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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 said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me . . . They may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands”*  
(Isaiah 49:16)

### JESUS MAKES HIS KINGDOM HOLY

The struggle to bring forth the kingdom of God on earth is not merely a human effort. It is God's work.

The labor of building a righteous city is not just sweaty toil, but sacrifice, submission, fatigue and death. It was too much for people to do, even good people.

Jesus will do what his people cannot. He put his hand to the task. In the struggle he

endured sweaty toil, pain, fatigue, and death—the cruelest of death—the crucifixion.

Jesus' atoning death frees his disciples from sin. It cleanses their city and makes it holy.



## April Schedule

Joseph will attend General Conference and spend his ministerial efforts in Florida during the month of April.

## April Events

- Passover, Friday, April 6 Anniversary of the death of Jesus Christ.  
... Anniversary of the great destruction in MesoAmerica.  
... Both the organization and Reorganization happened on Passover
- First Fruits, Sunday, April 8 Anniversary of Jesus Christ' resurrection.  
... Anniversary of the appearance of Jesus Christ and Elijah to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the Kirkland Temple.



## Utah Mission

Joseph F. Smith will take his message to Utah this June. He will participate in a bridge building conference that will gather Book of Mormon believers and protestant members. Joseph will be a keynote speaker in a weekend celebration in which he will invite participants to consider the covenant contained in the Book of Mormon, that in the last dispensation God will establish His holy kingdom on earth and gather His people to it.

The celebration will be held in St George, Utah and include both LDS and protestant speakers who affirm the divinity of the Book of Mormon. The sessions will give Joseph a unique opportunity to invite all who love Jesus to lay down their differences and find common ground as their labor for God's emerging kingdom. Conditions in our world, its economy and our nation all confirm that the kingdoms of this world are failing. But the kingdom of God is coming.

On his way to St George, Joseph will stop in Salt Lake City. He will hold a series of public meetings where he will bear testimony of the divinity of the latter-day work, the prophetic commissioning of his great-grandfather, Joseph Smith, Jr., the divinity of the Book of Mormon and the urgent need to prepare for Zion's redemption. One of Joseph's goals is to help LDS members realize that the time to gather to the land of Zion and assist Zion's redemption is imminent. Perhaps, he can help form several chapters that choose this goal as their focus.

Joseph's Utah mission will cost several thousand dollars. He is asking for your financial help. Please contribute to his mission. The climate in Utah is far different than during the 1860s and 1870s. That was the last time a Joseph Smith, descendant of the Seer, went there. Help him go by contributing. Assist him as he prepares a people there for the day of desolation and the redemption of Zion. How to contribute is explained below.

### *Support Joseph*

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

Taking this message and promoting this plan takes money. We depend on your contributions. With your support Joseph will go to Utah in June. 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](http://www.josephsmithministries.org) or [www.jfsm.org](http://www.jfsm.org) will take you to it. You may contact us through that site or write us at the address to the left.

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*“Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us” (1 Cor5:7).*

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God’s purpose in liberating the Hebrews from Egyptian bondage was to mold them into a holy nation. He spoke through Moses, *“If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people; for all the earth is mine; and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation”* (Ex 19:5-6). Israel failed to keep its covenant. They did not become a holy nation because they were not holy.

Jesus came to take away their sin. John testified, *“Behold the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world!”* (John 1:29). But washing away one’s sin in the fountain of regeneration does make a person holy. It makes him clean. Holiness needs more than temporary cleanliness. It requires some kind of transformation.

Jesus came to make people holy. He perfected that plan on Calvary’s cruel cross. Like the Pascal Lamb, which was sacrificed to free ancient Israel from death and Egyptian bondage, Jesus offered himself to free his people from death and sin’s bondage. The Pascal Lamb was set apart on the 10th of Nisan and sacrificed on Nisan 14th. Jesus was born on Nisan 10th and sacrificed on the 14th.

There was a solar eclipse at the very hour when Jesus died. The light of the sun was darkened, showing the constellation Aires, the Ram, or male sheep as its backdrop with the black dot of the darkened sun at the heart of the starry lamb. The heavens declared Jesus to be the Pascal Lamb.

The gospel of Jesus Christ contains the ordinances and power to make Israel holy—and not Israel only. Everyone—man or woman, black or white, oriental or hispanic—all people can be made holy by Jesus’ gospel. John testified, *“As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God”* (John 1:12). All can be transformed into the image of Christ, sons and daughters of God.

At the time that Jesus died, Israelites in America were caught up in their nation’s affairs, earning a living, providing for their families, pursuing personal interests and goals—not at all unlike people today. Some were trying to do God’s will. Others were not. But on Passover, when Jesus the Pascal Lamb died in sacrifice for their sins, desolation, tempests and tribulation overtook them in a moment. Cities fell into the sea or were buried under lava and rocks. Many lamented as death passed over the land, wishing that they had repented. All sat in foreboding and invasive darkness. Was their condition a fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy (Is 26:20) or a symbol of future Passover.

God brought scattered and lost Israel to America, along with others. He indicated Zion’s appointed place and commanded that the early saints purchase it. But they were driven away because they, like ancient Israel, refused to be holy. Now the children of Zion are scattered, driven into separate fellowships and across the entire county. They lack the means to buy the appointed land, let alone the desire to purchase it or inhabit it in righteousness. Instead, we are all in bondage to the world—its politics, its economy, its interests. We, like the ancient Hebrews, make bricks for worldly edifices to keep food in our fleshpots. We are in bondage.

Joseph Smith prophesied, *“Ye must needs be led out of bondage by power . . . as your fathers were led at the first”* (D&C 100:3e). But what does that liberation entail? An earthquake and darkness visited ancient America when Jesus died and even enveloped Jerusalem. The power and judgment that liberates Zion may release the saints, but who may abide that day?

Jesus said, *“The wise took oil in their vessels”* (Matt 25:3). The oil represents the Holy Ghost. Those converted by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost so that they not only say but do the will of God will abide that day. Those baptized with fire will be liberated by fire to participate in Zion’s redemption.

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