

Preparing for the Second Coming

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LESSON 6: TEMPLE

“Increased time in the temple will help us prepare for the Second Coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ” (Russell M. Nelson, April 2025).



**Today, you are going to leave
with a gift...a list of many
blessings of the temple.**



Regular worship in the house of the Lord increases our capacity for both virtue and charity. Thus, time in the temple increases our confidence before the Lord. **Increased time in the temple will help us prepare for the Second Coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.** We do not know the day or the hour of His coming. But I do know that the Lord is prompting me to urge us to get ready for that “great and dreadful day.” (Russell M. Nelson, “Confidence in the Presence of God,” April 2025).



**What kind of “temples” are
there in this world of ours?**

In these examples, a “temple” is a thing regarded as holy.



Temples to Government



U.S. Capitol



White House



Washington Monument



Thomas Jefferson Memorial



Abraham Lincoln Memorial
(See words: "In this temple...")



Mausoleum of Mao Zedong



**Temples to
Memories**



U.S.S. Arizona (1,177 killed)



U.S.S. Utah (58 killed, 461 lived)



Arrow points to U.S.S. Arizona
Yellow dashed line is road to U.S.S. Utah



Vietnam Memorial (58,320 killed)



**Auschwitz Birkenau Concentration
Camp (1.3 million killed)**



Holocaust Museum
(6 million Jews plus 5+ million more)



Temples to Celebrities



Graceland (Elvis Presley)



Taylor Swift



Caribou Ranch, Colorado
(This is the rock band Chicago.)



Princess Diana memorial



Bob Marley Museum



Hearst Castle



Doris Duke's Shangri La



Temples to Sports



National Baseball Hall of Fame



FIFA Museum

Fédération Internationale de Football Association



Pro Football Hall of Fame



Temples to Leaders



Ronald Reagan Museum



John F. Kennedy Museum



Richard Nixon Museum



Lyndon Johnson Museum



Mahatma Gandhi Memorial



Mother Teresa House



Rosa Parks Museum



Dexter Parsonage Museum
Dr. Martin Luther King home



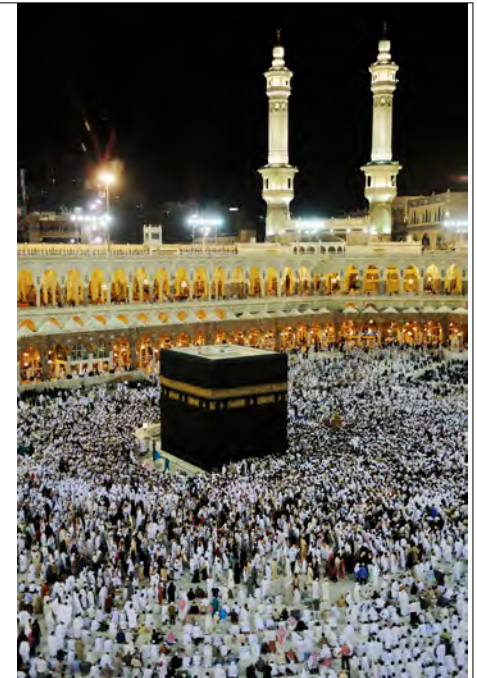
**Temples to
God**



The Great Temple at Petra is a large and significant archaeological complex built by the Nabataeans, likely completed in the early first century AD. Its exact purpose remains debated, with theories suggesting it may have served as either a religious site or an administrative center.

The holy place in Mecca in Saudi Arabia that Muslims strive to visit at least once in their lives is the **Kaaba**, located at the center of the Masjid al-Haram.

