brim, the Lord will then remember the
chastisements of the Jews, his favored
people, and at whose hands they will
have received double for their iniquities.
Offenses must come, said the Savior, but
woe unto them by whom they come. Woe
unto the Gentiles, who have adminis-
tered afflictions to the Jews for these
many years! Woe unto them if they now
reject this only means of salvation, for
the awful calamities spoken of in these
books, the Bible and Book of Mormon,
will certainly befall them.

The principle of gathering has been
preached for the past thirty-seven years.
Before this principle was preached by
the Elders, a great many of the people
had received the spirit of it; and the con-
sequence was, that no sooner had it been
taught by the Presidency of the Church,
than the people everywhere were ready
to receive it. It had been revealed to
them by the Holy Ghost, whose office it
is to reveal that which is past, present,
and that which is to come, and no surer,
stronger testimony can be given to any-
one than it affords. We have gathered
here for the express purpose of establish-
ming Zion, which, according to the Scrip-
tures, must be before the Gospel can be
sent to the Jews. Passage after pas-
sage might be found in the Bible, refer-
ing to our coming here; the casting up
of the highway on which the ransomed
of the Lord might travel; the building
of our city in a low place, which was
to be called Sought out, a city not for-
saken; and how the Lord would cause
springs of water to spring up, and the
desert to blossom like the rose, etc., all
of which have had their fulfillment. But
how do the inhabitants of the earth re-
gard these things? With great indiffer-
ence. In fact it would be a marvel to
me were it otherwise, for according to
the predictions, the people in this age
were to be like unto the people of the
days of Noah and Lot, marrying and
giving in marriage, practicing all man-
ner of wickedness and abominations, and
wholly unprepared for the coming of the
Son of Man. The Jews were under no
condemnation for rejecting the Savior,
until he appeared amongst them as the
light of the world, then they had no
longer a cloak for their sins; and in re-
jecting him, and those who were sent
unto them, they stood condemned before
the Lord, and, consequently, his threat-
ened judgments overtook them. The peo-
ple who heard not the Gospel preached
from the days of the Apostles until its
restoration in our day, are under no con-
demnation for rejecting the Gospel dur-
ing the time it had been taken from the
earth. But the light again has dawned
upon the world, and the Elders of Israel
are engaged proclaiming it far and wide,
and as it was with the Jews, so it will
be with the Gentiles who reject it, for
the predictions at God’s Prophets must
have their fulfillment, and neither you
nor I can prevent it if we would. We
are charged with being uncharitable, be-
cause we proclaim these things. We are
not to blame—we are merely the crea-
tures used by the Almighty in doing his
bidding. The work is his, the plan of sal-
vation is the creation of his superior wis-
dom, not ours.

Let me say to my brethren and
sisters, our responsibilities are great,
far greater than the outside world
who reject the Gospel. We have
received the light, the knowledge of
God; we are under sacred covenants
to stand by the truth, and by one
another in righteousness. If we are
found traitors to the cause, crucifying
the Son of Man afresh, great will be
our condemnation. Our time allotted