

ZION'S OUTPOST INC.

An Independent Branch of the Restoration

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**NEWSLETTER PLANS**

The NEWSLETTER is looking for a new name. It should be descriptive of the Restoration and the purpose of Zion's Outpost.

Hopefully we will be able to use the new name for Vol 2 No. 1, January 1987.

Members of the branch are urged to submit their suggestions as soon as possible. Please submit your choice in writing to a member of the Branch Presidency.

**INCORPORATION COMPLETED**

The attorney retained by the branch has completed the work of incorporating the branch as a not for profit, religious organization. The papers were recorded in Sedgwick county on November 20, 1986.

The attorney, David D. Gaumer, is now filing with the IRS for tax exempt status for the branch.

This is an important step in our stabilization and allows us to move forward in ways not easily available as a loose-knit group of individuals. It will be a great aid in the purchase of properties, such as a building.

**BRANCH VOTES TO SUPPORT THE CONCORDANCES**

At its last business meeting, the branch

approved money to begin printing the concordances to the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants. About \$2700 was approved. This will allow the printing of an initial 50 copies of the books.

The reference works were developed from a computer search program developed by Daryle Hager. This is a two volume set. Each book of scripture having a separate volume in the set. Every word of the scriptures is included, except commonly used conjunctions, eg, "then", and other words such as "a", "an", etc.

Work has also begun on another volume to cover the Inspired Version New Testament and possibly Genesis.

Final pricing of the concordances has not been set. Printing will begin as soon as funds are available.

For more information on these valuable study helps please contact either Bob Giertz or Gary Whiting through Zion's Outpost.

If you would like to make a contribution to assist in the printing work, these will be accepted. We trust that soon you will be able to receive tax deductible status for these gifts.

Anti-RLDS Mailings

Many of you who receive this newsletter may also have received a couple of other mailings recently. These contained some papers and tracts which supported a more fundamental viewpoint.

Zion's Outpost has been suggested by some as the source of these mailings. This assumption is not correct. The only things being sent out by this branch is the newsletter.

All of our mailings are plainly marked with our name and address. We don't send materials anonymously. Our primary aim in the newsletter is to inform others of the purpose and progress of Zion's Outpost.

We send the newsletter as an informational help. If you know of others who you think would like to receive it, let us know by mail. If you strongly object to receiving our news, again please contact us by mail. Thank you.

"If the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand."

---EZEKIEL 33:6

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## Teachings From the Scriptures

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### Ministry of Women

Dedicated to Barbara, Sandy, Lana, and Deborah who along with others have brought the Christ nearer to me.

Over the last few days I have been permitted by the Spirit of the Lord to gain new insights concerning one of the most neglected resources in the church. Since 1984 when the doctrine of women's ordination was first introduced, the majority of fundamental Saints and many others have spoken out against it. We have devoted so much time to the "putting down" of that false doctrine that the real issue has been completely avoided.

The role and ministry of women has become a difficult topic of discussion because the ministry of women has come to be understood in conjunction with the ordination of women. The leadership of the church has erred as it has attempted to allow women to assume responsibilities that God never intended. The fundamental Saints and many others in the church have erred as they have failed to see and understand the significant benefits that can be achieved through the ministry of women. Their ministry is not conditional upon priesthood authority, but compliments it. As woman was given to man as a "help meet", so gifts are given to women to assist the priesthood and the membership of the church. The spiritual role of women has been down played much too long.

The apostle Paul addresses the importance and diversity of the spiritual gifts in the 12th chapter of first Corinthians. In those verses is also the mention that as there are differences in the spiritual gifts, there are differences in the members of the body of Christ's church. The body is not comprised of one member, but many. Each member is different. All the members must function together for the body to be effective in carrying out its purpose. "The body is the household of God, in whom all the building fitly framed together growth into an holy temple in the Lord". [Ephesians 2:19,21] Within the body of the church are found men, women, and children. Each has particular talents and spiritual gifts. Each is called to exercise stewardship over those gifts and talents to edify the body.

