



# END TIMES SIGNS

LUKE 21 & THE  
TIMES OF THE GENTILES

PART 1

OUTREACH RESTORATION BRANCH

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D&C 34:5a-b, 6

# Outline of Class

1. Importance of Signs
2. Brief History of Israel & Definitions
3. Luke 21
4. Times of the Gentiles
5. Gathering of the House of Israel



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# Why Know the Signs of the End Times?



# Importance of the Signs

The Pharisees also, with the Sadducees, came, and tempting Jesus, desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven.

And he answered and said unto them, When it is evening ye say, The weather is fair, for the sky is red; and in the morning ye say, The weather is foul today; for the sky is red and lowering.

O hypocrites! ye can discern the face of the sky; but ye cannot tell the signs of the times.

A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the Prophet Jonas.

Matthew 16:1-4





# Importance of the Signs

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, until he revealeth the secret unto his servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

Ye hear of wars in far countries,  
and you say that there will soon be  
great wars in far countries, but ye  
know not the hearts of men in your  
own land.

I tell you these things because of  
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D&C 38:6c-d





# Importance of the Signs

Go ye into all the world; preach the gospel to every creature, acting in the authority which I have given you, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

And he that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned; and he that believeth shall be blessed with signs following, even as it is written;

And unto you it shall be given to know the signs of the times, and the signs of the coming of the Son of man; and of as many as the Father shall bear record, to you shall be given power to seal them up unto eternal life. Amen.

D&C 68:1f-h (also D&C 39:5b-6)





# Importance of the Signs

For, for this intent have we written these things, that they may know that we knew of Christ, and we had a hope of his glory, many hundred years before his coming, and not only we, ourselves, had a hope of his glory, but also all the holy prophets which were before us.

Jacob 3:4

And it shall come to pass that he that feareth me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of man;

and they shall see signs and wonders, for they shall be shown forth in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath;

D&C 45:6a-b

# Importance of the Signs

**And whoso treasureth up my words, shall not be deceived.**

**For the Son of Man shall come, and he shall send his angels before him with the great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together the remainder of his elect from the four winds; from one end of heaven to the other.**

**Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When its branches are yet tender, and it begins to put forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh at hand.**

**So likewise mine elect, when they shall see all these things, they shall know that he is near, even at the doors.**

**Matthew 24:39-43 (Cont.)→**



# Importance of the Signs

←(Cont.) But of that day and hour no one knoweth; no, not the angels of God in heaven, but my Father only.

And what I say unto one, I say unto all men; Watch, therefore, for ye know not at what hour Lord doth come.

But know this, if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to have been broken up; but would have been ready.

Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.

Matthew 24:49-51



# Importance of the Signs Summary

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2. He revealeth the secret unto his servants
3. I tell you these things because of your prayers; wherefore, treasure up wisdom in your bosoms
4. Unto you it shall be given to know the signs of the times
5. To have a hope of his glory
6. He that feareth God shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs, and ye shall see signs and wonders
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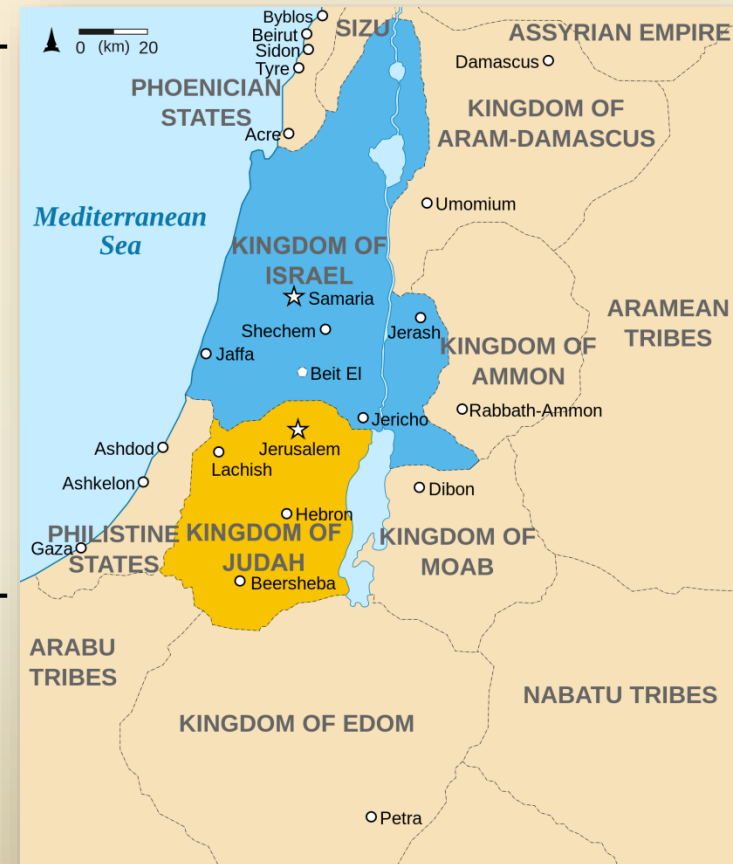


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| • Rueben | • Nephtali |
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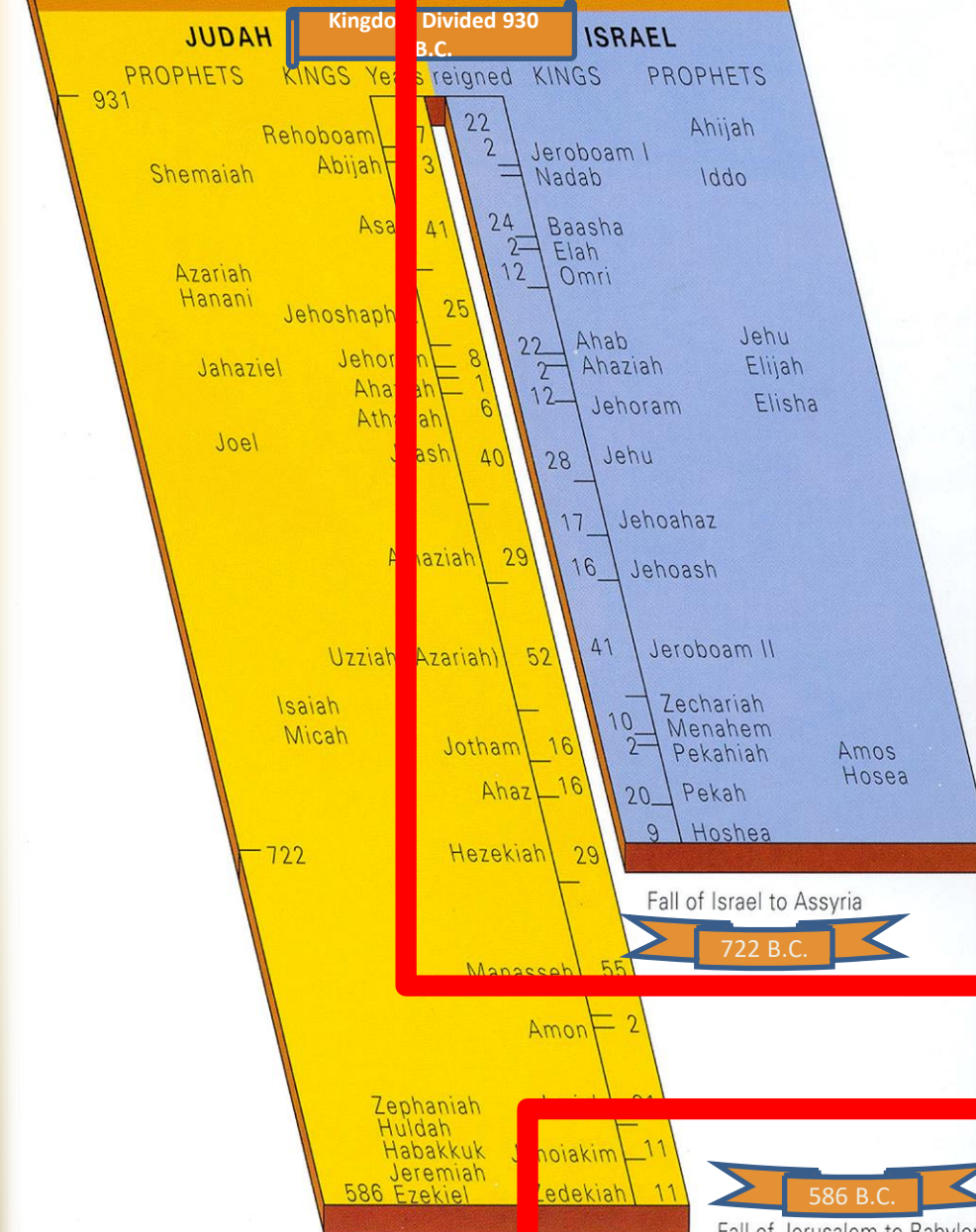
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\* Levi was disbursed to all tribes and Joseph's blessing was given to his two sons



# KINGS AND PROPHETS OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



# A Brief History of Israel

- The Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed and the people scattered (the 10 lost tribes of Israel)
  - There were people of these tribes in the Southern Kingdom
- The Southern Kingdom of Israel remained until around 720 B.C. (tribes of Judah and Benjamin) when it was destroyed
- Jerusalem was later rebuilt and was occupied by the Jews (Judah, Benjamin, half of Manasseh, Levi, and remnants of other tribes) until its destruction in 70 A.D.
- The people of Israel were scattered into all nations of the earth
- There was not a Nation of Israel in the modern era until 1948



# **A Brief History of Israel**

After World War I, the League of Nations approved the British Mandate of Palestine with the intent of creating a "national home for the Jewish people." In 1947, the United Nations approved the partition of the Mandate of Palestine into two states, one Jewish and one Arab. The Arab League rejected the plan, but on May 14, 1948, Israel declared its independence. The new country's victory in the subsequent Arab-Israeli War expanded the borders of the Jewish state beyond those in the UN Partition Plan.

