God according to His commandments. While brother Henry W. Lawrence was talking about the Temple in Nauvoo, I felt to echo the sentiment I have heard expressed by President Young respecting that Temple. I am glad it is destroyed; I am glad that it was burned and purified by fire from the pollution our enemies inflicted upon it, and I am glad there is nothing of it left; and I would prefer that this Temple

in course of erection here, should never be completed, and that we should never build another, than to see those holy places built by God's commands, pass into the hands of our enemies and be defiled by them.

May God bless you, my brethren and sisters, and enable us to be faithful and true in keeping His commandments, is my prayer for Christ's sake. Amen.

## KING LIMHI'S ENQUIRY, FROM THE BOOK OF MORMON—AMMON REPLIES—SEERSHIP AND THE URIM AND THUMMIM—THE BROTHER OF JARED—HYRUM SMITH'S ENQUIRY—WHAT IS A GENERATION—THE IMMENSE NUMBER OF RECORDS TO BE REVEALED.

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Since coming to this stand I have been reminded of a certain passage contained in the "Book of Mormon" (commencing on page 161), which I will read.

"Now, as soon as Ammon had read the record, the king inquired of him to know if he could interpret languages, and Ammon told him that he could not. And the king said unto him: Being grieved for the afflictions of my people, I caused that forty and three of my people should take a journey into the wilderness, that thereby they might find the land of Zarahemla, that we might appeal unto our brethren to deliver us out of bondage. And they were lost in the wilderness many days, yet they were diligent, and found not the land of Zarahemla but returned to this land, having traveled in a land of many waters, having discovered a land which was covered with bones of men, and of beasts, and was also covered