"And it shall come to pass that in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy . . ." [Acts 2:17,18] God is no respecter of persons. When God pours out his Spirit, it is poured out on all for the benefit of all. Prophecy has become another term which is often associated with priesthood authority. A close examination of the scriptures shows that prophecy is a spiritual gift and is given to many who do not hold priesthood responsibility. One such example is found in Third Nephi 12:9 in which even babes are permitted by the Spirit to speak great and marvelous things. Luke (Chapter 2, verses 36-38) gives us the illustration of Anna who, when she saw the young Christ child, began to prophesy. As we study those verses we readily see why Anna was given this spiritual discernment. She departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers, day and night. Because of her preparations, she had discernment and was used as an instrument of the Lord. Paul has declared to the church, [1 Corinthians 14:1-5] that those who prophesieth bring **edification, exhortation, and comfort** to the church, and for that reason he would rather see those of the church prophesy than speak in tongues. Another example of a woman who served God through discernment and prophecy was Huldah the prophetess. [2 Chronicles 34:21-28]

Since the apostle Paul has been credited by many as being the author of the "no women in the priesthood" movement [1 Corinthians 14:35; 1 Timothy 2:12], it might surprise some to examine some of his other writings. In his epistles he mentions and gives credit to those women which labored with me in the Gospel, and he also commended Phoebe our sister, which is a servant of the church. [Philippians 4:3; Romans 16:1] Paul was not contradicting the scriptures which address an all male priesthood Paul was simply acknowledging that these women were bringing ministry to the body of Christ's church. As the eye cannot say to the foot, I have no need of you, neither can the body of Christ deny the ministry that women bring.

The female servants of the Lord are oftentimes more faithful than their male counterparts. At the time of our Lord's death only John stood with a company of women who had come to be with their Lord to the end. [John 19:25-26; Matthew 27:59]. These women cared more for their Savior than for their personal safety. The priesthood, with the exception of John, had abandoned the Lord. [Matthew 26:55] It was the woman Mary Magdalene who was permitted to first see the risen Lord and who was instructed to tell the disciples. The woman at the well [John 4:41-44] went and told others that Jesus was the Messiah. She began to repent at the rebuke of the Lord and recognized that her life was full of sin. She, unlike many others, did not hide from her responsibility to share this new found experience with others. Abish, the Lamanite [Alma 12:147-153], recognized an opportunity to bring others to see the power of God. She remembered her own conversion experience and overcame her own reluctance to share. Hanna [1 Samuel 1] wanted a son so much that she was willing to give the son to the service of the Lord God who she believed would grant her petition. Her faithfulness was rewarded and she was true to her promise. From this experience Israel gained a mighty leader, thanks in part to the ministry of his mother.

The ministry of the woman requires her to support her husband and to stand by him in his ministry. To share the good experiences as well as the difficult times and disappointments. Mrs. Noah is a good example. She watched as her husband labored for 120 years as he called the people to repentance and to come into the safety of the ark that God had provided. Noah must have been encouraged on numerous occasions by his wife and must have also been comforted by her as no one heeded the warning voice. Her ministry and outreach also must have been to her family and her neighbors, as an extension of her husband, just as the wives of so many today labor.

The home is often the "pulpit" from which the ministry of women comes. The "friendly visiting" to encourage a sister, exchange ideas, or to assist those with individual needs is a natural extension of this specific ministry. There are essential teachings that women must bring to their younger sisters in the faith. Paul has set forth specific guidelines in Titus 2:3,4.

The women are to know how to be sober, love their husbands, love their children, be chaste, keepers at home, obedient to their husbands, and discreet so that the Word of God is not Blasphemed. That is a major responsibility equally borne by women. It is in the home that children are taught the things of God. It is in the home that relationships are learned that will be the pattern for Zion. The pattern was established early on with Adam and Eve. [Genesis 4:1,2,12; 5:3] Eve labored beside her husband. They had children and exercised stewardship jointly over them. Adam and Eve blessed the name of God, and made all things known unto their children. Adam and Eve did not cease to call upon the Lord in mighty prayer.

The ministry of women often greatly impacts the lives of their children. The example of a goodly mother's influence upon her family is evidenced in the life of Emma Smith. Her son, Joseph, wrote the following about his mother's influence on him:

"To her care I was committed after the death of my father, together with my brothers, Frederick Williams, Alexander Hale, and David Hyrum, and my adopted sister, Julia Murdock, who shared her motherly solicitude and untiring energy.

I acknowledge with gratitude to my heavenly Father that to the precept and example of my father's humble wife I owe the love for right and the hatred for wrong which have characterized my life. She early impressed upon my mind the conviction that under Divine Providence only truth and right would live and that error and wrong must perish.

Upon those teachings I have tried to build the foundation and rear the structure of my life's services to God, ever bearing in mind the nobility of that character to which she pointed, by precept and example, as the best and the highest that through effort could be attained by man."

