



## **GENTILE LABORERS IN THE LATTER DAYS**

### *A Message from the Quorum of Twelve Apostles*

**In a continuing series of articles regarding the Last Dispensation of Time, this two part issue focuses on the Gentile's Roles and Responsibilities in the Latter Days. The first part focuses on the Gentiles, the House of Israel and the fulness of the Gentiles.**

The Church of Jesus Christ today has a special and unique role in the great plan of God. It is very important for all who have been blessed with the privilege of becoming a part of the restored gospel to know of the great role and responsibility placed upon The Church of Jesus Christ in this period of time.

The understanding of God's plan and our role in this plan, in our present day, has always been one of the greatest challenges for the people of God in all ages of time. Do we see where we are in the tremendous timeframe of God's creation and very importantly, what does God desire for His church? Fortunately for us today we have been blessed with wonderful insight and understanding because of The Book of Mormon and the revelation of God through the Holy Spirit which opens our understanding of the scripture.

We believe the everlasting gospel has been restored to the earth in our day and time for all people on the earth.

*"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," (Revelation 14:6).*

This restoration of the everlasting gospel occurred or was delivered to a land (America) and a people (Gentiles). The scripture informs us of this mysterious plan of God in the latter days.

*"And the time cometh that he shall manifest himself unto all nations, both unto the Jews and also unto the Gentiles; and after he has manifested himself unto the Jews and also unto the Gentiles, then he shall manifest himself unto the Gentiles and also unto the Jews, and the last shall be first, and the first shall be last." (1 Nephi 13:42)*

Today, we are living in the sequence of this scripture where we (Gentiles) are first and then this restored gospel will go unto the Jews (House of Israel).

## Gentiles versus House of Israel

The everlasting gospel is for all people. In the latter days, the responsibility and indeed, the blessings of God to the Gentiles are very great. This responsibility and blessing continues throughout the latter days.

*But behold, thus saith the Lord God: When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ, then have I covenanted with their fathers that they shall be restored in the flesh, upon the earth, unto the lands of their inheritance. And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion, from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth; and the nations of the Gentiles shall be great in the eyes of me, saith God, in carrying them forth to the lands of their inheritance. Yea, the kings of the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them, and their queens shall become nursing mothers; wherefore, the promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles, for he hath spoken it, and who can dispute? (2 Nephi 10:7 - 9)*

*And after our seed is scattered the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles, which shall be of great worth unto our seed; wherefore, it is likened unto their being nourished by the Gentiles and being carried in their arms and upon their shoulders. And it shall also be of worth unto the Gentiles; and not only unto the Gentiles but unto all the house of Israel, unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham, saying: In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. (1 Nephi 22:8 - 9)*

God has designated a special work (and special blessings) for the Gentiles in the latter days – in our day and well into the future. The great work of the Gentiles in the latter days must not be overlooked or diminished as we anticipate the future glories of God’s plan. The “*marvelous work*” is certainly not just the Book of Mormon coming forth and the Church being established. The scriptures make it clear that blessings and work of the Gentiles extend through the completion of the full recovery of the House of Israel back to a belief in Christ. There are tremendous events yet in the future for the Gentile people as God’s “*marvelous work*” continues to unfold.

*But if they (Gentiles) will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance; And they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem. And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem. (3 Nephi 21:22 - 24)*

We need to understand that the latter-day work begins with the Gentile people receiving and holding the truth of God. But the plan of the latter days is not exclusive to any one group of people. God’s plan and purpose in the latter days is completely inclusive. The scripture says, “...unto them that dwell on the earth...” (Rev 14:6). That is a totally inclusive declaration. The scriptures show the blessings of God unto the Gentile people will extend until the end of creation. In God’s kingdom there is only one King and He is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the one and only reason for the restoration. There is no ‘us’ versus ‘them’ (Gentile versus House of Israel) in God’s kingdom. We are all one in Christ.

## Fulness of Gentiles (Fulness of Gospel)

*“And now, the thing which our father meaneth concerning the grafting in of the natural branches through the fulness of the Gentiles, is, that in the latter days, when our seed shall have dwindled in unbelief, yea, for the space of many years, and many generations after the Messiah shall be manifested in body unto the children of men, then shall the fulness of the gospel of the Messiah come unto the Gentiles, and from the Gentiles unto the remnant of our seed—” (1 Nephi 15:13)*

Understanding the term – Fulness of the Gentiles – is very important for our topic and ultimately wisdom in understanding the future events spoken of in the scriptures. Jesus spoke about this subject when He was with the Nephites on the land of America.

*...that these sayings which ye shall write shall be kept and shall be manifested unto the Gentiles, that through the fulness of the Gentiles, the remnant of their seed, who shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth because of their unbelief, may be brought in, or may be brought to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer. And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth; and then will I fulfil the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel. (3 Nephi 16:4 - 5)*

Part of the ‘Fulness of the Gentiles’ is The Book of Mormon coming forth to the Gentiles.

