

## Tabernacle 1 – THE CAMP OF ISRAEL

(15 minutes)

(Materials: diagrams and plot maps, shofar)

Purpose: To understand the centrality of the Tabernacle and how it points to Christ.

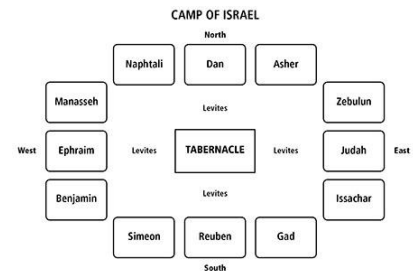
We have been camping around the Tabernacle according to the pattern that the Lord gave ancient Israel.

Numbers 2:2 – by tribes around the Tabernacle

What message does that give to you? (Tabernacle in middle)

Whose tabernacle is it? (Lord's)

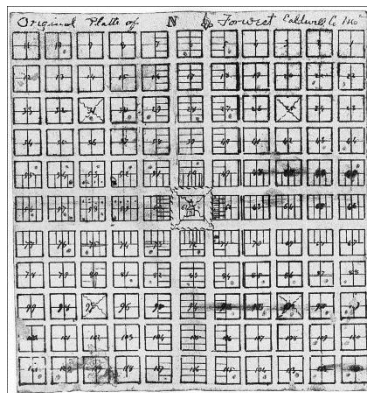
What should be in the center of our lives? (Lord and his temple)



In this dispensation, the Lord gave a pattern for the building of cities of Zion.

D&C 94:1-2 – building of the city began at the temple, according to the Lord's pattern.

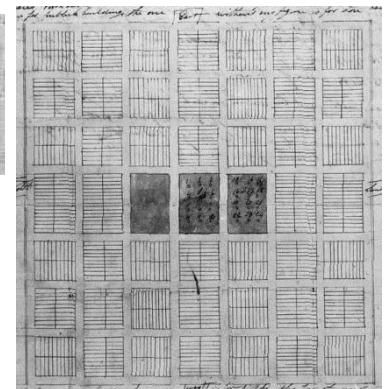
[show examples of the plot maps for Far West and Independence, MO]



Far West was planned with the temple set in the middle, grid of streets going out.



For the future city of Zion in Independence Joseph Smith had it planned around a complex of 24 temples.



What is at the center of your life?

What would others say is the center of your life?

How can you tell what is at the center of one's life?

How can the temple be at the center of your life?

A shofar is a horn/trumpet made out of a hollowed out ram horn.

The priests usually held the responsibility of blowing the horn.

It was a reminder of the deliverance of Isaac (Genesis 22:13)

The blowing of the shofar was associated with:

- used to announce holy days and feasts – (Psalms 81:3-4)
- 10 days before the Day of Atonement, they had a "memorial of blowing." – (Leviticus 23:24)
- became part of the temple music – (Psalms 150:1-4)
- used to announce war – (Joshua 6:4, Judges 7:18-20, 1 Samuel 8:3)
- watchmen on the tower used it to warn of danger – (Ezekiel 33:5-6)
- anointing of a new king – (1 Kings 1:39)

Talmud (Jewish rabbinical writings) states that "With trumpets and the sound of the Shofar shout ye before the King in the Temple, we require trumpets and the sound of the Shofar; elsewhere not." (*Rosh Hashana* 27a)



In what way is the shofar being sounded in our day?