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## **The Kingdom of God**

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The Kingdom of God is a real domain consisting of a king (Jesus), subjects (Saints of God), domain (the earth), laws and ordinances (The gospel of Jesus Christ), and officers (the ministers) of Jesus Christ to enforce and carry out the laws of God in truth and righteousness in administering the ordinances thereof. With this in mind the reader will go to the word of God to confirm the above statements: Matthew 3-17 "in those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias (Isaiah), saying 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle about his loins; and his meat was locust and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and the entire region around about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan confessing their

sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, 'O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' Bring forth therefore fruits (broken hearts and contrite spirits with sincere desires to know and to serve the True and Living God) meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father; for I say unto you that God is able to of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the tree; therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worth to bear; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire; Whose fan is in his hand and he will thoroughly purge his floor and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquench-

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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*.

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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.

**Special Notice**

The 2012 General Assembly of The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will be held on :

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ble fire. Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him, but John forbade him saying 'I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me': And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he (John) suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting up on him; and lo a voice from heaven saying "this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased". At this point of Divine understanding, the voice that came from heaven was all and the same Divine Omnipotent, Omniscience, and Omnipresent Spirit incarnated in the flesh of Jesus the Christ, All Mighty God with no beginning and no end, John 14:1-4

From the beginning of the creation of the human family as recorded back in the book Genesis, it has been one long struggle after another with God striving with man (for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, Genesis 6:3) al-

ways to bring him back into compliance with his commandments as it was meant from the beginning before the deception in the Garden of Eden. Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist prophesying under the power of the Holy Ghost, Luke 1:50, made mention of promises being made by God through all of the Holy prophets since the world began regarding the bringing forth the Kingdom of God in righteousness; the kingdoms of this world have been and are being empowered by the power of the adversary under the watchful eyes of Almighty God (For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him, 2 Chronicles 16:9) as men from the beginning of nations have tried unsuccessfully to establish kingdoms. Down through the ages so-called biblical scholars have without Divine understanding and with their own interpretations of prophecy have terribly misinformed the masses of people in thinking their degrees in biblical studies give them the right to interpret God's Words in accordance to their carnal understanding. The readers

must keep in mind how the Word of God came down to his people in the first place as stated by the apostles Paul and Peter (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21). The readers' attention will now reflect back on Daniel's writing as recorded in the book of Daniel 2:40 in interpreting the king's dream; the dream was of a very large image of a man with a head of gold (ancient Babylon, now present day Iraq), arms and chest of silver (ancient Persia, now modern day Iran; Persia name was changed to Iran (Aryan) in 1935, stomach and thighs of brass (ancient Grecian, modern day Greece and other nations that are now modern day Muslim nations, and (ancient Roman empire) legs of iron, feet, and ten toes of iron mixed with miry clay); modern day Rome, Turkey (ancient Constantinople), and European nations; this image could easily be seen as the Ottoman empire that was established in 1299 A.D. and eventually defeated by the allies during World War 1 and dissolved in 1923. A careful study of world history will show that all of those listed kingdoms were overthrown in the successive order in which they are listed; following the death

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of Alexander the great, the Grecian empire was divided into four divisions with each of his four generals taking one division; In the sub-kingdom Syria, a very wicked ruler arose in time, named Antiochus Epiphanes, by his act of desecrating the temple in Jerusalem by offering up swine blood on the altar during the years 175-165 B.C. was an abominable act typical of that which the Roman emperor Constantine did in desecrating the altar of God in the Church of Christ in the year 325 A.D., Jesus himself made reference to this historical event when he spoke of the persecution of His Saints in the end times. (Matt. 24:15-22). In the year of 1829 A.D. all of those kingdoms were existing as Muslim nations with the exceptions of Greece and Rome; Greece had won her independence in 1829 from the Ottoman empire, yet, the other nations that were ruled by the ancient Grecians (Greece was just one of the providences of the Grecian empire) remained under control of Muslim powers; the same with the Roman empire territories; in the year of 1453 A.D. the eastern section of the Roman empire

was conquered and taken by the Ottoman Turks. A conference in London in March 1829 proposed an independent Greek state with a northern frontier running from Arta to Volos, and including only Euboea and the Cyclades among the islands. The Greeks were bitterly disappointed at these restricted frontiers, but were in no position to resist the will of Britain, France and Russia, who were largely responsible for Greek independence. By the Convention of May 11, 1832 Greece was finally recognized as a sovereign state. Capodistria, who had been Greece's unrecognized head of state since 1828, was assassinated in October 1831. To prevent further experiments in republican government, the powers insisted the Greece be a monarchy, and the Bavarian Prince Otto was chosen to be its first King.

