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The Gathering Storm

Apostle Norm Lyles

It was March 23rd, 1941, and in nine short months the world would be pushed into a world war which would cost several million lives and forever change the landscape of many nations. Entire generations of people would forever disappear from the earth and mankind would witness weapons that could destroy entire cities in less than a minute.

God had sent His Angel to warn mankind, to prepare mankind, and to awaken mankind. Would mankind hear the Message? Would mankind heed the message and awaken their very souls to the need to come to Christ?

In this present day, the Lord still sends His Messenger to warn mankind, to prepare mankind, and to awaken mankind to the will and need for our relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I would very much desire to awaken the parallels that exist between the two messages, wherein the Lord has spoken to His People. I speak of the Message 50, which was delivered on March 23rd 1941 and Message 128, which was delivered March 20th, 2020.

When Message 50 was delivered the world was about to be plunged into a world war which mankind would witness tremendous death and destruction. Message 128 was delivered at the beginning of the pandemic which would see the world plunged into the destruction brought forth upon the world today, costing untold number of lives worldwide.

Message 50:1-3 spoke of obedience, deliverance, and becoming the bride of Christ. Message 128:1-2 spoke also of obedience, deliverance, and a design to become the bride of Christ.

Message 50:3-5 spoke of destructions, plagues, suffering, evil, and the fury of the Lord. Message 128:6,11-18, spoke of destructions, plagues, suffering, evil, and the fury of the Lord. It even began to detail in great measure the events and reasons for the events.

Message 50:6-9, spoke of how the Lord had warned us, but few had heeded, of having the Lord's Servants being swift to respond in warning the nations, of how Satan was leading men astray, and how those who fought against the work to have no part in the work of the Lord. Message 128:22,23-29 spoke also of the servants of the Lord going forth with the Word, how Satan is leading men astray, how men are fighting against the work, and how those who deny and fight against the work shall perish.

Message 50:10-13 the Lord spoke strongly of sending men out and "to afar", how people worldwide are anxiously awaiting the Message, how the destructions are happening to awaken mankind, and how the Lord would direct and lead the work. Message 128:25-33 the Lord spoke very strongly concerning sending the ministry among the nations, of the destructions that are coming upon the nations, the purpose of the destructions to awaken mankind, and most

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2020 General Assembly Notice

Due to the Pandemic facing our country. The dates for the 2020 General Assembly in America have been changed. The 2020 General Assembly of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will be held from August 9 — August 12, 2020 in Kansas City, Missouri.

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FOREWORD

The Assured Way, the official publication of THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WITH THE ELIJAH MESSAGE inc. comes to you as an expression of hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expressions of a united people, whose only aim is to promote the cause of Christ by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue, and people, the true gospel of Christ, that through obedience to his laws we might be found worthy of eternal life.

In this publication, The Record of the Nephites is quoted many times. This book was revealed and translated by the gift and power of God: The year 1828 marked the beginning of the restoration of all things. It is a history of the people who once lived in the Americas, some who are the ancestors of the Native America Indians. Though it contains a record of two other groups of people who once lived in the Americas, it is for the most part a record of the people of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are messages from the Lord, brought to earth by his chosen servant John the Baptist, who comes to earth in a glorified body to finish the work given him of God; that of restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The angel first came in 1829 and restored the priesthood authority of the Son of God, that The Church of Christ might be established as in the days of the Apostles.

In 1927, the angel messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us The Word of the Lord that the Church of Christ might be set in order, that a people might be prepared to be the bride of Christ. This "The Elijah Message" so many have looked for, "The midnight cry" has been proclaimed, a warning of destruction, but to the people of the Lord, a message that Christ's coming is near at hand. Fear God and give glory to his name, for the hour of his judgment has come. Awake thou that sleep and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of prayer and fasting in humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again spoken and revealed His will from Heaven. To this end we dedicate *The Assured Way*.

NOTICES

The Quorum of Twelve recognizes the teaching and wording found in the Bible (Authorized King James Version), The Record of the Nephites, and The Word of the Lord: Brought to Mankind by and Angel, as our rule and guide as the stable wording of God.

It is the agreement of The Quorum of Apostles of this church that no minister of this faith is to ordain any man into the ministry of this church until said candidate has with all his heart and soul confessed he agrees with everything written in our Articles of Faith and Practice. It is each elders duty to seek guidance from and to keep the apostles informed of his works in regions he is laboring.

