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## 3 Nephi 8–11

“ARISE AND COME FORTH UNTO ME”

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**Summary:** *3 Nephi 8. Tempests, earthquakes, fires, whirlwinds, and physical upheavals attest the crucifixion of Christ—Many people are destroyed—Darkness covers the land for three days—Those who remain bemoan their fate. [About A.D. 33- 34]*

*3 Nephi 9. In the darkness the voice of Christ proclaims the destruction of many people and cities for their wickedness—He also proclaims his divinity, announces that the law of Moses is fulfilled, and invites men to come unto him and be saved. [About A.D. 34]*

*3 Nephi 10. There is silence in the land for many hours—The voice of Christ promises to gather his people as a hen gathereth her chickens—The more righteous part of the people had been preserved. [About A.D. 33-34]*

Jesus Christ did show himself unto the people of Nephi, as the multitude were gathered together in the land Bountiful, and did minister unto them; and on this wise did he show himself unto them.

*Beginning with chapter 11.*

*3 Nephi 11. The Father testifies of his Beloved Son—Christ appears and proclaims his atonement—The people feel the wound marks in his hands and feet and side—They cry Hosanna—He sets forth the mode and manner of baptism—The spirit of contention is of the devil—Christ’s doctrine is that men should believe and be baptized and receive the Holy Ghost. [About A.D. 34]*

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### Supplemental Jewish and Holy Land Insights

#### Who could have known?

On both sides of the earth, eastern and western, the signs given of the Savior’s death and atonement. That agony had already been foreshadowed in ancient Israel. In the Book of Mormon, terrible storms and an unusual darkness fulfilled their prophets’ predictions. Examples of similar signs are contained in the plagues of Egypt when the Children of Israel sought deliverance from the cruel Pharaoh. The plagues included storms and darkness. These were signs to assist in recognizing the Messiah, The Deliverer, the One who would provide salvation in the future. “And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. And Moses stretched forth his rod toward

heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.” (**Exodus 9:22-25**) “But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.” (**Exodus 10:20-23**)

### What was the ultimate moment?

In the Land of Israel, physical phenomena also occurred that parallels signs given to ancient Israel as well as what occurred in the Book of Mormon lands. "Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, *Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?* that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent." (Matthew 27:45-51)

### How significant is the number three?

The quantity of times that the number "three" is used is also a powerful metaphor. As mentioned in previous lesson supplements, the term "three days and/or three nights" is used often as a lesson of salvation. A greater number of the more than 150 scriptural references that contain three-days and/or three nights that Latter-day Saints reflect on are a type or sign of being saved. Emphasizing that in Judaism, the holiest day of the year is *Yom Kippur*, day of atonement. It is preceded by ten days of repenting which are followed by a day of fasting. The entire country shuts down. This includes all radio and television broadcasts. All shops are closed. All private and public transportation is discontinued. Most significantly, the Book of Jonah is read. His life becomes a powerful Messianic symbol as he is told to go north (up) to Nineveh, instead he goes south (down) to Jaffa where his boat journey ends in a terrible storm. He is thrown overboard, goes down and spends **three** days and **three** nights in the belly of a great fish before he

comes up and is delivered. Hundreds of years later, Jesus used that experience as the only sign he would give the Pharisees of his Messianic role. ". . . he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was **three** days and **three** nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and **three** nights in the heart of the earth." (Matthew 12:39-40)

### What scriptures use "three" as a likely atonement metaphor?

#### Old Testament

**Genesis 15:9** - And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

**Genesis 18:2** - And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

**Genesis 18:6** - And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth.

**Genesis 29:2** - And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone was upon the well's mouth.

**Genesis 30:36** - And he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

**Genesis 40:10** - And in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes:

**Genesis 40:12** - And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:

**Genesis 40:13** - Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

**Genesis 40:16** - When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head:

**Genesis 40:18** - And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: The three baskets are three days:

**Genesis 40:19** - Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

**Genesis 42:17** - And he put them all together into ward three days.

**Exodus 2:2** - And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

**Exodus 3:18** - And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

**Exodus 5:3** - And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

**Exodus 8:27** - We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.

**Exodus 10:22** - And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:

**Exodus 10:23** - They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

**Exodus 15:22** - So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

**Exodus 23:14** - Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

**Exodus 23:17** - Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

**Exodus 25:32** - And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

**Exodus 25:33** - Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

**Exodus 27:14** - The hangings of one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

**Exodus 27:15** - And on the other side shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

**Exodus 37:19** - Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick.

**Exodus 38:14** - The hangings of the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

**Exodus 38:15** - And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

**Leviticus 19:23** - And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of.

**Leviticus 25:21** - Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

**Numbers 10:33** - And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them.

**Numbers 12:4** - And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

**Numbers 22:28** - And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

**Numbers 22:32** - And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:

**Numbers 22:33** - And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

**Numbers 24:10** - And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times.

**Numbers 33:8** - And they departed from before Pihahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

**Numbers 35:14** - Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge.

**Deuteronomy 4:41** - Then Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sunrising;

**Deuteronomy 14:28** - At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates:

**Deuteronomy 16:16** - Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

**Deuteronomy 19:2** - Thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

**Deuteronomy 19:3** - Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

**Deuteronomy 19:7** - Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.

**Deuteronomy 19:9** - If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever

in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:

