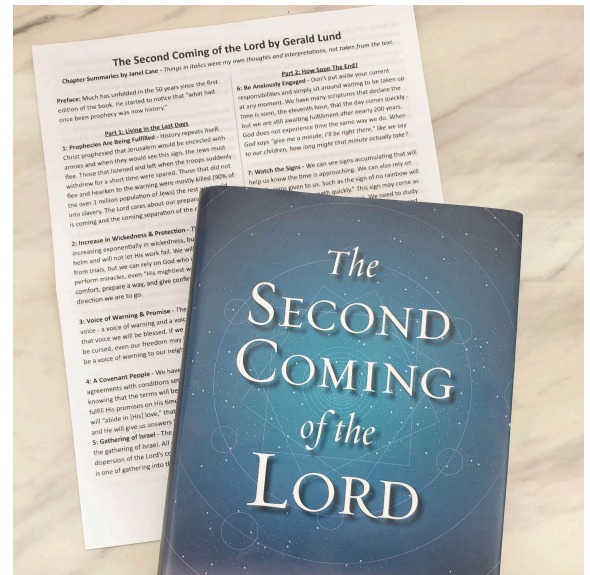


# Book Summary: The Second Coming of the Lord by Gerald Lund

## Chapter Summaries by Janel Case

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**TLDR:** *The Lord will protect the faithful. There will be many hard things we will go through. Being prepared temporally and spiritually, understanding and watching for the signs, and being in tune to receive and act on personal revelation will help you face the difficulties ahead. We will need to do our part in warning and preparing those around us of the coming of Christ and help to gather Israel. We won't know the exact time, but can see by watching for the signs to be prepared for what is to come. We know that he will come again and we anxiously await that day.*

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**28: He Comes!** - There are 7 major events that lead up to and constitute the grand event known as the "Second Coming." We do not know the order of these 7 events.

1. Signs in the Heavens - The signs in the heavens include the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven. A sign of the Son of Man will be as the light of the morning cometh out of the east.
2. The actual Second Coming - Everyone on the earth will see the great sign in heaven of his coming together. With him will be ten thousands (or innumerable) of his saints.
3. Clothed in red raiment - His garments will be red in apparel like "him that treadeth in the wine-vat" for the blood he has sprinkled upon his garments.

**29: He Shall Reign** - We continue to dive into the 7 events:

4. The burning of the world by fire - At his coming "the mountains shall melt with fervent heat." Those that pay tithing are promised that they will be spared and will not be burned at his coming.
5. The kingdom of God on the Earth - Jesus will rule over all of the earth as a political leader. He will be called "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."
6. The return of the city of Enoch - The city of Enoch will descend from heaven to meet with the City of Enoch here on earth.

**30: Resurrection** - The resurrection happens in stages.

7. The Resurrection - When Christ was Resurrected the First Resurrection began. It will begin again just before His coming when "saints that have slept shall come forth to meet me in the cloud." The Second Resurrection begins at the end of the Millennium.

**31: The Millennium and a Final Battle** - The Millennium will be a time for temple ordinance work. There will be no enmity between man and beast or any flesh. There will be no death. Satan will not have power to tempt any man and will be bound. At the end of the Millennium, Satan will be let loose for a short season. Satan will gather his armies and battle against Michael (Adam) in a great final battle. The devil and his angels will be cast away into their own place and shall no longer have power over the saints. The earth will be "crowned with glory, even with the presence of God the Father; That bodies who are of the celestial kingdom may possess it forever and ever."

## **Part 6: If Ye Are Prepared Ye Shall Not Fear**

**32: The Need to Be Ready** - The Lord has given these commands: "Watch, therefore, that ye may be ready" and "If ye are prepared ye shall not fear." The tribulations will begin upon His house. The Church is the craft the Lord has given us to help charter our way through troubled waters. Many promises were given to His covenant people. As evil increases in the world, a compensatory spiritual power will be given to the righteous.

**33: Increase in Knowledge** - Be cautious of the sources for which we look for truth. We cannot learn everything we need to know at church meetings. We are expected to study and be watchful of the events of the Second Coming. Don't just study the scriptures but: feast, meditate, hold fast, liken, search diligently, treasure up, and lay hold upon them with a daily habit to read. Great promises are given to those who spend time in the scripture.

