

Hill Comorah

Pageant

Circa 1955

FRELUDE

*Script change about 3 years ago. Page 1
begins with Epilogue. Pageant word*

Musical
effects

LYRIC READER

Behold I am the light and the life of the world
saith Jesus Christ the Lord. I am the good shep-
herd and known my sheep, and am known of mine. As
the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep---

EPIC READER

So spake the Christ as he ministered at Jerusalem
to the Jews---a remnant tribe of His chosen Israel,
and thus He continued---

LYRIC READER

Other sheep I have which are not of this fold;
them also I must bring and they shall hear my
voice; and there shall be one fold and one shep-
herd.---

EPIC READER

And so according to the Savior himself there were
other sheep of Israel's fold besides the Jews---
other sheep who dwelt in a place far distant from
Jerusalem and the shores of Galilee. To this other
fold also would the Christ be the good shepherd,
for they too should hear his voice. And thus could
be fulfilled the ancient prophecies of sacred writ
concerning the two gathering places for the scat-
tered tribes of Israel--for said the prophets---In

PRELUDE PAGE 2

the last days when God shall set His hand again
the second time to recover the remnant of His
people, there shall be Zion, and also Jerusalem---
Zion--a land in the tops of the everlasting moun-
tains, a land that is very far off, from whence
shall go forth the law of God--and Jerusalem
a land of quiet habitation, a land of waste places
that shall be redeemed, from whence shall come the
word of the Lord.

This was God's promise of a new witness for
the Christ that should come forth in a day before
the second coming of the Messiah to earth---to rule
as King of Kings.---A sacred record called the Stick
of Joseph.

The Stick of Joseph was to go hand in hand
with a record called the Stick of Judah.

Hear the words of the ancient prophet,
Ezekiel----

Lights up on
Nephite pro-
phet with
scroll.

Lights up on
ancient Jew-
ish prophet
with scroll.

LYRIC READER

The word of the Lord came again unto me saying,
Moreover thou son of man, take thee one stick,
and write upon it for Judah, and for all the
children of Israel his companions; then take
another stick, and write upon it for Joseph, the
stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel
his companions: And join them one to another into
one stick: and they shall become one in thine hand.

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And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Behold I will take the Stick of Joseph which is of the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the Stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.

Show the uniting of the sticks.

Lights out

Music

EPIC READER

Today the world knows the Stick of Judah, for it is the Bible--a record which proceeded forth from God's ancient covenant people---the Jews. But what of the Stick of Joseph? Lo, this record shall speak from the dust--saith the prophets--for out of the earth shall its voice be heard again. --Hear the marvelous story of the Book of Mormon.

Nearly four hundred years after the glorious advent of our Savior on the earth there lived here in America a great people who were the descendants of Joseph, even that Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his brethren. These ancient Americans knew the risen Christ, for he did visit them---here on this continent of America-- after he had risen from the tomb. The last keepers of the records of this branch of the tribe of Joseph were Mormon and hisson Moroni. His people threatened with utter annihilation through civil war, Mormon, the

Tableau-
Mormon &
Moroni in
Mormon's
workshop
viewing
the plate

prophet, under the inspiration of God, dedicated his life to the writing of a record that would contain the testimony of the many prophets of his people that Jesus is the Christ. Old, and about to lie down in his grave, Mormon laid upon his son, Moroni, the great responsibility of finishing his record--the Book of Mormon---America's Witness for Christ--and to bring it forth to the generations of the future.

MORMON:

Moroni, my son, I am old and our enemies press hard against us. I must soon go to my reward. Behold this-- record--It is the Book of Mormon, because I did write it with mine own hand. It is a witness that Jesus is the Christ manifesting himself to the people of this Promised Land as well as in Jerusalem. This record is an abridgement of the many records that have fallen into my hands. Look, my son, for a thousand years our prophets have born testimony of the divinity of Christ, and their testimonies have been recorded that future generations may not be left without witnesses. From these inspired records I have taken mine account, and a hundredth part I have not written. But sufficient have I written that future generations will be left without excuse. This my son, is the testimony of Nephi recorded a thousand years ago. His testimony have I written into the Book of Mormon. And this is the testimony of Alma---and this of Abinadi and Samuel the Lamanite and other of the many prophets who have test-

Mormon indicates the plates

Mormon indicates the many records on the table near them.