**Deuteronomy 19:15** - One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

**Joshua 1:11** - Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it.

**Joshua 2:16** - And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

**Joshua 2:22** - And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.

**Joshua 3:2** - And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host;

**Joshua 9:16** - And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

**Joshua 18:4** - Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me.

**Joshua 21:32** - And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammothdor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities.

**Judges 19:4** - And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

**1 Samuel 1:24** - And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child was young.

**1 Samuel 9:20** - And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?

**1 Samuel 10:3** - Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:

**1 Samuel 17:13** - And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah.

**1 Samuel 17:14** - And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

**1 Samuel 20:19** - And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the

business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.

**1 Samuel 20:20** - And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark.

**1 Samuel 20:41** - And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded.

**1 Samuel 21:5** - And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.

**1 Samuel 30:12** - And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights.

**1 Samuel 30:13** - And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.

**2 Samuel 20:4** - Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present.

**1 Kings 6:36** - And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

**1 Kings 7:4** - And there were windows in three rows, and light was against light in three ranks.

**1 Kings 7:5** - And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows: and light was against light in three ranks.

**1 Kings 7:12** - And the great court round about was with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

**1 Kings 7:25** - It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

**1 Kings 9:25** - And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

**1 Kings 12:5** - And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

**1 Kings 17:21** - And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

**2 Kings 2:17** - And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

**1 Chronicles 12:39** - And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

**2 Chronicles 4:4** - It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the

west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

**2 Chronicles 8:13** - Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

**2 Chronicles 10:5** - And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.

**Ezra 8:15** - And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi.

**Ezra 8:32** - And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days.

**Ezra 10:8** - And that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away.

**Ezra 10:9** - Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain.

**Nehemiah 2:11** - So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.

**Esther 4:16** - Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

**Isaiah 15:5** - My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

**Isaiah 20:3** - And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;

**Jeremiah 48:34** - From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, and even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, as an heifer of three years old: for the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.

**Ezekiel 14:14** - Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

**Ezekiel 14:16** - Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

**Ezekiel 14:18** - Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

**Ezekiel 40:10** - And the little chambers of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side.

**Ezekiel 40:21** - And the little chambers thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.

**Ezekiel 40:48** - And he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side.

**Ezekiel 41:6** - And the side chambers were three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the house.

**Ezekiel 41:16** - The door posts, and the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the door, cieled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, and the windows were covered;

**Ezekiel 48:34** - At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

**Daniel 3:23** - And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

**Daniel 3:24** - Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

**Daniel 6:2** - And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

**Daniel 6:10** - Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

**Daniel 6:13** - Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

**Daniel 7:5** - And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

**Jonah 1:17** - Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**Jonah 3:3** - So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

## **New Testament**

**Matthew 12:40** - For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**Matthew 15:32** - Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

**Matthew 17:4** - Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

**Matthew 26:61** - And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

**Matthew 27:40** - And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

**Matthew 27:63** - Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

**Mark 8:2** - I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat:

**Mark 8:31** - And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

**Mark 9:5** - And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

**Mark 14:58** - We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

**Mark 15:29** - And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,

**Luke 2:46** - And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

**Luke 9:33** - And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.

**Luke 11:5** - And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

**Luke 13:21** - It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

**John 2:19** - Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

**John 2:20** - Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

**Acts 9:9** - And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

**Acts 10:19** While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

**Acts 11:10** - And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

**Acts 11:11** - And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

**Acts 25:1** - Now when Festus was come into the province, three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

**Acts 28:7** - In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

**Acts 28:12** - And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.

**Acts 28:17** - And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

**Hebrews 11:23** - By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

**Revelation 8:13** - And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

**Revelation 21:13** - On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

## **Latter-Day Scriptures**

**3 Nephi 8:3** - And the people began to look with great earnestness for the sign which had been given by the prophet Samuel, the Lamanite, yea, for the time that there should be darkness or the space of three days over the face of the land.

**1 Nephi 2:6** - And it came to pass that when he had traveled three days in the wilderness, he pitched his tent in a valley by the side of a of water.

**1 Nephi 18:13** - Wherefore, they knew not whither they should steer the ship, insomuch that there arose a great storm, yea, a great and terrible tempest, and we were driven back upon the waters for the space of three days; and they began to be frightened exceedingly lest they should be drowned in the sea; nevertheless they did not loose me.

