

# THE REDEMPTION OF ZION

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**I LOVE ZION!**



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## 1 Nephi 3:187

And **blessed** are they who  
**shall seek to bring forth my Zion** at that day,  
for **they shall have**  
**the gift and the power of**  
**the Holy Ghost;**



# INTRODUCTION

**If we leave here unchanged, we have failed.**

**I challenge you to let the Lord's Spirit speak into your heart and mind and write down the thoughts that you are given.**

**Please write down the things that you are prompted to change in your life and go home and make those changes.**



# INTRODUCTION

We feel so  
far from it.  
Yet we do  
have the  
hope.



We want  
Zion and  
dream of  
all its  
beauty.

**We are like this tree.**



# THE WILL OF GOD





## Who is willing for Zion?



My daughter,  
Isabella

### D&C 64:7a

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;

## Who is obedient for Zion?



# THE WILL OF GOD

## Moses & Israel first coming to the Promised Land

The 12 spies returned and what was their report?

### (Numbers 13)

1. A land flowing with milk and honey...**BUT...**
2. Walled cities **AND**
3. Giants

**Result:** 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.



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**I'm tired of wandering.**  
**(Almost 40 years) Are you?**

What **WALLS** do we have to overcome?

What **GIANTS** do we face?



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## D&C 122:17b

Let NOTHING separate you from each other  
and the work whereunto you have been called;  
and I will be with you by my Spirit and presence  
of power unto the end. Amen.

## Puzzle pieces

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## Zechariah 4:6

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but BY MY SPIRIT**, saith the Lord of hosts.

**Zion will be redeemed by POWER – POWER of the SPIRIT within the Priesthood and all the members.**

**NOT by the might or power of men,  
nor by their wisdom, rules, or resolutions.**

# How can Zion be redeemed?

Above my paygrade (D&C 105).

I do know a guy who has this paygrade:

# JESUS CHRIST



# THE WILL OF GOD

## D&C 142:5 (given in 1950)

The hopes of my people and the goals of my church, while not yet fully realized, and at times and to many seemingly distant, are closer to realization than many recognize. It is yet day when all can work. The night will come when for many of my people opportunity to assist will have passed.

# Privilege to assist.

# THE WILL OF GOD

## 2 Nephi 7 (“I will”)

- I will fortify this land against all other nations...
- I the Lord, the King of heaven, will be their king; and I will be a light upon them forever...
- I will do unto them while they are in the flesh...
- I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness, and of murders, and of abominations...
- I will fulfill my promises...
- I will afflict thy seed by the hand of the Gentiles...
- I will soften the hearts of the Gentiles...
- I will consecrate this land unto thy seed...
- I will have all men that dwell thereon, that they shall worship me...



# THE WILL OF GOD

## 2 Nephi 7:23 & 41

Wherefore, he that fighteth against Zion, both Jew and Gentile, both bond and free, both male and female, shall perish:

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, reconcile yourselves to the will of God, and NOT to the will of the devil and the flesh;

**What are the qualities of Zion?**

**This is a warning to be very careful not to fight against Zion and God's will.**

## Nephi Endowed (Book of Helaman)

### Helaman 3:115-117

Blessed art thou, Nephi, for those things which thou hast done; for I have beheld how thou hast with unweariness declared the word which I have given unto thee, unto this people. And thou hast not feared them, and hast not sought thine own life, but have sought my will, and to keep my commandments. (cont.→)



## Nephi Endowed (Book of Helaman)

### Helaman 3:115-117 (cont.)

(←cont.) And now because thou hast done this with such unweariness, behold, I will bless thee for ever; and I will make thee mighty in word and in deed, in faith and in works; yea, even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word. for thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will.

# ENDOWMENT

# THE WILL OF GOD

## Melchisedec Calling / Authority / Responsibility D&C 104:9

The power and authority of the higher, or Melchisedec, priesthood, is:

- to hold the keys of all the spiritual blessings of the church;
- to have the privilege of receiving the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven;
- to have the heavens opened unto them;
- to commune with the general assembly and church of the Firstborn;  
and
- to enjoy the communion and presence of God the Father, and Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant.