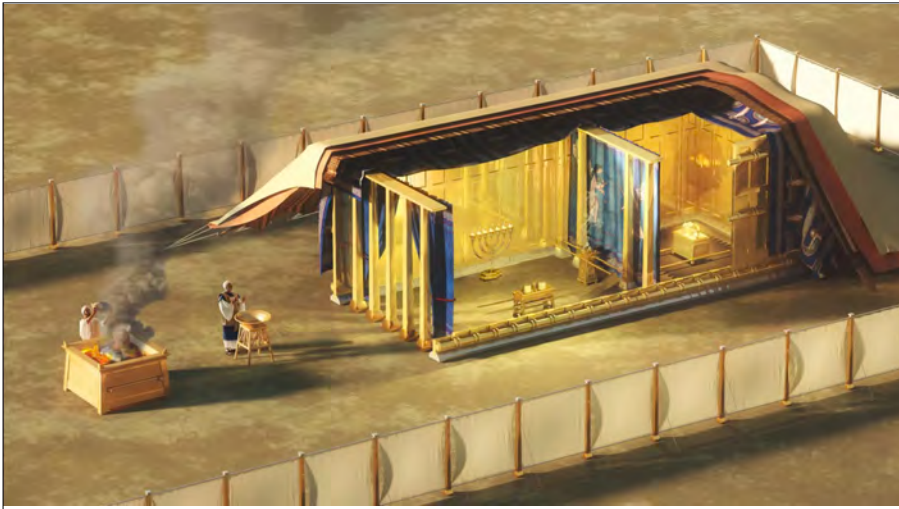
It is the most sacred site in Islam and is a focal point for prayer and pilgrimage. The Kaaba is a square stone building in the center of the Great Mosque at Mecca, the site most holy to Muslims and toward which they must face when praying. It stands on the site of a pre-Islamic shrine said to have been built by Abraham, and a sacred Black Stone is set in its southeastern corner.



Kamo Shrine in Kurayoshi, Japan.
Dating back to 876.



The temple on Mount Gerizim was an ancient Samaritan center of worship built around the 5th century BCE and destroyed in the 2nd century BCE. It was considered the holiest site for Samaritans, who believed it was the location chosen by God for a temple, contrasting with the Jewish focus on the Jerusalem Temple.



The Tabernacle of Moses was a portable dwelling place for God, used by the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness after the Exodus. It served as a central location for worship and sacrifices, symbolizing God's presence among His people.



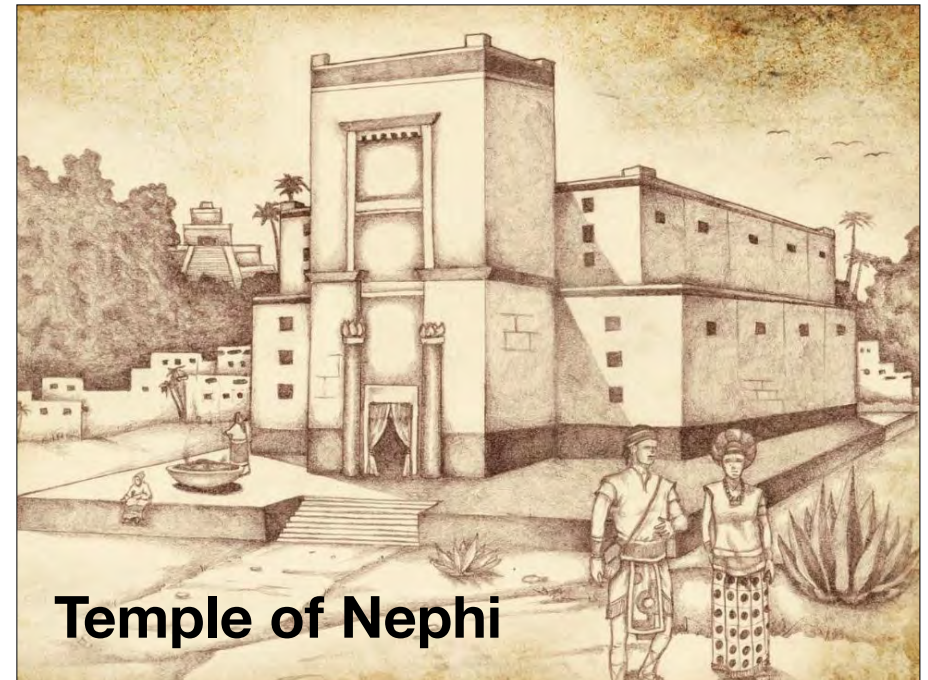
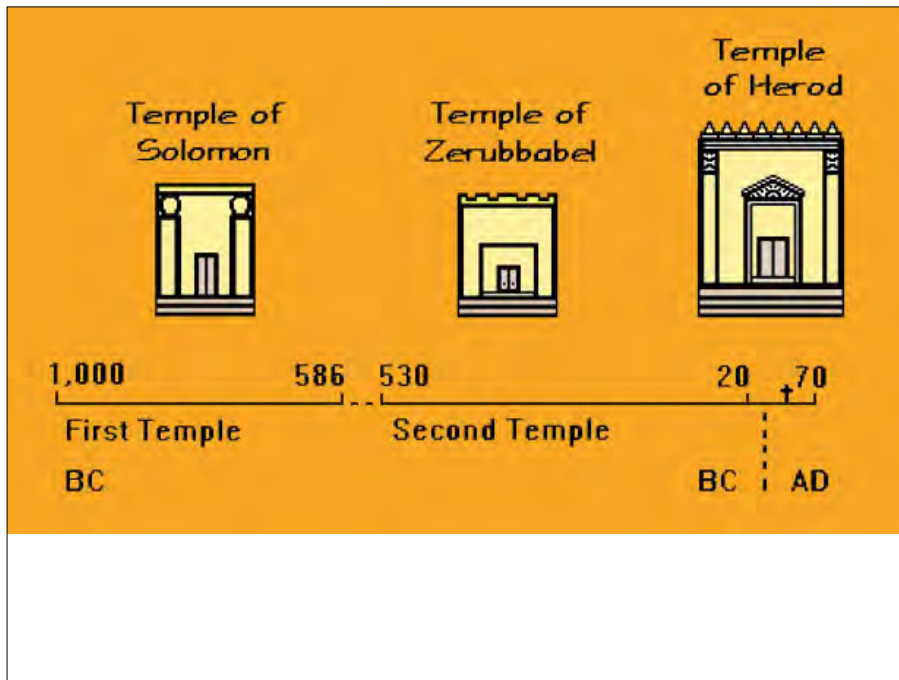
Solomon's Temple, also known as the First Temple, was a significant architectural and religious structure in ancient Jerusalem, built during the reign of King Solomon around 970-960 BCE. It served as the primary center for worship and as the dwelling place of the Ark of the Covenant.



