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INTRODUCTION:

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In this series we will bring the Power of the Holy Land to You! We will do so by using the Scriptures, technology, & the words & teachings of the Living Prophets! We will do our very best to crack the code to understanding God, Scriptures, and Self. The ultimate goal will be to strengthen your own personal understanding & relationship with God.

The Power of Place! There is a real power and spirit of sacred places and sacred space. This is something my father not only verbally told me, but he **SHOWED** me. We want to bring the Power of Place to YOU!

One of the most frequently asked questions & comments we get from the hundreds of people we have taken to the Holy Land is, “**You should write a book!**” This information is **SO IMPORTANT** and the way you put this together here on site really helps it all make sense. Well...this is our version of ‘*Writing a Book!*’, but it’s much better. With this format you can listen, visualize, internalize, re-watch, revisit, share, etc.

We would like to break down our title a little bit for you so you can understand what this is...
First...**Understanding God...**

We maintain that God does not have to be a mystery to us and be a Being we cannot understand. He has given to us His word which we believe He provided with the intention of them being understood. **Nowhere in God’s word does He tell us to avoid the mysteries of God... It’s the opposite.** He tells us that the mysteries of God will be unfolded to us as we seek diligently to understand. (Matt 13:11; I Cor. 2:7, 11-14; Alma 12:9; Alma 26:22; D&C 42:61, 65; D&C 62:23; D&C 76:7, D&C 84:19; D&C 107:19)

The most frequently taught concept in scripture is “*Ask and you shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you!*” God desires to communicate to us as individuals. In fact he begs us to do it. “*The single most important skill that we can develop in our life, is learning how to qualify for, receive, and act on personal revelation from God.*” (Julie Beck)

“*If you want to talk to God... Pray! If you want God to speak to you... Study the scriptures!*” Studying His words opens the channels of communication to God and it is often in that process when we understand how He speaks to us and guides us on our path!

He wants us to **Know Him!** He wants us to understand our purpose in life! He hasn’t made it completely simple because one of the very most important ingredients in His plan for us is **FAITH!** It is the 1st principle of the Gospel and the **VERY** thing that each and

every human being on the earth has to come to grips with. God specifically chose this system and arrangement for revealing his plan to us. In order to become like Him we have to exist in a world where we need to exercise faith. We have to act in faith not having a perfect knowledge of things. This is God's plan and His design and it is brilliant.

God is not the author of confusion and his works are simple and easy to understand! But we do have to first have the desire and second we need to invest a little effort to get to Know Him!

God has revealed a lot of very significant things in the past. He is also revealing important things presently and will reveal things to us personally as we seek Him. This is our quest! This is our journey! AND This is the overall objective to the "*Holy Land Scripture Series*"! We will seek to understand His words (as found in revealed scripture) and in that process, we will get to know God in a very special and personal way. Most importantly we will focus on & increase our ability to feel and recognize when and how He speaks to us personally & individually.

One of my very favorite scriptures is...

*"This is life eternal, they might **know thee**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent."* (John 17:3). I am a very simple minded man and appreciate scriptures that are straight forward like this one. Said in another scripture from a different Prophet, *"...and if they **know me** they shall have a place eternally at my right hand."* (Mosiah 26:24) Stated simply...if we KNOW GOD and Jesus Christ we will have Eternal Life!

In the Parable of the 10 virgins...when the unwise virgins return from obtaining oil and seek to come in to join the celebratory feast, the Bridegroom meets them at the door and denies them entrance with these piercing words, *"Depart from me...Ye never knew me!"* (Matt 25:12)

In similar fashion...in Christ's most famous sermon (the Sermon on the Mount), Jesus describes a scenario where certain people on judgment day plead their case saying, *'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name and in thy name cast out devils, and done many wonderful works? Then will He profess under them with these same piercing words... Depart from me...Ye never knew me.'* (Matt 7:21-23).

Getting to know God and His Son; Jesus Christ, is THE most important relationship we can develop in this life! We simply need to KNOW HIM! One of the best ways to get to know Him is to understand His revealed words to us.

