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SCRIPTURE READING: Doctrine and Covenants 85:21,22,23.

- I. In every dispensation, God has given warning of His impending judgments, if men did not keep and obey His laws.
- A. Noah preached 120 years to warn of the flood.
 - B. Lot warned to flee Sodom.
 - C. Elijah warned Israel of famine.
 - D. Isaiah and Jeremiah warn of conquest and fall of Israel, 586, 597, 606 B.C.
 - E. Book of Mormon, 2nd Nephi 11:16 -- "And never have any of them been destroyed, save it were foretold them by the prophets of the Lord."
- II. THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM IN 70 A.D. A NOTABLE EXAMPLE OF THIS PRINCIPLE.
- A. Christ had foretold this destruction in great detail. Read Luke 21 and Matthew 24 in the Inspired Version; also Luke 19:42,43.
 1. Luke 21:6, "Not one stone left upon another."
 2. Vs. 8 - "Many false Christs shall appear." Four false Christs did appear between 33 A.D. and 70 A.D., Simon Magus, Menander, Dositheus, and Theudas.
 3. Vs. 9 - "wars and commotions." (Gr. "battles and insurrections.") There were three threats of war against the Jews in this period by Caligula, Claudius, and Nero. Insurrection and massacre at Seleucia; in which Greeks and Syrians joined against Jews, slew 50,000 of them. In Caesarea, 20,000 Jews were massacred in one hour's time.
 4. Vs. 10 - FAMINE. Whole reign of Claudius, 41-54 A.D., a time of scarcity. Famine in Palestine, 46 A.D. in which many died. Pestilence and earthquakes; persecution, signs.
 5. TWO SPECIFIC SIGNS would be the warning for flight. Matthew 24:12: "When ye see the abomination of desolation....standing in the holy places." Luke 21:19 - "When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed by armies...." Flight was to be immediate. (Matt. 24:13,14,15) Not come down from housetop or turn back from field to get clothes...."

Matthew.24 Vs.18 - "For then shall be great tribulations, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

In 66 A.D. Jerusalem was compassed by the armies of Cestius Gallus. Zealots (Assassins) seized the temple, turned it into an armed camp, defiled the altar with blood, made one of their number high priest, caused the

daily sacrifice to cease. Zealots seized the gates of the city. After that it became increasingly difficult for anyone inside to leave. Cestius Gallus abandons seige; army defeated.

68 A.D. Vespasian laid seige. Being called back to Rome on the death of the emperor, he leaves his son Titus to continue. Josephus says that 1,100,000 Jews were killed; 97,000 captured and sold as slaves in the conquest of Jerusalem. Usher says 1,337,490 killed. The city was full of pilgrims to Passover, when seige was clamped down.

70 Titus. The first encompassment was Luke's signal for immediate flight. Eusebius says that "The members of the church in Jerusalem, having been commanded before the war in accordance with a certain oracle given by revelation to the men of repute there, to depart from Jerusalem, and to inhabit a certain city of Perea called Pella, all the believers in Christ in Jerusalem went thither, and when now the saints had abandoned both the royal metropolis itself and the whole land of Judea, the vengeance of God finally overtook the lawless persecutors of Christ and his apostles."

6. LUKE 21:23 -- "They shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive unto all nations; and Jerusalem SHALL BE TRODDEN DOWN OF THE GENTILES, UNTIL THE TIME OF THE GENTILES BE FULFILLED."

III. THE LATTER DAY DISPENSATION WAS A DAY OF WARNING.

- A. One significant mission of the Restoration church was to lift the warning voice in a special, significant, and timely way.
 1. Other churches had been warning of hell fire for hundreds of years.
 2. We were to warn of calamities and judgments which were soon to come upon a wicked and unrepentant world.
- B. MORONI quoted to Joseph Smith: (See Church History, Vol. 1, Page 137F).
 1. Acts 3:22,23. Great Prophet (Christ) hear him or be destroyed. "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people."

DAILY

"He said that the prophet was Christ, but the day had not yet come when 'they who would not hear his voice should be cut off from among the people,' but soon would come."
 2. Malachi, Chapters 3,4.
Malachi 3 -
I will send my messenger.

Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple.
Who may abide the day of his coming?
He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.
I will come near to you to judgment: And I will be a
swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the
adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those
that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and
the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his
right, and fear me not, saith the Lord of Hosts.
Return unto me and I will return unto you.
Tithes.

Malachi 4 - King James and Moroni versions.

For behold the day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and
all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be
stubble; and the day (they) that cometh shall burn them
up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them
neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name
shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in his
wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of
the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they
shall be as ashes under the soles of your feet in the day
that I shall do this, saith the Lord of Hosts.
Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded
unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and
judgments.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the
coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:
(Behold I will reveal unto you the priesthood by the hand
of Elijah the prophet, etc.... Moroni).
And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,
and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I
come and smite the earth with a curse.

Moroni version - And he shall plant in the hearts of the
children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts
of the children shall turn to their fathers; if it were
not so the earth would be utterly wasted at his coming.

3. Joel 2:28,29.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my
Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men
shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the
handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit...
(Quoted by Moroni)

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood,
and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into
darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible
day of the Lord come. And it shall come to pass, that whoso-
ever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for
in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the
Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

"not yet fulfilled, but soon would be," Moroni.

4. Isaiah 11: Vs 4 - Smite the earth with rod of his mouth -
destroy wicked.
The millenium; ensign for the nations ...
About to be fulfilled.
- C. The "angel message" of Rev. 14:6 was "Fear God and give glory to him,
for the hour of his judgment is come."
- D. Moroni also said the fullness of the Gentiles was soon to come in,
and warned of great judgments..."in this generation." (Church
History, Vol. 1, Page 14).

"He informed me of great judgments which were coming upon the earth,
with great desolations by famine, sword, and pestilence, and that
these grievous judgments would come on the earth in this generation."

"WE CALL OURSELVES "LATTER DAY SAINTS"

IV. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO WARN OUR NEIGHBOR (Ezekiel 3:17,18) (D.C. 85:22) Every man warn his neighbor.

- A. Ezekiel 33:1-7 THE DUTY OF A WATCHMAN...If a watchman sees the enemy
coming and warns the people, his responsibility is discharged. If
he does not blow the trumpet and the city is destroyed, the blood of
that city is on the watchman's head.
- B. The fact that people pay no attention to our warnings is no excuse
for quitting, or failing to warn others. Read Mormon's advice to
Moroni, after the Lamanites have nearly exterminated Nephites in
battle:

Moroni 9:3-6 -- And now, behold, my son, I fear lest the Lamanites
shall destroy this people, for they do not repent, and Satan
stirreth them up continually to anger, one with another. Behold, I
am laboring with them continually; and when I speak the word of God
with sharpness, they tremble and anger against me; and when I use no
sharpness, they harden their hearts against it; wherefore I fear lest
the Spirit of the Lord hath ceased striving with them. For so ex-
ceedingly do they anger, that it seemeth me that they have no fear
of death; and they have lost their love, one towards another; and
they thirst after blood and revenge continually.

And now, my beloved son, notwithstanding their hardness, let us labor
diligently; for if we should cease to labor we should be brought
under condemnation; for we have a labor to perform whilst in this
tabernacle of clay, that we may conquer the enemy of all righteous-
ness, and rest our souls in the kingdom of God.

Ether 5:35,36, Page 749 - If Gentiles have not charity thou wilt
reprove them - take away their talent - give to others.

"And it came to pass that I prayed unto the Lord that he would give
the Gentiles grace, that they might have charity."

(Vs.37)

"And it came to pass that the Lord said unto me, If they have not
charity, it mattereth not unto thee, thou hast been faithful; where-
fore they garments shall be made clean."

Ether's doubt whether the Gentiles will accept his writing.

Doctrine and Covenants 98:12 -- "That all men may be left without excuse..."

(Also Doctrine and Covenants 85:22)- "What I have said unto you must needs be, that all men may be left without excuse; that wise men and rulers may hear and know that which they have never considered; that I may bring to pass my act, my strange act, and perform my work, my strange work. That men may discern between the righteous and the wicked, saith the Lord."

- C. Men are always inclined to be skeptical of warnings -- to disregard them.

In the last days even those who wait for the bridegroom shall ALL slumber and sleep.

As it was in the days of Noah, so also shall it be in the day of the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew 24:44-49; Luke 17:26ff.

Flood warnings -- people paid little heed.

BUT IT IS STILL OUR DUTY TO LIFT THE WARNING VOICE, even when people pay no heed, or we shall be guilty of the blood of those who perish.

READ COMMANDMENTS TO "WARN" IN DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS.

D.C. 1:1,d. -- The voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days, and they shall go forth, and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them.

D.C. 85:22,a. -- Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned, to warn his neighbor; therefore they are left without excuse, and their sins are upon their own heads. He that seeketh me early shall find me, and shall not be foresaken.

D.C. 85:23. -- tarry, -- labor diligently -- be perfected in your ministry -- to go forth among Gentiles for last time -- prepare saints for the hour of judgment.

D.C. 85:25, a-d. -- After your testimony cometh wrath and indignation upon the people...etc.

D.C. 63:9,e. - Wherefore, seeing that I, the Lord, have decreed all these things upon the face of the earth, I willeth that my saints should be assembled upon the land of Zion; and that every man should take righteousness in his hands, and faithfulness upon his loins, and lift a warning voice unto the inhabitants of the earth; and declare both by word and by flight, that desolation shall come upon the wicked.

D.C. 38:9,d. -- And again I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both elder, priest, teacher, and also member, go to with his might, with the labor of his hands, to prepare and accomplish the things which I have commanded. And let your preaching be the warning voice, every man to his neighbor, in mildness and in meekness. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.

D.C. 107:32,c. -- Sidney Rigdon -- let him lift up his voice as with the sound of a trumpet, and warn the inhabitants of the earth to flee the wrath to come...

D.C. 103:1,a. -- Warren A. Cowdrey to be ordained a presiding high priest etc... "and should preach my everlasting gospel, and lift up his voice and warn the people, not only in his own place, but in adjoining countries...

D.C. 103:2. -- follows with... The coming of the Lord draweth nigh, and it overtaketh the world as a thief in the night...etc.

D.C. 105:3. -- (To T. B. Marsh) Contend thou therefore, morning by morning, and day after day; let thy warning voice go forth, and when the night cometh, let not the inhabitants of the earth slumber because of thy speech.

D.C. 83:23,24 -- Bishop Whitney to warn cities - Other servants "set forth clearly and understandingly the desolation of abomination in the last days...

D.C. 63:15a. - Those who desire in their hearts, in meekness, to warn sinners to repentance; let them be ordained unto this power; for this is a day of warning, and not a day of many words. For I, the Lord, am not to be mocked in the last days....

D.C. 122:8,c. -- (when twelve ordain and set in order other officers, leave them to run local affairs, that 12 and 70 may be free for missionary work) "the twelve and seventy administering as those prosecuting the work of preaching with the warning voice, baptizing, organizing, and setting in order, then pushing their ministry into other fields until the world is warned."

D.C. 112:12. -- We believe it is just to preach the gospel to the nations of the earth, and warn the righteous to save themselves from the corruption of the world;

D.C. 85:19,b. - Tarry in this place, call a solemn assembly, etc. And let those whom they have warned in their traveling, call on the Lord, and ponder the warning in their hearts, which they have received, for a little season.

D.C. 86:1. -- WORD OF WISDOM WAS ALSO A WORD OF WARNING.

In consequence of evils and designs which do and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days, I have warned you, and forewarn you, by giving unto you this work of wisdom by revelation....

D.C. 112:5,a,b. -- April 2, 1950 -- The hopes of my people and the goals of my church, while not yet fully realized, and at times and to many seemingly distant, are closer to realization than many recognize. It is yet day when all can work. The night will come when for many of my people, opportunity to assist will have passed.

V. WARNING OTHERS DOES SOMETHING FOR US.

- A. It discharges our obligation: "Let him that is warned warn his neighbor."
- B. It takes us out of ourselves and our self-centeredness.
- C. Strengthens our faith and conviction: increase spiritual power.
- D. Makes us happy in sharing.
- E. Banishes our doubts and fears. Luke 21:25-28 Men's hearts failing them for fear. Look up, lift up your heads, for the day of your redemption draweth nigh. D.C. 45:5-6 Be not troubled. 2nd Timothy 1:7 - "God hath not given us the Spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."
- F. It will obligate you to live as if you believed your own warning.

Acts 3:23 -- They who will not hear that prophet shall be cut off from among the people.

Hear Ye Him.

If you are willing to hear him -- you will hear the voice of warning -- as raised by his prophets, servants, apostles.

We tell the gospel to others not only that their physical lives might be saved, but that life might be more abundant.

The waste of evil, prison, hospitals, undeveloped, unused talents, skills, potentials.

Drink, Dope, Divorce.

Evil is stupid - The more abundant life is not the result of repression, but of expression in the spiritual way - the way of the kingdom.

Millions are unhappy - frustrated, unloved, unwanted, guilt, fear, resentment, hate, anger, worry, curtailed enjoyment of life, shorten life, produce illness, trouble, war.

D.C. 45:4 -- Men's hearts fail them for fear.

5 -- Be not troubled. Promises which have been made unto you shall be fulfilled.

6 -- He that feareth me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come.

If you want to increase your spiritual power, warn your neighbor. It takes strong men to do this, men of conviction, men of courage, men of knowledge, men of perseverance, men of prayer, men of righteousness, men of humility, men of patience.

It requires a certain quality of life. Unless you yourself act as if you believed your own warning, it will do little good for you to try to warn your neighbor.

D.C. 63:9 -- every man should take righteousness in his hands, and faithfulness upon his loins, and lift a warning voice unto the inhabitants of the earth, AND DECLARE BOTH BY WORD AND BY FLIGHT, that desolation shall come upon the wicked.

If we do not heed God's warning, we shall be lost

If we do not warn others, once we have been warned, then we are guilty of the blood of those who perish because of our neglect.

THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES

SCRIPTURE READING: D.C. 45:3,4,5 and Luke 21:24-33

I. It is God's right to rule in the earth. He suffers men to rule, but dominion is his. Daniel 4:17 - "The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Daniel 2:21 "He removeth kings, and he setteth up kings." See also Daniel 4:25; 4:32; 5:21, etc.

II. IT WAS GOD'S PURPOSE THAT ISRAEL SHOULD HAVE DOMINION OVER ALL NATIONS, and by reason of its righteousness and obedient example and rule, be a blessing to all nations.

A. PROMISES TO ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED

Genesis 12:2 - "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee, and in thee shall the families (nations) of the earth be blessed."

Genesis 13:14 - "Seed as dust of the earth."

Genesis 17:10 - "Nations and kings should come of him and his seed."

Genesis 15:7-9 - "His seed as numerous as the stars of heaven."

B. PROMISES RENEWED TO ISAAC AND JACOB, and in a special way to Joseph of Egypt.

Genesis 48:4 - "(to Jacob) Behold I will make thee fruitful, and will multiply thee...and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee, for an everlasting possession."