Picks up a volume.

Indicates other volumes

THE PROPHET ABINADI

RIC READER

Behold, my brethren, since our arrival in this new land I have desired to let ye know the things of the Lord and have prayed unto him for light, and one time as I sat pondering in mine heart concerning them I was caught away in the Spirit of the Lord, yea, into an exceeding high mountain upon which I had never before set my foot. And the Spirit said unto me: Behold, what desirest thou? And I said: I desire to behold the things of God. And the Spirit said: Believest thou? And I said: Yea, thou knowest that I believe. And when I had spoken these words the Spirit cried with a loud voice, saying: Hosanna to the Lord---Blessed art thou Nephi, because thou believest in the Son of the most high God; wherefore thou shalt behold the things which thou hast desired. And it came to pass that I saw the heavens open; and an angel came down and stood before me; and he said unto me; Nephi, what beholdest thou? And I said unto him: A virgin, most beautiful and fair above all other virgins. And he said unto me: Knowest thou the condescension of God? And I said unto him: I know that he loveth his children; nevertheless, I do not know the meaning of all things. And he said unto me: Behold, the virgin whom thou seest is the mother of the son of God after the manner of the flesh. And it came to pass that I

beheld that she was carried away in the Spirit;
and after she had been carried away in the Spirit
for the space of time, the angel spake unto me
saying: Look! And I looked and beheld a child in
her arms. And the angel said unto me: Behold the
Lamb of God, yea even the son of the Eternal
Father! And the angel commanded me to look again
and I looked and beheld the Son of God going forth
among the children of men; and I saw many fall down
at his feet and worship Him. And I beheld that he
went forth ministering unto the people in power
and great glory; and the multitudes were gathered
together to hear him; and I beheld that they cast
him from among them. And I beheld multitudes of
people who were sick and who were afflicted with
all manner of diseases, and they were healed by the
power of the Lamb of God. And it came to pass that
the angel spoke unto me again, saying: Look! And I
looked and beheld the Lamb of God, that he was taken
by the people; yea, the Son of the Everlasting God
was judged of the world; and was lifted up upon the
cross and slain for the sins of the world.

And behold he cometh, according to the words of the
angel, in six hundred years from the time of our father
Lehi took us out of the land of Jerusalem. And the
world, because of their iniquity, shall judge him
to be a thing of naught; wherefore they scourge
him and he suffereth it; and they smite him and he
suffereth it; Yea they spit upon him, and he suf-

fereth it, because of his loving kindness and his long-suffering toward the children of men. And the God of our fathers, who were led out of Egypt, out of bondage, and 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, and crucified and buried in a sepulchre. Now I give unto you a sign of his death in Jerusalem that ye may know here upon this continent that the angel's words are true. Behold there shall be three days of darkness unto all men even those who shall inhabit the isles of the sea, yea, more especially shall this sign be given to those who are of the house of Israel. For thus have spoken the prophets: The Lord God surely shall visit all the house of Israel at that day, some with his voice, because of their righteousness, unto their great joy and salvation, and others with the thunderings and lightnings of his power, by tempest, by fire and by smoke, and vapors of darkness, and by opening of the earth, and by mountains which shall be carried up. And the rocks of the earth must rend; and because of the groanings of the earth, many of the kings of the isles of the sea shall be wrought upon by the spirit of the Lord to exclaim; The God of nature suffers. Nevertheless, saith the prophets, when men shall no more turn their hearts against the Holy One of Israel, then will he remember the covenants which he made to their fathers,

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and all the children who are of the house of Israel
will be gathered from the four corners of the earth.