Ministry Notice

Be it known unto the membership and ministry of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message that William Holden Jr. is no longer a part of the Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. He has rejected the Word of God and the Lord has removed him from the membership and ministry of His Church. According to Message 126:12 -

"... Those who reject the Words I bring shall not be found among the faithful of the Lord."

We would ask that you Please do not give heed to any communication about the church that you may receive from Mr. Holden.

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importantly that the Lord would send His Messenger to direct and guide the Work in His Way.

The Lord in the 50th Message spoke unto the Church short before the beginning of WWII for America. The Lord was directing His ministry to go to the world to warn and prepare them. We should note however that even though it would be nine months before the outbreak of the War for America; travel to other nations would be greatly restricted, and unsafe. Many times, men who would travel would do so at their own peril and risk to their very lives. Men were directed to go to Australia and Europe and Israel, however far too often their journey was thwarted by the conditions in the world. Many in Europe, were simply trying to flee Europe. Many in the pacific islands were also trying to flee, but that was difficult as well.

What we are witnessing today in the world; the conditions are very much the same. We have forgotten the thousands who perished in the pacific rim nations, not only from war, but also illness. We were still struggling with an illness called Malaria which was killing many and continued to do so from 1938 through 1945. Yellow Fever, and other disease were plaguing the world. At that stage of history, we were poised for more devastation than the world up to that juncture had ever witnessed.

The Lord was still directing His Servants to carry the Message to the world, however many, many places they were thwarted in travel and whom they could reach. Think how many of the Jews who could have suffered less if the word had reached them before the ovens had appeared in Europe and the rape of Nanking happened in China. Think how many precious souls perished not knowing the Lord. Consider carefully the Lord's directions to His servants and the word haste, which the Lord God had used.

I pray as you read these messages and consider these words you do not fear, or have doubts concerning the Word of God, rather that you awaken to the time and conditions we are living in today.

What can be done? How should we respond to the Word and warnings of the Lord? Because men are somewhat finding travel and reaching the people; is it due to the Lord being unhappy with the Message, or that the Message is false?

First, on what can be done: we can study the Word, understand the Word, pray to the Lord, and Obey the Word. When Moses led the people to the sea; the people doubted and cursed Moses (we forget that fact); yet the Lord was true to His Promise and True to His Servant Moses and the sea parted and His people moved on to the promised-land and salvation.

Secondly: how should we respond to the warnings and word of the Lord? We should respond with JOY, with Obedience, and with trust in His Word and faith in His warnings. Read Message 128:3 and therein is the answer.

Thirdly: is the Lord unhappy with the Message or is it false? Read again dear ones to Message 128:4,5,7,23,25,27, and 33. The Lord knows that which He has commanded. The Lord does not make promises that He will not accomplish. He once told us he would arise from the dead. We watched Him die, we saw him taken to the tomb. We also witnessed His Resurrection and the world will forever face what none can deny: we serve a risen Lord who speaks yet today through the sending of His Messenger. Yes, we will face opposition until Christ returns in Glory, however He has told us to rejoice and go forward in faith, love, and obedience.

God Bless each of you as you consider these words and times, we live in. Be of good courage and lift up your heads and give glory unto God.

Your Brother in Christ, Apostle Norman D. Lyles

TRUTH

It Fortifies my soul to know, That, though I perish, TRUTH is so; That, howsoe'er I stray and range, Whate'er I do, Thou dost not change. I steadier step when I recall That, if I slip, THOU dost not fall. Page 4 THE ASSURED WAY }

A Thief in the Night

Apostle Edward Coffey

Often when we talk with Christians of this world today and we tell them that we are living in the time of the end; the time preceding Christ's second coming, they often reply that "no man knoweth the day or the hour when the Lord will return", because the day of the Lord will be as a thief in the Night. While it is true that "of that day and hour knoweth no man"; Christ will not come as a thief in the Night to the true followers of Christ who walk in the light of His word and who abide in His Doctrine.

Although we do not know the exact Year, month, day and hour, we are not blind to the times and the seasons of our Lord's second coming. The Lord said in His word that he would do nothing unless he first told his servants the prophets - "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." - Amos 3:7; And so, any event as monumental and significant as our Lord's triumphant Second Coming could not be left hidden in secret from his servants. So, the idea that Christ's Second coming should be as a thief in the Night to His servants is a complete falsehood from the mind of man.