Genesis 48:10,11 - "(to Joseph) wherefore thy brethren shall bow down unto thee, from generation to generation, unto the fruit of thy loins forever. For thou shalt be a light unto my people, to deliver them in the days of their captivity, from bondage, and to bring salvation unto them, when they are altogether bowed down under sin."

Genesis 49:22-26 - "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well, etc."

Deut. 19:5,6

Deut. 28: NOTE ESPECIALLY - Promises to Israel after their covenant in Horeb.

Vs. 1 - The Lord will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth.

Read all of verses 1-14.

Vs. 2-ff - Blessed in city, in field, fruit of thy body, fruit of the ground, fruit of thy cattle and sheep, basket and store, when thou comest in, when thou goest out. Lord shall cause thine enemies to be smitten before thy face. Blessed in thine storehouses.

Vs. 9 - The Lord shall establish thee a holy people unto himself..."

Vs. 10 - All the people of earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord.

Vs. 12 - Thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Vs. 13 - And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou wilt hearken to the commandments of the Lord thy God which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.

NOTE THAT VERSES 15 THROUGH 68 ARE CURSINGS, if they do not keep covenant.

Vs. 43 - The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high, and thou shalt come down very low.

DOMINION BELONGED TO ISRAEL ONLY SO LONG AS SHE KEPT THE COVENANT AND OBEYED THE COMMANDMENTS.

OTHER PROMISES

Genesis 49:10 - (Jacob's prophecy) The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh (Christ) come..."

2nd Samuel 7:16 - This covenant renewed to David: "Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee; thy throne shall be established forever."

See also 1st Chr. 17:11-14; Ps. 89:4,29,36,37; Jer. 33:17-21; Luke 1:32,33, This promise conditional.

AND COMPARE WITH - 1st Kings 2:4 and Ps. 132:12 (IF!) also Hosea 3:4, a prophecy that Israel shall fail; also Ezek. 21:26,27.

1st Kings 2:4 - "If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel."

Psalms 132:12 - "If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore."

THE DEPARTURE FROM GOD BEGAN WITH SOLOMON, FIRST GENERATION AFTER DAVID.

Hosea 3:4 - Culmination. "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim." They were to lose both political and spiritual dominion.

- C. Under Moses, Israel was a THEOCRACY. God was king. Moses administered the state under God, as prophet, with judges to assist.

Israel demanded a king. Samuel warned against it. 1st Samuel 8:7 - "Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they shall say unto thee, for they have not rejected thee, BUT THEY HAVE REJECTED ME, THAT I SHOULD NOT REIGN OVER THEM." Prophets still held to the semblance of theocracy under kings. They made or broke kings.

D. THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WAS DESIGNED TO BE PERPETUAL.

Israel was commissioned to grow in righteousness, in skills of government, so that through this called-out and chosen people could God work to bring the blessings of peace, prosperity, and righteousness to the whole world.

E. ISRAEL HAD DOMINION OVER EVERY PHASE OF LIFE.....Political, spiritual, military, judicial, economic, social, agricultural, matrimonial, medical, sanitary, etc.

III. DOMINION TAKEN FROM ISRAEL -- In 606 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar overthrew the Kingdom of Israel, made her a vassal state. Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekial, counselled Israel to submit, but Israel rebelled, and in 586 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar made the overthrow complete. Daniel 4:17..."Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."

A. The complete dominion of Israel given to Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 2:37,38 -- "Thou, O King, art a king of kings, for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all."

Daniel 5:19 -- "For the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him; whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down."

More here than meets the eye at first glance. Geographically, Nebuchadnezzar's territory was small, but Daniel says, "Whithersoever the children of men dwell."

B. The plain implication is that Nebuchadnezzar is the representative of the Gentiles that the "times of the Gentiles" are beginning; that Israel has completely lost dominion because of apostasy and rebellion. Historically this fact is unassailable. There has never been an autonomous kingdom of Israel from the day to this! (They had some semblance of national rule under Cyrus -- rebuilt Jews under Rome, but no independence.)

C. Israel was offered another chance -- an opportunity to accept their Messiah and re-establish the kingdom under his reign, but they misunderstood his purposes, rejected him, and lost even what little dominion they had left under Roman rule in the destruction of Jerusalem, 70 A.D.

Luke 21:23 I.V. - "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

IV. THE GREAT IMAGE OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM REPRESENTS THIS GENTILE DOMINION.

The image of Daniel 2: - "Babylon" or this reign of the Gentiles, is depicted by an image. Head of gold, breast and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, feet part of iron and part of clay. It stood

for a system or a succession of governments or kingdoms, for Nebuchadnezzar saw the image complete, although the governments or kingdoms composing it never existed simultaneously. As long as this image stands, the Gentiles have dominion. But God has not forgotten his covenant with Israel, though Israel may have forgotten. When the times of the Gentiles reach their "fullness," when the Gentiles are "ripened in iniquity," their dominion will fall, and dominion will be returned to Israel, under Christ the King on the throne of David.

Read Romans 11:25-27 - "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And then all mine Israel shall be saved; as it is written. There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."

- V. WHEN SHALL THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES BE FULFILLED? When may we expect the fullness (i.e., the peak, or summit just before a rapid decline) of the Gentiles? They began as we have said in 586 B.C.
- A. Read D.C. 45:3 - (Jesus repeats his prophecy to disciples at Jerusalem, RE: Destruction of temple "as a thief in the night" and the destruction and scattering of Israel among all nations, and the desolation. "They shall be gathered again; but they shall remain UNTIL THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES BE FULFILLED.")
- B. D.C. 45:4 - Read entire paragraph.
"And in that day shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars, and the whole earth shall be in commotion, and men's hearts shall fail them, and they shall say that Christ delayeth his coming until the end of the earth. And the love of men shall wax cold, and iniquity shall abound; and when the time of the Gentiles is come in, a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the fullness of my gospel; but they receive it not, for they perceive not the light, and turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men; and in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled; and there shall be men standing in that generation that shall not pass, until they shall see an overflowing scourge, for a desolating sickness shall come over the land; but my disciples shall stand in holy places, and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God, and die. And there shall be earthquakes also, in divers places, and many desolations; yet men will harden their hearts against me, and they will take up the sword one against another, and they will kill one another."

When the light of the gospel breaks forth, in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Compare the signs here with Luke 21:25-32 I.V. -- SIGNS OF THE END.
"And when the time of the Gentiles is come in, a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the fullness of my Gospel....and IN THAT GENERATION shall the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

See D.C. 45:6 - for "signs and wonders" ... blood and fire and vapors of smoke ... sun darkened ... moon be turned to blood ... stars fall from heaven ... "and the remnant shall be gathered unto this place

(Jerusalem) and then they shall look for me, and behold I will come... he that watches not for me shall be cut off."

See D.C. 45:8 - "They that have laughed shall see their folly, and calamity shall cover the mocker, and the scorner shall be consumed..."

- C. 3rd Nephi 9:85 ff - "Then shall Jerusalem be inhabited again with my people, and it shall be the land of their inheritance.

Vs. 86 - "I give unto you a sign, that ye may know when these things are about to take place, that I shall gather in from their long dispersion my people, O house of Israel, and shall establish again among them my Zion.

This is the sign (condensed and paraphrased)

When the things I have made known unto you and shall hereafter declare unto you shall be made known unto the Gentiles, that the Gentiles may know of this people who are of the house of Israel,

When these things are made known unto the Gentiles, and come forth from them unto Israel, and Gentiles be set up as a free people by the power of the Father, that these things might come forth to a remnant of your seed, which shall dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity -- the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the people who are of the house of Israel.

Book of Mormon came forth 125 years ago. Four years ago we specifically appointed a mission to Spanish speaking peoples, who are of Israel through Joseph. We have recently dedicated a new chapel in Texas for use of Mexican and Latin-American peoples. This is all a fulfillment of this prophecy, and a sign that the end draws near.

Matthew 24:22 ff - gives the signs that shall precede Christ's coming in glory.

Vs. 35 - "Verily I say unto you, THIS GENERATION IN WHICH THESE THINGS shall be shown forth, shall not pass away until all I have told you shall be fulfilled."

Parallel readings: Mark 13:39, Luke 21:32

Mark 13:39 - "Verily I say unto you, This generation in the which these things shall be shown forth, shall not pass away till all I have told you shall be fulfilled."

Luke 21:32 - "Verily I say unto you, this generation, the generation when the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, shall not pass away until all be fulfilled."

Mormon 4:32 ff - Moroni speaks of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon in answer to the prayers of the men who write it. Goes on to describe the day in which the book shall come forth:

Vs. 34

"And it (Book of Mormon) shall come in a day when it shall be said that miracles are done away; and it shall come even as if one should

speak from the dead. And it shall come in a day when the blood of the saints shall cry unto the Lord, because of secret combination and works of darkness; Yea, it shall come in a day when the power of God shall be denied, and churches become defiled, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts; yea, even in a day when leaders of churches, and teachers, in the pride of their hearts, even to the envying of them who belong to their church, yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be heard of fires, and tempests, and vapors of smoke in foreign lands; and there shall also be heard of wars and rumors of wars, and earthquakes in divers places; yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be great pollution upon the face of the earth; there shall be murders and robbing, and lying, and deceivings, and whoredoms, and all manner of abominations, when there shall be many who will say, Do this, or Do that, and it mattereth not, for the Lord will uphold such at the last day. But wo unto such, for they are in the gall of bitterness, and in the bonds of iniquity..."

Vs. 55 - "Yea, why do ye build up your secret abominations to get gain, and cause that widows should mourn before the Lord, and also orphans to mourn before the Lord; and also the blood of their fathers and their husbands to cry unto the Lord from the ground, for vengeance upon your heads?"

Vs. 56 - "BEHOLD THE SWORD OF VENGEANCE HANGETH OVER YOU; and the time soon cometh that he avengeth the blood of the saints upon you, for he will not suffer their cries any longer."

Vs. 57 - And now, I speak concerning those who do not believe in Christ.

Vs. 58 - Behold, will ye believe in the day of your visitation; behold, when the Lord shall come; yea, even that day when the earth shall be rolled together as a scroll, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat"... etc.

Noting these signs, we cannot but conclude that we are living in the days of the fullness of the Gentiles.

2nd Nephi 11:116,-118 - speaks of the "last days, or ... the days of the Gentiles", and tells of judgments and signs. The times in which we live are the times of the fullness of the Gentiles, the times for the downfall of Gentile dominion, and the preparation for the return of dominion to Israel under Christ.

"But behold, in the last days, or in the days of the Gentiles; yea, behold, all the nations of the Gentiles and also the Jews, both those who will come upon this land, and those who shall be upon other lands; yea, even upon all the lands of the earth; behold, they will be drunken with iniquity, and all manner of abominations; and when that day shall come, they shall be visited of the Lord of Hosts, with thunder and with earthquakes, and with a great noise, and with storm and with tempest, and with the flame of devouring fire; and all the nations that fight against Zion, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision..."

Quote Isaiah 29:9 hungry man dreameth .. awaketh -- soul is empty.
Thirsty man dreameth, awaketh, he is faint, soul hath appetite ...

"Yea, even so shall the multitude of all the nations be that fight against mount Zion ..."

Matthew 24:35

Mark 13:39

Luke 21:32 - This generation, the generation when the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, shall not pass away till all be fulfilled.

The times in which we live are the times of the "fullness of the Gentiles." The times of the downfall of Gentile dominion, and the preparation for the return of Israel under Christ.

WORK ON THE ONE HAND OR ON THE OTHER. Startling, radical, but unequivocal statement.

1st Nephi 3:210-216 - describes a work "that shall be everlasting, either on the one hand, or on the other," to peace and life eternal, or temporal and spiritual destruction. We believe that to be the Restoration.

"Thou hast beheld that if the Gentiles repent, it shall be well with them; And thou knowest concerning the covenants of the Lord unto the house of Israel; And thou hast also heard, that whoso repenteth not, must perish; Therefore, wo unto the Gentiles, if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God; For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work a great and marvelous work among the children of men; A work that shall be everlasting, either on the one hand, or on the other; Either to the convincing of THEM UNTO PEACE AND LIFE ETERNAL: OR THE DELIVERANCE OF THEM to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds, unto their being brought down into captivity and also unto destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil; or which I have spoken."

READ AGAIN MALACHI 4 as quoted by Moroni to Joseph Smith ... to reveal the priesthood before great and dreadful day ... if it were not so the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming.

"Behold I will reveal unto you the priesthood by the hand of Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord ... if it were not so the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming."

READ AGAIN ACTS 3:22,23 - "Whosoever would not hear the words of Christ should be destroyed from among the people." Moroni said that day had not yet come, but soon would come.

READ 3rd NEPHI 9:61 that he who will not hear the words of Jesus speaks by his latter day prophet shall be cut off.

3rd Nephi 9:

Vs. 51 - "And I say unto you, that if the Gentiles do not repent,

after the blessing which they shall receive, after they have scattered my people, then shall ye who are a remnant of the house of Jacob go forth among them;

Vs. 52 - "And ye shall be in the midst of them, who shall be many: and ye shall be among them, as a lion among the beasts of the forests, and as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he goeth forth, both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver..."

Vs. 55 - "And thou shalt beat in pieces many people; And I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth ...

Vs. 56 - And it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that the sword of my justice shall hang over them at that day; and except they repent, it shall fall upon them, saith the Father, yea, even upon all the nations of the Gentiles..."

Vs. 61 - "And it shall come to pass that every soul who will not hear that prophet (Christ) shall be cut off from among the people."

(Gentiles shall be mighty above all, to the scattering of my people, a scourge to the people of this land...)

Vs. 66 - "Nevertheless, when they shall have received the fullness of my gospel, then if they shall harden their hearts against me, I will return their iniquities upon their own heads, saith the Father..."

COMPARE MORE SPECIFIC STATEMENT OF 9:98 ... which says in substance that he who will not hear the words which Jesus speaks by his latter day prophet, shall be cut off.

VI. DANIEL ALSO DESCRIBED THE TIME OF THE END.

Daniel 12:4 - "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

Under Gentile domination the world has made marvelous material progress - most of it since 1830.

But for centuries, under this Gentile reign, the world lay in darkness, men still lighted their homes with candles, killed each other with swords, reaped their crops with a hand scythe and threshed their grain on a threshing floor.

The soldiers who went against the Saracens in the crusades had never eaten from a tablecloth, used a knife or fork, never slept between sheets, never knew what it was to have a change of clothes, never took a bath. They were amazed to find that the heathen Saracens used linen, had invented glass, sugar, ice cream, silk, peaches, etc.

These "belighted" Saracens gave us our alphabet, our numerals. They invented the ZERO which makes possible the decimal system -- gave us the decimal system.

Perhaps it is chance -- but since the gospel was restored in 1830, most of our progress has occurred. Steamboat, railroad, automobile, telephone, refrigeration, radio, television, airplane, paved roads, radar, movies, knowledge of germ, anti-biotics, aseptic surgery, astronomy, telescope, photography, electronics, Atom Bombs, H-Bombs.

We are especially and wonderfully blest in America. How have we used our blessings and our power?