Since then, Israel has been in conflict with many of the neighboring Arab countries, resulting in several major wars and decades of violence until this day. Since its foundation, Israel's boundaries and even the State's very right to exist have been subject to dispute, although Israel has signed peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, and efforts are being made to reach a permanent accord with the Palestinians.

# Definitions

- **Jews** – Judah, Benjamin, Levi, some of Manasseh, other remnants
- **Israel** – All the children of Israel
  - Also anyone who is baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ
- **Gentiles** – Believe it is lost tribes of Israel
  - Could mean anyone not a Jew or Israel



# House of Israel

And come unto me, and be baptized in my name, that ye may receive a remission of your sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, that ye may be numbered with my people, who are of the house of Israel.

3 Nephi 14:3

# Luke 21



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## Questions the disciples asked Jesus:

1. What shall be the signs of the destruction of Jerusalem? (**SCATTERING**)
2. What shall be the signs of your (Christ's) second coming? (**GATHERING**)
3. What shall be the signs of the destruction of the wicked? (See class on the "Destruction of the Wicked")

**Note: we're using the Inspired Version**

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5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones, and gifts, he said,

6 These things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be lift one stone upon another, which shall not be thrown down.

7 And the disciples asked him, saying, Master, when shall these things be? And what sign wilt thou show, when these things shall come to pass?

8 And he said, The time draweth near, and therefore take heed that ye be not deceived; for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; go ye not therefore after them.

9 And when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified; for these things must first come to pass; but this is not the end.

## Luke 21

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights, and great signs shall there be from heaven.

11 But before all these things shall come, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you; delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons; being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

12 Settle this therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer;

13 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

14 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.



## Luke 21

15 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

16 And ye shall be hated of all the world for my name's sake.

17 But there shall not a hair of your head perish.

18 In your patience possess ye your souls.

19 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh (**DANIEL 9**).

20 Then let them who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them who are in the midst of it, depart out; and let not them who are in the countries, return to enter into the city.

21 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written maybe fulfilled.

## Luke 21

22 But woe unto them who are with child, and to them who give suck, in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

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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.

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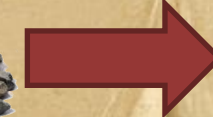
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# **Brief History of Jerusalem**

## **Before Israel Period**

- 3500 B.C. - First Settlement of Jerusalem
- 2500 B.C. - First Houses Built in Area
- 1800 B.C. - Construction of First City Wall
- 1400 B.C. - First Mention of Jerusalem in Cuneiform Amarna Letters
- 1200 B.C. - Jerusalem is conquered by Canaanites (Jebusites)

## **Israel's First Occupation**

- 1000 B.C. - King David Conquers Jerusalem; Declares City Capital of Jewish Kingdom
- 960 B.C. - David's Son, King Solomon, Builds First Jewish Temple

# Brief History of Jerusalem

## First Destruction of Jerusalem

- 701 B.C. - Assyrian Ruler Sennacherib Lays Seige to Jerusalem
- 600 B.C. - Lehi and his family leave Jerusalem for the Americas
- 586 B.C. - Babylonian Forces Destroy Jerusalem and Demolish First Temple
  - The young of Israel taken captive, which includes Shadrach, Meshach, Abed-nego, and Daniel

## Daniel's Vision Concerning Jerusalem (Daniel 9)

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(added by Benjamin)



# Daniel's Vision (Desolation)

(Daniel 9:16-27)

- Prophecy over Jerusalem (490 years)
- To rebuild
- How much time until Messiah
- Prophecies what the Messiah will do
- Desolation to come upon Jerusalem (Jews) because of their abominations

**See "7 Years Tribulation" class**

# Brief History of Jerusalem

## Persian Period

- 539 B.C. - Persian Ruler Cyrus the Great Conquers Babylonian Empire, Including Jerusalem
- 516 B.C. - Cyrus Permits Jews in Babylonian Exile to Return to Jerusalem; Second Temple Built
- 445-425 B.C. - Nehemiah the Prophet Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem; City Confined to Eastern Hill

## Hellenistic Periods

- 332 B.C. - Greek Leader Alexander the Great Conquers Judea and Jerusalem
- 332-141 B.C. - Ptolemaic and Seleucid Rule in Jerusalem
- 141 B.C. - Hasmonean Dynasty Begins; Jerusalem Again Expands Limits to Western Hill



# Daniel's Vision (Desolation)

(Daniel 9:16-27)

~ 33 A.D. - Jews killed their king – crucified Jesus Christ

For the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. And the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determinable.

Daniel 9:26-27

**Destruction was to be poured  
out upon Jerusalem and the Jews**

**DESOLATIONS ARE DETERMINED**

# Brief History of Jerusalem

## Roman Period

- 63 B.C. - Roman General Pompey captures Jerusalem
- 37 B.C. - King Herod Restructures Second Temple, Adds Retaining Walls
- 30 A.D. - Jesus Crucified by Romans in Jerusalem
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## What happened to the Jews & the city?

In A.D.66 when Cestius came against the city, but unaccountably withdrew, [**THE WARNING**] the Christians discerned in this the sign foretold by Christ, and fled while 1,100,000 Jews are said to have been killed in the terrible siege in A.D. 70.

The slaughter within was even more dreadful than the spectacle from without. Men and women, old and young, insurgents and priests, those who fought and those who entreated mercy, were hewn down in indiscriminate carnage. The number of the slain exceeded that of the slayers. The legionaries had to clamber over heaps of dead to carry on the work of extermination.

Eusebius, Church History, book 3, chap. 5





Jerusalem became like a **CARCASS**



# Scattering of the House of Israel

- 722 B.C. - Assyrians conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel and scattered the people throughout their empire
  - These 10 tribes of Israel lost their national and individual identity
    - Rueben, Nephtali, Gad, Dan, Ephraim, Manassah, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun, Asher (Levites too)
- 586 B.C. - First scattering of the Jews
  - Babylonians conquered Jerusalem and shipped the Jews around their empire
- 70 A.D. - Second scattering of the Jews
  - Romans were tired of the revolting Jews
  - Many Jews were killed, many fled throughout the world
  - Result was a complete loss of national identity, but they kept their religious teachings and individual identity as a Jewish people



# Daniel's Vision (Desolation)

## How long is this desolation to last?

All things which have befallen them, are only the beginning of the sorrows which shall come upon them [**the Jews**]...

Matthew 24:19

The Jews have seen many sorrows since the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70:

- Holocaust
- Persecution in Spain
- Other examples?

**When will this desolation be lifted?**  
**(we will discuss this more later)**





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# Times of the Gentiles

- What does this mean?
- When is the time of the Gentiles?
- When is the time of the Gentiles fulfilled?
- What is significant about the fulfillment of the times of the Gentiles?



# Historical Times of Peoples

## House of Israel

Their time started and nothing could stop God's plan.

Their time ended and nothing could stop God's plan.

### Northern Kingdom

### Southern Kingdom

## Nephites

The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God, cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught, for God doth not walk in crooked paths;

D&C 2:1a

## Gentiles

## Covenanted People

### Gathering in Israel

### Gathering in Zion

## D&C 45

Joseph Smith was reading the New Testament and was confused about what was to happen in the end times.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

**In answer to Joseph, God gave D&C 45**



## D&C 45

2i Wherefore hearken, and I will reason with you, and I will speak unto you and prophesy, as unto men in days of old;

2j and I will show it plainly, as I showed it unto my disciples, as I stood before them in the flesh, and spake unto them, saying,

2k As ye have asked of me concerning the signs of my coming, in the day when I shall come in my glory in the clouds of heaven, to fulfill the promises that I have made unto your fathers;

2l for as ye have looked upon the long absence of your spirits from your bodies to be a bondage, **I will show unto you how the day of redemption shall come, and also the restoration of the scattered Israel.**

3a And now ye behold this temple which is in Jerusalem, which ye call the house of God, and your enemies say that this house shall never fall.

## D&C 45

## OLDEN TIMES

3b But verily I say unto you that desolation shall come upon this generation as a thief in the night, and **this people shall be destroyed and scattered among all nations.**

3c And this temple which ye now see shall be thrown down, that there shall not be left one stone upon another.

3d And it shall come to pass that this generation of Jews shall not pass away until every desolation which I have told you concerning **them** shall come to pass.

3e Ye say that ye know that the end of the world cometh; ye say, also, that ye know that the heavens and the earth shall pass away; and in this ye say truly, for so it is; but these things which I have told you shall not pass away until all shall be fulfilled.



# Brief History of Jerusalem

~30 A.D. - Jesus Crucified by Romans in Jerusalem

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D&C 45:3d

70 A.D. - Roman Forces Destroy Jerusalem and  
Demolish Second Temple

~ 40 years from prophecy to destruction

## D&C 45

3f And this I have told you concerning Jerusalem; and **when that day shall come, shall a remnant be scattered among all nations, but they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

4a And in that day shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars, and the whole earth shall be in commotion, and men's hearts shall fail them, and they shall say that Christ delayeth his coming until the end of the earth.

