

# A Tale of Two Zions...Part 5

## .... Jesus' Promise.



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# Scriptures teaching 'Zion' from Book of Mormon

Compare:

2 Nephi 12:67-100 (LDS: [2 Nephi 29:7](#))

Jacob 3: 126-145 (LDS: [Jacob 5:62](#))

3 Nephi 9:98 – 3 Nephi 10:4 (LDS: [3 Nephi 21:11](#))

Ether 6: 1-13 (LDS: [Ether 13:1](#))

Mormon 2:37-54 (LDS: [Mormon 5:10](#))



All these tell the same story, but it is a different story from Traditional Church Teaching

The story of Zion is a promise to restore the House of Israel via the Covenant with Abraham.

# Jesus Teaches Covenant with ABRAHAM

[3 Nephi 9:63](#) And behold, ye are the children of the prophets;  
And ye are of the house of Israel;

**And ye are of the covenant which the Father made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham: ' And in thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed '**  
(LDS: [3 Nephi 20:25](#))

[3 Nephi 9:65](#) "And after that ye were blessed, then fulfilleth the Father the covenant which He made with Abraham saying:

In thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed,  
Unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through Me upon the Gentiles,  
Which blessing upon the Gentiles shall make them mighty above all,  
Unto the scattering of My people, O house of Israel;  
And they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.

(LDS: [3 Nephi 20:28](#)) (Gentiles' blessing is because of Covenant with ABRAHAM!)

# The Book of Mormon makes no mention of Enoch...

- EVERYTHING TAUGHT ABOUT ENOCH COMES FROM EXTRA SCRIPTURAL SOURCES.
- Lehi, Nephi, Jacob, King Benjamin, Jesus, Mormon, Moroni, Ether NEVER MENTION ENOCH.
- The Jaredites had the Creation story, but was not included in Book of Mormon because it is said these were had among the Jews.
- THE JAREDITES AND JEWS DID NOT HAVE THE ENOCH STORY WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT IN THE RESTORATION.
- **If Enoch is so vital in God's plan—(especially for us Gentiles), why did Lehi or Ether never explain it into their writings?**

# Enoch is missing from the Book of Mormon...

- Enoch,
- a covenant with Enoch,
- a city of Enoch on earth taken to Heaven,
- A promise for Enoch City to return...

**....No Book of Mormon writers mention any of it...**

# **Enoch was Popular among Freemasons In Joseph Smith's Day**

Likely...as Joseph translated the 'New' Book of Mormon's, others close to Joseph (perhaps Hyrum) pointed to other 'new' information.

What was the foremost idea?

Enoch returning to earth.

‘Enoch’ was the Indiana Jones of the 1800’s brought to you by Free Masons (like Hyrum Smith).

*In a vision, God transported Enoch to an arched vault deep underground where he saw the name engraved on a golden tablet. Enoch had a lavish temple built above the vault and sealed the underground chamber with a heavy iron trap door so that it would survive the coming flood, after which no one knew of the true name.*

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*Centuries later, Solomon dispatched three Masons to search in the ruins materials to embellish his own edifice. In the Masonic legend, they find the trap door and despite their trepidation, descend into the darkness of the vault to find the golden tablet, which glows like the sun.*

# The Ethiopian 'Kebra Nagast'

The story of Enoch city returning began in the 1700s when James Bruce returns from Ethiopia, with records to be translated. The Kebra NAGAST among others.

The Kebra Nagast was Ethiopian (Christian) writings written in Coptic (Egyptian).

James Bruce (Free Mason) had these translated. It was previously believed English Version didn't exist until 1900s, but has since been determined this was translated immediately (1700's). The Kebra Nagast was available via Masons in Joseph Smith's day.



# Compare Kebra Nagast to Inspired Version

## Inspired Version Genesis:

7:67 And the Lord said unto Enoch, **As I live, even so will I come in the last days, in the days of wickedness and vengeance, to fulfill the oath which I made unto you concerning the children of Noah.**

**7:70** an holy city, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; **for there shall be my tabernacle**, and it shall be called Zion; a New Jerusalem.