With only a small fraction of the world's population, we have the lion's share of all the world's resources -- gold, coal, iron, oil, agricultural products.

We have most of the world's telephones, paved roads, autos, radios, etc.

We have been given a choice land.

We have the Constitution -- formulated by men chosen of God for this very purpose.

We have been given the gospel.

How have the Gentiles of America used their power, their blessings?

Los Angeles:

Stores open
Pleasure seekers
Dependence on material things
Indifference towards religion

Tihwana ... horse racing, dog racing, bull fight on Sunday.
All shops open.

Reno, Nevada -- Divorce capital of U.S.

Las Vegas, Nevada -- Biggest gambling hall in U.S.

Wells, Nevada -- Little border town -- two drunks.

HOW LONG HAVE WE LEFT before the time of the Gentiles are fulfilled:
How have we used our light, our blessings, our wealth, our scientific knowledge? Are we worthy to be saved?

THE FALL OF BABYLON

SCRIPTURE READING: D.C. 1:3,6.

HYMNS 204, 189

CALL TO WORSHIP: Jer. 51:6 - Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul; be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; He will render unto her a recompense.

REVIEW, THE WARNING VOICE

This church has a definite and specific warning of impending judgments and calamities which are coming unless men and nations repent.

This church, this priesthood was restored, in order that the words of Christ might be brought with authority to the world in this generation.

Our responsibility to warn our neighbor.

REVIEW, THE FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES.

The times of the Gentiles began with Nebuchadnezzar, 586 B.C. Israel lost the dominion God had purposed to give to her, because she defaulted on her covenant. Dominion was to remain with the Gentiles until the "times of the Gentiles" should be fulfilled.

SIGNS OF THAT FULFILLMENT:

The coming forth of the light of the fullness of the gospel.

The coming forth of the Book of Mormon.

The establishing of the Gentiles in a free nation in which these things could be.

The going of the gospel and the story of their fathers to the remnants of the Lamanites and Nephites.

When the fullness of the Gentiles is come in, God will move to restore dominion to Israel - to gather them from the four quarters of the earth - to establish a nation in preparation for the millennial reign.

This will be the most spectacular, most miraculous, most unbelievable event since the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea dry shod. Called "my strange act." D.C. 98:12, D.C. 92:1 and Isa. 28:21.

Before Israel can be gathered, Babylon must be destroyed; Gentile dominion must fall. This will be the most sweeping, widespread, and total destruction the world has ever seen. It will mean the destruction of all governments, nations, and kingdoms, in preparation for the reign of Christ, when "the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom of our Lord."

It will mean the downfall of Gentile dominion in all these fields:

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| Political | Financial | Moral |
| Economic | Religious and Ecclesiastical | Military, etc. |
| Social | Judicial | |

Man-made systems, though they have been "set up" and permitted by God for his temporary purposes, must give way to God's systems, God's institutions, methods, ways, government.

Babylon is not going to give up this dominion willingly. It will probably require force from without, but Babylon has within herself the seeds of her own destruction, when fully ripe.

Nebuchadnezzar and Daniel saw the destruction of this Gentile dominion, or Babylonian system, as the destruction of the great image, when a stone smote it upon the feet.

Remember that the fall of Babylon is not simply the destruction of one nation and the succession of another --

That process has been going on for centuries, and is represented by the different materials of the image. Many kingdoms have been destroyed in the past 100 years, but the system remains.

It represents the complete and total annihilation of the entire SYSTEM or SUCCESSION of Gentile dominion.

The image cannot represent a single nation at a single time, because the image stood together and complete although the kingdoms of Babylon, Medes and Persians, Greeks, and Romans gave way to and succeeded each other, yet the image still stood.

Whatever the stone is that smites the image on the feet, it is going to destroy more than one kingdom.

Remember that the image represents not a single nation at a single time, but a succession or system of nations, or in other words, Gentile dominion as it came down from Nebuchadnezzar, Medes and Persians, Greeks, Romans, and the "toe kingdoms" of the eastern and western Roman Empire. Remember the all-inclusiveness of that dominion.

Read Daniel 2:31-45

34. A stone smote the image on the feet, and brake them in pieces.

35. Then was the iron, and the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold broken to pieces together, and became like chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them; and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

How can all these kingdoms which have existed in historical succession, be destroyed at once?

To destroy others in which they are submerged and included is to destroy them.

The beasts of Daniel 7: were to continue until the beast with ten horns - (little horn destroyed 3) was destroyed.

Vs. 14 Dominion to Christ.

The stone was not a "LITTLE STONE." It did not begin small, and then increase

as it rolled, until it was big enough to destroy Babylon.

It first smote the image on the feet, suddenly, completely destroying it; then rolled until it became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

What is the stone?

The christian world has generally taught that the stone was Christ or His Kingdom (church) established during his earthly ministry.

Could not be that, for the Roman Empire did not fall till 4 centuries later. Ten toe kingdoms not in existence.

Dan. 2:44 is cited: "And in the days of these kings (i.e., the kings of the toe kingdoms from Rome) shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

This assumption makes the kingdom of God an instrument of force and violence.
D.C. -

If Zion is the kingdom, as 102:9 says, Zion and the kingdom cannot be the destroying instrument, for

D.C. 45:12, 13, describe it as a city of refuge, a place of safety for the saints of the most high God...the terror of the Lord shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it...every man that will not take up his sword against his neighbor must needs flee to Zion for safety...it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another. If Zion or the kingdom is going to have to whip the whole world and destroy it, Zion and the kingdom too would be at war, and there would be no peace or safety anywhere!

The assumption that the "stone" is the kingdom creates another difficulty.

How shall the gospel of the kingdom be preached in all the world for a witness, and then shall the end come?

If the kingdom is to be established by destroying all other kingdoms, that is the end -- the day of judgment.

The gospel cannot be preached in all the world for a witness as long as Babylon rules. We cannot get into many countries now because of the Babylonian religious and political organizations which have dominion therein.

My interpretation is that the stone is a destroyer -- not necessarily formed or created by God, but permitted to become an instrument of destruction -- a destroyer which shall some day suddenly and completely destroy the very foundations of Gentile dominion, and then roll until it fills the whole earth, clearing the way for the kingdom.

Its relationship to the kingdom explained by D.C. 65 - "The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence (i.e. from the kingdom, or from Zion when it comes) shall the gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth, as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth ..."

AS the stone rolls forth.

AS may mean "in the manner that," in other words, the gospel (according to this Interpretation) would be the stone.

Or AS may mean, IN THE TIME WHEN. If we accept this interpretation, this verse means that when the stone rolls forth, the gospel will roll forth.

It cannot roll before then.

D.C. 36:12 - Righteousness and truth shall sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine elect from the four corners of the earth.

If the stone is not the kingdom, but a destroyer, then the destroyer in turn will have to be destroyed after a brief time of rule in which it fills the whole earth, destroying religious, social, economic, military, etc.

What is the STONE?

Communism seems to me to fill the bill. Notice that I do not say Russia. Communism has already destroyed the old kingdom of Russia. But Communism originated in Russia, among Russians. Russia is not the Babylonian succession - not one of the Roman Empire kingdoms. Not therefore a part of the image. The destroying stone was to come from a completely different source than the material of the image itself. "Not made with hands," as the image was.

In 1834 (D.C. 102:4) when Karl Marx was a young man, the Lord said, "The destroyer I have sent forth to lay waste and destroy mine enemies."

In ancient prophecy there is often a double meaning. What is partly fulfilled in one instance or one dispensation is a type or symbol of that which is to be completely fulfilled at some later time.

Jeremiah 51 is a prophecy of the destruction of Babylon. Ancient Babylon? Perhaps. But many of the facts of this prophecy do not fit. Many do.

Jer. 51:1 - I will raise up against Babylon a destroying wind.

Vs. 3 - Destroy ye utterly all her host. At the downfall of Babylon there was hardly a man killed. An army under Nabonidus fled before the army of Cyrus, and surrendered without a battle. In the city, Belshazzar was captured and killed by strategy.

Vs. 7 - Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken; the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad.

Rev. 17:4 - Woman arrayed in purple and scarlet color, decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication. Vs. 5 - And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH...

Woman drunken with the blood of the saints.

Jer. -

51:13 - O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasure, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.

Vs. 20 ff. Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war; for with thee will I

break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms...break in pieces horse and rider, chariot and rider, man and woman, old and young, young man and maid, shepherd and flock, husbandman and oxen, captains and rulers.

25. Behold I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth; and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and make thee a burnt mountain.

26. And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate forever, saith the Lord.

29. Make the land of Babylon desolation without an inhabitant.

33. The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor.

48. Spoilers shall come unto her from the north. The Persian came from the east to ancient Babylon.

Jeremiah 4:7 - The destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way. 4:24 - Mountains trembled, all the hills moved lightly.

Many others.

Does God ever use this kind of destroyer? Yes - he used Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Darius, etc. He maketh even the wrath of men to praise him.

He could permit communism to become the instrument of his wrath today.

Are we blind to its menace?

Hitler wrote MEIN KAMPF. No one paid any attention. A funny little paper hanger with a warped mind. He'll never do what he bragged about doing in that book. But he did.

BLUEPRINT FOR WORLD CONQUEST...A compilation of official communist documents which state their purpose, their intention, their methods.

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Communism claims the right to, and the intention of doing the following things:

Replace the capitalist system (Babylon) with communism.

Abolish national boundaries.

Abolish religion.

Destroy bourgeois armies, police, bureaucracy, hierarchy, judiciary, parliaments. etc.

Confiscate and nationalize all large private capitalistic undertakings.

Confiscate and nationalize all transportation, communication, land.

Repudiate state debts.

Control schools and education.

Overthrow all existing social conditions.

If communism accomplishes its avowed and recognized purpose, BABYLON WILL FALL. Every government, religion, institution, organization, and asset of our capitalistic, democratic, free way of life will be destroyed.

Dominion will be given to this destroying power so long as it suits God's purposes.

Notice that I don't say RUSSIA. Communism is infiltrated into every government, into every nation, into labor unions, into religion, into armies, police forces, etc.

It promises men a short cut, through violence and destruction, to the same things we promise them in the Kingdom of God.

It may not be so much a matter of one nation conquering another, as of every man lifting up his sword against his neighbor, as did the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Many scriptures tell of this final destruction of the wicked -- the fall of Babylon.

D.C. 84:1 - The parable of the wheat and the tares. Parallel Matt. 13:39.

The harvest is the end of the world, or the destruction of the wicked.

D.C. 38:3 - The angels are waiting the great command to reap down the earth, to gather the tares that they may be burned.

D.C. 98:9 - I must gather my people according to the parable of the wheat and the tares.

D.C. 63:13 - Entire separations of the righteous and the wicked -- Angels pluck them out.

Though Babylon's fall has been preparing, and even slowly taking place, the final destruction will be sudden.

Jer. 51:8 - Babylon is suddenly falled and destroyed....

Rev. 18 - Vs. 8 - Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire.

Vs. 10 - In one hour is thy judgment come.

Vs. 17 - For in one hour so great riches is come to naught.

Vs. 19 - For in one hour is she made desolate.

Isa. 47:9 - In a moment, in one day.

Jer. 4:20 - Suddenly, in a moment.

The fall of Babylon has been in preparation for a long time. Nations and men -- and the whole earth -- ripening in iniquity. The final act will be sudden, spectacular, devastating, complete.

Prophecy of the War of the Rebellion:
Dec. 25, 1832.

War will be poured out upon ALL NATIONS

.....Until the consumption decreed that made a full end of all nations.

PROPHECY OF WAR OF REBELLION
December 25, 1832

Verily thus saith the Lord concerning the wars that will shortly come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of South Carolina, which will eventually terminate in the death and misery of many souls. The days will come that war will be poured out upon all nations, beginning at that place; for Northern States, and the Southern States will call on other nations, even the nation of Great Britain, as it is called, and they shall also call upon other nations, in order to defend themselves against other nations; and thus war shall be poured out upon all nations. And it shall come to pass, after many days, slaves shall rise up against their masters, who shall be marshalled and disciplined for war. And it shall come to pass also, that the remnants (Indians) who are left of the land will marshall themselves, and shall become exceeding angry, and shall vex the Gentiles with a sore vexation; and thus with the sword, and by bloodshed, the inhabitants of the earth shall mourn; and with famine, and plague, and earthquakes, and the thunder of heaven, and the fierce and vivid lightning also, shall the inhabitants of the earth be made to feel the wrath and indignation, and chastening hand of an Almighty God, until the consumption decreed hath made a full end of all nations; that the cry of the Saints, and the blood of the Saints, shall cease to come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, from the earth, to be avenged by their enemies. Wherefore, stand ye in holy places, and be not moved, until the day of the Lord come; for behold it cometh quickly, saith the Lord. Amen.

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D.C. 1:6 - Peace shall be taken from the earth: The Lord have dominion over his saints. Come down in judgment.

D.C. 83:23 - Bishop Whitney to warn cities of New York, Albany, Boston....
Just those cities: Or are they a type of all other large cities of our day?
Cities are vulnerable.

D.C. 83:24 - Go...unto the great and notable cities and villages, reprovng the world, in righteousness, of all their unrighteousness and ungodly deeds, setting forth clearly and understandingly the desolation of abomination in the last days;

FOR WITH YOU, SAITH THE LORD ALMIGHTY, I WILL REND THEIR KINGDOMS...

Ye cannot see it now; yet a little while and ye shall see it, and know that I am, and that I will come and reign with my people.

D.C. 83:23 - ...let the bishop (N. K. Whitney) go unto the city of New York, and also the city of Albany, and also the city of Boston, and warn the people of these cities with the sound of the gospel, with a loud voice, of the desolation and utter abolishment which awaits them if they do reject these things; for if

they do reject these things, the hour of their judgment is nigh, and their house shall be left unto them desolate...

D.C. 83:24 - And verily I say unto you, the rest of my servants, Go ye forth as your circumstances shall permit, in your several callings, unto the great and notable cities and villages, reproving the world, in righteasness, of all their unrighteousness and ungodly deeds, setting forth clearly and understandingly the desolation of abomination in the last days; for with you, saith the Lord Almighty, I will rend their kingdoms; I will not only shake the earth, but the starry heavens shall tremble; for I, the Lord, have put forth my hand to exert the powers of heaven; Ye cannot see it now, yet a little while and ye shall see it, and know that I am, and that I will come and reign with my people. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Amen.

CHURCHES 2 Nephi 12

Content with one another.

Teach with their learning, deny Holy Ghost.

No God, no miracles.

Eat, drink, be merry.

Justified in a little sin. God will beat with few stripes and save you in the kingdom of heaven.

Pride, false teachers, false doctrine -- CHURCHES HAVE BECOME CORRUPTED.

They are led, and do err, because they are taught by precepts of men.

2 Nephi 12:20 - IN THE DAY THAT THEY ARE FULLY RIPE IN INIQUITY, THEY SHALL PERISH.

GREAT ABOMINABLE CHURCH MUST TUMBLE. KINGDOM OF DEVIL SHAKE.....