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;**



# Times of the Gentiles

## Timeline:

1. Jews shall be led away captive into all nations; they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled
2. Times of the Gentiles will start when the fullness of the Gospel comes forth

1

Gentiles control Jerusalem

2

**Time of Desolation spoken of  
by Daniel to come upon the  
Jews and Jerusalem (Dan. 9)**

# Fullness of the Gospel

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come, and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Revelation 14:6-7



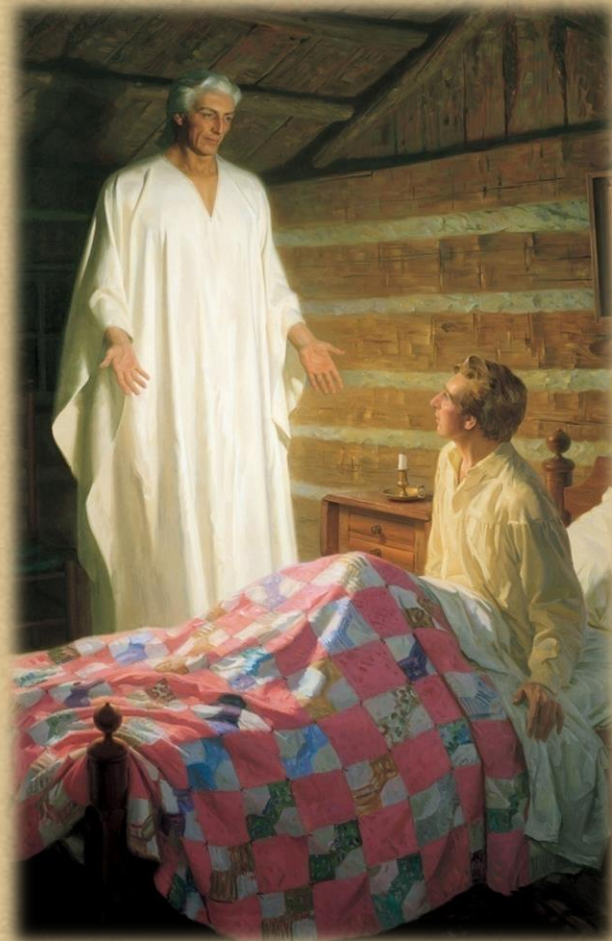
See class on “Go Ye & Teach - Restoration”



# Fullness of the Gospel

He said there was a book deposited, written upon gold plates, giving an account of the former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang. He also said that the fullness of the everlasting gospel was contained in it, as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants.

Joseph Smith and His Progenitors  
– by Lucy Mack Smith (p. 84)



See class on “Go Ye & Teach - Restoration”



# Fullness of the Gospel



- Book of Mormon, which contains the fullness of the Gospel was published in March of 1830
- The Church of Jesus Christ was restored to the earth on April 6, 1830
- Also brought forth were:
  - Authorized priesthood
  - Inspired Version
  - Doctrine & Covenants

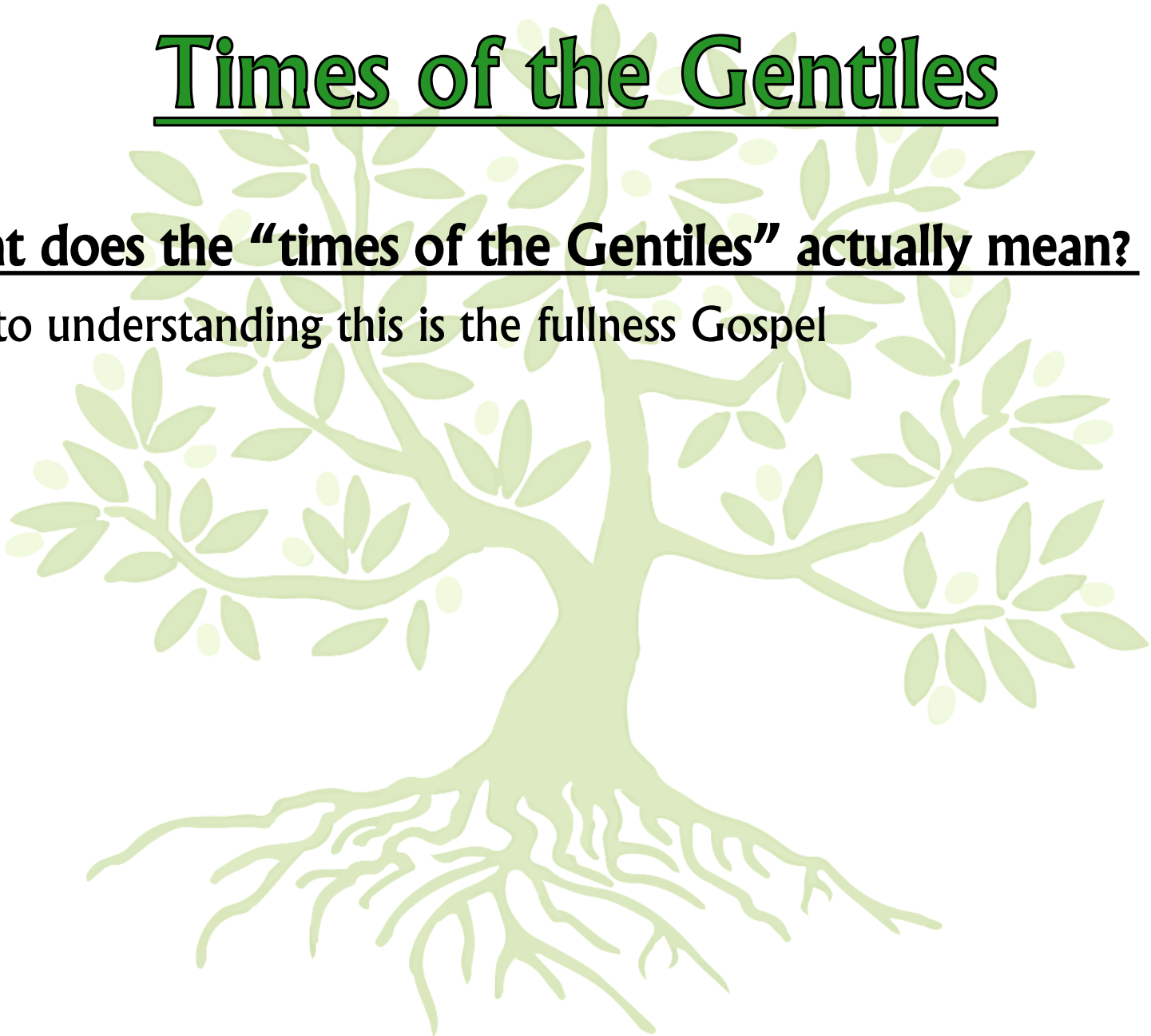
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# Times of the Gentiles

What does the “times of the Gentiles” actually mean?

Key to understanding this is the fullness Gospel



# Times of the Gentiles



## What does the “times of the Gentiles” actually mean?

- 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.**

1 Nephi 3:197-200



# Times of the Gentiles

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Key to understanding this is the fullness Gospel

- 1) Preached to the Jews first with Christ
- 2) Preached to the Gentiles afterward

**First shall be last and last shall be first**

- 1) Preached to the Gentiles first with the fullness of the Gospel
- 2) Preached to the Jews second

# Times of the Gentiles

## What does the “times of the Gentiles” actually mean?

And now, the thing which our father meaneth concerning the grafting in of the natural branches through the fullness of the Gentiles, is, that in the latter days, when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, yea, for the space of many years and many generations, after the Messiah shall be manifested in body unto the children of men, then shall the fullness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed

1 Nephi 4:16

The Twelve being sent out, holding the keys to open the door by the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ; and first unto the Gentiles, and then unto the Jews.

D&C 104:13b



# Times of the Gentiles

## What does the “times of the Gentiles” actually mean?

For I would not, brethren [Gentiles], that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened to Israel, **until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And then all Israel shall be saved**; as it is written, **There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer**, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes; but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

Romans 11:25-28

# Times of the Gentiles

## What does the “times of the Gentiles” actually mean?

- God’s blessings are poured out upon the Gentiles when it is their “time”

**When the “times of the Gentiles” starts, there is a blessing upon them**

- Was there a blessing poured out upon the Gentiles when the fullness of the Gospel was brought back to the earth in 1830?



# Times of the Gentiles

## What does the “times of the Gentiles” actually mean?

- There is then a cursing on those who reject the Gospel

**When the “times of the Gentiles” ends, there is a cursing upon them because they rejected the Gospel**

- Are we maybe seeing some of the cursing when the Gentiles reject the fullness of the Gospel?
- Historically, what has happened to people who rejected the fullness of the Gospel or their covenant with God?

## D&C 45

3f And this I have told you concerning Jerusalem; and **when that day shall come, shall a remnant be scattered among all nations, but they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

4a And in that day shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars, and the whole earth shall be in commotion, and men's hearts shall fail them, and they shall say that Christ delayeth his coming until the end of the earth.

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;**



## D&C 45

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;** and there shall be men standing in that generation that shall not pass, until they shall see an overflowing scourge, for a desolating sickness shall come over the land;

## D&C 45

4e but my disciples shall stand in holy places, and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God, and die.

4f And there shall be earthquakes, also, in divers places and many desolations; yet men will harden their hearts against me, and they will take up the sword one against another, and they will kill one another.