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- The 10 Virgins: Deepen your Spiritual Devotion. It will be necessary for us to have a knowledge of the truth of this work for ourselves, or we will fall.
- The Talents: Share the Gospel. In return for what the Lord has given us He asks that "we labor to do His work, expand His kingdom, and increase His influence in the world."
- The Sheep and the Goats: Service to Others. We are called to minister: "Ministering is Christlike caring for others and helping meet their spiritual and temporal needs."

**Epilogue:** We have seen an increase in wickedness and calamities, war and disasters. We have also seen the unfolding of the great day with the Church becoming a truly global church. The Savior wants us to know what the future holds and how to prepare for it. He will prepare places of peace, safety, and refuge for us.

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**7: Watch the Signs** - We can see signs accumulating that will help us know the time is approaching. We can also rely on specific signs given to us. Such as the sign of no rainbow will mean that “the end cometh quickly.” This sign may come as a natural result of a drought and famine. We need to study and know the signs so that we can watch for the signs and see His hand working, even in the midst of the difficulties.

**8: The Seventh Seal** - John, as recorded in Revelation, sees a book with seven seals which represent the 7 dispensations - each seal covering approximately 1,000 years. The 5th seal (approximately AD 1 - 1000) included the life of Christ and the Christian church. The 6th seal (approximately 1000 - 2000 AD) included the Age of Enlightenment, settlement in the New World, the Restoration of the Gospel, and the growth of the church.

The final “day” the 7th seal will include the Millennium (approximately 2000 - 3000 AD), a 1000 year period of peace before the final judgment. There will be a short period of time when the 7th seal is open and before the Savior’s return. We may not have been told the precise time, but we are given markers to help us be prepared and watching.

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On April 6, 1893, exactly 40 years after laying the cornerstone of the Salt Lake Temple and dedicating the temple, Wilford Woodruff declared that “those angels have left the portals of heaven, and are hovering over the earth waiting to pour out the judgments. And from this very day they shall be poured out. Calamities and troubles are increasing in the earth... If you do your duty, and I do my duty, we’ll have protection, and shall pass through the afflictions in peace and safety.” The angels of judgment will pour out those judgments through increasing natural disasters.

**10: The Times of the Jews** - The “times of the Gentiles” or the time for the gospel to be taught and accept the gospel to the “Christian nations” which may be considered North and South America and the European nations is nearly fulfilled. Then, the gospel will go to the Jews. In 1947 the United Nations formally recognized the Jewish nation and they established Israel as a state with Jerusalem as their capital city.

Jesus said in the generation (which may be considered roughly 80-100 years) of the times of the Gentile being fulfilled there would be signs in the sun, moon, and stars and upon the earth distress of the nations. Early efforts of missionary work in Central and South America weren’t successful. Today, the church is taught in 187 languages and with 400 different missions. There is exponential growth in Central and South America, Asia, and Africa.

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We will face turbulence in the lead up to the second coming, but we will be carried through the storms to our destination. He has promised us protection, refuge, and safety, though we won’t be totally shielded from the troubles.

**12: Satan’s Dominion** - Satan will have dominion over the earth and there will be much wickedness. *The world was given a warning in 1995 in the Family Proclamation: “We warn that disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets.”*

We are seeing an ever increasing trajectory of the world spiraling downward. Enoch saw Satan with a great chain and darkness poured out over the earth. Satan would use 7 tactics to reach his goals. *My 1-word summary of each tactic: Sin, Comparison, Selfishness, Power & Corruption, Greed, and Pride (plus Distraction!)*

**13: Wars and Rumors of War** - Joseph Smith recorded a profound revelation in 1832 found in D&C 87:1-2 “Verily, thus saith the Lord concerning the wars that will shortly come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of South Carolina, which will eventually terminate in the death and misery of many souls; And the time will come that war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at this place.”

This prophecy would be fulfilled 29 years later on April 12, 1861, when South Carolina fired on federal troops at Fort Sumter and America began the Civil War. The American Civil War had limited effect on the Church and its members because by that time they had moved west. *This was a very cool prophecy to read that really just felt confirming that the Lord really fulfills what is prophesied to happen, and protects the faithful.*

The chapter continues with answering general questions about the wars:

- Will there be a World War 3? Yes, absolutely!
- Will there be a nuclear holocaust? Maybe, limited scale
- Will there be widespread collapse of social order? Yes!
- Will faithful members of the church be directly involved in these wars? The faithful are not exempt from trials and tribulations. Though we do have promises that He will be with us.