In our "*Holy Land Scripture Series*" we will start with Genesis and move our way all the way through Revelation (and other revealed scripture) in an effort to understand the key doctrines, stories, & events that will help us UNDERSTAND GOD and also aide in our relationship with Him!

Quite frankly the Scriptures and His word is NOT always very easy or simple to comprehend for many different reasons. We have found that with the proper approach and also given the proper context, the Word of God is exhilarating and powerful. Nothing quite matches immersing yourself in the Word of God while standing on-site with complete context and full immersion in

the scriptures, culture and experience. **My father was 100% correct** with this. Few things equal it in comprehension and in impact! When you are able to **spend a week** (or several days) in an on-site Holy Land Tour type of experience... this immersion type environment where your main objective is to understand the scriptures, connect the dots, make all the connections, put the pieces together, eat the food, smell the smells, see the sites, and in that context there is a irreplaceable understanding & perspective that takes place. Understanding of the scriptures and God comes more easily and naturally and it also provides a unique way to connect with your Creator.

At *Anderson Tours*, we have made the refining and perfecting of that “on-site” Scripture **experience** our primary focus and objective for the past 40+ years. We believe our tour of the Holy Land (and other scriptural sites and tours) are **Second to NONE**. We may not be the most knowledgeable on every single subject & location, but we have been taught and tutored by the very best Holy Land scholars and we believe the on-site experience we provide, the way we deliver the knowledge, the experience we provide on-site, the order, content, context and also the way we connect all of that content and make application...all make *Anderson Tours* the very best overall choice for a powerful Holy Land and Scriptural experience.

Years ago we knew the day would come when it would **no longer be possible to travel to the Holy Land**, either due to political conflict, war, Armageddon, etc. We never could have predicted that a virus would have the power it has had...to shut down our ability to visit the Holy Land. **In 2017** we took precaution and also prepared for just such a day and time by taking our **360 video camera to Israel, Egypt, the Sinai, & Jordan**. While there (without a group with us), we filmed on-site with the intent that when it became physically impossible to visit that we would still be able to provide a *Holy Land Tour* experience virtually for any and all who were interested. This was very challenging to pull off and it incurred some expense and wasn't easy to obtain, but we were blessed in so many ways. On many of the sites we were able to film and provide extra footage that would **NOT** have been possible with a group. We had so many tender mercies filming and obtaining that footage. It is not done with a professional crew, but real, raw footage of the people, places, sights & sounds. It is a labor of love and it is now available for viewing and purchase. We know there are **MANY** reasons why people are unable to travel to the Holy Land and for many it would be impossible at any time (even if the borders were open without pandemic shut downs). These reasons include; physical limitations, age, financial restraints, or just not being able to afford the time commitment to get over there. The reasons are many and we are **VERY THRILLED** to finally be able to provide you all with a *Virtual Tour of the Holy Land*. We have decided to make the entire Tour available for those who want to take the full Tour in a virtual environment. We did our very best to reenact our tour experience as if you were there with us on site. We were not adequately equipped with sound equipment and the audio could be better, but it is the very next best thing to being there.

We have also decided to break the tour experience up into a **4-part series with individual lessons** or episodes that can be individually downloaded and enjoyed. With this format we can explore deeply each critical element and how all of it connects and relates to the Last Days and time in which we live now.

Standing on-site is something unique and very special, however with this format there are also some advantages and perks...With **this format** we will be able to approach the content in a truly historical and chronological manner (something we cannot do with our in country tours). We can also be more comprehensive in our approach and will be able to do a better job connecting the material and the dots. Without the physical restraints and limitations we will be better able to expand on certain concepts that are more challenging to understand. Some of the on-site distractions are trying to concentrate and listen while sitting in the hot sun, with audio and visual distractions, and with other groups waiting to get on site as soon as you finish. With this approach you will be able to push pause, rewind, take notes, mark your scriptures, revisit sites and concepts, truly digest, share, ponder, and repeat the experience as many times as you want. We know many who will download this material will be those who have already visited the Holy Land with us, but who want to now take their time and truly digest the material because it truly is like “*drinking from a firehose*” on those Tours. This format eliminates many of the challenges inherent in a physical tour and being on-site. This virtual environment provides us many advantages and we want to embrace those and we hope you will as well.

