



THE PEOPLE OF

ZION

Part 1



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ZION

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Introduction

PURPOSE OF THE BOOK OF
MORMON



Introduction

Who will be a part of the building of Zion?

Is it just those who have joined the RLDS
Church or Restoration Branches?



Purpose of the Book of Mormon

D&C 83:8a-c

And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received, which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole church under condemnation. And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all; and they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them, not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written, that they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom, otherwise there remaineth a scourge and a judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion; for, shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land? Verily, I say unto you, Nay.



Purpose of the Book of Mormon

D&C 83:8a-c

CAUSE...your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief...
And because you have treated lightly the things you have received,

RESULT...which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole church under condemnation.

CONDITION...And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion,
even all; and they shall remain under this condemnation...



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D&C 83:8a-c

**CRITERIA...until they repent and remember the new covenant,
even the Book of Mormon**

and the former commandments which I have given them,

REQUIREMENT...not only to say,

but to do according to that which I have written,
that they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom,

**WARNING...otherwise there remaineth a scourge and a judgment to be
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Purpose of the Book of Mormon

It's not just about being in the right place at the right time.

It's about being Kingdom quality!



Purpose of the Book of Mormon

What is the purpose of the Book of Mormon?

What do we need to do to **BE** the people of
the Kingdom?



Purpose of the Book of Mormon

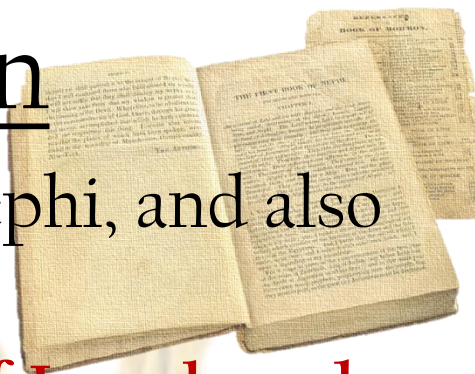
Title Page to the Book of Mormon

1 Wherefore, it is an abridgment of the record of the people of Nephi, and also of the Lamanites;

2 written to the Lamanites, who are a remnant of the house of Israel; and also to Jew and Gentile;

3 written by way of commandment, and also by the spirit of prophecy and of revelation.

4 Written, and sealed up, and hid unto the Lord, that they might not be destroyed; to come forth by the gift and power of God unto the interpretation thereof; sealed by the hand of Moroni, and hid up unto the Lord, to come forth in due time by the way of Gentile; the interpretation thereof by the gift of God.





Purpose of the Book of Mormon

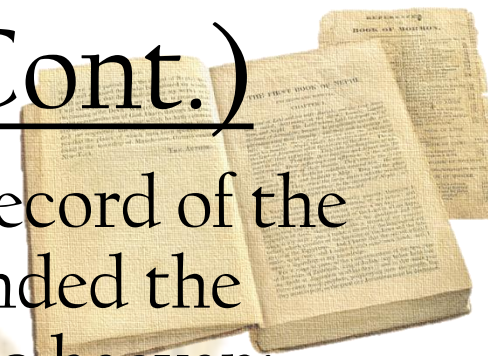
Title Page to the Book of Mormon (Cont.)

5 An abridgment taken from the Book of Ether; also, which is a record of the people of Jared; who were scattered at the time the Lord confounded the language of the people, when they were building a tower to get to heaven:

6 which is to shew unto the remnant of the house of Israel what great things the Lord hath done for their fathers; and that they may know the covenants of the Lord, that they are not cast off for ever;

7 and also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting himself unto all nations.

8 And now if there are faults, they are the mistakes of men; wherefore, condemn not the things of God, that ye may be found spotless at the judgment seat of Christ.





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Mormon 2:39

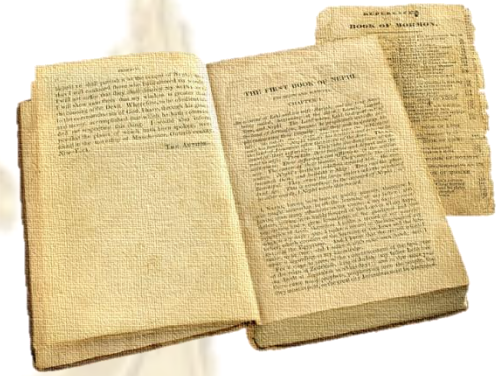


39 Now these things are written unto the remnant of the house of Jacob; and they are written after this manner, because it is known of God that wickedness will not bring them forth unto them; and they are to be hid up unto the Lord, that they may come forth in his own due time.

Purpose of the Book of Mormon

Book of Mormon:

- Teach us of Jesus Christ
- Prophecies over this Promised Land
- Prophecies over the Gentiles
- Restoration of God's people:
 - Lamanites/Remnant of Lehi
 - Covenanted Gentiles
 - Gathered House of Israel
 - Jews





Perspectives

As a church, have we consumed Zion unto ourselves?

Do we think: if we're just righteous enough, Zion will come?

God's has a plan – it's on His own timeline.
(as revealed in the Book of Mormon)

My timeline for Zion:

Y2K

Not get married (friend's grandparents)

By 2020



Purpose of the Book of Mormon

The key to understanding the end times is:

The

BOOK OF MORMON!

History

WHO ARE THE PEOPLES IN
THE PROPHECIES OF ZION?



History: Peoples of Zion



We are only one
piece of the puzzle
for the building of

ZION





History: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel

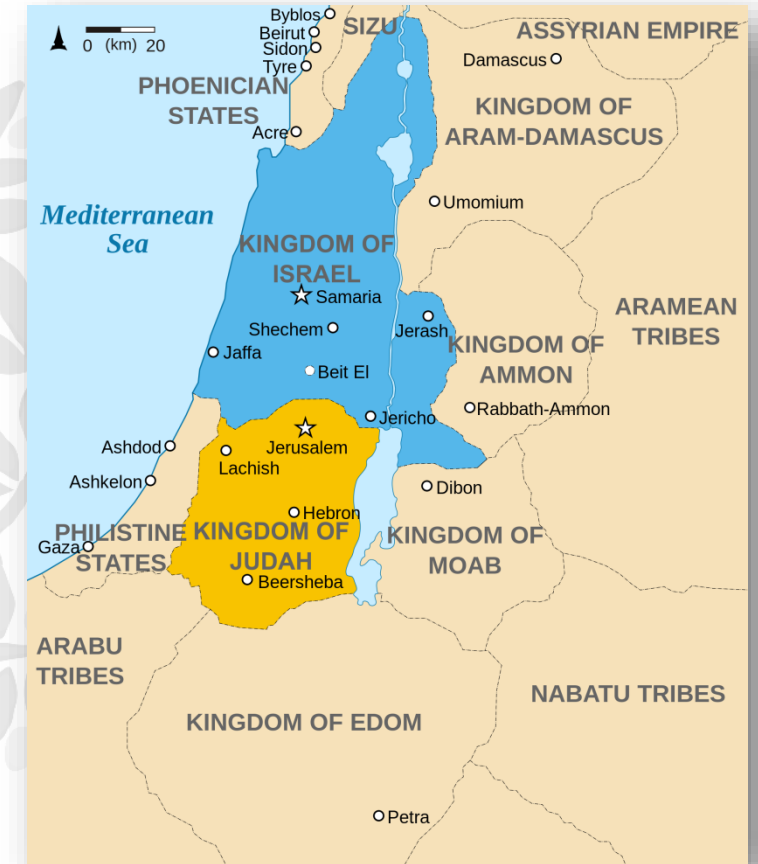


Leah

- Rueben
- Simeon
- Levi *
- **Judah**
- Dan
- Nephtali
- Gad
- Asher
- Issachar
- Zebulun

Rachel

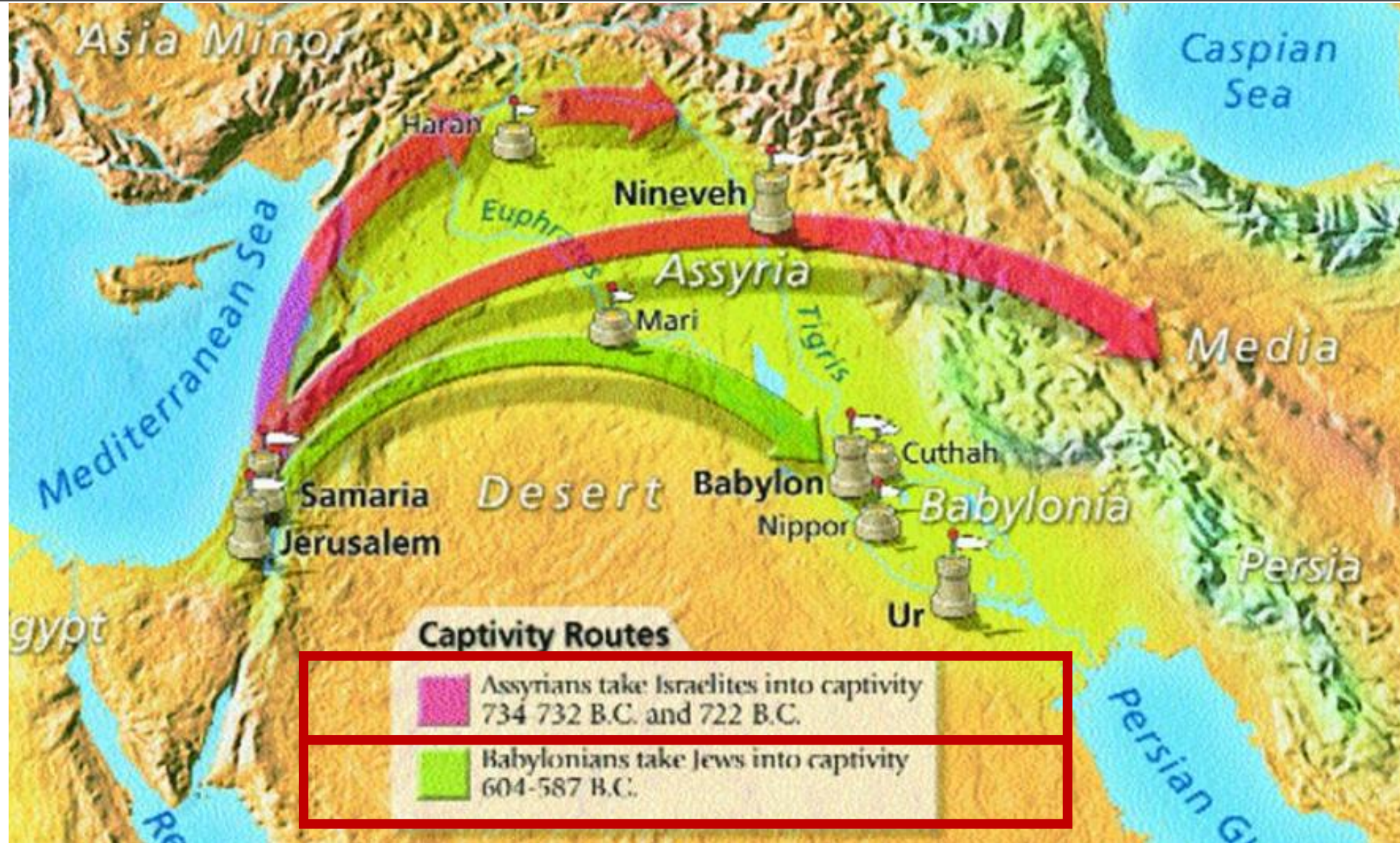
- Joseph *
- **Benjamin**
- Manasseh
- Ephraim



* Levi was disbursed to all tribes and Joseph's blessing was given to his two sons



History: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel





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Joseph (of Egypt - son of Israel)

- Manasseh (Lost Tribe)
- Ephraim (Lost Tribe)
- Lehi was in Judah and was of the house of Manasseh (discuss later)



