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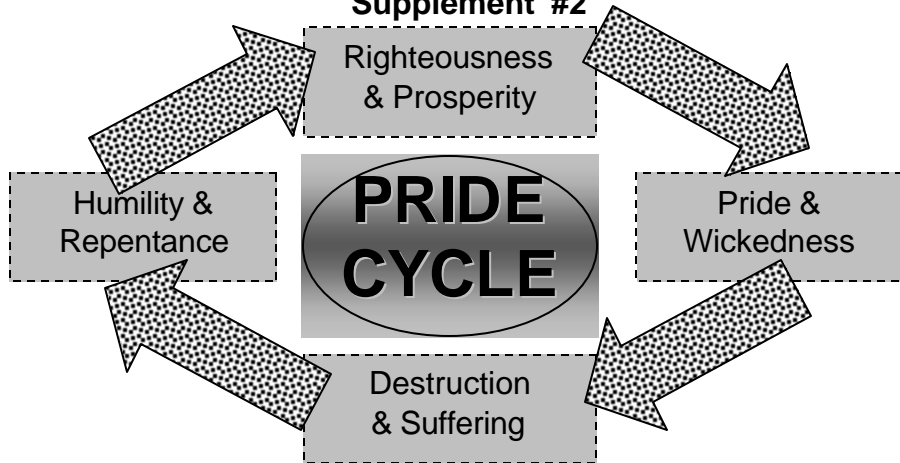
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### Spiritual Condition Timeline

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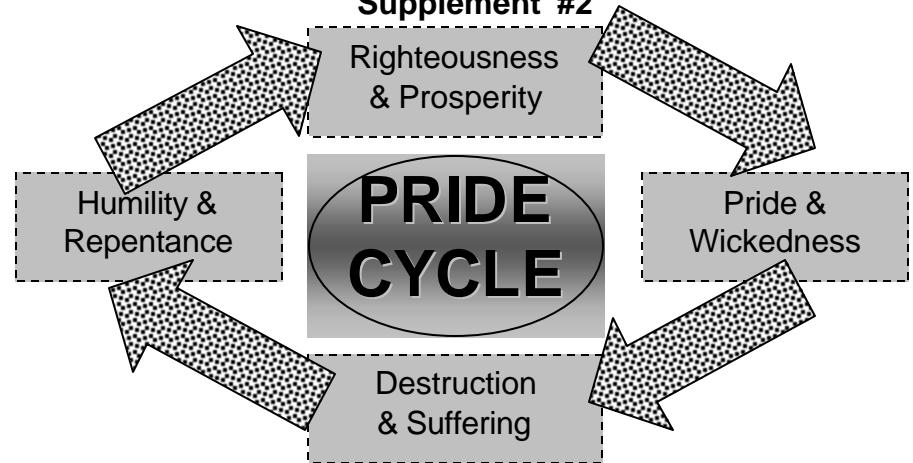
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>My health / blessings of gas & bowel movements & good health & garments & good wife  
>GC / new temples (Salt Lake and Idaho) / 130 total / 431 chapels / new apostles (Elder Uchtdorf and Elder Bednar) / "girl of my dreams"

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Elder George A. Smith told the following Chinese fable in Salt Lake in 1857. It was repeated in part by Carlos E. Asay in "Opposition to the Work of God," Ensign, Nov. 1981, 67:

A man traveling through the country came to a large city, very rich and splendid; he looked at it and said to his guide, This must be a very righteous people, for I can only see but one little devil in this great city. The guide replied, You do not understand, sir. This city is so perfectly given up to wickedness, corruption, degradation, and abomination of every kind, that it requires but one devil to keep them all in subjection. Traveling on a little further, he came to a rugged path and saw an old man trying to get up the hill side, surrounded by seven great, big, coarse looking devils. Why, says the traveler, This must be a tremendously wicked old man! See how many devils there are around him! This, replied the guide, is the only righteous man in the country; and there are seven of the biggest devils trying to turn him out of his path, and they all cannot do it.

[Journal of Discourses, Vol.5, p.363, 364. George Albert Smith, November 1, 1857]

#### 1- Signs of Savior's birth vindicate those who endured

Read Helaman 14:2-7 / spoken 5 years previous to this lesson

- 3 Nephi 1:5-6,7,9 What 3 events made believers sorrowful? ..... V5-6=time past / v7=great uproar / v9=day selected to kill believers
- 3 Nephi 1:8 Despite challenges, what did believers do? ..... What can we do to remain steadfast when faith is challenged?
- 3 Nephi 1:10-11 After seeing wickedness, what did Nephi do? ..... "cried mightily" in prayer (v 12 = "all that day")
- 3 Nephi 1:12-13 What message did Nephi receive? ..... "tomorrow come I unto the world"
- 3 Nephi 1:15-21 How were Samuel's prophecies fulfilled? ..... (have someone summarize) Does this account strengthen your faith?

#### 2- Gadianton robbers battle against the Nephites

3 years after sign

- 3 Nephi 1:22;2:1-3 How did Satan turn people away from belief? ..... Lyings, harden hearts, forget, less astonished, blind in minds, foolish
- 3 Nephi 2:11-19 What were dangers because of wickedness? ..... Summarize = wars with Gadianton Robbers / read verse 18
- 3 Nephi 3:6-8 What did Giddianhi desire of Lachoneus? ..... 16 years after sign / for people to surrender or be destroyed
- Supplement #1 Preparation and protections ..... What can we do to protect ourselves in times of fear and temptation?
- 3 Nephi 4:11-13,16-29 What were results of preparations? ..... Nephites lead to victory / GR destroyed and leader Zemnah hanged
- 3 Nephi 4:30-33 How did Nephites rejoice in victory? ..... How can we show gratitude to Lord for his protection and blessings?

#### 3- Nephites live righteously, but pride & dissensions arise

GR defeated 21<sup>st</sup> after Christ's birth 13 years until Christ's visit

- 3 Nephi 5:1-26;6:1-9 What did Nephites enjoy after defeating GR? ..... Peace and prosperity (read v. 1 and 3)
- 3 Nephi 6:10-15 What disrupted peace? ..... How could they change so quickly?
- Supplement #2 Pride Cycle revisited ..... What can we learn from this?
- 3 Nephi 6:17-30; 7:1-5 How did people respond to prophets? ..... "exceedingly angry", rejected and killed them, secret combinations, tribes
- 3 Nephi 7:15-19 How did Nephi respond to wickedness? ..... Minister and testify, cast our devils, heal sick, raise dead (brother)
- 3 Nephi 7:21-26 What was the result of Nephi's work? ..... Few conversions at first but many in second year of ministry
- Supplement #3 Spiritual Condition Timeline ..... (homework) take home and fill in the blanks
- 3 Nephi 10:18-19 What blessings could people have enjoyed? ..... Faithful were spared and given great favors when Savior appeared

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