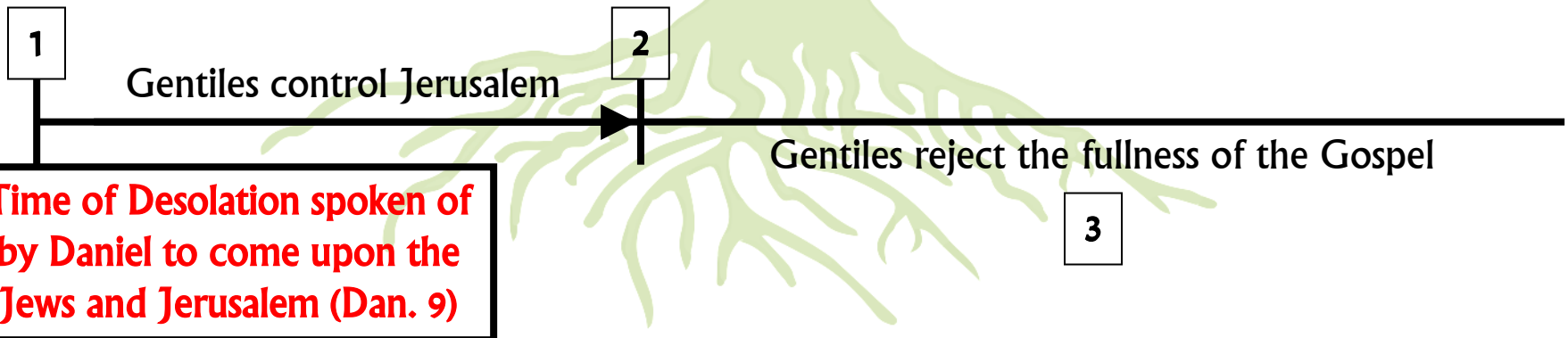


# Times of the Gentiles

## Timeline:

1. Jews shall be led away captive into all nations; they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled
2. Times of the Gentiles will start when the fullness of the Gospel comes forth
3. When the Gentiles reject the fullness of the Gospel, in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled

**Do we know when this has occurred or will occur?**



### 3 Nephi 7 (Gentiles Reject Gospel)

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;



### 3 Nephi 7 (Gentiles Reject Gospel)

36 And then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and I will bring my gospel unto them;

37 And I will shew unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you, but I will remember my covenant unto you, O house of Israel, and ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fullness of my gospel.

38 But if the Gentiles will repent, and return unto me, saith the Father, behold, they shall be numbered among my people, O house of Israel;

### 3 Nephi 7 (Gentiles Reject Gospel)

39 And I will not suffer my people, who are of the house of Israel, to go through among them, and tread them down, saith the Father.

40 But if they will not turn unto me, and hearken unto my voice, I will suffer them, yea, I will suffer my people, O house of Israel, that they shall go through among them, and shall tread them down,

41 And **they shall be as salt that hath lost its savor, which is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of my people, O house of Israel.**



### 3 Nephi 7 (Gentiles Reject Gospel)

42 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Thus hath the Father commanded me, that I should give unto this people this land for their inheritance.

43 And when the words of the prophet Isaiah shall be fulfilled, which say, Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

44 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

45 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of God.

# 3 Nephi 7 (Gentiles Reject Gospel)

Promises for receiving  
the fullness of the Gospel

Curses for rejecting  
the fullness of the Gospel



### 3 Nephi 7 (Gentiles Reject Gospel)

Can we easily pinpoint when the Gentiles rejected or will reject the fullness of the Gospel?

As ye have asked of me concerning the signs of my coming, in the day when I shall come in my glory in the clouds of heaven, to fulfill the promises that I have made unto your fathers; for as ye have looked upon the long absence of your spirits from your bodies to be a bondage, I will show unto you how the day of redemption shall come, and also the restoration of the scattered Israel.

D&C 45:2k-l

And this I have told you concerning Jerusalem; and when that day shall come, shall a remnant be scattered among all nations, but they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

D&C 45:3f

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.

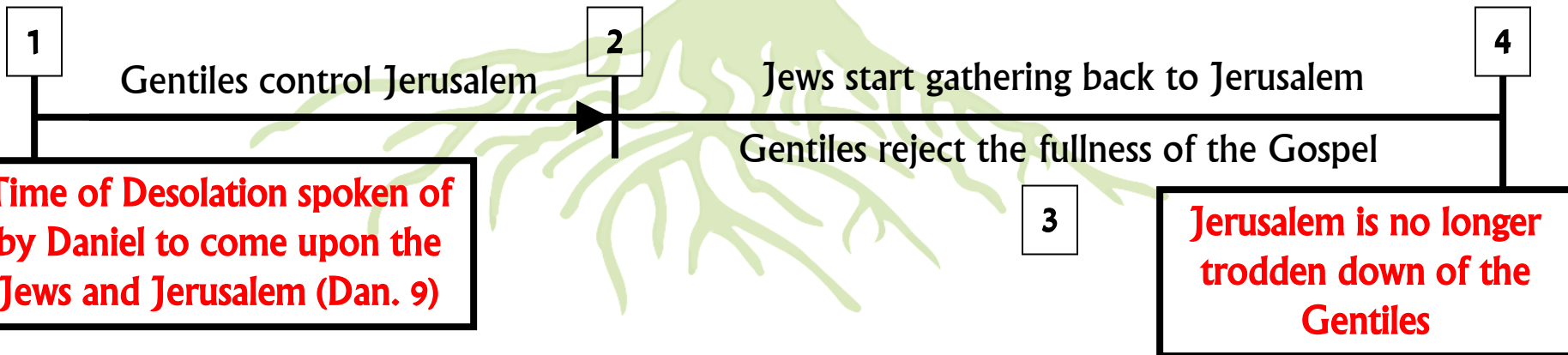
Luke 21:23



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4. When Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles is when the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled



# Trodden Down

## What does “trodden down” of the Gentiles mean?

- to step or walk on, about, in, or along.
- to trample or crush underfoot.
- to form by the action of walking or trampling:
- to tread a path.
- to treat with disdainful harshness or cruelty; crush; oppress



# Trodden Down

“Trodden down of the Gentiles”  
may indicate control over  
Jerusalem by the Gentiles

What happened in Jerusalem after A.D. 70?

Who inhabited Jerusalem afterward?

# Brief History of Jerusalem

## After Destruction of 70 A.D.

- 135 A.D. - Jerusalem Rebuilt as a Roman City
- 614 A.D. - Persians Capture Jerusalem
- 629 A.D. - Byzantine Christians Recapture Jerusalem from Persians
- 638 A.D. - Muslim Caliph Omar Enters Jerusalem
- 661-750 A.D. - Jerusalem Ruled Under Muslim Umayyad Dynasty
- 691 A.D. - Dome of the Rock Built on Site of Destroyed Jewish Temples
- 750-974 A.D. - Jerusalem Ruled Under Muslim Abassid Dynasty
- 1099 A.D. - First Christian Crusaders Capture Jerusalem
- 1187 A.D. - Muslim Saladin Captures Jerusalem from Crusaders
- 1229-1244 A.D. - Christian Crusaders Briefly Recapture Jerusalem Two Times



# Brief History of Jerusalem

## After Destruction of 70 A.D.

- 1250 - Muslim Caliph Dismantles Walls of Jerusalem; Population Rapidly Declines
- 1517 - Muslim Ottoman Empire Captures Jerusalem
- 1538-1541 - Muslim Suleiman the Magnificent Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem
- 1917 - British (Christian) Capture Jerusalem in World War I

Jerusalem was trodden down –  
Not controlled by God's Chosen  
People - Like a Carcass -



# Trodden Down

Is Jerusalem still trodden down  
of the Gentiles?



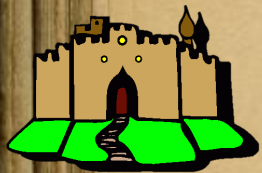
# Brief History of Jerusalem

## Second Occupation of Israel

- 1948 - State of Israel Established; Jerusalem Divided By Armistice Lines Between Israel & Jordan
- 1967 - Israel Captures Jerusalem's Old City and Eastern Half; Reunites City

<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsourc/vitaltoc.html>

## God's prophecies over Jerusalem



**Destroyed**

**Rebuilt**

**Destroyed**

**Controlled**

**586 B.C.**

Book of  
Mormon

**457 B.C.**

Daniel 9

**70 A.D.**

Daniel 9

**1967**

Luke 21

**Christ's  
Return**

Luke 21



# END TIMES SIGNS

LUKE 21 & THE  
TIMES OF THE GENTILES

PART 3

OUTREACH RESTORATION BRANCH

Elder Benjamin Pedersen



In the generation in which the times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled, there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, like the sea and the waves roaring. The earth also shall be troubled, and the waters of the great deep;

Men's hearts failing them **for fear**, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. For the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for the day of your redemption draweth nigh. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory.

**Luke 21:25-28**



...And the Scriptures shall be given even as they are in mine own bosom, to the salvation of mine own elect; for they will hear my voice, and shall see me, and shall not be asleep, and shall abide the day of my coming, for they shall be purified even as I am pure.

Keep all the commandments and covenants by which ye are bound, and I will cause the heavens to shake for your good, and Satan shall tremble, and Zion shall rejoice upon the hills, and flourish; and Israel shall be saved in mine own due time. And by the keys which I have given shall they be led, and no more be confounded at all. Lift up your hearts and be glad; your redemption draweth nigh. **Fear not**, little flock, the kingdom is yours until I come. Behold, I come quickly. Even so. Amen.

D&C 34:5a-b, 6



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:

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.

91 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

92 And then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling, together; and a little child shall lead them.



# Clarifications:

1. Jerusalem trodden down is the city



2. End of the Times of the Gentiles – rejecting the Gospel





What God did for Israel in establishing them as  
a nation...

should increase our faith for what He will do  
for us...

when the judgment comes upon the Gentiles,  
remembering that we are the House of Israel,  
the covenanted people of the Lord, through  
birthright or adoption,

with no distinction between birthright or  
adoption as pertaining to our inheritance.



What is your identity?