2 Nephi 12:21 - But behold, if the inhabitants of the earth shall repent of their wickedness and abominations, they shall not be destroyed, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Vs. 22 - But behold, that great and abominable church, the whore of all the earth, must tumble to the earth; and great must be the fall thereof: For the kingdom of the devil must shake, and they which belong to it must need be stirred up unto repentance, or the devil will grasp them with his everlasting chains, and they be stirred up to anger and perish;

Vs. 24 - For behold, at that day shall he rage in the hearts of the children of men, and stir them up to anger against that which is good....

1 Nephi 3:232-237 - Wrath of God poured out upon the great and abominable church, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among all the nations and kindreds of the earth.

Vs. 234 - Wrath of God is upon the mother of harlots.

Vs. 236 - When the day cometh that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose foundation is the devil, then at that day the work of the Father shall commence in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenant which he hath made to his people who are of the house of Israel.(Vs. 237)

1 Nephi 7:26 - And the blood of that great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall turn upon their own heads;

Vs. 27 - For they shall war among themselves, and the sword of their own hands shall fall upon their own heads, and they shall be drunken with their own blood.

Vs. 28 - And every nation which shall war against thee, O house of Israel, shall be turned one against another....

Vs. 30 - And all that fight against Zion shall be destroyed.

Vs. 31 - Great whore...shall tumble to the dust, and great shall be the fall of it.

Vs. 35 - He will not suffer that the wicked shall destroy the righteous.

Vs. 36 - Wherefore he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it be so that the fullness of his wrath must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire.

Vs. 37 - Wherefore, the righteous need not fear....

1 Nephi 7:50 - For the time speedily shall come, that all churches which are built up to get gain, and all those who are built up to get power over the flesh, and those who are built up to become popular in the eyes of the world, and those who seek the lusts of the flesh and the things of the world, and to do all manner of iniquity.

Vs. 51 - Yea, in fine, all those who belong to the kingdom of the devil, are they who need fear, and tremble, and quake; they are they who must be brought low in the dust; they are they who must be consumed as stubble. (Vs. 53)

3 Nephi 7:34,35 - At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations:

Vs. 35 - And if they shall do all these things, and shall reject the fullness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fullness of my gospel from among them...

Remember covenant to Israel...

Vs. 41 - And they (Gentiles) shall be as salt that hath lost its savour, which is thence forth good for nothing but to be cast out, and trodden under foot by my people, O house of Israel.

D.C. 34:3,4 - Folly and abomination of the Gentiles made manifest... Without faith shall not anything be shown forth except desolations on Babylon.

Vs.4-I have called upon the weak things of the world to thresh the nations by the power of my spirit.

The poor and the meek shall have the gospel preached unto them.

Parallel D.C. 108:11

D.C. 49:2 - I have sent unto you mine everlasting covenant even that which was from the beginning...and the nations of earth shall bow unto it, and if not of themselves, they shall come down...for that which is now exalted of itself shall be laid low of power.

D.C. 64:5 - I will not spare any that remaineth in Babylon.

D.C. 108:2 - Go ye out of Babylon. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord...Go ye out of Babylon; gather ye out from among the nations, from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

D.C. 108:4 - Go ye out from among the nations, even from Babylon, from the midst of wickedness, which is spiritual Babylon.

D.C. 98:12 - Let them importune at the feet of the judge; and if he heedeth them not, let them importune at the feet of the governor; and if the governor heed them not, let them importune at the feet of the president; and if the president heed them not, then will the Lord arise and come forth out of his hiding place, and in his fury vex the nation, and in his hot displeasure, and in his fierce anger, in his time will cut off those wicked, unfaithful, and unjust stewards, and appoint them their portion among hypocrites and unbelievers; even in outer darkness, where there is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. Pray ye therefore, that their eyes may be opened unto your cries, that I may be merciful unto them, that these things may not come upon them. What I have said unto you must needs be, that all men may be left without excuse, that wise men and rulers may hear and know that which they have never considered; that I may proceed to bring to pass my act, my strange act, and perform my work, my strange work. That men may discern between the righteous and the wicked, saith your God.

CF. 92:1 "Strange Act"

Isa. 28:21 "Strange Act"

WRATH OF GOD UPON MOTHER OF HARLOTS

1 Nephi 3:232-237 - And it came to pass that I beheld that the wrath of God was poured out upon the great and abominable church, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among all the nations and kindreds of earth. And as there began to be wars and rumors of wars among all the nations which belonged to the mother of abominations, the angel spake to me saying,

Vs. 234 - Behold, the wrath of God is upon the mother of harlots;

Vs. 235 - And behold, thou seest all these things;

Vs. 236 - And when the day cometh that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose foundation is the devil,

Vs. 237 - Then at that day, the work of the Father shall commence, in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenants which he hath made to this people, who are of the house of Israel.

CF. 1 Nephi 7:26-30
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1 Nephi 3:204-207 - They (Lamanites) shall no more be brought down into captivity; and the house of Israel shall no more be confounded; and that great pit which hath been digged for them by that great and abominable church, which was founded by the devil and his children, that he might lead away the souls of men down to hell; yes, that great pit which hath been digged for the destruction of men, shall be filled by those who digged it, unto their utter destruction, saith the Lamb of God.

(Work everlasting on the one hand or the other, vs. 215 following)

1 Nephi 7:26-30 - And the blood of the great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall turn upon their own heads; For they shall war among themselves, and the sword of their own hands shall fall upon their own heads, and they shall be drunken with their own blood. And every nation which shall war against thee, Oh, house of Israel, shall be turned ONE AGAINST ANOTHER. And they shall fall into the pit which they digged to ensnare the people of the Lord. And all that fight against Zion shall be destroyed.

Vs. 31 - And the great whore, who hath perverted the right ways of the Lord, yea, that great and abominable church, shall tumble to the dust; and great shall be the fall of it.

Vs. 32 - For behold, saith the prophet, the time cometh speedily that Satan shall have no more power over the hearts of the children of men:

Vs. 33 - For the day soon cometh, that all the proud, and they who do wickedly, shall be as stubble; and the day cometh that they must be burned.

Vs. ~~34-36~~ For the time soon cometh, that the fullness of the wrath of God shall be poured out upon all the children of men; for he will not suffer that the wicked shall destroy the righteous. Wherefore, he will preserve the righteous by his power, even if it so be that the fullness of his wrath must come, and the righteous be preserved, even unto the destruction of their enemies by fire.

THE ANCIENT CITY OF BABYLON (from Urian Smith's "Daniel and the Revelation," P. 46, 47)

The character of this empire is indicated by the nature of the material composing that portion of the image by which it was symbolized -- the head of gold. It was the golden kingdom of a golden age. Babylon, its metropolis, towered to a height never reached by any of its successors. Situated in the garden of the East; laid out on a perfect square sixty miles in circumference, fifteen miles on each side; surrounded by a wall three hundred and fifty feet high and eighty seven feet thick, with a moat, or ditch, around this, of equal cubic capacity with the wall itself; divided into six hundred and seventy-six squares, each two and a quarter miles in circumference, by its fifty streets, each one hundred and fifty feet in width, crossing each other at right angles, twenty-five running each way, every one of them straight and level and fifteen miles in length; its two hundred and twenty-five square miles of inclosed surface, divided as just described, laid out in luxuriant pleasure grounds and gardens, interspersed with magnificent dwellings--this city, with its sixty miles of moat, its sixty miles of outer wall, its thirty miles of river wall

through its center, its hundred and fifty gates of solid brass, its hanging gardens, rising terrace above terrace, till they equalled in height (sic) the walls themselves, its temple of Belus, three miles in circumference, its two royal palaces, one three and a half, and the other eight miles in circumference, with its subterranean tunnel under the River Euphrates connecting these two palaces, its perfect arrangements for convenience, ornament, and defense, and its unlimited resources, -- this city, containing in itself many things which were themselves wonders of the world, was itself another and still mightier wonder. Never before saw the earth a city like that; never since has it seen its equal. And there, with the whole earth prostrate at her feet, a queen in a peerless grandeur, drawing from the pen of inspiration itself this glowing title, "The glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency," sat this city, fit capital of that kingdom which constituted the golden head of this great historic image.

.....And there commenced the captive state of the church in a still broader sense; for ever since that time, the people of God have been in subjection to, and more or less oppressed by, earthly powers. And so they will be, till all earthly powers shall finally yield to Him whose right it is to reign. And lo, the day of deliverance draws on space. Ibid. P. 47

(Fourth kingdom, was divided into ten kingdoms)

"These are indeed reckoned up in several ways by different writers; according to the date assigned to the enumeration: But in general it is clear, that the principal kingdoms in Europe at this day, sprang from them, and comprise them, excepting some of the more northern regions, and those possessed by the Turks."

Scott's Bible - Comm. on Dan. 7:7
Page 663

Taber lists:

1. Ostrogoths of Mesia
2. Visigoths in Pannania
3. Sueves and Alms in Gasgoine and Spain
4. Vandals in Africa
5. Franks in France
6. Burgundians in Bergundy
7. Heruli and Turingi in Italy
8. Saxons and Anglo in Britain
9. Huns in Hungary
10. Lombars on Danube later in Italy

Bishop Lloyd - quoted Scott's Bible on Dan. 7:7, Page 663.

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| 1. Huns | 356 A.D. | |
| 2. Ostrogoths | 377 | |
| 3. Visigoths | 378 | |
| 4. Franks | 407 | |
| 5. Vandals | 407 | All of Western |
| 6. Sueves & Alans | 407 | Empire |
| 7. Burgundians | 407 | ***** |
| 8. Herulo & Rugii | 476 | |
| 9. Saxons | 476 | "All four beasts |
| 10. Lombards in Germany | 483 | still alive. |

10. Lombards in Hungary 526

#'s 8, 2, 10, eradicated by "Little Horn."

The dominion of 1st three was taken away.

10 Roman Kingdoms after Uriah Smith, Page 118

Huns
Ostrogoths
Visigoths
Franks
Vandals
Suevi
Burgundians
Heruli
Anglo Saxons
Oombards

At the opening of the Christian era, this empire (Roman) took in the whole south of Europe, France, England, and the greater part of the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the south of Germany, Hungary, Turkey, and Greece, not to speak of its possessions in Asia and Africa. Well therefore may Gibbon say of it: "The Empire of the Romans filled the world. And when that empire fell into the hands of a single person, the world became a safe and dreary prison for his enemies. To resist was fatal; and it was impossible to fly."

Page 57. Uriah Smith
Daniel and the Revelation

Zion will suffer in the downfall of Babylon, good people - because of geographical proximity -- and closeness of ties that bind us together -- will suffer loss -- be killed. Subject to laws of nature, subject to laws of nations. Serve in army, taxation, war work.

We are helpless now to deliver ourselves completely from Babylon.

We earn our living in Babylon.
Save our money in Babylon.
Find our entertainment in Babylon.
Find our worship in Babylon.
Supply our necessities, buy our food, clothing, water, gasoline, power, gas.
Seek our security (war, socialism).
Take our code of conduct.

64:5 - I will not spare any --

GOD'S WARNING TO AMERICA

By Evan A. Fry

No.4

SCRIPTURE: Ether 1:29-35

CALL TO WORSHIP: If the Gentiles will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come into the covenant, and be numbered among the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for an inheritance.

L.D.S. have derived from the Book of Mormon a peculiar attitude or philosophy towards the land of America.

THIS LAND IS A CHOICE LAND.

The location of a "New Jerusalem" (Zion) to which will be gathered the remnants of Israel (except Judah) including the Gentiles who are of Israel by adoption.

Book of Mormon says God kept it from the knowledge of other nations for a specific and special purpose.

It is Joseph's land -- the promised inheritance of this portion of Israel.

It is the land on which the free and democratic government was to be founded, under which the Restoration could be established.

It is the land on which the restored gospel was to be brought forth.

BECAUSE SO MUCH HAS BEEN GIVEN, MUCH IS EXPECTED:

D.C. 81:1 - Unto whom much is given much is required; he who sins against the greater light shall receive the greater condemnation. Cf. Luke 12:57 INSP. or 48 K. J.

THE BOOK OF MORMON PROMISES THAT America shall always be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles. II Nephi 7:18

No Kings II Nephi 7:18

Vs. 19 - I will fortify this land against all other nations;

Vs. 20 - He that fighteth against Zion shall perish.

Vs. 21 - I the Lord will be their King.

Choice land. Consecrated to thy seed forever.

Vs. 32 - I will have all men that dwell thereon that they shall worship me, saith God.

2 Nephi 7:17 - For behold, this land, saith God, shall be a land of thine inheritance, and the Gentiles shall be blessed upon the land. 18. And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles; and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles. 19, And I will fortify this land against all other nations; 20. And he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, saith God, for he that raiseth up a king against me, shall perish. 21. For I, the Lord, the King of Heaven will be their King; and I will

be a light unto them forever, that hear my words.

Vs. 30 - I will consecrate this land unto thy seed, and they who shall be numbered among they seed, forever, for the land of their inheritance; for it is a choice land saith God unto me, above all other lands:

Vs. 32 - Wherefore I will have all men that dwell thereon, that they shall worship me, saith God.

II Nephi 1 - 6

We have obtained a land of promise...choice above all other lands.

For Nephi's seed forever, and also all those who shall be led out of other countries by the hand of the Lord. (Vs. 9)

Vs. 12 - If they shall serve him, it shall be a land of liberty.

Vs. 13 - Shall never be brought down to captivity; if so, it shall be because of iniquity.

Vs. 14 - FOR IF INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND, CURSED SHALL BE THE LAND FOR THEIR SAKES. BUT UNTO THE RIGHTEOUS IT SHALL BE BLESSED FOREVER. Vs.15

II Nephi 1:6-15 - ...We have obtained...a land of promise, a land which is choice above all other lands; a land which the Lord our God hath convenanted with me (Lehi) should be the land for the inheritance of my seed.

Vs. 8.- Yes, the Lord hath convenanted this land unto me, and to my children forever;

Vs. 9 - And also all those who shall be led out of other countries by the hand of the Lord.

Vs. 10 - Wherefore, I, Lehi, prophesy according to the workings of the Spirit which is in me, that there shall none come into this land save they shall be brought by the hand of the Lord.

Vs. 11 - Wherefore, this land is consecrated unto him whom he shall bring.

Vs. 12 - And if it so be that they shall serve him according to the commandments which he hath given, it shall be a land of liberty unto them;

Vs. 13 - Wherefore they shall never be brought down into captivity, if so, it shall be because of iniquity.

Vs. 14 - For if iniquity shall abound, cursed shall be the land for their sakes.

Vs. 15 - But unto the righteous it shall be blessed forever.

II Nephi 2:3 (Lehi to Joseph, his last born)

And may the Lord consecrate also unto thee this land, which is a most precious land, for thine inheritance and the inheritance of thy seed with they brethren, for thy security forever, IF IT SO BE THAT YE SHALL KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.

Continued in 3:8 (to sons of Laman)

The Lord God hath said, That inasmuch as ye shall keep my commandments, ye shall prosper in the land; 9 - And inasmuch as ye will not keep my commandments, ye shall be cut off from my presence.

