

Zion Not To Be Redeemed For A Little Season

IMPORTANT GOSPEL PRINCIPLES

- The Lord suspended the full practice of the law of consecration. Zion can only be established if the Saints live according to celestial law (1-13, 18-19).
- Those who are faithful in affliction receive blessings of knowledge, experience, and faith (6, 10, 18-19).
- The Lord strengthens the faithful and helps them overcome their enemies through His power (14-15, 27-30).
- We should not boast of our faith and good works. As we humbly obey the Lord, we will find favor with the people of the world and peace (23-27, 38-40).
- The law of consecration will not be fully implemented in the church until Zion is redeemed and the New Jerusalem built (34).

ZION'S REDEMPTION and THE LORD'S EXPECTATIONS

The Reasons Zion Was Not Redeemed	The Lord's Expectations THEN	The Lord's Expectations NOW
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The people transgressed the law• Saints had not learned obedience• Full of all manner of evil• Do not impart of their substance to the poor• The Saints are not united	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Saints be taught more perfectly• Have more experience• Know more perfectly concerning their duty• Be endowed with power from on high• Be faithful in all things• Abide in humility always before the Lord	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not fight the battles of Zion• Lord's army become great• Become sanctified before Him• Be fair as the sun and clear as the moon• Banners terrible to all nations• Kingdoms of world recognize that Zion is the kingdom of God• Become subject to Zion's laws• Receive endowments• Execute and fulfill laws• Follow counsel• Sue for peace to all people• Life up an ensign of peace• Make proposals of peace to those who have smitten you• Be faithful in all things

"God did not want you to fight. He could not organize His kingdom with twelve men to open the gospel door to the nations of the earth, and with seventy men under their direction to follow in their tracks, unless he took them from a body of men who had offered their lives, and who had made as great a sacrifice as did Abraham."
- Joseph Smith (talking about Zion's Camp)