The Temple of Zerubbabel, also known as the Second Temple, was built in Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile, around 516 BCE. It served as the center of Jewish worship until it was later refurbished by Herod the Great and ultimately destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE.



The Temple of Herod, built around 20 BCE and completed in 64 CE, was a grand expansion and renovation of the earlier Zerubbabel Temple, which was constructed around 516 BCE after the Babylonian exile. Herod's Temple was significantly larger and more ornate, featuring extensive courtyards and a more elaborate design compared to the simpler structure of Zerubbabel's Temple.



Temple of Nephi

“And I, Nephi, did build a temple; and I did construct it after the manner of the temple of Solomon save it were not built of so many precious things; for they were not to be found upon the land, wherefore, it could not be built like unto Solomon’s temple. But the manner of the construction was like unto the temple of Solomon; and **the workmanship thereof was exceedingly fine**” (2 Nephi 5:16).



Bountiful Temple (not in Utah): “And now it came to pass that there were a great multitude gathered together, of the people of Nephi, round about the temple which was in the land Bountiful...” (3 Nephi 11:1).



Restoration Temples

Temples of the Restoration

Temple	Dedication	Dedicated By
Independence Temple*	N/A	N/A
Kirtland Temple†	27 March 1836	Joseph Smith, Jr.
Far West Temple*	N/A	N/A
Adam-ondi-Ahman*	N/A	N/A
Nauvoo Temple‡	1–3 May 1846	Orson Hyde
Endowment House§	5 May 1855	Heber C. Kimball

* Independence: Site dedicated but temple not constructed

† Kirtland: Historic Church building that ceased operation as a temple in the late 1830s

‡ Nauvoo: Destroyed by arson fire in 1848; rebuilt in 2002

§ Endowment House: Temporary structure used during the construction of the Salt Lake Temple; razed in 1889