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## Who can assist in this work?

I can only assist in the work of building up Zion if I am a willing and obedient servant.

Being obedient to **the WILL of God** and setting aside my plans and desires for **the WILL of God**.

**Zion is built up by people who are changed, sanctified, and Holy – filled the POWER of the Spirit.**

# THE WILL OF GOD

## D&C 11:3b-4b

Keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion. Behold, I speak unto you, and also to all those who have desires to bring forth and establish this work; and **no one can assist in this work, except he shall be humble and full of love, having faith, hope, and charity, being temperate** in all things whatsoever shall be intrusted to his care.



# THE WILL OF GOD

**When you go home,  
what will be your report?**

**Will it be:** it's time for us to be willing to let go of our plans and let the Lord lead us? **ZION CAN BE!**

**OR** will it be that we are not able to overcome the walls and giants before us?

## **How serious am I?**

Zion is so radically different than anything we understand; radically different from our society, our history, and our perceptions.

**DO I REALLY WANT TO MAKE THE  
NECESSARY CHANGES?**



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**“Walk NOT as men”**  
(mankind from the fall)

**Walk under the POWER of the  
Holy Ghost...**

**Walking in the WILL of God.**



# THE LORD IS MOVING



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# Who is feeling the Lord moving in these last days?

Are we feeling the world changing?

Are we feeling the need to pull together?

Are we feeling that God is motivating the Saints?

## Condition of the world:

- Evil is all around and has such a great hold on in hearts of people.
- Corruption at the highest levels of society.
- Despicable things being done to the most vulnerable in our society.
- Hatred against God, Christ, and believers.





# THE LORD IS MOVING

We can easily see that the evil works and plans are moving forward in the world – tumult and suffering.

God will raise up a people to be the light in the darkness, to establish His Holy City, to be built up to be a hope for the world, even the City of Zion, whose King is Jesus Christ.

**Great need of counseling.**

# THE LORD IS MOVING

## 2 Nephi 12:23-26

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 prospereth, all is well; And thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.





BABYLON

Lance's Dream



# THE LORD IS MOVING

## D&C 58:3e-f

Firstly, the **rich** and the **learned**, the **wise** and the **noble**; and **after that cometh the day of my power**; then shall the **poor**, the **lame**, and the **blind**, and the **deaf**, come in unto the marriage of the Lamb, and partake of the supper of the Lord, prepared for the great day to come. Behold, I, the Lord, have spoken it.

First, those who have resources. 

Then “DAY OF MY POWER” 

Then the poor, lame, blind, deaf. 



## Testimonies:

1. **Congo Family** – “People of the Spirit” and the “Promised Land”
2. **Hopi Indian Tribe Prophecy** – “Baha’umi’ to teach by the Spirit (*Time of the Gentiles*)
3. **Mormon/LDS Friend** – “Gentle, warm, power and presence of the Holy Spirit by the RLDS Saints as a quiet foundational part of Independence”

# THE LORD IS MOVING

## 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.



**Serve God**



**Serve SIN, SELF, Babylon**

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## Testimony:

1. Giving away Book of Mormon copies – to co-workers in a conservative Christian community.

# God's Spirit is moving and we have but two choices:

1. Fight against the Spirit and do what we feel is safe, smart, according to our ways and traditions, etc. (*wisdom of man*)
2. **OR** Learn to know the Spirit, submit to God, and obey Him (*HIS WILL*).





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# End of the Times of the Gentiles:

Benji's class:



- Long version explaining God's work in establishing His church and Jerusalem in the last days.
- Big prophetic stakes in the ground.

