

# A Tale of Two Zions...Part 4

## ...it's Joseph's City.



A Restored Gospel Podcast Presentation

# Tale of Two Zions.....Previous Podcasts



## The Book of Mormon:

- Never Mentions of Enoch.
- Teaches Everlasting Covenant with Abraham
- Does Not Teach Gentiles Found 'Zion' on earth
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## The Book of Mormon:

- Teaches the goal of Zion is 'SALVATION.'
- Teaches the Remnant of Joseph of Nephi build a city New Jerusalem after their conversion to Jesus.
- The Days of Christ at New Jerusalem Catalyze Israel's Gathering.
- A Heavenly City 'comes down' after a New Heaven and New Earth.

# “Zion in Book of Mormon”

- ‘Zion’ exists 42 times in Book of Mormon
- Mostly occurs when quoted by Isaiah and requoted in Book of Mormon
- Process of Zion explained in Ether 6 (Ether 13) without using the word ‘Zion.’

Jesus says:

[3 Nephi 9:86](#) (LDS: [3 Nephi 21:1](#)) And verily I say unto you, I give unto you a sign that ye may know the time when these things shall be about to take place, That I shall gather in from their long dispersion My people, O house of Israel, And shall establish again among them **My Zion.**

# “Zion...in Doctrine and Covenants”

- ‘Zion’ exists 204 times in the RLDS Doctrine and Covenants, but embellishes Gentiles gathering to build Zion, not Joseph. Even correlates Baptism for the Dead to be performed in Zion. Why?

**DC 107:11c** And after this time, your baptisms for the dead, by those who are scattered abroad, are not acceptable unto me, saith the Lord; for it is ordained **that in Zion**, and in her stakes, and in Jerusalem, those places which I have appointed for refuge, **shall be the places for your baptisms for your dead.???**

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3 Wherefore, the Lord would have that all men should serve Him which dwelt upon the face thereof - And that it was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord.

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7 Wherefore, the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the Land of Jerusalem, That He might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph, that they should perish not, Even as He was merciful unto the father of Joseph, that he should perish not.

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

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11 And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old and the inhabitants thereof; Blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb;

12 And they are they which were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth and from the North Countries, And are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father Abraham.

13 And when these things come, bringeth to pass the scripture which saith, "There are they which were first, which shall be last, And there are they which were last, which shall be first."



# THE EVERLASTING WORK OF JESUS

- TO BRING SALVATION TO THE REPENTANT
- TO GATHER ISRAEL SO ISRAEL RETURNS TO GOD
- TO PRESERVE JOSEPH'S LINEAGE

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# NEPHI WROTE ABOUT 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.**

41 Wherefore, **these things shall go from generation to generation** **as long as the earth shall stand;**

And they shall go according to the will and pleasure of God;

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# Differences ...

## Enoch Story



Places Enoch City  
Returning at beginning of  
days of Christ.  
Enoch makes no claim  
about House of Israel  
returning to Christ.

Enoch account makes no  
mention of old Jerusalem  
being built up

## Abraham Covenant



Abraham covenant claims only  
Heavenly New Jerusalem returns  
after new earth.

Emphasizes Israel's return  
to Christ

Explains BOTH Old and New  
Jerusalem built up AND  
Both persist to New Heaven  
and Earth.

# All This Causes Confusion Among the Saints Today.

- We get Covenants wrong
- Holy City's wrong
- Who builds the Cities is wrong.
- We even get the names wrong.
- We teach 1000 years...which is not according to other scripture.  
'1000 years' seems a product of assumptions by Biblical scribes

# What the Early Saints Seemingly had wrong...

- Israel would return to Christ (call on God in the name of Jesus) BEFORE ZION. This is part of the Covenant with Abraham.
- The Gentiles were/are to take the original Gospel back to Israel. They had little success, although this is still being played out.



# Incorrect Assumptions by Early Church...

- The Early Church would build 'Zion' in Independence in 1800's.

NO.

- The New Jerusalem would be built, and old Jerusalem rebuilt, as Holy Cities unto the Lord by ISRAEL. Repentant Gentiles would assist, but not lead.

# Incorrect Assumptions by Early Church...

- Remnant would return to Church in 1800's and acknowledge Priesthood.

NO.

- Joseph's remnant needed to call on Christ first.
- They wouldn't return to Christ until after scattering complete. Scattering to Native American reservations extended into the 1930s.

# Incorrect Assumptions by Early Church...

- Early saints assumed Israel was right behind them gathering to Independence.

NO

- Jews must call on Jesus first.
- This wouldn't happen until gospel returns to them.
- And this doesn't happen until Gospel is taken from Gentiles and returns to house of Israel.

# What the Early Saints Seemingly had wrong...

- Restoring the church....would likely be the simple church of the Nephites. That didn't happen, although elements of it exist.
- Instead, a church taking parts of Nephites, Israel and Gentiles came to pass. We call this 'the Restored' church, but it wasn't the restored Nephite church.

# Instead, Gentiles receive 'new revelation' on Melchizedek Priesthood, Enoch, Enoch City, etc.

- These captivate the minds of the church.
- Restoration can think of little else, propelling the urgency with each generation.
- But no results.....ever.
- Gentiles have mixed traditions in with truth and are confounded by the traditions.
- **The truth about covenants, priesthood, the Holy City is explained in the Book of Mormon, not the Doctrine and Covenants.**
- **This is the largest contradiction of all scripture.**

# What Early Saints missed...

- A truly restored 'church' would have been the Nephite Church. But we do not have it.
- Nephites were strict on sin, Restoration not in the same way.
- Being part of Nephite church meant abstaining from sin and being honest about it.
- This was/is never part of restoration practice, although we excommunicated many for drinking Coffee (what we call the word of wisdom).
- In Nephite church, Repentance brought free and full return, but this mercy is not practiced in the Restoration either