**14: Natural Disasters** - God is the ruler of the elements and nature. Natural disasters are one way he shows His power and calls His people to repentance. It also helps turn people to be dependent on a Supreme Being and to be humble. These calamities are signs and warnings to prepare and repent. Natural disasters may include: Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Tornadoes, Hurricanes, Volcanic Eruptions, Flooding, Fires, Stars Falling, Plague, a "Desolating Sickness," Famine, Pestilence, etc.

**15: The Constitution** - The founding of the United States and the Constitution were not accidents. The Constitution was put into place about 30 years before the First Vision in 1820. Joseph Smith was born in 1805 and the Constitution was created in 1787 with the Bill of Rights added in 1789. This land was given as a "land of promise" to the brother of Jared with the warning that "whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, or they shall be swept off." Another warning came in Mosiah that states: "If the time comes that the voice of the people doth choose iniquity, then is the time that the judgments of God will come upon you; yea, then is the time he will visit you with great destruction."

The prophet Joseph Smith prophesied that "this Nation will be on the very verge of crumbling to pieces and tumbling to the ground and when the constitution is upon the brink of ruin this people will be the staff upon which the Nation shall lean and they shall bear the constitution away from the very verge of destruction." We can study the Book of Mormon to better understand why some were destroyed before His coming and what led others to stand at the temple and see Jesus.

#### **Part 4: The Great Day**

**16: Zion in America** - The City of Enoch is an example of a City of Zion. It was taken up into heaven, but the city of Enoch will return to the earth at some future time. Zion is wherever the righteous Saints are. It is a place where the pure in heart live. The city of New Jerusalem will be built in Jackson County, Missouri. Every nation is a gathering place for its own people. The Saints will continue to gather in their homelands and gather to their Stakes of Zion, until the First Presidency directs otherwise.

**17: The Law of Consecration** - The Law of Consecration is a celestial law designed to help us become a celestial people, also known as a Zion people. There are 4 basic principles on which this law is operated: 1) The earth is the Lord's, 2) We are all children of God and we will help all who will equally work, 3) Each person has their own agency and can use their property as they please, and 4) An order with governance is provided to resolve disputes. The Law of Consecration will be established again as part of the Zion society. It is one of the signs of the last days.

**18: The New Jerusalem** - The covenant people will be led back to their own promised land in Jackson County, Missouri, as led by a prophet. Those who will return will have the angels of God and the presence of Jehovah Himself to lead them. The return will occur during a time of war and upheaval. This gathering takes place "for a defense, and for a refuge from the storm, and from wrath when it shall be poured out without mixture upon the whole earth." The Lord will preserve his people and protect them from the destruction that will need to come, as prophesied, to the wicked.

**19: A Temple in Zion** - In the Lord's own time, the site for the temple will be reclaimed and the house of the Lord will be built there as has been commanded. This will be built prior to the Millennium, but we do not know if the visit to the completed temple from the Master will take place before or after His Second Coming.

A prophecy detailed: "They will come to the Temple prepared for him, and his faithful people will behold his face, hear his voice, and gaze upon his glory. From his own lips they will receive further instructions for the development and beautifying of Zion." During the Millennium we will be doing ordinance work for the dead. "The great work of the millennium shall be performed in the temples which shall cover all parts of the land and into which the children shall go to complete the work for their fathers, which they could not do when in this mortal life for themselves."