<https://churchofjesuschristtemples.org/temples/chronology/>

Temples in Operation

	Temple	Dedication	Dedicated By
1	St. George Utah Temple	6–8 April 1877	Daniel H. Wells
2	Logan Utah Temple	17–19 May 1884	John Taylor
3	Manti Utah Temple	17 May 1888	Wilford Woodruff
4	Salt Lake Temple	6–24 April 1893	Wilford Woodruff
5	Laie Hawaii Temple	27–30 November 1919	Heber J. Grant
6	Cardston Alberta Temple	26–29 August 1923	Heber J. Grant
7	Mesa Arizona Temple	23–26 October 1927	Heber J. Grant
8	Idaho Falls Idaho Temple	23–25 September 1945	George Albert Smith
9	Bern Switzerland Temple	11–15 September 1955	David O. McKay
10	Los Angeles California	11–14 March 1956	David O. McKay
11	Hamilton New Zealand	20–22 April 1958	David O. McKay
12	London England Temple	7–9 September 1958	David O. McKay
13	Oakland California Temple	17–19 November 1964	David O. McKay
14	Ogden Utah Temple	18–20 January 1972	Joseph Fielding Smith
15	Provo Utah Rock Canyon	9 February 1972	Joseph Fielding Smith

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Alphabetical List of Temples

Name	Location	Status
Aba Nigeria Temple	Aba, Abia, Nigeria	Operating (206)
Abidjan Ivory Coast Temple	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Construction (59)
Abuja Nigeria Temple	Nigeria	Renovation (7)
Accra Ghana Temple	Accra, Greater Accra, Ghana	Announced (108)
Adelaide Australia Temple	Marden, South Australia, Australia	Opening Soon (2)
Alabang Philippines Temple	Philippines	Temporarily Closed (0)
Albuquerque New Mexico Temple	Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States	All Temples (382)
Anchorage Alaska Temple	Anchorage, Alaska, United States	Announced
Antananarivo Madagascar Temple	Madagascar	2005
		2025
		January 11, 2004
		June 15, 2000
		January 18, 2026
		March 5, 2000
		January 9, 1999
		Construction

Temple status as of 2-12-26

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COUNT YOUR TEMPLE BLESSINGS

Name them one by one.
See what God hath done.

Fill this out
during and
after class



Temple Blessings
What blessings do you receive by serving and worshiping in the temple?

1. _____	24. _____
2. _____	25. _____
3. _____	26. _____
4. _____	27. _____
5. _____	28. _____
6. _____	29. _____
7. _____	30. _____
8. _____	31. _____
9. _____	32. _____
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13. _____	36. _____
14. _____	37. _____
15. _____	38. _____
16. _____	39. _____
17. _____	40. _____
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20. _____	43. _____
21. _____	44. _____
22. _____	45. _____
23. _____	46. _____





As I was searching the blessings of regular temple attendance, I thought I would have a “light drizzle” of blessings...

Waterfalls on the Igazú River on the border of Misiones, Argentina and Paraná, Brazil



...instead, I was I experienced a DELUGE of temple blessings.



GOSPEL TRUTH:



The temple is literally the House of the Lord.



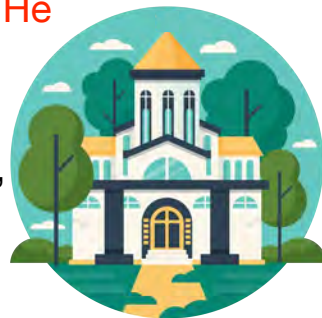
The Bible Dictionary says: “A temple is literally a house of the Lord, a holy sanctuary in which sacred ceremonies and ordinances of the gospel are performed by and for the living and also in behalf of the dead. A place where the Lord may come, it is the most holy of any place of worship on the earth. Only the home can compare with the temple in sacredness.”

President Nelson said:
“The time is coming when those who do not obey the Lord will be separated from those who do. Our safest insurance is to continue to be worthy of admission to His holy house. The greatest gift you could give to the Lord is to keep yourself unspotted from the world, worthy to attend His holy house. His gift to you will be the peace and security of knowing that you are worthy to meet Him, whenever that time comes.”



(Russell M. Nelson, “The Future of the Church: Preparing the World for the Savior’s Second Coming,” Liahona, April 2020)

“He will govern from two world capitals: one in old Jerusalem and the other in the New Jerusalem built upon the American continent. From these centers He will direct the affairs of His Church and kingdom. Another temple will yet be built in Jerusalem. From that temple He shall reign forever as Lord of Lords. Water will issue from under the temple. Waters of the Dead Sea will be healed.”



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LET’S TALK ABOUT IT

What blessings do you receive by serving and worshiping in the temple?

