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“LAY DOWN THE FENCES AND FIND COMMON GROUND”



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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.



Our Mission:

To invite, assist and support believers in the Restoration to come together and work in harmony for the kingdom of God.

✠ The Willing & Obedient ✠

“I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth” (Amos 9:9)

FILTERED THROUGH THE EARTH

A Kansas rancher needed a better water supply. All he had was a large stock pond that his herd also used.

Its water was too polluted for human use and wells hit only salt water.

With the help of state officials, he piped the water from the stock pond, filtering it through the earth. That simple system purified the water, meeting all safety specifications. The sand in the native soil removed the pollutants.

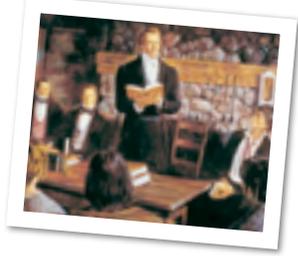
What power the earth has to cleanse. In this case, it

cleaned the water. Apparently, the earth can also purify nations and the races that form them.



When wickedness overtook the old world, God prepared a way to cleanse His nation. He said, “*The eyes of the Lord God are upon a*

sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob” (Amos 9:8). While He removed the sinners, He filtered their descendants through the earth, bringing them to the other side where He will mold them into His kingdom.



The Work of God (Part 2)

In part 1 (May 2013) I explained that the kingdom, which God had given to the Jews, was taken away from them and given to the Gentiles. Now, I want to examine who these Gentiles were? We begin with the Doctrine and Covenants to see if we can find something that will give us a clue as to who received the Kingdom.

Joseph Smith, Jr., prophet and seer to the church, received a revelation in August 1830. It was given at Fayette, New York, in the presence of six elders: *“Lift up your hearts and be glad, for I am in your midst, and am your advocate with the Father; and it is his good will to give you the kingdom”* (D&C 28:2b). Two months later in October Joseph received another: *“Yea, open your mouths and they shall be filled, saying, Repent, repent and prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”* (D&C 32:2f).

In December 1830, Sidney Rigdon and Edward Partridge, who, along with others had been converted at Mentor and Kirtland, Ohio by the missionaries going west, came to Fayette, New York. They visited Joseph, wanting to learn more about the church. Joseph brought a revelation addressed to Sidney Rigdon. It said *“Fear not, little flock, the kingdom is yours until I come. Behold, I come quickly. Even so. Amen”* (D&C 34:6d). The kingdom, which Jesus gave to the Gentiles, was at hand among them.

How do these scriptures fit into this examination? An interesting text is found in Isaiah. He wrote: *“I sing to my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill; and he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein; and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, it brought forth wild grapes”* (Is 5:1-4).
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The Work of God (Part 2)

Consider now the vineyard, which the Lord said He would establish on a very fruitful hill. Hill in prophecy refers to a government or nation. The fruitful nation about which Isaiah prophesied is the United States. Note that God fenced the US. He established America's northern border, Canada, and its southern border, the Gulf of Mexico and Mexico itself. The Atlantic Ocean bounds the east and the Pacific the west. These barriers form a fence around His vineyard.

After staking it out, God gathered out the stones: England, France, Spain, and Mexico. These are governments that would not allow freedom and autonomy. Our Lord needed a government that would embrace sufficient liberty for the purpose He had in mind.

Most important, God planted the choicest vine in his vineyard. That vine is the House of Israel. It is the apple of His eye. He said, "*The Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. . . He kept him as the apple of his eye*" (Deut 32:9).

How did the nations of Israel come to the USA? At one time they were their own nation settled in the Promised Land that Moses gave their ancestors mellenia ago. How they misused their first estate! God revealed His plan for them: "*The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel*" (Jer 18:1-6).

The first nation of Israel was marred and God discarded it, intending to eventually remake it again. Assyria conquered and exiled the entire nation in 721 BC. They carried the Hebrews into their land, where they held them captive for at least 120 years. Babylon freed them when it defeated the Assyrian nation, but Israel did not return to its native land. Instead, it moved into Europe and mingled its blood with the Gentiles. Israel lost its identity and became the same as the Gentiles.

God intended to bring His people to a new land in America. Isaiah revealed, "*Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders*" (Is 49:22). Isaiah even revealed who would begin the migration: "*The ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee; for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee*" (Is 60:9-10). Spain, the nation in which ancient Tarshish lay, was the first to bring Europeans to America. Kings financed the colonization. These Gentile sons and daughters carried the blood of ancient Israel. God planted them, His choicest vine in America, in His vineyard, for a purpose.

The last items in Isaiah's parable concerning the vineyard needing examination are the tower and winepress. The prophet said that God would build a tower in His vineyard. That tower is His Church, which He established in this land in 1830. He also added a winepress. That winepress is His priesthood, who are commissioned to gather the harvest.

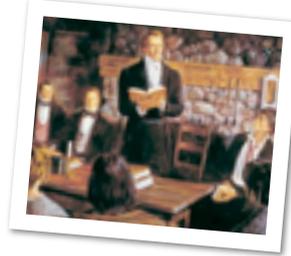
God expected all His work to bring forth grapes. It failed, at least so far. Instead, it brought forth wild grapes. Our Lord established His people in this land, a land that He prepared for a purpose. He restored His Church in this land, as well. They had a purpose: but neither fulfilled it. Instead of sweet and full grapes, they brought forth wild grapes.

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