

LESSON 46 *by Dennis Roberts*

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SUPPLEMENT #3 **Prophet Joseph Smith**

“The building up of Zion is a cause that has interested the people of God in every age; it is a theme upon which prophets, priests and kings have dwelt with peculiar delight; they have looked forward with joyful anticipation to the day in which we live; and fired with heavenly and joyful anticipations they have sung and written and prophesied of this our day; ... we are the favored people that God has [chosen] to bring about the Latter-day glory”

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“I see a wonderful future in a very uncertain world. If we will cling to our values, if we will build on our inheritance, if we will walk in obedience before the Lord, if we will simply live the gospel, we will be blessed in a magnificent and wonderful way. We will be looked upon as a peculiar people who have found the key to a peculiar happiness.

“ ‘And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord ... : for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem’ (Isaiah 2:3).

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More Stuff #3- Special Olympics story and The Giving Tree / stories of unity and unselfishness

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- b. D&C 82:14 meaning = ----- The church and its stakes
- c. Moses 7:19 meaning = ----- The city of Enoch
- d. I Kings 8:1 meaning = ----- Ancient city of Jerusalem, city of David
- e. D&C 57:1-2 meaning = ----- The New Jerusalem, Independence, Missouri
- f. Hebrews 12:22-23 meaning = ----- Dwelling place of exalted
- g. Does Zion refer to people or places or personality? ----- What comes first, the place or the people?

Zion is built one person at a time by purifying the heart.

2- Zion has existed in previous dispensations

Previous Zions = city of Enoch, 4th Nephi Ancient American, Melchizedek's Salem (gathered with Enoch)

- a. Moses 7:12-19 How would you describe this Zion? ----- What does it mean to be "of one heart and one mind"?
- b. Moses 7:61-64 What will happen to Enoch in Millennium? ----- Return to earth & be part of New Jerusalem / Why important to know?

3- Saints today have been commanded to build Zion

- a. D&C 101:6-8 Why were Saints unable to build Zion? ----- Jarrings, contentions, slow to hearken
- b. *Supplement #1 President Harold B. Lee* ----- *establish Zion in our hearts*
- c. D&C 82:14-15 What did the Lord command? ----- Borders enlarged, stakes strengthened
- d. What do the following verses teach about building Zion?
 - 1. D&C 97:21 Strive to be ----- "pure in heart" (simplest definition) But what does it mean?
 - 2. D&C 38:27 Become ----- "one" (unified) How can we help build unity?
 - 3. D&C 64:34-35 Be ----- "willing mind" (obedience) What is the opposite of obedience?
 - 4. D&C 105:3 Impart of ----- "substance" (care for needy) Why is caring for needy so necessary?
 - 5. D&C 97:10-12 Build ----- "house unto Lord" (temples) Why is temple building so important?
 - 6. D&C 105:10 Teach one another and know ----- "their duties" (fulfill callings) Is this always easy?
 - 7. D&C 133:8-9 Send forth the elders unto ----- "nations, islands, foreign lands" (preach the gospel) How help Zion?

200 references to Zion in D&C
July 1831 Zion be built in Missouri
November 1833 mobs drove saints out
July 1834 "wait a season for Zion"

4- Scriptures include promises about Zion's future

- a. *Supplement #2 D&C 97:18-25 Zion's promises* ----- *Does this fit into your idea of Utopia?*
- b. D&C 97:25 What must we do to enjoy these blessings? ----- Obey the Lord
- c. *Supplement #3 Prophet Joseph Smith* ----- *Don't we want to be a part of this glorious promise?*

Application

Supplement #4 President Gordon B. Hinckley -----

We may not be able to change the world, but we can create Zion in our hearts and in our homes.

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