We know perfectly well that understanding God **does not require being “on-site”** or to physical visit the Holy Land in order for this to happen, but it certainly does help...A LOT! Even the Virtual Tour and visuals of the sites will be a **TREMENDOUS** help! No wonder those who travel with us often come more than once and also claim our *Holy Land Tour* to be “The best experience of their life!” We feel that taking a comprehensive and chronological approach will **REALLY** reveal and unveil a perspective of God and how He interacts and supports His children. Especially His eternal plans for the Last Days. With this 4-part series we will maneuver through the Scriptures in a way where we will connect the dots, take you on-site virtually, and provide the scriptural context necessary to enjoy full understanding and comprehension of God’s words and His plans for us....His children!

I am Dr. Clark Anderson and I get to be your host and guide on this special journey. I will guide you through the important and sacred sites in the Holy Land and in the Scriptures. More importantly I hope to help you internalize the basics & essentials in understanding God, His Word, & how He speaks to you personally! I have been blessed to visit the Holy Land sites over 45 times and at age 52 and with the global pandemic, we have had the time to invest in this project. This entire project represents the capstone of my life and career of directing tours to the Holy Land and as a Religious Educator and as a humble seeker of truth. I suppose my main qualification for sponsoring this journey is that I am a passionate learner of truth myself and strive with all my heart to understand God and His words & purposes. I have dedicated the majority of my personal & professional life studying the scriptures. 20 years as a Religious Educator teaching scriptures to college age, youth, and teenagers, but also in visiting and leading over 45 educational tours to the Holy Land. I was also the one lucky enough to be able to go on-site with the film crew and gather the 360 video footage in 2017. This has been my love and my passion from a very, very young age.

Growing up in a home with a Religious Educator as a father, religion was a **VERY** significant and important part of our upbringing. His taking our family to the Holy Land twice for long learning periods at critical times in my childhood development, would prove to be pivotal in my growth

and desire to understand God and His dealings with man. Living among Muslims, Jews, & Christians and seeing them strive to get a long in a truly historic location (Jerusalem) and environment, strengthened my resolve to seek solutions and answers. Not only relative to the difficult political situation there, but also to questions of a religious nature and how God works with and interacts with His children. It also caused me to reflect on some of life's most difficult questions; the purpose of life, pre-earth life, and the afterlife. Seeing the various religious groups engaged in passionate worship and studying their long, long history sparked a deep interest in me to know the role of religion in general, but also a strong resolve to understand God's plan and His revealed words and directions to us His very vast, diverse, and often confused children. It raised MANY questions in my heart and mind and has caused some very deep reflection and increased my desire to find answers and solutions.

Some of the questions we hope to address and resolve in this 4-part series are as follows:

Does God exist and does He have a plan for us? What is God's plan for His Children? If He truly exists and has a Plan for His Children...how does He reveal that Plan to us? Is there an Afterlife? Did we exist before we were born? Does this life have a religious purpose relating to the pre-life and/or afterlife? Does God truly Love His Children? If so why doesn't He answer our difficult questions? Why doesn't He show Himself to us and provide us answers to difficult questions and circumstances that exist here on the Earth? There is SO MUCH inequality, hate, envy, poverty, sin, suffering, corruption, disparity in religious views and beliefs, etc. What really is the Purpose of such an existence? What really is Truth? Does it exist? Can we really learn and know what Truth is? Does it reside with one particular religious group or organization or does it exist partially in each one of them? Why would there be so much confusion about God's plans and purposes if they are SO critical to this life's existence? Why are there SO many different religious groups with different teachings and doctrines? Why are there SO MANY common threads throughout each religious view? Could there be one solid Truth about God and His plan for us? How can we make sense of it all? Is there a way for us to decipher Truth and learn His plan? How and Why does He allow for so much chaos on Earth and allow such difficult circumstances? There are SO MANY books of scripture that claim to be Holy Writ and from God. How do we know exactly who and what to trust? Some of the scriptural books and passages are SO DIFFICULT to understand. How do we make sense of them? Which scriptural passages are the most significant? Are they all created equal or will certain scriptural stories, doctrines, and passages help us more than others? What are those scriptural passages? What is the House of Israel? Why does that phrase appear SO MUCH in scripture? Am I (or are we) part of the House of Israel? What exactly is the Abrahamic Covenant? Does it have actual meaning today? What exactly is the Gathering of Israel? Is it happening today? How much of the Gathering of Israel has happened? How much still has to happen? Why would anything SO long ago (in the Old Testament) have anything to do with me or have any relevance or application to me today? How does someone with a job, family, hobbies, and responsibilities possibly have the time necessary to read and comprehend all the significant scriptural passages to make sense of it all? Isn't there a Readers Digest version or Cliff Notes version of the Scriptures out there that will highlight the absolute essentials? A "*Scriptures for Dummies*" so to speak that will break things down in a clear, basic way that is easy to understand? (Yes there is...this is the exact goal of our Holy Land Scripture *Series!* Welcome aboard as we try to accomplish that very thing!)