----Pause----

Lights
fade on
stage

EPIC READER

Years passed following these predictions of Nephi
and a great nation of people inhabited the land of
America. They had increased in wealth and numbers
until great cities had sprung from the earth under
the skilled workmanship of their hands. Kings and
judges were called to rule over them.---To this
people, the Lord continued to send His prophets
who also foretold the coming to earth of his Son,
the promised Messiah.---At times the words of these
holy men were heeded, but too often wickedness and
the lust for riches and power caused many to for-
sake God and follow the paths that led to destruc-
tion. Many of these wicked ones--known as the
Lamanites--did fight against their more righteous
brethren--called the Nephites--and sought to over-
throw the work of the Lord.---Pause.

Lights
fade on
readers

Among those of evil purposes were the unscrupulous
King Noah and his unrighteous priests. These ruled
in the year one hundred and fifty B. C. over a great
nation in a land called Nephi. So corrupt were the
ways of this monarch that sin flourished among his
people. They delighted solely in riches. As they
arrogantly walked the beautiful streets of

Lights
up on
stage
where
throng of
richly clad
people pass
along the
city street.
Stage A

their city one day there stood a man among them whose name was Abinadi and he began prophesying:

LY READER

Behold, thus saith the Lord, and thus has he commanded me saying, Go forth, and say unto this people--Wo be unto them, for I have seen their abomination and their wickedness, and except they repent I will visit them in mine anger. For behold, I will deliver them into the hands of their enemies; except they repent in sackcloth and ashes and return to the Lord their God. Yea, woe unto this generation saith the Lord, for because of their iniquities they shall be brought into bondage and shall be smitten on the cheek, yea and shall be driven by men and shall be slain; and the vultures of the air, and the dogs, yea the wild beasts shall devour their flesh.---And it shall come to pass that even the life of King Noah shall be valued as a garment in the hot furnace; for he shall know that I am the Lord.---Pause.

EPIC READER

Who is this Abinadi, that I and my people should be judged by him, or who is the Lord that shall bring upon us such great affliction. I command you to bring him hither, that I may slay him, for he has said these things to stir

At the end of this speech laughter and scoffing--priests hasten to tell King--
A spot light follows a few who go Stage B

Action to carry the scene here

Lights up on Stage B, King raises hand at beginning of speech

up my people to anger with one another and
to raise contentions among them.

Lights fade.
Spot lights
up on priests
bringing
Abinadi up
winding path
to stage B

Lights up
Abinadi before
King's throne

When Abinadi
is thrust be-
fore the King
the reader
begins

LYRIC READER

Marvel not at the prophesies I have spoken
concerning thy people, O King, for God has
ever called the wicked to repentance. Great
are his mercies for He calleth men to Him
before his judgments descend and it is too late.
Behold I tell ye more marvelous things than
these, for I would that ye should understand
God Himself shall come down among the chil-
dren of men and shall redeem His people. And
because He dwelleth in the flesh, He shall be
called the Son of God. And he shall endure
temptation and yield not to it. but suffer
Himself to be mocked and scourged, and cast
out, and disowned by His people. And after all
this, after working mighty miracles among the
children of men, He shall be led, yea, even
as Isaiah said, as a sheep before the shearer
is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. Yea even
so he shall be led, crucified and slain, the
flesh becoming subject even unto death, and the
will of the Son being swallowed up in the will
of the Father and thus God breaketh the bands

of death, having gained the victory over death;
giving the Son power to make intercession for the
children of men—that all men might live again.

EPIC READER

Abinadi, thou blasphemeth, for thou hast said
that God Himself should come down among the
children of men; and now for this cause shalt
thou be put to death unless thou wilt recall
all the evil words which thou has spoken
concerning me and my people.

Heighten
action here

Great sound
effects, mob
clamor

EPIC READER

Now while the clamor was on, there arose a
righteous man by the name of Alma who did plead
the cause of Abinadi; for he knew concerning
the iniquity of which the prophet had testified.
--Pause---(Music softened) But at the pleadings
of Alma, the King became even more wroth and
commanded that Abinadi be bound and scourged
and taken forth with faggots and burned.--Pause.

