

Moroni, Abrahamic Covenant, and Zion

A Restored Gospel Podcast Presentation

Moroni and his soldiers Covenant parallels the Abraham covenant

Some Parallels...

- They tore (rent) their clothing symbolically that God would tear (rend) them, if they were not faithful,
- Specifically, if they fell into transgression against God's commandments.
- Keeping this covenant is what gave them astounding success.

With Abrahamic Covenant...

- In the Abraham covenant, as Shane pointed out, the animals were cut in half, and they walked between them showing this is what God would do to them if they broke the covenant.

With Abrahamic Covenant...

- But In Abraham's situation, only God walks between.
- This symbolizes the covenant is upon God alone.
- Also, it is God who gives his life for the covenant to be fulfilled. This is His MERCY.

Moroni...

- This example from the Book Of Mormon is amazingly parallel and completely sobering, That they took it this seriously.

Alma 21 (LDS: Alma 44:12)

48 And when Moroni had said these words, he went forth among the people, waving the rent of his garment in the air that all might see the writing which he had written upon the rent, And crying with a loud voice, saying:

49 Behold, whosoever will maintain this title upon the land, Let them come forth in the strength of the Lord and enter into a covenant that they will maintain their rights and their religion, that the Lord God may bless them."

50 And it came to pass that when Moroni had proclaimed these words, Behold, the people came running together with their armors girded about their loins, rending their garments in token, or as a covenant, that they would not forsake the Lord their God -

51 Or, in other words, if they should transgress the commandments of God, Or fall into transgression and be ashamed to take upon them the name of Christ, The Lord should rend them even as they had rent their garments.

Alma 21 (LDS: Alma 44)

52 Now this was the covenant which they made.

And they cast their garments at the feet of Moroni, saying:

We covenant with our God that we shall be destroyed,
even as our brethren in the Land Northward, if we shall fall
into transgression;

Biblical examples of 'tearing clothing.'

Jacob mourns Joseph:

- Reference: Genesis 37:34
- Circumstance: Jacob tears his clothes in grief when he believes Joseph, his son, has been killed

Jacob and his sons over Joseph's supposed death:

- Reference: Genesis 44:13
- Circumstance: Joseph's brothers tear their clothes when a silver cup is found in Benjamin's sack, leading to a distressing situation.

What Follows in the Book of Mormon...

- What follows is the profound promise to Joseph detailing that his lineage would not perish.
- They made their parallel Abrahamic covenant in light of the covenant with Joseph—(which only the Book of Mormon describes).
- The great promise of the Book of Mormon is largely lost on us Gentiles (of the church).

Alma 21 (LDS: [Alma 46:22](#))

53 Yea, He may cast us at the feet of our enemies, even as we have cast our garments at thy feet, to be trodden underfoot, if we should fall into transgression."

54 Moroni saith unto them:

Behold, we are a remnant of the seed of Jacob,

Yea, we are a remnant of the seed of Joseph whose coat was rent by his brethren into many pieces;

55 Yea, and now behold,

let us remember to keep the commandments of God,

Or our garments shall be rent by our brethren

and we be cast into prison or be sold or be slain;

Yea, let us preserve our liberty as a remnant of Joseph;

Alma 21 (LDS: [Alma 46:24](#))

56 Yea, let us remember the words of Jacob before his death, For behold, he saw that a part of the remnant of the coat of Joseph was preserved and had not decayed.

57 "And he saith: 'Even as this remnant of garment of my son hath been preserved, So shall a remnant of the seed of my son be preserved by the hand of God and be taken unto Himself, While the remainder of the seed of Joseph shall perish, even as the remnant of his garment. 'Now behold, this giveth my soul sorrow Nevertheless, my soul hath joy in my son because that part of his seed which shall be taken unto God.'

59 "Now behold, this was the language of Jacob;

Alma 21 (LDS: [Alma 46:27](#))

60 And now, who knoweth but what the remnant of the seed of Joseph which shall perish as his garment are those which have dissented from us,

Yea, and even it shall be us, if we do not stand fast in the faith of Christ."

61 And now it came to pass that when Moroni had said these words, he went forth, and also sent forth in all the parts of the land where there were dissensions, And gathered together all the people which were desirous to maintain their liberty to stand against Amalickiah and those which had dissented, which were called Amalickiahites.

What does this have to do with Zion?

