



# What now?

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# What is the practical application from studying prophecy?

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❖ What is the practical application of studying prophecy?

❖ Change your way of thinking

❖ Change your way of living

❖ Preparation for what the future may hold

“Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth, that all that will hear may hear; **prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come**, for the Lord is nigh; and the anger of the Lord is kindled, and his sword is bathed in heaven, and it shall fall upon the inhabitants of the earth; and the arm of the Lord shall be revealed;” *D&C 1:3a,b*

# Prepare

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**PREPA'RE**, *verb transitive* [Latin *paro*.]

1. In a general sense, to fit, adapt or qualify for a particular purpose, end, use, service or state, by any means whatever. We *prepare* ground for seed by tillage; we *prepare* cloth for use by dressing; we *prepare* medicines by pulverization, mixture, etc.; we *prepare* young men for college by previous instruction; men are prepared for professions by suitable study; holiness of heart is necessary to *prepare* men for the enjoyment of happiness with holy beings.
2. To make ready; as, to *prepare* the table for entertaining company.

❖ Scriptures – 166 references

# Boy Scout Motto

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**Be Prepared.**

That's the motto of the Boy Scouts.

"Be prepared for what?" someone once asked Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting,

"Why, for any old thing." said Baden-Powell.

The training you receive in your troop will help you live up to the Scout motto. When someone has an accident, you are prepared because of your first aid instruction. Because of lifesaving practice, you might be able to save a nonswimmer who has fallen into deep water.

But Baden-Powell wasn't thinking just of being ready for emergencies. His idea was that all Scouts should prepare themselves to become productive citizens and to give happiness to other people. He wanted each Scout to be ready in mind and body for any struggles, and to meet with a strong heart whatever challenges might lie ahead.

Be prepared for life - to live happily and without regret, knowing that you have done your best. That's what the Scout motto means.

# Examples of God's call to Prepare

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- ❖ Noah – prepare the Ark, preach repentance to the people
- ❖ Parable of the Ten Virgins – have your lamps filled and trimmed
- ❖ Joseph in Egypt – prepare for 7 years of famine during the 7 years of plenty
- ❖ Parable of the Vineyard (Zion's Redemption) – be awake and watching for the enemy
- ❖ Armor of God – the sandals are the preparation of the gospel of peace
- ❖ Jonah's fish – God prepared it for Jonah's salvation
- ❖ Jesus is preparing a place for us – and will return to take us to be with Him
- ❖ Chief Captain Moroni – prepared his people for the attacks from the enemy

# Preparation Scriptures

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Ezekiel 38:7 **Be thou prepared**, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

Alma 16:228 For behold, this life is the time for men to **prepare to meet God**: yea, behold, the day of this life is the day for men to perform their labors.

Alma 3:50 Behold, are ye stripped of pride? I say unto you, If ye are not, ye are not **prepared** to meet God.

Alma 3:51 Behold **ye must prepare quickly**, for the kingdom of heaven is soon at hand, and such an one hath not eternal life.

Alma 3:53 I say unto you, that such an one is not prepared, and I would that he should **prepare quickly**, for the hour is close at hand, and he knoweth not when the time shall come; for such an one is not found guiltless.

Alma 3:55 Wo unto such an one, for he is **not prepared**, and the time is at hand that he must repent, or he can not be saved

# Why prepare?

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“For we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all we can do.”

~ II Nephi 11:44

Because the trials and storms of life are a when NOT an if

Preparation

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# Chief Captain Moroni

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1. He prepared “places of security” (Alma 22:1-6)
2. He prepared “the minds of the people to be faithful unto the Lord their God” (Alma 21:128)
3. He never stopped preparing (Alma 22:1)





# 1. Places of Security

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- ❖ Ridges of earth
- ❖ Works of timbers
- ❖ Frame of pickets
- ❖ Towers
- ❖ Places of security

“Thus Moroni did prepare strongholds against the coming of their enemies, round about every city in all the land.”  
~ Alma 22:6