We hope that if some of you have any of the same questions or if you just want to expand your scriptural understanding or reinforce the ones you already know, that you will find answers, peace and resolve here in our Holy Land Scripture Series. We feel like it is for EVERYONE!

Next...a quick word an emphasis in our title on Understanding SELF...

God not only desires for us to understand Him and His words...but He also desires to talk and communicate to us as individuals. He may desire this for us almost more than anything else! (The most frequently taught concept in scriptures is; “*Ask & ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.*”). Whatever you and I can do to put ourselves in a position to understand God, His Words, and how He speaks to us personally just might be one of THE most significant things we can do. “*We can be more confident, happy, and content human beings if we are willing to shed our less important identities and place our divine origins at the very forefront of our self-perception. I am a child of God. We hear this phrase so often, I think we become immune to what it can actually mean for our everyday lives...the stronger the foundation of our identity is rooted in being a child of God, the stronger our self-worth becomes. The stronger our sense of self-worth becomes, the less insecure, defensive, and fearful we are. We can be more confident, happy, and content human beings if we are willing to shed our less important identities and place our divine origins at the very forefront of our self-perception.*” (“What It REALLY Means to Be a Child of God” by Celeste Davis, <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/inspiration/what-it-really-means-to-be-a-child-of-god?lang=eng>)

Seeing ourselves as we REALLY are (Child of God) and UNDERSTANDING our relationship with Him is a natural result of UNDERSTANDING GOD and precisely what we argue will happen as a result of internalizing the truths in this 4-Part Series.

Significantly, in this process we will also come to learn how God needs each one of us to help Him in His work in completing & finishing His work here on the earth. From the beginning of time he has spoken with Prophets and revealed His will and His word. He did that for our benefit! His work is coming to a crescendo and He wants more than ever for us, His children, to be prepared. Each of us has a unique role that we can play and that He wants us to understand and play. God is in the details of our lives and can be more so if we let Him (standing at the door knocking). As long as we are living life we may as well do it right or at least the best we can. Doing it with Him is much better than doing it without.

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We encourage you to take the **FULL Journey through the entire 4-part Series.**

PART I: “The Foundation”:

Part I of our Series is called *The Foundation* because in it we explore the Foundational doctrines and stories that are not only critical in understanding the significance of the Life & Ministry of Christ but it will also truly help us in being able to understand clearly the scriptures and prophecies relating to the Last Days, the 2nd Coming, Armageddon, and the Gathering of Israel, etc. There are key elements in the beginning of time and throughout history that are instrumental and that build on one another and truly give meaning and insight into Gods’ Plan for us and in

understanding our unique place here and now. Our hope is that by evaluating these revealed truths in an organized, succinct, and chronological manner that it will help us all see God's masterful plan from the beginning and how He continues to love, instruct, and nurture His children, especially in this most pertinent and poignant time in history...NOW!

