



The Blueprint of Zion

A scriptural framework for the New
Jerusalem on the Choice Land.

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Jesus
Christ

The Enduring Promise of Zion

The hope of Zion — the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon earth, where none shall hurt nor destroy, where the young die 100 years old, where the scattered and lost of Israel are gathered — is one of the most beautiful promises in all of scripture.



Rethinking the Center Place

While early Restoration history emphasized Jackson County, Missouri, strict reliance on the Book of Mormon reveals a grander, yet-to-be-fulfilled prophetic model.

Early Restoration Assumptions	Book of Mormon Prophecy
Location: Independence, Missouri	Location: An open question anywhere on the Choice Land (The Americas)
Builders: The early 19th-century Gentile church	Builders: The Indigenous Remnant of Joseph (with Gentile assistance)
Timing: Imminent	Timing: Future, following a specific preparatory sequence

Beyond a Single City in Missouri

While early **19th-century** leaders focused on Independence, Missouri as the center of Zion, the foundational texts—the Bible and the Book of Mormon—describe a much grander, **hemisphere-wide covenant**.

19th Century Focus

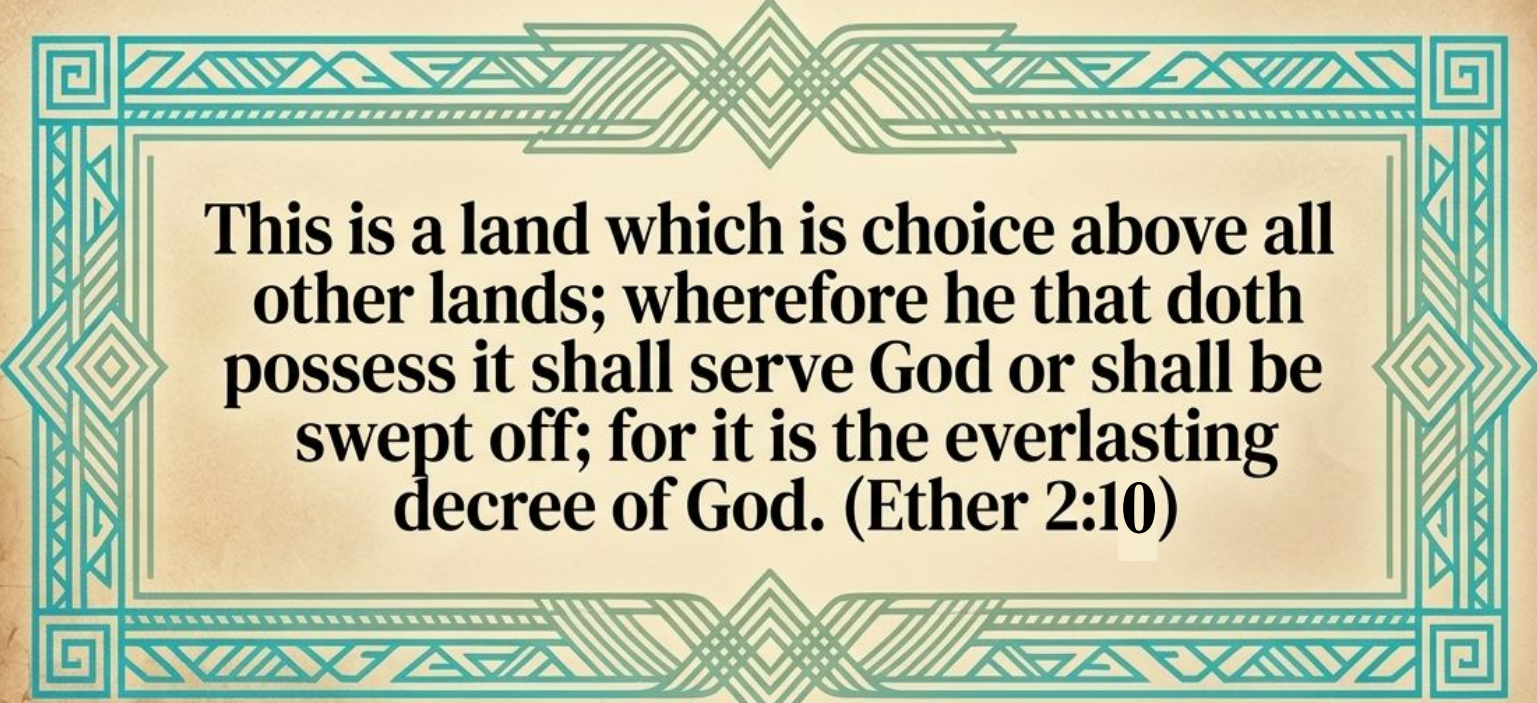


The Hemispheric Covenant



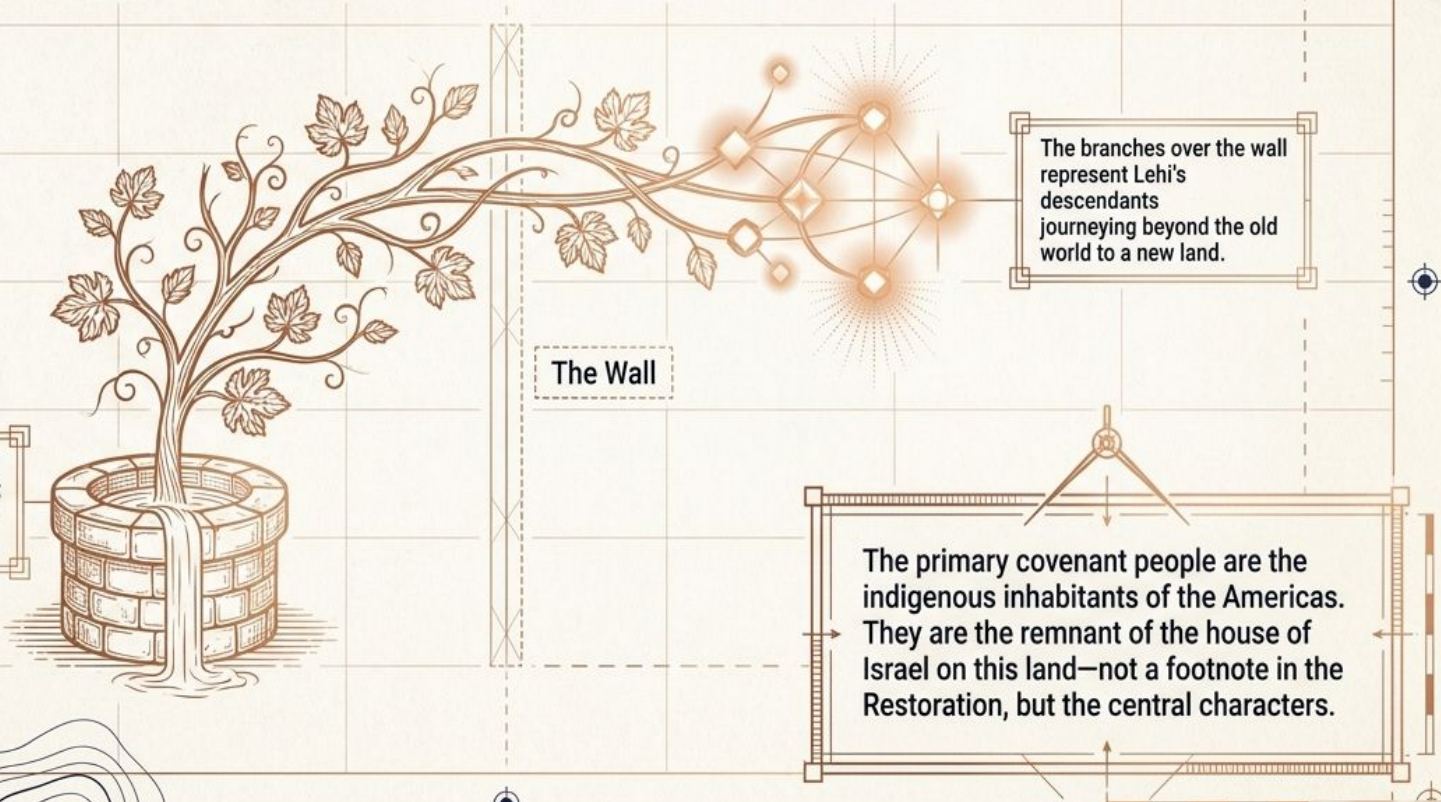
An Everlasting Decree for the Americas

The Book of Mormon establishes that the Americas are sanctified and set apart by God. This is not just geography; it is a profound covenant with an entire hemisphere.



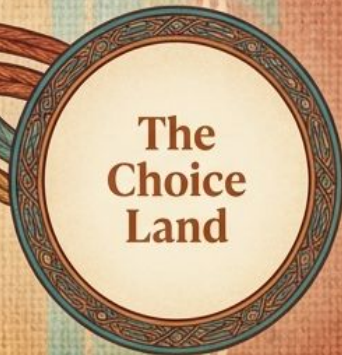
