreciate them? His experience had taught him to place a high value upon men of truth and integrity. He delighted in the faithfulness of the Twelve. They had gone forth without hesitation to fulfill the command of God, and he knew that, now they had returned, they would sustain and be a comfort to him. Under the date of August 1st, he wrote:

"All the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles who were expected here this season, with the exception of Elders Willard Richards and Wilford Woodruff, have arrived. We have listened to the accounts which they give of their success, and the prosperity of the work of the Lord in Great Britain with pleasure. They certainly have been the instruments in the hands of God, of accomplishing much, and must have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done their duty. Perhaps no men ever undertook such an important mission under such peculiarly distressing, forbidding, and unpropitious circumstances. Most of them when they left this place, nearly two years ago, were worn down with sickness and disease, or were taken sick on the road. Several of their families were also afflicted and needed their aid and support. But knowing that they had been called by the God of Heaven to preach the Gospel to other nations, they conferred not with flesh and blood, but obedient to the heavenly mandate, *without purse or scrip*, commenced a journey of five thousand miles entirely dependent on the providences of that God who had called them to such a holy calling. While journeying to the sea board, they were brought into many trying circumstances; after a short recovery from severe sickness, they would be taken with a relapse, and have to stop among strangers, without money and without friends. Their lives were several times despaired of, and they have taken each other by the hand, expecting it would be the last time they should behold one another in the flesh. However, notwithstanding their afflictions and trials, the Lord always interposed in their behalf, and did not suffer them to

sink in the arms of death. Some way or other was made for their escape—friends rose up when they most needed them, and relieved their necessities; and thus they were enabled to pursue their journey and rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. They, truly, 'went forth weeping, bearing precious seed,' but have 'returned with rejoicing, bearing their sheaves with them.'"

On the 7th of August Don Carlos Smith, Joseph's youngest brother, died. He was twenty-five years old at the time of his death. He was a young man of considerable promise, and had been very active and zealous in the work from the commencement. He was one of the first to receive the testimony of Joseph respecting the gospel. The evening after the plates of the Book of Mormon were shown to the eight witnesses, a meeting was held at which all the witnesses bore testimony to the truth of the latter-day dispensation. Don Carlos was present at this meeting, and also bore the same testimony. He was ordained to the Priesthood when only fourteen years old, and at that early age accompanied his father on a mission to his grandfather and relatives in St. Lawrence county, New York. While on this mission he was the means of convincing a Baptist minister of the truth of the work of God. After this he took several missions, and was very active in the ministry at home, being one of the twenty-four Elders, who laid the corner-stones of the Kirtland Temple. Before he was quite twenty years old he was ordained President of the High Priests' quorum, in which capacity he acted until the time of his death. He and his counselors laid the south west corner-stone of the Temple at Nauvoo. He was a printer, having learned the business in the office of Oliver Cowdery at Kirtland, and when the *Elders' Journal* was published there, he took charge of the establishment. After the Saints removed to Nauvoo, he commenced making preparations for publishing the *Times and Seasons*. To get the paper issued at an early date he was under the necessity of cleaning out a cellar, through which a spring was constantly flowing, that being the only place where he could put up the press. He caught cold at this labor; and this, with administering to the sick, impaired his health, which he never fully recovered again. At the time of his death he was Brigadier General of the first Cohort of the Nauvoo Legion, and a member of the City Council of Nauvoo. Like Joseph and his other brothers, he was a splendidly-formed man physically, being six feet four inches high, very straight and well-made, and strong and active. He was much beloved by all who knew him; for he was wise beyond his years, and he appeared to have a great future before him. His death was a heavy blow to his family and relatives. Joseph felt it severely.

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HISTORY OF JESUS.

CHAPTER XVII.

WHAT an auspicious time—what a strange and interesting event! Jesus the Son of God, the Savior of the world, who had been crucified at Jerusalem—had begun to preach to the spirits in prison—had returned and with his body resurrected from the tomb, had ascended up to heaven, had now again descended on the Western Continent and was standing in the presence of a multitude of people who saw him and heard his voice. It is no wonder that when they understood who he was, that in joyful astonishment they should have fallen to the earth.

