

## Summary Handout

# “He Did Expound All Things unto Them”

Lesson

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Summary

3 Nephi 22–26

### Scripture Summary:

*In the last days, Zion and her stakes shall be established, and Israel shall be gathered in mercy and tenderness—They shall triumph—Compare Isaiah 54.*

*Jesus approves the words of Isaiah—He commands the people to search the prophets—The words of Samuel the Lamanite concerning the resurrection are added to their records.*

*The Lord’s messenger shall prepare the way for the Second Coming—Christ shall sit in judgment—Israel is commanded to pay tithes and offerings—A book of remembrance is kept—Compare Malachi 3.*

*At the Second Coming the proud and wicked shall be burned as stubble—Elijah shall return before that great and dreadful day—Compare Malachi 4.*

*Jesus expounds all things from the beginning to the end—Babes and children utter marvelous things which cannot be written—Those in the Church of Christ have all things in common among them. [A.D. 34]*

### Supplemental Holy Land and Jewish insights:

**“Stakes” of Zion:** Carrying on the theme of the “Cities of the Lord” in the previous lesson supplement, let us reflect that the original “Temple” was the camp of Israel. The stakes and curtains or banners identified the various tribes’ habitation. The eleven tribes surrounded the tribe of Levi who, in turn, surrounded the Lord’s habitation. In addition to the stakes identifying each tribal area, the stakes around the tabernacle had curtains creating a presence of sacred privacy, a habitation for the Lord. “Look upon Zion, the city . . . not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed . . .” (*Isaiah 33:20*)

**Shiloh Becomes Temple Site:** The sacredness and worthiness of the Camp of Israel were compromised and the Lord’s “presence” was taken to a special site of Shiloh which is north of what later became Jerusalem. The Prophet Joshua redistributed the “camp of Israel” by making Shiloh the House of the Lord and giving land assignments to the tribes of Israel for their houses. “And the whole congregation . . . assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle . . . there . . .” (*Joshua 18:1*)

**Salem Becomes Temple Site:** Later, when the Jebusite city of Salem came into the hands of King David, it became the City of David, Jerusalem. He purchased the threshing floor of a Jebusite for the future House of the Lord. “And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing floor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD . . .” (*2 Samuel 24:21*)

**Modern-day Temple Sites:** Later, through the modern-day restoration of the gospel, buildings were erected as Houses of the Lord. “The Prophet Joseph Smith, and my father, Hyrum Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, and other choice spirits who were reserved to come forth in the fulness of times to take part in laying the foundations of the great latter-day work, including the building of the temples and the performance of ordinances therein for the redemption of the dead, were also in the spirit world.” (*D&C 138:53-54*)

**Cities Become Temple:** As mentioned in the previous chapter, in the future, the temples will return to the Stakes of Zion, and, in fact, some cities will become temples. So, in addition to the title “Houses of the Lord,” there will be “Cities of the Lord.”

**Jews Pray For Temple Restoration:** In year 70 when Titus destroyed Jerusalem, the Jews lost their temple and the city of Jerusalem. Ever since, religious Jews have prayed three times daily at each meal and at other times for the rebuilding of the temple. Three traditions have developed: First, some think the temple will come from heaven as the Messiah manifests himself (prefab?). The second is that few Jews think of destroying the present Moslem shrine, the Dome of the Rock, and the nearby Al Aksa mosque and build the temple as last remembered. The third has some truthful possibilities when in recent decades, the late Rabbi Abraham HaKohen Kook referred to a tradition of a “latter-day Joseph” and quoted the twelfth century Rabbi Moses Maimonides, who said about a latter-day Joseph, “. . . to him will be given the keys of the gathering of Israel, he will restore Temple worship.”

**Keys and Temple Work Restored:** Latter-day Saints claim to be descendants of ancient Joseph and testify that the keys of the gathering of Israel and temple work have been restored. They also know that the Jews will build the temple in Jerusalem. At the beginning of the century, when Latter-day Saint President John Taylor showing Baron

Rothschild a Latter-day Saint Temple, Rothschild asked, "Elder Taylor, what do you mean by this temple? What is the object of it? Why are you building it?" President Taylor answered, ". . . One of your prophets said--The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple . . . sir, will you point me out a place on the face of the earth where God has a temple?" Rothschild said, ". . . Do you consider that this is that temple?" President Taylor answered, "No, sir, it is not. . . . The Lord has told us to build this temple so that we may administer therein [ordinances] for our dead and also to perform some of the sacred matrimonial . . . covenants that we believe in . . . which are among the . . . most ennobling principles that God ever revealed to man."

**“Joseph” and “Judah” Temples?** Rothschild asked, "Well, then, this is not our temple?" President Taylor responded, "No. . . . you will build a temple, for the Lord has shown us . . . that you Jews . . . will be gathered to old Jerusalem, . . . will build a temple there; and . . . the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple." (*Gospel Kingdom, John Taylor, Page 293*) It becomes obvious that both Jews and Latter-day Saints have “temple” and “gathering” perceptions. In order to fulfill our prophetic destinies we must learn more about each other. The Latter-day Saints can already lead out in learning more about Judah and his customs and ancient religious procedures. The gift of the spirit with the learning of the Jews will assist in expounding the very teachings given to our ancient forefathers so that we can understand them and apply them to our present and future lives.

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