**20: Gathering to Zion** - New Jerusalem will be one of two capital cities during the Millennium with Old Jerusalem being the other. The prophet will lead the return to Jackson County. This will likely not be a one-group or one-time-only experience. Not all faithful members will be called to go to Zion. There will be many smaller cities of Zion. The travel will likely be during a time of social upheaval or war and vehicles may not be an option. Even non-church members will eventually travel to Zion seeking haven from the storm and be given a place of refuge. As faithful saints we will be called to gather to Zion, not just the one City of Zion. *This chapter also lays out details for "Zion's HOA" rules for building.*

**21: Identity and Location of the Lost 10 Tribes** - The Lost Tribes of Israel will be restored sometime in the future in such a miraculous manner that it would even overshadow the delivery of the people of Moses from Egypt. Many prophets have spoken of the return of the lost tribes and even Jesus during his visit in the Book of Mormon he tells the people he would go to visit the lost tribes that were still out there. They are referred to often as being in the "North countries." Some questions were posed:

- Is the return of the Lost 10 Tribes the same as Gathering Israel? No, though they are both part of the larger gathering to take place. The Gathering of Israel is a continual process that has been ongoing and will continue. The Return of the Lost 10 Tribes is a specific event.
- Do we know where they went and what happened to the Lost 10 tribes? We can say with some confidence that they were carried away to Assyria and many assimilated into that society. But a small group escaped and went into the north countries which may be part of current day Russia or China.
- Do we know where the lost 10 Tribes are now? Those that stayed in Assyria eventually lost their identity and became Gentiles and would have mingled with all nations over time. The small group may be found in northern Europe, Scandinavia, Russia and its neighbors, central Asia and the Far East including China. They could have become very numerous over time.
- Do the members of the Lost Tribes know who they are? For the vast majority, the answer is no. Millions of them wouldn't even know what we were talking about if we spoke of the tribes of Israel.

**22: Return of the Lost Ten Tribes** - The Lost 10 Tribes will return to both Old Jerusalem and the City of Zion. They may come to New Jerusalem to receive their blessings from the hands of Ephraim or to be present at the great priesthood conference to be held in Adam-ondi-Ahman. They will then likely return to their ancestral land of inheritance in Old Jerusalem.

The scriptures describe a highway, or a route, that will help them in their journey. "An highway shall be cast up in the midst of the great deep." One possible way this might be fulfilled is if the temperatures were cold enough to freeze the waters through the Bering Strait, where there is just 60 miles between Alaska and Russia. The call for them to return will likely come from the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who holds the keys and authority. They will almost certainly bring their own records with them.

Sister Nelson shared an experience of finding representation from 11 of the 12 tribes of Israel in a small gathering of fewer than 100 women. Immediately after that meeting at their next destination they found someone from the 12th tribe as well!

**23: A Meeting at Adam-ondi-Ahman** - Adam called all of his righteous posterity to a great conference just 3 years prior to his death (approximately 3073 BC) in the valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman and gave unto them a final blessing. The Lord appeared in their midst and each was individually blessed. Adam proclaimed what would happen to his posterity, down to the last generation, and these things were recorded in the book of Enoch and will be testified in due time. The sacred site of this meeting is owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

We learn in Daniel that Adam will return and call his posterity to gather again at Adam-ondi-Ahman where a council will be held to prepare those in attendance for the coming of the Son of Man. All the ancient prophets will report on their stewardship at this meeting and Christ will receive these reports and be installed as rightful Ruler of this earth. This event will precede the great day of the destruction of the wicked and will be the preparation for the Millennial Reign.



## **Part 5: The Winding-up Scenes**

**24: Gog & The Antichrist** - Armageddon is the final great battle in a war that covers the earth and involves all nations. There are more than 400 major scriptural passages that talk about this battle. The battle may go on for many years, but the last great battle will take place in the Holy Land and will be one of the last things to occur before the Second Coming.

The leader of the battle will be called Gog from the land of Magog (what is now eastern Europe, central Asia, and Russia, which may also include the areas of Turkey, Iran and Ukraine). This military leader will lead an army of 200,000,000 soldiers and will rule alongside a religious leader known as the antichrist. They will cause all to receive the mark of the beast in their right hand or in their foreheads that you will not be able to buy or sell without the mark, or the name of the beast, 666.

**25: Battle and the 2 Witnesses in Israel** - The scriptures say that only one nation will stand against Gog - the homeland of ancient Israel. All nations will turn against Jerusalem to battle. The Palestinians and other Arabic people claim a right to the land of Israel.

Another reason Israel may be a major target is the huge petroleum reserves in the Middle East. Miraculously, oil seemed to be found everywhere in the Middle East except in the state of Israel. But in the last few decades, large reserves of natural gas and petroleum were discovered in Israel with an estimated 1-billion barrels in just one reserve. During Armageddon Jerusalem will once again be encompassed with armies for 42 months.

