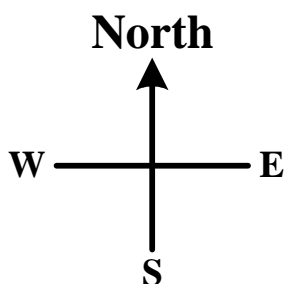


# Alignment of the Compass



**NORTH** (Hebrew) [*semole*] Left Side

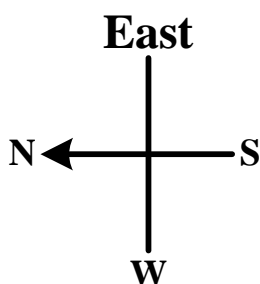
Denotes the place of dwelling for the heathen Gods.  
(Isaiah 14:13 ftn. 13e; Psalms 48:2 ftn. 2d; Jeremiah 1:13-15)

**EAST** (Hebrew) [*qedem*] **Frontward or Faceward**

Denotes the place of residence for the true and living God of Israel.  
(Genesis 2:8; JS-Matthew 1:26; Tabernacle or Temple; Winds, etc.)

**SOUTH** (Hebrew) [*barak*] Right Side

Denotes the place of blessing or kneeling.



If the compass is realigned so that the directions are in proper orientation, then one begins to gain insights on the declarations and descriptions of the Lord, especially on the gathering of the house of Israel from the north (Ether 13:11, D&C 110:11, D&C 133:26).

Further consideration is the concept of left and right sides. In scripture as well as in heraldry and anatomy there is great significance in the left and right sides. This significance is explained by Joseph Fielding Smith :

“The right hand is called the dexter, and the left, the sinister; dexter means right and sinister means left. Dexter, or right, means favorable or propitious. Sinister is associated with evil, rather than good. Sinister means perverse.” (DS, 3:107-108)

Therefore, the powerful concept is declared that Israel shall be gathered (3 Nephi), but not to a place, but rather to righteousness and covenants...

“It is not the place of gathering that will save the scattered remnants, but the message of salvation that comes to them in their Redeemer’s name... Salvation is not in a place but in a person. It is in Christ.” (Bruce R. McConkie, Millennial Messiah, pg. 200)