Joseph Smith, III May 22, 1911 from The Saints' Herald, 11-06-34

In certain situations it may become necessary for a woman to be looked to for guidance. A woman in the role of leader is unusual, but in certain situations it may become a necessity. Deborah was called upon to be a judge over Israel. Her role was one of military and judicial leadership, but she was not responsible for spiritual matters. Emma Smith was called on to help preserve the small band of faithful who refused to follow after the many factions that left Nauvoo in the period after Joseph's death. Emma directed and suggested but did not assume any priesthood authority. She did, however, protect the manuscript for the Inspired Version of the Bible, put down false doctrine, prepare a future prophet and leader of the Reorganization, raise and train up three high priests, and remain faithful to the teachings of the true church.

When there is no priesthood, or when priesthood does not function, sometimes the insight and discernment of a woman can be helpful to remedy the situation. Lucy Mack Smith was such a woman. She understood the duties of the priesthood. She understood the purposes of the Restoration and she recognized the tools that the Lord had placed in the church to accomplish the work. Whenever the priesthood failed to carry out those purposes, or grew slack in their responsibilities, she was willing to call it to their attention. She also was perfectly willing to give a testimony concerning the work of the Restoration to anyone who would listen. Once when she was going down river on a paddle wheeler, the boat was stopped because of ice, and she and many others were forced to wait for improved conditions. Many had little provisions, and most had even less faith. The priesthood was more concerned with worldly matters than using this opportunity to witness for the Lord. Lucy organized the children, secured food and lodgings for many, and tried to have the priesthood organize a prayer service, or at least a worship service. They warned Lucy not to stir up the people, and to keep quiet over the fact that "there were Mormons about", for fear that a mob would form. With all this confusion and with no able priesthood to give proper leadership, the Lord used Lucy in the following manner.

"I went to that part of the boat where the principle portion of our company was. There I found several of the brethren and sisters engaged in a warm debate, others murmuring and grumbling, and a number of young ladies were flirting, giggling, and laughing with gentlemen passengers, who were entire strangers to them, whilst hundreds of people on shore and on other boats were witnessing this scene of clamor and vanity among our brethren with great interest. I stepped into their midst. 'Brethren and sisters,' said I, 'we call ourselves Saints, and profess to have come out from the world for the purpose of serving God at the expense of all earthly things; and will you, at the very onset, subject the cause of Christ to ridicule by your own unwise and improper conduct? You profess to put your trust in God; then how can you feel to murmur and complain as you do? You are even more unreasonable than the children of Israel were;

for here are my sisters pining for their rocking-chairs, and brethren from whom I expected firmness and energy, declare that they positively believe they shall starve to death before they get to the end of the journey. And why is it so? Have any of you lacked? Have not I set food before you every day, and made you, who had not provided for yourselves, as welcome as my own children? Where is your faith? Where is your confidence in God? Can you not realize that all things were made by him, and that he rules over the works of his own hands? And suppose that all the Saints here should lift their hearts in prayer to God, that the way might be opened before us, how easy it would be for him to cause the ice to break away, so that in a moment we could be on our journey!

Just then a man on shore cried, 'Is the Book of Mormon true?' 'That book,' replied I, 'was brought forth by the power of God, and translated by the gift of the Holy Ghost; and, if I could make my voice sound as loud as the trumpet of Michael, the Archangel, I would declare the truth from land to land, and from sea to sea, and the echo should reach to every isle, until every member of the family of Adam should be left without excuse. For I do testify that God has revealed himself to man again in these last days, and set his hand to gather his people upon a goodly land, and, if they obey his commandments, it shall be unto them for an inheritance; whereas, if they rebel against his law, his hand will be against them to scatter them off from the face of the earth; and that he commenced a work which will prove a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death, to every one that stands here this day - of life unto life, if you will receive it, or of death unto death, if you reject the counsel of God, for every man shall have the desires of his heart; if he desires the truth, he may hear and live, but if he tramples upon the simplicity of the word of God, he will shut the gate of heaven against himself.' Then, turning to our own company, I said, 'Now, brethren and sisters, if you will all of you raise your desires to heaven, that the ice may be broken up, and we be set at liberty, as sure as the Lord lives it will be done.' At that instant a noise was heard, like bursting thunder. The captain cried, 'Every man to his post.' The ice parted, leaving barely a passage for the boat, and so narrow, that, as the boat passed through, the buckets of the water-wheel were torn off with a crash, which, joined to the word of command from the captain, the horse answering of the sailors, the noise of the ice, and the cries and confusion of the spectators, presented a scene truly terrible. We had barely passed through the avenue, when the ice closed together again."