Throw bright
spot on Alma
when name is
mentioned.
Pause to show
his pleading
for Abinadi.
Keep second-
ary spot on
Alma during
commotion
and hasten-
ing of Abin-
adi forth to
be burned.
Stage B1

After burning, bright
spot on Alma and small
group of followers who
wander into wilderness
below Stage B1

Music to effect end of first episode.

Lights fade
out.

EPISODE II-- ALMA THE YOUNGER

EPIC READER

Now behold some fifty years had passed following the martyrdom of Abinadi, and Alma had grown old. White and long was the beard of this beloved prophet. Still his great testimony concerning the coming of Christ lived on in the hearts of many souls who had followed him out of the land of Nephi where King Noah reigned and had journeyed through the wilderness until they had found beautiful land called Zarahemla, wherein lived a more righteous people and a good king called Mosiah.

But much to the sorrow of Alma, his son, who was called Alma the younger, had failed to heed his father's words or counsel concerning the ways of God. And with the younger Alma, the sons of the righteous King Mosiah likewise had failed

Lights up
on readers

Pause to show
beauty and
splendor of
this King and
people. Stage
A musical and
sound effects
Lights fade

Lights up on
readers

to follow the ways of God and were numbered among the unbelievers. Now Alma the younger was a very wicked man and a flatterer of the people; therefore he led many of them in the way of his own iniquities. And he became a great hinderment to the people of God; stealing away the hearts of the people; causing much dissension among them, and giving a chance for the enemy of God to exercise his power over them.--PAUSE

And it came to pass that while he was going about to destroy the faith of the people in God--for he did go about secretly with the sons of Mosiah seeking to lead the people astray, that an angel of the Lord appeared unto him. And the angel spake unto him with the voice of thunder which caused the earth to shake upon which he stood. So great was his astonishment and fear that he fell to the earth.

LYRIC READER

Alma, arise and stand forth, for why persecutest thou the work of Christ. This is my work and I will establish it, and nothing shall overthrow it, save it be the transgression of my people. Behold the

Lights fade
on readers

Lights up--
Alma and the
sons of Mo-
siah making
light of the
scriptures,
Stage A Spot
follows Alma
and sons to
path Stage A3
Angel appears
lighting and
sound effects

Lord hath heard the prayers of his people,
and also the prayers of his servant Alma,
who is thy father; for he has prayed with
much faith concerning thee that thou mightest
be brought to a knowledge of the truth; there-
fore, for this purpose have I come to convince
thee of the power and authority of God.

Angel vanishes

EPIC READER

And now the astonishment of Alma was so
great that he became dumb and could not
open his mouth; yea and he became weak, even
that he could not move his hands; therefore
he was taken by those that were with him,
even until he was laid before his father--

PAUSE

For two days and two nights Alma lay thus;
but his father was filled with great joy
for he knew that the power of God had
done this unto his son. He therefore
called together the priests, and they
began to fast and pray to the Lord their
God that he would open the mouth of Alma
that he might speak, and also that his
limbs might receive their strength.--PAUSE

Sons of
Mosiah help
Alma up to
Stage B
Follow them
with spot.
Show Alma the
older with
long white
beard. Alma
the younger
placed upon
cot before
his father.

Lights up
on reader.

Alma the older
and priests
pray. Musical
effects of
ritual music.

11.

Thus at the end of two days Alma awoke and began to speak words of comfort unto those who had ministered unto him.

Alma on cot
arises, speaks.

LYRIC READER

I have repented of my sins, and I have been redeemed of the Lord; behold I am born of the spirit. And the Lord said unto me, marvel not that all mankind, yea men and women, all nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples must be born again, yea born of God, changed from the carnal and fallen state, to a state of righteousness, being redeemed of God becoming his sons and daughters; and thus they become new creatures; and unless they do this, they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God. I have denied my Redeemer, and denied that which was spoken of by our fathers concerning Christ and his visitations to the earth; but now I foresee that He will come, and He will make Himself manifest unto all. Yea and every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess before Him.

Lights fade
out. Musical
effects and
chanting.

PAUSE--Music to effect the end of
the second episode.