Enos 1:14-15 - I will visit thy brethren according to their diligence in keeping my commandments. I have given unto them this land; and it is a holy land; and I curse it not, save it be for the cause of iniquity.

Vs. 16 - Wherefore, I will visit thy brethren, according as I have said; and their transgressions will I bring down with sorrow upon their own heads.

Democracy

Mosiah 13:35 ff - Now it is not common that the voice of the people desireth anything contrary to that which is right; but it is common for the lesser part of the people to desire that which is not right;

Vs. 36 - Therefore this shall ye observe, and make it your law to do your business by the voice of the people.

Vs. 37 - And if the time comes that the voice of the people doth choose iniquity, then is the time that the judgments of God will come upon you;

Vs. 38 - Yea, then is the time he will visit you with great destruction, even as he hath hitherto visited this land.

Vs. 43 - The sins of many people have been caused by the iniquities of their kings... 45. I desire that this be a land of liberty, and every man may enjoy his rights and privileges alike.

Alma 21:17 ff - Thus saith the Lord God: Cursed shall be the land, yea, this land, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, unto destruction, which do wickedly, when they are fully ripe;

Vs. 18 - And as I have said, so shall it be; for this is the cursing and the blessing of God upon the land, for the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance.

Words of Moroni, compiler of B.M.

ETHER 1:29-35

And the Lord would not suffer that they should stop beyond the sea in the wilderness, but he would that they should come forth even unto the land of promise, which was choice above all other lands, which the Lord God had preserved for a righteous people;

30. And he had sworn in his wrath unto the brother of Jared, that whose should possess this land of promise, from that time henceforth and forever, should serve Him, the true and only God, or they should be swept off when the fullness of His wrath should come upon them.

31. And now we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fullness of His wrath should come upon them.

32. And the fullness of His wrath cometh upon them when they are RIPENED IN

INIQUITY; for behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God, or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God.

33. And it is not until the fullness of iniquity among the children of the land, that they are swept off.

34. And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God, that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fullness come, that ye may not bring down the fullness of the wrath of God upon you, as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done.

35. Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it, shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ who hath been manifested by the things which we have written.

Other references to "choice land"

Ether 6:3

Wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve Him, who dwell upon the face thereof; and that it was the place of the New Jerusalem.

Ether 4:79

And they were in a land that was choice above all other lands, for the Lord had spoken it.

Ether 4:22

And thus the Lord did pour out His blessings upon this land, which was choice above all other lands; and He commanded that whoso should possess the land, should possess it unto the Lord, or they should be destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity; for upon such, saith the Lord, I will pour out the fullness of my wrath.

(Israel shall be gathered...)

3 Nephi 9:51

And I say unto you that if the Gentiles do not repent, after the blessing which they shall receive, after they have scattered my people, then shall ye who are a remnant of the house of Jacob go forth among them, (Cf. Micah 5:7,8)

52. ...And ye shall be in the midst of them, who shall be many; and ye shall be among them, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, and as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who if he goeth through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

53. Thy hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off...(Gather my people)

56. And it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that the sword of my justice shall hang over them at that day; and except they repent, it shall fall upon them, saith the Father, yea, even upon all the nations of the Gentiles.

3 Nephi 9:66

65. (Holy Ghost poured out upon Gentiles, scatter and scourge Israel)

66. Nevertheless, when they shall have received the fullness of My gospel, then if they will harden their hearts against me, I will return their iniquities upon their own heads, saith the Father.

WE MADE BOLD CLAIMS AS A CHURCH

D.C. 1:1

The day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of His servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people....

1 Nephi 3:212

Whoso repenteth not, must perish.

213. Therefore, woe be unto the Gentiles, if it so be that they harden their hearts against the Lamb of God;

214. For the time cometh, saith the Lamb of God, that I will work a great and marvelous work among the children of men;

215. A work which shall be everlasting, either on the one hand or on the other;

216. Either to the convincing them unto peace and life eternal, or unto the deliverance of them to the hardness of their hearts and the blindness of their minds, unto their being brought down into captivity and also unto destruction, both temporally and spiritually, according to the captivity of the devil, of which I have spoken.

D.C. 34:3

Without faith shall not anything be shown forth except desolations upon Babylon, the same which has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And there are none that doeth good except those who are ready to receive the fullness of My gospel, which I have sent forth unto this generation.

This does not mean that we believe that all who are not members of our church are doomed, or going to hell.

We have not yet preached the gospel with power, nor witnessed with deeds as well as words.

But it does mean that there will come a time when men will have to stand up and be counted. If this is God's church, the instrument of His deliverance and salvation, temporal as well as spiritual, then those who have truly accepted it, who have heard and obeyed the voice of His modern apostles, prophets, and servants, will be saved. Those who have rejected it will be lost.

The Book of Mormon is even more specific.

3 Nephi 9: pages 662, 663

92. B.M. to Gentiles, "for this cause, that the Gentiles, if they will not harden their hearts...may repent and come unto me, and be baptized in My name... be numbered among My people, O house of Israel..."

93. A sign of the commencement of the gathering of Israel.

95. In that day, for My sake shall the father work a work, which shall be a great and marvelous work among them; although a man shall declare it unto them

(A great prophet, under whose direction
Israel's gathering shall be accomplished.)

98. Therefore it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not believe in My words, who am Jesus Christ, whom the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, and shall give him power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles, it shall be done even as Moses said, they shall be cut off from among My people who are of the covenant.

99. Remnant of Jacob go among them as a lion among flocks of sheep...tread down, tear in pieces, etc.

3 Nephi 7: pages 645-6-7

Page 645...3 Nephi 7:

Other sheep.

Others not of this land nor of Jerusalem.

These things ye shall write, shall be kept, and manifested to the Gentiles (vs. 28) Through Gentiles, remnant scattered on whole earth shall be brought in...

29. Then will I gather them from four quarters of earth.

30. Blessed are the Gentiles because of their belief in me.

32. Woe to the unbelieving of the Gentiles...

34. At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against My gospel, and shall reject the fullness of My gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations:

35. And if they shall do all these things, and shall reject the fullness of My gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fullness of My gospel from among them;

36. And then will I remember My covenant which I have made unto My people, O house of Israel, and I will bring My gospel unto them;

37. And I will shew unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you, but I will remember My covenant unto you, O house of Israel, and ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fullness of My gospel.

38. If Gentiles repent, numbered among house of Israel.

40. If not, I will suffer them, yea, I will suffer My people, O house of Israel, that they shall go through among them, and shall tread them down.

41. And they shall be as salt that hath lost its savor, which is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of My people, O house of Israel.

3 Nephi 9:101-106

Yea, woe be unto the Gentiles, except they repent, for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots, and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds; and I will cut off withcrafts out of thy hand, and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: (103) Thy graven images will I also cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. And it shall come to pass that all lyings, and deceivings, and envyings, and strifes, and priestcrafts and whoredoms, shall be done away. For it shall come to pass, saith the Father that at that day, whosoever will not repent and come unto My beloved Son, them will I cut off from among My people, O house of Israel, and I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard.

Chapter 10 gives promises if they WILL repent.

Gentiles come into covenant, numbered among people of Jacob who have been given this land for an inheritance.

Many of Israel shall come - build new Jerusalem.

Power of heaven come down among them.

Work of Father commence among all dispersed and lost, whereby they may come unto me.

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3 Nephi 10 gives certain promises to Gentiles if they accept and repent.

I will establish My church among them.

They shall come into covenant - be numbered among Jacob.

Build new Jerusalem.

Assist in gathering of Israel.

Power of heaven come down among them.

I will be in their midst.

At that day work of Father commence among all the dispersed of My people.

They shall go out from all nations.

Warnings in D.C.

98:12 - Then will the Lord arise and come forth out of His hiding place, and in His fury vex the nation, and in His hot displeasure, and in His fierce anger, in His time, will cut off these wicked, unfaithful, and unjust stewards, and appoint them their portion among hypocrites and unbelievers; even in outer darkness, where there is weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. Pray ye, therefore, that their ears may be opened unto your cries, that I may be merciful unto them, that these things may not come upon them.

Must needs be...that men are left without excuse...that I may proceed to bring to pass My act, My strange act, My work, My strange work, that men may discern between righteous and the wicked, saith your God.

D.C. 105:9-10

Darkness covereth the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people, and all flesh has become corrupt before My face. Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth - a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of moaning, and of lamentation - and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth, saith the Lord.

10. And upon My house shall it begin, and from My house shall it go forth, saith the Lord. First among those among you, saith the Lord, who have professed to know My name and have not known Me, and have blasphemed against Me in the midst of My house, saith the Lord.

D. C. 108:1 (Hearken to the word of the Lord)

...who shall come down upon the world with a curse of judgment, yea, upon all the nations which forget God, and upon all the ungodly among you. For he shall make bear His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of their God.

2. Go ye out from Babylon...

3. Send forth the elders...cry, Go ye forth to the land of Zion...

Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord.

D. C. 1:3 - He that will not hear the words of mine apostles, prophets, etc., shall be cut off.

D.C. 45:12, 13

New Jerusalem, land of peace, city of refuge, a place of safety for saints of Most High God.

13. Among the wicked, every man that will not take up his sword against his neighbor must needs flee unto Zion for safety. Gathered unto it from every nation under heaven.

D.C. 65 - May kingdom of God go forth, that the kingdoms of heaven may come... that thine enemies may be subdued.

D.C. 52:3 - I will cut My work short in righteousness, for the days cometh that I will send forth judgment unto victory. (The kingdom of God to triumph)

D.C. 94:5

...behold and lo, vengeance cometh speedily upon the ungodly, as the whirlwind, and who shall escape it; the Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day, and the report thereof shall vex all people; yet, it shall not be stayed until the Lord come; for the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations, and all their wicked works; things whatsoever I have commanded her, but if she observe not to do whatsoever I have commanded her, I will visit her according to all her works, with sore affliction, with pestilence, with plague, with sword, with vengeance, with devouring fire...

D.C. 102:4

Behold, the destroyer I have sent forth to destroy and lay waste mine enemies; and not many years hence, they shall not be left to pollute mine heritage, and to blaspheme my name upon the lands which I have consecrated for the gathering together of My saints.

Isaiah 47

WARNINGS TO AMERICA

America is formed of peoples from Roman toe kingdoms. One of the youngest of nations in that succession. Truly, U. S. is the feet on which world stands. Virgin daughter of Babylon, verse 1.

Sit on the ground....Menial
No throne (government)
No more be tender and delicate
Set to grinding meal (2)

6. Persecution of remnant (American Indians?)

8. Given to pleasures, dwellest carelessly.

I am; none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children.

9. These two things shall come in a moment - in one day - the loss of children and widowhood.

10. Thou hast trusted in thy wickedness. Wisdom and knowledge hath perverted thee.

11. Desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.

14. They (star gazers, astrologers) shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before.

Isaiah 13 - The desolation of Babylon (double meaning)

Not yet fulfilled. The conditions of this prophecy do not match the history of the fall of ancient Babylon. The Babylon of Nebr. fell to Medes and Persians, neighboring nation.

4. The Lord of hosts mustereth the host of battle.

5. They come from a far country, from the ends of heaven, yea, the Lord and the weapons of his indignation to destroy the whole land.

Howl ye.

Every man's heart shall be faint.

Vs.9

Day of the Lord cometh cruel both with wrath and with fierce anger, to lay the land desolate, and he shall destroy the sinners out of it.

10. Stars and constellations of heaven shall not give their light, sun darkened in his going forth, moon not causes light to shine. I will punish the world for their evil.

13. Shake the heavens, earth remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, in the day of His fierce anger.

20. Babylon - i.e. system as well as place - shall be as Sodom and Gomorrah, never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.

22. Her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged for I will destroy her speedily; I will be merciful unto My people, but the wicked shall perish.

In ancient Babylon's fall, no great nation was brought from afar; land was not laid desolate; (has since been inhabited) - sinners were not destroyed out of it, for city was taken without resistance; sun not darkened; earth did not move; etc.

Isaiah 10

Again seemingly a double meaning. Partly fulfilled in the destruction of ancient Babylon, partly not.

Vs. 3 - What will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? (Seemingly addressed to Israel about the conquest from Assyria, but Assyria was a neighboring nation - almost next door.)

O Assyrian, the rod of Mine anger, and the staff in their hand is Mine indignation.

6. I will send him against a hypocritical nation (Israel?) against the people of My wrath will I give him charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

(But the Assyrian destroyer becomes proud, thinks he has done these things in his own strength.)

17. The Light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame; and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day....few survivors.

20. And it shall come to pass, in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

21. The remnant shall return, yea, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

24. Be not afraid of the Assyrian.

25. Yet a little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

26. And the Lord shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb....

(The destroyer shall be destroyed, after he destroys the hypocritical nation.)

Isaiah 28

Verse 5 indicates that this prophecy is for a latter day "In that day shall the Lord of Hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty unto the residue of his people."

The chapter begins, "Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephriam...

Vs. 2. "Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to earth with the hand. 3. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephriam, shall be trodden under feet...

Vs. 21. For the Lord shall rise up as in Mount Perazim, (two battles fought by David against the Philistines, in which he won a crushing victory. See 2 Sam. 5:17-25) and the utter destruction of the five Canaanite tribes who came up to destroy the Gibeonites and the army of Israel, by the hand of the Lord. Joshua - 3:10. That he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

Jeremiah 51

The Babylon of this prophecy is not ancient Babylon. Not a man was lost in the capture of that city.

Nabonadius, king of Babylon, knew that Medo-Persia had designs on him; therefore fortified his country. When Medes appeared, Nabonadius met them at the northern frontier, and was defeated in battle of Sippara. Cyrus marched unopposed to the capital, Babylon, to find the gates wide open for him. Not a man was killed in the taking of the city. Vs. 22

Note that his prophecy was to come in the last days, in the days of the Lord's vengeance.

In the day when the Lord should remember not only Judah, but all Israel. There had been no move to restore Israel from 721 B.C. until now.

"All nations" made to drink of her golden cup. This true only of the successive nations of Babylon - the series of empires and kingdoms extending from Nebuchadnezzar (Cf. Rev. 17:4, for golden cup)

"The Lord hath brought forth our righteousness," i.e., Babylon's fall and Israel's restoration are closely related - as many other prophecies indicate...

Jeremiah-

The desolation will be complete..."I will make thee a burnt mountain; Vs. 25, 26, 29, 37, 40, 58, 62, 64. Thou shalt be desolate forever. The lands shall trouble and sorrow. Babylon shall become heaps.

America can repent, serve God, accept Christ as King, and claim the promises of God's protection.

If so, no foreign foe can touch us.

If not, no defense can save us.

D.C. 49:2

I will that all men shall repent, for all are under sin; except them which I have reserved unto myself, holy men that ye know not of; wherefore I say unto you, that I have sent unto you mine everlasting covenant, even that which was from the beginning, and that which I have promised I have so fulfilled, and the nations of earth shall bow to it; and if not of themselves, they shall come down, for that which is not exalted of itself shall be laid low of power...