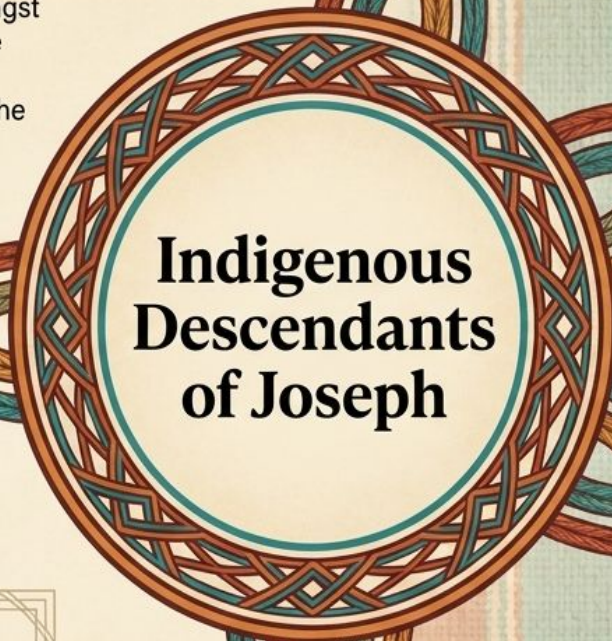
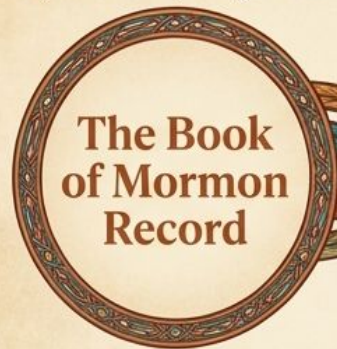
This is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God. (Ether 2:10)

The covenant people of this land are the direct descendants of Joseph.



The Remnant of the House of Israel

The descendants of Joseph are identified amongst the indigenous peoples who have inhabited the Americas from ancient times. They are not a footnote in the restoration narrative—they are the central, covenant protagonists.



And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a New Jerusalem. (3 Nephi 20:22)

Sanctified by Covenant, Not Just Geography

There are beautiful places worldwide. What makes a land chosen by the Almighty is the divine covenant to build a holy city upon it for a specific people.



