

BROTHER RIVERA - BYU RELA 122 ~ LESSON 11

# THE ASSURANCE OF PROTECTION

## ~ ALMA 50

“The adversary never stops attacking. So, we can *never* stop preparing! The more self-reliant we are—temporally, emotionally, and spiritually—the more prepared we are to thwart Satan’s relentless assaults.”

—PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON, PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, “EMBRACING THE FUTURE WITH FAITH,”  
*ENSIGN OR LIAHONA*, NOV. 2020, 75.



“And now it came to pass that Moroni did not stop making preparations for war, or to defend his people against the Lamanites;...and they were strong and high”

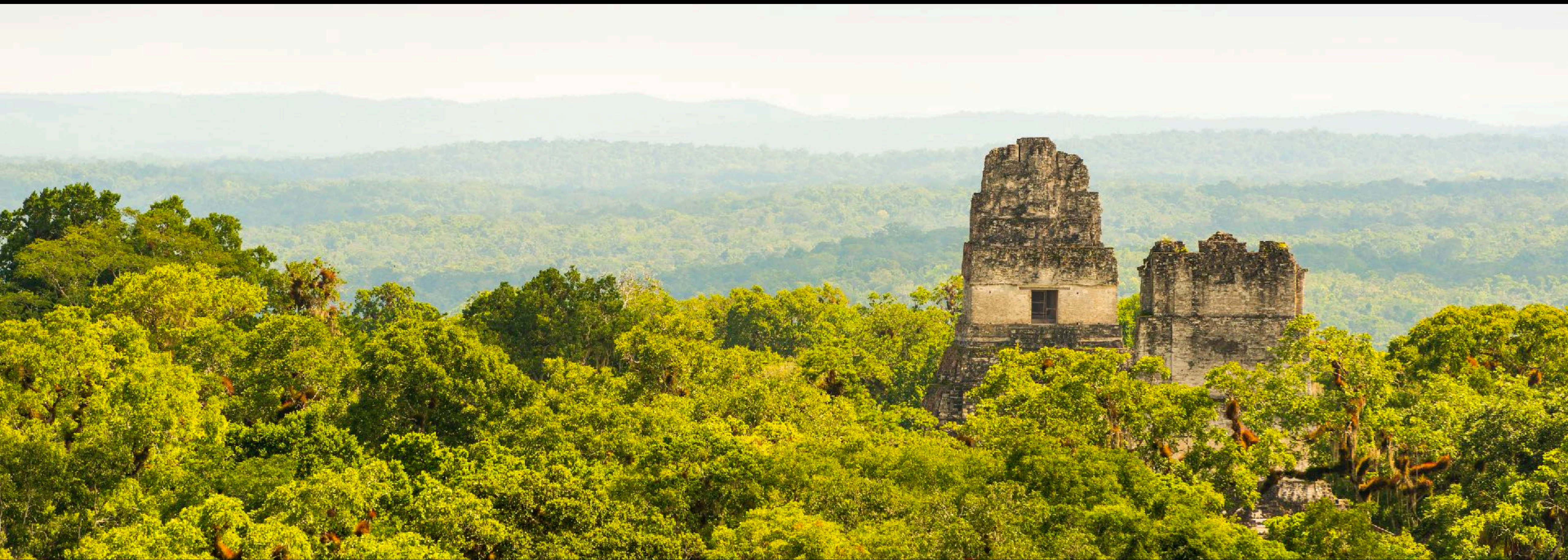
– ALMA 50:1, 3





“And he caused towers to be erected that overlooked those works of pickets, and he caused places of security to be built upon those towers. , that the stones and the arrows of the Lamanites could not hurt them. And they were prepared.”

– ALMA 50:4-5





“Thus Moroni did prepare strongholds against the coming of their enemies, round about every city in all the land.”

– ALMA 50:6





“if ye are prepared ye shall not fear. And that ye might escape the power of the enemy, and be gathered unto me a righteous people, without spot and blameless—and there I will give unto you my law; and there you shall be endowed with power from on high.”

– THE LORD ~ D&C 38:31-32

"How *are* we to deal with both the somber prophecies and the glorious pronouncements about our day?" President Russell M. Nelson asked members of the Church. "The Lord told us how with simple, but stunning, reassurance: 'If ye are prepared ye shall not fear'."

"*What a promise!* It is one that can literally change the way we see our future. Temporal, spiritual, and emotional preparation, is our key to embracing this dispensation and our future with faith."

—PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON



# NEPHITE SAVING FORMULA

- Preparations against enemy
- Strong and high fortifications
- Increase in strength daily
- Preparations result in the Assurance of Protection
- Cut off the strength of the enemy
- Cut off the power of the enemy
- They have no power - Alma 50:1-12





President Nelson said spiritual preparation requires that we create places of security where we can seek revelation.

“A place of security is *anywhere* you can feel the presence of the Holy Ghost and be guided by Him. Such places include the temple and our homes, wards, and stakes.”

“What do we need to improve in our lives spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually? Now is the time to prepare and prove ourselves willing and able to do all things whatsoever the Lord our God shall command us.”

– PRESIDENT RUSSELL M. NELSON



ALMA 50:17-24

# MORMON'S COMMENTARY





“And in these prosperous circumstances were the people of Nephi in the commencement of the twenty and first year of the reign of the judges over the people of Nephi.”

“And they did prosper exceedingly, and they became exceedingly rich; yea, and they did multiply and wax strong in the land.”

“And thus we see how merciful and just are all the dealings of the Lord, to the fulfilling of all his words unto the children of men; yea, we can behold that his words are verified, even at this time, which he spake unto Lehi, saying:”



~ THE KEY PROMISE OF THE LORD IN THE BOOK OF MORMON ~

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“Blessed art thou and thy children; and they shall be blessed, inasmuch as they shall keep my commandments they shall prosper in the land. But remember, inasmuch as they will not keep my commandments they shall be cut off from the presence of the Lord.”

~ THE LORD - ALMA 50:20



“And we see that these promises have been verified to the people of Nephi; for it has been their quarrelings and their contentions, yea, their murderings, and their plunderings, their idolatry, their whoredoms, and their abominations, which were among themselves, which brought upon them their wars and their destructions.”

– MORMON’S COMMENTARY ~ ALMA 50:21



“And those who were faithful in keeping the commandments of the Lord were delivered at all times, whilst thousands of their wicked brethren have been consigned to bondage, or to perish by the sword, or to dwindle in unbelief, and mingle with the Lamanites.”

– MORMON’S COMMENTARY ~ ALMA 50:22



“But behold there never was a happier time among the people of Nephi, since the days of Nephi, than in the days of Moroni.”

– MORMON’S COMMENTARY ~ ALMA 50:23





# TRANSFER OF SACRED RECORDS

- Nephihah, the Chief Judge after Alma II, dies - 50:37
- Pahoran was the Chief Judge after Nephihah - 50:39-40
- Alma II conferred Sacred Records to Helaman - 50:38
- Helaman was the High Priest after Alma II
- Teancum, Nephite Army Captain, defeats Morianton and his rebellion Northward - 50:34-36