GOSPEL TRUTH:



Worshipping and serving in the temple prepares us for the Second Coming.



“Why are we building temples at such an unprecedented pace? Why? Because the Lord has instructed us to do so. The blessings of the temple help to gather Israel on both sides of the veil. **These blessings also help to prepare a people who will help prepare the world for the Second Coming of the Lord!**” (Russell M. Nelson, “The Lord Jesus Will Come Again,” October 2024).



Of course, the crowning jewel of the Restoration is the holy temple. **Its sacred ordinances and covenants are pivotal to preparing a people who are ready to welcome the Savior at His Second Coming.** (Russell M. Nelson, “Closing Remarks,” Oct. 2019).



LET’S TALK ABOUT IT

Why are the temple ordinances and covenants pivotal in preparing us for the Second Coming?



Brothers and sisters, **now is the time for you and for me to prepare for the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.** Now is the time for us to make our discipleship our highest priority. In a world filled with dizzying distractions, how can we do this?" (Russell M. Nelson, "The Lord Jesus Will Come Again," October 2024).



Regular worship in the temple will help us. In the house of the Lord, we focus on Jesus Christ. We learn of Him. We make covenants to follow Him. We come to know Him. As we keep our temple covenants, we gain greater access to the Lord's strengthening power. (Russell M. Nelson, "The Lord Jesus Will Come Again," October 2024).



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How does regular worship in the temple help us? What do we learn about Jesus Christ in the temple? How do we come to know Christ in the temple? How do we gain greater access to the Lord's strengthening power in the temple?



In the temple, we receive protection from the buffetings of the world. We experience the pure love of Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father in great abundance! We feel peace and spiritual reassurance, in contrast to the turbulence of the world. (Russell M. Nelson, "The Lord Jesus Will Come Again," October 2024).



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How do we receive protection from the buffetings of the world in the temple?
Why do we experience the pure love of Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father in great abundance in the temple?
How do we feel peace and spiritual reassurance in the temple?



Here is my promise to you: Every sincere seeker of Jesus Christ will find Him in the temple. You will feel His mercy. You will find answers to your most vexing questions. You will better comprehend the joy of His gospel. (Russell M. Nelson, "The Lord Jesus Will Come Again," October 2024).



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How do you find Jesus Christ in the temple? How do you feel His mercy in the temple? What answers do you find in the temple to your most vexing questions? How do you better comprehend the joy of His gospel in the temple?



I have learned that the most crucial question we each must answer is this: To whom or to what will I give my life? My decision to follow Jesus Christ is the most important decision I have ever made. (Russell M. Nelson, "The Lord Jesus Will Come Again," October 2024).



Joseph Smith's dedicatory prayer of the Kirtland Temple is a tutorial about how the temple spiritually empowers you and me to meet the challenges of life in these last days. I encourage you to study that prayer, recorded in Doctrine and Covenants section 109. (Russell M. Nelson, "Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys," April 2024).



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How does the temple spiritually empower you to meet the challenges of life in these last days before the Second Coming?



That dedicatory prayer, which was received by revelation, teaches that the temple is "a house of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God." (Russell M. Nelson, "Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys," April 2024).

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This list of attributes is much more than a description of a temple. It is a promise about what will happen to those who serve and worship in the house of the Lord. They can expect to receive answers to prayer, personal revelation, greater faith, strength, comfort, increased knowledge, and increased power. (Russell M. Nelson, "Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys," April 2024).

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Time in the temple will help you to think celestial and to catch a vision of who you really are, who you can become, and the kind of life you can have forever. (Russell M. Nelson, “Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys,” April 2024).

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Regular temple worship will enhance the way you see yourself and how you fit into God’s magnificent plan. I promise you that. (Russell M. Nelson, “Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys,” April 2024).

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We are also promised that in the temple we may “receive a fulness of the Holy Ghost.” Imagine what that promise means in terms of having the heavens open for each earnest seeker of eternal truth. (Russell M. Nelson, “Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys,” April 2024).

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We are instructed that all who worship in the temple will have the power of God and with angels having “charge over them.” How much does it increase your confidence to know that, as an endowed woman or man armed with the power of God, you do not have to face life alone? What courage does it give you to know that angels really will help you? (Russell M. Nelson, “Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys,” April 2024).

