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Article of Faith # 10: We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes; that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent; that Christ will reign personally upon the earth; and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.

**“We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the Ten Tribes…”**

Read: [Missionary Work](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/true-to-the-faith/missionary-work?lang=eng) in *True to the Faith* pp. 104-106.

Explain three teachings you learned about missionary work (*gathering of Israel*) from the reading.

1. Missionary work helps people learn about the gospel of Jesus Christ: Missionary work is an important way to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and help people learn about his teachings. Missionaries are encouraged to share their own personal experiences and testimonies to help others understand and feel the truth of the gospel.
2. Missionary work helps people come closer to God: Through missionary work, people are invited to develop a personal relationship with God and to come closer to him. Missionaries help people understand that God loves them and that they can receive guidance and strength from him in their lives.
3. Missionary work helps bring salvation to God's children: According to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, missionary work is essential for the salvation of God's children. Missionaries help people understand the importance of following Christ's teachings, making covenants with God, and receiving ordinances such as baptism and confirmation. Through these actions, individuals can receive the blessings of the Atonement and return to live with God again.

**“…that Zion (the New Jerusalem) will be built upon the American continent…”**

Read: [Zion](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/true-to-the-faith/zion?lang=eng) in *True to the Faith* pp. 189-190.

Explain three significant thoughts you learned about ‘*Zion*’ from the reading.

1. Zion is a spiritual concept: In the context of Latter-day Saint theology, Zion refers to a spiritual community of people who are united in their love for God and their commitment to living according to his commandments. Zion is not necessarily tied to a particular location or physical place, but rather is a state of being.
2. Zion involves personal righteousness and social justice: Zion is characterized by both personal righteousness and social justice. Individuals who are part of Zion are committed to living righteously and to helping others do the same. They are also committed to creating a just and equitable society where everyone has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.
3. The establishment of Zion is an ongoing process: The establishment of Zion is an ongoing process that requires the collective efforts of many people over time. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sees itself as playing a key role in this process but recognizes that it cannot do so alone. Members of the church are encouraged to work with others to promote social justice and to create communities that reflect the principles of Zion. Ultimately, the establishment of Zion is seen as a fulfillment of God's plan for his children and a precursor to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

**“…that Christ will reign personally upon the earth…”**

Read: [Second Coming of Jesus Christ](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/true-to-the-faith/second-coming-of-jesus-christ?lang=eng) in *True to the Faith*.

Explain three ideas you learned about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ from the reading.

1. The Second Coming will be a physical and visible event: According to Latter-day Saint theology, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will be a physical and visible event in which he will appear to all people on the earth. This event will be preceded by various signs and wonders, including earthquakes, famines, and wars.
2. The Second Coming will bring judgment and salvation: The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will bring both judgment and salvation. Those who have rejected God's teachings and lived unrighteously will be judged, while those who have accepted Christ and lived according to his commandments will be saved. The Second Coming will also usher in a millennial period of peace and prosperity on the earth, during which Christ will reign as king.
3. The timing of the Second Coming is uncertain: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints teaches that the timing of the Second Coming is uncertain and that no one knows exactly when it will occur. However, members of the church are encouraged to be prepared for the Second Coming at all times by living according to Christ's teachings and by being ready to meet him whenever he comes.

**“…and, that the earth will be renewed and receive its paradisiacal glory.”**

Read: [Millennium](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/true-to-the-faith/millennium?lang=eng) in *True to the Faith*.

Explain three meaningful ideas you learned about the destiny of the earth from the reading.

1. The Millennium will be a time of peace and righteousness: According to Latter-day Saint theology, the Millennium will be a thousand-year period of peace and righteousness on the earth. During this time, Christ will reign as king and will personally govern the affairs of the world. Satan will be bound, and the wicked will be destroyed or converted to the truth.
2. The Millennium will be a time of physical and spiritual healing: The Millennium will also be a time of physical and spiritual healing. The earth will be renewed and become a paradise, and people will be able to live in harmony with nature. There will also be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and people will be able to experience a deeper connection with God.
3. The Millennium will be a time of preparation for the final judgment: While the Millennium will be a time of peace and righteousness, it will also be a time of preparation for the final judgment. People will have the opportunity to learn and grow in their understanding of God's plan, and to prepare themselves to meet Christ at the final judgment. The Millennium is seen as a critical period in which people can prepare for their eternal destiny.

Questions (2)

1. How does the idea of creating a community of righteous people fit into the broader context of Latter-Day Saint eschatology?
2. What does it mean to be "prepared" for the Second Coming if no one knows exactly when it will occur?