Physical Land



Divine Covenant

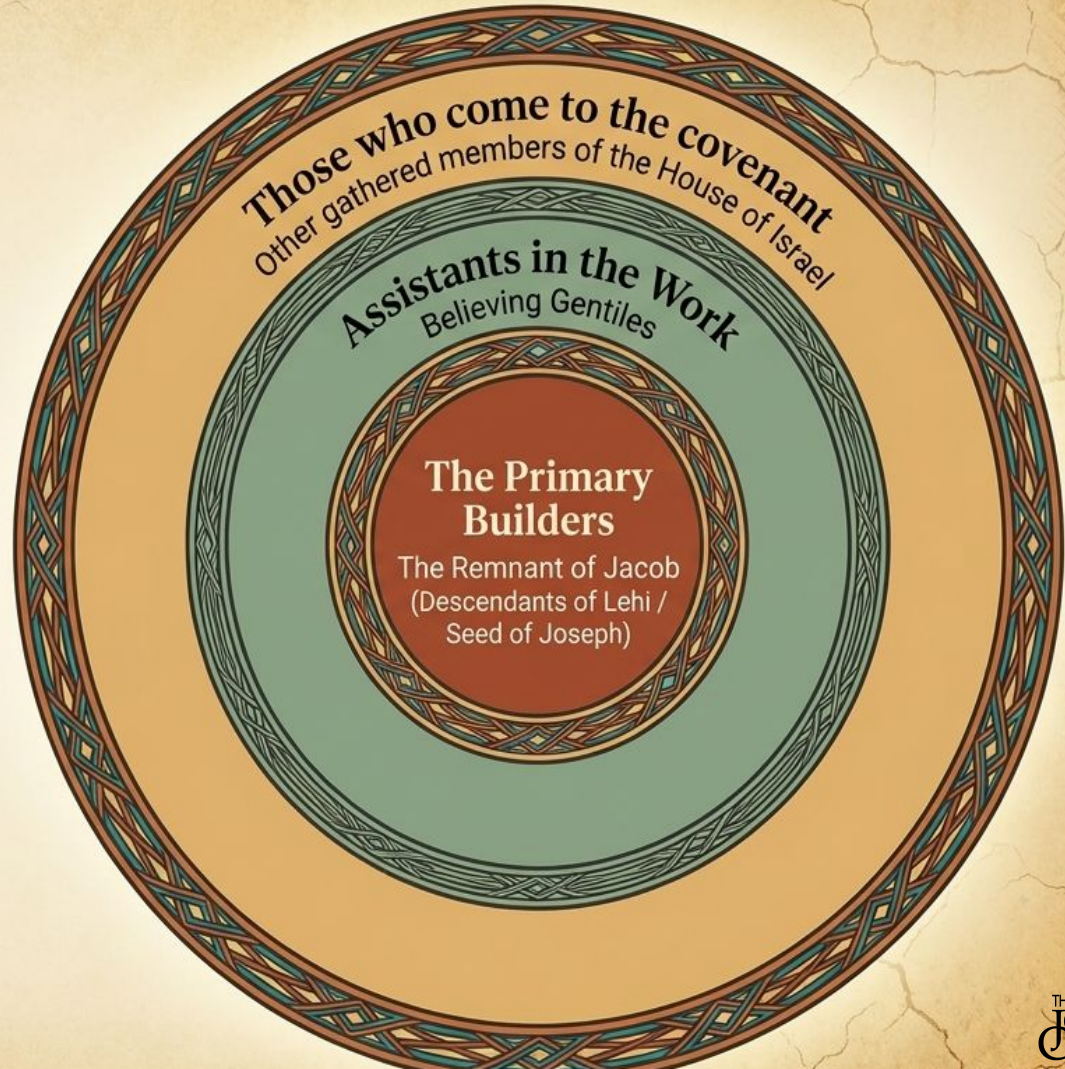


Sanctified Choice Land

A New Jerusalem built upon the Americas, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph. (Ether 13:6)

The Architects of the Holy City

Scripture clearly identifies the primary builders of the New Jerusalem. The emphasis is on God's covenant faithfulness to the descendants of Joseph, not on a geographic coordinate or a specific institution.