PART II: "The Life & Ministry of Christ"

Being raised in a Christian home my personal interest is in the *Life & Ministry of Jesus Christ*. **Part II** of our Scripture Series will focus on the *Life & Ministry of Christ* and will begin in Bethlehem with His birth and then we will make our way through His incredible life and ministry. David O McKay quote; "What you sincerely in your heart think of Christ will determine what you are, will largely determine what your acts will be. No person can study this divine personality, can accept His teachings without becoming conscious of an uplifting and refining influence within himself . . . Members of the Church of Christ are under obligation to make the sinless Son of Man their ideal--the one perfect being who ever walked the earth."

(President David O. McKay, CR, April 1951)

Part III: "The Last Week" of the Savior's Life will take an in depth look at the *Last Week of the Saviors Life* and we will literally trace the final moments of His life and take you through the final days & moments of His life including visits to the historical locations. 12-14 episodes. President Gordon B. Hinckley described the events of that week as "*the miracle that encompasses all who have lived upon the earth, all who now live upon the earth, and all who will yet live upon the earth. Nothing done before or since has so affected mankind as the Atonement wrought by Jesus of Nazareth*" (Gordon B. Hinckley, "The Greatest Miracle in Human History," *Ensign*, May 1994, 72).

Part IV: *The Last Days* might become the most fascinating and relevant portion of our Series. Parts 1,2, & 3 are Timeless in content and eternal relevancy, but our *Last Days Series* is time sensitive as we are seeing the prophecies and promises being fulfilled right before our eyes.

PREVIEW or REVIEW of the Last Days Series...

The Last Days; 2nd Coming, Gathering of Israel, Armageddon, Millennium, End of the World:

There are many prophecies about the Last Days that we are living in, but many of them tend to be some of the more difficult scriptural passages to understand. How many prophecies have already transpired and how many are still yet to come? There are MANY differing opinions and interpretations currently circulating on Youtube of the current events of today and how they relate to ancient prophecies. To me they create some anxiety and questions about their accuracy. They explain a timeline that is right now! BUT...Is it accurate? Listening to them explain certain challenging scriptural passages and some of the applications and connections to current events make me uncomfortable with the liberties that they take with their interpretations. They present their opinions and interpretations as fact and make interpretations that create excitement and also some unwarranted concern. How can we know if their explanations are accurate? Is there a comprehensive look and approach out there that looks at ALL of the ancient Prophets and Prophecies and compares them all in an effort to accurately interpret the events of the Latter

Days? YES! Well...That is the intent with this 4 part series and one of the most exciting components of the *Holy Land Scripture Series*.

How can *The Anderson Tours Holy Land Scripture Series* help me *Crack the Code* to The Last Days; 2nd Coming, Armageddon?

Have you ever thought to yourself..."How can I possibly make sense of the prophecies of the Last Days with its confusing language and imagery without investing an incredible amount of time deciphering the language, culture, literary styles, etc.? There are SO MANY Prophecies of the Last Days and many of them are given to us from Old Testament Prophets (or in the Book of Revelation). Which one of them is the most accurate? Is one more important than the other? Are they all important to study & know? It is VERY difficult to understand what they are saying and applying them to our day gets even more challenging. Are they all similar or are they different? Do they all tell the same story? Do they conflict one with another or is there one that is more accurate than another?

What we will plan to share with you in our *Last Days Series* is how each of the prophecies of the Last Days and the Prophets who wrote about it, share the same exact same message and they are all telling the same story and the exact same narrative. Isaiah for example is one of the most highly touted and endorsed by the Savior. He recommended that we study and know his words because they will come to pass in the Last Days...which is RIGHT NOW! In our **Last Days Series** we will do our very best to remain true to the scriptural text and avoid the temptation to render opinion. We will take a comprehensive approach to the Prophecies of the Last Days and focus specifically on those who spoke about and prophesied of the Last Days prior to the Second Coming of Christ & into the Millennium; Isaiah, John in the Book of Revelation, Daniel, Joel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Zechariah. These books are some of the most challenging to understand, but they literally come alive if you have the proper Foundational knowledge and background (Our pt. 1 Foundation Series will help IMMENSELY). (Series promo) Our narrative will begin with the Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel (see Matt 24:15/ Dan 9,12). What will really impress you is how well each and every one of these Prophecies tell the same story and narrative, and some emphasize different aspects of the narrative. But it is the SAME NARRATIVE! We will examine this narrative as provided us in scripture. It is a challenging *code to crack*, which might be by design, (similar to His approach to Parables) but once you know the scriptural essentials, you will see how these prophecies orchestrate in perfect harmony one with another. If you know what to look for it will really blow your mind how simple and powerful they are to understand and apply. Our final 2 episodes in our Last Days Series will be how to Survive & Thrive while living in the Last Days as we evaluate the prophetic counsel given unanimously and in a united way on exactly how we can be prepared for the 2nd Coming and the events surrounding it.