**Gentile**  
**(Nation)**

**OR**

**House of Israel**



The background of the slide is a landscape photograph. The lower half shows a field of tall, golden-brown grass, possibly wheat, with a path leading into the distance. The upper half is a clear blue sky with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. A thin, white comet-like streak is visible in the upper left portion of the sky.

# A Brief History of the Modern Nation of Israel

# A Little History of Israel

- Light tan was the territory of Israel after the 1947 accord
- Noticed Israel is surrounded by Arab Nations
- Notice Jerusalem, how it is partially in the tan and partially in the brown
- Jerusalem is not easily defended





# Jerusalem - 1949-1967







# The Six-Day War for Israel

The speed and scope of Israel's victory were devastating to the Arabs, who had expected victory. Egypt, Jordan, and Syria lost almost all of their air forces and much of their armed weaponry.

About 10,000 Egyptians were killed in Sinai and Gaza alone, compared with 300 Israeli casualties on that front. In all, Egypt lost about 11,000 troops, Jordan lost about 6,000, Syria lost about 1,000, and Israel lost 700.

## RESULT:

Israel announced its intent to secure Jerusalem  
as its undivided and eternal capital



# The Six-Day War for Israel

Before



## Significance:

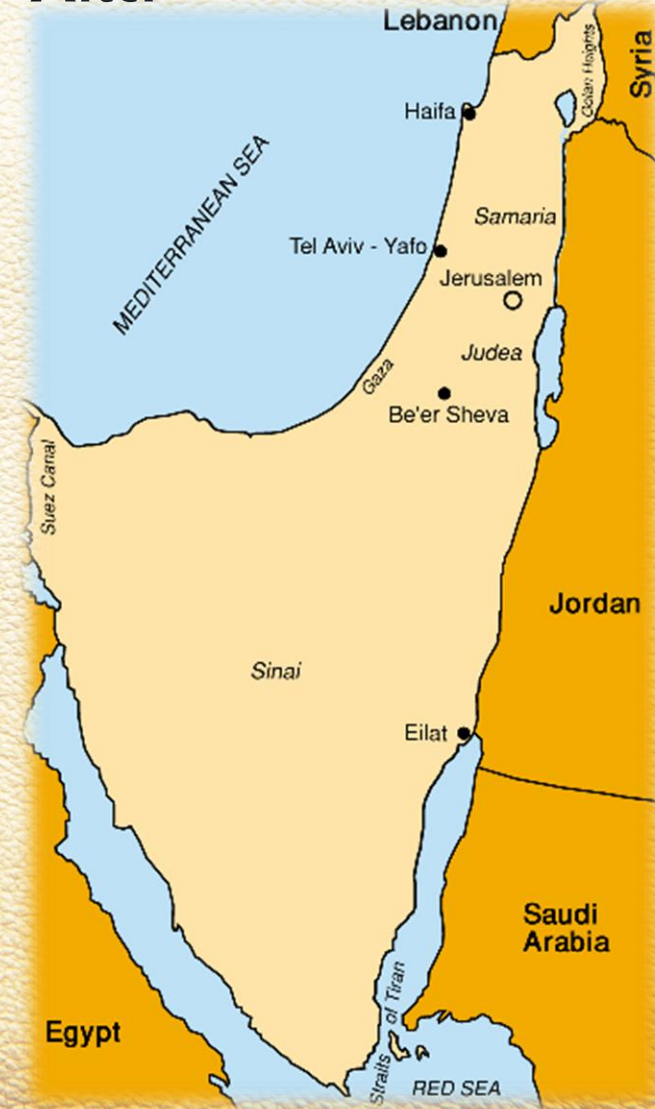
Still surrounded  
by Arab Nations

Jerusalem is no  
longer divided

Jerusalem is no  
longer trodden  
down by the  
Gentiles

1967

After





## How did God protect Israel as they became a nation and as they took control of Jerusalem (1948 & 1967)?

# What stories do you have to share?

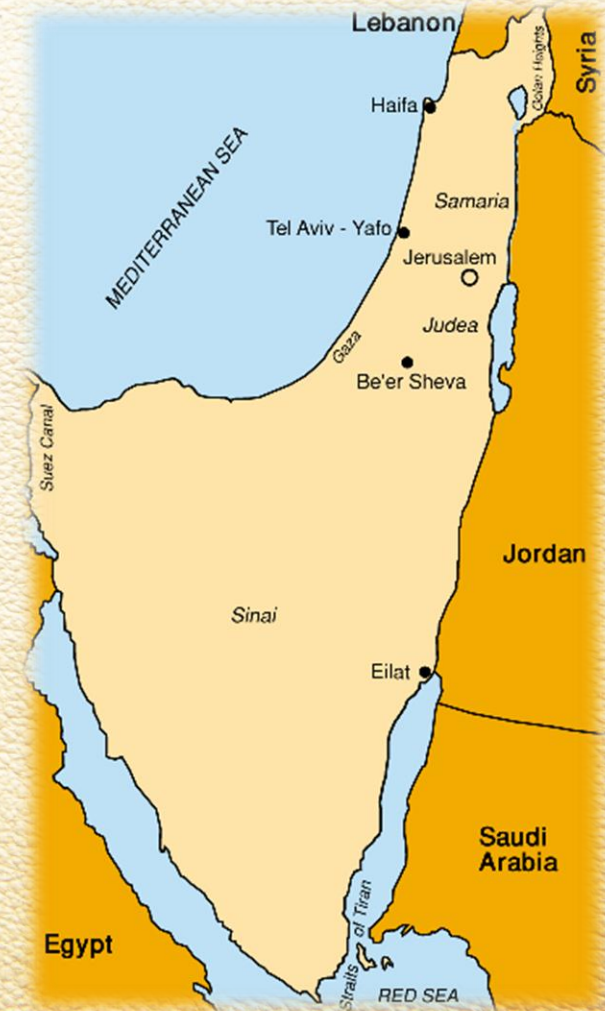
**Next slides we'll cover stories from:**

- 1948 war, and
- 1967 six day war
- Currently

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# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1948?

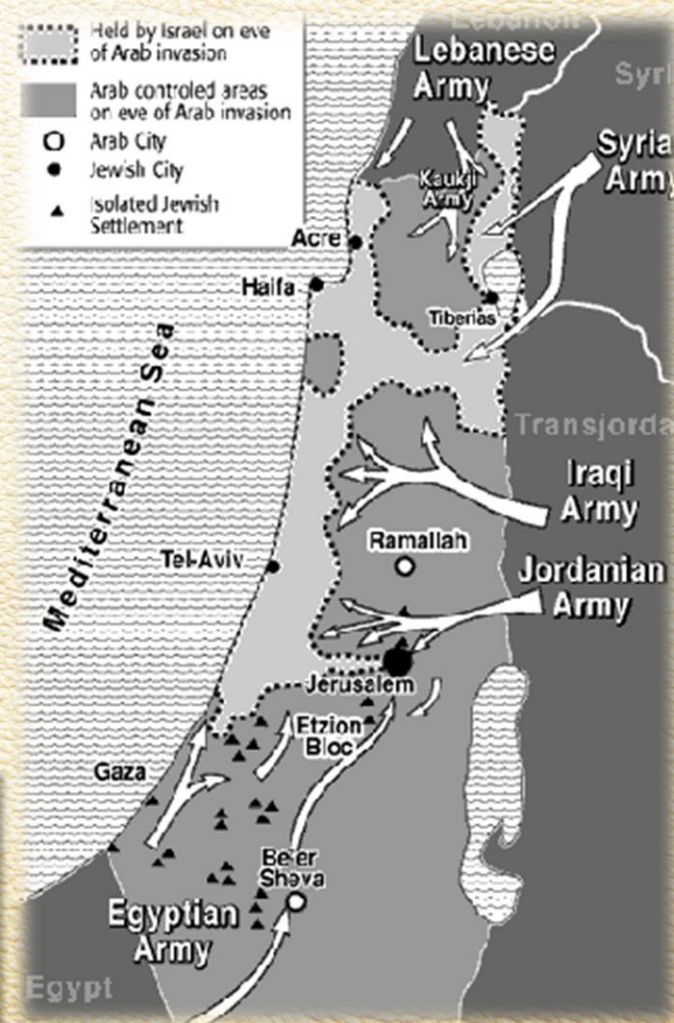
Israel declared itself an independent state on May 14, 1948 and immediately 7 neighboring Arab nations marched against them.

Israel was outnumbered and out equipped:

- Israel had 45,000 men to the Arabs' 650,000
- Israel had only antiquated guns sufficient for 18,000 men
  - Ammunition sufficient for only 3 days of fighting

And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

Leviticus 26:8





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1948?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1948:

- 1) 200 armored vehicles of an Arab army attacked a Jewish commune. The Israelis had just 2 antique howitzers from the 1870 Prussian War.

Israel fired one of their old howitzers and hit the front of an Arab tank. The Arabs thought Israel must have been well armed and so they turned around and fled.





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1948?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1948:

- 2) Near the Sea of Galilee, a small unit of Israeli soldiers was holding off 1,000 Arabs.

When a sudden tropical storm broke loose, the Israelis became desperate and took 50 empty gasoline drums and poured the little bit of gas they had left in the drums, then lit them on fire, and rolled them down the hill. With the storm and rumble of the flaming barrels, the Arabs thought Israel had a secret weapon and fled.





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1948?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1948:

- 3) The Bible mentioned an ancient road, forgotten for centuries, which went right through the Egyptians main camp. Israeli soldiers knew only of this road from the Bible.

Israeli soldiers cleared the road with bulldozers and used the road to sneak attack the Egyptians during the night and take over their main camp.

This victory destroyed the Egyptian defense system and the war was over in just 14 days.