9:17 **And I will establish my covenant with you, which I made unto Enoch**, concerning the remnants of your posterity.

9:18 And God made a covenant with Noah, and said, This shall be the token of the covenant I make between me and you, and for every living creature with you, for perpetual generations;

**9:23 And the general assembly of the church of the firstborn shall come down out of heaven, and possess the earth, and shall have place until the end come.**

## Kebra Nagast Chapter 10

And I swear by Myself and **by ZION, the Tabernacle of My covenant**,

which I have created for a mercy seat and for the salvation of men,

**and in the latter days I will make it to come down to thy seed**,

that I will have pleasure in the offerings of thy children upon earth, and the

**Tabernacle of My covenant shall be with them for ever.**

# Compare Kebra Nagast to Inspired Version

## Inspired Version Genesis 9:

20 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud; and I will remember my covenant, which I have made between me and you, for every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

21 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant, which I made unto thy father Enoch; that, when men should keep all my commandments, Zion should again come on the earth, the city of Enoch which I have caught up unto myself.

## Kebra Nagast Chapter 10

And when a cloud hath appeared (in the sky), so that they may not fear and may not imagine that a Flood (is coming) I will make to come down from My habitation of ZION the Bow of My Covenant, that is to say, the rainbow, which shall the Tabernacle of My Law.

And it shall come to pass that, when their sins multiply, and I am wishful to be wroth with them, I will remember the Tabernacle of My Covenant, and I will set the rainbow (in the sky), and I will put away Mine anger and will send My compassion. And I will not forget My word, and that which hath gone forth from My mouth I will not overlook.

# Compare Kebra Nagast to Inspired Version

## Inspired Version Luke 21

Luke 21:33 **Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**

## Kebra Nagast Chapter 10

And I will not forget My word, and that which hath gone forth from My mouth I will not overlook. **Though heaven and earth pass away My word shall not pass away."**

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23 And the general assembly of the church of the firstborn shall come down out of heaven, and possess the earth, and shall have place until the end come.

And this is mine everlasting covenant, which I made with thy father Enoch.

## Kebra Nagast Chapter 14

114. Concerning the return of ZION

And the Tabernacle of the Law of God, the Holy ZION, shall remain here until that day when our Lord shall dwell on Mount ZION;

and ZION shall come and shall appear unto all prepared, with three seals even as MOSES gave her as it saith in the Old Law and in the New, "At the testimony of two or three (witnesses) everything shall stand."

And then, saith ISAIAH the Prophet, "The dead shall be raised up, and those who are in the graves shall live, for the dew which (cometh) from Thee is their life."

And when the dead are raised up, His mercy whereby He watereth the earth shall cease; they shall stand up before Him with the works which they have done. And ENOCH and ELIAS shall come, being alive, so that they may testify, and MOSES and AARON from the dead shall live with everyone

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# The Kebra Nagast seems eerily similar to Restoration story of Zion, yet disagrees with the Book of Mormon

- The Book of Mormon teaches that God has not forgotten his covenant with the Jews.
- Yet, the Kebra Nagast condemns the Jews.

# Kebrä Nagast condemns the Jews and Promotes Gentiles...

- Condemns them To Hell

“And after the JEWS crucified the Saviour of the world, they were scattered abroad, and their kingdom was destroyed, **and they were made an end of and rooted out for ever and ever...**” (p. 85)

“...He shall judge the living and the dead and reward every man according to his work.