EPISODE III--THE SONS OF MOSIAH

EPIC READER

And now it came to pass that Alma and the four sons of Mosiah began from that time forward, to teach the people in the ways of God. Now the names of the four sons of Mosiah were Ammon, and Aaron and Omner, and Himni. And they all traveled together throughout all the land of Zarahemla zealously striving to repair all the injuries which they had done to the people.--PAUSE

Now there were also living upon this continent of America at the time of Alma and his brethren a great race of people known as the Lamanites--LONG PAUSE FOR TABLEAU--

These lamanites though descended from the righteous Lehi, had fallen far away from the faith of their great father. They had become a dark skinned people who lived a wild life, roaming from place to place and oft'times preying upon the Nephites, who under the leadership of good men like King Mosiah had kept in the paths of righteousness.--PAUSE--It was unto these estranged and benighted people that Alma and the four sons of Mosiah desired to go,

Lights dimly
on readers
during all
following
scenes of
this episode

Lights up on
Tableau show-
ing Lamanites
Stage C

This must be a
real and ef-
fective tableau
to implant the
idea of Laman-
ite majesty.
(Indian musical
effects).
King Lamoni to
be shown here
in a brilliant
spot light re-
ceiving tribute.
Then lights off
completely on
Stage C and
up on reader

that they might convert them to a belief in Christ. But King Mosiah hearing of their desires feared lest they should be killed by the Lamanites, and sought to restrain them from going forth. The Spirit of the Lord, however, made it known unto Mosiah that there were many souls who would give heed to the words of Alma and his sons, so King granted permission that they might go down to the Lamanites.

Now Alma and his brethren took their leave of the king and departed. In order that more people might hear the word of God, they decided to separate themselves and each go to a different part of the land. Thus Alma* took his leave of the others and went into the land called Ishmael.--

PAUSE

Now when Alma came to the land of Ishmael the Lamanites saw that he was a Nephite and bound him and took him to their king who was called Lamoni. But after the King had talked with Alma and found him to be harmless, they employed him as a servant to work in his fields--PAUSE--One day while Alma was in the fields with the other servants of the king there came a powerful band of robbers to steal the sheep. Now the Lamanite servants

*Note: To preserve continuity, Alma is substituted for Ammon in the visit to King Lamoni.

beginning
at line
"These Laman-
ites through,
etc."

Lights up
on Stage B.
Alma and the
four sons take
leave of King
Spot light
follows them
into the
wilderness
and fades up-
on them after
they separate.
Alma last seen
in it walking
toward Stage
C. Fades out.

Lights re-
main out
here. Reader
continues

Lights up
on Stage C1
pastoral
scene. (Make
the robbers
powerful.)

14.

did quake with fear for they knew that if the sheep were stolen or lost that the king would make them answer for the carelessness with their lives. But Alma said unto his brethren:

Encircle the flocks round about that they flee not; and I will contend with these men who do scatter them.--PAUSE,

Servants encircle flocks and Alma goes to encounter the robbers. Alma returns with arms and head of robber.

Spot light follows to fleeing servants to Stage C. Lights up on Stage C now. Show fear of King Lamoni at news of servants and approach of Alma.

LYRIC READER

I know that you are the Great Spirit of which our forefathers have spoken.

King comes down from throne and bows before Alma.

EPIC READER

What is it that thy marvelings are so great? Behold I am a man, and am thy servant; therefore, whatsoever thou desirest which is right, that will I do.

(Make speech in broken Indian tongue)

Tell me then, Alma, how thou knowest the very thoughts of my heart and how thou performest these great deeds of strength save it be that thou art that Great Spirit?

EPIC READER

Thus Alma began and explained to King Lamoni the wonderful story of Christ and expounded to him out of the scriptures concerning the signs of His birth and advent to the earth saying that no man could be saved except he come unto Christ. Now King Lamoni upon hearing these words was pricked deep in his heart and cried unto the Lord for forgiveness of his sins, for he believed in the words of Alma.

And thus declared Christ unto his people until many hundreds of them were brought to a knowledge of their Redeemer and confessed their sins and followed Him.--PAUSE.