In A.D. 325 the Roman emperor Constantine stopped the persecution of the Saints, legalized Christianity, and took control of the Church of Christ and moved the headquarters from the western to the eastern section of the Roman empire

and named it Constantinople (formerly the Byzantine empire) after himself; this was an abominable thing and the beginning of the Church of Christ going into apostasy as it had aforesaid been mentioned by Daniel while in captivity in the Babylonian empire Daniel 7: 1-28, and John while on the island of Patmos, Revelation 12: 1-17. With all of this having been said, this writer will now take you back to the promises God made to His people through the prophet Daniel regarding the Kingdom of God Daniel 2:44-45. Jesus established His kingdom among his people from the days of the preaching of John the Baptist and began to lay the foundation of his church with the calling of the twelve disciples of whom He called out from among his many disciples (followers) and ordained them to the office of apostles. "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force," Matthew 11:12. The Ministry and Saints of The Church of Christ today has the same power and authority as the Ministry and Saints of old. The adversary of the

Lord's work was told from the very beginning:

Genesis 3:15 "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." This is very important to understand because this shows how God had foretold the bringing forth and falling away of His church; with the beginning of the going forth of the church on the day of Pentecost, the day Jesus had chosen to shower down on His servant His great powers in witnessing to the many different nationalities and languages that had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the high Jewish Holiday-Pentecost was a day of celebrating the Hebrew people's crossing over into the promised land from bondage which was typical of the Saints of God crossing over from the bondage of sin into the freedom of Jesus Christ their savior and redeemer. From the day of Pentecost the Church of Christ went forth preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ with power and authority in the midst of sever persecution from the Jews and Roman authorities. But, as the Lord had promised His

Saints of that day he would be with them always, even to the end of the world; that same promise is applicable to His Saints of today. They were first called Christians in Antioch, Act 19:11-26; Antioch was the second most mentioned city in the Acts of the Apostles and the third city of importance in the Roman Empire. It was founded by Seleucus I in 300 B.C. on the Orontes, and was named after his father Antiochus. It was known for its splendor and beauty. After the Romans occupied it under the leadership of Pompey in 64 B.C. they competed among each other to make Antioch the "Queen of the East." They built temples, theatres, public baths, bridges and aqueducts. Besides its adornment, it was "notorious for the profligacy of its pagan population." Its location, on the river Orontes and 21 miles from the sea made it a center of trade "being easily approached by the caravans of the East and through its port Seleucia, having maritime communication with the West." This landmark of Syria, because of its location, size and importance in the Ro-

man Empire, moved to be the second center of Christianity. Nicolas, one of the seven Bishops chosen to serve tables, was a proselyte from Antioch and was probably the first Christian from that city. To Antioch, the first Saints fled the persecution which followed the death of Stephen. Here the word of God was preached to Jews and Gentiles by Barnabas, a man full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, and Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles. In Antioch, the followers of Christ were called, probably out of mockery, Christians for the first time; there is a difference between being a Christian and a Saint. A Christian is a follower in name of a religious group; a Saint is a follower of Jesus and is truly converted and is sealed with the seal of the living God, The seal of God is that part of His law which contains His name, or descriptive title, showing who He is, the extent of His dominion, and His right to rule. What is a seal? In Esther 3:12 we read: "In the name of King Ahasuerus it was written, and sealed with the king's signet ring." A seal indicates ownership and genuineness.

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## New Member

Apostle Norm Lyles

Greetings unto each of you in the Holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We of the Grand Junction, Colorado local celebrate the goodness of the Lord and thank Him for His Mercy. We were blessed to share in the Baptism of Sister Corazon Balbutin Johnson on October 6th, 2011. Sister Cora moved to Grand Junction, some months ago and has been attending our local. She is a true blessing and a real joy to all who have come to know her. She moved to America many years ago from the Philippines, following the second world war. Her faith and her understanding of the gospel is an inspiration to each of us and her enthusiasm brings a glow to our local and to all who come to know her.