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History: Gentiles

1 Nephi 3:183, 191

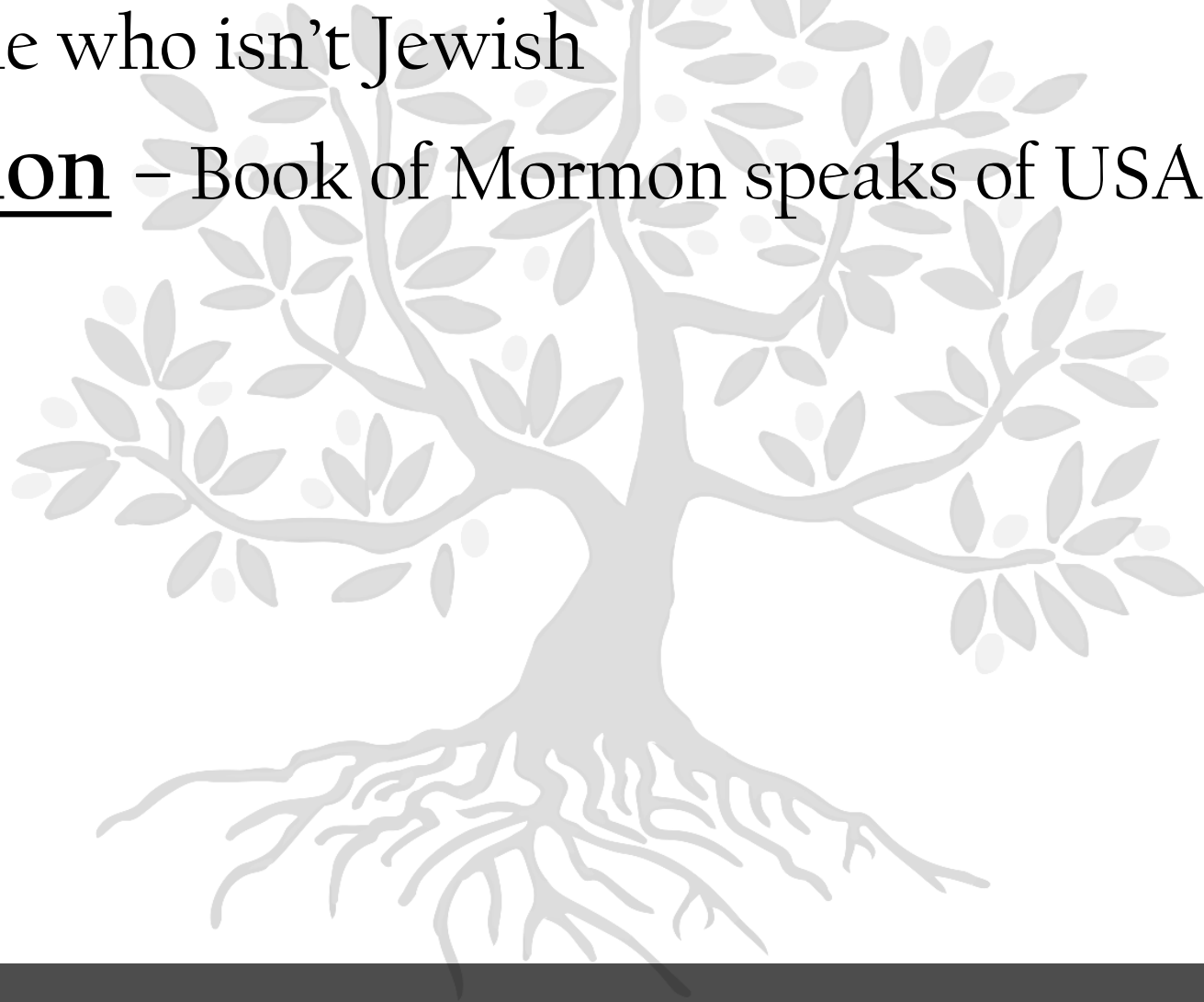
183 And after the Gentiles do stumble exceedingly because of the most plain and precious parts of the gospel of the Lamb which has been kept back [KJV Bible], by that abominable church, which is the mother of harlots, saith the Lamb, I will be merciful unto the Gentiles in that day, insomuch that I will bring forth unto them in mine own power, much of my gospel [*Book of Mormon*], which shall be plain and precious, saith the Lamb.

191 And after it had come forth unto them, I beheld other books which came forth by the power of the Lamb, from the Gentiles unto them, unto the convincing of the Gentiles, and the remnant of the seed of my brethren, and also the Jews, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth, that the records of the prophets and of the twelve apostles of the Lamb are true.



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History: Gentile Nation

1 Nephi 7:15

And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles, yea, even upon the face of this land;

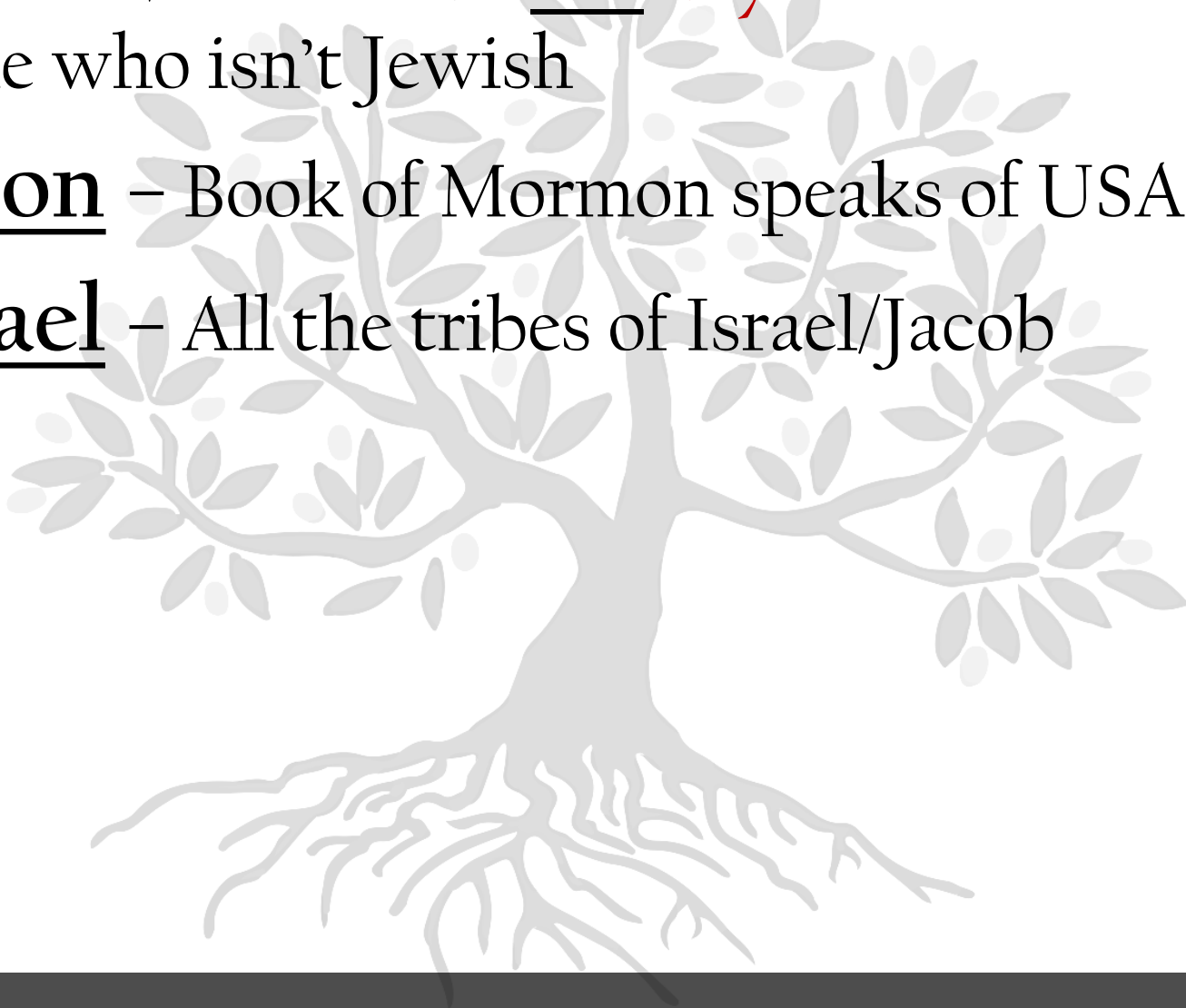
1 Nephi 3:176

Nevertheless thou beholdest that the Gentiles who have gone forth out of captivity, and have been lifted up by the power of God above all other nations upon the face of the land, which is choice above all other lands,



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History: House of Israel

1 Nephi 3:230, 237

230 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb, and upon the covenant people of the Lord, who were scattered upon all the face of the earth;

237 Then at that day, the work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenants which he hath made to his people, who are of the house of Israel.



History: House of Israel

3 Nephi 10:1-2

1 But if they [Gentiles] will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant, and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, and they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob;

2 And also, as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem;



History: House of Israel

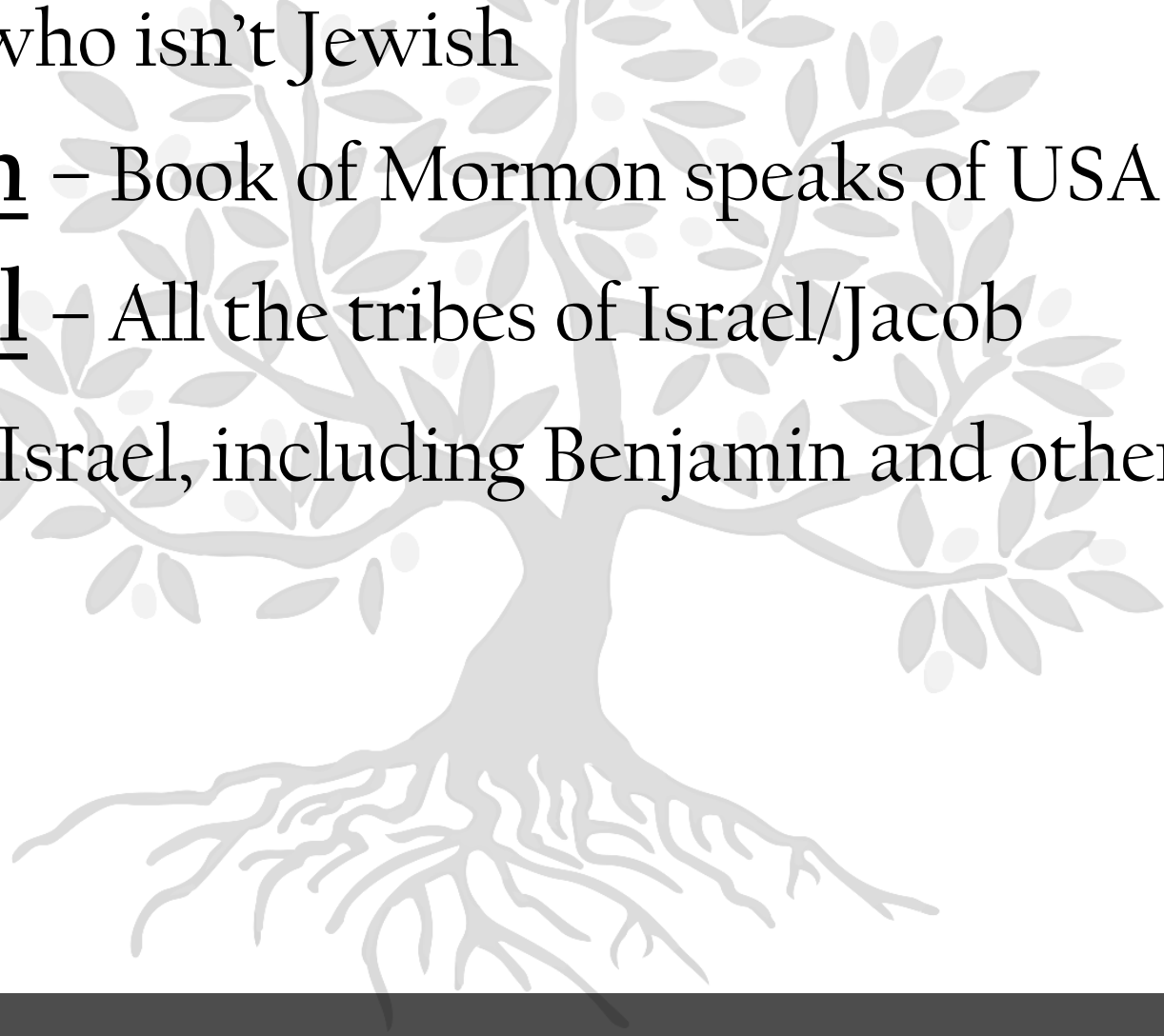
**WHERE ARE THE
10 LOST TRIBES
OF ISRAEL
NOW?**





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History: Jews

2 Nephi 6:1-3

1 And now, my beloved brethren, I have read these things that ye might know concerning the covenants of the Lord; that he has covenanted with the house of Israel;

2 That he has spoken unto the Jews, by the mouth of his holy prophets, even from the beginning down, from generation to generation, until the time comes that they shall be restored to the true church and fold of God;

3 When they shall be gathered home to the lands of their inheritance, and shall be established in all their lands of promise.

Restoration of Jews spoken of in the Old Testament

WHERE IS THE PROMISED LAND?



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THEIR
Jerusalem





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History: Remnant of Joseph

Ether 6:6-10

6 ...a New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type; for as Joseph brought his father down into the land of Egypt, even so he died there;

7 Wherefore the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the land of Jerusalem, that he might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph, that they should perish not, even as he was merciful unto the father of Joseph, that he should perish not;

8 Wherefore the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built up upon this land; and it shall be a land of their inheritance; and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall no more be confounded, until the end come, when the earth shall pass away. (Cont.→)



History: Remnant of Joseph

Ether 6:6-10 (Cont.)

9 And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth; and they shall be like unto the old, save the old have passed away, and all things have become new.

10 And then cometh the New Jerusalem; and blessed are they who dwell therein, for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the lamb; and they are they who are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph, who were of the house of Israel.

