

Are you prepared for a disaster?

Why?

Matthew 24:7, 21 & 22

3 Nephi 9:98-101

Ether 1:30-33

Admonitions given specifically to the Church of Christ

Granville Hedrick (1864)

Joseph Luff (1907)

Don Housknecht (1957)

T. E. Barton and T. J. Jordan (1964)

The reality is that it is highly probable that sometime during your lifetime you will have to endure some kind of natural or man-made disaster. The Lord has been merciful enough to warn us of these things before they occur. As stewards before God of our lives and the gifts He has blessed us with, and being forewarned of the events we may live to experience, it would be wise to prepare for these events both physically and spiritually.

Preparing Physically

Trusting in God does not negate the wisdom of preparing for disasters

Have a plan

Have some basic supplies

Preparing Spiritually

Personal righteousness, Spiritual Maturity, Charity

1st Corinthians 13:1-7

God's promises to the righteous

Psalms 33:18-22; 34:15-22

Luke 12:30-32

1st Nephi 3:229-232

1st Nephi 5:59

1st Nephi 7:32-48

2nd Nephi 3:61-63

God's promises fulfilled

Psalms 37: 25-28

Acts 11:26-30

1st Nephi 5:55-61

1st Kings 17:14-16

Concluding Thoughts

Don't let the idea of "Food Storage" detract from our primary purposes

1. Missionary outreach to the world.
2. Necessity of paying tithes and offerings to help in God's work. This is the "storehouse" often referred to in the scripture. From this storehouse we are supporting many who are suffering from great tribulation.
3. The development of Spiritual Maturity and a close relationship with God and one another.

Don't approach the subject from a selfish point of view. We are a community. Some live from day-to-day and have no opportunity to think about long term preparation. Take them into consideration.

Make certain stored food, water, medicinal supplies are properly prepared, sealed and rotated. Incorporate them into your daily use.

When traveling out of town, carry sufficient supplies, water, blankets, tools, etc. to meet any emergency that might arise.

Preparedness, even while trusting in the Lord, should bring a degree of peace of mind.