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Finally, we are promised that “no combination of wickedness” will prevail over those who worship in the house of the Lord. Understanding the spiritual privileges made possible in the temple is vital to each of us today. (Russell M. Nelson, “Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys,” April 2024).

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My dear brothers and sisters, here is my promise. Nothing will help you more to hold fast to the iron rod than worshipping in the temple as regularly as your circumstances permit. Nothing will protect you more as you encounter the world’s mists of darkness. Nothing will bolster your testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Atonement or help you understand God’s magnificent plan more. Nothing will soothe your spirit more during times of pain. Nothing will open the heavens more. Nothing! (Russell M. Nelson, “Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys,” April 2024).

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The temple is the gateway to the greatest blessings God has in store for each of us, for the temple is the only place on earth where we may receive all of the blessings promised to Abraham. (Russell M. Nelson, “Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys,” April 2024).

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Temples announced in April 2024

- Uturoa, French Polynesia
- Chihuahua, Mexico
- Florianópolis, Brazil
- Rosario, Argentina
- Edinburgh, Scotland
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- Victoria, British Columbia
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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

What blessings of regular temple attendance did you write down?



TO DO

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

WEEK 6 CHALLENGE

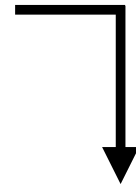
TEMPLE ATTENDANCE

Will you increase your time in the temple to prepare for the Second Coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ?



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READING LIST



Russell M. Nelson, "Rejoice in the Gift of Priesthood Keys," April 2024

Russell M. Nelson, "Confidence in the Presence of God," April 2025

D&C 109



LESSON REVIEW

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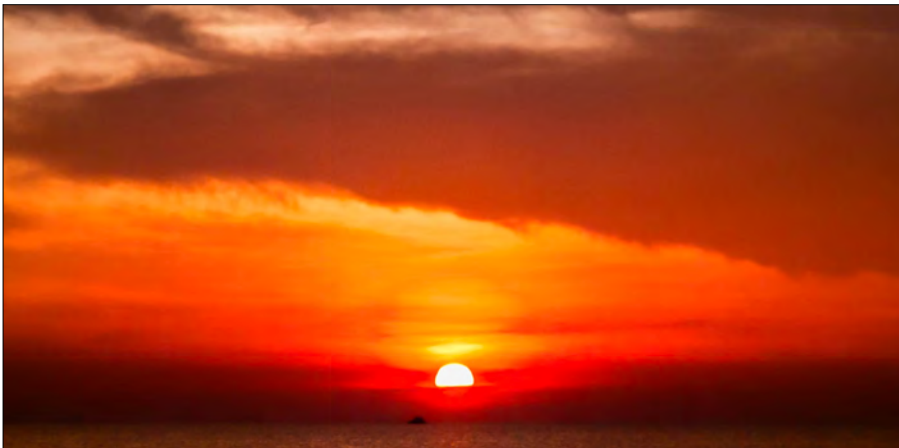




**How can you prepare for
the Second Coming of
Jesus Christ?**



LESSON 1
Prepare—don't fear



LESSON 2
Watch for the signs



LESSON 3
Spiritually prepare



LESSON 4

Study the Atonement



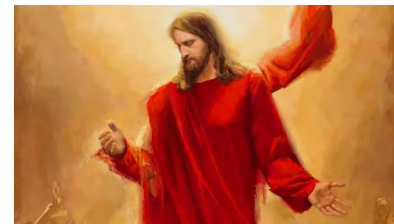
LESSON 5

Study the Book of Mormon



LESSON 6

Go to the temple



NEXT CLASS

▶ **February 19**
Fortify your home

“Christ-centered homes are fortresses for the kingdom of God on earth in a day when, as prophesied, the devil ‘rage[s] in the hearts of the children of men, and stir[s] them up to anger against that which is good’” (Ronald A. Rasband, April 2019).



Footnotes

**Additional
Study
Materials**

GOSPEL TRUTH:



The five covenants of the endowment prepare us for the Second Coming.



FIVE ENDOWMENT COVENANTS

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27. Temple Ordinances for the Living



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In the second part of the endowment, the plan of salvation is taught, including the Creation, the Fall of Adam and Eve, the Atonement of Jesus Christ, the Apostasy, and the Restoration. Members also receive instruction on how to return to the Lord's presence.