QUESTIONS & Codes to Crack about The Last Days; 2nd Coming, Armageddon:

Some of the questions we will address are; The Savior told us that He will return shortly after the *Abomination of Desolation* spoken of by Daniel (See Matt 24:15). What exactly is the *Abomination of Desolation* spoken of by the Prophet Daniel? (THIS IS ACTUALLY VERY, VERY SIGNIFICANT TO UNDERSTAND). Has it occurred or is it still in the future? What still needs to happen before He returns? WHAT do the prophecies say will happen prior to the 2nd Coming? Will we will be able to figure out How close are we to His Return? Will He come

without warning? HOW can I best prepare myself for the 2nd Coming? What specifically should I be looking for with the Signs of the Times? What specifically can I do to be prepared?

We do not claim to have all the answers and have all knowledge, but we will share what we know. Having devoted years to scriptural study and understanding (and also having spent a lot of time in the country studying customs & culture), we will share all that we know in a concise way in hopes that it will aid in others understanding and add to the symphony they hear. (See Symphony/Orchestra details below)

Symphony/Orchestra Parable/Analogy:

We will compare all of this (Gospel & scriptural knowledge) to a *symphony & orchestra* (something my grandfather will appreciate). We will compare the instruments and elements of the orchestra to Gods revealed truths. The more revealed truths we learn & understand the more full, rich, & beautiful the sound. Each of us hear a different symphony depending on how many instruments and parts that we hear. Some of us are enjoying a String Quartet and are amazed at its beauty and harmony. (Truly a String Quartet produces AMAZING sounds and melodies—some of my favorite actually).

Some enjoy an all strings experience. Others a strings & woodwinds only. Many enjoy a more traditional experience with strings, woodwinds, brass, & keyboard.

Some are enjoying a full orchestra with violin, viola, cellos, bass, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, & full percussion. Others have all that but also have a brass section with trumpets, trombones, saxophones, flutes, pic-aloes, etc.

Some have the rare joy of the breathtaking French Horns to accentuate their orchestra which brings with it added emotion & feeling. Some have a harp! Some a piano, organ, or harpsichord. A Xylophone, guitar, Bagpipes, or ukelele.

Some have the more rare instruments that also add some rich and unique sounds to the musical experience; the Accordion, Fluba, or the awesome Didgeridoo. Some have such a rich and full sound that they include the Hornucopian Dronepipe, Nano Harp, Guqin, Hydraulophone, Hyperbass Flute, Double Contrabass Flute, Octobass, Badgermin, Pyrophone Organ, Sea Organ, Cello Horn, Sharpsichord, Cross-Grainger Kangaroo-Pouch Tone-Tool, The Glass Harmonica, Singing Ringing Tree, Pyrophone, Cheese Drums, the Zeusaphone (a.k.a. The Thoramin), and the exceptionally rare Theremin.

Some utilize the most expensive instrument in the world the Vieuxtemps Guarneri Violin, or The Heintzman Crystal Piano.

The more truth we know and understand the more rich and full the orchestra is.

The Basics:

Gods Plan & Program has some elements & ingredients that are basic and essential and form the **basis or foundation** for all other knowledge to be built on. These fundamental principles are most critical to understand and help us make sense (or crack the code) of all that God does & reveals.

This is also a lot like orchestras. Most orchestras have the essential elements of strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, & keyboard. These make up the basic fundamental elements where upon all other melodies and music is formed and performed.

