

Ezekiel 37:15-28

יחזקאל לז טז-כח

וַיְהִי דְבַר־יְהוָה אֵלַי לֵאמֹר:

וְאַתָּה בֶן־אָדָם

קַח־לְךָ עֵץ אֶחָד

וּכְתֹב עָלָיו לִיהוּדָה

וּלְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל חֲבֵרוּ חֲבֵרָיו

וּלְקַח עֵץ אֶחָד

וּכְתֹב עָלָיו לִיזְסֹף עֵץ אֶפְרָיִם

וּכְל־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל חֲבֵרוּ חֲבֵרָיו:

וְקַרְב אַתֶּם אֶחָד אֶל־אֶחָד לְךָ לְעֵץ אֶחָד

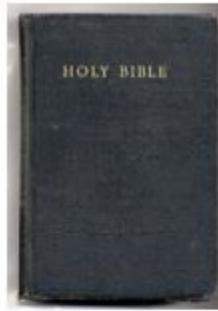
וְהָיוּ לְאַחַד־יָדַי:

וּכְאֲשֶׁר יֹאמְרוּ אֵלַיךְ בְּנֵי עַמֶּךָ לֵאמֹר
הֲלוֹא־תִגִּיד לָנוּ מָה־אֱלֹהָ לְךָ:

דְּבַר אֱלֹהִים

כֹּה־אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה׃
הִנֵּה אֲנִי לֹקַח אֶת־עֵץ יוֹסֵף אֲשֶׁר בְּיַד־אֶפְרַיִם
וְשִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל חִבְרוּ חִבְרֵיו
וְנָתַתִּי אוֹתָם עָלָיו אֶת־עֵץ יְהוּדָה
וְעָשִׂיתֶם לְעֵץ אֶחָד
וְהָיוּ אֶחָד בְּיָדַי:

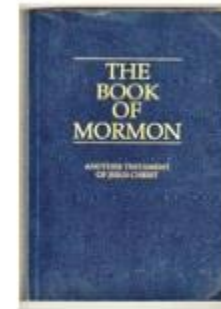
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The Stick of Judah is the Bible.



The Bible & The Book of Mormon, "...shall be one in mine hand..." (Ezekiel 37:19)



The Stick of Joseph is The Book of Mormon.

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An LDS woman's advice regarding going on mission or getting married.

Boyfriend or Mission?

I loved being a full-time missionary and I know it was part of God's plan for me. I still smile when people from my mission call me "Hermana Williams." But now I look forward to the time when I get the **eternal titles** of "wife" and "mother."

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A mission is a great life experience. It builds your testimony. You introduce people to the gospel and guide them to the path of true happiness. However, serving a mission is **not a requirement for exaltation. Marriage is.** The opportunity to make a covenant with God and continue to progress is one of the most important steps you can take in your life. In the words of Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, "I believe that second only to your membership in the Church, your 'membership in a marriage' is the most important association you will have in time and eternity."

What is LSD Exaltation?

When we **lived** with our Heavenly Father, He explained a plan for our progression. We could become like Him, an exalted being. The plan required that we be separated from Him and come to earth. This separation was necessary to prove whether we would obey our Father's commandments even though we were no longer in His presence. The plan provided that when earth life ended, we would be judged and rewarded according to the degree of our faith and obedience.

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Exaltation is eternal life, the kind of life God lives. He lives in great glory. He is perfect. He possesses all knowledge and all wisdom. He is the Father of spirit children. He is a creator. **We can become like our Heavenly Father.** This is exaltation.

If we prove faithful to the Lord, we will live in the highest degree of the celestial kingdom of heaven. We will become exalted, to live with our Heavenly Father in eternal families. Exaltation is the greatest gift that Heavenly Father can give His children (see D&C 14:7).

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Our Heavenly Father is perfect, and He glories in the fact that it is possible for His children to become like Him.

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They will become gods (see D&C 132:20–23).

Aside

Mormons rely greatly on the Ezekiel passage as a proof text to demonstrate not only the possibility of divine scripture aside from the Bible, but also the *Book of Mormon's* doctrinal equality with it. They assume that the "stick of Judah" is the Bible, while the "stick of Joseph" is the *Book of Mormon*. In these, the latter days, the two have been joined together, forming the bulk of Mormon scripture.

וְהָיוּ הָעֵצִים אֲשֶׁר-תִּכְתֹּב עֲלֵיהֶם בְּיַדְךָ לְעֵינֵיהֶם:

וּדְבַר אֲלֵיהֶם

כֹּה-אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה

הִנֵּה אֲנִי לֹקַח אֶת-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל

מִבֵּין הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר הִלְכוּ-שָׁם

וְקִבַצְתִּי אֹתָם מִסְבִּיב

וְהִבֵּאתִי אוֹתָם אֶל-אֲדַמְתָּם:

וַעֲשִׂיתִי אֶתְכֶם לְגוֹי אֶחָד בְּאֶרֶץ בְּהָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
 וּמֶלֶךְ אֶחָד יִהְיֶה לְכֻלָּם לְמֶלֶךְ
 וְלֹא יִהְיֶה-יְהוּדֵי-עוֹד לְשְׁנֵי גוֹיִם
 וְלֹא יִחָצוּ עוֹד לְשְׁתֵּי מַמְלָכוֹת עוֹד:

וְלֹא יִטְמְאוּ עוֹד בְּגִלוּלֵיהֶם וּבְשִׁקּוּצֵיהֶם וּבְכָל פְּשָׁעֵיהֶם
 וְהוֹשַׁעְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מִכָּל מוֹשְׁבֵי תִיהֶם אֲשֶׁר חָטְאוּ בָהֶם
 וְטַהַרְתִּי אוֹתָם
 וְהָיוּ-לִי לְעָם
 וְאֲנִי אֶהְיֶה לָהֶם לֵאלֹהִים:

וְעַבְדֵי דָוִד מְלָדְ עֲלֵיהֶם
 וְרוּעָה אֶחָד יִהְיֶה לְכֻלָּם
 וּבְמִשְׁפְּטֵי יִלְכוּ
 וְחֻקֹּתַי יִשְׁמְרוּ וְעָשׂוּ אֹתָם:

וַיָּשְׁבוּ עַל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לְעַבְדֵי לִיעֲקֹב
 אֲשֶׁר יָשְׁבוּ־בָהּ אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם
 וַיָּשְׁבוּ עֲלֶיהָ הִמָּה
 וּבְנֵיהֶם וּבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם עַד־עוֹלָם
 וְדָוִד עַבְדֵי נְשִׂיא לָהֶם לְעוֹלָם:

וְכָרַתִּי לָהֶם בְּרִית שְׁלוֹם בְּרִית עוֹלָם יְהִיָּה אֹתָם
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וְהִיָּה מְשַׁכְּנִי עֲלֵיהֶם
 וְהִיָּיתִי לָהֶם לֵאלֹהִים
 וְהָמָּה יִהְיוּ־לִי לְעַם:

וַיִּדְעוּ הַגּוֹזִים כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה מְקַדֵּשׁ אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל
 בְּהִיּוֹת מִקְדָּשִׁי בְּתוֹכְכֶם לְעוֹלָם:

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Is this the 3rd temple?

Is Israel here ultimately the church (Jew and Gentile)?

No temple in the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:22).

New Jerusalem includes both 12 tribes (v12) and 12 apostles (v14).

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וְהִיָּתִי לָהֶם לְאֱלֹהִים
וְהָמָּה יִהְיוּ־לִי לְעָם:

Who are the nations in the
eschaton (Rev 21-22)?

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