Genesis 49:22

22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall [*over the Atlantic ocean to America*];

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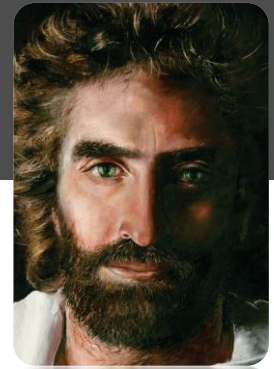


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History: Remnant of Jacob



3 Nephi 9:49-51

49 O house of Israel, and then shall the remnants which shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth, be gathered in from the east, and from the west, and from the south, and from the north; and they shall be brought to the knowledge of the Lord their God, who hath redeemed them.

50 And the Father hath commanded me that I should give unto you this land, for your inheritance.

51 And I say unto you, that if the Gentiles do not repent, after the blessing which they shall receive, after they have scattered my people, then shall ye who are a remnant of the house of Jacob, go forth among them;



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History: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob/Israel



Joseph (of Egypt - son of Israel)

• Manasseh (Lost Tribe)

- Book of Mormon people

• Ephraim (Lost Tribe)

- Gentiles who repent



Who are Ephraim?

Ezekiel 37:16-19 (prophecy of Book of Mormon coming out)

Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick and write upon it, for Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, for Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions; And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.



Who are Ephraim?

Ezekiel 37:16-19

3 in 1:
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Stick of
Judah



Stick of
Joseph



In the
hand of
Ephraim
(the Church)





Who are Manasseh?

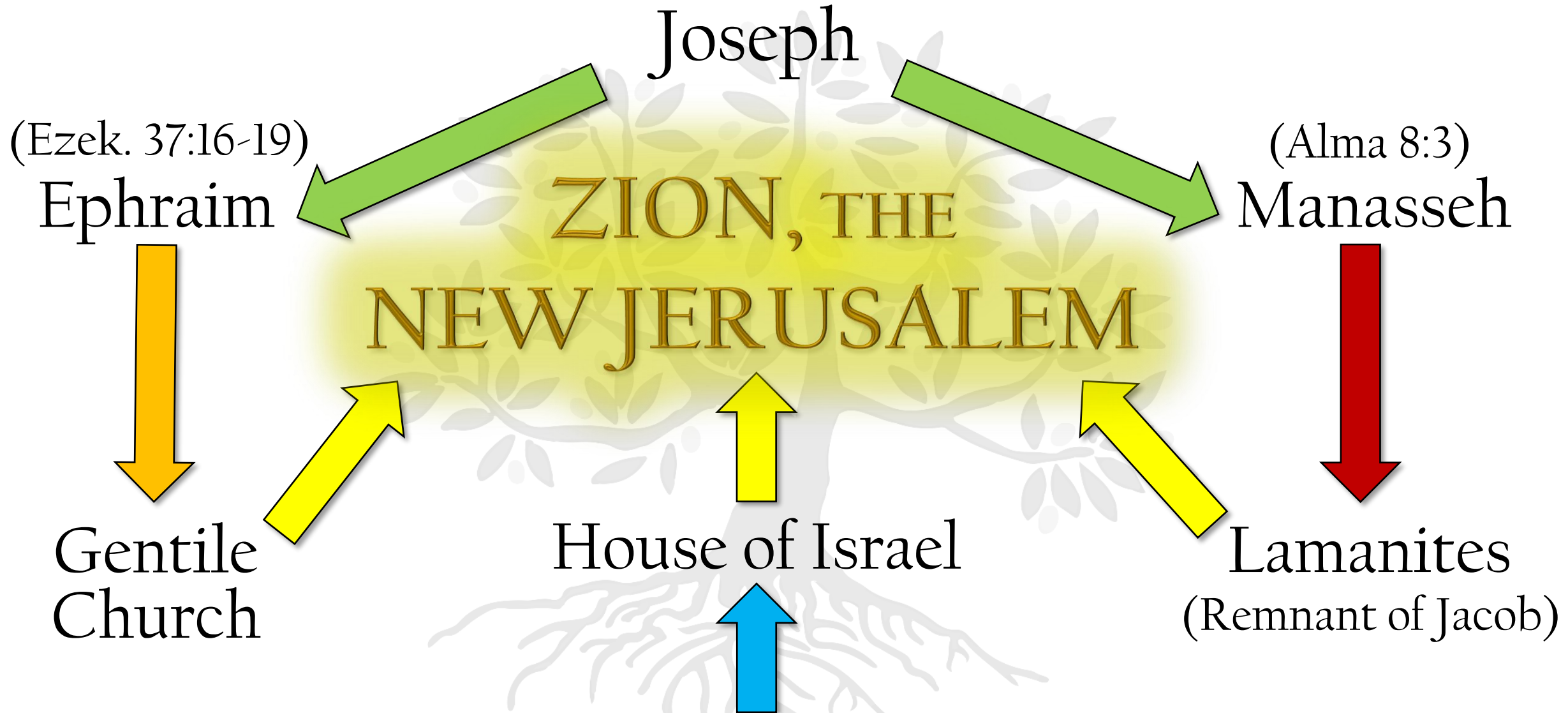
Alma 8:3

(Amulek preaching to Ammonihah)

And Aminadi was a descendant of Nephi, who was the son of Lehi, who came out of the land of Jerusalem, who was a descendant of Manasseh, who was the son of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt by the hands of his brethren.



History: Ephraim & Manasseh



God's Plan

FIRST SHALL BE LAST &
THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST



God's Plan: First & Last

1 Nephi 3:197-200

197 For there is one God and one Shepherd over all the earth;

198 And the time cometh that he shall manifest himself unto all nations, both unto the Jews, and also unto the Gentiles;

199 And after he has manifested himself unto the Jews and also unto the Gentiles; then he shall manifest himself unto the Gentiles, and also unto the Jews,

200 And the last shall be first, and the first shall be last.



God's Plan: First & Last

Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob

Apostles to the
world

The TIMES OF
THE GENTILES

Jews
(Bible)

Gentiles
(Bible)

Gentiles
(Book of
Mormon)

Jews
(Book of
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APOSTASY



Jews Reject Jesus
& Gospel

Gentiles Reject
Jesus & Gospel

Gentiles Reject
Jesus & Gospel

Covenanted
People Build the
New Jerusalem

Daniel 9: Abomination
of desolation

Dark Ages

End of the Times
of the Gentiles





God's Plan: Times of the Gentiles

When does the Times of the Gentiles start?

- Starts with the Gospel

When does the Times of the Gentiles end?

- End when the Gentiles reject the Gospel
- Another sign is when Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles



God's Plan: Promised Land

Ether 1:34-35

34 And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God, that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fullness come, that ye may not bring down the fullness of the wrath of God upon you, as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done.

35 Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ who hath been manifested by the things which we have written.

Jaredites

Nephites

Gentiles

Zion





God's Plan: Daniel 2 Dream

The Great Image in Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

The great image that God revealed to Nebuchadnezzar in a dream was interpreted by the prophet Daniel. Each section represents a world-ruling superpower. Each succeeding metal is less valuable, but each succeeding metal is stronger, as each empire was more powerful than the last.

Silver—Chest and Arms

The silver chest with two arms signified the empire of the Medes and Persians, which conquered and supplanted Babylon.

Bronze—Belly and Thighs

This section represented the Greco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great, which swallowed up Persia.

Iron—Legs

The two legs of iron represented the Roman Empire. After Alexander's death, his Hellenistic empire continued in a divided form until its divisions were taken over by Rome. The two legs apparently signified the east-west division that characterized the Late Roman Empire.

Iron & Clay—Feet and Toes

Extending from the legs are feet and toes of iron mixed with clay—a brittle and unstable mixture because it would not bond well. These represent the final phase of the Roman Empire, which will be made up of ten kings, some strong and some weak.

Gold—Head

This section represented the empire of Babylon, of which Nebuchadnezzar was king.





God's Plan: Daniel 2 Dream

The Final Superpower: The Kingdom of God

"And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed ... You saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold ... The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure." —Daniel 2:44-45





God's Plan: First & Last



The TIMES OF THE GENTILES

D&C 45:4b-d

4b And the love of men shall wax cold, and iniquity shall abound; and when the time of the Gentiles is come in, a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the fullness of my gospel;

4c but they receive it not, for they perceive not the light, and they turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men;

4d and in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Gentiles
(Book of
Mormon)

Jews
(Book of
Mormon)

You are
here

Gentiles Reject
Jesus & Gospel

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God's Plan: Gentile Nation

2 Nephi 12:40

40 Wo be unto the Gentiles, saith the Lord God of hosts; for notwithstanding I shall lengthen out mine arm unto them from day to day, they WILL deny me;

3 Nephi 7:34-35

34 And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you, At that day **WHEN** the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations;

35 And if they shall do all these things, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fullness of my gospel from among them;



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(Bible)

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Jews Reject

Jesus &
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Luke 21:23-24

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Now these things he spake unto them, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem



Chapter 1

Jews
(Bible)

Chapter 2

Gentiles
(Bible)

Chapter 3

Gentiles
(BOM)

Chapter 4

People of
the
Covenant

Times of the Gentiles

Starts with
Restored Gospel



Ends with the following

Rejection of Gospel
Jerusalem Control by
Jews



Time of the Covenanted People

Starts at the end of
the “Times of the
Gentiles”

Ends with





God's Plan: Gentile Nation Destruction

- 1 Nephi 7
 - 2 Nephi 7
 - 2 Nephi 12
 - 3 Nephi 7
 - 3 Nephi 9-12
 - Mormon 2

3 Nephi 9:98

98 ...whosoever will not believe in my words...shall be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant;

D&C 83:8c

...there remaineth a scourge and a judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion; for, shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land? Verily, I say unto you, Nay.

- D&C 1
- D&C 105
- Jacob 3



God's Plan: First & Last

I believe the
Times of the
Gentiles has been
fulfilled



The Time of the
Covenanted
People is NOW



God's Plan: First & Last

Luke 21:32-36

32 Verily I say unto you, this generation, the generation when the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, shall not pass away till ALL be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

34 Let my disciples therefore take heed to themselves, lest at any time their hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come upon them unawares.

35 For as a snare it shall come on all them who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 And what I say unto one, I say unto all, Watch ye therefore, and pray always, and keep my commandments, that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things which shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man when he shall come clothed in the glory of his Father.

Part 2



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Analogy of Israel going into the Promised Land



Same with the redemption of Zion





Israel – Promised Land

Deuteronomy 12:2-3, 29-32

Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree; And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that place. When the Lord thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God; for every abomination to the Lord which he hateth have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. What thing soever I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.



Israel – Promised Land





Zion – Promised Land

3 Nephi 9:101-106

Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles, except they repent, for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots, and I will cut off the cities of thy land and throw down all thy strongholds; And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy hand, and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: Thy graven images I will also cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands; And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. And it shall come to pass that all lyings, and deceivings, and envyings, and strifes, and priestcrafts and whoredoms, shall be done away. For it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that at that day, whosoever will not repent and come unto my beloved Son, them will I cut off from among my people, O house of Israel, and I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

Zion – Promised Land

Do we know what these are?

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- destroy thy chariots
- cities of thy land
- thy strongholds
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2 Nephi 12:76-78

76 For behold, except ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall all likewise perish; and because of the words which have been spoken ye need not suppose that the Gentiles are utterly destroyed.

77 For behold, I say unto you, That as many of the Gentiles as will repent, are the covenant people of the Lord; and as many of the Jews as will not repent, shall be cast off;

78 For the Lord covenanteth with none, save it be with them that repent and believe in his Son, who is the Holy One of Israel.



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Condemnation on the Church

What can we do about it?

How do we get out of this
condemnation?

Time to have a discussion.



Condemnation on the Church

How do we get out of this condemnation?

D&C 105:11b

Therefore, see to it that ye trouble not yourselves concerning the affairs of my church in this place, saith the Lord; but purify your hearts before me, and then go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel unto every creature who has not received it.



Condemnation on the Church

How do we get out of this condemnation?

Mormon 2:39,43

Now these things are written [**BOM**] unto the remnant of the house of Jacob; and they are written after this manner, because it is known of God that wickedness will not bring them forth unto them; and they are to be hid up unto the Lord, that they may come forth in his own due time...that the seed of this people may more fully believe his gospel, which shall go forth unto them from the Gentiles;



Condemnation on the Church

How do we get out of this condemnation?

Isaiah 52:1-3 & 3 Nephi 9:74-76

Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem; loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus saith the Lord, Ye have sold yourselves for naught; and ye shall be redeemed without money.



Condemnation on the Church

1. Awaken – No longer being asleep
2. Prepare – How to become the people of the Kingdom
3. Preach – take the Gospel into all the world, to warn our neighbor, Book of Mormon to Remnant of Jacob (NOT Covered)

Covenanted People

AWAKEN
(TO THE TIME)



Awaken: To the Time

Is this the end
times?



How much time is
left to prepare
and do the work
unto which we've
been called??



Awaken: To the Time

Luke 21:32-36

32 Verily I say unto you, this generation, the generation when the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, shall not pass away till ALL be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

34 Let my disciples therefore take heed to themselves, lest at any time their hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come upon them unawares.

