

Notes Example

*This is an example of how your scripture notes might look if you were using your **Scripture Study Tools**.*

Overview: D&C 109 Section Heading:

- Who: Joseph Smith
- What: Dedicatory prayer for Kirtland Temple. (Prayer given by revelation)
- Where: Kirtland, Ohio
- When: 27 March 1836
 - 1820 Joseph Smith “First Vision”
 - 1830 Church of Christ officially organized.
 - Comments: The church is only six years old! This is the first temple on the earth since the times of Christ!

First Reading: Airplane Overview

Location/Scripture Block: D&C 109:1-5

- Places, names, words to be defined? None
- Summary: These verses are teaching about Jesus Christ and Temples

Second Reading: Looking for truths or doctrines.

Focus: **Jesus Christ**

Questions: (Who, what, where, when, why, how)

- What titles are used to talk about Christ?
 - Vs 1: Lord God of Israel
 - Vs 3: Lord
 - Vs 4: Son of thy Bosom
- What are these verses teaching me about Christ?
 - Vs 1: Christ keeps covenants
 - Vs 1: Christ shows mercy
 - Vs 4: Christ commanded the saints to build a temple
 - Vs 4: Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ
 - Vs 5: The temple is a place for Christ to dwell—it is His home.

Which of these answers/truths do I want to study first?

Vs 1: Christ keeps covenants.

Inspired Questions and Thoughts:

- **What does it mean “Christ keeps covenants?”**
 - A covenant is an agreement between two parties. When Christ makes a promise or an agreement, He will not break it. He will not go back on His word.
- **How can a person make a covenant with Christ today?**

- We can make covenants with Christ first through the ordinance of baptism. We also make further covenants in the temple, which is interesting because this section was given as a prayer about the temple!
- Whenever I see a temple, I can think about Christ and His covenants.
- What does Jesus promise us in baptismal covenants? Temple covenants? And what do WE promise HIM?
 - At baptism, Christ promises to allow me to have His Spirit. I can have His Spirit with me constantly if I am obedient, if I hold up my end of the covenant.
 - At baptism, Christ promises that my sins are and can be forgiven, that I can be made clean. How cool is that?!?!?
 - In the temple, we make covenants to ??????
 - In the temple, Christ promises that ?????

Inspired Questions and Thoughts: (So, what—Now, what?)

- Why do I need to know these truths today? Why are they important. (Statements of Power)
 - Christ makes and keeps the promises He makes TODAY.
 - Through the covenants I've made with Him, I am promised by Him that I will have His Spirit. He's promised me I can be clean. I really need to know this today because I make mistakes all the time. And Satan is really good at reminding me of that all the time. Satan doesn't want me to think about the happiness, peace and comfort that I can have now because the Lord has promised it. In the temple, Christ has promised me that I can be with my family AND WITH HIM forever. That brings a peace I can't describe.
- Now, what? What would Heavenly Father want me to do about what I've discovered? What can I do to act on this?
 - Well, first off, I could be more like Jesus and how HE won't break His covenants. I can do better at that by....., specifically..... starting today.
 - Sometimes I get discouraged about the conditions in the world. Remembering all of the promised blessings Christ has made with me through covenants will help me be happier and more focused. One thing I can do right now is be more intentional and thoughtful when I take the sacrament. I can focus on Christ's resolve to bless me and save me. I can also take a little extra time in my prayers to specifically thank Heavenly Father for the influence of Christ in my life and ask for His help to stay focused on what I've promised to do.

Action Items:

- Be more intentional taking the sacrament.
- Don't just attend the temple—WORSHIP when I go.

- Pray specifically, thanking Heavenly Father for Christ and covenants. Asking specifically for help in remembering my promises and keeping them like Christ.
- Reflect on my progress this Sunday as I review my goals.