*And blessed are the Gentiles, because of their belief in me, in and of the Holy Ghost, which witnesses unto them of me and of the Father. Behold, because of their belief in me, saith the Father, and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel, in the latter day shall the truth come unto the Gentiles, that the fulness of these things shall be made known unto them. (3 Nephi 16:6 - 7)*

A significant part of the ‘Fulness of the Gentiles’ is knowledge of the truth of God. It is a knowledge of the everlasting gospel restored on the earth, for the last time, to all nations. It is a knowledge of the true points of the doctrine of Jesus Christ. It is a knowledge of God’s great plan and purpose to restore a remnant of the entire House of Israel back to a true worship of God. It is a knowledge that God will establish His spiritual Kingdom on earth (Zion). It is a knowledge that in God’s plan, the Gentiles have a great role to play in all these events. The Apostle Paul was one who understood the impact and significance of this ‘Fulness’ in the latter days.

*“Now if the fall of them (House of Israel) be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? (Romans 11:12) “For if the casting away of them (House of Israel) be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? (Romans 11:15)*

The knowledge that has been given to the Gentiles will eventually impact the entire world. The ‘Fulness of the Gentiles’ is one of – and perhaps – the greatest blessing that the Gentiles, and indeed the world, will receive. The Apostle Paul makes the statement it is as impactful as the dead coming back to life. It is understanding God and the plans of God for His creation in our time. What a special blessing and honor given by God to us today.

Because this knowledge is so precious and special to the world, there is also a great warning given to the Gentiles. Jesus said, *“...and if they shall do all those things, and shall reject the*

*fulness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fulness of my gospel from among them.” (3 Nephi 16:10)*

Just as in all periods of time, great knowledge brings with it great responsibility. There is a work to be done. A work by God certainly, but also a great work by the Gentiles who possess this knowledge.

**Part 2 will continue on this topic, focusing on five unique responsibilities of the Gentiles and a warning.**

To learn more about *The Church of Jesus Christ*, with Headquarters in Monongahela, PA, please visit our web site. The World Operations Center for world-wide missionary efforts is in Greensburg, PA

[www.thechurchofjesuschrist.org](http://www.thechurchofjesuschrist.org)



## **GENTILE LABORERS IN THE LATTER DAYS**

### *A Message from the Quorum of Twelve Apostles*

In the continuing series of articles regarding the Last Dispensation of Time, part 2 of this topic focuses on the Gentile's Roles and Responsibilities in the Latter Days and the five unique responsibilities of the Gentiles as well as a warning.

#### **Five Responsibilities of the Gentiles**

##### **A - The Church of Jesus Christ**

The Church of Jesus Christ has been established by God in these final days of God's creation. The Church today is in the hands of the Gentiles to keep and oversee the pure doctrine of Jesus Christ.

*"But if they (Gentiles) will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them..." (3 Nephi 21:22)*

*"And this is my doctrine, and it is the doctrine which the Father hath given unto me; and I bear record of the Father, and the Father beareth record of me, and the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me; and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent and believe in me." (3 Nephi 11:32)*

Even though there is still much disputation and doctrinal controversy in Christianity today. The restoration of Jesus Christ's doctrine in simplicity and purity is in our hands. Let us be diligent to keep The Church of Jesus Christ as Jesus delivered it to mankind.

##### **B - Help and Care for House of Israel – temporal**

A huge responsibility today for the Gentiles is the temporal care for the House of Israel on the land of America. The Book of Mormon clearly describes this work.

*"Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders." (1 Nephi 21:22)*

*“Nevertheless, after they (House of Israel) shall be nursed by the Gentiles, and the Lord has lifted up his hand upon the Gentiles and set them up for a standard, and their children have been carried in their arms, and their daughters have been carried upon their shoulders, behold these things of which are spoken are temporal; for thus are the covenants of the Lord with our fathers; and it meaneth us in the days to come, and also all our brethren who are of the house of Israel.” (1 Nephi 22:6)*

Once again the scripture describes the Lord establishing His Church among the Gentiles. The scripture states that the Lord sets up a standard which is The Church of Jesus Christ. Then, there is a work that is accomplished by the Gentiles which is a temporal, or natural work among the House of Israel. This temporal help is a physical assistance. We are directed to pray for Israel.

*“And now behold, this I speak unto their seed, and also to the Gentiles who have care for the house of Israel, that realize and know from whence their blessings come. For I know that such will sorrow for the calamity of the house of Israel; yea, they will sorrow for the destruction of this people; they will sorrow that this people had not repented that they might have been clasped in the arms of Jesus.” (Mormon 5:10 - 11)*

But even more than prayer and concern, we must labor for the welfare of the House of Israel. We must assist them with friendship, with love, and with physical assistance where possible. We as Gentiles must love them to the point that we see them as part of our own family. In our own families, we carry and hold our children dear to us. We do all we can to keep them from danger and harm. The House of Israel are as the children of the Gentiles today. We must and we will carry them to Christ.