35 For as a snare it shall come on all them who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

36 And what I say unto one, I say unto all, Watch ye therefore, and pray always, and keep my commandments, that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things which shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man when he shall come clothed in the glory of his Father.



Awaken: To the Time

2 Nephi 6:89-94

89 O, my beloved brethren, turn away from your sins; shake off the chains of him that would bind you fast;

90 Come unto that God who is the rock of your salvation.

91 Prepare your souls for that glorious day, when justice shall be administered unto the righteous; even the day of judgment, that ye may not shrink with awful fear;

92 That ye may not remember your awful guilt in perfectness, and be constrained to exclaim, Holy, holy are thy judgments, O Lord God Almighty.

93 But I know my guilt; I transgressed thy law, and my transgressions are mine; and the devil hath obtained me, that I am a prey to his awful misery.

94 But behold, my brethren, is it expedient that I should awake you to an awful reality of these things?



Awaken: To the Time

2 Nephi 12:23-26

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24 For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good;

25 And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say, All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well;

26 And thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.



Awaken: To the Time

2 Nephi 1:27

O that ye would awake; awake from a deep sleep, yea, even from the sleep of hell, and shake off the awful chains by which ye are bound, which are the chains which bind the children of men, that they are carried away captive down to the eternal gulf of misery and wo!





Awaken: To the Time



3 Parables of Jesus

1. 10 Virgins

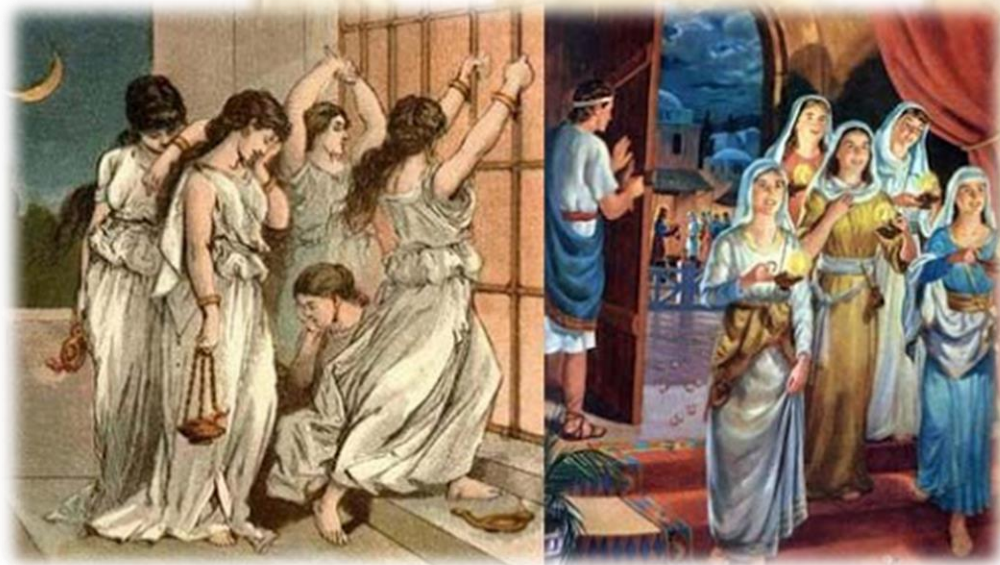


Awaken: To the Time

Matthew 25:1-11

1 And then, at that day, before the Son of Man comes, the kingdom of heaven shall be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five of them were foolish.



3 They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

4 While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept.

5 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.



Awaken: To the Time

Matthew 25:1-11 (Cont.)

6 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

7 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

8 But the wise answered, saying, Lest there be not enough for us and you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.



9 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut.

10 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us.

11 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, Ye know me not.



Awaken: To the Time

D&C 45:10b

10b And at that day when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins; for they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived, verily I say unto you,





Awaken: To the Time

John 14:1-6

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

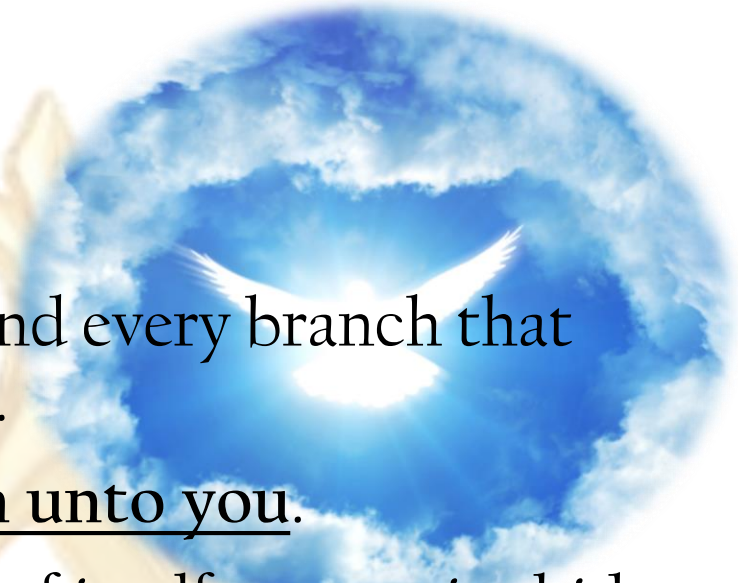
2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.





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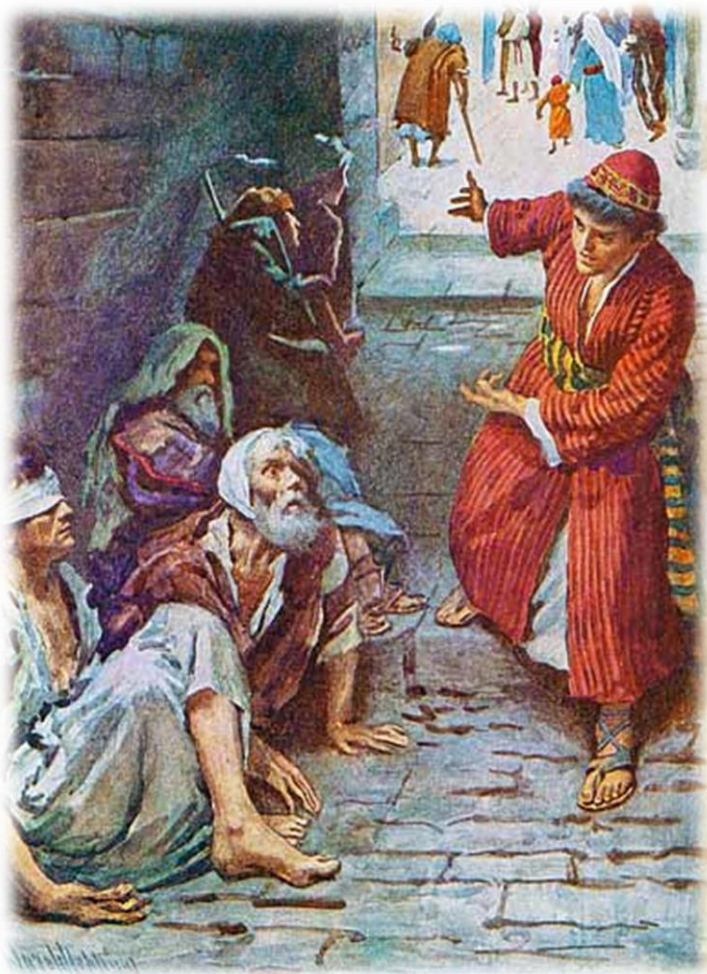
3 Parables of Jesus

1. 10 Virgins
2. Invitation to the Banquet



Awaken: To the Time

Luke 14:16-28



16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper and bade many;

17 And sent his servants at supper time, to say to them who were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready.

18 And they all, with one consent, began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it; I pray thee have me excused.

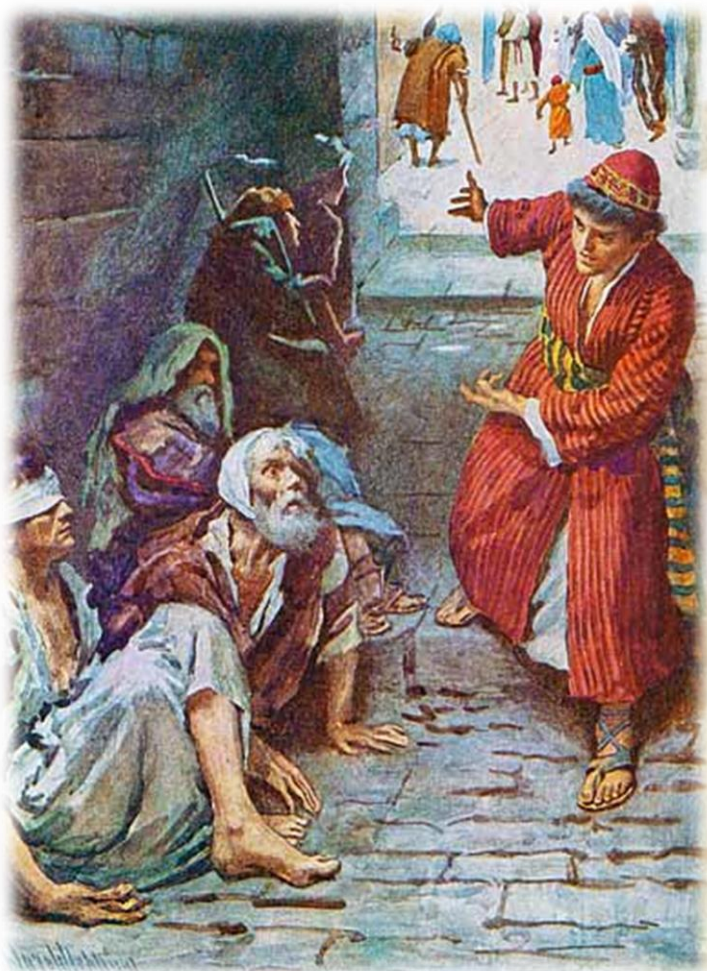
19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, therefore I cannot come.



Awaken: To the Time

Luke 14:16-28 (Cont.)



21 So that servant came and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servants, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring hither the poor, and the maimed, the halt and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

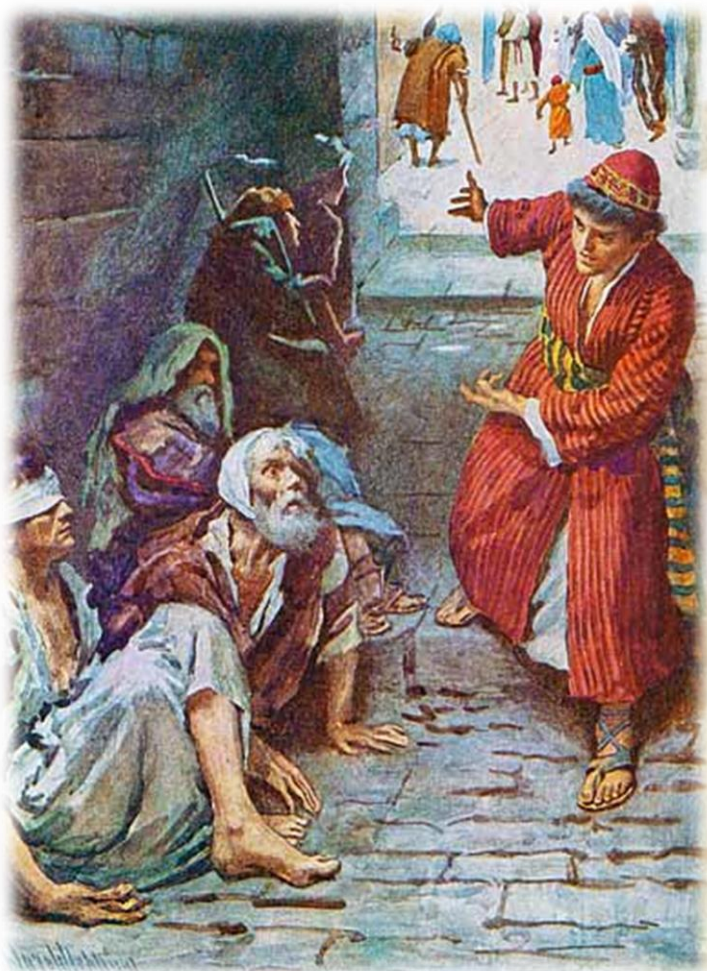
23 The Lord said unto his servant, Go out into the highways, and hedges, and compel men to come in, that my house may be filled;

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men who were bidden, shall taste of my supper.



Awaken: To the Time

Luke 14:16-28 (Cont.)



25 And when he had finished these sayings, he departed thence, and there went great multitudes with him, and he turned and said unto them,

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, or husband, yea and his own life also; or in other words, is afraid to lay down his life for my sake, cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

28 Therefore, settle this in your hearts, that ye will do the things which I shall teach, and command you.



Awaken: To the Time



3 Parables of Jesus

1. 10 Virgins
2. Invitation to the Banquet
3. Wedding Garments



Awaken: To the Time

Matthew 22:8-14

8 Then said he to his servants, The wedding is ready; but they who were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.