We can build a righteous nation and a righteous government which shall give allegiance to Christ at His coming, and be absorbed as parts of His kingdom, or we can build a nation that must be destroyed and brought down as unworthy

to be a part of His kingdom.

Which way, America?

Sources of Spiritual Power

RIGHTEOUSNESS

This land is a choice land, blessed for the use of the righteous forever.

Unto wicked cursed forever.

God does not grant power to a wicked man, save it be to punish another wicked man. Wickedness is destructive; it destroys itself and all about it. Hitler and Mussolini carried down their whole nations to destruction.

Righteousness is power.

My strength is as the strength of ten.

Because my heart is pure.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous is bold as a lion.

God grants His spiritual power only to those who have proved themselves capable of handling that power without disaster to themselves and those about them.

What if Hitler had had the power of an Enoch - to turn rivers out of their course, remove mountains, stop the mouths of lions, etc.

We shall receive power as we grow in righteousness, and in ability to use that power.

THE GATHERING OF ISRAEL

No. 5

By Evan A. Fry

SCRIPTURE: Jer. 23:1-8

In spite of God's vengeance upon Israel - her scattering, the promises are many and sure that she shall be gathered again in the last days.

That dominion shall again be shifted from Gentile Babylon to Israel, where it rightfully belongs.

There is scarcely a subject in the Bible, unless it be Christ himself, which is mentioned more frequently than the gathering of Israel.

Likewise in the Book of Mormon, and to a lesser extent in Doctrine and Covenants.

Rom. 11:1

Hath God cast away his people? God forbid.

Vs. 18 - Boast not against the branches, for thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Vs. 24 - Wild olive tree.

The parable of the olive tree.

Paul in Romans 11, makes rather vague reference to a parable of an olive tree, into which Israel is grafted in, after the natural branches, because of unbelief, had been broken off.

This complete parable in Book of Mormon, 3rd Chapter, Jacob.

Vs. 31 - Israel a tame olive tree. Began to decay. Pruned - nourished. Put forth some young and tender branches, but main top began to perish.

Vs. 36 - Withered branches plucked away, burned. Tender shoots grafted "whithersoever I will" to preserve the fruit. (Vs. 37.)
(Vs. 46-48 - to "nethermost parts of vineyard." Vs. 63. Poorest spot of vineyard (captivity?)

Vs. 40 - Graft in branches of wild olive tree.

53-4 - Fruit of grafted in wild branches good, because of strength of root.

58 - In nethermost parts, natural branches grafted elsewhere the fruit is good.

68.- Another branch is good spot of ground ... (America) Only a part brings forth good fruit. Pluck off the unfruitful branches. (Vs. 69.)

74.- All sorts of fruit did cumber the tree.

77 - Another visit. Branches grafted into the natural tree now bearing bitter fruit. (Gentiles) Bad fruit of all kinds. (Vs. 78.)

81 - Tree profits nothing, though branches have nourished and kept the roots alive, so that roots are still good. (Vs. 81.)

85-87. Fruit of natural branches also corrupt - natural branches which have been grafted in the nethermost parts of vineyard. Therefore, all fruit is corrupt.

89. What could I have done more: Destroy all and start over?

93. Even that branch in a choice spot is corrupt.

105. Because of the LOFTINESS of the branches.

112. Take branches planted in nethermost parts. Graft them into the tree from whence they came. Pluck from the tree those branches whose fruit is bitter.

120. Pluck not the wild branches from the tree, except the most bitter. Pluck from the trees the branches that must perish.

126. Prune vineyard for last time. Vs. 128, 135, 138, 145, 149, 153.

127. Graft in branches, that last may be first, and first last.

132. Clear away bad as good shall grow.

151. When evil fruit again comes in, then will I cause both good and bad to be gathered.

There is hardly a subject upon which you find more prophecies in Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine and Covenants, than this subject of the Restoration of Israel.

Remember - Israel divided into two kingdoms.

Ten tribes scattered and lost.

Probably that they do not know who they are; certainly the world does not know.

The promises are to ALL of Israel, not just to the Jews, who are of the tribe of Judah.

THE SCATTERING OF ISRAEL

Israel divided into northern and southern kingdom, or Israel and Judah.

The northern kingdom of Israel, with 10 tribes, ceased to be about 722 A.D. when Sargon of Assyria destroyed the kingdom and exiled 27,290 Israelites. Colonized Samaria with a different race which mixed with the farmer and artisan classes left behind to form the Samaritans, whom the Jews hated.

The Kingdom of Judah was destroyed with the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, 586 B.C., but a sort of puppet kingdom was maintained until the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D., when Judah as well as Israel was scattered.

Daniel 7:27

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Micah 4:7 (8 Insp.)

And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast afar a strong nation; and the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion from henceforth, even forever....unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

The Jews (tribes of Judah and Benjamin - Paul was of Benjamin) have kept their identity wherever they have been driven.

There are Jews almost everywhere - black Jews in Africa, Japanese Jews in Japan, Jews in every nation of Europe - all of whom have maintained their identity, their peculiar worship, their hope of a Messiah.

No one knows where Israel is.

Some perhaps absorbed into the kingdom of Judah.

Lost to history.

Sources of conjectures.

Some to America, according to Book of Mormon.

All of these are to be sought out and gathered, if worthy.

ISRAEL IN HEATHEN NATIONS

D.C. 87:3....perfected (in school of prophets) in their ministry for the salvation of Zion, and of the nations of Israel, and of the Gentiles, as many as will believe, that through your administrations they may receive the word, and through their administration the word may go forth to the ends of the earth, unto the Gentiles first, and then, behold and lo, it shall turn unto the Jews; and then cometh the day when the arm of the Lord shall be revealed in power in convincing the nations, the heathen nations, the house of Joseph, of the gospel of their salvation.

4. For it shall come to pass in that day, that every man shall hear the fullness of the gospel in his own tongue and in his own language, through those who are ordained unto this power, by the administration of the Comforter shed forth upon them, for the revelation of Jesus Christ.

THE ISLES OF THE SEA, AND THE FOUR PARTS OF EARTH

2 Nephi 7:12 - believe in Christ

When the day cometh that they shall believe in me, that I am Christ, then have I covenanted with their fathers that they shall be restored in the flesh upon the earth unto the lands of their inheritance.

13. And it shall come to pass that they shall be gathered in from their long dispersion from the isles of the sea, and from the four parts of the earth. Gentiles shall be great in carrying them to lands of their inheritance.

Kings shall be their nursing fathers, etc. vs. 14, 15, 16, 17.

THIS land, their inheritance.

Gentiles blessed upon this land. Freedom. No kings.

Zech. 10-9

I will sow them among the people; they shall remember me in far countries, they shall live with their children, and turn again.

3 Nephi 2:107

And as surely as the Lord liveth will he gather in from the four quarters of the earth, all the remnant of the seed of Jacob, who are scattered abroad UPON ALL THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

3 Nephi 9:49

O house of Israel, and then shall the remnants which shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the earth, be gathered in from the east and from the west, and from the south, and from the north; and they shall be brought to the knowledge of the Lord their God, who hath redeemed them.

Jer. 23:1-8

Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, saith the Lord.

2. Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; ye have scattered my flock and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord.

3. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4. And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the Lord.

5. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise up unto David, a righteous branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, the Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but,

8. But, the Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

CF. Jer. 16:14-16

Jer. 16:14-16

Therefore, behold the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said, the Lord liveth that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but the Lord liveth that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them; and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks, ...For mine eyes are upon all their ways, they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

See D.C. 108:6
Jer. 23:8
Jer. 31:8
E.M. Ether 6:12

Jer. 46:27-28

Fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the Lord, for I am with thee... FOR I WILL MAKE A FULL END OF ALL THE NATIONS WHITHER I HAVE DRIVEN THEE; but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

THIS GATHERING WILL BE THE WORK OF GOD, NOT OF MEN.

So great, so sweeping, so miraculous, so spectacular is this event of the gathering to be that it will dwarf even the miracle of the deliverance from Egypt. Powerful and miraculous intervention of God.

Called "my strange act," "My strange work."

Isa. 28:21

For the Lord will rise up as in mount Perazim; he shall be wroth in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

Cf. D.C. 98:12, 92:1

98:12. What I have said unto you must needs be that all men may be left without excuse; that wise men and rulers may hear and know that which they have not considered; that I may bring to pass my act, my strange act, and perform my work, my strange work.

92:1. Build house "for the preparation wherewith I design to prepare mine apostles to prune my vineyard for the last time, that I may bring to pass my strange act, that I may pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."

Ezek. 20:33

As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you.

34. And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

Gathering preceded by the fall of Babylon!

A PREREQUISITE OF THE GATHERING IS ISRAEL'S ACCEPTANCE OF CHRIST AS THEIR KING, MESSIAH, REDEEMER.

This means that there must be ways provided for them to hear Christ preached, his gospel.

That is why the destruction of Babylon is necessary. That is why the endowment will be given, with its power and miraculous manifestations of guidance, etc.

D.C. 36:12

Righteousness and truth shall sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine elect from the four quarters of the earth.

1 Nephi 5:253-4

Nevertheless, when that day cometh saith the prophet, that they no more turn their hearts against the Holy one of Israel, then will he remember the covenants which he made to their fathers; yea, then will he remember the isles of the sea.

255. Yea, and all the people who are of the house of Israel, will I gather in saith the Lord, according to the words of the prophet Zenos, from the four quarters of the earth.

3 Nephi 9:69

And it shall come to pass that the time cometh when the fullness of my gospel shall be preached unto them, and they shall believe in me, that I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and shall pray unto the Father in my name. Then the prophecies of Isaiah 52 fulfilled.

2 Nephi II:27-28

And when that day shall come, that they shall believe in Christ and worship the Father in his name, with pure hearts and clean hands, and look not forward any more for another Messiah, then, at that time, the day will come that it must needs be expedient that they should believe these things, and the Lord will set his hand again the second time to restore his people from their lost and fallen state.

2 Nephi III:21, 22 Jesus shall manifest himself to people of Jerusalem in flesh. They shall scourge and crucify him, harden hearts, stiffen necks, be smitten and afflicted, driven to and fro.

2 Nephi 5:29 also Vs. 35 to 38

...Nevertheless, the Lord will be merciful unto them, that when they shall come to the knowledge of the redeemer, they shall be gathered together again to the lands of their inheritance...Vs. 35. For the people of the Lord are they who wait for him; for they still wait for the coming of the Messiah. Messiah will set himself the second time to recover them. Wherefore he will manifest himself unto them in power and great glory, unto the destruction of their enemies, when that day cometh when they shall believe in him; and none will be destroyed that believe in him.

39. And they that believe not in him, shall be destroyed, both by fire, and by tempest, and by earthquakes, and by bloodsheds, and by pestilence, and by famine.

40. And they shall know that the Lord is God, and the Holy One of Israel.

Mormon 2:41

(These things are written unto the remnant of the house of Jacob)

41. And behold they shall go unto the unbelieving of the Jews, and for this intent shall they go; that they may be persuaded that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

42. That the Father may bring about through his most beloved, his great and eternal purpose, in restoring the Jews, or all the house of Israel, to the land of their inheritance which the Lord their God hath given them, unto the fulfilling

of his covenant...etc.

2 Nephi 12:85-86

And it shall come to pass that the Jews which are scattered also shall begin to believe in Christ; and they shall begin to gather in upon the face of the land; and as many as shall believe in Christ shall also become a delightsome people.

Another feature of this gathering, or even a prerequisite, is that the enmity between Israel and Judah shall cease - Ephriam and Judah shall again become one.

Ezekiel 37 (Two sticks)

Read verses 21,22 - And say unto them, thus saith the Lord God; behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land;

22. And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all; and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all...

24. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd...My servant David shall be their prince forever. Vs. 21-25

JUDAH AND ISRAEL SHALL WALK TOGETHER.

Jer. 3:17, 18

At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem; neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

18. For in those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

Jer. 30:3

For lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people ISRAEL and JUDAH, saith the Lord; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

Jer. 31:31

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of ISRAEL, and with the house of JUDAH;

32. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith the Lord;

33. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people...

34. ...they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them...

Isaiah 11:12

Set up an ensign for the nations; and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

13. The envy also of Ephriam shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall not vex Ephriam.

16. And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left from Assyria, like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the

land of Egypt.

Zach. 12:10

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born son.

WHO IS ISRAEL TODAY?

Not all of Jacob's (Israel's) posterity are truly of Israel.

Rom. 9:6,7 "They are not all Israel which are of Israel,"

7. Neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children; but in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

All the natural children of Jacob were not included in the birthright blessing, but only those from Isaac. So not all of the people who may have lineal descent from Israel are to be numbered with Israel.

The criterion is OBEDIENCE - Loyalty to the King and Messiah.

Gentiles who come under the covenant, give their allegiance to the King, the Messiah, become Israel by adoption.

They too shall be gathered.

WHY GATHER?

For fellowship, togetherness, mutual helpfulness.

That we might warn by flight from Babylon.

That we might have a collective witness.

That we might escape the judgments and desolations coming upon the world.

(But he that seeketh to save his life shall lose it.)

Many need to stay and warn their neighbor.

D.C. 36:12

Great tribulations shall be among the children of men...but my people will I preserve; and righteousness and truth will I send down out of heaven, and truth will I send forth out of the earth, to bear testimony of mine only begotten, his resurrection from the dead...and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out my own elect from the four quarters of the earth to a place which I shall prepare; a Holy City, that My people may gird up their loins, and be looking for the time of my coming, for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem.

D.C. 45:12

Gather ye out from the eastern lands, assemble yourselves together, O ye elders of my church; go ye forth unto the western countries, call upon the inhabitants to repent, and inasmuch as they do repent, build up churches unto me; and with one heart and with one mind gather up your riches that ye may purchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed unto you, and it shall be called the New Jerusalem, a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the

saints of the most high God; and the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it; and it shall be called Zion.

13. And it shall come to pass among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee to Zion for safety. And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another. And it shall be said among the wicked, let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible, wherefore we cannot stand.

14. And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion singing, with songs of everlasting joy.

D.C. 83 gives place of New Jerusalem.
Vs. I, 2 Built by the gathering of the saints.

108:10 - And the angel of his presence saved them.

3 Nephi 9:56. Sword of my justice shall hang over them (gentiles) in that day.

57. And it shall come to pass that I will establish my people, O house of Israel.

58. And behold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it shall be a New Jerusalem.

59. And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people; yea, even I will be in the midst of you.

3 Nephi 10:1-7

(Ch. 9, warnings to Gentiles)

But if they will repent, and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come into the covenant, and be numbered among the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance, and they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob;

2. And also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem;

3. And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem.

4. And then shall the power of heaven come down among them, and then shall the work of the Father commence, at that day even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people.

5. ...At that day shall the work of my Father commence among all the dispersed of my people; yea, even among the tribes which have been lost, which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem.

8. They shall go out from all nations...

Then follows a quotation of Isaiah 54.

Ether 6:3-8

Wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him who dwell upon the face thereof; and that it was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord.

4. Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land; and he spake also concerning the house of Israel,

and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come; that after it should be destroyed, it should be built up again a holy city unto the Lord.