## How did Israel survive these wars?

And **every nation which shall war against thee, O house of Israel, shall be turned one against another.** And they shall fall into the pit which they digged to ensnare the people of the Lord. **And all that fight against Zion, shall be destroyed.**

1 Nephi 7:28-30



# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1948?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1948:

- 4) To take an airport, the Israelis used a tactic from Gideon in the Bible by having 16 Israelis dress up like Arabs and sneak into the Arab occupied city.

Like Gideon, they made such a commotion during the night that the Arabs started firing at each other. Finally, most of the Arabs fled.





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1948?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1948:

- 5) A Israeli column of 24 homemade armored trucks and cars were on their way to a fight and took the wrong road. Before they discovered their mistake, they ran head-on into a column of supplies headed for the Arabs in Galilee. There were dozens of trucks of ammunition, a string of light artillery, and 20 new armored vehicles.

The Israelis fired at the first truck, a tanker loaded with gasoline. It exploded and set off the next truck of grenades on fire and it exploded. (Cont. →)





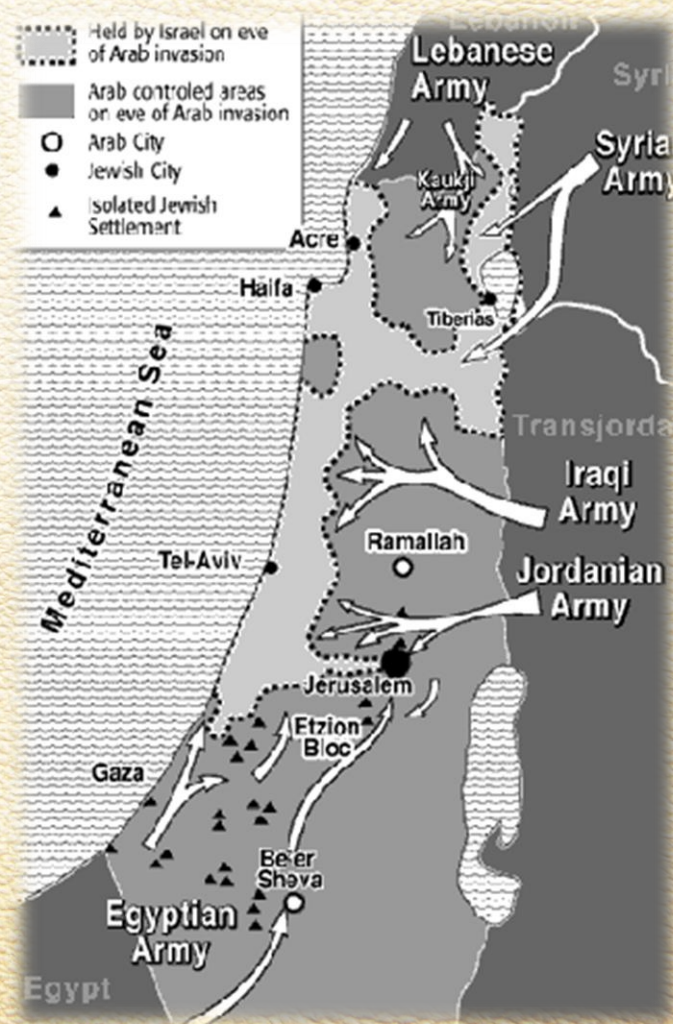
# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1948?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1948:

- 5) (←Cont.) Rapid repeating explosions were heard for miles around from the grenades. The Arabs became fearful and fled.

The Israeli column barely had enough men to drive all the trucks they had captured.

They finally reached the area where they were originally going, which had been besieged by Arabs and found that the Arabs had heard rumors that the Jewish army invaded Lebanon, so they had fled.





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1967 (Six-Day War)?

In May, 1967, the Egyptian President said that Israel had to be destroyed. Arabs nations again joined together.

## Israel again was outnumbered:

- Arabs had 2 times the soldiers (465k to 264k)
- Arabs had 3 times the tanks (2,880 to 800)
- Arabs had 3 times the planes (900 to 300)
- Israel once again had God

Remember...for I am God, and there is none else. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.

Isaiah 46:8-10





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1967 (Six-Day War)?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1967:

- 1) As Israel approached the city of Shechem from the back door way, they were greeted by cheering citizens and thousands of Arab soldiers waving white flags and clapping their hands. The people had expected the Iraqi army to arrive and were so surprised to find the army was Israeli that they became fearful and surrendered.

This happened in Shechem, Jenin, and Jericho. Because of their fear, instead of using their weapons, the Arabs hid their large stashes of weapons.





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1967 (Six-Day War)?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1967:

- 2) An Israeli ammunition truck in Jerusalem was about to leave in the middle of the night to supply the front lines. The truck was very dangerous because, if it blew up, it would destroy all the buildings in the area.

Suddenly, the whistling of an enemy shell was heard. The shell landed right on the truck, but amazingly it didn't explode.

They found the shell just sitting on top of the other shells in the truck.





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1967 (Six-Day War)?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1967:

3) An Israeli cab driver who was drafted in to fight in a paratroop unit was dropped in the plains to take the Straits of Tiran. The Egyptian regiment there had already fled.

2 Israeli soldiers were sent out on patrol and came across an Egyptian half-track with a machine gun mounted on it and full of soldiers. The half-track approached and stopped in front of them. They couldn't flee, so they just stood there in despair and waited with their guns pointed.

(Cont. →)





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1967 (Six-Day War)?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1967:

- 3) (←Cont.) After standing there a few seconds, the Israeli soldiers walked up to the half-track and found 18 armed soldiers inside, sitting, holding their guns with terrified looks on their faces. The Egyptians surrendered.

The Israelis asked them why they surrendered and the Egyptians said, “Their bodies had suddenly become paralyzed and they couldn’t fight and that they didn’t know why?” The cab driver said, “How can anyone say that God didn’t help us?”





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1967 (Six-Day War)?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1967:

- 4) At the beginning of the conflict, the entire Egyptian air force was completely destroyed.

The Israeli Director of Operations, Major Weizmann, was asked, "How could it be that for 3 hours, Israeli Air Force planes flew from one Egyptian air strip to another destroying the enemy planes, yet the Egyptians did not radio ahead to inform their own forces of the attack?" Major Weizmann just said, "The finger of God."





# How did God protect Israel as they became a nation in 1967 (Six-Day War)?

## 5 Examples of Miracles in 1967:

- 5) On a moonless night, an Israeli scout accidentally fell into a Jordanian trench on Ammunition Hill around 2am. He started “shooting from the hip.”

Not only did this outcome seize the hill but was the critical event that led to the capture of the old town of Jerusalem, including the wailing wall, only 30 hours later.





# How did Israel survive the subsequent wars?

But, thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, **all they that were incensed against thee** shall be ashamed and confounded; they **shall be as nothing**; and they that strive with thee **shall perish**. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee; **they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of naught**. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.



# How is God still protecting the Nation of Israel from destruction by their enemies?

## Rocket launched at Tel Aviv (August 2014)

“We do aim [our rockets], but their God changes their path in mid-air,” – a Hamas commander

“Over 3,356 rockets have been fired at Israel, with that number rising everyday, and only four people have been killed as a result of rocket fire. While Israel’s Iron Dome is a wonder to behold and responsible for maintaining the safety of Israeli civilians from rocket fire, the numbers show that only 578 rockets were destroyed by Iron Dome Interceptions, or roughly 17 percent of all rockets fired at Israel.”

[www.breakingisraelnews.com](http://www.breakingisraelnews.com)



**Who makes these rockets? Russia, Iran, China? Doesn't matter!!!**

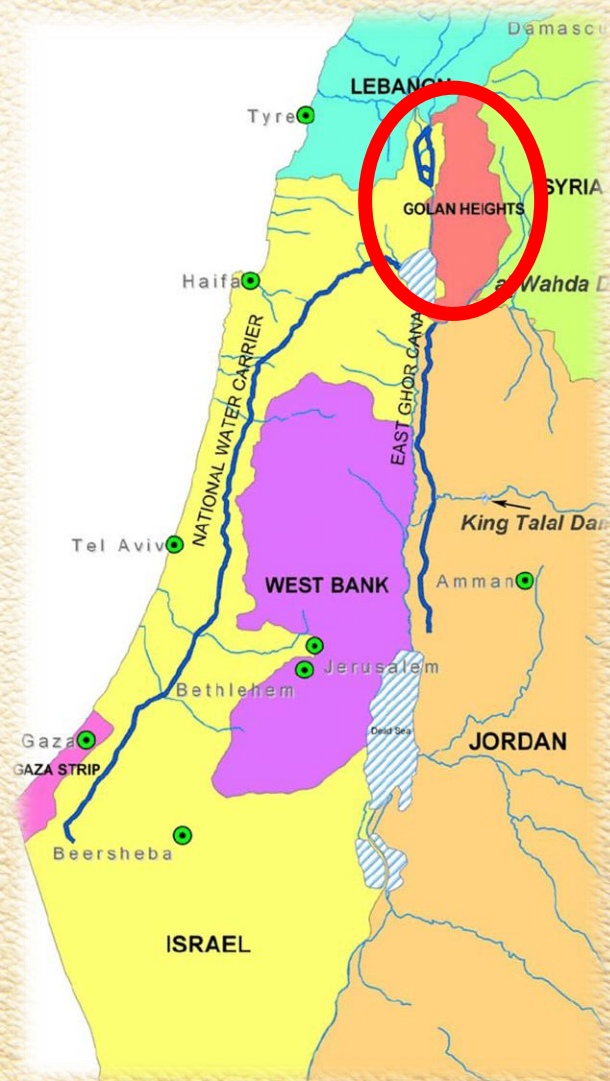


# How is God still protecting the Nation of Israel from destruction by their enemies?

## Pillar of Protection from ISIS (2017)

As ISIS leaders are running from the fighting in Iraq, they are fleeing to Syria where the leaders of Israel have been concerned.