10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who had not a wedding garment.

12 And he said unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.



Awaken: To the Time

Matthew 22:8-14 (Cont.)

13 Then said the king unto his servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take and cast him away into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few chosen; wherefore all do not have on the wedding garment.





Awaken: To the Time

2 Nephi 6:35

35 And the righteous shall have a perfect knowledge of their enjoyment, and their righteousness, being clothed with purity, yea, even with the robe of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:10

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.



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AWAKEN
(TO THE ENEMY)



Awaken: To the Enemy

Filthiness
of the
World



Are these the
needed white
garments?



James 1:27

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the vices of the world.



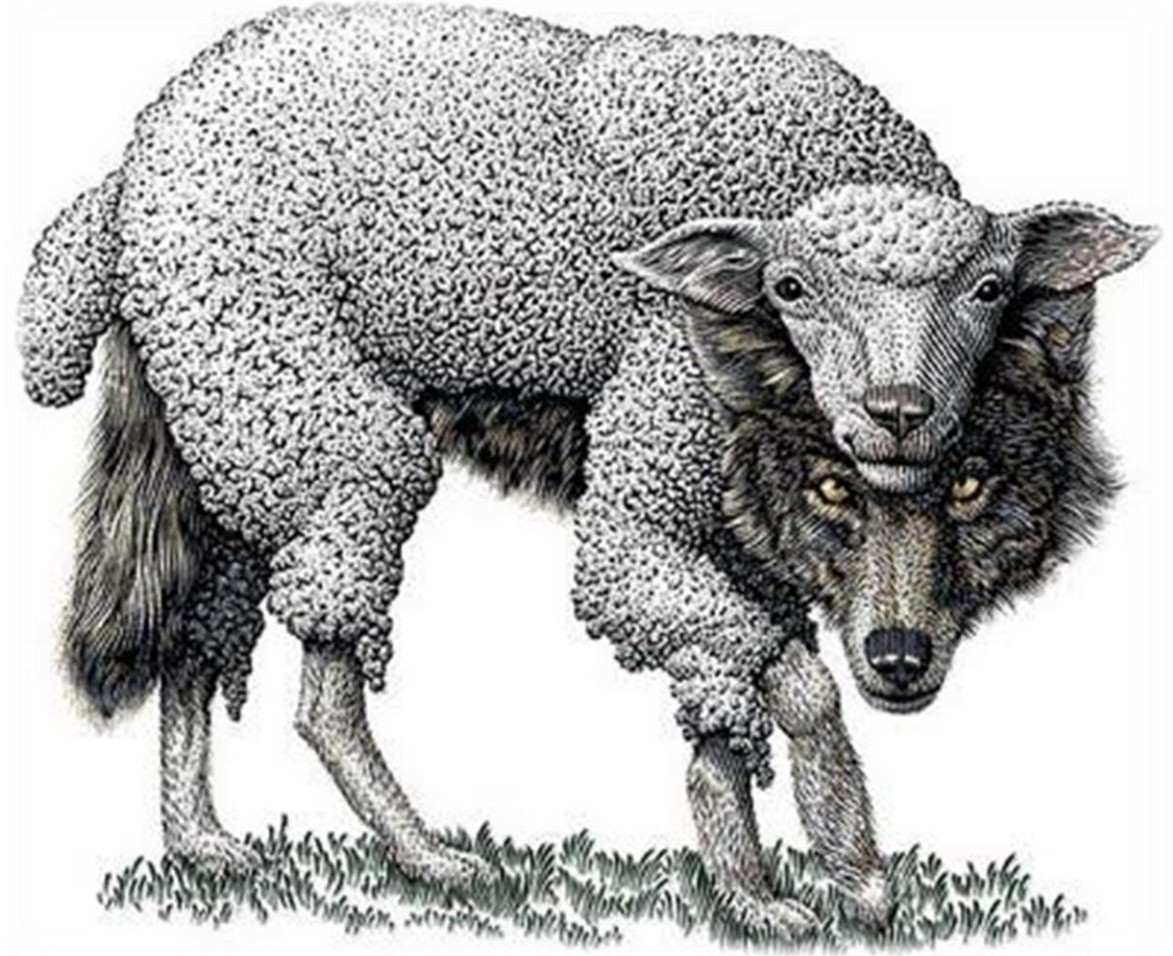
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D&C 46:3c-4a

3c walking uprightly before me, considering the end of your salvation, doing all things with prayer and thanksgiving, that ye may not be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men, for some are of men, and others of devils.

4a Wherefore, beware, lest ye are deceived, and that ye may not be deceived, seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always remembering for what they are given;

Lots of hypocrisy and bad in church – wolves.





Awaken: To the Enemy

2 Nephi 1:120-121

And they are free to choose liberty and eternal life, through the great mediation of all men, or to choose captivity and death, according to the captivity and power of the devil: For he seeketh that all men might be miserable like unto himself.





Awaken: To the Enemy

1 Peter 5:8

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour;

D&C 76:3k-1

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Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.



Awaken: To the Enemy

D&C 3:3

Verily, verily I say unto you, that Satan has great hold upon their hearts; he stirreth them up to iniquity against that which is good, and their hearts are corrupt, and full of wickedness and abominations, and they love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil; therefore they will not ask of me. Satan stirreth them up, that he may lead their souls to destruction. And thus he has laid a cunning plan, thinking to destroy the work of God, but I will require this at their hands, and it shall turn to their shame and condemnation in the day of judgment; yea, he stirreth up their hearts to anger against this work; yea, he saith unto them, Deceive and lie in wait to catch, that ye may destroy; behold, this is no harm; and thus he flattereth them, and telleth them that it is no sin to lie, that they may catch a man in a lie, that they may destroy him; and thus he flattereth them, and leadeth them along until he draggeth their souls down to hell; and thus he causeth them to catch themselves in their own snare; and thus he goeth up and down, to and fro in the earth, seeking to destroy the souls of men.



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2 Nephi 12:23-26,28

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Part 3



THE PEOPLE OF

ZION

Outreach Restoration Branch
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AWAKEN

(TO THE WORLD /
SPIRITUAL BABYLON)



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

Worldly Kingdoms
(Physical Warfare)

Spiritual Warfare
(Battle over what?)





Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

2 Nephi 3:224-225,229

And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the whore of all the earth, and she sat upon many waters; And she had dominion over all the earth, among all nations, kindreds, tongues and people. And it came to pass that I beheld that the great mother of abominations did gather together in multitudes upon the face of all the earth, among all the nations of the Gentiles, to fight against the Lamb of God.

D&C 81:1e

Ie therefore, what I say unto one I say unto all, Watch, for the adversary spreadeth his dominions and darkness reigneth; and the anger of God kindleth against the inhabitants of the earth; and none doeth good, for all have gone out of the way.



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

The World



Matthew 10:28-29,34

28 Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father who is in heaven.

29 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

34 He who seeketh to save his life shall lose it; and he who loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Matthew 16:26

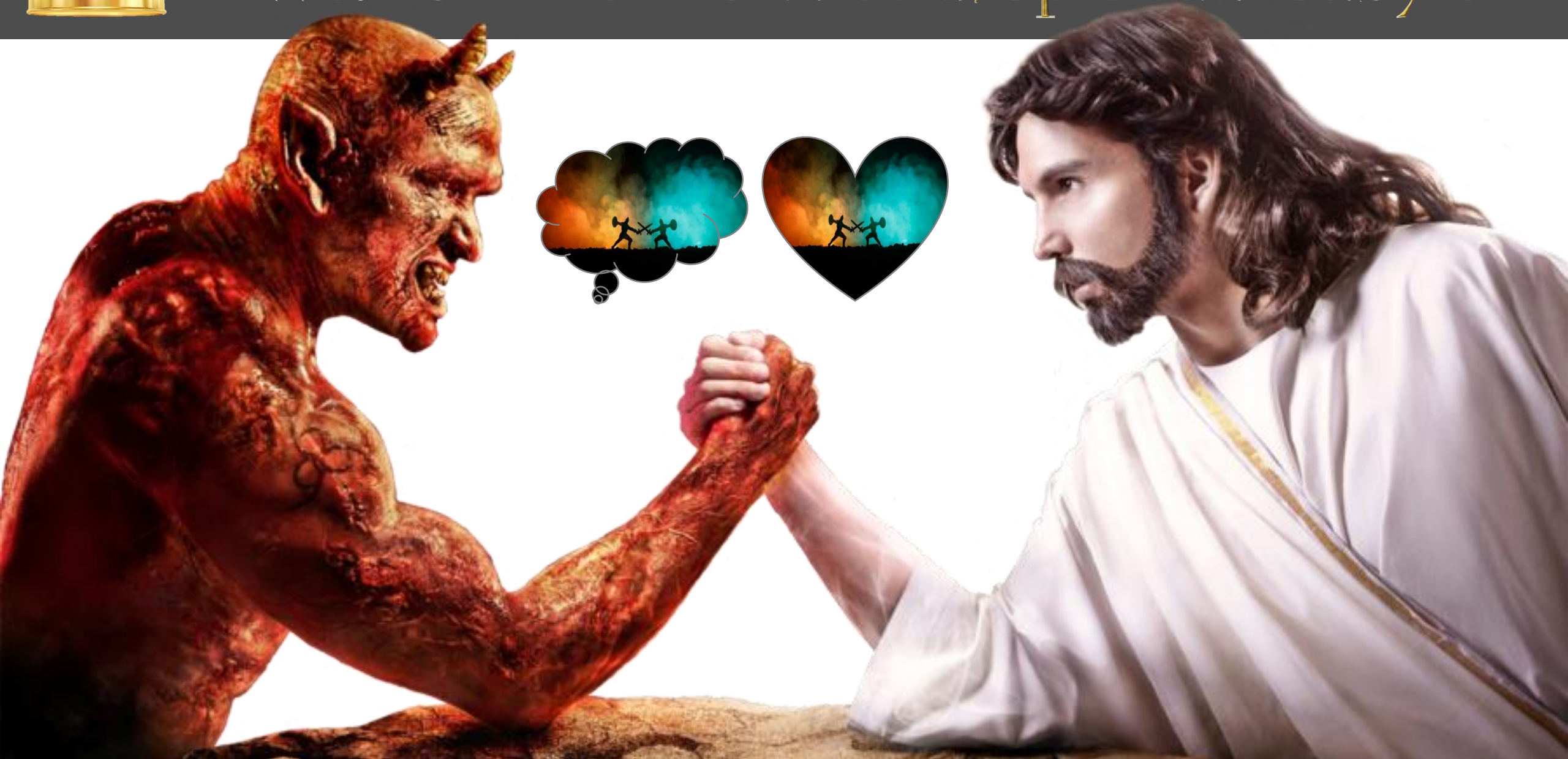
And now for a man to take up his cross, is to deny himself all ungodliness, and every worldly lust, and keep my commandments.

Jesus & His Kingdom





Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon





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2 Nephi 12:10

10 And there shall also be many which shall say, Eat, drink, and be merry; nevertheless, fear God, he will justify in committing a little sin: yea, lie a little, take the advantage of one because of his words, dig a pit for thy neighbor; there is no harm in this.

James 4:4,7-8

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

Moroni 10:27-30

And again I would exhort you, that ye would come unto Christ, and lay hold upon every good gift and touch not the evil gift, nor the unclean thing. And awake, and arise from the dust, O Jerusalem; yea, and put on thy beautiful garments, O daughter of Zion, and strengthen thy stakes, and enlarge thy borders for ever, that thou mayest no more be confounded, that the covenants of the eternal Father which he hath made unto thee, O house of Israel, may be fulfilled. Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no wise deny the power of God. And again, if ye, by the grace of God, are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father, unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy without spot.



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

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- touch not the evil gift,
- nor the unclean thing.
- awake, and arise from the dust,
- put on thy beautiful garments,
- love God with your all,
- come unto Christ,
- be perfected in him,
- deny yourselves of all ungodliness,
- deny not his power,

then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father, unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy without spot.

**Death by a thousand
cuts**

**Filth by a thousand
splotches**



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon



What are the unclean things?

Movies/TV



Sports



Books/Mag.



Social Media



Celebrities



Games



Music



News





Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon



What are the unclean things?

D&C 86:1a

1a Behold, verily thus saith the Lord unto you, In consequence of evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days, I have warned you, and forewarn you, by giving unto you this word of wisdom by revelation,



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon



What are the unclean things?

Food/Drink



Medicine



Clothing



Money



Sabbath



Homes



Cars



Leisure Time





Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

3 Nephi 9:101-106

- cut off thy horses
- destroy thy chariots
- cities of thy land
- thy strongholds
- cut off witchcrafts
- no more soothsayers
- thy graven images
- thy standing images
- no more worship the works of thy hands
- pluck up thy groves
- destroy thy cities
- all lyings
- deceivings
- envyings
- strifes
- priestcrafts
- whoredoms
- whosoever will not repent, them will I cut off from among my people



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

Ephesians 5:6-18

Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometime darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of light; (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light; for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what is the will of the Lord. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;



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Alma 3:44

Behold, my brethren, do ye suppose that such an one can have a place to sit down in the kingdom of God, with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob, and also all the holy prophets, whose garments are cleansed, and are spotless, pure, and white?