During this time two witnesses will prophesy in Jerusalem for 1,260 days (roughly 42 months). Then Gog and his armies will kill these 2 prophets and their bodies will lie dead in the streets for 3.5 days. They will then be resurrected and ascend up to heaven in a cloud.

**26: An Earthquake Allows the Jews to Flee** - In the same hour that the two prophets are taken up to heaven there will be a great earthquake. Christ will appear 4 separate times at: the temple in New Jerusalem, the great council at Adam-ondi-Ahman, and now he will appear to the Jews at the mount of Olives.

The final coming will be what we call the Second Coming where the Savior appears to the whole earth. The massive earthquake will cause a split in the Mount of Olives which will create an escape route for those in the city to escape the army of Gog. As they escape through this new passage, they will see the Savior and ask about the wounds in his hands and his feet. He will reveal that he is Jesus Christ, he who was crucified, the Son of God.

The army of Gog will be destroyed by a great hail out of heaven and with fire from the Lord and the many dead bodies will be devoured by birds and flies. This may be fulfilled through the natural means of a volcano erupting.

**27: Changes to the Earth** - Great changes will come upon the earth, many of which may come from the large earthquake. The earth will be as it was in the days before it was divided. The dead sea will be healed - a major feat as this is the lowest point on earth at 1,400 feet below sea level and with a 34% salinity. It would need a way to cycle the water to reduce the salt content, which is currently impossible due to the topography.

**28: He Comes!** - There are 7 major events that lead up to and constitute the grand event known as the "Second Coming." We do not know for certain the order of these 7 events.

8. Signs in the Heavens - The signs in the heavens include the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven. A sign of the Son of Man will be as the light of the morning cometh out of the east. This sign is the actual coming of the Savior!
9. The actual Second Coming - Everyone on the earth will see the great sign in heaven of his coming together. He shall descend from heaven and stand on the earth. With him will be ten thousands (or innumerable) of his saints.
10. Christ clothed in red raiment - His garments will be red in apparel like "him that treadeth in the wine-vat" for their blood he has sprinkled upon his garments. His blood in the garden of Gethsemane stained his clothing as he bled at every pore.

**29: He Shall Reign** - We continue to dive into the 7 events with the Savior's rule!

11. The burning of the world by fire - At his coming "the mountains shall melt with fervent heat." Those that pay tithing are promised that they will be spared and will not be burned at his coming.
12. The kingdom of God on the Earth - Jesus will rule over all of the earth as a political leader. "And the Lord, even the Savior, shall stand in the midst of his people, and shall reign over all flesh." He will be called "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."
13. The return of the city of Enoch - The city of Enoch will descend from heaven to meet with the City of Enoch here on earth.

**30: Resurrection in Stages** - The resurrection will continue and roll forth in stages.

14. The Resurrection - John the Beloved and the Three Nephites did undergo a change to a translated being that would allow them to tarry on the earth without suffering death. One of the purposes may have been that the priesthood would always be found on the earth to hold Satan in check.

When Christ was Resurrected the First Resurrection began. This process will begin again just before His coming when "the saints that have slept shall come forth to meet me in the cloud." The 1st wave of resurrected beings are destined for the Celestial Kingdom. The parable of the 10 Virgins will be fulfilled at the time of His coming. Those who are alive at His coming will be "quickenened" which is a transformation that allows them to be caught up to heaven and endure the glory and presence of a Celestial being.

The Second Resurrection will begin at the end of the Millennium and will be for all those destined for Telesstial glory. This is to give them additional time to grow, learn, and repent. Then, finally, the rest of the dead will come forth to be judged.

**31: The Millennium and a Final Battle** - The Millennium is "the time for fulfilling all that is incomplete in the great plan of happiness." It will be a time filled with temple ordinance work. The "earth shall remove out of her place" and there "shall be a new heaven and a new earth" suggest that the earth will become new so that His knowledge and glory can dwell on the earth.

There will be no enmity between man and beast or any flesh. There will be no death, people will live until the age of a tree and then change in the twinkling of an eye. Satan will not have power to tempt any man and will be bound. This will likely come as a result of the righteousness of the people.

