

house of Israel. You cannot bear the truth, you will not hear it, and you cast out the servants of God, | and stir up prejudice against them. Amen.

BOOK OF MORMON—URIM AND THUMMIM—APPEARANCE OF A HOLY ANGEL IN 1829 TO FOUR PERSONS—THEIR TESTIMONIES TO THE TRUTH OF THE BOOK OF MORMON—ALSO EIGHT OTHER WITNESSES—ISAIAH'S PROPHECY RELATES TO THAT BOOK—EZEKIEL'S PROPHECY.

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I will read a few verses in the 29th chapter of Isaiah, commencing at the 18th verse. [The speaker read from the 18th verse to the end of the chapter.]

That which I wish to call to your mind, more particularly, on the present occasion, will be found in the first verse that I read—"In that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book."

The Latter-day Saints are a peculiar people among the inhabitants of the earth of the present age, peculiar in many things, peculiar in many religious notions and views. We profess to believe in this book, the Jewish record, called the Bible. We are not peculiar so far as this item of our faith is concerned; but in addition to the Bible, we believe in another book, called the Book of Mormon, which we believe to be equally sacred with the Bible. Some may,

perhaps, call the Book of Mormon a bible, and in one sense of the word it may be called that, for it is a collection of sacred books, the same as the Jewish record is. The difference between the two records is merely in the history, and in some of the prophetic writings. The Bible professes to be a history of the people who lived on the eastern continent, while the Book of Mormon professes to be a history of the people who lived in ancient America. We have denominated the Jewish record the Bible, because it is a collection of books said to have been written by inspired men. I do not see any reason why we should not also, as Latter-day Saints, call the Book of Mormon a bible, it being a collection of books written by Prophets and Revelators. Perhaps, however, the world, or those who are strangers to the evidences concerning these two