

2021 Outreach Adult Class Outline

Section 1: **Defining** the Elusive Zion, Kingdom of God on Earth - *end of January*

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Section 2: **Catalyst** in Zion's transforming change, the Holy Spirit/Holy Ghost-*February*

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Section 3: **Power** in Zion's transforming change, the Love of God-*March*

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Section 1:

Case Study #1 Nephites after Christ's ministry (IV Nephi)

IV Nephi 1:

1 And it came to pass that the thirty and fourth year passed away, and also the thirty and fifth, and behold the disciples of Jesus had formed a church of Christ in all the lands round about.

2 And as many as did come unto them, and did truly repent of their sins, were baptized in the name of Jesus; and they did also receive the Holy Ghost.

3 And it came to pass in the thirty and sixth year, the people were all converted unto the Lord, upon all the face of the land, both Nephites and Lamanites, and there were no contentions and disputations among them, and every man did deal justly one with another;

4 And they had all things common among them, therefore they were not rich and poor, bond and free, but they were all made free, and partakers of the heavenly gift.

5 And it came to pass that the thirty and seventh year passed away also, and there still continued to be peace in the land.

6 And there were great and marvelous works wrought by the disciples of Jesus, insomuch that they did heal the sick, and raise the dead, and cause the lame to walk, and the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear;

7 And all manner of miracles did they work among the children of men; and in nothing did they work miracles save it were in the name of Jesus.

8 And thus did the thirty and eighth year pass away, and also the thirty and ninth, and the forty and first, and the forty and second; yea, even until forty and nine years had passed away, and also the fifty and first, and the fifty and second; yea, and even until fifty and nine years had passed away;

9 And the Lord did prosper them exceedingly, in the land: yea, insomuch that they did build cities again where there had been cities burned; yea, even that great city Zarahemla did they cause to be built again.

10 But there were many cities which had been sunk, and waters came up in the stead thereof; therefore these cities could not be renewed.

11 And now behold it came to pass that the people of Nephi did wax strong, and did multiply exceeding fast, and became an exceeding fair and delightsome people.

12 And they were married, and given in marriage, and were blessed according to the multitude of the promises which the Lord had made unto them.

13 And they did not walk any more after the performances and ordinances of the Law of Moses, but they did walk after the commandments which they had received from their Lord and their God, continuing in fasting and prayer, and in meeting together oft, both to pray and to hear the word of the Lord.

14 And it came to pass that there was no contention among all the people, in all the land, but there were mighty miracles wrought among the disciples of Jesus.

15 And it came to pass that the seventy and first year passed away, and also the seventy and second year; yea, and in fine, until the seventy and ninth year had passed away; yea, even an hundred years had passed away, and the disciples of Jesus, whom he had chosen, had all gone to the paradise of God, save it were the three who should tarry;

16 And there were other disciples ordained in their stead; and also many of that generation which had passed away.

17 And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people.

18 And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness;

19 And surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God:

20 There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God;

21 And how blessed were they, for the Lord did bless them in all their doings; yea, even they were blessed and prospered, until an hundred and ten years had passed away; and the first generation from Christ had passed away, and there was no contention in all the land.

Case Study#2 Acts of the Apostles after Pentecost

Acts 2:

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Case Study #3 Enoch's City (Genesis I.V./Section 36 D&C)

Genesis 7:

12 And the Lord said unto me, Go forth to this people, and say unto them, Repent; lest I come out and smite them with a curse, and they die.

13 And he gave unto me a commandment, that I should baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, who is full of grace and truth, and the Holy Ghost which beareth record of the Father and the Son.

14 And it came to pass, that Enoch continued to call upon all the people, save it were the people of Cainan, to repent.

15 And so great was the faith of Enoch, that he led the people of God, and their enemies came to battle against them, and he spake the word of the Lord, and the earth trembled, and the mountains fled, even according to his command.

16 And the rivers of water were turned out of their course, and the roar of the lions was heard out of the wilderness.

17 And all nations feared greatly, so powerful was the word of Enoch, and so great was the power of the language which God had given him.

18 There also came up a land out of the depths of the sea; and so great was the fear of the enemies of the people of God, that they fled and stood afar off, and went upon the land which came up out of the depths of the sea.