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

1 Peter 2:9-12

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;

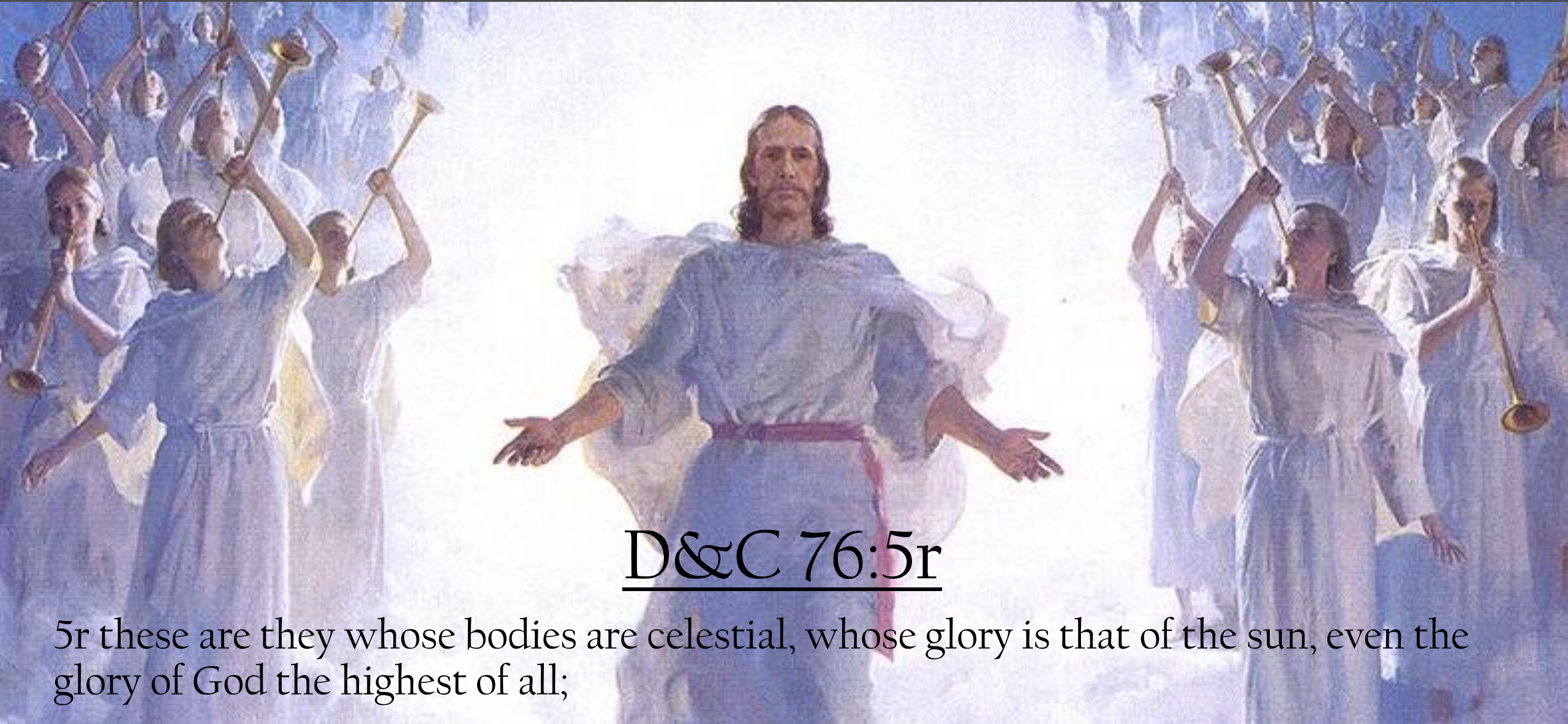
10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12 Having your conduct honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon



D&C 76:5r

5r these are they whose bodies are celestial, whose glory is that of the sun, even the glory of God the highest of all;



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D&C 128:8

8a The Spirit saith further: That these organizations contemplated in the law may be effected and the benefits to be derived therefrom be enjoyed by the Saints, in such enjoyment they can not withdraw themselves so completely from a qualified dependence upon their Gentile neighbors surrounding them as to be entirely free from intercommunication with them;

8b yet it is incumbent upon the Saints while reaping the benefits of these organizations to so conduct themselves in the carrying into operation the details of their organizations as to be in the world but not of it,

8c living and acting honestly and honorably before God and in the sight of all men, using the things of this world in the manner designed of God, that the places where they occupy may shine as Zion, the redeemed of the Lord.



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

Anti-Nephi-Lehi's
People of Ammon





Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

Alma 14:46,122

And thus we see that when these Lamanites were brought to believe and to know the truth, they were firm, and would suffer even unto death, rather than commit sin: But behold, how many of these have laid down their lives, and we know that they have gone to their God, because of their love, and of their hatred to sin.

Alma 19:112-114

And now, my son, I desire that ye should let these things trouble you no more, and only let your sins trouble you, with that trouble which shall bring you down unto repentance. O my son, I desire that ye should deny the justice of God no more. Do not endeavor to excuse yourself in the least point, because of your sins, by denying the justice of God, but do you let the justice of God, and his mercy, and his long suffering, have full sway in your heart; but let it bring you down to the dust in humility.



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

The
World



GET OUT
OF
BABYLON

Jesus &
His
Kingdom





Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

D&C 1:2a-c,3d,4b

Wherefore prepare ye, prepare ye, O my people; sanctify yourselves; gather ye together, O ye people of my church, upon the land of Zion, all you that have not been commanded to tarry. Go ye out from Babylon. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Call your solemn assemblies, and speak often one to another. Behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him. Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord. And let them who be of Judah, flee unto Jerusalem, unto the mountains of the Lord's house. Go ye out from among the nations, even from Babylon, from the midst of wickedness, which is spiritual Babylon.





Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

D&C 34:3

And it shall come to pass, that there shall be a great work in the land, even among the Gentiles, for their folly and their abominations shall be made manifest, in the eyes of all people; for I am God, and mine arm is not shortened, and I will show miracles, signs and wonders, unto all those who believe on my name. And whoso shall ask it in my name, in faith, they shall cast out devils; they shall heal the sick; they shall cause the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak, and the lame to walk; and the time speedily cometh that great things are to be shown forth unto the children of men; but without faith shall not anything be shown forth except desolations upon Babylon, the same which has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And there are none that doeth good except those who are ready to receive the fullness of my gospel, which I have sent forth unto this generation.

Times of the Gentiles

Starts with
Restored Gospel



Ends with the following

Rejection of Gospel
Jerusalem Control by
Jews



Time of the Covenanted People

Starts at the end of
the “Times of the
Gentiles”

Ends with





Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

D&C 64:5b

5b for verily I say, Tomorrow all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble; and I will burn them up, for I am the Lord of hosts; and I will not spare any that remaineth in Babylon. Wherefore, if ye believe me, ye will labor while it is called to day.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself MAY be saved; yet so as by fire. **May = NO PROMISE**



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon



Benjamin's Patriarchal Blessing

“...know that whatever it is that you would do, needs to be consistent with the building of the kingdom of God, and that there should be nothing within your life that cannot be taken into the kingdom and used for the benefit of building it up unto the Lord.”



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

D&C 1:3a-e

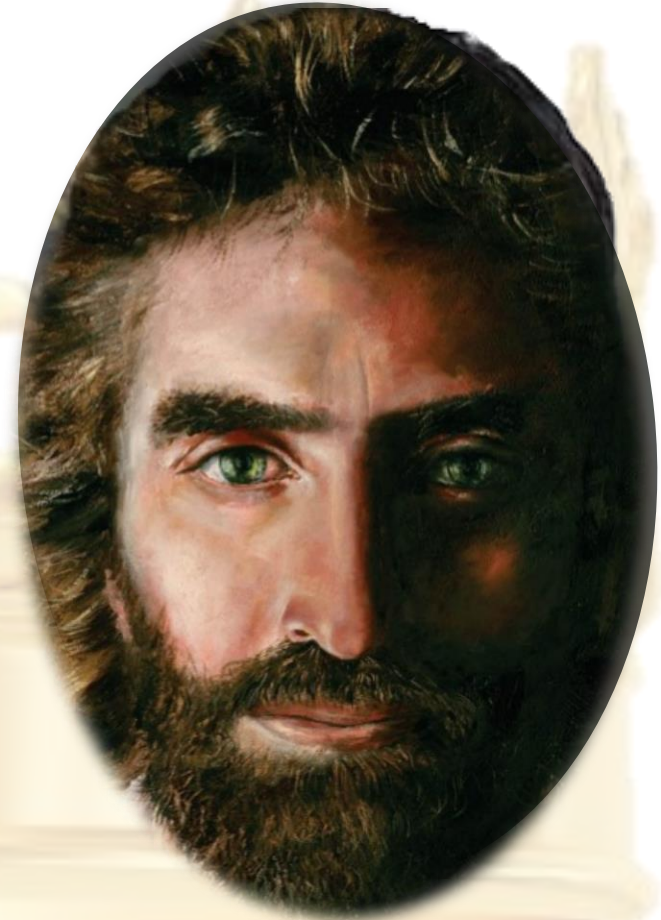
Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth, that all that will hear may hear; prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh; and the anger of the Lord is kindled, and his sword is bathed in heaven, and it shall fall upon the inhabitants of the earth; and the arm of the Lord shall be revealed; and the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people; for they have strayed from mine ordinances, and have broken mine everlasting covenant; they seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, but every man walketh in his own way, and after the image of his own god, whose image is in the likeness of the world, and whose substance is that of an idol, which waxeth old and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon the great, which shall fall.



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Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

Hebrews 11:13-16,39-40

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly; wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promises; God having provided some better things for them through their sufferings, for without sufferings they could not be made perfect.

Covenanted People

AWAKEN
(TO THE TIME OF
CHOOSING)



Awaken: To the Time of Choosing

Day of Choosing





Day of Choosing

1. Awaken – No longer being asleep
2. Prepare – How to become the people of the Kingdom
3. Preach – take the Gospel into all the world, to warn our neighbor, Book of Mormon to Remnant of Jacob



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

2 Nephi 12:90

For the time speedily cometh, that the Lord God shall cause a great division among the people; and the wicked will he destroy; and he will spare his people, yea, even if it so be that he must destroy the wicked by fire.

Not choosing
IS choosing!





Awaken: To the Time of Choosing

D&C 105:9-10

Verily, verily I say unto you, Darkness covereth the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people, and all flesh has become corrupt before my face.

Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth--a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning, and of lamentation--and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth, saith the Lord.

And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth, saith the Lord. First among those among you, saith the Lord, who have professed to know my name and have not known me, and have blasphemed against me in the midst of my house, saith the Lord.



Awaken: To the Time of Choosing

1 Nephi 7:49-51

49 But it is the kingdom of the devil which shall be built up among the children of men, which kingdom is established among them which are in the flesh:

50 For the time speedily shall come, that all churches which are built up to get gain, and all those who are built up to get power over the flesh, and those who are built up to become popular in the eyes of the world, and those who seek the lusts of the flesh and the things of the world, and to do all manner of iniquity;

51 Yea, in fine, all those who belong to the kingdom of the devil, are they who need fear, and tremble, and quake;



Awaken: To the Time of Choosing

Day of Choosing

Gentile



ZION



Awaken: To the Enemy

2 Nephi 12:23-26,28

23 For the kingdom of the devil must shake, and they which belong to it must needs be stirred up unto repentance, or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains, and they be stirred up to anger and perish:

24 For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good;

25 And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say, All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well;

26 And thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.

28 And thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance.



Lance's Dream



Awaken: To the World/Spiritual Babylon

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The Building of Zion

AWAKEN

(TO OUR CALLING – TO
ASSIST)



The Building of Zion: Assist

We have been given all of the tools needed, we just need to decide to be about to the work whereunto we have been called.

D&C 138:3

Let the church again be admonished that the task of establishing Zion presses heavily upon us. Barriers and hindrances to the achievement of this goal should be removed as speedily as possible and practicable. To lay securely the foundations for Zion and her buildings the work should be accomplished in peace and harmony. Unity should prevail. To this end all the Saints should work together in the rich fraternity which can and will prevail among them when they keep faithfully the commandments. Great blessings are in store for the church if it will in faith and saintly devotion go forward in its tasks.



