

Israel: The Scattering And Gathering

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"It is a principle I esteem to be of the greatest importance to those who are looking for salvation in this generation, or in these, that may be called, 'the latter times.' All that the prophets that have written, from the days of righteous Abel, down to the last man that has left any testimony on record for our consideration, in speaking of the salvation of Israel in the last days, goes directly to show that it consists in the work of the gathering." (Joseph Smith, *TPJS*, pg. 83)

Monumental Message: As-with Israel so goes Judah - (1 Nephi 15:17, 20; Mormon5:14;Jeremiah 3:6-18)

Scattering Defined

(What, Who, When, Where, Why, How)

What - Scattering (2 Kings 17:5-13, 18)

Who- 'the more part of all the tribes' (1 Nephi 22:2-5; James 1:1*)

When - 721bc-Assyria, 587bc-Babylon, 70ad - Rome, 132ad - Bar-Kokhba Revolt, etc. - present. (2 Nephi 25:9-15)

Where - 'north countries' and 'the four corners of the earth' (Leviticus 26:33; Isaiah 11:11-12)

Why - Rejection of the Messiah, His Mouthpiece (Prophet), His Message (Scripture), etc. (2 Nephi 25:16-18)

How - 'by way of the Gentiles' (1 Nephi 15:17, 3 Nephi 16:8; 1 Nephi 19:13-14; 2 Nephi 10:5-6)

Gathering Defined

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What- Gathering (Matthew 23:37-38; 3 Nephi 5:24-26; 3 Nephi 10:4-6)

Who - 'whole house of Israel' and 'Gentile' (Ezekiel 37:1-28; Jeremiah 3:14, 18; 3 Nephi 16:4-17; Ruth)

When - 1829ad-Book of Mormon, 1830-restored Church, 1836-keys, 1842-temple, etc. - present, millennium. (1 Nephi 15:17-20; 3 Nephi 21:25-35; D&C 58:45; D&C 66:11)

Where - 'north countries' and 'the four corners of the earth' (D&C 110:11; D&C 133:25-35)

Why - Acceptance of the Messiah, His Mouthpiece (Prophet), His Message (Scripture), etc. (1 Nephi 19:15-16; 2 Nephi 10:7-8; 2 Nephi 9:2; D&C 45:52; Book of Mormon Title page-Mormon 3:18)

How - 'by way of the Gentiles' (1 Nephi 15:17; 2 Nephi 10:9; 3 Nephi 21:23; Jeremiah 16:16)

Common Conclusion: God's Desire is in His Children - (Isaiah 18:7; Isaiah 62:2-4; Moses 1:39)

* (The **Number Ten**: The Lord uses the number 10 as a Symbol of **Physical "Quantitative" Completeness; Ordinal, Wholeness**:

- 5 wise virgins/ 5 foolish virgins (Matt 25:2)
- Plaques (Ex. 7:20-11:5)
- 5 Books of Law = Pentateuch + "Prophets" = complete
- Commandments (Exodus 20:3-13)
- Tithe [10%] (D&C 19:14)
- Genesis divided into 10 parts