ISIS has been eyeing the northern border of Israel and have claimed that they will establish a caliphate in the Levant – including taking over the state of Israel. Fortunately, it seems that God has not abandoned the world's only Jewish state. Amidst increasing ISIS activity on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights, Israeli soldiers stationed there were in awe as they reported that over the weekend a literal pillar of cloud descended from the sky on the border between ISIS and Israel. (Cont.→)





# How is God still protecting the Nation of Israel from destruction by their enemies?

## Pillar of Protection from ISIS (2017)

(←Cont.) The bizarre storm completely engulfed the Syrian side of the border, but stopped just at the boundary and did not enter Israel. No one would believe it if it were not on camera.



**Biblical storm cloud 'sent by God to put a barrier between Israel and ISIS'**

⚡ mirror.co.uk - Kara O'Neill

A number of soldiers are seen in the following video capturing the phenomenon on their cellphones. The video went viral on Facebook, where the Israelis labeled the storm as “divine intervention.” It is now being reported by all of the main news sources around the world as a “the intervention of God.”

<https://backtojerusalem.com/god-sends-a-storm-pillar-to-protect-israel-from-isis/>



# Luke 21

## Questions the disciples asked Jesus:

1. What shall be the signs of the destruction of Jerusalem? (**SCATTERING**)
2. What shall be the signs of your (Christ's) second coming? (**GATHERING**)



# Times of the Gentiles

## How long is the desolation on Jerusalem to last?

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Luke 21:23,24,25,27(IV)

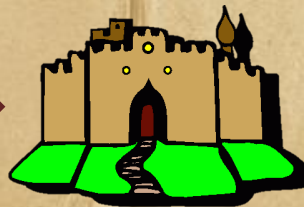
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Matthew 24: 28,33,35(IV)



# Times of the Gentiles

- Times of the Gentiles are fulfilled when...
  - When the Gentiles reject the fullness of the Gospel
  - When Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles
  - **That generation of people shall not die until ALL is fulfilled**
- The key:
  - Every one of the signs of Christ's second return shall be fulfilled in the generation when Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles
- Is Jerusalem no longer trodden down of the Gentiles?
  1. Scattering of the Jews occurred and there must be a gathering
  2. Jerusalem no longer trodden down of the Gentiles = times of the Gentiles is fulfilled = gathering of the elect

# Times of the Gentiles

- What does this mean?
  - A time of blessing from God upon the Gentiles
- When is the time of the Gentiles?
  - When the fullness of the Gospel comes unto them
- When is the time of the Gentiles fulfilled?
  - When the Gentiles reject the fullness of the Gospel & when Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles
- What is significant about the fulfillment of the times of the Gentiles?
  - All concerning Christ's return will shortly be fulfilled





# END TIMES SIGNS

LUKE 21 & THE  
TIMES OF THE GENTILES

## PART 4

OUTREACH RESTORATION BRANCH

Elder Benjamin Pedersen



In the generation in which the times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled, there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, like the sea and the waves roaring. The earth also shall be troubled, and the waters of the great deep;

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**Luke 21:25-28**



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Keep all the commandments and covenants by which ye are bound, and I will cause the heavens to shake for your good, and Satan shall tremble, and Zion shall rejoice upon the hills, and flourish; and Israel shall be saved in mine own due time. And by the keys which I have given shall they be led, and no more be confounded at all. Lift up your hearts and be glad; your redemption draweth nigh. **Fear not**, little flock, the kingdom is yours until I come. Behold, I come quickly. Even so. Amen.

D&C 34:5a-b, 6



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:

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;  
And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security,  
that they will say, All is well in Zion; yea, Zion  
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# Gathering of the House of Israel



## Luke 21

23 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.

24 Now these things he spake unto them, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem. And then his disciples asked him, saying, Master, tell us concerning thy coming? (**END TIMES**)

25 And he answered them, and said, In the generation in which the times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled, there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, like the sea and the waves roaring. The earth also shall be troubled, and the waters of the great deep;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. For the powers of heaven shall be shaken.



## Matthew 24

28 And now I show unto you a parable. Behold, wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together; so likewise shall mine elect be gathered from the four quarters of the earth.

29 And they shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars. Behold, I speak unto you for mine elect's sake.

32 And again, this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come, or the destruction of the wicked.

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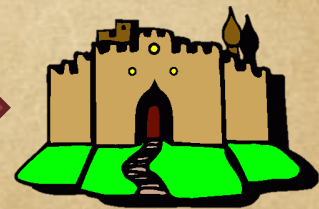
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  - Where is the carcass?

## JERUSALEM

(Don't panic – there's more to come)





# Gathering of the Elect

## JERUSALEM

### Immigration Statistics:

1948-1967 = 1,275,096

1968-1990 = 758,423

1991-2000 = 817,004

2001-2019 = 445,994

TOTAL = 3,296,517



What else is Israel doing to gather the Jews?

# Matthew 24 (Carcass & Eagles)

Which tribes are being gathered back?

- Judah, Benjamin, Levi
- Any others?

What about the other tribes?



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- 2) Eagles represents the elect
  - Who are the elect?

# Matthew 24 (Carcass & Eagles)

## Who are the elect?

Isaiah 45:4 "...and Israel mine elect"

Matthew 24:23 "...if possible, they shall deceive the very elect, who are the elect according to the covenant"

D&C 28:2c "...ye are called to bring to pass the gathering of mine elect, for mine elect hear my voice and harden not their hearts"

D&C 32:2b "...and even so will I gather mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, even as many as will believe in me, and hearken unto my voice"

D&C 34:5b "...and the Scriptures shall be given even as they are in mine own bosom, to the salvation of mine own elect; for they will hear my voice, and shall see me, and shall not be asleep, and shall abide the day of my coming"

**Are you an  
"elect"?**



# Gathering of the Elect

As ye have asked of me concerning the signs of my coming, in the day when I shall come in my glory in the clouds of heaven, to fulfill the promises that I have made unto your fathers;

For as ye have looked upon the long absence of your spirits from your bodies to be a bondage, I will show unto you how the day of redemption shall come, and also the restoration of the scattered Israel.

D&C 45:2k-1

**Redemption of scattered Israel**  
**(Not just the Jews)**

**The COVENANTED people**

# Gathering of the Elect

And now, behold, I say unto you, It shall not be given unto you to know any further concerning this chapter, until the New Testament be translated, and in it all these things shall be made known;

Wherefore I give unto you that you may now translate it, that ye may be prepared for the things to come; for verily I say unto you, that great things await you;

Ye hear of wars in foreign lands, but, behold, I say unto you, They are nigh, even at your doors, and not many years hence ye shall hear of wars in your own lands.

Wherefore, I the Lord have said, Gather ye out from the eastern lands, assemble ye yourselves together ye elders of my church;



# Gathering of the Elect

Go ye forth unto the western countries, call upon the inhabitants to repent, and inasmuch as they do repent, build up churches unto me;

And with one heart and with one mind, gather up your riches that ye may purchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed unto you, and it shall be called the New Jerusalem, a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the saints of the most high God;

And the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it; and it shall be called Zion.

D&C 45:12b-d

# Gathering of the Elect

And it shall come to pass, among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee unto Zion for safety.

And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another.

And it shall be said among the wicked, Let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible, wherefore we can not stand.

And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion singing, with songs of everlasting joy.



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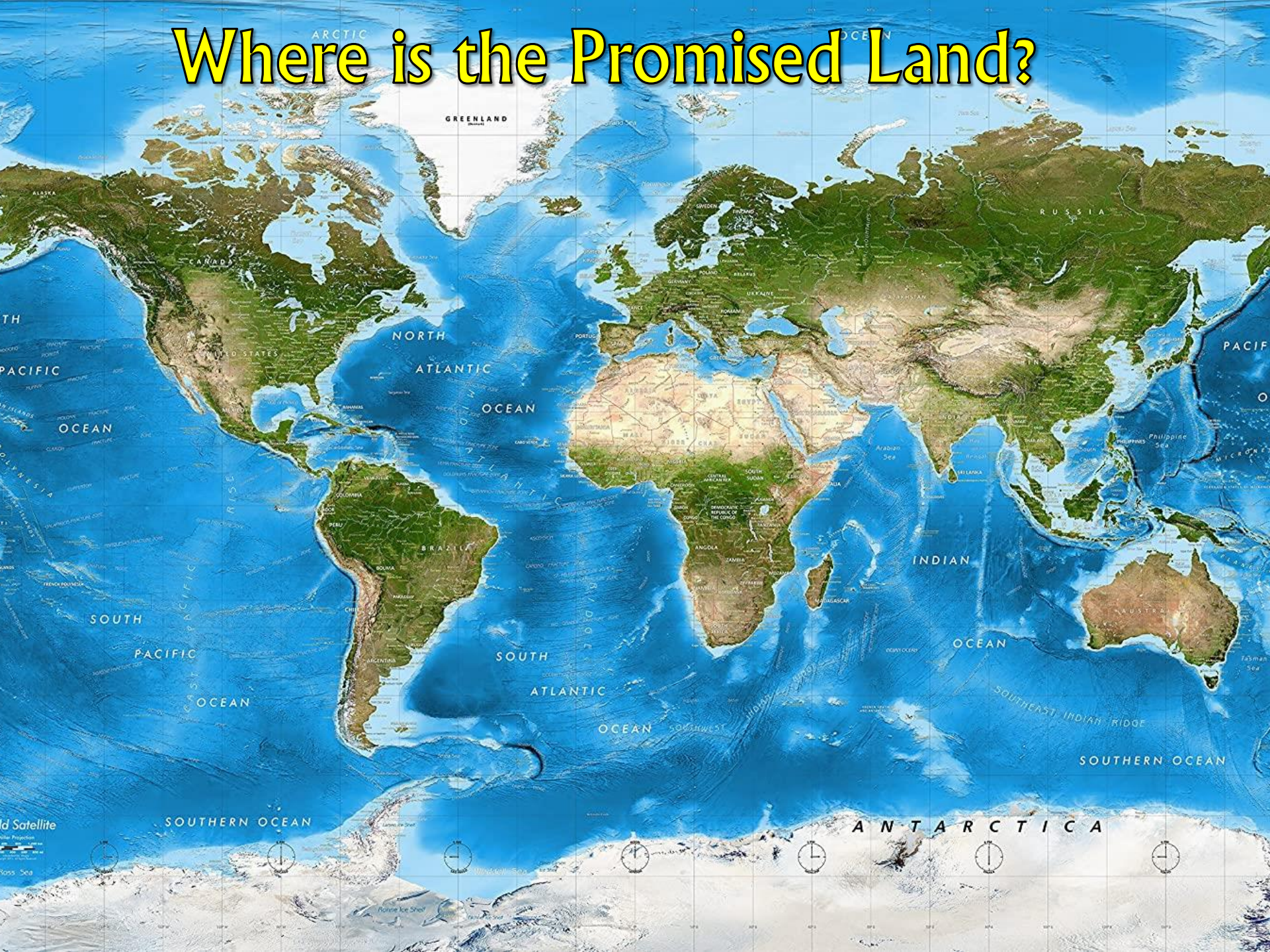
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**ZION**