### **C - Deliver the Gospel**

*“And now, I would prophesy somewhat more concerning the Jews and the Gentiles. For after the book of which I have spoken shall come forth, and be written unto the Gentiles, and sealed up again unto the Lord, there shall be many which shall believe the words which are written; and they shall carry them forth unto the remnant of our seed.” (2 Nephi 30:3)*

*“And I would, my brethren, that ye should know that all the kindreds of the earth cannot be blessed unless he shall make bare his arm in the eyes of the nations. Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, in bringing about his covenants and his gospel unto those who are of the house of Israel.” (1 Nephi 22:10 - 11)*

*“And the Lord will set his hand again the second time to restore his people from their lost and fallen state. Wherefore, he will proceed to do a marvelous work and a wonder among the children of men. Wherefore, he shall bring forth his words unto them, which words shall judge them at the last day, for they shall be given them for the purpose of convincing them of the true Messiah, who was rejected by them;... “ (2 Nephi 25:17 - 18)*

These verses are just a small sampling of the scriptures that describes the great work and responsibility of the Gentiles to take the ‘Fulness of the Gospel’ to the House of Israel. We are

tasked with delivering the truth of Jesus Christ and the great plan of God, through God's word to the House of Israel.

*“And the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them; wherefore, they shall be restored unto the knowledge of their fathers, and also to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, which was had among their fathers. And then shall they rejoice; for they shall know that it is a blessing unto them from the hand of God;...” (2 Nephi 30:5-6)*

What gospel? The everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ that was restored to the Gentiles. What knowledge? The knowledge of Jesus Christ and His wonderful plan in the latter days. This is the work of God today. This is the work of The Church of Jesus Christ today.

#### **D - Assist in the Recovery of the House of Israel**

*“And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people. Verily I say unto you, at that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people, yea, even the tribes which have been lost, which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem. Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed of my people, with the Father to prepare the way whereby they may come unto me, that they may call on the Father in my name. Yea, and then shall the work commence, with the Father among all nations in preparing the way whereby his people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance. And they shall go out from all nations; and they shall not go out in haste, nor go by flight, for I will go before them, saith the Father, and I will be their rearward. (3 Nephi 21: 26-29)*

The people of God, including and especially the Gentiles who have accepted the everlasting gospel, will assist in the work of physically preaching and working to bring all of the House of Israel back to the promised lands of God.

#### **E - Assist in the Establishment of Zion**

*“And they (Gentiles) shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem. And then shall they (Gentiles) assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem. And then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst.” (3 Nephi 21:23-25)*

*“For the Lord said unto me: They shall not go forth unto the Gentiles until the day that they shall repent of their iniquity, and become clean before the Lord. And in that day that they shall exercise faith in me, saith the Lord, even as the brother of Jared did, that they may become sanctified in me, then will I manifest unto them the things which the brother of Jared saw, even to the unfolding unto them all my revelations, saith Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Father of the heavens and of the earth, and all things that in them are.” (Ether 4:6 - 7)*

The responsibility of the Gentiles in God's great 'marvelous work' is far reaching and very extensive. It is very clear God has given great significance to the Gentile people who accept the restored gospel.

## Warning

As much as we have outlined and explored the role of the Gentiles in God's latter-day plan, it is also very important that we understand the difference between the Gentiles who accept the everlasting gospel and the scriptures which describe the Gentiles (Gentile nations) that reject the everlasting gospel. The Book of Mormon also describes in many places that there will be Gentiles (not those who embrace the Restored Gospel which we have come to know in The Church of Jesus Christ) that will reject the true doctrine of Jesus Christ and will reap the displeasure of God.

*“AND now behold, my beloved brethren, I would speak unto you; for I, Nephi, would not suffer that ye should suppose that ye are more righteous than the Gentiles shall be. For behold, except ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall all likewise perish; and because of the words which have been spoken ye need not suppose that the Gentiles are utterly destroyed. For behold, I say unto you that as many of the Gentiles as will repent are the covenant people of the Lord; and as many of the Jews as will not repent shall be cast off; for the Lord covenanteth with none save it be with them that repent and believe in his Son, who is the Holy One of Israel.” (2 Nephi 30:1 - 2)*

## Conclusion

Blessings and great joy await the people of God (Gentile and House of Israel) in our day and time. As The Church of Jesus Christ today, let us be committed to the Lord and His church, and dedicated to the work of God. There is no greater purpose in life.

*“Therefore, when these works and the works which shall be wrought among you hereafter shall come forth from the Gentiles, unto your seed which shall dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity; For thus it behooveth the Father that it should come forth from the Gentiles, that he may show forth his power unto the Gentiles, for this cause that the Gentiles, if they will not harden their hearts, that they may repent and come unto me and be baptized in my name and know of the true points of my doctrine, that they may be numbered among my people, O house of Israel;”  
“For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a great and a marvelous work among them,...” (3 Nephi 21:5 – 6, 9)*

To learn more about *The Church of Jesus Christ*, with Headquarters in Monongahela, PA, please visit our web site. The World Operations Center for world-wide missionary efforts is in Greensburg, PA

[www.thechurchofjesuschrist.org](http://www.thechurchofjesuschrist.org)