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Episode 12: Dr. Kerry Muhlestein

Doctrine and Covenants 27-28

“All Things Must Be Done In order”

Show Notes

Podcast General Description:

Follow Him: A *Come, Follow Me* Podcast with Hank Smith & John Bytheway

Do you ever feel that preparing for your weekly *Come, Follow Me* lesson falls short? Join hosts Hank Smith and John Bytheway as they interview experts to make your study for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' *Come, Follow Me* course not only enjoyable but original and educational. If you are looking for resources to make your study fresh, faithful, and fun--no matter your age--then join us every Sunday.

Podcast Episode 112 Description:

Part 1:

In the Church's infancy, Joseph receives the Vision of Moses as he begins what he calls the "new translation" of the Bible. Join Dr. Kerry Muhlestein, Hank, and John as we learn what happens when Joseph, Emma, Oliver, or others ask questions. We discover how the early Saints learn about the ordinance of the sacrament (do the emblems matter?), the power of the Abrahamic Covenant and how the Lord has much more in store for the entire human family via covenants via Elijah. Learn about our place in the Kingdom of God, why President Nelson constantly mentions the Gathering of Israel, and what great things the Lord has in store for His people.

Part 2:

Dr. Kerry Muhlestein continues to discuss the restoration of the New and Everlasting Covenant, and they discuss the importance of personal revelation and corporal revelation. Hiram Page (who marries a Whitmer) has proclaimed he is having revelations for the entire Church. Emma's confirmation is disturbed by riotous crowds, and the Joseph Smith Translation begins with Moses 1. The JST process is vastly different from the Book of Mormon translation and the word transformation (think: transfiguration). Join us as we discuss the sacrament, the Abrahamic Covenant, revelation, transformation, and how the Tabernacle Choir can be like a seer stone.

Timecode:

Part 1

- *00:00* Introduction
- *00:46* Dr. Kerry Muhlestein is Introduced
- *03:18* Vision of Moses
- *04:21* Joseph's "New Translation" of the Bible
- *07:04* Moses Chapter One
- *09:29* Emma Smith and Sally Knight Confirmations Disturbed and the Sacrament Instructions Delivered by a Heavenly Messenger
- *11:08* Much of the Doctrine and Covenants is a Result of a Question
- *11:44* Do the Emblems of the Sacrament Matter?
- *13:39* "It Mattereth Not"
- *15:52* What is Most Important about the Sacrament
- *17:32* How Covenants Intertwine and Teach of Us of Christ
- *19:20* Elias: Person or Title?
- *22:10* "Hearts of the Fathers" Doesn't Only Mean Your Father
- *27:47* Jacob Wrestles an Angel and Fears Esau
- *30:09* Covenants and "Leveling Up"
- *33:55* President Nelson Reminds Us of the Abrahamic Covenant
- *37:52* Why We are Here (Not Just to Get a Body and Be Tested)
- *42:15* What the Birthright Means Today
- *46:32* Being Chosen is Like Being Chosen to Mow the Lawn
- *48:59* All Things Point to Christ (Sacrament Meeting then and One in the Future)
- *52:53* The Symmetry Between the First Vision and Joseph Receiving Priesthood Keys in Kirtland

Part 2

- 00:00 Part II Begins
- 02:23 Sacred Meals Associated with Sacrifice
- 03:19 Restoring the Gospel is Restoring the Covenant
- 04:46 The Sacrament and Living Water
- 06:17 President Nelson Still Excited About the Abrahamic Covenant
- 06:56 We Meet Hiram Page
- 09:06 Personal Revelation and Revelation for the Church
- 11:16 Moses 1
- 16:20 How the Mouthpiece of the Lord Works
- 20:27 Hiram Page Tells Others He Receives Revelation About Zion
- 23:42 The Early Church Stumbles and the Lord Corrects Them
- 25:19 Order and Sustaining Within the Church
- 27:26 Hiram Page's Seer Stone
- 28:35 The Celestial Room, Tabernacle Choir, and Seer Stones are Alike
- 31:25 The Lord Corrects and Encourages Hiram and Oliver
- 35:56 We are Grateful We Have a Prophet
- 37:41 Dr. Muhlestein Tells His Story

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Biographical Information:



Kerry received his BS from BYU in psychology with a Hebrew minor. As an undergraduate, he spent time at the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies in the intensive Hebrew program. He received an MA in ancient Near Eastern studies from BYU and his PhD from UCLA in Egyptology, where in his final year he was named the UCLA Affiliates Graduate Student of the Year. He taught courses in Hebrew and Religion part time at BYU and the UVSC extension center, as well as in history at Cal Poly Pomona and UCLA. He also taught early-morning seminary and at the Westwood (UCLA) institute of religion. His first full-time appointment was a joint position in religion and history at BYU–Hawaii. He is the director of the BYU Egypt Excavation Project. He was selected by the *Princeton Review* in 2012 as one of the best 300 professors in the nation (the top .02% of those considered). He was also a visiting fellow at the University of Oxford for the 2016–17 academic year. He has published six books and over fifty-five peer-reviewed articles and has done over eighty academic presentations. He and his wife, Julianne, are the parents of six children, and together they have lived in Jerusalem while Kerry has taught there on multiple occasions. He has served as the chairman of a national committee for the American Research Center in

Egypt and serves on their Research Supporting Member Council. He has also served on a committee for the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities and currently serves on their board of trustees and as a vice president of the organization. He is the co-chair for the Egyptian Archaeology Session of the American Schools of Oriental Research. He is also a senior fellow of the William F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research. He is involved with the International Association of Egyptologists, and has worked with Educational Testing Services on their AP world history exam.

Courses Taught: Old Testament, Teachings of Isaiah, Pearl of Great Price, Book of Mormon, New Testament, Ancient Near Eastern Texts, Foundations of Ancient Scripture, Egyptian History, Egyptian Historiography, History of Civilization, History of the Near Eastern Empires, Ancient Egypt and Foreign Relations, and Marriage and Family

Areas of Expertise: Ancient Egypt, Hebrew Bible, Pearl of Great Price

Areas of Research: Dr. Muhlestein is the director of the BYU Egypt Excavation Project, and in association with this works on understanding the pyramid excavated there as well as the Graeco-Roman culture represented at the site, and the advent of Christianity in Egypt. In addition, Dr. Muhlestein's research focuses on the texts and iconography of Egyptian religion, international contact between ancient Egypt and her neighbors, the Egyptian juridical process, Egyptian literature, and the overlap of the biblical and Egyptian worlds, including the ancient and modern history of the Pearl of Great Price, among other things.

Languages: Exams passed in various phases of Egyptian, as well as Hebrew, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Phoenician, Moabite, Coptic, German, and French. Additionally, courses have been taken in Greek and Akkadian.

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