First let us explore the question – Are we suppose to know the time period of Christ's second coming? If we do not know the general time of Christ's second coming then His coming to us would be as a thief in the Night, because we would be totally unaware and we would be taken by surprise and be totally unprepared for His arrival. But the word of God clearly contradicts this idea –

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 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. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day:

we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." – 1 Thess. 5:1-6;

Only for the Children of Darkness will the second coming of Christ be as a Thief in the Night. But unto us who are the children of the Light, who walk in the Light of God's word, we should not be caught unaware and unprepared. Verse 5 of the above scripture reference tells us that we should be sober and awake because only those who are asleep or in darkness can be taken unaware.

So how then are we to know the times or the seasons when Christ will return? The Lord tells us in His word how to judge the times and the seasons of his works among Mankind. "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." – Matt. 24:32-33;
So, just as we know the seasons by the

so, Just as we know the seasons by the changes that we see in the natural world, we are also to judge the things of God by the changes that the Lord warned us we would see in this world prior to his second coming. —

"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many

false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:3-14;

Now we see how to judge the seasons and the times to get a clear understanding of God's planning and will. The Lord also tells us in His word that certain events must take place prior to His second coming. One of the first things that the scriptures teach us is that after Christ established His Church among men and ascended unto heaven after His resurrection, that His Church would fall into Apostacy; as evil men would come into the Church and lead the faithful away from the true doctrine of Christ.

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." - 2 Thess. 2:1-4;

The very Church that Christ himself established would fall so far away from the truth that many would search to hear the word but would not find it."

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it." – Amos 8:11-12:

The Holy priesthood Authority would be taken away from the earth as men began to walk away from the truth and began to teach the doctrines of devils within the churches. — "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:"—1Timothy 4:1-4

But the Lord promised to restore His Church; His gospel and His Authority before He returned to earth.

"Repent ve therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. 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." - Acts 3:19-23; "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things." — Matthew 17:11.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."— Malachi 4:5.

He promised that the Messenger of the Covenant would come and make the cry at Midnight to awaken the virgins (The Christian World) to beckon them to the wedding feast of the Lamb. -Matt. 25:1-13; This Messenger would restore the holy Priesthood Authority and bring the everlasting gospel to be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. – Rev. 14:6; He would bring Instructions from Heaven to purge the ministry (sons of Levi) so that they would offer an offering in Righteousness, so that a people would be prepared to meet the Lord at His coming, so that a Bride would be made ready. —Mal. 3:1-4;

So, after the Lord restores His Church; His Authority and His Gospel on earth then the full judgements of God will be unleashed on a dark and evil world to destroy the wicked. And finally, only then would Christ return triumphantly to earth and all of the Saints with Him. And we that remain shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye from mortal to immortal. And He will set His feet the second time to reign on earth for 1,000 years as the millennium breaks forth with gladness.

So, yes, brothers and sisters we are suppose to know the times and the seasons

of God's work on this earth. The day of Christ's Second coming should not arrive as a Thief in the Night to the Children of God if we are abiding in the true Doctrine of Christ as contained in His word. He promised that he would reveal His will to His servants. - "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." - John 15:15; Because of His love and sacrifice for us the Lord calls us Friends and He has revealed to us His will that we might be saved and prepared to meet Him when He returns to make up His jewels.

"Lo, will my servants do my bidding, saith God, "or must I call others? Fail not in your calling; but lift up your voices and carry your burdens to me the Lord your God, and I shall hear and lo, I shall help you one and all. Be faithful, and I, saith your Lord, will stand you in holy places when the great destructions shall come; and I will not take vengeance on those that know me when I come, but shall number you among my jewels. Then great shall be your joy. Out of weakness many shall be made strong." Mess. 33:8;

May God Bless and keep You in His Perfect Will.

Your Brother in Christ,

Apostle Edward Coffey

Jesus Will Forgive

Jesus please be my Guide because without you on my side To Heaven's Entrance I'd be denied. Forgive me Jesus once again, as I have prayed in the Past So when I die my life with you in Eternity will forever last.

Walk and talk with me daily, Guide me along Make my love like your Love forever strong. Thank you for all your Blessings and all that you have given. Be there again Jesus always when I need forgiveness.

Thank you Jesus for suffering and dying on the Cross, So Everyone, can be forgiven.
Oh thank you Jesus! for paying the price and paying the cost. Without you we'd be forever lost.