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# End of the Times of the Gentiles:

## 2 Signs of the End:



1. Gentiles reject the fullness of the Gospel
2. Jerusalem is no longer trodden down of the Gentiles

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## The TIMES OF THE GENTILES



### D&C 45:4b-d

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; but **they receive it not, for they perceive not the light, and they turn their hearts from me** because of the precepts of men; and **in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

Gentiles  
(Book of Mormon)

Israel  
(Book of Mormon)

You are  
here

Gentiles  
Reject Jesus  
& Gospel

Covenanted  
People Build the  
New Jerusalem

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## 2 Nephi 12:40

**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

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; 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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# The TIMES OF THE GENTILES

**Jews**  
(Bible)

**Gentiles**  
(Bible)

1 N 3:200

First shall  
be last,  
and the  
last shall  
be first.

**Gentiles**  
(Book of  
Mormon)

**Israel**  
(Book of  
Mormon)

Jews Reject  
Jesus &  
Gospel

**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



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## 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



# THE REDEMPTION OF ZION IS NEAR

## Luke 21:23-25,27

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword [*inhabitants of Jerusalem*], 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.

...Master, tell us concerning thy coming. And he answered them, and said, in the generation in which the times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled, there shall be signs...

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.

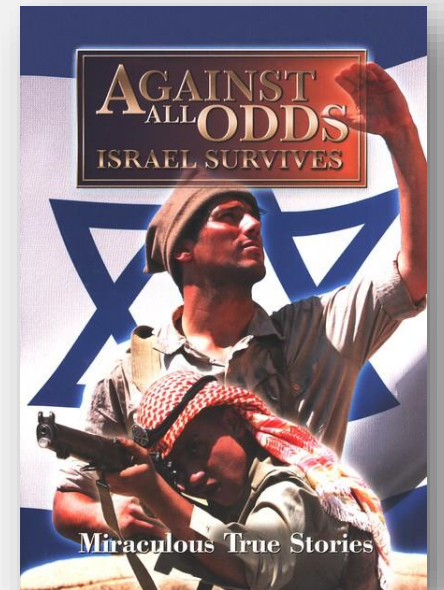


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# When did the Jews take complete control of Jerusalem?

## 1967 and the Six-Day War:

1. The portion of Jerusalem that the Jews did not have control of was taken over by Israel and never given back.
2. This gave Israel complete control of Jerusalem.



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## Matthew 24:35

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]*.

Rejection of the Gospel is one of the signs and ALL will be fulfilled in that generation.



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# When did the Gentiles reject the fullness of the Gospel?

1967 Positions Papers were adopted by the church in 1968 at the World Conference:

1. Jesus was NOT born of a virgin
2. Book of Mormon is NOT true/historical
3. Joseph was NOT a prophet of God

POSITION  
PAPERS

"Nor can we affirm today that this is 'the only true and living church upon the face of the whole earth with which ... the Lord (is) well pleased.' (D. & C. 1:5) We affirm that no single organized institution (church) on earth is the perfect embodiment of God's will and purpose ..." (page 57).

"But even the type of Christology that the Book of Mormon displays raises questions for the modern man since it seems to reflect a nineteenth-century Messianic view of Jesus as a supernatural being" (page 107).

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# How does the Hopi Prophecy tie into this?

1990's Recording on YouTube:



Unbelievable Predictions | HOPI Elders Saw It All Coming:

1. Eagle Landing on the Moon – New time of POWER
2. If they didn't receive from the Great Spirit, they were to look for:
3. People of the Spirit (new religion Baha'umi) **to teach them**



