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“LAY DOWN THE FENCES AND FIND COMMON GROUND”



Joseph F. Smith

is the son of Arthur Smith, the grandson of Alexander Smith, and the great-grandson of Joseph Smith, Jr. He comes in Christ's name to invite all those who believe in the Book of Mormon and the restored gospel to prepare for Zion's redemption.



✘ The Willing & Obedient ✘

“Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom, otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself” (D&C 102:2c)

PREPARE FOR ZION'S REDEMPTION

The time for Zion's redemption is near. World conditions underscore this belief. The scriptures confirm it.

Where is the city of safety and refuge?

The failure of the saints in past generations to purchase the lands, redeem them, or properly

build them up when they return does not excuse us.

So little time remains, but we can still make needed preparation.

Joseph Smith Ministries is inviting all believers to help make ready for Zion's redemption. Commit yourself today.



January Schedule

Joseph will be in Independence & Warrensburg, Missouri areas during January. If you know any in that region interested in Zion's redemption, invite them.

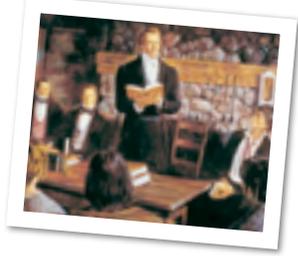
Beginning the Preparation

Saturday, January 14 7:00 PM
Friday, January 20, 7:00 PM
Friday, January 27, 7:00 PM

Chapter Meetings

Saturday, January 21, 7:00 PM
Saturday, January 28, 7:00 PM

All above events at 801 W 23 St, Independence, MO
Sunday, January 29, 2:00 PM Warrensburg at Community Center



Building Up the Kingdom of God

“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many” (1 Cor 12:12-14).

As Latter Day Saints, we are all part of the body of Christ, for we trace our spiritual life back to the source of the authority restored by Jesus Christ through the prophet Joseph Smith Jr., by which authority we are born into the family of God through repentance, baptism, and the receiving of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands. Each child of God has a purpose, and has a work to perform. This work is to be performed in conjunction with other members of that family, each sharing the gifts they have received.

Paul wrote: *“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, in one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Eph 4:1-6).*

We should endeavor to walk *“worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.”* Paul wrote, *“Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular” (1 Cor 12:27).* As such, we should be building up the Kingdom of God, which is the body of Christ, for this is the vocation to which we are called.

What is that work? It is to preach the gospel that Christ restored through Joseph Smith: *“For verily, verily I say unto you, that ye are called to lift up your voices as with the sound of a trumpet, to declare my gospel unto a crooked and a perverse generation.” (D&C 32:1c).*

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Support Joseph

Joseph has a message and a plan. The time of Zion's redemption is now. You, along with fellow believers, can begin preparing for it today with real and concrete efforts.

Taking this message and promoting this plan takes money. We depend on your contributions. With your support Joseph will go to Utah this spring. All contributions are tax deductible. Please send your contributions to **The Joseph Smith Support Fund**, PO Box 774, Blue Springs, Mo 64013. Thank you for your support.

Follow Joseph on the Web

For those who use the Internet, you may find up-to-date information at our website. Either www.josephsmithministries.org or www.jfsm.org will take you to it. You may contact us through that site or write us at the address to the left.

Want Your own Newsletter?

If you are not receiving your own Newsletter, please request one by writing us or signing up at www.jfsm.org/newsletter.html.

Prepare for Zion's Redemption

Perplexing problems and troubling times beset both the nation and church. Europe seems to be on the verge of financial collapse. Korea and Iran are working hard to develop nuclear weapons. Most Arab states are in turmoil as they struggle for democracy. Economic disaster and world conflict seem inevitable.

These difficulties are outward signs of internal transitions. Our world is changing. Poorer countries are growing richer and more educated. New powers and alliances are forming. American jobs and technology are going overseas. Civilization is quickly approaching a time of extreme transformation.

The coming metamorphosis includes a day of trouble and a time of tribulation. Its primary purpose is to purify Zion. Isaiah revealed, *"They that are left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy . . . when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning"* (Is 4:2-3).

These imminent dangers carry devastating disasters that are the birthing pains of God's emerging kingdom. Isaiah announced, *"A voice of the Lord that rendereth recompense to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man-child. . . As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children"* (Is 66:6-8).

With an economic meltdown looming, a confrontation over nuclear arms proliferation growing and instability among Arab states increasing, an alarming calamity threatens the entire world. God commanded the restored church to build up *"the New Jerusalem, a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the saints of the most high God"* (D&C 45:12c). The time will soon come *"that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee unto Zion for safety"* (D&C 45:13a). But there currently is no city of refuge to which refugees can flee for safety. At this crucial time the church, unfortunately, is too weak and fractured to build Zion.

In 1841, the Lord *"accepted the offerings of those whom I commanded to build up a city and a house unto my name, in Jackson County, Missouri, and were hindered by their enemies"* (D&C 107:15c). After receiving their offering, He announced that judgment would befall those who hindered his work *"unto the third and fourth generation, so long as they repent not"* (D&C 107:15d).

Joseph Smith was murdered only a few years afterwards. His death began the division that has intensified since. Depending on whether Joseph, Jr., or Joseph III is of the first generation, the great-children of Joseph Smith are of either the third or fourth generation. They mark the end of the time of judgment and imply that the time to build Zion up again is about to begin.

Joseph F. Smith is a great-grandson of Joseph Smith. Recently, the Lord sent him to help bring believers together. His message is clear and simple: The time of Zion's redemption is near, very near. The saints must lay down their differences and find common ground. They must quickly learn to work and worship together as they prepare for the emergence of God's kingdom on earth.

Joseph invites you to begin that preparation today. Joseph Smith Ministries is current seeking people who want to help redeem Zion. Pledge to give your all to Zion's redemption when the time of trouble comes and use the time between now and then to prepare to help build up its waste places.

For more information on how to prepare, go to <http://www.jfsm.org/invitation.html>.

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PREPARING THE FAITHFUL FOR ZION'S REDEMPTION



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