Joseph Smith the Prophet, and his Progenitors, ppgs 217-219

I hope that the evidences I have presented will cause you to ponder the worth and the extent of the ministry of women. The scriptures are given us to confound false doctrine and also to preserve the Saints in the last days. Search the scriptures to see if these things are true. I welcome the gifts that my wife and other women in our branch offer the body. I recognize that they serve the Lord not as members of his Divine priesthood, but as his handmaidens and as daughters of God. I hope that we will continue to labor jointly in the cause of Zion. I recognize that I cannot any longer ignore this resource that God has placed within his church. As Paul as stated before, I would ask you to help those women which have labored with me in the Gospel, whose names are written in the Book of Life. Grant these servants unto the body an opportunity to serve.

Your servant in Christ,

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Priest  
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INSIGHTS FROM THE BOOK OF MORMON

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As we rapidly approach the celebration of the traditional birth of Jesus Christ may we focus our attention on the Son of the Living God. Too many times the commercial application of Christmas causes us to temporally lose sight of the real reason for the season. A study of the Book of Mormon is an excellent means for increasing our awareness of our Lord Jesus. Within its 777 pages are found the keys to the witnessing power of the Book of Mormon. A major reason for considering the Book of Mormon to be a Second witness of Jesus Christ are the numerous references to Jesus himself.

The following chart produced by Susan W. Easton of Brigham Young University graphically demonstrates the total number of references to Christ in the Book of Mormon. With the mention of Christ found an average of every 1.7 verses, [Utah Edition] we see why the Book of Mormon is such a powerful tool for the convincing of Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ.

BOOK FOUND	REF. TO CHRIST	# of VERSES	AVE PER VERSE
1 Nephi	474	618	1.303
2 Nephi	591	779	1.318
Jacob	156	203	1.301
Enos	22	27	1.227
Jarom	8	15	1.875
Omni	20	30	1.500
Wds of Mormon	15	18	1.200
Mosiah	492	785	1.596
Alma	1,013	1,975	1.950
Helaman	225	487	2.209
3 Nephi	293	788	2.689
4 Nephi	42	49	1.167
Mormon	188	227	1.207
Ether	220	433	1.968
Moroni	166	163	1.018
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>3,925</b>	<b>6,607</b>	<b>1.7+</b>

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Who's in Charge!

Satan would like to have us think that he is in charge. By using his skills of trickery and disguise he attempts to pass off his works as those of God. Saints should recognize him as a roaring lion seeking to devour his prey, but more often than not they don't. The scriptures warn us of the dangers of Satan. The "Rod of Iron" is in itself a powerful weapon against the devil if we heed its warning voice. The current confusion and dissent within the church is ample evidence that many have failed to recognize the foothold that Satan has gained.

Helaman 5:137-138

Satan did stir them up to do iniquity continually; yea, he did go about, spreading rumors and contentions upon all the face of the land, that he might harden the hearts of the people against that which was good, and against that which should come; And notwithstanding the signs and the wonders which were wrought among the people of the Lord, and the many miracles which they did, Satan did get great hold upon the hearts of the people, upon all the face of the land.

3 Nephi 1:39-40

Insomuch that they began to be hard in their hearts, and blind in their minds, and began to disbelieve all which they had heard and seen, imagining up some vain thing in their hearts, that it was wrought by men, and by the power of the devil, to lead away and deceive the hearts of the people; and thus did Satan get possession of the hearts of the people again, insomuch that he did blind their eyes, and lead them away to believe that the doctrine of Christ was a foolish and vain thing.

2 Nephi 12:25-28

And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say, All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well; And thus the devil cheateth their souls, and leadeth them away carefully down to hell. And behold, others he flatteth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them, I am no devil, for there is none: And thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance.

Alma 15:50

And thus we see how great the inequality of man is because of sin and transgression, and the power of the devil, which comes by the cunning plans which he hath devised to ensnare the hearts of men:

Millennial Star, Sept 1840

"When Satan can no longer prevent the saints from coming directly up to the line which God has marked out for them, he is ever ready to step behind and push them beyond the mark, thus causing them to err in spirit, and in this situation they are liable to do those things which they themselves know are not according to the oracles of truth."

The Book of Mormon was given to us to aid us in recognizing the hand of the adversary working in our lives. If we heed its message, and are obedient to that truth, then we will be able to clearly discern the works of God from the works of the devil. We will recognize and be on guard against false teachings and counterfeit spirits. We will put down contention by overcoming with the light of truth.

Using the GOOD NEWS PROCESSOR's search capabilities, the following references are found within the Book of Mormon which refer directly or indirectly to Jesus Christ. These references are not exhaustive, but simply illustrative of the numerous examples. The message contained within the Book of Mormon has been hidden from the world for long enough. As the new year continues to gain upon us, let us resolve to bear affirmative testimony of Jesus Christ and of the witness of Jesus that is found in the Book of Mormon.