## 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  
& Control of  
Jerusalem by Jews**



# **Time of the Covenanted People**

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

# **Ends with the Redemption of:**



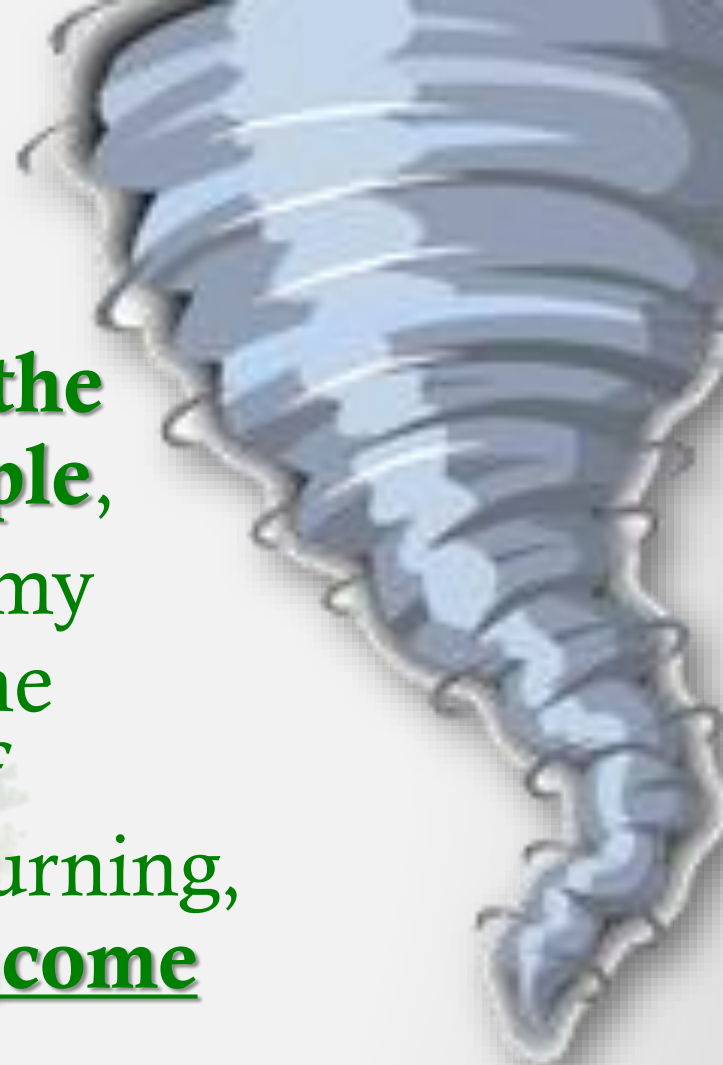


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## D&C 105:9-11b

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.



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## D&C 105:9-11b (cont.)

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;

1. but purify your hearts before me, and
2. then go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel unto every creature who has not received it.





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## 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



# THE REDEMPTION OF ZION IS NEAR

## 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
- Our country and the world are going through the same whirlwind.
- What is our work?
  - Purify our heart & preach the Gospel to the whole world





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**Are you ready for the good  
news?**

**How many of you have heard this quote?**

“If we do not do what we are  
supposed to do, the Lord will raise  
up another people.”

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## WE ARE THAT “OTHER” PEOPLE!!!



**We have all the tools!**  
(priesthood authority, Book  
of Mormon, D&C,  
Inspired Version)

“...for the Lord will have a place  
from whence his word will go forth in  
these last days, in purity; for if Zion  
will not purify herself so as to be  
approved of in all things in his sight,  
**he will seek another people...**”

Church History, Volume 1,  
pages 267-268, given to Joseph  
Smith, Jr. in 1833



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## D&C 45:4d-e

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; 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.



**My disciples  
will stand in  
holy places!**

# THE REDEMPTION OF ZION IS NEAR

## Testimonies:

1. War Coming to Independence, MO (Andy Sindt) – Saints recognized it was the last chance for us to come together before destruction. (*ref. Joel 2*)
2. Wait until Zion so we can fix our troubles



