

SLIDE	NOTES
1	In this module we discuss the ultimate politics...Zion
2	<p><b>Overview</b>  <b>Q: What is Zion?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1: Quote</b> Elder Orson Pratt            * Historically the word Zion can mean different things in different contexts which can make things confusing without specifying the context.            * So we will discuss:</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> What is it?  <b>Anim3:</b> Who will build Zion?  <b>Anim4:</b> How will Zion be built?  <b>Anim5:</b> The future of what is coming...</p> <p><b>Anim6: Quote</b> President John Taylor</p> <p>Buried in this quote are 3 different meanings of the word "Zion".  <b>Anim7: Personal</b>            In the 1st sense, Zion is individual and personal. You carry it with you, inside of you, or not.</p> <p><b>Anim8: Society</b>            * In the second sense, it is a society. It is a group of individuals striving for the same righteous goals.            * Notice the primacy issue here. It starts with pure individuals, not a communist authoritarian government. Without pure in heart individuals, there is no pure in heart society.</p> <p><b>Anim9: Place</b>            * In the third sense, it is real physical location for the pure in heart to gather. Societies have to actually exist somewhere physically.            * In the metaphor of a tent, there is a central pole that holds up the center of the Zion, and there are tent stakes out on the periphery holding down the edges of the tent.</p> <p><b>Anim10: Quote</b> President John Taylor            * It is important to understand that this isn't the Lord's first rodeo...Zion has a both a history and a future.            * The Lord has done this numerous times before and knows what He is doing.            * For those of us paying attention, we are following a pattern that we can recognize from those who have gone before us.</p>
3	<p><b>What is Zion?</b>            So first, Zion is a personal spiritual state of being.</p> <p><b>Anim2: Quote</b> D&amp;C 97:21            At an personal level, Zion is embodied in the values and desires of each person individually seeking it.</p> <p><b>Anim3: Second</b>, Zion is a community or people.  <b>Quote</b> Elder Bruce R. McConkie</p> <p><b>Anim4: Quote</b> Moses 7:18            * When we say "personal" or "individual" we don't mean that Zion is something that can be achieved independently by any one person in isolation, but neither is it a loss of individuality into the larger collective.            * Zion is a whole system put in place to help individuals become pure in heart.            * If you can be pure in heart without the gospel, the priesthood or the ordinances, then we don't need the gospel, the priesthood or the ordinances.</p>

	<p>* Zion is a program, for individuals that unifies them within the larger society without violating natural rights.</p> <p>* There is a difference between virtue and holiness. Holiness requires ordinances. Virtue does not. Everyone <i>can</i> be virtuous, but only covenant keepers can be Holy.</p> <p>* So being "pure in heart" is not just personal virtue... It is holiness. You need the gospel program and ordinances to achieve it. Being pure in heart is reliant on everything coming out of Zion. You can't come at Zion on your own terms.</p> <p>* At the personal level, it is the pure in heart who have been purified with the gospel program through the ordinances of the priesthood. It's all about making a us a holy people in addition to a virtuous people.</p> <p><b>Q: What makes a Zion community unique?</b></p> <p>* "One mind" means they have no mixed-premises. They are all aligned on correct principles and values. Consequently, their emotions, desires, and intentions will be aligned as well.</p> <p><b>Anim5:</b> <b>Third</b>, Zion is a real, physical location...</p> <p><b>Anim6:</b> <b>Quotes</b> President Brigham Young</p> <p>* Zion is wherever the Lord designates for us to gather under the organization of his Church.</p> <p>* Notice the primacy issues for how it is built – 1st Individually, 2nd Societally, 3rd Physical Place</p> <p>Historically, there have been many Zion's.</p> <p><b>Anim6:</b> <b>Quote</b> <b>Enoch's City</b> (Moses 7:19)</p> <p><b>Anim7:</b> <b>Quote</b> <b>Old Jerusalem</b></p> <p><b>Anim9:</b> <b>Quote</b> <b>All of the America's</b> (Past, Present, Future...Joseph Smith)</p>
4	<p><b>Gathering Place?</b></p> <p>Just like there have been many Zion's in the past, there are many Zion's to come.</p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> <b>Quote</b> President Brigham Young</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> <b>Quote</b> President George A. Smith</p> <p><b>Anim3:</b> <b>Quote</b> Mormon Doctrine</p> <p><b>Anim4:</b> <b>Quote</b> <b>The whole Earth</b> will eventually be Zion.</p> <p><b>Anim5:</b> <b>Quote</b> <b>The Celestial Kingdom</b></p> <p>* So Zion can mean different things depending on context.</p> <p>* For us in now in mortality, it means gathering in stakes and at some time in the future building the central gathering place.</p> <p>* Zion in eternity means living on a celestialized earth.</p>
5	<p><b>Who will build Zion?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> <b>Quote</b> President John Taylor</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> <b>Quote</b> President Brigham Young</p> <p><b>Anim3:</b> <b>Quote</b> President Brigham Young</p> <p><b>Anim4:</b> <b>Quote</b> President Brigham Young</p> <p><b>Anim5:</b> <b>Quote</b> President Brigham Young</p>
6	<p><b>How will Zion be Built?</b></p> <p><b>Q: So how will Zion be built in our day?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1:</b> <b>Quote</b> President Brigham Young</p> <p>Self-sufficiency and provident living is a key skill of building Zion.</p> <p><b>Anim2:</b> <b>Quote</b> President Brigham Young</p> <p>* We learn to manage things of mortality in preparation to manage things of Eternity. The same universal principles apply.</p> <p>* The main theme of Eternalism is to "Abide and Abound" in whatever sphere we are placed in. Abide and abound in mortality prepares us to do so in eternity.</p> <p><b>Q: What does it mean to trifle?</b></p>