NAMES ATTRIBUTED TO JESUS CHRIST IN THE BOOK OF MORMON

Alpha and Omega [3 Nephi 4:48]  
 Beloved [2 Nephi 13:19]  
 Beloved Son [2 Nephi 13:14]  
 Christ [2 Nephi 7:5]  
 Christ Jesus [Alma 3:73]  
 Christ the Son [Alma 8:104]  
 Counselor [2 Nephi 9:66]  
 Creator [2 Nephi 6:10]  
 Eternal Father [Mosiah 8:31, 91]  
 Eternal Judge [Moroni 10:31]  
 Everlasting Father [2 Nephi 9:66]  
 Everlasting God [1 Nephi 4:20]  
 Father [Jacob 5:37; Ether 1:108]  
 Father of Heaven and Earth [Helaman 5:66]  
 Founder of Peace [Mosiah 8:51]  
 God of Abraham [1 Nephi 5:240]  
 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob [Mosiah 5:28]  
 God of Isaac [Alma 15:63]  
 God of Israel [1 Nephi 5:233]  
 God of Jacob [2 Nephi 8:19]  
 God of Miracles [2 Nephi 11:145]  
 God of nature [1 Nephi 5:250]  
 God of the O.T. [Ether 1:35; 3 Nephi 7:6; Alma 15:63-64; 1 Nephi 4:18]  
 God of our fathers [1 Nephi 5:239]  
 God of the whole earth [3 Nephi 5:14]  
 Good Shepherd [Alma 3:62-64]  
 Great Creator [2 Nephi 6:10]  
 Head [Jacob 3:8]  
 Holy Child [Moroni 5:55]  
 Holy Messiah [2 Nephi 1:71]  
 Holy One [2 Nephi 1:80]  
 Holy One of Israel [1 Nephi 5:252]  
 Holy One of Jacob [2 Nephi 11:159]  
 Husband [3 Nephi 10:13]  
 Immanuel [2 Nephi 9:46]  
 Jehovah [Moroni 4:89]  
 Jesus [2 Nephi 13:13]  
 Jesus Christ [2 Nephi 11:36]  
 Keeper of the gate [2 Nephi 6:81]  
 King [2 Nephi 9:5]  
 King of heaven [2 Nephi 7:21]

Names attributed to Jesus, continued

Lamb [1 Nephi 3:186]  
Lamb of God [1 Nephi 3:12]  
Lord [1 Nephi 3:19]  
Lord God [2 Nephi 1:7]  
Lord God Almighty [2 Nephi 6:92]  
Lord God Omnipotent [Mosiah 1:122]  
Lord God of Hosts [2 Nephi 8:53]  
Lord Jehovah [2 Nephi 9:133]  
Lord Jesus [Moroni 6:6]  
Lord Jesus Christ [Mosiah 1:108]  
Lord of Hosts [1 Nephi 6:9]  
Lord of the vineyard [Jacob 3:37]  
Lord Omnipotent [Mosiah 1:97]  
Maker [2 Nephi 6:77]  
Man [3 Nephi 5:9]  
Master [Jacob 3:32]  
Mediator [2 Nephi 1:122]  
Messiah [1 Nephi 1:20]  
Mighty God [2 Nephi 5:42]  
Mighty one of Israel [1 Nephi 7:25]  
Mighty one of Jacob [1 Nephi 7:56]  
Most High God [Alma 14:94]  
Only Begotten of the Father [2 Nephi 11:21]  
Only Begotten Son [Jacob 3:6]  
Prince of Peace [2 Nephi 9:66]  
Prophet [1 Nephi 7:44]  
Rabbabah [Alma 12:83]  
Redeemer [1 Nephi 3:6]  
Redeemer of Israel [1 Nephi 6:37]  
Redeemer of the world [1 Nephi 3:5]  
Rock [1 Nephi 4:20]  
Savior [2 Nephi 13:16]  
Savior Jesus Christ [3 Nephi 2:103]  
Savior of the world [1 Nephi 3:4]  
Shepherd [1 Nephi 3:197]  
Son [2 Nephi 13:16]  
Son of God [1 Nephi 3:24]  
Son of righteousness [Ether 4:24]  
Son of the Eternal Father [1 Nephi 3:62]  
Son of the Everlasting Father [1 Nephi 3:86]  
Son of the Living God [2 Nephi 13:21]  
Son of the Most High God [1 Nephi 3:44]  
Stone [Jacob 3:27]  
True and Living God [1 Nephi 5:112]  
True Messiah [2 Nephi 1:23]  
True Shepherd [Helaman 5:104]  
True Vine [1 Nephi 4:21]  
Well Beloved [Helaman 2:112]  
Wonderful [2 Nephi 9:66]