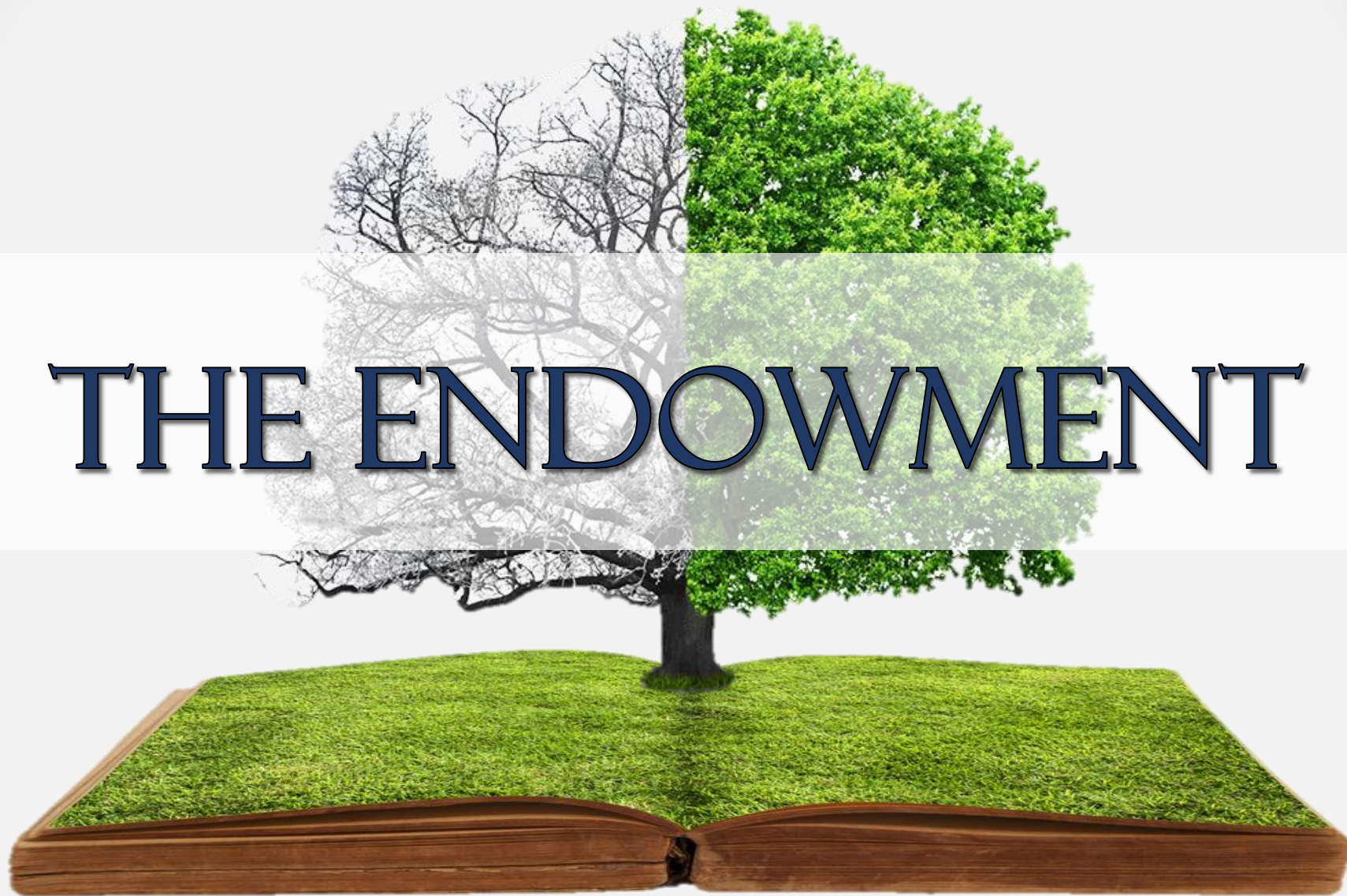
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**Seeing the calamities that are  
coming, it is time!**

**It is time for us to gather our strength,  
prepare, and stand in POWER!**

**Judgment is coming on this nation and it will fall.**

# THE ENDOWMENT





# **Parable of the Vineyard**

**(D&C 98:6-8)**

**The vineyard is Independence, MO**

**This is a parable of the Redemption of  
Zion.**

# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 98:6-8

6a And now, I will show unto you a parable that you may know my will concerning the redemption of Zion.

