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## Word Portraits from Third Nephi

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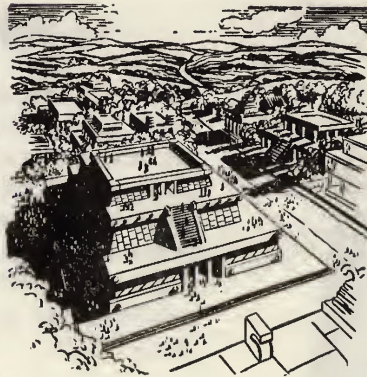


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# WORD PORTRAITS

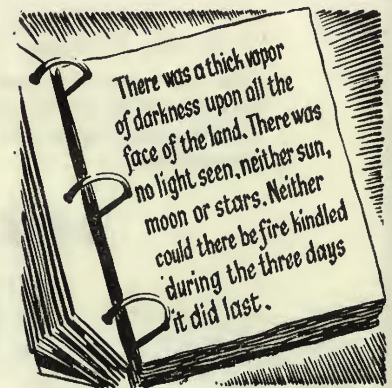
FROM THIRD NEPHI

with sketches by Goff Dowding



1. And it came to pass that there were many cities built anew, and there were many old cities repaired. There were many highways cast up, and many roads made, which led from city to city. There was nothing in all the land to hinder the people from prospering, except they should fall into transgression. And in the twenty and ninth year there began to be some disputings among the people; and the people began to be distinguished by ranks according to their riches. (Chapter 6, v. 5 to 12.)

2. There became a great inequality in all the land, insomuch that the church began to be broken up. They did defy the law and the rights of their country and did murder the chief judge of the land, then separated one from another into tribes. Their hearts were turned from the Lord, and they did stone the prophets and did cast them out from among them. Nephi, nevertheless having been given the power did minister among them with great authority and did baptize many people unto repentance. (Chapter 6, v. 30, Chapter 7.)



3. On the first month, fourth day, and thirty-fourth year there arose a great storm, such an one as never had been known in all the land. There was thunder so great that the whole earth shook, lightnings such as never had been known before. The city of Zarahemla did take fire. The city of Moroni did sink into the depths of the sea. The greatest destruction took place in the land northward but the face of the whole earth became deformed by the thunderings and earthquakes . . . and all these things were done in the space of about three hours. (Chapter 8, v. 5 to 19.)

4. There was a voice heard among all the inhabitants of the earth crying: I have caused this great destruction to come upon this land and people because of their wickedness. O ye more righteous that are spared will ye not now repent and be converted, that I might heal you? Behold I am Jesus Christ the Son of God. I created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are. Therefore, whoso repenteth and cometh unto me as a little child, him will I receive. Behold, for such I have laid down my life, and have taken it up again. (Chapter 9.)

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