5. Wherefore it could not be a new Jerusalem...

6. A New Jerusalem should be built upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph...

8. Remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built up upon this land, and it shall be a land of their inheritance; and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto Jerusalem of old; and they shall be no more confounded, until the end come, when the earth shall pass away.

Ether 6:3-10 And they will build up an Holy City unto the Lord.
D.C. 108:5-6

Christ shall stand upon Mount Olivet, and upon the mighty ocean, even the great deep, and upon the islands of the sea, and upon the land of Zion; and he shall speak from Jerusalem; and his voice shall be heard among all people.

Deep driven back into the north countries, islands become one land.

Land of Jerusalem and land of Zion turned back into their own place, earth shall be as it was before it was divided.

Par. 6. And they who are in the north countries shall come in remembrance before the Lord, and their prophets shall hear his voice, and shall no longer stay themselves, and they shall smite the rocks...

ice flow down

highway cast up in the midst of the great deep.

And they shall fall down and be crowned with glory in Zion.

The gathering will be largely God's work, not ours.

B.M. Jacob 3,
The parable of the wheat and the tares.

The gathering is done by the angels of heaven.

Good grain gathered into garner.

Tares gathered in bundles to be burned.

But we have a part to perform.

Elect hear and are gathered - hour right - earth ripe - whore church destroyed.

D.C. 28:2

...ye are called to bring to pass the gathering of mine elect, for mine elect hear my voice and harden not their hearts; wherefore the decree hath gone forth from the Father that they shall be gathered in unto one place, upon the face of this land, to prepare their hearts, and be prepared in all things, against the day when tribulation and desolation are sent forth upon the wicked; for the hour is nigh, and the day soon at hand, when the earth is ripe and all the proud, and they that do wickedly, shall be as stubble, and I will burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that wickedness shall not be upon the earth; for the hour is nigh, and that which was spoken by mine apostles must be fulfilled, for as they spoke, so shall it come to pass; for I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years, AND THE WICKED SHALL NOT STAND.

D.C. 28:4

Before this great day shall come, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall be turned into blood, and the stars shall fall from heaven; and there shall be greater signs in heaven above, and in the earth beneath; and there shall be weeping and wailing among the hosts of men; and there shall be a great

hailstorm sent forth to destroy the crops of the earth; and it shall come to pass, because of the wickedness of the world, that I will take vengeance upon the wicked, for they will not repent; for the cup of mine indignation is full; for behold, my blood shall not cleanse them if they hear me not.

28:5

Wherefore I the Lord God will send forth flies upon the face of the earth, which shall take hold of the inhabitants thereof, and shall eat their flesh, and shall cause maggots to come in upon them, and their tongues to be stayed that they shall not utter against me, and their flesh shall fall from off their bones, and their eyes from their sockets; and it shall come to pass that the beasts of the forests and the fowls of the air shall devour them up; and that great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall be cast down by devouring fire, according as it is spoken by the mouth of Ezekiel the prophet, which spoke of these things, which have not come to pass, but surely must, as I live, for abomination shall not reign.

There is a spiritual gathering, and a physical gathering.

God can preserve and gather his people from any part of the world, if they are gathered out of spiritual Babylon, which is wickedness.

But physical gathering is an aid to spiritual.

People living together, in proper social, economic, and political relationships and organizations, can better implement the laws of the kingdom, and live righteously.

Harvest come - Continue to gather not in haste.

Done in their time - not in haste.

D.C. 58:12 63:8-9 127:7 108:2,4

D.C. 98:9-10

Again, verily I say unto you, I will show unto you wisdom in me concerning all the churches, inasmuch as they are willing to be guided in a right and proper way for their salvation, that the work of the gathering of my saints may continue, that I may build them up unto my name upon holy places; for the time of harvest is come, and my word must needs be fulfilled. Therefore I must gather together my people according to the parable of the wheat and the tares, that the wheat may be secured in the garners to possess eternal life, and be crowned with celestial glory when I shall come in the kingdom of my Father, to reward every man according as his work shall be; while the tares shall be bound in bundles, and their bands made strong, that they may be burned with unquenchable fire. Therefore, a commandment I give unto all the churches, that they shall continue to gather together unto the places which I have appointed; nevertheless as I have said to you in a former commandment, let not your gathering be in haste, nor by flight, but let all things be prepared before you; and in order that all things be prepared before you, observe the commandments which I have given concerning these things, which saith, or teacheth, to purchase all the lands by money, which can be purchased for money, in the region round about the land which I have appointed to be the land of Zion, for the beginning of the gathering of my saints; all the land which can be purchased in Jackson County, and the counties round about, and leave the residue in mine hand.

10. Now verily I say unto you, let all the churches gather together their moneys;

let these things be done in their time, be not in haste; and observe to have all things prepared before you...etc.

Gather - not by flight

D.C. 58:12

And again, inasmuch as there is land obtained, let there be workmen sent forth of all kinds, unto this land, to labor for the saints of God. Let all these things be done in order. And let the privileges of the lands be made known, from time to time, by the bishop, or the agent of the church; and let the work of the gathering be not in haste, nor by flight, but let it be done as it shall be counselled by the elders of the church at the conferences, according to the knowledge which they receive from time to time.

98:9 repeats - let not gathering be in haste nor by flight. Purchase lands.

Cf Matt. 24:17 - Therefore pray ye the Lord that your flight be not in winter, neither on the Sabbath Day.

D.C.

63:8 108:2,4 63:9

Gathering not in haste, nor by flight - D.C. 58:12 98:9

63:8 - "not in haste, lest there should be confusion, which bringeth pestilence."

127:7

...the gathering must not be in haste, nor without due preparation, and must be done in accordance with the revelation given upon Fishing River, and in accordance with the counsel and advice of the elders of the church whose duty it has been made to counsel and advise the saints...

108:4

Let them, therefore, who are among the Gentiles, flee unto Zion, and let them who be of Judah, flee unto Jerusalem, unto the mountains of the Lord's house. Go ye out from among the nations, even from Babylon, from the midst of wickedness, which is spiritual Babylon. But verily thus saith the Lord, let not your flight be in haste, but let all things be prepared before you; and he that goeth, let him not look back, lest sudden destruction shall come upon him.

108:2

...Go ye out from Babylon. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord... Go ye out of Babylon; gather ye out from the nations, from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Compare 63:9 ...Declare both by word and by flight that desolation shall come upon the wicked.

D.C. 45:13-14

And it shall come to pass, among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee unto Zion for safety. And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another. And it shall be said among the wicked, let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible, wherefore we cannot stand.

45:15 ...when the Lord shall appear he shall be terrible unto them, that fear may seize upon them, and they shall be afraid because of the terror of the Lord, and the power of his might.

1 Nephi 2:232-237

And it came to pass that I beheld the wrath of God was poured out upon the great and abominable church, insomuch that there were wars and rumors of wars among all the nations and kindreds of the earth, and as there began to be wars and rumors of wars among all the nations which belonged to the mother of abominations, the angel spake unto me saying, behold, and the wrath of God is upon the mother of harlots; And behold, thou seest all these things; and when the day cometh that the wrath of God is poured out upon the mother of harlots, which is the great and abominable church of all the earth, whose foundation is the devil. Then at that day, the work of the Father shall commence in preparing the way for the fulfilling of his covenants which he hath made to his people, who are of the house of Israel.

JESUS IS COMING SOON

No. 6

By Evan A. Fry

CALL TO WORSHIP Romans 13:11,12.

Now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thes. 5:1-13

Is Jesus coming again?

20 of the 27 books of the New Testament teach the second coming.

Authors of the other seven (such as Paul) mention it elsewhere, in other books.

Mentioned 318 times in 260 chapters.

Old Testament has many references to the Messiah - a promise of his coming in glory, which were not fulfilled by Christ's coming as a babe.

Job 19:25 For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the Latter day upon the earth;

HIS SECOND COMING WILL BE BOTH PERSONAL, PHYSICAL, LITERAL

Not simply a spiritual return! That happened at Pentecost, and all the New Testament with its promises was written after that.

Not the coming of Christ to the believer at death...for death is an enemy, which Christ came to vanquish. Some are to be caught up alive, without death, at his coming.

The second coming is not to be manifested in the worldwide conversion of humanity, but after "a falling away first." The worldwide diffusion of his gospel is not his second coming.

There are some who believe that there will be no "end of the world" - only a continuing and progressive evolution until we reach perfection.

This is the theory that man by his brains and inventions and education can eventually produce the perfect world, and that this perfect world will be the demonstration of the "Christ-Spirit," the second coming.

Man never has yet produced a perfect civilization. As each one has reached the zenith, it has fallen.

All man has done to date is to produce the possibility of such a perfect world, without producing the kind of men who could be trusted to use their inventions, education and intelligence to serve and save each other, rather than mutual self-destruction.

THE MANNER OF HIS COMING

Some confusion because of differences in the way his coming is described.

Difficult to reconcile his coming in clouds of great glory, when every eye shall

see, when that coming is as universally recognized and seen as the light or lightning flashing from east to west,

with

his coming "as a thief in the night." A thief comes quietly, does his work, and is gone. He comes for the purpose of taking away treasure. No one hears or sees him.

Not difficult to reconcile if we start with the concept that Jesus is not coming just one more time, but that he may come several times - at least twice after his birth.

We should be expecting him in the right time and place and way. We shall be just as surprised if we are looking for him in the wrong manner, as if we were not looking for him at all.

At his birth or incarnation, the Jews thought they were watching for him, but they were looking for a conquering and liberating Messiah - not for a babe, or a suffering servant to be crucified.

Read Luke 12:41 I.V.

For behold, he cometh in the first watch of the night, and he shall also come in the second watch, and again he shall come in the third watch.

42. Verily I say unto you, he hath already come, as it is written of him; and again when he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, blessed are those servants when he cometh, that he shall find so doing...

(i.e. watching, see vs. 40)

The Jews customarily recognized three watches to the night - 9:00 pm to midnight, midnight to 3:00 am, and 3:00 am to 6:00 am. (Roman watches were for 6-9, 9-12, 12-3, and 3-6.)

Obviously the birth of Jesus was in the first watch, though he has made individual appearances on earth before, to brother of Jared, 2000 B.C., to Moses, to the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, etc.

Jesus has come to earth several times since his ascension, appearing quietly and individually - not in fulfillment of his promise to come in clouds of great glory.

He appeared to Joseph Smith to answer his questions - to provide for the restoration of the gospel and its priesthood.

He has appeared to others of his servants that they may have a special testimony that he lives - E. L. Kelley

It would seem from Luke 12:41 that there may be TWO more general comings to all the world. One, as a thief, two, in glory.

Whether you agree that there are two, or wish to lump them as one, there are two things to be accomplished.

It is the thief's object to take away the cherished possessions of men and escape without being seen.

The 12th chapter of Luke, beginning with verse 17 (i.v.) is a teaching against covetousness - too much regard for material things. "Beware of covetousness."

18-23. Parable of the foolish rich man who built more barns, but lost his own soul.

23. So shall it be with him who layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.

26-34. (To ministry primarily) Counsel against worry, or over-solicitude in matters of meat and drink.

Take no thought (no anxious thought) for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. Consider the ravens and the lilies.

31. Seek not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind;

34. Seek ye to bring forth the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.

36. Sell that ye have and give alms: provide not for yourselves bags which wax old, but rather provide a treasure in the heavens that faileth not: WHERE NO THIEF APPROACHETH, NEITHER MOTH CORRUPTETH.

37. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

38. Let your loins be girded about, and have your lights burning.

39. That ye yourselves may be like unto men who wait for their Lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

40. Verily I say unto you, blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching; for he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

41. For behold, he cometh in the first watch of the night, and he shall also come in the SECOND watch, and again he shall come in the THIRD watch.

Luke 12: Contd.

Vs. 42. And verily I say unto you, He hath already come, as it is written of him, and again, when he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, blessed are those servants when he cometh, that he shall find so doing. (i.e. watching, see verse 40)

44. And now verily I say these things unto you, that ye may know this, that the coming of the Lord is as a thief in the night.

45. And it is like unto a man who is an householder, who if he watcheth not his goods, the thief cometh in an hour of which he is not aware, and taketh his goods, and divideth them among his fellows.

46. And they said among themselves, if the good man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through, and the loss of his goods. Matt. 24:50 - Mark 13:54-55.

47. And he said unto them, verily I say unto you, be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Is this figure of a "thief in the night" merely an indication of the suddenness and unexpectedness of Christ's later coming, or does it have a special significance?

There are several other passages which mention his coming as a "thief in the night."

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in the which the heavens shall shake, and the earth also shall tremble, and the mountains shall melt, and pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be filled with fervent heat; the earth also shall be filled, and the corruptible works which are therein shall be burned up.

1 Thess. 5:2-3.

For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night.

3. For when they shall say, peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape.

4. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you as a thief.

5. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober.

Then the account of the evil servant, who beats the men servants and maidens, begins to eat and drink and be drunken: i.e. to use the Lord's goods and servants in the wrong way, cruelly and selfishly, and oppressively.

D.C. 103:2 (1 tells Warren Cowdery to lift up his voice and warn his people)

And again, verily I say unto you, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, and it overtaketh the world as a thief in the night; therefore gird up your loins that you may be the children of the light, and that day shall not overtake you as a thief.

See Luke 3:4-II The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make His paths straight.

5. He shall come to take away the sins of the world...to bring salvation to the heathen nations - to gather together those that are lost, who are of the sheepfold of Israel. Make possible the preaching of gospel to Gentiles.

9. To administer justice to all, to come down in judgment upon all, and to convince the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed; and all this is the day that he shall come.

10. For it is a day of power;

II. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Taking away the sins of the world is more than personal salvation for those who choose to accept him.

It means the sweeping away of customs, methods, institutions, policies, nations, churches, organizations - all things which are wrong or unjust, or which are destructive of the rights, liberties, and welfare of the people or which hinder the progress of the kingdom of God.

D.C. 1:6

The Lord shall come down in judgment upon Idumea, or the world.

A LAST AND FINAL COMING.

THE MANNER OF THIS COMING.

Acts 1:11. In like manner he went.

In clouds of great glory. Luke 21:28 Mark 13:42

With a shout - trump - voice of archangel - dead in Christ shall rise first.
1 Thess. 4:16.

In the glory of the Father, with his angels. Matt. 16:30

As King...shall sit on the throne of his glory. Matt. 25:32

Kingdoms of world become his kingdom. Rev. 11:15

With ten thousand of His Saints. Jude 1:14, Rev. 1:7

Shall gather elect. Mark 13:31-44

Not in secret chambers, or in desert places...as lightning from east to west.
Matt. 24:27, Mark 13:1,21

Sign of Son of Man in heaven. Matt. 24:30

Not in form of woman, or of a man traveling on the earth... D.C. 49:4

Every eye shall see. Rev. 1:7

As a judge. Rev. 22:11-12, Matt. 16:30 Matt. 25:33

WHEN SHALL THIS FINAL COMING BE?

The church and its leaders have never attempted to fix a date and a time.

No man - not even the angels in heaven, know the day nor the hour.

At an hour ye think not.