6b A certain nobleman had a spot of land, very choice; and he said unto his servants, Go ye into my vineyard, even upon this very choice piece of land, and plant twelve olive trees; and set watchmen round about them and build a tower, that one may overlook the land round about, to be a watchman upon the tower;

6c that mine olive trees may not be broken down, when the enemy shall come to spoil and take unto themselves the fruit of my vineyard. (cont. →)



# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 98:6-8

(←cont.) 6d Now the servants of the nobleman went and did as their lord commanded them; and planted the olive trees, and built a hedge round about, and set watchmen, and began to build a tower.

6e And while they were yet laying the foundation thereof, they began to say among themselves, And what need hath my lord of this tower? and consulted for a long time, saying among themselves, What need hath my lord of this tower, seeing this is a time of peace?

6f Might not this money be given to the exchangers? for there is no need of these things! (cont.→)

# THE ENDOWMENT



## D&C 98:6-8

(←cont.) 6g And they were at variance one with another  
they became wrothful, and they hearkened not unto the  
commandments of their lord,

6h and the enemy came by night and broke down the hedge, and  
the servants of the nobleman arose, and were affrighted, and  
fled; and the enemy destroyed their works and broke down the  
olive trees. (cont.→)

**You are HERE in this story.**



# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 98:6-8

(←cont.) 7a Now, behold, the nobleman, the lord of the vineyard, called upon his servants, and said unto them, Why! what is the cause of this great evil? ought ye not to have done even as I commanded you? and after ye had planted the vineyard, and built the hedge round about, and set watchmen upon the walls thereof, 7b built the tower also, and set a watchman upon the tower, and watched for my vineyard, and not have fallen asleep, lest the enemy should come upon you? (cont.→)

# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 98:6-8

(←cont.) 7c and, behold, the watchman upon the tower would have seen the enemy while he was yet afar off, and then you could have made ready and kept the enemy from breaking down the hedge thereof, and saved my vineyard from the hands of the destroyer.

7d And **the lord of the vineyard said unto one of his servants,**  
**Go, and gather together the residue of my servants; and take all the strength of mine house, which are my warriors, my young men, and they that are of middle age also, among all my servants, who are the strength of mine house,** save those only whom I have appointed to tarry; (cont.→)



# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 98:6-8

(←cont.) 7e and go ye straightway unto the land of my vineyard, and redeem my vineyard, for it is mine, I have bought it with money.

7f Therefore, get ye straightway unto my land; break down the walls of mine enemies, throw down their tower, and scatter their watchmen;

7g and inasmuch as they gather together against you, avenge me of mine enemies; that by and by I may come with the residue of mine house and possess the land. (cont.→)

# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 98:6-8

(←cont.) 8a And the servant said unto his lord, When shall these things be?

8b And he said unto his servant, When I will: go ye straightway, and do all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and this shall be my seal and blessing upon you; a faithful and wise steward in the midst of mine house; a ruler in my kingdom.

8c And his servant went straightway, and did all things whatsoever his lord commanded him, and after many days all things were fulfilled.

Given December 16, 1833 to Joseph Smith Jr. in  
response to what was happening in Zion.



## **Parable of the Vineyard (D&C 98:6-8)**

**We are in the condition of the  
brokenness. Any objections?**

**Zion has NOT been redeemed, so this  
has yet to be fulfilled.**

## Parable of the Vineyard (D&C 98:6-8)

Who is the servant?

Some say:

- The “One Mighty & Strong”
- The “Seventh Prophet”
- Jesus Christ



## Parable of the Vineyard (D&C 98:6-8)

Did the Lord say to His servant,  
“Go and train them”?

- He will call the young warriors, the middle aged, and all the strength of the Lord’s house.
- He calls upon those who are prepared.

# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 102:9, 10c-d

**The choosing is based upon each person's individual response to the calling to prepare.**

But firstly, let my army become my guest, and let it be sanctified before me, that it may be as bright as the sun, and as clear as the moon, and that her banners may be terrible unto all nations; that the kingdoms of this world may be constrained to acknowledge that the Kingdom of Zion is in very deed the kingdom of God, and that the Kingdom of Zion is in very deed the kingdom of God. Therefore, let us become subject unto his laws.

There has been a day of choosing; and let those be chosen that are worthy; and it shall be manifest unto my servant, by the voice of the Spirit, those that are chosen, and they shall be sanctified; and inasmuch as they follow the counsel which they receive, they shall have power after many days to accomplish all things pertaining to Zion.



## Testimony:

- Brother Eldon Norman
- Post destruction period – cold in the Summer
- Saints gathered for provision and protection
- Enemy came against the Saints
- Patriarch called down lightning and disabled a tank and then disabled the other vehicles
- The priesthood discerned the true needs of the attackers and how much food they actually needed

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*→ Great Sermons & Experiences link*

# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 100:3

3a But verily I say unto you, I have decreed that your brethren, which have been scattered, shall return to the land of their inheritances and build up the waste places of Zion; for after much tribulation, as I have said unto you in a former commandment, cometh the blessing.

3b Behold, this is the blessing which I have promised after your tribulations, and the tribulations of your brethren your redemption, and the redemption of your brethren; even their restoration to the land of Zion, to be established, no more to be thrown down;

3c nevertheless, if they pollute their inheritances, they shall be thrown down; for I will not spare them if they pollute their inheritances. (cont.→)



# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 100:3

(←cont.) 3d Behold, I say unto you, The redemption of Zion must needs come by power; therefore I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel, for ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham;

3e and ye must needs be led out of bondage by power, and with a stretched out arm; and as your fathers were led at the first, even so shall the redemption of Zion be.

3f Therefore, let not your hearts faint, for I say not unto you as I said unto your fathers, Mine angel shall go up before you, but not my presence; but I say unto you, Mine angels shall go before you, and also my presence, and in time ye shall possess the goodly land.

# THE ENDOWMENT

## **AM I WILLING TO MAKE THE SACRIFICES NEEDED?**

The Endowment of Spiritual power is NOT thrust upon you, rather the power of the Holy Spirit is increasingly given, right now and to come, through your choices, thoughts, action, and individual preparation, through purity and obedience, delighting in the law of the Lord.



## Testimony:

- Alfred White saw the Redemption of Zion by judgment.
- There was a “red ring” in which the priesthood judgment those within the ring by the POWER of the Holy Ghost.
- Some people died during the judgment because they were NOT prepared.
- Some left before being judged...some were able to return.
- The ring started small and grew larger as more were prepared and come to Zion.

*Infalible Proofs, “Zion’s Redemption” by Alfred  
White pages 84-89, second printing 2005.*



GOD IS CALLING



# GOD IS CALLING

## Alma 3:36

I say unto you, Can ye look up to God at that day with a pure heart and clean hands?

## 3 Nephi 4:2

And there was not any man who could do a miracle in the name of Jesus, save he were cleansed every whit from his iniquity.

**No one can perform miracles unless he has clean hands and a pure heart – God cannot use us in the manner needed for the redemption of Zion unless we are clean/pure.**

GOD IS CALLING

# How many of us can say we are prepared for the endowment?

Is it possible that the endowment could come on the same appointed time as it was before?

**Luke 24:48**

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but **tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high.**

## Pentecost



GOD IS CALLING

# Clarion Call to the Restoration:

## 3 Nephi 9:79

And then shall a cry go forth, Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch not that which is unclean; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord.