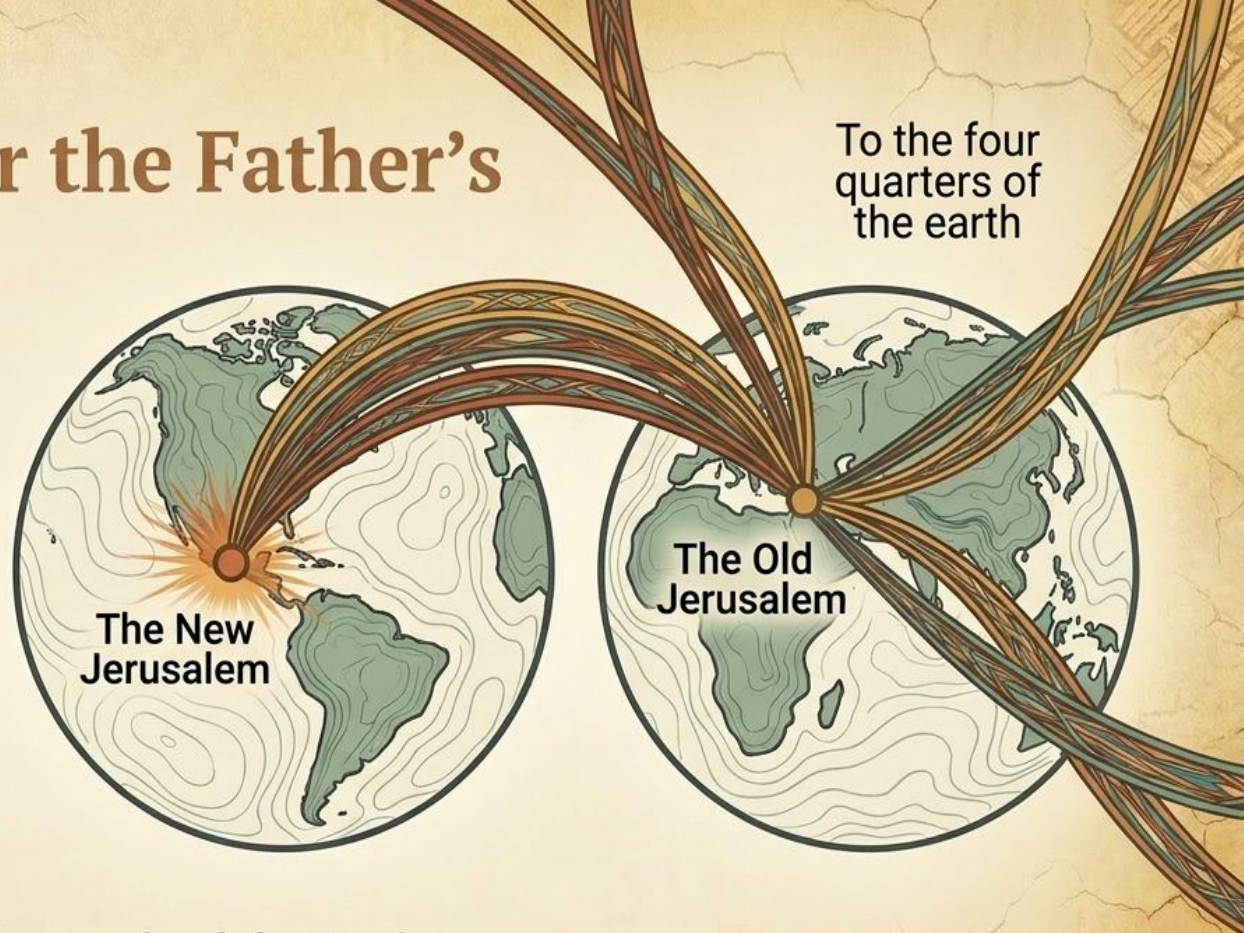
Two Cities, Two Gatherings, One God

The prophetic picture involves two parallel holy cities fulfilling God's promises to all of scattered Israel.