Apostle Norman D. Lyles baptized her and Elder Gary Douady and Norm confirmed her. We hope each of you will come to know her and we wanted to share our joy for her with each of you. May God Bless each of you as you join us in celebration of another precious soul who has joined with the Lord and His Church.

## Message 84

*The Messenger, John the Baptist, a resurrected being, appeared in my room, November 3, 1966, at 1:30 a.m. and was with me over two hours. He gave the following message. He was clothed with the same white robe he wore on previous visits. The room was full of light, no shadows anywhere. He was powerful in his voice, and a flame of the Spirit of God issued from him. He stood by my side and began giving the message. He then sat on the bed as I sat on a chair by the table. He spoke a sentence at a time repeating to see that each word was accurate, as he spake it. He left at 3:45*

*a.m. The following is the message.*

1 "Behold! Arise and write the message I will give you. I come at the Lord's appointing. I come from his presence. I bring his words, I speak his will.

2 I am the servant of the Lord. I am the forerunner of the Christ. I am he to prepare the way. I give the word in due season. I speak in the Spirit and power of God, of the Elias, the assured way, a fountain of truth. I am clothed with light for a covering. The words I speak are eternal words. I speak the words of

Christ, the Living God. His words shall judge you in the last day. Shape your lives by the words I bring and it will be well with you. This is the assured way of the Lord.

3 Let the Church and all men respect the resurrection, for with it there is hope for all mankind. Come together and worship on the first day of the week—but remember God always. Keep the Lord's day holy.

4 Be wise in works and humble in your talk and the Lord will direct in all things.

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5 When the fruit is ripe, then is the time to pluck. He that gathereth when the harvest is not ripe—it wasteth away and their labor is in vain.

6 Keep the faith and endure and the sunlight of righteousness shall arise over you, with healing in his wings and ye shall be preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command peace and it will bring you through.

7 God is love. My message is one of love. Keep the mellowing Spirit in your hearts. Many are moved by the power of God. Many have been touched by the Spirit of the Lord. Many represent Christ and are ready for this work. They that are for us are not against us.

8 I bring the authority and trust. I give the opening of the way for the flow of God to come unto mankind. I have given the holy priesthood after the order of God, after the order of his Son. This authority was given and relayed on unto the Church and the ministry of the Church of Christ, the Church with my message, the Elijah Message,

ordained in 1829 upon the heads of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and reiterated a hundred years later to Otto Fetting, an apostle in the remnant the Lord had preserved on the temple lot.

9 Oh, that mankind would hear my words and obey. Light and life would come to them for the Christ is the ruler and judge of all.

10 You will see the powers at work. Churches will unite, there will be uniting of forces. Those seeking truth will flow into this way. The greater your understanding, the greater the light shall be and the greater will be your work.

11 My work is that Israel might be gathered and Joseph brought to understanding.

12 Seek out, acquire and restore with meekness those that are humble, repentant and full of love, if they will come to doctrine and truth and refrain from teaching of men and traditions that will not save you but the gospel of Christ of redemption and salvation unto eternity of eternal hope with God—preaching Christ and him crucified and resurrected.

13 It is finished, no more the old law of burning of sacrifices on the alter and its spilt bloods, the worship of day or days. But keep ye the Lord's day, the first day of the week for worship and service in respect to the resurrection. Herein was the gospel restored to a nation and nations bringing forth fruits thereof.

14 Mankind cannot lift himself. He cannot be self-appointed. His works will not stand the test.

15 'Behold! saith the Lord, I have sent my messenger to speak my will. My words shall not return unto me void but shall bring forth. There shall be those with faith when I come to earth to reign.

16 I am he that is called I AM. I am the Great White Spirit. I am he that is called Shiloh. I am all in all. I am the only living God, Creator of the universe, ruler and judge of all. I am the chief cornerstone, I am the stone the builders rejected. I am the Christ, the Son of man.

