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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 ✘

*“In my own due time will I come upon the earth in judgment; and my people shall be redeemed and shall reign with me on earth.”
(D&C43:7b)*

ST GEORGE BRIDGE BUILDING CONFERENCE

St George, here we come!
Our first opportunity to bear
testimony in Utah.

tribulation is near. It is
imminent.

For some-
time, Joseph
has wanted to
build bridges
with LDS
saints. He
wants to share
his testimony.



The differ-
ence is that in
1830, the judg-
ment was to
begin. It is to
last four
generations.

It is the same
testimony that his great grand-
father bore—that the time of

Joseph is
testifying that
it is culminat-
ing. It will end wickedness and
usher in Christ's kingdom.

June Schedule

Joseph will participate in a bridge building conference at St George, Utah on June 15 & 16. Afterwards, he will hold public meetings in Salt Lake City.

Why Bridge Building

The Restoration has fragmented during the last generation with the parts fighting among themselves. How can this produce Zion? Or, preach the gospel throughout the world? God continues to work toward His goals with all those who will do His will, independent of group affiliation. Joseph wants to help gather all willing believers regardless of where they worship.



Utah Bridge Building Event

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 14

- 5 PM - open house at the Marriott
- 6 PM - Tere Foster
- 7 PM - Joseph Smith
- 8 PM - Lynn Ridenhour

Saturday, June 15

- 10AM - Calling All Bridge Builders. Discuss creating a weekly fellowship meeting in St George.
Speakers: Joseph Smith, Bob Moore, Teré Foster, local contact
 - 1 PM - Question and Answer with Joseph Smith, Bob Moore, Teré Foster
Discussion designed to Celebrate our Commonalities
 - 2 PM - Crossing Religion and Politics
Shaun McCauseland, candidate for US Senate
 - 4 PM - Gospel Music - John Houston and Choir
 - 5 PM - Principles of Musical Praise and Worship Tere Foster
Insights from the Bible and Book of Mormon on praise and worship
 - Dinner break
 - 7 PM - Speaking in Tongues 101 - Lynn Ridenhour
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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. They will help send Joseph to Utah where he is needed. 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.

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What Kind of Preparation?

Apostle Paul wrote Timothy these prophetic words: *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared as with a hot iron”* (1 Tim 4:1-2). While falsehoods came into the church during the apostles’ lives and especially after their deaths, the world at that time was shrouded in pagan darkness. It wasn’t until after the Reformation and the founding of this nation that the light and liberty radiating from Jesus and His gospel prevailed in a society. Unfortunately, Americans are departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirit, chasing physical passions, becoming callused to perversion, or as the scriptures say, *“having their conscience seared as with a hot iron.”* Paul’s words have proven true today.

Sin’s growth with its greed, immorality and perversion, if left unhindered, will eventually change our culture, reduce our liberty and end our affluence. It will erase righteousness and corrupt the gospel. God, who raised the ensign to the nations on this land, will not let it fall. Scripture states, *“For he will not suffer that the wicked shall destroy the righteous. Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it be so that the fullness of his wrath must come”* (1 N 7:35-36).

God’s latter-day judgment includes famine (Joel 1:10-11), poverty (Is 3:18-24) and war (Ezek 38:11-18). Joseph Smith, Jr. prophesied that this judgment would begin when South Carolina seceded from the union and continue *“until the consumption decreed, hath made a full end of all nations”* (CH 1:263). The imminent threat to our world’s economy, to nuclear proliferation and to a functioning representative government did not appear until this last decade. Now potential disaster looms on several horizons.

Latter-day revelation confirms that divine judgment is near. When God accepted the effort of the early saints to build up Zion in Jackson County, as feeble as that effort was, He decreed that judgment on those who hindered His work will last to the third and fourth generations. Depending on whether the first generation is Joseph the Seer, or his son, Joseph III, the present-day Joseph is a member of either the third or fourth generation. He is nearing the end of his life. The culmination of the time of judgment is at hand. Divine wrath is about to sweep away wickedness.

If disaster is about to befall America, what kind of preparation should people make? Do they try to become self-sufficient, storing food and acquiring survival skills? Do they buy guns and ammunition? Do they join para-military units?

Consider Paul’s advice to Timothy. After predicting evil’s rise in the last days, the Apostle advises that the faithful be *“nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine”* (1 Tim 4:6), adding *“bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable unto all things.”* Physical preparation profits little. It is not what a Christian has when judgment comes, but what he is willing to give away that counts. The Beloved Apostle explained, *“Whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?”* (1J 3:17). How can those who do not have the love of God in them expect to abide in the Holy City? Only those who give all they have will find themselves prepared to live there.

American culture with its instant gratification, drive to “get ahead”, and personalized isolation tends to make people selfish and self-centered. The gospel is different: *“love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you”* (Mat 5:46)—*“sell that thou hast, and give to the poor”* (Matt 19:21). When God gathers the faithful into the land of Zion, many will come indigent. How can any believer who is saved from the desolation refuse to share with a fellow believer? A true disciple of Christ would not sleep in his house when another slept in the field; neither eat food at his table while another starved in the woods. Obtaining godliness today is the preparation that counts when tribulation comes.

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