

# Without Purpose

What is the Gentiles Purpose?

Restored Gospel Podcast

The Restoration publicly addresses its need for purpose.

Purpose is revealed through the Book of Mormon.

# From RLDS Church History....

**Source: Church History Vol. 1 Chapter 22 Page: 574-575**

**Also**

<https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/minutes-17-august-1835-as-published-in-latter-day-saints-messenger-and-advocate/2#full-transcript>

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President W. W. Phelps then read the written testimony of the Twelve, as follow: 'The testimony of the witnesses to the book of the Lord's commandments, which he gave to his church through Joseph Smith, Jr., who was appointed by the voice of the church for this purpose:

We therefore feel willing to bear testimony to all the world of mankind,  
to every creature upon the face of all the earth,  
and upon the islands of the sea,  
that the Lord has borne record to our souls,  
through the Holy Ghost shed forth upon us,

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(continued) that these commandments were given by inspiration of God, and are profitable for all men, and are verily true.

We give this testimony unto the world, the Lord being our helper: and it is through the grace of God, the Father, and his Son Jesus Christ, that we are permitted to have this privilege of bearing this testimony unto the world,  
in the which we rejoice exceedingly, praying the Lord always that the children of men may be profited thereby.'

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# Why share this from Church History?

This is just an example of how the Gentiles have gotten it wrong.

# **God's plan for Gentiles...**

IS NOT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TELLING OURSELVES

# Gentiles plan for ourselves:

- Elevate our church through entitlement and priesthood
  - Tell native Americans they must 'join us'
  - Convince church members we will build Zion, they will come to it.
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Gentiles are not remorseful for our sin.

We look past this, assuming we are entitled to Zion by virtue of our church association.

# God's plan for Gentiles...

- Remain humble
  - Find Jesus, repentance, baptism.
  - Become **sanctified**—the permanent indwelling of the Holy Ghost.
  - Take the Book of Mormon back to the people whose ancestors wrote it
- >>they will turn to Christ and build The New Jerusalem

# The Book of Mormon Teaches: The Nephites Return to Christ by..

... the Testimony of Israelite Forefathers...

Not by the writings of Gentiles....

The Doctrine and Covenants was NOT the book that would convert the Native Americans ('Indians') or House of Israel.

It is the Book of Mormon.

# What does the Book of Mormon teach about what record will ‘Convince’ their children?

[4 Nephi 1:59](#) / LDS: [4 Nephi 1:49](#)

57 And it came to pass that when three hundred and twenty years had passed away, **Ammoron, being constrained by the Holy Ghost, did hide up the records which were sacred -**

58 Yea, **even all the sacred records which had been handed down from generation to generation which were sacred**, even until the three hundred and twentieth year from the coming of Christ -

**And he did hide them up unto the Lord, that they might come again unto the remnant of the house of Israel according to the prophecies and the promises of the Lord;**

And thus is the end of the record of Ammoron.

# With a promise he will gather them together

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

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;**

# These Records ‘Cry like a voice from the dust’

[Mormon 4:28](#) / LDS: [Mormon 8:23](#)

Yea, behold, I say unto you that those saints which have gone before me, which have possessed this land, shall cry - **Yea, even from the dust will they cry unto the Lord** - And as the Lord liveth, He will remember the covenant which He hath made with them.

[Mormon 4:103](#) / LDS: [Mormon 9:37](#)