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Forty Fifth Message

A Vision of the Wars and the Peace

- 1 On September 8th, 1939, the Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist, appeared in my room at 2:15 a.m. He sat on my bed and awoke me. The room was lighter than day. I sat up in bed. He said he had come to give instructions and to make known things soon to take place and now in action.
- 2 For a short time we conversed as two men on many subjects and he gave me some personal advice. One thing he said was, famine and conditions would come that would cause many to go hungry. Let the Church and the people know that they must supply themselves with foods and place in store that they might not suffer in the day to come.
- 3 He bade me come with him and he would show me the scene of disaster. He held out his hand, I took hold of it. I seemed to forget all around me except to know we were floating eastward in midair.
- 4 We traveled, it seemed, for about half an hour, perhaps longer. We came to where there were large hills or mountainous country. Here we sat down on a large flat rock on the top of a high mountain. I could very plainly see the territories of various European nations; their mountains, rivers, lakes, and plains. Large fields of growing grain were clearly visible. They were farmsteads surrounded by neatly arranged gardens, shrubbery and orchards. I could see cities and hamlets far and near. Most of them presented a well kept and modern appearance, with paved and well lighted streets. In the great cities were numerous large buildings of beautiful architectural design.
- 5 To the northeast, I could see Russia. To the east, Asia. To the southeast Palestine showed up plainly with its green fields, and factories in a prosperous condition. To the south was Italy and the Mediterranean Sea. It took me some time to view these many lands. My attention was attracted almost at once by the great noise and sound of battle. To the north and east were horrible scenes enacted.
- 6 I saw Germany fighting brutally on Polish soil to take a spoil. I saw the smaller nations struggle, most of them to lose, but from the distance came armies with many different colors, some with red coats and some with blue, and fell upon the enemies, and great was the slaughter thereof. I saw France press over upon German soil. I saw Russia press southward and great was the spoil thereof. I saw that many nations became involved in the war. I saw cities in great confusion, dark with the blackness of wailing and mourning.
- 7 Armies of men were in battle array. A great battle was going on. The noise of cannonading and bursting of shells was terrific like thunder

- in the heavens. There were clouds of black smoke rising, rolling high in the sky. Men could be seen firing automatic rifles and there were many great machines of war. There were two scenes of battle. The one farthest to the northeast was the most terrible and the fighting most brutal. A river divided the opposing armies on the greater part of the battle front in the nearer scene.
- 8 As we sat there looking to the north and east I saw the most horrible scenes and woeful catastrophies of all sorts. I saw a man that stood himself high in the midst of a hardened and driven people. Their faces looked cold, some dark with fear and horror. They faced him on all sides; they feared him. They trembled at his word.
- 9 The Messenger said, "See what the might of man has done. The ruin of many nations."
- 10 The scene was so terrible it would sicken anyone to look upon it. I saw that this man had caused war and it became worse and worse. Many changes seemed to take place. The thousands of people I saw seemed worried; all eyes and minds were focused on the disaster to come. The attention of the world was being turned toward the man of war. The war evil lurked in every nation around the man who stood himself high.
- 11 I saw great armies come out in mighty battle firing at the enemies in gray. Thousands upon thousands met death yet the conflict became worse. Nations from afar rose up to press the man of war and great ships ploughed the seas laden with supplies bringing deadly woe to millions. Women and children crying, screaming in fear, ran in every direction. The scene became terrible, a horrible disaster; the shameful result of man's selfishness through the hardness of heart of one man. He called a few men around him and gave them counsel and sent them out to counsel many, only to make the picture more black with the horrible smoke of war.
- 12 Ambassadors came from far, crying peace, but no peace was considered. Many nations plead for peace but those involved gave no thought of peace. There continued to be bloodshed in the streets and on the fields of war.
- 13 The Messenger said, "See what the sin of man has done. Broken homes, ruined nations, and many souls taken to the beyonds, not knowing the will of God nor what the end will be. This shall leave an impression upon many people bringing lasting desire to see justice wrought and it shall linger on in the hearts of men to find their God."