But there will be certain signs that portend its nearness. Matt. 24

Wars and rumors of wars. Matt. 24:29

Nation rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom. Matt. 24:30

Famine and pestilences, earthquakes in divers places.

Iniquity shall abound...love of many wax cold.

Matt. 24:32

Gospel of the kingdom preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations,
and then shall the end come, or the destruction of the wicked.

33. Again shall the abomination of desolation, spoken of by the prophet Daniel,
be fulfilled.

34. Sun darkened; moon not give her light; stars fall; powers of heaven shaken.
35. This generation in which these things shall be shown forth shall not pass away, until all I have told you shall be fulfilled.
37. Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of earth mourn.
38. And they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.
40. For the Son of Man shall come, and he shall send his angels BEFORE him with the great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together the remainder of his elect from the four winds; from one end of heaven to the other.

Luke 21-Similar.

Vs. 25 - Signs in the sun, moon, stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, like the sea and the waves roaring. The earth also shall be troubled, and the waters of the great deep.

26. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth...

Mark 13:37 also mentions, and again shall the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet be fulfilled.

OTHER SIGNS

Daniel 12:4. In the time of the end, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

2 Tim. 3:1-4

Perilous times, lovers of own selves, covetous boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded lovers of PLEASURES more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof...

7. Ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Tim. 4:3-4

Not endure sound doctrine, teachers having itching ears; turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Loss of faith. When the Son of Man cometh shall he find faith in the earth?

The expectation of peace, and attempts to insure it by various organizations and expedients. 1 Thes. 5:3 - For when they shall say peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them.

Indifference, apathy. As it was in the days of Noah, so also shall it be in the day of the coming of the Son of Man. Eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, etc. Business as usual. Matt. 24:44-45

Disbelief and scoffing: 2 Peter 3:3-5...There shall come in the last days scoffers, saying, Where is the promise of His coming?

The time when we and the world must give an account of our stewardship is drawing nigh.

Accountability an essential of stewardship.

We cannot procrastinate the days of our probation, and suddenly get ready when we see the sign of our coming Lord in the heavens.

Behave each day as if he were expected.

Stewards waiting for a lord who has gone on a journey, but may be expected to return at any moment.

By placing our treasure where moth and rust do not corrupt or thieves break through and steal.

By knowing our Lord's will, doing according to that will, and thus being constantly prepared for his coming. Luke 12:51,52.

Romans 13:12. The night is far spent; the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness. And let us put on the armor of light.

Perhaps he has already come in the second watch - in the dead of night when no one was expecting him - as a thief to steal away the sin and wickedness of the world from men who have trusted in the treasures of this world.

When will he come in glory?

Rev. 22:20

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly, Amen.

Even so come, Lord Jesus.

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple. But who may abide the day of his coming, and WHO SHALL STAND WHEN HE APPEARETH?

SCRIPTURE: D.C. 4

Matt.13:1-29. Parable of Wheat and Tares.

We have been trying to show that the world's great learning, culture, scientific and inventive progress, have now made it possible for us to destroy ourselves.

That God has warned us by the prophets, from Moses until now, to come out of Babylon, which is the antithesis of his kingdom. Babylon rules in politics, economics, religion, morality, business, social ideals.

That Christ is coming as a thief in the night in judgment upon the world.

That this judgment will open the way for his strange act - the gathering of Israel, by the preaching of the gospel to the heathen nations - among whom Israel is lost and scattered.

In one sense, judgment is eternal. We are punished not FOR our sins, but BY our sins. They bring their own consequences.

In another sense, there comes a time in the history of every people, and in the life of every man, when his wickedness and rebellion have RIPENED, and when the judgment which comes upon him is final.

TOYNBEE says 16 out of 26 great civilizations which have existed since the beginning of history have perished. Nine of the 10 now remaining in the world are decadent - on the way out. Only our western civilization remains. Will it survive? Or will it be dragged down in the fall of some of the remaining 9? Will we destroy us by reason of our cleverness in scientific progress?

God always preserves the righteous remnant. The wheat.

D.C. 45:3 - Remnant shall be scattered among all nations but they shall be gathered again.

D.C. 45:6 - Remnant shall be gathered. Remnant preserved in Babylonian captivity.

A destruction of Jews by Rome.

A remnant of Nephites - Lamanites saved.

Wheat and tares grow together until the time of the end - until they BEAR FRUIT. Until both are ripe. Then the good wheat is gathered safely into barns. Tares bound in bundles - field and tares burned.

Many have doubted whether any should stand. We have lived so long in a state of emergency, under constant tension, that we have not had so many such statements lately - but men are still concerned.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ROUND TABLE. June 10, 1951. Hans J. Morgenthau,

Prof. Political Science, U. of Chicago. Louis Wirth, Prof. Political Science, U. of Chicago.

MORGENTHAU: Before we examine these issues, we must be clear in minds about the revolutionary changes which have occurred in the world and of which the real issue between the United States and Soviet Union is a mere reflection. There have been three great revolutions which have transformed our world almost beyond recognition - a political revolution, a technological revolution, and a moral revolution.

The political revolution has destroyed forever the Western state system as it has existed since the end of the Middle Ages, composed, as it was, of a number of nations of approximately equal strength.

Instead, we have now two superpowers, toward which all the important strength, political and military and economic, flows; and we have a great number of secondary nations - nations of three and fourth and fifth rank, which neither alone nor in combination can hold their own against these two superpowers.

WIRTH: Under those circumstances an armed conflict between the two great powers no longer can have limited objectives. It means either the conquest of the world by one or the other, or the mutual destruction of both.

MORGENTHAU: This is indeed so; and it has come about primarily because of the second revolution - the technological one. The technological revolution has almost eliminated the element of time and space on our globe. It takes today less time to circle the globe than it took 150 years ago to travel from Washington to New York.

WIRTH: And this means that world conquest by one power is now possible - one power can conquer the world, and in this shrunken universe, hold it. Therefore, we must have some kind of an answer to the breakdown of the state system.

MORGENTHAU: This possibility of world conquest is greatly enhanced by the third revolution - the moral revolution. Today we no longer have the mere conflict between two or more nations for limited advantage, be it a frontier, a town, a province, a succession to a throne or the like. It so happens that the two great power centers - Washington and Moscow - have become a real political religion - that is to say, a system of thought which promises salvation to all mankind here and now, and which tries to remake the world in its own image.

WIRTH: This means that the world is no longer governed by a single moral code. It means also that the moral differences are coupled with great armed powers which can carry these moral principles into action. (The devil shall have power over his own dominion and also the Lord shall have power over His saints.)

MORGENTHAU: In other words, there is a great danger that the political conflicts of today will become tomorrow political and military crusades, destroying all our civilization.

Dr. Harold G. Urey, famous nuclear scientist, COLLIERS, Jan. 5, 1946. "I am a frightened man." Since he had added, "I think that we should not think of a longer time than about five years."
Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Who shall stand?

1. Men of faith.

D.C. 34:3 - The time speedily cometh that great things are to be shown forth unto the children of men; but without faith shall not anything be shown forth except desolations upon Babylon, the same which has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And there are none that doeth good except those who are ready to receive the fullness of my gospel, which I have sent forth unto this generation.

When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith in the earth?

Moroni on faith: Moroni 7:17-53

Vs. 24. By faith they did lay hold on every good thing.

25. Men also were saved by faith in his name, and by faith, they become the sons of God.

26. Ask in faith, believing, it shall be done unto you.

31. Angels show themselves unto those of strong faith and a firm mind, in every form of godliness. Prepare way among children of men, by declaring word of Christ to chosen vessels of the Lord, that they may bear testimony of him.., prepare the way that other men may have faith in Christ. Has day of miracles ceased: Have angels ceased to appear unto the children of men? Has he withheld the power of the Holy Ghost from them - or will he, so long as there is one man who needs to be saved?

Vs. 41-43-49-52.

41. It is by faith that miracles are wrought; by faith angels appear and minister unto men; wherefore if these things have ceased, then has faith ceased also; and awful is the state of man, for they are as though there had been no redemption made.

Faith leads to hope..of eternal..cannot have faith and hope save he be meek and lowly of heart, confess that Jesus is the Christ... If he confesses that Jesus is the Christ he must have charity, which is the pure love of Christ; and it ENDURETH FOREVER, AND WHOSO IS FOUND POSSESSED OF IT (Charity) AT THE LAST DAY, IT SHALL BE WELL WITH HIM.

Gen. 6:54 II Neph 6:48 -13:7 D.C. 16:6 and 17:7

They who come into the covenant through repentance - baptism.

Those who hear the voice of Jesus - of his prophets - apostles, servants.

D. C. 28:2 - Mine elect hear my voice, and harden not their hearts.

My sheep know my voice, and a stranger they will not follow.

Accept Christ as King.

When Christ is king of the earth - when the kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ, he shall reign forever and ever. But those who will not accept him as king and ruler, as well as saviour and redeemer, cannot abide or stand in his kingdom.

Israel must accept him, or be cast out. Gentiles must accept him if they would

be numbered with Israel.

D.C. 98:4 - Mine indignation is soon to be poured out without measure upon all nations, and this will I do when the cup of their iniquity is full. And in that day, all who are found upon the watchtower, or in other words, all mine Israel shall be saved. And they who have been scattered shall be gathered, and all who have mourned shall be comforted; and all they who have given their lives for my name shall be crowned.

Stewards-

He will save those who have recognized their stewardship over his gifts...

Over this choice land of America.

Over the gospel.

Over their liberty and freedom under constitutional government.

Over the boundless natural resources of our land - soil, minerals, lumber, water power, food products, etc.

Over talents and abilities - skills - time.

Over the scientific, mechanical, inventive marvels of our age.

D.C. 81:1 - Unto whom much is given, much is required, and he who sins against the greater light shall receive the greater condemnation.

D.C. 101:2 - It is expedient that I the Lord should make every man accountable, as stewards over earthly blessings, which I have made and prepared for my creatures. If any man shall take of the abundance which I have made, and impart not his portion, according to the law of my gospel, unto the poor and the needy, he shall, with the wicked, lift up his eyes in hell, being in torment.

This warning implies an opposite promise. Those who are faithful in the recognition of their stewardship - in widest sense of the word - will be preserved.

PROMISE - Thou shalt stand in the place of thy stewardship. D.C. 42:14

MEN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS will be preserved - his saints.

Men who keep his commandments.

D.C. 36:12 - ...the heavens shall be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth; and the heavens shall shake, and also the earth; and great tribulations shall be among the children of man, but MY PEOPLE WILL I PRESERVE: and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out my own elect from the four quarters of the earth to a place which I shall prepare.

D.C. 97:4 - Zion shall be redeemed, although she is chastened for a little season. Thy brethren, Orson Hyde and John Gould, are in my hands, and inasmuch as they keep my commandments, they shall be saved. Therefore, let your hearts be comforted, for all things shall work together for good to them that walk uprightly, and to the sanctification of the church; for I will raise up unto myself a pure people, that will serve me in righteousness; and all that call on the name of the Lord and keep his commandments, shall be saved. Even so, Amen.

MY PEOPLE WILL I PRESERVE.

D.C. 36:12 - ...And the Lord said unto Enoch, as I live, even so will I come in the last days - in the days of wickedness and vengeance, to fulfill the oath which I made unto you concerning the children of Noah; and the day shall come that the earth shall rest, but before that day, shall the heavens be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth; and the heavens shall shake, and also the earth; and great tribulations shall be among the children of men, but my people will I preserve; and righteousness will I send down out of heaven; and truth will I send forth out of the earth, to bear testimony of my Only Begotten; his resurrection from the dead; yea, and also the resurrection of all men; and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out my own elect from the four quarters of the earth unto a place which I shall prepare; a holy city, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem.

D.C. 28:2 - ...The wicked shall not stand.

Psalm 1:1 - Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners.

THE PEOPLE OF THE LORD ARE THEY WHO WAIT FOR HIM

2 Nephi 5:35-45

For the people of the Lord are they who wait for him, for they still wait for the coming of the Messiah. (Jews) And behold, according to the words of the prophet, the Messiah will set himself again the second time to recover them; wherefore, he will manifest himself unto them in power and great glory unto the destruction of their enemies, when that day cometh when they shall believe in him. And they that believe not in him shall be destroyed, both by fire, and by tempest, and by earthquakes, and by bloodsheds, and by pestilence, and by famine. And they shall know that the Lord is God, the Holy One of Israel; for shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? But thus saith the Lord, even the captive of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for the mighty God shall deliver his covenant people. For thus saith the Lord; I will contend with them that contendeth with thee, and I will feed them that oppress thee, with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine; and all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob.

ALL WHO ARE FOUND UPON THE WATCHTOWER - SAVED

Be expectant - watchful - prepared

D.C. 98:4

.....I have sworn, and the decree hath gone forth by a former commandment which I have given unto you, that I would let fall the sword of mine indignation in the behalf of my people; and even as I have said, it shall come to pass. Mine indignation is soon to be poured out without measure upon all nations, and this will I do when the cup of their iniquity is full. And in that day, all who are found upon the watchtower, or in other words, all mine Israel shall be saved. And they that have been scattered shall be gathered; and all they who have mourned shall be comforted; and all they who have given their lives for my name shall be crowned...

GATHERED - out of Babylon - physical - spiritual

Come out of Babylon.

Gather spiritually as well as physically.

Isa. 52:11 - Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.

Rev. 18:4 - Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

D.C. 45:4 - My disciples shall stand in holy places and shall not be moved.

98:5 - It is my will that all they who call on my name, and worship me according to mine everlasting gospel, should gather together and stand in holy places, and prepare for the revelation which is to come (etc...i.e. his second coming.)

D.C. 45:13,14 - Must flee to Zion for safety.

DILIGENT

D.C. 104:44 - Wherefore now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand, and he that learns not his duty and shows himself not approved, shall not be counted worthy to stand.

STEADFAST

Matt. 24:11 - He that remaineth steadfast and is not overcome, shall be saved.

Let him who thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

105:9 - Darkness covereth the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people, and all flesh become corrupt before my face. Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth - a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning, and of lamentation - and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth, saith the Lord.

10. And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth, saith the Lord. First among those among you, saith the Lord, who have professed to know my name and have not known me, and have blasphemed against me in the midst of my house, saith the Lord.

WATCH - PRAY - KEEP COMMANDMENTS

Luke 21:36 - And what I say unto all, Watch ye therefore and pray always, and keep my commandments, that ye may be counted worthy to escape all these things which shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man when he shall come clothed in the glory of his Father.

SPIRITUAL POWER THROUGH PREPARATION

A man armed and equipped is better able to withstand attack of the enemy than one unprepared. True in spiritual life.

TAKE UPON YOU MY WHOLE ARMOR

D.C. 26:3 (Parallel Eph. 6:13)

Lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you my

whole armor, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all ye may be able to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins gird about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, which I have set mine angels to commit unto you, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of my Spirit, which I will pour out upon you, and my word which I reveal unto you, and be agreed as touching all things whatsoever ye ask of me, and be faithful till I come, and ye shall be caught up, that where I am ye shall be also.

Eph. 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins gird about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication of all Saints....