	<p>To treat something as unimportant. The opposite of trifle involves earnest labor and focus.  <b>Q: What are most of us focused on building?</b>  Our youth today have an idealistic nature. They are very cause oriented, famously fighting for things such as environmentalism, animal rights, equity, social justice, etc. If they realized the real game that is being played, their primary cause would be focused on building Zion.</p> <p><b>Anim3: Quote</b> President Brigham Young  <b>Q: What? We're not ready?</b>  We currently don't have the wisdom and knowledge necessary.  <b>Q: What do you think needs to happen to get us ready?</b></p> <p><b>Anim4: Quote</b> President Wilford Woodruff  <b>Anim5: Quote</b> President John Taylor  <b>Q: What great revolution do you think they are talking about?</b>  * Joseph Smith already kicked off the revolution. Joseph already flipped all the buckets.  * Zion will be built through a revolution in knowledge, wisdom, feelings, and actions. It will come about by a self-reliant people, who are earnest in their labor.  * I believe they are talking about all branches of Eternalism where the world in general, and many of us in the Church have our primacy issues wrong.  * Surely we aren't going to build Zion based on backwards primacy issues.  * Before we can expect to revolutionize the world, we are going to need to revolutionize ourselves and those around us to get our primacy issues right.</p> <p><b>Anim6: Quote</b> Elder George Q. Canon  * A natural separation will continue to occur between the different primacy perspectives.  * This will all occur through governing priesthood that will separate those who live by correct principles via covenant and those who do not.  * We are seeing the beginning of this separation even now.</p>
7	<p><b>Saints in Babylon</b>  <b>Q: Are we saints in Zion or Saints in Babylon?</b>  Often, we as Church members may have the tendency to walk around thinking we are "Saints living in Zion" when the reality is that we are "Saints living in Babylon".  <b>Q: As a people are there addictions such as drugs, alcoholism, and pornography among us? Are there infidelities and families falling apart, even in the Church?</b></p> <p><b>Anim1: Quote</b> President Wilford Woodruff  We are not going to go into these turbulent prophecies in this module, but we must acknowledge them.</p> <p><b>Anim2: Quote</b> Elder Boyd K. Packer  <b>Q: But wait. We're in enemy territory? Didn't the pioneers go through all of their trials, crossing the plains, pulling handcarts in order to escape Babylon and establish Zion in Utah? What happened?</b></p> <p><b>Anim4: Quote</b> Elder George Q. Canon  When they talk about the harvest, gathering the wheat and tares together, they are really talking about a coming separation and cleansing.  * There have been other peoples at other times in the exact same position as us, making the exact same choices. Trying to gather and purify. This was Enoch trials. It left poor Noah and his family to stay and deal with the aftermath where the wicked remained. Don't be thinking of Noah sitting there with the world gone bad. It wasn't like that. A separation and cleansing came before...  * The same pattern is in in 3 Nephi 9.  * For us instead of a flood, it will be a fire. the wicked will be bound together and burned.</p>
8	<p><b>Warning and Wakeup Call</b>  This is our warning and wakeup call.  <b>Anim1: Quote</b> President Brigham Young</p>

	<p>Anim2: Quote Elder George Q. Canon  Anim3: Quote D&amp;C 105:5-6  Anim4: Quote Heber C. Kimball</p> <p>* Until we understand the true nature of our environment, we can't see things as they really are and effectively deal with the issues that surround us. If we think we are saints in Zion we will be confused and deceived by the troubles that surround us...</p> <p>* If we admit we are saints in Babylon we can better cope and get to work.</p>
9	<p>What is the future of Zion?</p> <p>Q: So what does this look like for the future?</p> <p>Anim1: Quote President Brigham Young.  Anim2: Quote President Brigham Young</p> <p>Q: Millions will come to Zion, but don't want anything to do with the Church? Why do you think this is?</p> <p>* As the world becomes more chaotic, millions will seek out stability.  * Zion will be an ensign and standard. Many will gather to it who have not made covenants, and do not want to make covenants.</p> <p>Anim3: Quote Elder Franklin D. Richards  * Crumbling nations, will become so bad that people will really only have two choices...Join the local wars, or flee to Zion.  * We no longer will have to go them...They will come to us. That doesn't mean they are converted to the Gospel and want to make and keep covenants though.  * Because Zion is a place of safety, they will come to get the safety part even though they are not yet part of the pure in heart.</p> <p>Anim4: Quote Elder Orson Pratt  Crumbling nations, naturally causes people to seek stability.  Q: What do we do with them when they come?  Anim5: Quote Elder Orson Pratt  Open the gates, let them in, teach them, try to convert them.</p>
10	<p>What is the future of Zion?</p> <p>Quote Elder Orson Pratt  Zion will become a pattern for the rest of the world. An Ensign to the nations.</p> <p>Anim1: Quote President Brigham Young  World leaders will recognize the wisdom of our politics and come here to learn principles related to governing.</p> <p>Anim2: Quote President John Taylor  This pattern has all happened before, in the days of Enoch.  Q: How did they deal with it at that time?  They dealt with it the same way we are going to deal with it...The world will fight against us, and we will carry on...God will help fight our battles.</p>
11	<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>Q: So what does all this mean for us personally?  Get prepared. Participate. Don't dither.</p> <p>Anim1: Quote President Russel M. Nelson  Anim2: Quote President Joseph F. Smith  Anim3: Quote Elder George Q. Canon  Anim4: Quote President John Taylor</p> <p>* Enoch's Zion, which graduated to a higher existence, will return and join together with the New Zion.</p>

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	* In the end, individuals are the ones who are changed...Becoming ennobled so as to be prepared to associate (without blushing) with others of celestial quality.
12	Questions?