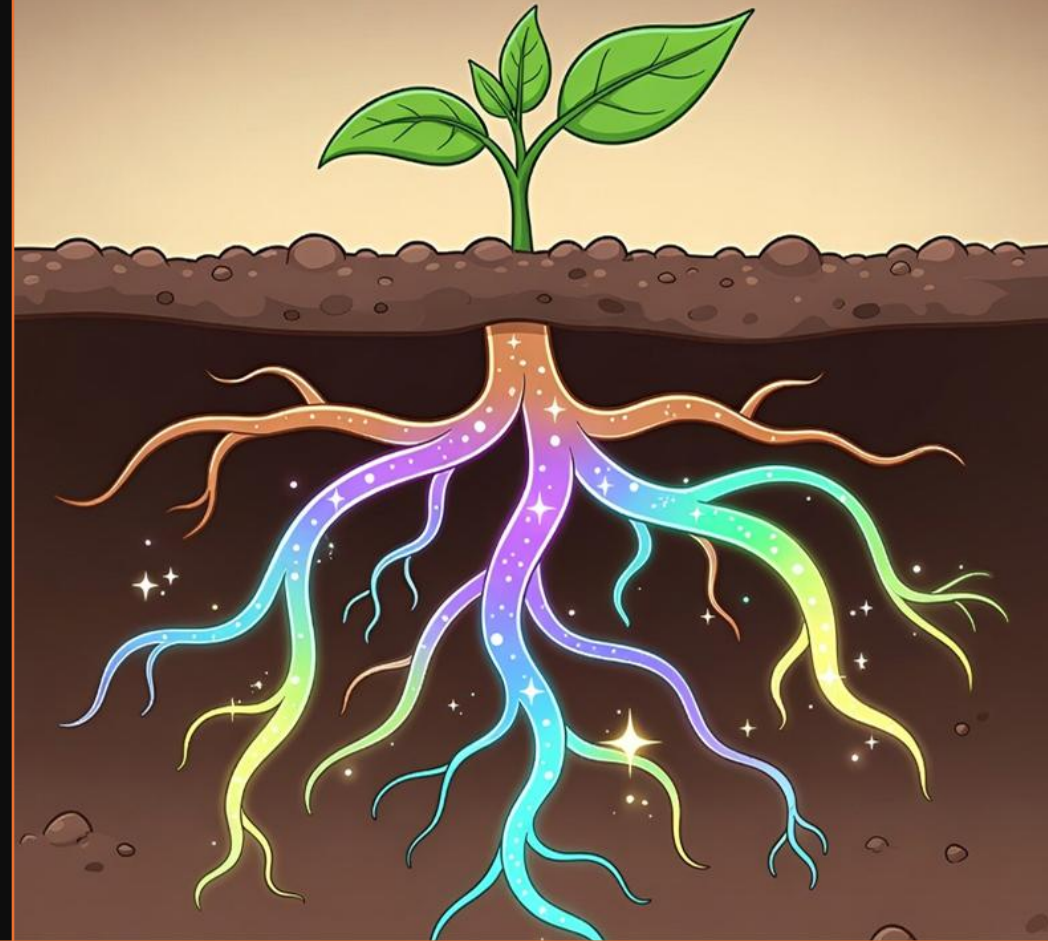
And may the Lord Jesus Christ grant that their prayers may be answered according to their faith; And may God the Father remember the covenant which He hath made with the house of Israel; And may He bless them forever, through faith on the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

# What is it that still lives?

- The Covenants God made with the forefathers of the Remnant.

So guess  
what??!!!

The Roots  
are Alive!



The ROOTS are the COVENANTS GOD MADE  
WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

# Book of Mormon Flow....

1. Nephi Sees his own descendants rise and Fall—utter destruction.
2. Lehi Blesses Laman/Lemuel's Children
3. Nephites Rise
4. Lamanites Rise
5. Nephite/Lamanite given the Real Jesus in the flesh.
6. Nephites Fall
7. Lamanites (Lehi Descendants) Dwindle in unbelief-But God does not forget.
8. Gentiles Rise-Also Because God does not forget (Covenant with Abraham)
9. Gentiles Given Pure Word
10. Gentiles Scatter Descendants of Lehi
11. Gentiles Reject God's Pure Word (The Book of Mormon)

# Book of Mormon Flow....

11. (continued) Gentiles Reject God's Pure Word (The Book of Mormon)
12. God Brings Gospel from Gentiles Back to Lehi's Remnant. These are the roots that give life. These are the Promises to the Forefathers that their children will return.
13. God Brings Judgement upon Gentiles for Iniquity unlike any judgement before
14. Remnant finds Jesus by the words of their ancestors
15. Gentiles Repent and are numbered among Remnant of Joseph. Jesus says THEN he establishes HIS CHURCH among us.
16. Remnant of Joseph builds a city, assisted by repentant Gentiles.
17. Jesus is Present among all, directs the Gospel going Forth for the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Final) time. The Power of Heaven is Present.

# Book of Mormon Flow....

17. (continued) Jesus is Present among all, directs the Gospel going Forth for the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Final) time.
18. The Remnant Returns to Christ, physically Gathered.
19. The Scattered Tribes return to Christ, physically Gathered
20. The Jews return to Christ and are physically Gathered.
21. All House of Israel returns to Christ and gathered--the Fruit of the Vineyard is restored.
22. Jesus has peace with the world for 'a long time' until the End Comes

# Book of Mormon Flow....

22. (continued) Jesus has peace with the world for 'a long time' until the End Comes
23. A Final Judgment of all Humanity.
24. This Heaven and Earth are destroyed.
25. A new Heaven and Earth are created. (this is the pattern for man now, the change of Heart, sanctification, THEN the spirit dwells full time.
26. Then the Spiritual New Jerusalem comes down from Heaven.
27. Those whose garments were washed white by Jesus' blood dwell therein.
28. Our eyes haven't seen nor ears heard nor yet entered into our hearts what comes next.....

# So what will keep the Gentiles from Wandering?

- Understanding What God wanted from us in the Book of Mormon.

# Gentiles were designed to become sanctified

[Ether 1:101](#) / LDS: [Ether 4:7](#)

And in that day that they **shall exercise faith in Me**, saith the Lord,  
**even as the brother of Jared did,**

**that they may become sanctified in Me,**

Then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of  
Jared saw,

**even to the unfolding unto them all My revelations,** " saith Jesus  
Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth  
and all things that in them is.