The Basics of God:

1. **God is Heavenly Father and His Wife** is our **Heavenly Mother** and we are their **Children!** [From now on when we refer to “God” we mean God & His Wife acting in harmony as an Exalted Couple and an Eternal Unit]. They work as a unified unit and have perfected exalted bodies of flesh & bones. We are created in Their image.
2. God has a **Plan** for us (His children) to learn, grow, have experience and eventually become like Him. This **Mortal Life** is an important part of this plan and is a test. Along with joy, peace, & happiness, it also includes challenges, trials, and difficulties that are instrumental in our progression and refinement. **Marriage & Family** is Central to His **Eternal Plan**.
3. He performs all His works with us through His **Only Begotten Son**; Jesus Christ. He is a member of the **Godhead**. **Jesus Christ** is the Advocate, Exemplar, Creator, Messiah, Savior, & Redeemer in God’s Plan. He is our access to God the Father and to all things needed for **Salvation & Exaltation**.
4. God communicates with His children through The **Holy Ghost** and is also known as the **Spirit of God** or just simply **The Spirit**. He is a Teacher, Comforter, Revealer & Testifier of Truth and makes up the 3rd member of the **Godhead**. Getting to **KNOW** God and His truths will require a well-polished relationship with the **Holy Ghost**.
5. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost make up **The Godhead** and work and administer to us as a united and powerful **Presidency** of the human race & all the elements of the Universe. They govern, minister, & administer truth, light, and life to us all. They work together in perfect harmony.
6. **Agency & Accountability** are essential elements in Gods plans and designs for His children. He fought hard to preserve and include this element for His plan. Agency can only exist with articulated **Laws** that designate proper and improper conduct and accompanying consequences and punishments. Agency would inevitability include mistakes. This brings about the need for the **Atonement of Christ** which is Gods way for His children to overcome the results & ramifications of agency and the **Fall of Man**.
7. The **3 pillars of Eternity** are the Creation, the Fall, & the Atonement.
8. **Faith** is the *1st principle of the Gospel* and absolutely necessary for us to grasp if we are to understand God & His purposes. **AND** is an essential element of worship!
9. God works through **Prophets** to reveal His will to His covenant people. He uses revelation to communicate and set up the laws & operations of His earthly **Kingdoms** for His people.

10. He doesn't always, but can & does at times organize a **system or organization** whereby He can administer appropriate saving ordinances, communications, or other operations He finds necessary to administer His works, knowledge, and purposes to and for His children. When this is necessary He sets it up through Prophets (and/or Apostles) and it is operated by the best humans He can find to manage the affairs of His kingdom and organization on Earth. Such an organization existed in the time of Christ with Apostles & Prophets, Teachers, etc (Ephesians 2 & 4) and also exists today. Such an organization will be necessary prior to His 2nd Coming in order to facilitate a global organization & communication network & effort to gather scattered Israel, & other needed elements to prepare the world for His return. Full coordination and implementation of the recovery & restoration from the Abomination of Desolation (as prophesied by Daniel & many others) in the Last Days prior to His return, is necessary. It will require the ability for quick, easy, and coordinated communication that is available through modern technology and other means today. Such an organization exists and was founded 200 years ago in a country which supported & protected Freedom of Religion [USA]. It was the ideal environment for the prophesied, '*Restoration of all things*' (Acts 3:20-21) to be established and it has grown to become a global organization. It is the same organization that Christ established when He was on the Earth and is called *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*. It has Apostles & Prophets, God's Priesthood Power, and all the elements of that Church as well as being in complete harmony with the ancient Covenants in the Old Testament made to the Ancient Patriarchs; Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob. It also fulfills in beautiful fashion the Prophecies of Restoration and Preparation for the return of Jesus Christ at His 2nd Coming. The organization claims to be established by Jesus Christ Himself and that it is a supernal work. By careful study of this organization, the 885 pages of additional scriptures that came forth as part of the Restoration (Book of Mormon, Doctrine & Covenants, Pearl of Great Price), and examine its fruits and the works produced and supported by this organization, you can know through the Holy Ghost if it is indeed inspired and supported by God.