Then, at the end of the Millennium, Satan will be let loose for a short season. This may be a cause of the unbelief of the rising generation. *I see this as the opportunity to have a trial of faith for those who haven't yet had one. To choose Christ with their own agency while facing adversity.* Satan will gather his armies and battle against Michael (Adam) in a great final battle. The devil and his angels will be cast away into their own place and shall no longer have power over the saints.

As a final culminating event, the earth will be "crowned with glory, even with the presence of God the Father; That bodies who are of the celestial kingdom may possess it forever and ever; for, for this intent was it made and created."

#### **Part 6: If Ye Are Prepared Ye Shall Not Fear**

**32: The Need to Be Ready** - A "True Millennial is a man or woman who lives now to help prepare the people of this world for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and His millennial reign. Make no mistake about it—you were born to be a True Millennial." (President Nelson speaking in a Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults in January of 2016). *The world uses the term Millennial for the generation of those born 1981-1996.* The Lord has given these commands: "Watch, therefore, that ye may be ready" and "If ye are prepared ye shall not fear." The tribulations will begin upon His house, among those who "have professed to know my name and have not known me."

Elder Renlund shared an allegory about a rescue of an individual whose boat was capsized. As they see a rescue boat, they rejoice and gladly come aboard. But then in their comfort of the rescue, they begin to look around and judge the condition of the boat and its captain. They "begin to worry that this boat and this captain cannot provide the rescue you need." You ask to be returned to the water with still more than 12 miles to the shore. Like this allegory, the Church is the craft the Lord has given us to help charter our way through troubled waters. Do not be one who "puts question marks instead of periods after what the Lord says."

Promises were also given to His covenant people: The gospel will fill the whole earth. The saints will be armed with righteousness and the power of God. Great knowledge will pour down upon our heads. Those that fight against Zion will be destroyed. He will preserve the righteous. He will prepare a way for us. He will reign in our midst.

As evil increases in the world, a compensatory spiritual power will be given to the righteous. They will have “greater assurance, greater confirmation, and greater confidence.” Added spiritual power will be given to those that seek and live worthy of it.

We are to prepare in 3 ways: Increase in knowledge both temporal and spiritual, prepare temporally, and prepare spiritually.

**33: Increase in Knowledge** - Be cautious of the sources for which we look for truth. We cannot afford to idle away our time. We cannot expect to learn everything we need to know about the gospel at church meetings. We have a “personal responsibility to learn and live the truths” as well as to receive our ordinances. We are expected to study and be watchful of the events surrounding the Second Coming. He has given us the resources that we might know if we will prepare ourselves.

Doctrines of the church are truths that are eternal and do not change. Principles are a doctrinally based guideline that helps to provide direction. The phrase “study the scriptures” isn’t found in the scriptures, instead phrases such as the following are used: feast upon the words of christ, meditate therein, give attendance to, hold fast unto, liken all scriptures, search diligently, treasure up in your minds continually, lay hold upon. The apostles have also told us we need to immerse ourselves in the scriptures with a daily habit to read.

Great promises are given to those who spend time in the scriptures: Make our way prosperous, converting the soul, light unto my path, for our profit and learning, healeth the wounded soul, tells us all things what we should do, brings us spiritual power, divide asunder the snares of the devil, will give us what to say in the very hour we need it. The apostles included promises of help for our families, the power to resist temptation, power to stay on the strait and narrow, harmony in the home, and drawing nearer to God.

**34: Temporal Preparedness** - We live in a complex, inter-connected society where we are used to depending on each other our needs. We need to prepare so that we are not totally reliant on someone else for our support. *Just like not leaving our spiritual learning to others.* The Church Security Plan has two goals - to help members become independent and self-reliant and then to encourage all members to show love for their neighbors, especially those who are in need. *It is easier to give when you are able to take care of yourself.*

In our lives we will certainly face both tribulation meaning “to press or to squeeze” like the heavy stone that is used in the threshing of grain and adversity that includes all misfortune, calamity, distress, affliction, suffering, bereavement, and more. We increase our ability to cope by being prepared and we “reduce the ancillary side effects that so often accompany a tragedy.”

There are 4 basic goals for temporal preparedness: 3-month supply of your normal daily diet that is rotated regularly, a supply of drinking water, a financial reserve of savings, and a longer-term storage of items that will last a long time.