And so it came to pass that Alma and his brethren did proclaim the Gospel of Christ unto the Lamanites for many years. By many such faith promoting incidents they brought hundreds of the souls unto a knowledge of the truth. And great was the glory of the sons of Mosiah; for they had even

On Stage C4 show tableau of virgin again. This time with the three wise men.

Scene of conversion of Lamoni
Lights fade on Stage C.

Lights up on readers to end of this episode

given up the throne of their father for the service of the Lord. And so with the death of Mosiah the rule of the Nephites was given over to the Judges. --PAUSE

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Musical effects to mark close of episode.

EPISODE IV--SAMUEL THE LAMANITE

EPIC READER

Now some eighty or more years had passed under the rule of the judges during which time the Nephites had passed through periods of peace and trouble; for often they had forgotten the words of the prophets and their predictions of Christ.--PAUSE--So it was with the people in the land of Zarahemla in the year six B.C.--PAUSE--For because of the hardness in the hearts of the people in this land at that day the Lord had sent again unto them a prophet called Samuel the Lamanite whom they had driven from their city before. And Samuel spoke with a loud and warning voice unto the people from the city wall.

Lights fade
on reader

Lights full
up on Stage
A to show
milling
crowds who
taunt Samuel
during speech.

Behold, I Samuel a Lamanite do speak the words of the Lord which he doth put into my heart; and I say that the sword of justice hangeth over this people. Yea, and heavy destruction awaiteth them and nothing can save them save it be their repentance and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, who surely shall come into the world, and shall suffer many things and shall be slain for His people.

Yea ye do not remember the Lord your God in the things with which he has blessed you, but ye do always remember your riches; yea your hearts do swell with great pride unto boasting, and unto great swelling, envyings, artifices, malice, persecutions, and murders, and all manner of iniquities. For this cause hath the Lord God caused that a curse should come upon the land and also upon your riches.

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Behold, I give a sign unto you: for five years more cometh, and then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on His name. And behold, this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of His coming; there

Lights up

Crowds stop
at this
point and

shall be no darkness, insomuch, that it shall appear to man as if it were day. Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night; and this shall be unto you for a sign; for ye shall know of the rising of the sun and also of its setting; therefore they shall know of a surety that there shall be two days and a night; nevertheless the night shall not be darkened; and this shall be the night before he is born. And behold, there shall be a new star arise, such a one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you. And behold this is not all, for there shall be many other signs and wonders in heaven. And it shall come to pass that ye shall all be amazed and wonder, insomuch that ye shall fall to the earth.--PAUSE

Samuel points skyward.

People jeer crowd rabble sound effects Lights fade

Music to effect the end of the fourth episode.

EPISODE V--SIGNS AT THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST

EPIC READER

And so it did come to pass five years after the predictions of Samuel the Lamanite that the signs of Christ's birth in Jerusalem

Lights dimly up on reader

were shown forth in the heavens to the
great amazement of the Nephite nation who
 lived upon this continent of America.--PAUSE
 But beyond all power of human understanding
 were the sorrows and woes that befell this
 people some thirty years later at the
crucifixion of the Savior. Then indeed were
 the words of Samuel which he also spoke that
 day from the walls of Zarahemla remembered,
 for he had said;

LYRIC READER

Behold, in that day 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. Yea, at the
 time that he shall yield up the ghost there
 shall be thunderings and lightnings for the
 space of many hours, and the earth shall
 shake and tremble; and the rocks which are
 upon the face of this earth shall be broken
 up; yea, they shall be rent in twain, and shall
 even after be found in seams and in cracks, and in
 broken fragments upon the face of the whole earth,

Samuel in a
 red light
 to indicate
 he is a
 Spirit now.

Lights up
 sounds and
 lightning
 effect of
 the destruc-
 tion at
 times during
 speech.