	The Old Jerusalem	The New Jerusalem
Location	The land of Palestine	The Americas (The Choice Land)
The Gathered People	The House of Israel (including lost tribes)	The Remnant of the Seed of Joseph
Prophetic Mandate	Rebuilt on their ancient inheritance (Ether 13:5)	Built fresh on the covenant land (Ether 13:6)

The Catalyst for the Father's Global Work

The establishment of the New Jerusalem is not an isolated, local event. It is the breathtaking commencement of God's final work across two hemispheres, involving all tribes of Israel.



...then shall the work of the Father commence... among all the dispersed of my people... (3 Nephi 21:26)

The Error of Hasty Zeal

Early 19th-century church leaders desired to build Zion immediately. However, as Book of Mormon witness David Whitmer observed, they rushed ahead of God's timeline.

Takeaway: They mistook their own generation for the final generation, and their own institution for the primary builders. The covenant people who must build the city had not yet been gathered.

Premature Attempt

19th Century Zeal

**Builders Not
Yet Gathered**

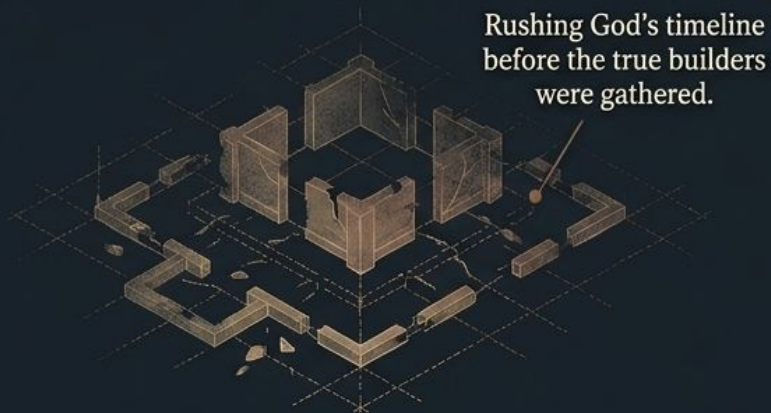
Divine Sequence
God's Timeline

The True Builders and the Early Haste

Early leaders mistook their own generation for the final generation and their own institution for the instrument of Zion's establishment. We must separate human ambition from the divine sequence.

“And they [the Gentiles] shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob . . . that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem.” (3 Nephi 21:23).

The Error: Human Ambition



The Mandate: Divine Sequence

Primary Builders:
Remnant of Jacob



The Choice Seer is a Future Catalyst

Before the city can be built, the builders must be gathered to their identity. The Book of Mormon prophesies a mighty, future figure—distinct from Joseph Smith.

Profile: The Choice Seer

Lineage: House of Joseph (2 Nephi 3:6-7)

Father's Name: Joseph (2 Nephi 3:15)

Stature: Great like unto Moses (2 Nephi 3:9)

Mission: Convince the descendants of Joseph of the covenants God made with their fathers.

Status: Yet to be fulfilled.



The precise scriptural sequence of the final gathering.

Step 1: The Awakening

The **Choice Seer** emerges to convince the descendants of Joseph of their true identity and God's covenants.

Step 2: The Gathering

The believing remnant of Jacob is gathered to the knowledge of their ancient inheritance on the choice land.

Step 3: The Construction

The Remnant, assisted by the Gentiles, builds the physical holy city of the New Jerusalem.

Step 4: The Global Commencement

Then shall the work of the Father commence... among all the dispersed of my people (3 Nephi 21:26-27). The global gathering of all lost tribes begins.



Jesus in the Midst of His People

In God's own time, the remnant of Jacob will be gathered, the New Jerusalem will be built upon this choice land, and the grand work of the Father will commence.

*“And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people;
yea, even I will be in the midst of you. (3 Nephi 20:22)*