- 14 Great Britain and France were together and had long tried to keep peace, but there was no peace, as all plans for peace were ignored. Fighting continued.
- 15 I looked to the east and in the sky, in the shape of a rainbow, appeared these words, "THE END OF SEVEN YEARS."
- 16 As we turned to look toward the south, the scene was terrible. As the man that sat upon the throne in the well lighted city of Italy saw the greatness of the war, he sent out messages purporting to make peace, but to no avail; then he started war. This war involved all nations. Then was the time when nations became divided and would not obey the counsel coming from the man in Italy. The smoke became blacker and blacker as it rose higher and higher in the sky as the thundering artillery continued its firing. It seemed the earth did quake and tremble because of the terrible battle that had been raging for some time. The smell of the deadly powders and dead bodies was awful. The scene was sickening to the world. People as far off as we could see staggered from the tales of woe and horror that reached their ears. Blood and water flowed from the battlefields until the streams and rivers became colored with the filth and blood. The fish in the streams died and washed in large heaps along the edges and on small sandbars, only to fill the air with greater stench. Norway and Sweden took little part at first. I saw the American flag among others that came to the great battle. I looked and saw America all in turmoil and distress, with fighting and bloodshed among themselves. For a time it was horrible but I saw it change and I knew it would not last long with such terrible distress. I thought that many were fighting to keep from entering the war abroad and across the sea.
- 17 I saw that many of the home-loving German people had turned against the Nazi government which in their hearts they had never endorsed.
- 18 While we saw no more of the man who stood himself high, other great men of evil caused the war to continue. The cause seemingly came from Rome.
- 19 Millions and millions of homes were broken, torn, with fatherless children crying at their mother's sides, many with neither father nor mother, starving and in rags.
- 20 I saw many kneeling in prayer and thousands uttering prayer to God as they struggled on their forced way. I looked in the distance and only a few were left at peace with their fellow men.
- 21 Again I saw America, this time in a better condition; great peace was ruling and commerce was at kindly terms within her borders.

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- 22 From the broken fragments of torn homes, near and far, rose up those that looked to the United States of America and made haste to flee to be within her peaceful borders.
- 23 A voice rang out that filled the heavens, "Where is he that rules?" Then as the world did quake and tremble, many of those left alive turned their faces toward America.
- 24 "We must have peace," declared many nations. An army with shiny metal helmets and belongings came from the north and west and pressed in the battle to bring a change in the scene. The conflict lessened, the sky cleared of its smoke, and revealed the most horrible heart-rending scene that eyes could ever behold. Many thought the struggle was over.
- 25 As we looked to the east again I saw those words in the sky in the shape of a bow across the heavens "THE END OF SEVEN YEARS." This time as I looked the letters were red as blood, seeming almost to drip drops of blood.
- 26 I became very sad and sick with grieving for the people. I wept. The Messenger said, "Those that fear the Lord and do his

- will, shall have eternal life with him." He was still holding my hand and he said, "Blessed are the feet of them that seek to establish peace. Many shall come, looking for peace. Let the Kingdom and Church of Christ be adorned in her righteous garments."
- 27 Shortly the great war began to rage again, this time more cruelly and brutally than before.
- 28 A great army came from the north and east passing through what was German soil, going toward France. They met no resistance until they came to the Rhine River. Here they paused; great fortifications were before them and strong armies ready to give battle. After some firing on each side, they swerved and went south toward Italy. This region became the center of the great conflict.
- 29 We were carried to the field of battle and amidst the thunder of war and the cries of the people, I looked upon the saddest scene that could ever befall the human race. As I saw the men fall by the thousands and death came to the millions, the destruction did not lessen.
- 30 Then we came near the seashore on

- the west of France. Here I was lifted so I could see far out over the great deep waters that divided America from that land. Great ships ploughed the deep and many met disaster on the way. Being fired upon by the enemy, they began to unload their cargoes and the people fell into the water and thousands met death. Some clung to pieces of wreckage upon the water and rescue ships came in view to help, but again disaster came to them who came to help and their woe was doubled. Many ships burned. The crying was heart-rending, ringing out in space, only to add to the noise and thunder of the cause of death in war.
- 31 Italy was overrun and devastated. Strong were the invading armies. The defenders were weakened by long bloody battles. Siege was laid on the great city of Rome. She resisted mightily. Suddenly she gave way. She was taken and burned and great was the burning thereof.
- 32 The Messenger said, "And the sea shall give up her dead, hell and the grave shall give up their dead, and on that morn of the resurrection of the Lord's,

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Words of Encouragement

"The harvest is on, the wheat and the tares have grown together. The cleansing time has come. Heed the instructions I bring from the Lord. I have come that man may know the Lord has spoken and that Christ's coming is near at hand. Study the word of the Lord for the instruction is sent. Obey, and it will be well with you. Heed ye, you that are afar off! The Lord will deliver. ..." — Mess. 50:9

We all remember the parable of the wheat and the tares. The tares were planted amongst the wheat by Satan but, when the servants of the householder wanted to immediately root them out, the householder forbade them, lest they also root up and destroy the wheat (the children of God). He instructed them to wait until the harvest. Today we live in the time of the great Harvest and the Lord has told us in His word that the judgements of God are going to destroy the wicked as God causes

an awakening in this world today. He has told us that the pale horse will bring destruction among the ungodly, but the Lord will be gracious to His own. He will deliver his children.