(New Jerusalem)



# Where is the Promised Land?





# Where is the Promised Land?

GREENLAND  
(Denmark)

ZION

NORTH  
ATLANTIC  
OCEAN

Jerusalem



# Why Gather?

## Times to gather?

- Noah's ark – gather to the ark
- Jews at the destruction of Jerusalem – flee from Jerusalem
- Jews back to Jerusalem – gather to Jerusalem
- Saints to Zion – gather to Zion

I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say, but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise. D&C 81:3b

- Nephites at Christ's death – gathered to Temple



# Why Gather?

## Type & Shadow:

- Nephites at Christ's death

55 And it came to pass that there came a voice again unto the people, and all the people did hear, and did witness of it saying, O ye people of these great cities which have fallen, who are descendants of Jacob; yea, who are of the house of Israel, O, ye people of the house of Israel, how oft have I gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and have nourished you.

56 And again, how oft would I have gathered you, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings; yea, O ye people of the house of Israel, who have fallen;

3 Nephi 4:55-59 (Cont.)→

# Why Gather?

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← (Cont.) 57 Yea, O ye people of the house of Israel; ye that dwell at Jerusalem, as ye that have fallen; yea, how oft would I have gathered you as a hen gathereth her chickens, and ye would not.

58 O ye house of Israel, whom I have spared, how oft will I gather you as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, if ye will repent and return unto me with full purpose of heart.

59 But if not, O house of Israel, the places of your dwellings shall become desolate, until the time of the fulfilling of the covenant to your fathers.

3 Nephi 4:55-59



# Where are we to Gather for Zion?

Wherefore this is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion. And thus saith the Lord your God, If you will receive wisdom here is wisdom. Behold, the place which is now called Independence, is the Center Place, and the spot for the temple is lying westward upon a lot which is not far from the courthouse; wherefore it is wisdom that the land should be purchased by the Saints; and also every tract lying westward, even unto the line running directly between Jew and Gentile.

D&C 57:1b-e

# Conclusion

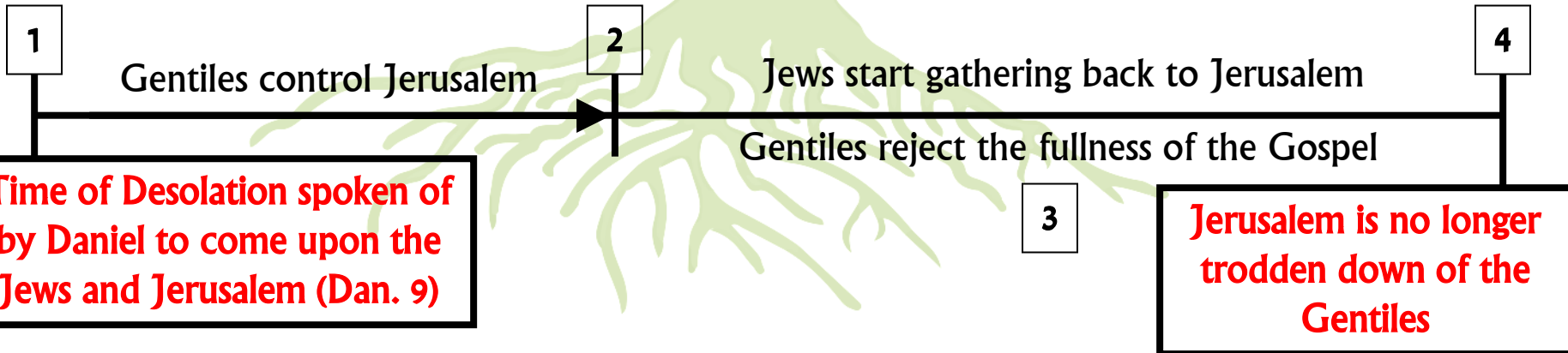
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# Times of the Gentiles

## Timeline:

1. Jews shall be led away captive into all nations; they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled
2. Times of the Gentiles will start when the fullness of the Gospel comes forth
3. When the Gentiles reject the fullness of the gospel, in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled
4. Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles is when the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled



# Luke 21 Conclusion

What does this mean?

Fulfillment of the times of the Gentiles  
is a significant and maybe one of the  
most important signs of Christ's return



# This Generation

## What does this generation mean?

- The term “this generation” is used twice in this prophecy:
  1. Destruction of Jerusalem
  2. Signs of Christ’s return in glory
- How long will these people live?
  - 1967 was 53 years ago (as of 2020)

# This Generation (Olden Times)

And now ye behold this temple which is in Jerusalem, which ye call the house of God, and your enemies say that this house shall never fall. But verily I say unto you that **desolation shall come upon this generation** as a thief in the night, and this people shall be destroyed and scattered among all nations. And this temple which ye now see shall be thrown down, that there shall not be left one stone upon another. **This generation of Jews shall not pass away until every desolation which I have told you concerning them shall come to pass.**

D&C 45:3a-d

~30 AD Jesus Crucified by Romans in Jerusalem

70 AD Romans destroyed Jerusalem

**~ 40 years from prophecy to destruction**



# This Generation (End Times)

And in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled; and **there shall be men standing in that generation that shall not pass**, until they shall see an overflowing scourge, for a desolating sickness shall come over the land;

D&C 45:4d

Verily I say unto you, **this generation, in which these things shall be shown forth, shall not pass away until all I have told you shall be fulfilled** [*concerning Christ's return*].

Matthew 24:35

1967 Jerusalem was again controlled by the Jews

**How many years until this is fulfilled?**

# Historical Times of Peoples

The works, and the designs, and the purposes of God, cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught, for God doth not walk in crooked paths; D&C 2:1a

## Gentiles & United States of America

Their time started and nothing could stop God's plan.

Their time will end and nothing could stop God's plan.

## Covenanted People

### Gathering in Israel

### Gathering in Zion

Their time started and nothing could stop God's plan.

Do we have anything to fear? God's plan will not be frustrated!



A religious illustration of Jesus Christ seated on a throne, wearing a crown and a white robe with a gold sash. He is surrounded by a heavenly light and classical columns. The text is overlaid on this image.

because Jesus is coming to set  
up His Kingdom with judgment



This kingdom will fall...



# Type & Shadow

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.

D&C 105:9a-11b (Cont.)→



# Type & Shadow

## D&C 105 Summary

Darkness will cover the whole earth and destruction like a whirlwind

It will start in His house

His house is His church

It will go from His church out to the whole earth

If we are not to worry about what happens in the church,  
we also then, should not worry about what happens in the world



# Type & Shadow

## D&C 105 Summary

We, the church, went through the whirlwind (1950s-1980s)

About the time when the “time of the Gentiles” was fulfilled

Some couldn't understand the destruction  
of the church institution and were destroyed

As our country and the world goes through the whirlwind,

Some may not be able to detach from the institution  
of this land and could also be destroyed





# Luke 21 Conclusion

Nevertheless, let the bishop go unto the city of New York, and also to the city of Albany, and also to the city of Boston, and **warn the people of those cities with the sound of the gospel, with a loud voice, of the desolation and utter abolishment which awaits them if they do reject these things;**

**For if they do reject these things, the hour of their judgment is nigh, and their house shall be left unto them desolate.**

D&C 83:23c-d



11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

13 **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.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 **If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself may be saved; yet so as by fire.**

1 Corinthians 3:11-15



# Type & Shadow

←(Cont.) 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.

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.

D&C 105:9a-11b



# D&C 105 Summary

Our work and responsibility

1. NOT WORRY

2. PREPARE OUR HEART

3. TEACH THE GOSPEL



# D&C 105 Summary

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# END TIMES SIGNS

How much time do we really have left?

What destruction will come upon this land?

Are we acting as Covenanted People or as Gentiles who have rejected the fullness of the Gospel?



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COMMENTS



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