There was a man by the name of Nephi, whom Jesus commanded to arise and come forward. And he arose and went and bowed himself before Jesus and kissed his feet. Jesus told him to arise, and he stood up, and Jesus gave him author-

ity to baptize in His name for the remission of sins. He also called eleven others unto him and conferred on them the same authority, and gave them the same instructions as he gave to his chosen disciples in Jerusalem. Jesus stood talking for a long time, sometimes addressing himself to the twelve he had chosen, and at other times to the multitude, instructing them how to be saved, by being baptized in His name for the remission of their sins, and then by keeping all of His commandments. With very many other things, he told the twelve that they were a light to the people who were called a remnant of the house of Joseph; and that this was the land of their inheritance which the Father had given unto them.

When Jesus looked upon the multitude and saw that they were not able to comprehend all the words that his Father had commissioned him to say to them, he told them to return to their homes and ponder what he had said to them, and ask the Father in his name that they might understand, and thus prepare their minds for the morrow, when he would visit them again. He told them that he must return to the Father and then go and shew himself to the lost tribes of the house of Israel, and come back to them the next day. Jesus was not idle—he was constantly doing good.

When the people saw that Jesus was going to leave them, they looked so sorrowful and expressed in their countenances so much desire that he should remain longer, that his heart was filled with sympathy, and he told them to bring all of the sick, blind, lame, deaf and all that were afflicted with any kind of disease, that he might do for them the same as he had done for their brethren in Jerusalem. And the whole multitude went immediately and brought the blind, the deaf and dumb, and all that were in any way afflicted, and he healed every one. And all those who had been healed and all those that were whole, bowed down and worshipped him, and as many as could get near enough kissed his feet and bathed them with tears.

Then Jesus commanded them to bring their little children: and they brought them and sat them down on the ground around him and he stood in the midst of the children, for the multitude of people drew back and gave place for them so that all could be brought. As the group of children sat there, Jesus told the people to kneel down—he also knelt and prayed mightily to his Father, and the holy spirit rested down on the whole multitude, and they were filled with greater joy than it is possible to express. And when Jesus had done praying he arose and told the people to arise from their knees, and he blessed them and said they were blessed because of their faith; and he wept, saying "My joy is full." And he took the little children one by one and blessed them, and prayed for them. And again he wept, and said to the multitude, "Behold your little ones."

And the people looked and saw the heavens opened, and the angels of God descending in the midst of fire; and they came down and encircled the children around, and those little ones were encircled about with fire, and the angels ministered unto them. And the whole multitude heard, and they all saw the beautiful, grand and heavenly sight. It was a most splendid tableau for mortal eyes to gaze upon. It was exhibited in the presence of about two thousand and five hundred persons, men, women and children.

After this glorious exhibition, Jesus commanded the twelve whom he had chosen to bring bread and wine to him, and while they were gone for the bread and wine, he told the multitude to sit down on the ground; and he took the bread and blessed it, and gave to his disciples and told them to eat and then give to the multitude; and administered the wine in the same manner. After which he gave them a great deal of instruction, and then, one by one, he touched his disciples whom he had chosen and gave them power to impart the Holy Ghost.

After he had touched them all, a cloud overshadowed the multitude so that they could not see Jesus, and he departed from them and ascended into heaven.

Then every man took his wife and children and went to his own home.  
E. R. S.

## Selected Poetry.

### SPRING.

Oh, 'tis spring, 'tis beautiful spring,  
And the trees are all blooming around,  
And see how the tender young grass  
Spreads over the face of the ground.

The birds are all building their nests,  
And can scarce spare a moment to eat,  
And yet they now and then stop on the spray,  
And pour forth a carol most sweet.

The sheep are released from the fold  
To nibble their delicate meal,  
While the lambskins, as merry as May,  
Are gamboling over the hill.

Every creature that lives is at work,  
To provide for the season to come;  
And he must be tilling the ground,  
Who would have loaded wagons go home.

Then will I be idle no more,  
But study as hard as I can,  
And a good stock of knowledge lay up,  
To use when I've grown to be a man.

And as this is the spring of my life,  
The seeds of all goodness I'll sow,  
That as fast as my years shall increase,  
In my heart every virtue may grow.

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Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto thee, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

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