19 And the giants of the land also stood afar off; and there went forth a curse upon all the people which fought against God.

20 And from that time forth, there were wars, and bloodshed among them; but the Lord came and dwelt with his people, and they dwelt in righteousness.

21 And the fear of the Lord was upon all nations, so great was the glory of the Lord which was upon his people.

22 And the Lord blessed the land, and they were blessed upon the mountains, and upon the high places, and did flourish.

23 And the Lord called his people, Zion, because they were of one heart and of one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there were no poor among them.

24 And Enoch continued his preaching in righteousness unto the people of God.

25 And it came to pass in his days, that he built a city that was called the city of Holiness, even Zion.

26 And it came to pass, that Enoch talked with the Lord, and he said unto the Lord, Surely, Zion shall dwell in safety forever. But the Lord said unto Enoch, Zion have I blessed, but the residue of the people have I cursed.

27 And it came to pass, that the Lord showed unto Enoch all the inhabitants of the earth, and he beheld, and lo! Zion in process of time was taken up into heaven.

Section 1: Examining the Conditions Preceding Zion's Conditions

People gathered in one place

“And all that believed were together,” ACTS

And it came to pass in his days, that he built a city that was called the city of Holiness, even Zion. GEN/S 36

“but the Lord came and dwelt with his people, and they dwelt in righteousness. And the fear of the Lord was upon all nations, so great was the glory of the Lord which was upon his people.” GEN/S 36

“...all converted unto the Lord, upon all the face of the land,” IVN

Men, called of God, preach repentance:

“And it came to pass, that Enoch continued to call upon all the people, save it were the people of Cainan, to repent.” GEN/S36

“Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” ACTS

“Lord said unto me, Go forth to this people, and say unto them, Repent; lest I come out and smite them with a curse, and they die.” GEN/S 36

“ And Enoch continued his preaching in righteousness unto the people of God.” GEN/S 36

People are baptized into Christ's Church; Holy Ghost given:

“And he gave unto me a commandment, that I should baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, who is full of grace and truth, and the Holy Ghost which beareth record of the Father and the Son.” GEN/S36

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. ACTS

“did truly repent of their sins, were baptized in the name of Jesus; and they did also receive the Holy Ghost.”IVN

“...formed a church of Christ in all the lands round about.” IVN

“Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” ACTS

“...all converted unto the Lord, upon all the face of the land,”IVN

People of the Church keep the commandments in obedience:

“...did not walk any more after the performances and ordinances of the Law of Moses, but they did walk after the commandments which they had received from their Lord and their God,”IVN

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” ACTS

“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, “ ACTS

“...continuing in fasting and prayer, and in meeting together oft, both to pray and to hear the word of the Lord.”IVN

Section 1: Observing the Defining Characteristics of Zion

“And the Lord called his people, Zion, because they were of one heart and of one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there were no poor among them.” GEN/S 36

There was no contention

“No contentions and disputations” IVN

“no contention among all the people, in all the land,” IVN

“no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people.” IVN

“there was no contention in all the land.” IVN

“And the Lord called his people, Zion, because they were of one heart and of one mind...”, GEN/S 36

They had all things common/No poor among them

“All things common, not rich and poor, none and free...every man did deal justly one with another;” IVN

“And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need...and had all things common;” ACTS

“And the Lord called his people, Zion, because...there were no poor among them.” GEN/S 36

The people dwelt in righteousness

“And the Lord called his people, Zion, because they were of one heart and of one mind, and dwelt in righteousness;...” GEN/S 36

“...there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness;” IVN

“...and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,” ACTS

“There were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God;” IVN

Section 1: Celebrating the **Marvelous Blessings** of Living in the Kingdom of God on Earth

Miracles are wrought:

“And all manner of miracles did they work among the children of men; and in nothing did they work miracles save it were in the name of Jesus.”IVN

“...there were mighty miracles wrought among the disciples of Jesus.”

“Lord did prosper them exceedingly,”IVN

“many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.” ACTS

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Society of peace, freedom, blessings, happiness

“continued to be peace in the land.” IVN

“...but they were all made free, and partakers of the heavenly gift.” IVN

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“Were blessed according to the multitude of the promises which the Lord had made unto them.”

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