The Building of Zion: Assist

3 Nephi 10:1-3 (read through vs. 11)

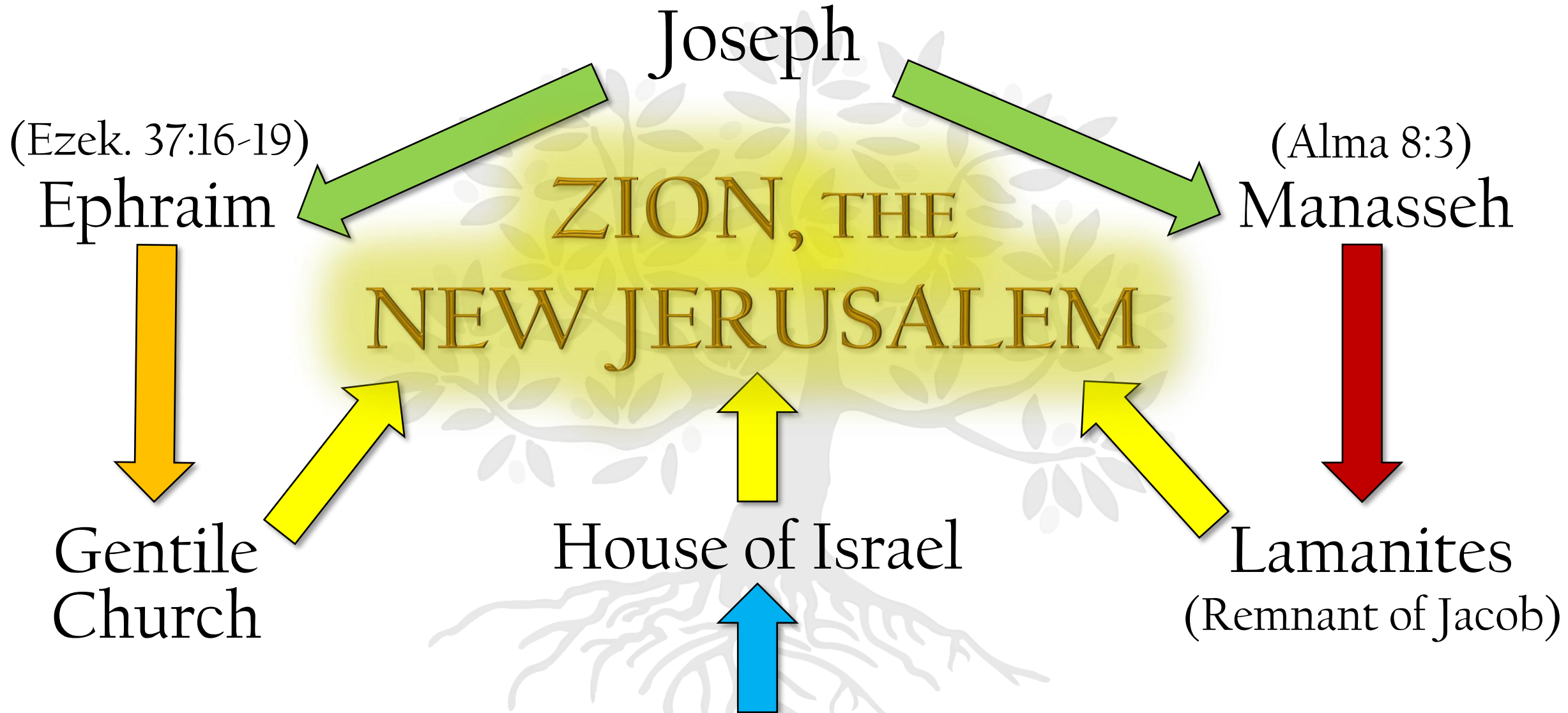
1 But if they [*Gentiles*] will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant, and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, and they shall ASSIST my people, the remnant of Jacob;

2 And also, as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that THEY may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem;

3 And then shall they ASSIST my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem.



The Building of Zion: Assist





What does “assist” mean?

Common belief:

Gentiles assisting means that the remnant of Jacob will take over the leadership and Spiritual guidance over the building up of the New Jerusalem.

Benjamin’s belief:

“Assist” does not mean subservient or below in order or higher achy, rather it means to be servants who are prepared to guide, provide, and teach those who are being gathered in.

The church has been given the Book of Mormon so that we can be prepared to be His stewards over the work and to know God’s plan for how the work of the building of Zion will be done.



What does “assist” mean?





The Building of Zion: Assist

1 Nephi 7:15-18

17 And after our seed is scattered, the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which shall be of great worth unto our seed;

18 Wherefore, it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles, and being carried in their arms, and upon their shoulders.

Gentiles
(Book of
Mormon)

Jews
(Book of
Mormon)

You are
here

Gentiles Reject
Jesus & Gospel

Covenanted
People Build the
New Jerusalem



The Building of Zion: Assist

2 Nephi 7:12-17

But behold, thus saith the Lord God: When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ, then have I covenanted with their fathers, that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance. And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth; And the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance. Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers; Wherefore the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute? But behold, this land, saith God, shall be a land of thine inheritance; and the Gentiles shall be blessed upon the land.



The Building of Zion: Assist

Mormon 2:34-37

And now behold, I, Mormon...knowing that these things must surely be made known, and that all things which are hid must be revealed upon the house tops, and also that a knowledge of these things must come unto the remnant of these people, and also unto the Gentiles, which the Lord hath said should scatter this people, and this people should be counted as nought among them. Therefore I write a small abridgment, daring not to give a full account of the things which I have seen, because of the commandment which I have received, and also that ye might not have too great sorrow because of the wickedness of this people. And now behold, this I speak unto their seed, and also to the Gentiles, who have care for the house of Israel, that realize and know from whence their blessings come.

Covenanted People

PREPARE

**(HOW TO BECOME THE
PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM)**

Part 4



THE PEOPLE OF

ZION

Outreach Restoration Branch
Elder Benji Pedersen

Covenanted People

PREPARE

**(HOW TO BE THE
PEOPLE OF ZION)**



How to be the People of Zion



Paper & Pen
Write it down



How to be the People of Zion

James 1:22-27

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass; For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the vices of the world.



How to be the People of Zion

Practical Steps / Actions (Doers)



Paper & Pen
Write it down



How to be the People of Zion

Of the world or of Christ?



We have so much separation.



How to be the People of Zion

“Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord!”



We are called to so much more!



How to be the People of Zion

Out of all time, you
have been placed here!





How to be the People of Zion

We are called to
be a people of
POWER!!!



To help build the
Holy City & to stand
upon Holy Places!





How to be the People of Zion

We are called to
“assist” in the
gathering of
Israel.





What does “assist” mean?





How to be the People of Zion

To teach & show
them the way of
Zion living.
(Be the example)





How to be the People of Zion

To teach & show
them the way of
Zionic living.
(Be the example)



1 Nephi 7:13

Nevertheless, after they have been nursed by the Gentiles, and the Lord has lifted up his hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and their children have been carried in their arms and their daughters have been carried upon their shoulders...



How to be the People of Zion



NOT of
←this world,
but
strangers &
pilgrims.





How to be the People of Zion

D&C 64:6b-8b

6b wherefore, as ye are agents, and ye are on the Lord's errand; and whatever ye do according to the will of the Lord, is the Lord's business, and he hath set you to provide for his Saints in these last days, that they may obtain an inheritance in the land of Zion, and, behold, I, the Lord, declare unto you, and my words are sure and shall not fail, that they shall obtain it;

6c but all things must come to pass in their time; wherefore be not weary in well-doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work. And out of small things proceedeth that which is great.

7a Behold, the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind; and the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land of Zion in these last days;



How to be the People of Zion

2017 Reunion Experience

Paper & Pen

Write it down





How to be the People of Zion

Paper & Pen

Write it down



1. Consider your life
2. Write down your thoughts and desired changes
3. Start them one-at-a-time

How to be the People of Zion

1. Set Your House In Order: Financially
2. Set Your House In Order: Physically Clean
3. Set Your House In Order: Spiritually Clean
4. Yield NOT to Temptation
5. Hobbies (Positive, Beneficial, & Godly)
6. Service to Others / Owning the Work
7. Devotion to God Throughout the Day
8. Diet & Food
9. Read the Scriptures
10. Active & Continual Prayer
11. Fasting
12. Focus On the Prize / Goal / Work of Zion
13. Know God's Spirit
14. Seek Testimonies





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Financially





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Financially

1 Timothy 6:10

For the love of money is the root of all evil...

**MY
MONEY**

D&C 101:2b-c



It is wisdom in me; therefore, a commandment I give unto you, that ye shall organize yourselves, and appoint every man his stewardship, that every man may give an account unto me of the stewardship which is appointed unto him; for it is expedient that I, the Lord, should make every man accountable, as stewards over earthly blessings, which I have made and prepared for my creatures.





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Financially



D&C 64:6a

Behold, it is said in my laws, or forbidden, to get in debt to thine enemies...

D&C 64:5a

Behold, now it is called today (until the coming of the Son of man), and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned (at his coming); for after to day cometh the burning: this is speaking after the manner of the Lord;





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Financially

Malachi 3:8-12

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Financially

Jacob 2:22

Think of your brethren, like unto yourselves, and be familiar with all, and free with your substance, that they may be rich like unto you.

Mosiah 9:62

And thus they should impart of their substance, of their own free will and good desires towards God, and to those priests that stood in need, yea, and to every needy, naked soul.





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Financially

D&C 81:4c-g (selected parts)

For Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness; her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened; yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments...managing the concerns of your stewardships, every man according to his wants and his needs, inasmuch as his wants are just;

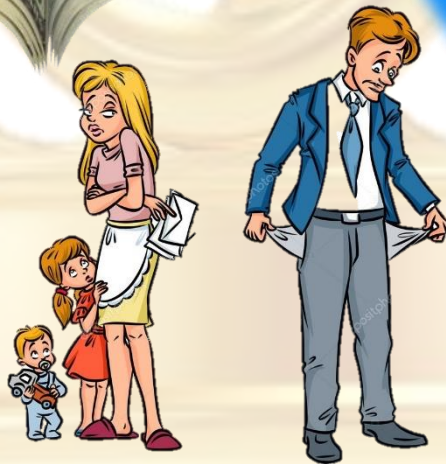
And all this for the benefit of the church of the living God, that every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents; yea, even an hundredfold, to be cast into the Lord's storehouse, to become the common property of the whole church, every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God.





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Financially



D&C 51:5b...And whoso is found a faithful, a just, and a wise steward, shall enter into the joy of his Lord, and shall inherit eternal life.





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Physically Clean





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Physically Clean

D&C 87:5e

Set in order your houses; keep slothfulness and uncleanness far from you.



D&C 17:10b

...visit the house of each member, and exhort them to pray vocally and in secret, and attend to all family duties:



D&C 128:8...using the things of this world in the manner designed of God...





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Spiritually Clean





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Spiritually Clean

D&C 85:36b

Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing, and establish a house, even a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God;



If Jesus came
to my house...



D&C 128:8...using the things of this world in the manner designed of God...





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Spiritually Clean

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D&C 128:8...using the things of this world in the manner designed of God...





How to be the People of Zion

Set Your House In Order: Spiritually Clean

If Jesus came to my house...

Paper & Pen

Write it down



D&C 128:8...using the things of this world in the manner designed of God...





How to be the People of Zion

Yield NOT To Temptation





How to be the People of Zion

Yield NOT To Temptation

Alma 8:72

Knowest thou that the righteous yieldeth to no such temptations?





How to be the People of Zion

Yield NOT To Temptation

Genesis 3:6-22

Temptation of Eve in the Garden of Eden

Where should this
have ended?

1. Initial thought

8 And he said unto the woman...
(Eve replied with God's commandment)

2. Let it stay

10 And the serpent said unto the woman...

3. Considered the
thought

11 And when the woman saw that the tree was
good...

4. Conceived in her heart

11 ...it became pleasant to the eyes...

5. Acted upon it

11 ...she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat...





How to be the People of Zion

Yield NOT To Temptation

Benjamin's Patriarchal Blessing

“The adversary will seek to destroy you and will seek to place before you those temptations of life. As these temptations come, do not even give them a thought, and pray to your Heavenly Father and He will remove them from your mind and allow you to remain pure before Him.”

Evil thoughts can come from the Devil, yourself, or others.





How to be the People of Zion

Yield NOT To Temptation

2 Nephi 3:43-50

And why should I yield to sin, because of my flesh? Yea, why should I give way to temptations, that the evil one have place in my heart, to destroy my peace and afflict my soul? Why am I angry because of mine enemy? Awake, my soul! No longer droop in sin.

Rejoice, O my heart, and give place no more for the enemy of my soul. Do not anger again, because of mine enemies. Do not slacken my strength, because of mine afflictions. Rejoice, O my heart, and cry unto the Lord, and say, O Lord, I will praise thee for ever; yea, my soul will rejoice in thee, my God, and the rock of my salvation.





