

THE SIGNS OF CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION

Chapter 42



Thirty-three years had passed since the people had seen the signs of Jesus Christ's birth. *3 Nephi 8:2*



They now watched for the sign of his death: three days of darkness. *3 Nephi 8:3*



Some did not believe that the sign would come. They argued with those who did believe. *3 Nephi 8:4*



One day a fierce storm came. There was a terrible wind. *3 Nephi 8:5-6*



Lightning flashed, and thunder shook the whole earth. *3 Nephi 8:6-7*



The city of Zarahemla caught on fire. The city of Moroni sank into the sea. The city of Moronihah was buried.
3 Nephi 8:8–10



An earthquake shook the whole earth. Highways were broken up, and buildings crumbled. Many cities were destroyed, and many people were killed. *3 Nephi 8:12–15*



The storm and the earthquake lasted about three hours.
3 Nephi 8:19



When the storm and earthquake stopped, thick darkness covered the land. There was no light anywhere. The people could even feel the darkness. *3 Nephi 8:19–20*



The darkness lasted for three days. Candles would not burn, and the people could not see the sun, moon, or stars.
3 Nephi 8:21–23



The people cried because of the darkness, destruction, and death. They were sorry they had not repented of their sins.
3 Nephi 8:23–25



Then the people heard the voice of Jesus Christ.
3 Nephi 9:1, 15



Jesus told them about the terrible destruction in the land.
He said that the most wicked people had been killed.
3 Nephi 9:12–13



He said that those who had not been killed needed to repent. If they did and came unto him, he would bless them.
3 Nephi 9:13–14



The people were so amazed after hearing the voice that they stopped crying. Everything was silent for many hours.
3 Nephi 10:1–2



Then Jesus spoke again, saying he had often tried to help the people. If they would repent now, they could still return to him.
3 Nephi 10:3–6



After three days the darkness left. The people rejoiced and joyfully thanked the Lord.
3 Nephi 10:9–10