

barred women from the temple and from the temple city of Jerusalem. Such Essene doctrines are opposite to later Christian and LDS teachings. Similarities between Essenism and Christian or LDS concepts should therefore be explained as a dispersion of ideas among groups that share ancient connections rather than as evidences of more intrinsic relationships.

Much is still to be learned from the Dead Sea Scrolls. Many fragments and some scrolls remain unpublished or are not yet fully understood. Much light may yet be shed on ancient Jewish worship patterns, apocalyptic literature, angelology, and sectarianism beyond what is available in biblical accounts.

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DEAF, MATERIALS FOR THE

The Church makes a serious effort to serve the hearing impaired with gospel materials in formats they can understand. These formats include simplified versions, signed inserts (interpreters superimposed on film who sign conversations and sounds), closed captions (words that show on the screen only when decoded), printed signs, productions with all-deaf casts, and Church manuals translated into signing for the deaf on videocassettes. Each Church film is signed or closed-captioned. All satellite broadcasts and special programs are closed-captioned. To use closed-captioned videos requires a decoder, which the Church provides to units serving the hearing impaired.

All general conference sessions are signed and closed-captioned. The deaf and hearing impaired who attend general conference in SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, are invited to the Church Office's auditorium to view the proceedings with an interpreter. Those who do not attend in person

may participate via closed captions on the Church's satellite network at their local meetinghouses. The sessions are also recorded on videos, with sign language inserts, and made available on loan. **TEMPLE ORDINANCES** are also presented in formats understandable by the hearing impaired.

A handbook for interpreters and a dictionary of words and phrases peculiar to the Church are available in print and on videocassettes. The Book of Mormon is being translated into American Sign Language (ASL) on videocassette targeted for completion in 1994. A current list of all materials, including their costs and how to order, is available on request from the Special Curriculum Department of the Church.

In a meetinghouse serving the hearing impaired, the Church provides a Com Tek System which amplifies the spoken language. The Church participates in supplying TTY/TDDs (telecommunication devices) for the deaf and hearing-impaired members to carry on Church functions.

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DEATH AND DYING

At death, the spirit and body separate and "the spirits of all men, whether they be good or evil, are taken home to that God who gave them life" (Alma 40:11; cf. Eccl. 12:7). **ALMA₂** describes how the spirits of the "righteous are received into a state of happiness, which is called paradise, a state of rest, a state of peace, where they shall rest from all their troubles and from all care, and sorrow" (Alma 40:12; *see* **PARADISE**; **SPIRIT WORLD**). In contrast, the wicked, who "chose evil works rather than good," suffer fear of the wrath of God (Alma 40:13; *see* **SPIRIT PRISON**). Both those who reside in paradise and those in the spirit prison await the **RESURRECTION** and the judgment of God (*see* **JUDGMENT DAY**, **FINAL**).

RESURRECTION FROM DEATH. Through the atonement of Christ, all mortals will be resurrected irrespective of personal righteousness. Their spirits will have their **PHYSICAL BODIES** restored to them, and thus there will be a permanent unity of the spirit with an immortal, incorruptible body (John 5:28–29; Alma 11:42–45). Except for the resurrection of Christ, "this flesh must have laid down to rot and to crumble to its mother