**So therefore when the JEWS shall see Him they shall be put to shame, and shall be condemned to the fire which is everlasting.**

**But we who believe in the Orthodox Faith shall be upon our throne, and we shall rejoice with our teachers the Apostles..’** (p. 95)

# Summary about Restoration version of Enoch and Zion:

**The Teachings of Enoch are distractions from the Covenant with Abraham, which truly foretells Zion.**



# Early Saints had Zion wrong: Zion comes forth AFTER Scattering of Israel

[2 Nephi 11:25](#) (LDS: [2 Nephi 25:15](#))

Wherefore, the Jews shall be scattered among all nations, Yea,  
and also Babylon shall be destroyed; Wherefore, the Jews shall  
be scattered by other nations,  
And after that they have been scattered and the Lord God hath  
scourged them by other nations for the space of many  
generations - Yea, even down from generation to generation  
until they shall be persuaded to believe in Christ, the Son of  
God, and the atonement, which is infinite for all mankind –

[2 Nephi 12:85](#) (LDS: [2 Nephi 30:7](#))

And it shall come to pass that the Jews which are scattered also  
shall begin to believe in Christ; And they shall begin to gather in  
upon the face of the land;

Early Saints had it wrong:

**Zion comes after Scattering and Return of Israel**

[Mormon 2:49](#) (LDS: [Mormon 5:20](#))

But behold, it shall come to pass that they (remnant) shall be driven and **scattered by the Gentiles**;

And after that they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles, Behold, then will the Lord remember the covenant which He made unto Abraham and unto all the house of Israel;

# Mormon 2 (LDS: [Mormon 5:10](#))

37 And now behold, this I speak unto their seed, and also to the Gentiles which hath care for the house of Israel, that realize and know from whence their blessings come;

38 For I know that such will sorrow for the calamity of the house of Israel, Yea, they will sorrow for the destruction of this people; They will sorrow that this people had not repented, that they might have been clasped in the arms of Jesus.

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

40 And this is the commandment which I have received. And behold, they shall come forth according to the commandment of the Lord when He shall see fit in His wisdom.

41 And behold, they shall go unto the unbelieving of the Jews; And for this intent shall they go: That they may be persuaded that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God;

42 That the Father may bring about through His most Beloved His great and eternal purpose in the restoring the Jews, or all the house of Israel, to the land of their inheritance which the Lord their God hath given them, unto the fulfilling of His covenant;

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43 And also that the seed of this people may more fully believe His gospel which shall go forth unto them from the Gentiles.

44 For this people shall be scattered and shall become a dark, a filthy and a loathsome people, beyond the description of that which ever hath been amongst us, yea, even that which hath been among the Lamanites, And this because of their unbelief and idolatry;

45 For behold, the Spirit of the Lord hath already ceased to strive with their fathers, And they are without Christ and God in the world, And they are driven about as chaff before the wind.

46 They were once a delightsome people and they had Christ for their Shepherd, yea, they were led, even by God the Father;

47 But now behold, they are led about by Satan, even as chaff is driven before the wind, or as a vessel is tossed about upon the waves without sail or anchor or without anything wherewith to steer her; And even as she is, so are they.

48 And behold, the Lord hath reserved their blessing, which they might have received in the land, for the Gentiles which shall possess the land.

# Mormon 2 (LDS: Mormon 5:10)

49 But behold, it shall come to pass that they shall be driven and scattered by the Gentiles; And after that they have been driven and scattered by the Gentiles,  
Behold, then will the Lord remember the covenant which He made unto Abraham and unto all the house of Israel;

50 And also the Lord will remember the prayers of the righteous which hath been put up unto Him for them.

51 And then, O ye Gentiles, how can ye stand before the power of God except ye shall repent and turn from your evil ways?

52 Know ye not that ye are in the hands of God?

53 Know ye not that He hath all power and at His great command the earth shall be rolled together as a scroll?

54 Therefore, repent ye and humble yourselves before Him, lest He shall come out in justice against you - Lest a remnant of the seed of Jacob shall go forth among you as a lion and tear you in pieces and there is none to deliver.

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# Gentile Prosperity and Scattering of Israel Linked to Covenant with Abraham

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# Incorrect Assumptions by Early Church...

## Early Saints



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

## Book of Mormon



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.



# Gospel Returns to Israel BEFORE ZION

[3 Nephi 7:35](#) (LDS: [3 Nephi 16:10](#))

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;**

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;**

# Restorationists teach Gentiles will be gathered to one spot to experience 'Zion.'

- This is not mentioned in the Book of Mormon.