**In the “End Times”, this is the call.**

**This calling is FOR US NOW!**

# GOD IS CALLING

**James 1:27** 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.**

**Ephesians 5:11** And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.**

**James 4:4** 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.

**Revelation 18:4** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**



# **We are called to repent & change our evil ways.**

## **For what do I need to repent:**

1. My fornication with the world
2. My pride and divisions
3. My contention
4. My slothfulness while the world suffers
5. My lack of faithfulness to our callings

## Testimony:

1. Lay down your weapons – for me to lay down my words and thoughts of contention that are weapons of harm to the work



# How I can be prepared for the endowment?

## Ways I can prepare:

1. Prayer
2. Fasting
3. Studying
4. Communing with God / Practicing His Presence
5. Laboring in the vineyard with all my heart

# THE ENDOWMENT

## D&C 85:20a

Behold, I will hasten my work in its time; and I give unto you who are the first laborers in this last kingdom, a commandment,

- that you assemble yourselves together, and
- organize yourselves, and
- prepare yourselves; and
- sanctify yourselves;

## What is my response?



GOD IS CALLING

**“Walk NOT as men”**  
(mankind from the fall)

**Walk under the POWER of the  
Holy Ghost.**

# CONCLUSION





# CONCLUSION

## 1 Nephi 3:187

And **blessed** are they who  
**shall seek to bring forth my Zion** at that day,  
for **they shall have**  
**the gift and the power of**  
**the Holy Ghost;**

# CONCLUSION

**I'm tired of wandering.**  
**(Almost 40 years) Are you?**

What **WALLS** do we have to overcome?

What **GIANTS** do we face?



# CONCLUSION

**When you go home,  
what will be your report?**

**Will it be:** it's time for us to be willing to let go of our plans and let the Lord lead us? **ZION CAN BE!**

**OR** will it be that we are not able to overcome the walls and giants before us?

# CONCLUSION

**Whose work is the building  
of Zion in the last days?**

Not mine...not yours, it belongs to:

**JESUS CHRIST**



# CONCLUSION

## D&C 58:3e-f

Firstly, the **rich** and the **learned**, the **wise** and the **noble**; and **after that cometh the day of my power**; then shall the **poor**, the **lame**, and the **blind**, and the **deaf**, come in unto the marriage of the Lamb, and partake of the supper of the Lord, prepared for the great day to come. Behold, I, the Lord, have spoken it.

First, those who have resources. 

Then DAY OF MY POWER 

Then the poor, lame, blind, deaf. 

# CONCLUSION

**AM I WILLING TO  
MAKE THE SACRIFICES  
NEEDED TO BE  
PREPARED FOR THE  
ENDOWMENT?**



# CONCLUSION

- The **Endowment** of the **POWER** of the **SPIRIT** is **NOT** thrust upon you,
- rather the power of the Holy Spirit is increasingly given, right now and to come,
- through **your choices, thoughts, action**, and **individual preparation**,
- through **purity and obedience, delighting in the law of the Lord**.

# CONCLUSION

## D&C 102:5a-b

Behold, I have commanded my servant Baurak Ale, to say unto the strength of my house, even my warriors, my young men and middle- aged,

- to gather together for the redemption of my people, and
- throw down the towers of mine enemies, and
- scatter their watchmen;

but the strength of mine house have not hearkened unto my words; but inasmuch as there are those who have hearkened unto my words, I have prepared a blessing and an endowment for them, if they continue faithful.



# CONCLUSION

**You are called.  
What will be your response?**

Great opportunities to assist in this glorious work awaits those who are faithful in serving in these last days.

# CONCLUSION

We feel so  
far from it.  
Yet we do  
have the  
hope.



We want  
Zion and  
dream of  
all its  
beauty.

**We are like this tree.**



# CONCLUSION

Let us no  
longer  
just look  
ahead to  
Zion.



Let us  
stand up  
and be the  
people of  
Zion.

# CONCLUSION

Let us **STAND** in the  
**POWER** of the  
**HOLY GHOST**  
and be **FAITHFUL.**

# THE END

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THE REDEMPTION OF ZION IN POWER