How to be the People of Zion

Yield NOT To Temptation

James 4:7

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1. Initial thought

2. Let it stay

3. Considered the thought

4. Conceived in her heart

5. Acted upon it

EVIL
THOUGHT



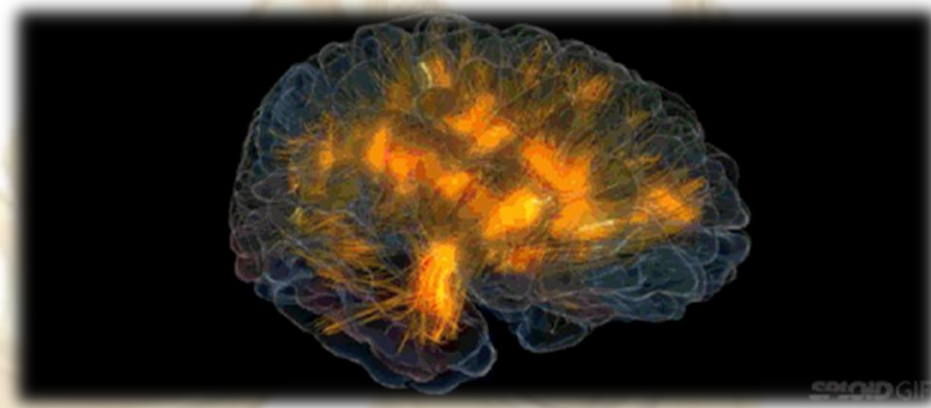


How to be the People of Zion

Yield NOT To Temptation

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies [**& MIND**] a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God is.



Reprogram your mind

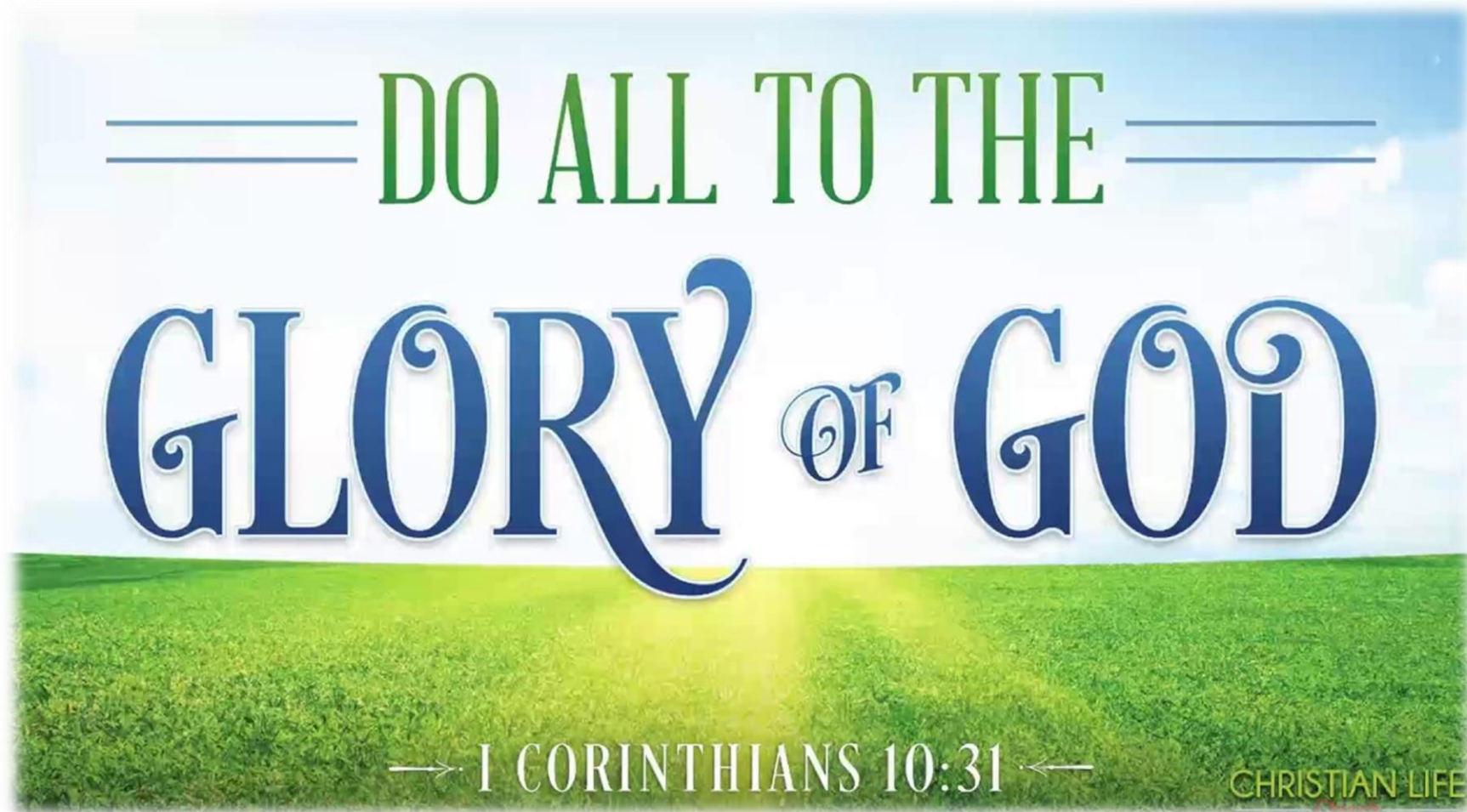
Create the new
pathway





How to be the People of Zion

Develop Hobbies: Replace What Is Removed





How to be the People of Zion

Develop Hobbies: Replace What Is Removed

Matthew 12:38-39

And he said unto them, When THE unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest and findeth none; but when a man speaketh against the Holy Ghost, then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth him empty, swept and garnished; for the good spirit leaveth him unto himself. Then goeth the evil spirit, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in and dwell there; and the last end of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

“Idle hands are the devil's workshop.” – 12th century saying





How to be the People of Zion

Develop Hobbies: Replace What Is Removed

John 15:27-28

Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of Man hath power to give unto you; for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

D&C 119:8b

All are called according to the gifts of God unto them; and to the intent that all may labor together





How to be the People of Zion

Develop Hobbies: Replace What Is Removed

What can you do?

1. What are your passions?
 2. What talents have you been given?
 3. What gifts do you have or want?
 4. What do you enjoy doing?
- **Beneficial for others?**
 - **Positive impact?**
 - **Godly effort?**
 - **Practical effort?**
 - **Value for the Kingdom?**

I Corinthians 10:31 ...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

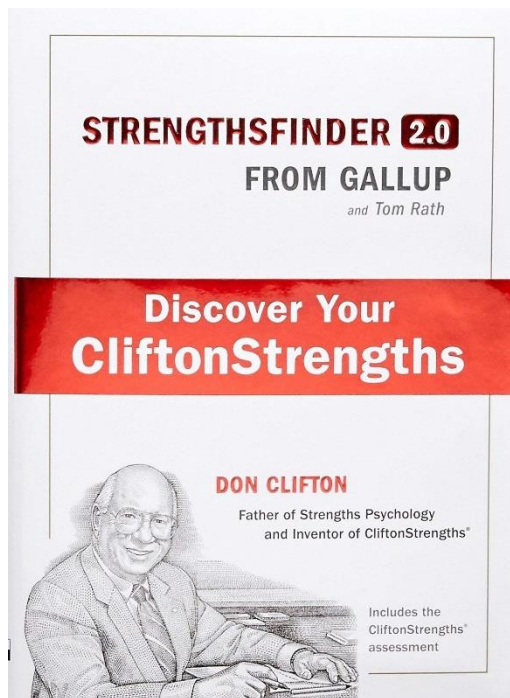




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Develop Hobbies: Replace What Is Removed

You have unique gifts
that only you have.



The odds of
someone
having the
same top ten
in the same
order are 1 in
6 Billion!



Donald O. Clifton, Ph.D.
psychologist and business
executive (1924-2003)

- “**What** will **happen** when we think about what is **right** with people rather than **fixating** on what is **wrong** with them?”
- There is nothing wrong with being aware of your weaknesses and managing them, but your greatest opportunity for success lies in building on your natural talents--not in fixing your weaknesses.
- A weakness is a shortage or misapplication of talent, skill, or knowledge, that causes problems for you or others. A talent, regardless of where it falls in your profile, is only a weakness if it creates a problem.





How to be the People of Zion

Develop Hobbies: Replace What Is Removed

Out of all time, you
have been placed here!





How to be the People of Zion

Develop Hobbies: Replace What Is Removed

“When you want something done, ask a busy person.”

– Author Unknown –



This guy is too busy (Trapped)

Matthew 25:29-31

For unto every one who hath obtained other talents, shall be given, and he shall have an abundance. But from him that hath not obtained other talents, shall be taken away even that which he hath received. And his lord shall say unto his servants, Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.





How to be the People of Zion

Develop Hobbies: Replace What Is Removed



No time for slothfulness! We have work to do!





How to be the People of Zion

Develop Hobbies: Replace What Is Removed

D&C 58:6c-f

For, behold, it is not meet that I should command in all things, for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward. Verily I say, Men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; for the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good, they shall in nowise lose their reward.

But he that doeth not anything until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned.





How to be the People of Zion

Service to Others / Owning the Work





How to be the People of Zion

Service to Others / Owning the Work

John 15:8-14

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

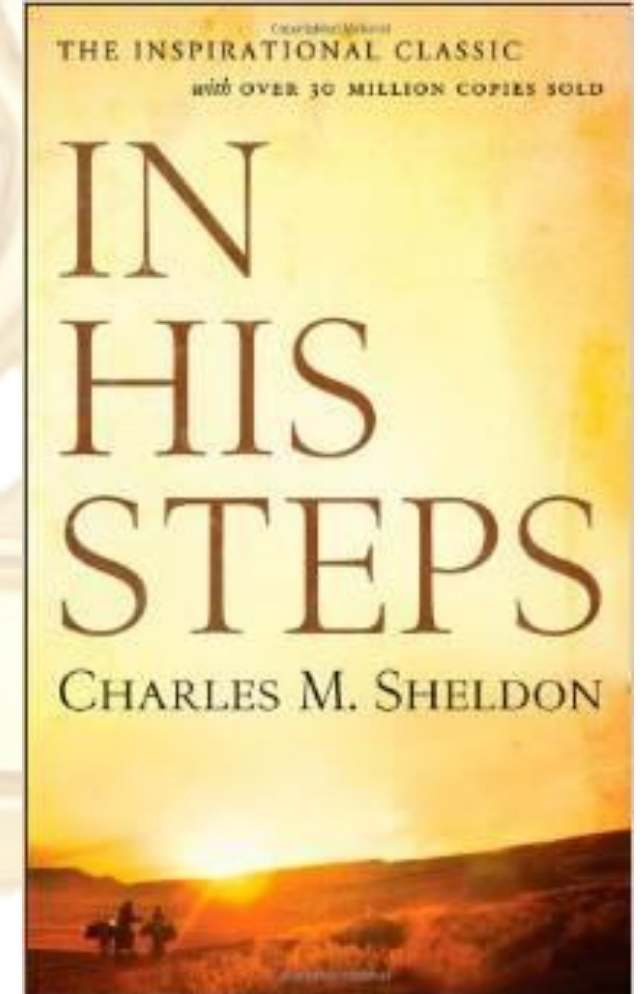




How to be the People of Zion

Service to Others / Owning the Work

- Committed to do what Jesus would do for one year
- No matter the consequences, do what Jesus would do
- What Would Jesus Do (WWJD)?
- Be partakers of Christ's suffering (why should we do less than Him?)





How to be the People of Zion

Service to Others / Owning the Work

A DISCIPLE IS

SOMEONE

WHO HAS MOVED FROM BEING THE

RECIPIENT

OF THE GOSPEL MISSION

TO BEING

RESPONSIBLE

FOR THE

GOSPEL MISSION

Responsible for / Ownership of:

- The work & needs of the body
- Our gifts & talents (our time, skills, money, resources, efforts)
- Becoming one, as a body of believers, for Zion





How to be the People of Zion

Service to Others / Owning the Work

Mosiah 1:48-50

Behold, I say unto you, that because I said unto you that I had spent my days in your service, I do not desire to boast, for I have only been in the service of God. And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings, ye are only in the service of your God. Behold, ye have called me your king; and if I, whom ye call your king, do labor to serve you, then had not ye ought to labor to serve one another?





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“Ask NOT what your country can do for you, ask what YOU can do for your country.”

– John F Kennedy –

“Ask NOT what the saints can do for you, ask what YOU can do for the Saints and the kingdom.”

– Author Unknown –

“Give your heart, your time, your efforts, your money, your resources, your talents, your desires, your all...

FOR ZION, for others!”

– Author Unknown –





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Alma 17:65-70

And now my son, remember the words which I have spoken unto you: trust not those secret plans [of the Jaredites] unto this people, but teach them an everlasting hatred against sin and iniquity;

Preach unto them repentance, and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ: teach them to humble themselves, and to be meek and lowly in heart; teach them to withstand every temptation of the devil, with their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ; Teach them to never be weary of good works, but to be meek and lowly in heart: for such shall find rest to their souls.

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Alma 17:65-70 (Cont.)

O remember my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God; yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; Yea, let all thy doings be unto the Lord, and whithersoever thou goest, let it be in the Lord; yea, let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord for ever; counsel the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good: Yea, when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou riseth in the morning, let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day.





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Alma 17:65-70 (Summary)

- keep the commandments of God;
- cry unto God for all thy support;
- let all thy doings be unto the Lord,
- whithersoever thou goest, let it be in the Lord;
- let thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord;
- let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord for ever;
- counsel the Lord in all thy doings,
- when thou liest down at night, lie down unto the Lord,
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Don't let Satan steal your idle thoughts!