# Instead, Book of Mormon Prophecies Church of Lamb Will Exist Throughout the World

**1 Nephi 3:** (LDS: [1 Nephi 14:10-12](#))

224 And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the whore of all the earth;  
And she sat upon many waters;

225 And she had dominion over all the earth  
among all nations, kindreds, tongues and people.

226 And it came to pass that I beheld the church of the Lamb of God,  
And its **numbers were few because** of the wickedness and abominations of the whore which sat upon many waters;

227 **Nevertheless, I beheld that the church of the Lamb, which were the saints of God, were also upon all the face of the earth,**

228 And **their dominion upon the face of the earth was small** because of the wickedness of the great whore which I saw.




# Restorationists taught that Enoch City was once on earth....

- This is not mentioned in the Book of Mormon.



# When Waters Receded, No Mention of Enoch City Existing or taken to heaven.

Only that it was deemed covenant land.



**Ether 6:2** For behold, they rejected all the words of Ether;  
For he truly told them of all things from the beginning of man,  
And how that after the **waters had receded**  
**from off the face of this land,**  
**it became a choice land above all other lands,**  
a chosen land of the Lord -  
(LDS: [Ether 13:2](#))

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# Lehi, Moroni, Ether mention parts of creation story. BUT...

- No Book of Mormon writers mention Enoch's heavenly city on earth



# Restoration teaches ....

- A Covenant with Enoch.
- But...The book of Mormon does not mention a covenant with Enoch.
- **The Book of Mormon teaches an Everlasting Covenant with Abraham**



# Abraham Covenant—taught by the Bible

## 1 Chronicles 16:14-16

14 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

15 **Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations;**

16 **Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac;**

Acts 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets,  
and of the **covenant which God made with our fathers,**  
**saying unto Abraham,**  
**And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be**  
**blessed.**





# Abraham Covenant—taught by the Bible

## Jeremiah 32:

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath;

and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.



# Abraham Covenant—taught by the Book of Mormon

[1 Nephi 4:26-29](#) (LDS: [1 Nephi 15:18](#))

26 "And he meaneth that it will not come to pass until after that they are scattered by the Gentiles;

27 And he meaneth that it shall come by way of the Gentiles, that the Lord may show His power unto the Gentiles for the very cause that He shall be rejected of the Jews, or of the house of Israel.

28 "Wherefore, our father hath not spoken of our seed alone, but also of all the house of Israel, pointing to the covenant which should be fulfilled in the latter days, **Which covenant the Lord made to our father Abraham, saying: ' In thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. '**



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[1 Nephi 5:132](#) (LDS: [1 Nephi 17:40](#))

Behold, He **loved our fathers,**  
**And He covenanted with them,**  
**yea, even Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,**  
**And He remembered the covenants which He had made;**



# Abraham Covenant—taught by the Book of Mormon

[1 Nephi 7:20](#) (LDS: [1 Nephi 22:9](#))

And not only unto the Gentiles, but unto all the house of Israel unto the **making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham**, saying: ' In thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. '

[2 Nephi 12:74](#) (LDS: [2 Nephi 29:14](#))

And I will show unto them that fight against My word  
And against My people which are of the house of Israel,  
**That I Am God and that I covenanted with Abraham,**  
**That I would remember his seed forever.**



# The Book of Mormon (always) promises unto ABRAHAM, never mentioning Enoch


[Alma 5:42](#) (LDS: [Alma 7:25](#))

And may the Lord bless you and keep your garments spotless,  
That ye may at last be brought to sit down with Abraham,  
Isaac and Jacob and the holy prophets  
which have been ever since the world began,  
Having your garments spotless,  
even as their garments are spotless in the kingdom of heaven.  
To go no more out.

*[\(The End of the Covenant with Israel is Eternal Salvation\)](#)*



# Finally, Moroni Explains that New Jerusalem built and Old Jerusalem returning to God FULFILLS THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM (not Enoch).



[Ether 6:10-13](#) 10 And then cometh the New Jerusalem; And blessed are they which dwell therein, For it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb; And they are they which are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph which were of the house of Israel.

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."

(LDS: [Ether 13:11](#))