Show the
 three crosses
 in red Stage
 A3

yea, both above the earth and beneath.
 And behold there shall be great tempests
 and many mountains laid low, like unto
 a valley, and there shall be many places
 which are now called valleys which shall
 become mountains, whose height is great,
 and many highways shall be broken up, and
 many cities shall become desolate, and
 sink into the depths of the sea; and be-
 hold, in the terrible darkness, there
 shall come a still small voice from the
 heavens that should be heard throughout
 the land; and notwithstanding it shall
 be a small voice it shall pierce every
 soul to the center.

Wailing

Music ef-
fectsFade out
of Samuel

Great sounds,
 lights and
 commotion.
 People run-
 ning to and
 fro--
 Then total
 darkness
 and absolute
 quiet--to be
 broken by
 opening voice
 of Christ at
 opening of
 Episode VI

EPISODE VI--CHRIST'S APPEARANCE TO THE NEPHITES

Still total
darkness

VOICE OF CHRIST

Woe, woe, woe, unto the inhabitants of
 the whole earth except they shall repent;
 for the devil laugheth and his angels

Rejoice, because of the fair sons and daughters of my people; and it is because of their iniquity and abominations that they have fallen! Behold the great city of Zarahemla is burned with fire, and the inhabitants thereof. And behold the great city of Moroni is sunk in the depths of the sea, and the inhabitants thereof are drowned. O, all ye that are spared because ye were more righteous than they, will ye not now return unto me, and repent of your sins, and be converted, that I may heal you? Ye, oh remnant of the tribe of Joseph, are the sheep of my other fold of whom I spoke in Jerusalem. Behold, I am Jesus Christ the Son of God who now descends unto you. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. I was with the Father from the beginning, and in me hath the Father glorified His name. I am the Light and the Life of the world.

One brilliant flood light controlled by a rheostat is turned upon the group of prostrate Nephites who with outstretched arms and uplifted faces reach forth to embrace the figure which approaches them in the light.

EPILOGUE

EPIC READER

and thus Christ did come to a remnant of the tribe of Joseph--the Nephites--who lived here upon this great continent of America in fulfillment of prophecy.

And the Book of Mormon to which the Prophet Ezekiel referred is the record of this ancient people. It is "America's witness for Christ." For fourteen hundred years it lay hidden in Cumorah's hill known only to its keeper, Moroni, Son of Mormon.

It is a September evening in the year 1827--the youth, Joseph Smith, who before has found favor with God, goes upon an appointed mission to meet a heavenly messenger on the wooded slopes of Cumorah's Hill.

Lights come up on Joseph who is ascending hill. He goes to the spot where the plates are hidden and removes the cover of the stone box. Moroni appears-- Joseph falls back--

MORONI

I am a messenger from the Most High--even Moroni--the son of Mormon and the keeper of the ancient record--the Stick of Joseph of which the Prophet Ezekiel wrote, Listen to my instructions, for you, Joseph, have been chosen to bring new evidence to the world, to convince again the people thereon, both the Jew and the Gentile, that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting Himself unto all nations. For lo, it is written by the prophets, that in the mouths of two or three witnesses every word may be established. Thus, in the mercy of God hath He preserved a record of another great tribe of Israel even the tribe of Joseph who knew the risen Christ, for He did visit them--here upon this continent of America

--after he had risen from the tomb. I, Moroni, am a descendant of that tribe, and the last keeper of its record which bears witness of the Savior's mission here upon the American continent in the meridian of time.---

To add a new witness to the sacred divinity of the Christ's mission to the earth, this record, written upon the plates of gold, I now deliver into your hands. It has lain here in Cumorah's Hill fourteen hundred years since last as a mortal man. I sealed it up until this day should come.

Moroni delivers plates to Joseph

-----The words of wisdom-----these plates contain are to be translated by you and given to man.

The gift of interpretation shall be yours, Joseph, as long as you are faithful to the Most High.

Prove faithful, Joseph, and you shall give the world a new witness for Christ.-----

Lights fade on Joseph--bright on Moroni.

And when ye, O people of the earth, shall receive these things, I, Moroni, would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, He will manifest the truth of it unto you by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost, ye may know the truth of all things.

Moroni turns to audience with hand raised as in monument.



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