[NOTE: By nature of having imperfect humans lead a supernal system and organization, there is a human element that is subject to human error. As in times past, individuals and followers of such an organization will need to exercise a special & unique type of faith in following human leaders in a supernal organization & work; i.e. Noah, Moses, Peter, etc.]

I have been in absolute awe and wonder at the brilliant nature of God and His revealed words and how they harmoniously mesh together in perfect synchronicity. Especially when it comes to the future (2nd Coming/Millennium) and those Prophets who have seen & written about it. When all of these Prophets and accounts are evaluated through the lens of the Covenants made to key people in the Old Testament (Abraham), analyzed with key historical events (Abomination of Desolation, etc.), and finally orchestrating that with modern revelation and insight (Restoration & accompanying scriptures of the Restoration) there evolves a clear view of God's purposes and intents with His work and glory here on planet Earth and exactly what He will do to usher in the 2nd Coming and Millennial reign of His Son. He has revealed important events and promises that He will keep and we are the generation that get to not only witness these events, but also actively participate in them as important players. It is a **GLORIOUS** time to be alive when the prophecies

and promises of God are being fulfilled and when the Prophets of the ages have looked down through the corridors of time to our day when the Kingdom of Heaven comes and replaces the Kingdom of God on Earth and where God finishes and completes His work. What an INCREDIBLE time to be alive!

We are honored and thrilled that you would join us on this remarkable scriptural journey as we strive to work through those scriptural foundation and passages as we strive to *Crack the Code!*

QUESTIONS for INTRODUCTION to FOUNDATION SERIES:

1. What is the FULL TITLE of this Scripture Series?
2. What is the ULTIMATE GOAL of this Scripture Series?
3. What do the Scriptures say about “*the Mysteries of God?*” (How many different scriptural references are there to support that?)
4. What is the “*Most frequently taught concept in all of scripture?*”
5. What does Julie Beck say, “*Is the single most important skill we can develop in this life?*”
6. Fill in the blank, “*If you want to talk to God...pray. If you want God to speak to you*
_____.”
7. What role does “Faith” play in God’s Plan?
8. Simply stated...how do we gain Eternal Life? (Hint; It’s the most important relationship we can develop in this life)
9. How many years has *Anderson Tours* been touring in the Holy Land and developing this program?
10. *Anderson Tours* developed a “*Virtual Tour of the Holy Land*” for those unable to physically visit the Holy Land. (BTW...This *4-part Scripture Series* accompanies that Virtual Tour and will be yours to enjoy as part of this Scriptural Series). What advantages are there to taking a Virtual Tour verses a physical Tour of the Holy Land?
11. What unique experiences and qualifications does Dr. Clark Anderson have that might help us in this Series?

12. Which of the questions listed that will be answered in this series, are you personally most excited to have answered? (Write down the questions that interest you—at least 2 or 3)
13. What is the “*Scriptures for Dummies*” or “*Cliff notes to the Scriptures*” mentioned?
14. In your own words what does this quote mean?

“We can be more confident, happy, and content human beings if we are willing to shed our less important identities and place our divine origins at the very forefront of our self-perception. I am a child of God. We hear this phrase so often, I think we become immune to what it can actually mean for our everyday lives...the stronger the foundation of our identity is rooted in being a child of God, the stronger our self-worth becomes. The stronger our sense of self-worth becomes, the less insecure, defensive, and fearful we are.” (“*What It REALLY Means to Be a Child of God*”, by Celeste Davis, [What It REALLY Means to Be a Child of God \(churchofjesuschrist.org\)](http://churchofjesuschrist.org))
15. Part 4 in our Scripture Series is about the Last Days. What question interests you most about the Last Days?
16. What exactly is the point of the long Symphony analogy?
17. This lecture ends by listing **10 BASICS** that are fundamental in understanding how God deals and operates with us (His children). List each of the 10 listed **BASICS** in your own words. Which do you feel is the most important?
18. If you could ask God one question and were guaranteed to get an answer, what would it be and why?
19. What do you personally hope to gain from this Scripture Series?
20. (OPTIONAL): Do you have a favorite Scripture? (If yes what is it?)