In the endowment, members are invited to make sacred covenants as follows:

Handbook

1. Live the law of obedience and strive to keep Heavenly Father's commandments.
2. Obey the law of sacrifice, which means sacrificing to support the Lord's work and repenting with a broken heart and contrite spirit.
3. Obey the law of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which means:
 - Exercising faith in Jesus Christ.



“In the endowment, members are invited to make sacred covenants as follows:”

Source: General Handbook, 27.2

27. Temple Ordinances for the Living



Handbook

- Repenting daily.
 - Making covenants with God by receiving the ordinances of salvation and exaltation.
 - Enduring to the end by keeping covenants.
 - Striving to live the two great commandments. These are to “love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind” and to “love thy neighbor as thyself” ([Matthew 22:37, 39](#)).
4. Keep the law of chastity, which means abstaining from sexual relations outside of a legal marriage between a man and a woman, which is according to God's law.
 5. Keep the law of consecration, which means that members dedicate their time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed them to building up Jesus Christ's Church on the earth.



“1. Live the law of **obedience** and strive to keep Heavenly Father's commandments.”

Source: General Handbook, 27.2



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How does living the law of obedience prepare us for the Second Coming?



“2. Obey the law of **sacrifice**, which means sacrificing to support the Lord’s work and repenting with a broken heart and contrite spirit.”

Source: General Handbook, 27.2



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How does living the law of sacrifice prepare us for the Second Coming?



“3. Obey the law of the **gospel** of Jesus Christ, which means:
Exercising faith in Jesus Christ.
Repenting daily.”

Source: General Handbook, 27.2



Law of the Gospel continued:
“Making covenants with God by
receiving the ordinances of salvation
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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How does living the law of
the gospel prepare us for the
Second Coming?



“4. Keep the law of **chastity**, which
means abstaining from sexual
relations outside of a legal marriage
between a man and a woman, which
is according to God's law.”

Source: General Handbook, 27.2



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How does living the law of chastity prepare us for the Second Coming?



“5. Keep the law of **consecration**, which means that members dedicate their time, talents, and everything with which the Lord has blessed them to building up Jesus Christ’s Church on the earth.”

Source: General Handbook, 27.2



“In return [for making these five sacred **covenants**], Heavenly Father promises that those who remain faithful to their temple covenants will be **endowed ‘with power from on high’** (D&C 38:32)”

Source: General Handbook, 27.2



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

How does living the law of consecration prepare us for the Second Coming?

Chart of Covenants

		BAPTISM		
		Serve God	Keep God's commandments	Take upon ourself the name of Jesus Christ
ENDOWMENT	Law of Obedience		Keep God's commandments	
	Law of Sacrifice	Sacrifice to support the Lord in His work	Repent with a broken heart and contrite spirit	Sacrifice and repent
	Law of the Gospel of Jesus Christ	Love God and neighbor	Make and keep covenants	Live the doctrine of Christ
	Law of Chastity		Keep God's law of chastity	
	Law of Consecration	Dedicate all to build up the Lord's Church		Have a changed heart and countenance
SEALING		Serve each other and their children and thereby serve God	Keep all commandments related to marriage in the new and everlasting covenant	Become like the Savior, leading to exaltation, which is the highest state of happiness and glory in the celestial kingdom

GOSPEL TRUTH:



The temple connects us to our ancestors.



Also vital to the preparation for the Second Coming is the great redemptive effort on behalf of our ancestors. The Lord promised to send Elijah the prophet before the Second Coming, “the great and dreadful day of the Lord,” to “reveal ... the Priesthood” and “plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers.” (D. Todd Christofferson, April 2019)



Elijah did come as promised. The date was April 3, 1836; the place was the Kirtland, Ohio Temple. In that place and in that moment, he did indeed confer the promised priesthood, the keys for the redemption of the dead and the union of husbands, wives, and families across all generations of time and throughout all eternity. Without this, the purpose of creation would be frustrated, and in that sense, the earth would be cursed or “utterly wasted.” (D. Todd Christofferson, April 2019)



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Why is it “vital to the preparation for the Second Coming [that the] great redemptive effort on behalf of our ancestors” take place?