"Verily I have felt after the hearts of men and I plead that they will hear when I call. Seek good and hate evil, and establish justice in the gate, for I have said I will be gracious, even unto Israel. Moreover, I shall deliver Joseph; I will deliver them from their bondage and gather the outcasts. And true Israel shall come rejoicing for I prepare a way of deliverance." — Mess. 48:7;

True Israel are the people of the Lord, those that are obedient to His word. The Lord has said that all that come unto Him and are born of God and endure until the end are a part of Israel.

"For behold, I say unto you as many of the Gentiles as will repent are the covenant people of the Lord; and as many of the Jews as will not repent shall be cast off; for the Lord covenanteth with none save it be with them that repent and believe in his Son, which is the Holy One of Israel. "—2 Nephi 30:2;

If we are faithful to the word of God and put our trust in Him, He will in no wise cast us out. He will preserve us as the Indignation passes over.

"Blessed are the meek and all those that consecrate themselves unto me. I will be with them, saith your Lord, and stand you in holy places, protecting you when the great indignation cometh. You shall be called mine when I make up my jewels." — Mess. 46:10;

Let us stay true to the word of God and fear not, but have faith.

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there will be no more scenes like this."

- 33 We were carried again to the place on the top of the high mountain. I saw that Germany was no more; she had become divided, part of her going to America and part joining with the armies of the man at Rome. Great Britain was also broken up never again to be united as an empire. Many sad hearts of the broken fragments joined with the people on American soil, becoming one nation in purpose, peaceful and full of justice, equality, and love. They were of all colors and kinds but all acted alike. Many of the Scandinavians came to the United States of America. Everyone called America "The Standard Nation" because she had a righteous standard.
- 34 Then we looked to the east over Palestine and the Messenger said: "The Lord shall set his feet on the Mount and a nation shall be born in a day. The Jews shall learn of their Lord." At this I saw them a peaceful people and wealthy in goods and homes. Their fields were green and many factories were busy, with smoke ascending and the noise of industry ringing out.
- 35 From the north and west of Palestine came a large army and after they came on the scene, armies from the north and east came with haste to take a spoil. Then many eyes were turned to Jerusalem and a cry rang out, "Let us go to battle to Jerusalem for they have the wealth of the world." They camped near and the Jews came out to protect their rights. The battle was on, the scenes became so horrible that I grew very sick in body and faint from grief as we sat

there and looked upon the things taking place in that awful battle.

- 36 The lands in the north, east, and south had been spoiled by the wars and all the fields that once were beautiful were now a rugged waste. What a shame! What a pity! All the result of sin.
- 37 The Messenger said, "Look," and I turned with him to look to the west and saw America, seemingly raised up, so I could see the whole continent lifted out of the great waters. I saw people gathered to worship the Lord. I saw peaceful fields, quiet homes, happy faces and smiling mothers. The men were solemn and kind to each other as they worked building the waste places and planning government. Discipline was in effect everywhere. Justice, equality, and righteousness was the desire of every heart. I saw that one had risen up, a noted man in righteousness, and had turned ungodliness away from the people of the Lord and sin was no more among them.
- 38 The Messenger said, "The work of a seer has been done. He has come from the election of the Lord."
- 39 I saw the temple in the distance and we floated gently toward it. As we neared, I read these words over the door, "THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD."
- 40 I saw that millions had met death and few remained when the indignation had passed over. Only one-sixth of the men were left.

- 41 I seemed well acquainted with the Messenger and did not fear him. I listened to every word he spoke. He said, "By the elect shall the cause be done." I knew he meant the preparing of a nation in righteousness.
- 42 We stopped at the door of the temple and it seemed I was lifted so I could see in every direction and many saints were marching toward the temple, while hosts were coming from the seashores. Their eyes were focused on the temple and the cloud that rested upon it. I looked until the people approached the temple grounds then the Messenger took me home. I was tired, worn and weary.
- 43 The vision closed and I was still sitting up in bed. The Messenger said, "Be at peace, be comforted, let the Church continue on, that the standard might be raised. I will come again as the Lord will direct." He left at 5:05 a.m.
- 44 To all those who read these lines, I want to say that they do not, nor can they portray half of the horrible and bitter scenes as they really were. Such scenes of sadness, suffering and disaster should quiet the step of any God-fearing soul. Woe upon woe, weeping, suffering and death was the essence of the situation. May God protect us.