

meaning that his priesthood comes to an end, as far as being a power which would assure the bearer of eternal life is concerned. (D. & C. 121:33-46.)

2. One of Christ's names is *Amen* (Rev. 3:14), a title given to show that it is in and through him that the seal of divine affirmation is placed on all the promises of the Father.

**America.** See AMERICAN INDIANS, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, INALIENABLE RIGHTS, SIGNS OF THE TIMES. *America*, meaning the United States of America, is the Gentile nation established on the Western Hemisphere in the last days "by the power of the Father," so that the true Church might be set up and preserved among men. The American nation as such—with all its freedoms, rights, and constitutional guarantees—came into being and continues to exist so that a proper religious climate would prevail for the restoration and spread of the gospel. (3 Ne. 21.)

**American Indians.** See BOOK OF MORMON, JAREDITES, JEWS, MEDICINE MEN, MULEKITES, NEPHITES AND LAMANITES, TRIBES OF ISRAEL. When Columbus discovered America, the native inhabitants, the *American Indians* as they were soon to be designated, were a people of mixed blood and origin. Chiefly they were Lamanites, but such remnants of the Nephite nation as had not been destroyed had, of course, mingled with the Lamanites. (1 Ne. 13:30; 2 Ne. 3:1-3; 9:53; Alma

45:13-14; D. & C. 3:16-19.) Thus the Indians were Jews by nationality (D. & C. 57:4), their forefathers having come out from Jerusalem, from the kingdom of Judah. (2 Ne. 33:8-10.)

Thus also they were of the House of Israel. Lehi was of the tribe of Manasseh (Alma 10:3), Ishmael of the tribe of Ephraim, and Mulek of the tribe of Judah. (Hela. 8:20-22.) We have no knowledge of the tribal affiliation of Zoram, and it is possible that other tribes may have been represented in the colony that accompanied Mulek. It was primarily the tribes of Benjamin and Judah which made up the kingdom of Judah, but there may have been a sprinkling of all the tribes intermingled with them.

The American Indians, however, as Columbus found them also had other blood than that of Israel in their veins. It is possible that isolated remnants of the Jaredites may have lived through the period of destruction in which millions of their fellows perished. It is quite apparent that groups of orientals found their way over the Bering Strait and gradually moved southward to mix with the Indian peoples. We have records of a colony of Scandinavians attempting to set up a settlement in America some 500 years before Columbus. There are archeological indications that an unspecified number of groups of people probably found their way from the old to the new world in pre-Columbian times. Out of all these groups would have

come the American Indians as they were discovered in the 15th century.

Since the days of the Spanish conquests and colonizations of Mexico and South America, there has been further dilution of the pure Lamanitish blood. But with it all, for the great majority of the descendants of the original inhabitants of the Western Hemisphere, the dominant blood lineage is that of Israel. The Indians are repeatedly called Lamanites in the revelations to the Prophet, and the promise is that in due course they "shall blossom as the rose" (D. & C. 49:24), that is, become again a white and delightful people as were their ancestors a great many generations ago.

**Amusements.** See RECREATION.

**Anarchy.** See SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

**Anathema.** See DAMNATION, EXCOMMUNICATION. *Anathema* is a Greek word meaning *accursed*. Hence, a person or thing cursed by God or his authority, as for instance one who has been excommunicated, is anathema. (Rom. 9:3.) "Wo unto them who are cut off from my church, for the same are overcome of the world." (D. & C. 50:8.)

Paul's statement, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be *Anathema Maranatha*" (1 Cor. 16:22), probably means, ". . . let him be accursed until the Lord comes." *Maranatha*, an Aramaic word meaning, O our Lord, come, appears to

have been used by the primitive saints as a watchword or salutation by which they reminded each other of the promised Second Coming. Paul's statement, "The Lord is at hand" (Philip. 4:5), and John's, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20), carry the same hope and encouragement.

**Anathema Maranatha.** See ANATH-EMA.

**Ancestors.** See GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH.

**Ancient of Days.** See ADAM, ADAM-GOD THEORY, ADAM-ONDI-AHMAN, BIRTHRIGHT, MICHAEL THE ARCH-ANGEL, PATRIARCHAL ORDER. Having particular reference to his position as the patriarchal head of the human family—the first man, "the first and oldest of all, the great, grand progenitor"—Adam is known as the *Ancient of Days*. (D. & C. 27:11; *Teachings*, pp. 157-159, 167-169.) In this capacity he will yet sit in formal judgment upon "ten thousand times ten thousand" of his posterity, and before him at Adam-ondi-Ahman will be brought the Son of Man to receive "dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him." (Dan. 7:9-14.)

**Angel.** See CHRIST, MESSENGER OF SALVATION, MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT. Our Lord is called *The Angel* by Jacob in the blessing which he