And the final area for our temporal preparedness is being wise stewards of our finances. “We urge you to be modest in your expenditures; discipline yourselves in your purchases to avoid debt, pay off debt as quickly as you can and free yourselves from this bondage.”

We can’t expect the church to have the resources to provide for us if we do not prepare. The church and government resources will only be sufficient to help in a minor and a more serious stressor but only in a localized area. Any larger events and the church resources would not be able to meet the total welfare needs.

**35: Spiritual Preparedness** - Every prophet, seer, and revelator since Joseph Smith has given us wise counsel on how to spiritually prepare for what’s ahead. When a service mission learned that they would have a problem trying to move their heavy truck filled with equipment that weighed about 8 tons across the bridges throughout Africa they had to make a choice - would they leave things behind? They decided to instead take all the necessary equipment with a plan to strengthen the bridges along the route to help them reach their destination. Just like this story, it will not be

possible for us to lighten our loads and our burdens. Our only option is to strengthen our spiritual bridges to be ready. Jesus gave us 3 parables to help us know how to prepare spiritually:

The 10 Virgins: (*Spiritual Devotion*) As part of the marriage tradition, the bridegroom would prepare at a relatives house and would set out from the gathering there around 11 o'clock. As they journeyed towards his home where the bride would be waiting with her female attendants. Those along the route to the home would excitedly exclaim his coming and a hint of his arrival soon approaching would begin with an increased excitement the closer they entourage would get.

The oil in their small hand lamps would only last about an hour before more oil was needed. The foolish virgins had not prepared extra oil and by the time the bridegroom was approaching, their lamps had gone out. "Precisely at the darkest hour, when least expected, the bridegroom came... when the cry sounds, there is no time for preparation." It will be necessary for each of us to have a knowledge of the truth of this work for ourselves, or we will fall. "The time is here when no man or woman will endure on borrowed light. Each will have to be guided by the light within himself. If you do not have it, you will not stand."

The Talents: (*Sharing the Gospel*) One was given 5 talents, another 2, and to another 1 talent (representing a great sum of money). The one that was given 5 "brought other five talents". *As I read this line, I immediately felt a whisper that the great sum of worth we have been given is the gospel and in this example the man had shared his knowledge of the gospel and brought 5 others into the fold.* Both the man who had 5 and the man who had 2 which each double their value received the same blessing and reward. The one who received only one talent buried what he had and did not have anything to show for all that he had been given. In return for what the Lord has given us He asks that "we labor to do His work, expand His kingdom, and increase His influence in the world."

The Sheep and the Goats: (*Service*) The Lord will gather all nations and then separate them as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. Shepherds commonly allowed the sheep and goats to graze together, but separated them for bedding down for the night, for shearing, and for taking

them to the market to be sold. In the parable the sheep are gathered as the ones who knew the Savior by serving him through serving even the least of these which is service unto Him. The goats, however, are cast out for having never given of themselves to serve others. "It is the core doctrine behind the law of consecration" that we love our neighbors as ourselves, treat one another justly, and help them. We are charged with the responsibility to minister: "Ministering is Christlike caring for others and helping meet their spiritual and temporal needs."

**Epilogue:** The signs that have been foretold that Brother Lund had been studying for decades we are now seeing many be fulfilled. We have seen tools to help us prepare with technology advancements. We have seen an increase in wickedness and calamities, war and disasters. We have also seen the unfolding of the great day with the Church becoming a truly global church. "More than 80% of all members now have a temple within a few hundred miles of their homes" *And that was written in 2020! There have been 130 additional temples announced since April 2020 conference including 53 in the United States, 27 in South America, 21 in Asia, 19 in North America (besides USA), 17 in Africa, 8 in Europe, and 8 in Oceania/Pacific regions.* [See source info here!](#)

The Savior wants us to know what the future holds and how to prepare for it. He will prepare places of peace, safety, and refuge for us.

**TLDR:**

*The Lord will protect the faithful. There will be many hard things we will go through. Being prepared temporally and spiritually, understanding and watching for the signs, and being in tune to receive and act on personal revelation will help you face the difficulties ahead. We will need to do our part in warning and preparing those around us of the coming of Christ and help to gather Israel. We won't know the exact time, but can see by watching for the signs to be prepared for what is to come. We know that he will come again and we anxiously await that day.*