**1 Nephi 19:10** - And the God of our fathers, who were led out of Egypt, out of bondage, and also were preserved in the wilderness by him, yea, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, yieldeth himself, according to the words of the angel, as a man, into the hands of wicked men, to be lifted up, according to the words of Zenock, and to be crucified, according to the words of Neum, and to be buried in a sepulchre, according to the words of Zenos, which he spake concerning the three days of darkness, which should be a sign given of his death

unto those who should inhabit the isles of the sea, more especially given unto those who are of the house of Israel.

**2 Nephi 25:13** - Behold, they will crucify him; and after he is laid in a sepulchre for the space of three days he shall rise from the dead, with healing in his wings; and all those who shall believe on his name shall be saved in the kingdom of God. Wherefore, my soul delighteth to prophesy concerning him, for I have seen his day, and my heart doth magnify his holy name.

**Mosiah 17:6** - And after three days, having counseled with his priests, he caused that he should again be brought before him.

**Alma 14:8** - And when they had been cast into prison three days, there came many lawyers, and judges, and priests, and teachers, who were of the profession of Nehor; and they came in unto the prison to see them, and they questioned them about many words; but they answered them nothing.

**Alma 17:26** - And after he had been in the service of the king three days, as he was with the Lamanitish servants going forth with their flocks to the place of water, which was called the water of Sebus, and all the Lamanites drive their flocks hither, that they may have water.

**Alma 36:10** - And it came to pass that I fell to the earth; and it was for the space of three days and three nights that I could not open my mouth, neither had I the use of my limbs.

**Alma 8:8** - And it came to pass that I was three days and three nights in the most bitter pain and anguish of soul; and never, until I did cry out unto the Lord Jesus Christ for mercy, did I receive a remission of my sins. But behold, I did cry unto him and I did find peace to my soul.

**Helaman 14: 20** - But behold, as I said unto you concerning another sign, a sign of his death, behold, in that day that he shall suffer death the sun shall be darkened and refuse to give his light unto you; and also the moon and the stars; and there shall be no light upon the face of this land, even from the time that he shall suffer death, for the space of three days, to the time that he shall rise again from the dead.

**3 Nephi 8: 23** - And it came to pass that it did last for the space of three days that there was no light seen; and there was great mourning and howling and weeping among all the people continually; yea, great were the groanings of the people, because of the darkness and the great destruction which had come upon them.

**3 Nephi 10:9** - And it came to pass that thus did the three days pass away. And it was in the morning, and the darkness dispersed from off the face of the land, and the earth did cease to tremble, and the rocks did cease to rend, and the dreadful groanings did cease, and all the tumultuous noises did pass away.

**3 Nephi 26:13** - Therefore, I would that ye should behold that the Lord truly did teach the people, for the space of three days; and after that he did show himself unto them oft, and did break bread oft, and bless it, and give it unto them.

**Ether 13:28** - And it came to pass that Shared fought against him for the space of three days. And it came

to pass that Coriantumr beat him, and did pursue him until he came to the plains of Heshlon.

**Ether 14: 26** - And it came to pass that Shiz did pursue Coriantumr eastward, even to the borders by the seashore, and there he gave battle unto Shiz for the space of three days.

**Doctrine and Covenants 20:23** - He was crucified, died, and rose again the third day;

### **What is more essential than a “sign?”**

Jonah knew that “Salvation is of the Lord,” (**Jonah 2:9**). A Hebrew way of saying that would be “*Jeho*” (shortened version of Jehovah – the Lord) and “*Shua*” (shortened version of salvation). Together they make “Jehoshua.” The Greek transliteration of Jesus’ name is Iesous (Ἰησοῦς). The name comes from the Hebrew name Yeshua (ישוע), which is an alternative form of the name Yehoshua. The name Yeshua is derived from the Aramaic name Isho and means “Jehovah is salvation”. So, that name has been derived into Greek and Latin and eventually into English as “Jesus.” He revealed himself to the Nephites. “And it came to pass, as they understood they cast their eyes up again towards heaven; and behold, they saw a Man descending out of heaven; and he was clothed in a white robe; and he came down and stood in the midst of them; and the eyes of the whole multitude were turned upon him, and they durst not open their mouths, even one to another, and wist not what it meant, for they thought it was an angel that had appeared unto them. And it came to pass that he stretched forth his hand and spake unto the people, saying: Behold, I am Jesus Christ, whom the prophets testified shall come into the world. And behold, I am the light and the life of the world; and I have drunk out of that bitter cup which the Father hath given me, and have glorified the Father in taking upon me the sins of the world, in the which I have suffered the will of the Father in all things from the beginning. And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words the whole multitude fell to the earth; for they remembered that it had been prophesied among them that Christ should show himself unto them after his ascension into heaven.” (**Nephi 11:8-12**) Those who had already made the “leap of faith” before the signs were saved. They experienced the fulfillment of signs that they did not seek but recognized them through their faith and repentance “. . . and they were received unto Him.”