

Christ comes. Naturally the wonders in the heavens that man has created will be numbered among the signs which have been predicted—the airplanes, the guided missiles, and man-made planets that revolve around the earth.

The Lord will permit men to go just so far and no farther; and when they get beyond the proper bounds, he will check them. The Lord opened to the vision of Moses many of his works. Moses looked into the heavens and found that they “are many, and they cannot be numbered unto man; but they are numbered unto me, for they are mine,” the Lord said to him. After showing Moses the great wonders of the heavens, then the Lord said:

“But only an account of this earth, and the inhabitants thereof, give I unto you.” Then Moses was content and said, “Be merciful unto thy servant, O God, and tell me concerning this earth, and the inhabitants thereof, and also the heavens [i.e. the heavens belonging to this earth] and thy servant will be content.”¹

MAN IS LIMITED TO HIS OWN EARTH

When man was placed on this earth it became his probationary, or mortal home. Here he is destined to stay until his earth-life is completed, subject to all the mortal conditions outlined in the beginning. There is no prophecy or edict ever given that mortals should seek dominions beyond this earth while they dwell in mortality. Here we are, and here we should be content to stay. All this talk about space travel and the visiting of other worlds brings to mind vividly an attempt long ago made by foolish men who tried to build to heaven.

¹Moses 1:33-36.

This earth is our destined earth home. With this in mind, wise men will be content and will wait until the time comes when this earth is cleansed and purified from all sin for heavenly visits, and in that day they will come.

The Lord has been preparing for a long time for the return of the Ten Tribes. Section 133, in the Doctrine and Covenants, has much to say in relation to this great event. Where they are, no man knows, for this is one of the grand secrets the Lord has kept to himself. The wars and rumors of wars and the great destructions that are to come on the earth should give us all far more concern than the thought that man is, or may be able, to visit other planets while a mortal, erring man.

The main thing for Latter-day Saints to do is to keep the commandments humbly, and in humility perform the duties assigned to them. If we will do that then we have nothing to fear.