## 2. Prepare your mind for faithfulness

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Alma 21:128 - Now it came to pass that while Amalickiah had thus been obtaining power by fraud and deceit, Moroni, on the other hand, **had been preparing the minds of the people to be faithful unto the Lord their God;**

### 3. Never Stop Preparing

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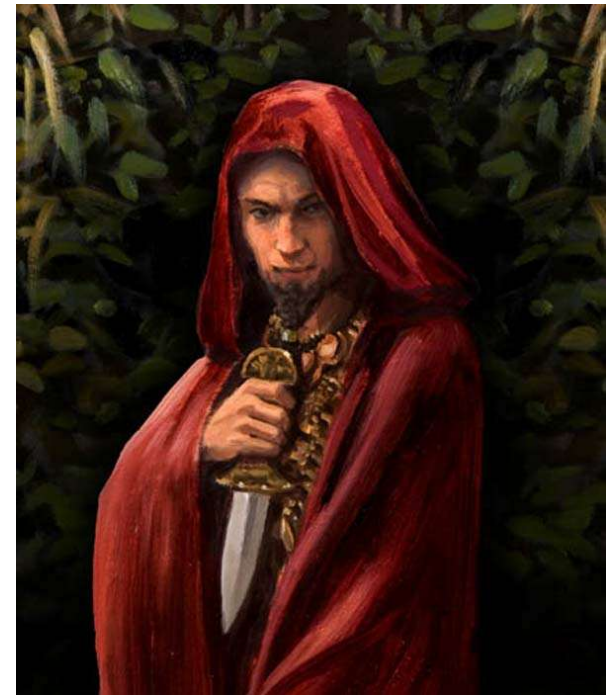
And now it came to pass that Moroni did not stop making preparations for war, or to defend his people against the Lamanites; ~ Alma 22:1

# Nephites vs Gadianton Robbers

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## 3 Nephi 2

- ❖ Gathered together; depended on each other
- ❖ Spiritual repentance before physical salvation
- ❖ 7 years of preparation



# Prepare for What?

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# Types of preparation

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1. Spiritual preparation
2. Mental / Emotional / Relational Preparation
3. Physical preparation

# Spiritual Preparation

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- ❖ Exercise your Faith
  - ❖ Hebrews 11:3
- ❖ Prepare your heart and seek the Lord
  - ❖ 2 Chronicles 12:14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord.
- ❖ Prepare your minds for action and stay sober
  - ❖ I Peter 1:13
- ❖ Set aside fear and stand on peace
  - ❖ Ephesians 6:15
- ❖ Get to know the Master through Prayer
- ❖ Discernment – learn the Master's voice
- ❖ Fasting – let the draw of this world diminish
- ❖ Be Doers – James 1:22



# Mental / Emotional / Relationship Preparation

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- ❖ Remember that this is NOT our home; and we can't take it with us
- ❖ Work on our resilience
- ❖ There are NO Lone Ranger Christians
- ❖ We need to be actively engaged with our church family
- ❖ Do we have good relationships with our neighbors?



# Physical Preparation

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- ❖ Preparing is good Stewardship
- ❖ There are many threats in this world
  - ❖ Job loss
  - ❖ Natural disasters – flood, fire, tornado
  - ❖ National/global economic issues
  - ❖ Fragile global supply chain
  - ❖ Civil unrest
  - ❖ Cyber attacks
  - ❖ Threat of expansion of war
  - ❖ Fulfillment of prophetic promises



Areas of preparation:

- ❖ Food
- ❖ Water
- ❖ Shelter
- ❖ Energy (Cooking, light, heat)
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Financial
- ❖ First aid, medications

# Immediate Prep Actions

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Do this week!

## WATER

3 gallons per person

Store in cool, dark place

## FOOD

Non-perishable food for 3 day

Assume no electricity, water, or gas to cook with.

## TRANSPORT

Get in the habit of keeping your gas tanks at least half-full

## DOCUMENTS

Important documents in one place (central, safe)

SS Cards, Birth certs, titles and deeds, etc