

### Lesson 40 Review:

1. Christ will Restore the Truth in the Last days through his Servant Joseph Smith. The sign that this has begun will be the coming forth of the Book of Mormon.
2. The Lord will begin gathering Israel--first spiritually, then literally.
3. The Lord will give us America for a land of inheritance and as a place to start the gospel
4. Believing Gentiles will be numbered with the House of Israel.
5. The House of Israel will triumph over the unbelieving nations of the world.
6. The House of Israel and Adopted Gentiles will build Zion, the New Jerusalem.

**As the Tribe of Israel, we have been foreordained to help Christ accomplish these things--more specifically the spiritual gathering of Israel through the tri-fold purposes of the church: Proclaim the gospel, Perfect the Saints and Redeem the dead.**

**God will Help us accomplish these things if we partner with Him! The knowledge of our lineage must be the framework around which we live our daily lives....**

**Challenge for the week:** Pray about a person (or find one on the investigator sheet) to invite over in December to watch the church's Christmas movie.

### Lesson 41: 3 Nephi 22-26: "And He did Expound all things unto them"

#### Layer 1: Storyline

- a. 3 Nephi 22; 23:1-5. The Savior quotes some of Isaiah's prophecies (Isaiah 54) about the house of Israel during the last days. He commands the people to search the words of Isaiah and other prophets.
- b. 3 Nephi 23:6-14; 24; 25. The Savior commands the people to add to their records some of the words of Samuel the Lamanite and Malachi.
- c. 3 Nephi 26. The Savior expounds all things from the beginning until the time that He will come in His glory.

#### Layer 2:

**Christ visits multitude for 3 days. He spends 3 days setting up a society that will be utterly transformed for over 300 years. What are some things that He emphasizes as building blocks for this new society?**



#### Layer 3: Doctrine

**3 Ne. 22: 2 Ezra Taft Benson said:**

"The prophets likened latter-day Zion to a great tent encompassing the earth. That tent was supported by cords fastened to stakes. Those stakes, of course, are various geographical organizations spread out over the earth. Presently, Israel is being gathered to the various stakes of Zion. ...

"... Stakes are a defense for the Saints from enemies both seen and unseen. The defense is direction provided through priesthood channels that strengthens testimony and promotes family solidarity and individual righteousness" ("Strengthen Thy Stakes," Ensign, Jan. 1991, 2, 4).

**How do we strengthen our stakes? What is our role individually and as a ward?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**3 Nephi 22: 7-17: Read. Number the phrases which give us insight into Christ's character.**

**Jeffrey R. Holland**

“By chapter's end,[22] the relationship between the Lord and his children of covenant is seen fully and poetically. Consider this summary of God's promises and Israel's millennial hope:

Verses	Husband Provides Wife	Jehovah Provides Israel
1-3	Children	Gathering and Great Growth
4-8	Love	Mercy and Redemption
9-10	Commitment	Unbreakable Covenant
11-12	Material Comfort	Splendor in a New Jerusalem
13-17	Protection for the Family	Peace, Freedom from Fear and Oppression for Zion

--Adapted from Christ And The New Covenant, p. 291

**Ezra Taft Benson:** “We live in a time when the devil is on the loose and is working among the Saints to thwart and tear down the work of God. But he will not succeed. Individuals may fall and there may be those who betray sacred covenants, but the kingdom of God will roll forward until it reaches its decreed destiny to fill the entire earth.

“I carry in my calendar book a passage of scripture that I sometimes use to remind myself and others about the eventual outcome of efforts to destroy the Church: ‘No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall revile against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.’ (3 Nephi 22:17.)

“The Lord has prospered this work and will continue to do so. He is close to His servants, even within whispering distance of heaven.” (Come Unto Christ, p. 22-3)

**3 Nephi 23-----v.1-5 What “ought” we to do? ----- What does He promise us in 23:5?-----**  
 Why this commandment?..... Why this Prophet?..... What does this mean to us?.....  
 HOW can we follow this counsel? What tools do we have at our disposal?  
 1. 2. 3.  
 4. 5.

**3Nephi 23: 14**  
**EXPOUND= to teach and explain in detail.**  
**WHO were they supposed to teach?**  
**WHY was this important?**

**3Nephi 24: 16-17 <MARK>**  
**Are we these people?**  
**What do these verses say about Christ?**

**Poor Examples of “rising generations”**  
 3 Nephi. 1:29-30,  
 Mosiah 26:14.  
 4 Nephi 1:15-16

**What will children do in OUR dispensation?**  
 D&C 128:18  
 Children--a building block of the new Society!!!

**3 Nephi 22:1 3:: THE ROLE AND PROMISE OF CHILDREN.**  
 Jesus: Taught the multitude for 3 days. What role did the Children play? What was this crucial in building a Christ-like society?  
**Day 1: (3 N. 17:1-25)** Jesus takes the children one-by-one, blesses them, prays for them. Adults kneel as Christ prays an unutterable, amazing prayer. Angels come down from heaven and minister unto the children, while parents kneel and watch  
**Day 2: (3 N. 26:1-4)** Christ teaches and ministers unto the children. Children’s tongues are “loosed”. Children teach their fathers. Children teach even GREATER things unto the multitude than Christ did!!  
**Day 3: (3 N. 26:1-6)** Children and Babes utter things too marvelous to write

**SO--If Christ came to our 3 hr. Meetings, how would he spend his time? Where would some of the most sacred things happen? and WHY?**

What impact do you think this had upon their parents? What impact did these events have on the children’s status and perceived value in this new society? What impact did it have for these children and who they would become?