

The Fulness of Iniquity

...it is not until the fulness of iniquity among the children of the land, that they are swept off”
(Ether 2:10).

As illustrated by societies that have been “swept off”:

1. **Filled with Violence.** Noah’s people. “The end of all flesh is come before me, for the earth is filled with violence, and behold I will destroy all flesh from off the earth” (Moses 8:30).
2. **Cruelty against Children and the Most Vulnerable.** Ammonihah; Nephites of 385 A.D. “O my beloved son, how can a people like this, that are without civilization...whose delight is in so much abomination...How can we expect that God will stay his hand in judgment against us?...Come out in judgment, O God, and hide their sins, and wickedness, and abominations from before thy face!” (Moroni 9).
3. **Silencing the Prophet, or Casting Out of Righteous and Righteousness.** Ammonihah. Mormon’s people. “But it is by the prayers of the righteous that ye are spared; now therefore, if ye will cast out the righteous from among you then will not the Lord stay his hand; but in his fierce anger he will come out against you” (Alma 10:23). “I [Mormon] did endeavor to preach unto this people, but my mouth was shut, and I was forbidden that I should preach unto them; for behold they had wilfully rebelled against their God...But I did remain among them, but I was forbidden to preach unto them, because of the hardness of their hearts; and because of the hardness of their hearts the land was cursed for their sake” (Mormon 1:16-17).
4. **Refusal to Repent.** Nephites of 385 A.D. “Notwithstanding the great destruction which hung over my people, they did not repent of their evil doings...they did not come unto Jesus with broken hearts and contrite spirits, but they did curse God, and wish to die. Nevertheless they would struggle with the sword for their lives...the voice of the Lord came unto me, saying:...because this people repented not after I had delivered them, behold, they shall be cut off from the face of the earth” (Mormon 2:8, 14, 3:14-15).
5. **Secret Combinations.** Jaredites and Nephites. “in the end of this book ye shall see that this Gadianton did prove the overthrow, yea, almost the entire destruction of the people of Nephi” (Helaman 2:13-14). “...they have caused the destruction of this people of whom I am now speaking, and also the destruction of the people of Nephi. And whatsoever nation shall uphold such secret combinations, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold, they shall be destroyed” (Ether 8:21-22).
6. **Worship of False Gods.** Israelites. “If thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish” (Deuteronomy 8:19).