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“The prophets likened latter-day Zion to a great tent encompassing the earth. That tent was supported by cords fastened to stakes. Those stakes, of course, are various geographical organizations spread out over the earth. Presently, Israel is being gathered to the various stakes of Zion...

“...Stakes are a defense for the Saints from enemies both seen and unseen. The defense is direction provided through priesthood channels that strengthens testimony and promotes family solidarity and individual righteousness.” (‘‘Strengthen Thy Stakes,’’ *Ensign*, Jan. 1991, 2,4)

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#### ***Elder Jeffrey R. Holland***

“The imagery of Jehovah as bridegroom and Israel as bride is among the commonly used metaphors in scripture, being used by the Lord and his prophets to describe the relationship between Deity and the children of the covenant... The mountains and the hills may disappear. The water of the great seas may dry up... But the Lord’s kindness and peace will never be taken from his covenant people. He has sworn with a heavenly oath that he will not be wroth with them forever.” (Christ and the New Covenant [1997], 290)

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Chapter 22 records the Savior quoting the entire chapter of Isaiah 54 concerning the glory of Zion in the latter days.

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- 3 Nephi 22:11-12,13-17 How did Lord describe place of gathering? ..... How can these promises give us strength?
- 3 Nephi 23:1 What did Jesus say the people ought to do?..... What does it mean to "search" instead of merely reading them?
- 3 Nephi 23:3-5 Why important to record Savior's words?..... Of what do the prophets testify? How can we do the same?

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- 3 Nephi 23: 14 What else did Jesus command them to do? ..... How can we be more effective in teaching the words of the Savior?
- 3 Nephi 24:1(2 sntncs) What prophet did Jesus command to record? ..... Why were words of Malachi absent from Nephite record?
- 3 Nephi 24:1,8-18;25:1-6 How do these apply to us? ..... Read headings / Study at home

Malachi was last writer in Old Testament & lived aprx 400bc, 200 years after Lehi left Jerusalem

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- 3 Nephi 26:1,3-5 What else did the Savior teach? ..... What does it mean to expound (explain carefully and in detail)
- 3 Nephi 26:8 How many teachings did Mormon record? ..... Smaller part written for us today  
Supplement #4 President Spencer W. Kimball ..... How can we receive "greater things"?
- 3 Nephi 26:14, 16 How does the Savior regard children?..... Is this neat or what?
- 3 Nephi 26: 19-21 How did witnesses treat each other? ..... How can we individually follow this example?

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