Zion results when Joseph's heart turns back to
Jesus, not when Gentiles will it to happen

The 'Urgency' of Gentiles due to 'Bad Things'...

Presently an Independence Group puts out emails stressing urgency to 'prepare,' to have all things common so we 'can have Zion.'

But...if we are to learn from the Lamanites, these Gentiles miss this point (completely),

As if by spreading urgency motivated by 'bad things are coming' we will and can have Zion, instead of the pure motive that a changed heart restores an attitude leading to renewal and redemption in Christ.

Lamanites Conversion? ...

[Jacob 5:39](#) (LDS: [Jacob 7:24](#))

And it came to pass that **many means were devised** to reclaim and restore the Lamanites to the knowledge of the truth.

But it all was vain, for they delighted in wars and bloodsheds.

And they had an eternal hatred against us their brethren;

Lamanites Conversion almost 500 years after Nephi...

It took 500 years of Nephites devising means to reclaim the Lamanites, none of which worked until Nephites who were actually born again wandered among Lamanites simply hoping they could find the change of heart and light of Christ too.

When that happens among Joseph's people in a day to come, Zion begins.

Israel's Promise?

[1 Nephi 5:253](#) (LDS: [1 Nephi 19:15](#))

Nevertheless, when that day cometh, " saith the prophet,
that they no more turn aside their hearts against the Holy One of Israel,
Then will He remember the covenants which He made to their fathers;

254 Yea, then will He remember the isles of the sea;

255 Yea, and **all the people which are of the house of Israel will I gather in,**
saith the Lord, according to the words of the prophet Zenos, from the four
quarters of the earth.

Great Promises to Joseph

[2 Nephi 2:6](#) (LDS: [2 Nephi 3:5](#))

And great were the covenants of the Lord which He made unto Joseph."Wherefore, Joseph truly saw our day;

[2 Nephi 11:40](#) (LDS: [2 Nephi 25:21](#))

Wherefore, for this cause hath the Lord God promised unto me that these things which I write shall be kept and preserved and handed down unto my seed from generation to generation: **That the promise may be fulfilled unto Joseph that his seed should never perish as long as the earth should stand.**

ZION happens in Response to LAMANITES (Remnant of Joseph) CONVERTING BACK TO CHRIST first.

- Not by Gentiles Gathering
- Nor by Gentiles Wishing, Hoping
- Nor by Gentiles sense of Urgency...
- Likely not even Gentiles 'keeping all the commandments' although that would certainly help...
- It's when Israel returns and 'keeps the commandments.'

When Lamanites Heart Turns...

- Joseph is Gathered
- Joseph Builds a City (repentant Gentiles assist, not lead)
- The word to the Nephites goes out as a standard to the world.

For us Gentiles?

- This is so profoundly different than the Gentiles Zion promoted by the church/restoration.
- The restoration of the remnant of Joseph has been all but lost on the Gentiles.

For us Gentiles?

This puts 'Zion's' beginning in a different light.

Gentiles donated land in Jackson County to have it sold off by the cash flow problems of the RLDS church.

While LDS could purchase that land with a rounding error from their billions...

But in the end, **none of Gentiles cash or land we think we own matters.**

This is Joseph's land willed to Joseph's lineage by God.

Actually, the Scriptures teach that Israel will inherit the gentiles.

Promises to Israel (from Abrahamic Covenant)

[3 Nephi 10:11](#) (LDS: [3 Nephi 22:3](#))

For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left,

And thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

Isaiah's Promises to Israel (from Abrahamic Covenant)

2 Nephi 10:24 (LDS: 2 Nephi 24:2)

And the people shall take them and bring them to their place,

yea, from far unto the ends of the earth;

And they shall return to their lands of promise;

And the house of Israel shall possess them,

And the land of the Lord shall be for servants and handmaids;

And they shall take them captives unto whom they were captives;

And they shall rule over their oppressors.

(LANGUAGE NOT THE SAME IN KING JAMES)

Comparing King James and Book of Mormon

KJ Isaiah	2 NEPHI 8 LDS: 2 Nephi 24
14:1 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.	23 For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob and will yet choose Israel and set them in their own land; And the strangers shall be joined with them, And they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.
14:2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.	24 And the people shall take them and bring them to their place, yea, from far unto the ends of the earth; And they shall return to their lands of promise; And the house of Israel shall possess them, And the land of the Lord shall be for servants and handmaids; And they shall take them captives unto whom they were captives; And they shall rule over their oppressors.