

**Labor Troubles.** See SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

**Lady.** See ELECT LADY.

**Lake of Fire and Brimstone.** See FIRE AND BRIMSTONE.

**Lamanite Curse.** See APOSTASY, BOOK OF MORMON, NEPHITES AND LAMANITES, RACES OF MEN, SPIRITUAL DEATH. Because they rebelled against the truth, a twofold *curse* came upon the Lamanites:

1. They were cut off from the presence of the Lord and thus died spiritually. Scales of darkness covered their eyes because they did not accept the saving principles of the gospel. They became apostates and the descendants of apostates. (1 Ne. 2:21-24; 2 Ne. 4:4-6; Alma 9:13-14.)

2. "After they had dwindled in unbelief," that is, after they had forsaken the Church and the gospel, "they became a dark, and loathsome, and a filthy people, full of idleness and all manner of abominations." (1 Ne. 12:23.) So that they "might not be enticing" unto the Nephites, "the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them." (2 Ne. 5:20-25; Alma 3:14-16.)

During Book of Mormon times the curse fell upon Laman, Lemuel, the sons of Ishmael, the Ishmaelitish

women, the descendants of all these, and upon all who were "led away by the Lamanites," and who mingled their seed with the seed of that people. (Alma 3:6-10.)

Then near the close of the 4th century after Christ, Mormon prophesied of yet greater curses to come upon the seed of the then warring nations. "This people shall be scattered, and shall become a dark, a filthy, and a loathsome people, beyond the description of that which ever hath been amongst us, yea, even that which hath been among the Lamanites, and this because of their unbelief and idolatry." (Morm. 5:15; D. & C. 3:16-20.)

During periods of great righteousness, when groups of Lamanites accepted the gospel and turned to the Lord, the curse was removed from them. Thousands of Lamanites were converted "and the curse of God did no more follow them" in the days of Aaron and Ammon and their brethren. (Alma 23:5-9, 17-18.) Some 20 years before the personal ministry of Christ among them, the curse was removed from a group of Lamanite converts and they became white like the Nephites. (3 Ne. 2:15-16.) From the time of Christ's ministry among them until nearly 200 A.D. there were no Lamanites for all had become "the children of Christ, and heirs to

the kingdom of God." (4 Ne. 17-20, 38.)

When the gospel is taken to the Lamanites in our day and they come to a knowledge of Christ and of their fathers, then the "scales of darkness" fall from their eyes; "and many generations shall not pass away among them, save they shall be a white and delightsome people." (2 Ne. 30:6.) Finally, before the judgment bar of God, all who have been righteous, Lamanites and Nephites alike, will be free from the curse of spiritual death and the skin of darkness. (Jac. 3:5-9.)

**Lamanites.** See NEPHITES AND LAMANITES.

**Lamb of God.** See ATONEMENT OF CHRIST, CHRIST, SACRIFICES, SONG OF THE LAMB. Christ is "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29, 36; D. & C. 76:85; 88:106; 1 Ne. 13.) He is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8), the "lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world" (1 Pet. 1:19) to be the Savior and Redeemer, the One who would work out the infinite and eternal atonement. As a Lamb, he was sacrificed for men, and salvation comes because of the shedding of his blood. (Mosiah 3:18.) Those who gain salvation are the ones who "have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7:14; 12:11; 1 Ne. 12:11; Alma 13:11; 3 Ne.

27:19; Morm. 9:6; Ether 13:10-11.)

In honor of the Lamb, a great choir of 100,000,000 voices of the redeemed shall sing this new song (Rev. 5:9-13):

*Thou wast slain,*

*And hast redeemed us to God by thy blood*

*Out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

*And hast made us unto our God kings and priests:*

*And we shall reign on the earth. . . .*

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain To receive power, and riches, and*

*wisdom,*

*And strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. . . .*

*Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power,*

*Be unto him that sitteth upon the throne,*

*And unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

**Lamb's Book of Life.** See BOOK OF LIFE.

**Lamb's Wife.** See BRIDE OF THE LAMB.

**Lamentation.** See MOURNING.

**Language of Adam.** See ADAMIC LANGUAGE.

**Language of Prayer.** See PRAYER.

**Languages.** See ADAMIC LANGUAGE, TONGUES. It is reasonable to suppose that in the approximately 1757 years between the fall and the confusion