17 I am God, I change not. I am he that was called Jehovah. I am Jesus Christ. I am

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the beginning and the end. I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, I am the Lord. I am he that was manifested in the flesh, in the flesh—death and resurrection. I am he that is risen. I am the Lord God.

18 All they that hear me and learn of me, hearing my decrees and obey, shall have right to eternity with me, your Lord God Christ forever.

19 I am he that formed the heavens and the earth and all things that in them are. I am he that placed man in the garden and preserved Noah over the flood. I am he that chose Abraham for his great faith. His seed is as the sands of the seashores, innumerable. I am he that led Israel through the Red Sea and over Jordan and I will deliver my people today, if they will watch and pray and serve me, your Master and Lord God.

20 When mankind will learn of me, he shall be lifted from darkness unto light and power—and hearing me I will hear him and heal your souls and your lands.

21 You will see many fall on the one hand and many more on the left because of the works of Satan. They will not hear because of the teachings and pride of men, the traditions of men, saith the Lord.'

22 Lo, the evil is at work and will do all he can to destroy—and that through mankind and through some that claim to love the Lord.

23 Fear not, the Lord will raise up those to defend this cause. Even now, the great power of peace and deliverance is coming and at work, yea, even till the Bridegroom comes and the door is shut.

24 All those that shall be there, those that shall be with him are they that have had their lamps trimmed and burning: their lives arrayed in righteousness, their vessels filled with oil, their lives and works filled with the Spirit of God. Their works show their faith, shaped by the words I bring. None shall stand, none shall endure that will not heed the words I bring for I bring a restoration and restitution of all things—the

holy priesthood of God after the order of God, manifested in the flesh decreed from the beginning—stretching out the heavens, the earth to her former beauty, the waters above the firmament as well as in the deep.

25 The day comes when there shall be a new heaven and a new earth. Sin shall not be there for there will be no more Satan.

26 Behold! The work is in the hands of the faithful. I give charge that you see that it is directed humbly and in love. The work you do will be recorded in heaven, that which you bind on earth will be bound in heaven. That which you loose shall be loosed in heaven. Those that do or have spoken lightly and bitter of this work—their charge and responsibility they betray and it is taken from them. Therefore they have no part in the sacred work of the Lord. They walk in darkness at noonday.

27 See those that grope in darkness because they will not or do not study. Many are called, some faithful, some have been ordained yet they are slow to prepare themselves to be leaders. The de-



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sires of their hearts are not yet filled—nor the Lord's will obeyed.

28 Set none apart that will not come to doctrine and seek to defend all the words I bring, for I bring light. The earth shall be filled with the light I shall bring.

29 I bring the everlasting gospel. It is Christ's words that shall judge all mankind. Those that hear you will hear me and the words I bring from the Lord.

30 The day comes when all that serve the Lord will become a delightsome people, made white through the righteousness of their obedience to the Lord, the Ensample, the Lamb of God.

31 The heat of the sun shall no more burn upon their faces for the Lord shall be the light upon them.

32 Worship and find the gift. The gospel is salvation to the faithful, hope in eternity with the Lord. They that bring forth fruit shall find peace and rest from all their labors—peace in their hearts of God towards all men.

33 'Oh! I would that mankind would hear my words today as delivered by mine angel and humble themselves.

34 Oh! Do they not know the storms of life will bring them low—the hard of heart, the haughty, the highminded? I will be slow to hear their cry. They speak lightly of my injunctions and words of instructions and come not to doctrine and my decrees.'

35 There are those that say I have not spoken, but I come that mankind may find a way and learn deliverance. There is safety in the obeying the words I bring.

36 The ideals in man's heart will fade away. The great truth and the Church in her bright garments must shine and stand forth. This is light and truth that Jesus is the Christ the Eternal God.

37 For the faithful, the sojourn in the wilderness is nearing an end, the Gentile times are closing in. The day comes when it will be said, 'The people of the Lord' and them that serve him not. Be ye repentant and the Lord will hear and heal all the weak and make you strong.

38 How oft have I told you, worry not over what men may say of you. The Lord knows your repentance and your righteous desires to ever be in his will. You have done the Lord's bidding in the establishing the Church and it's holy priesthood authority according to the laws of the land. Those that are with you and defend the words I bring are the Church of Christ in deed and works. The Church with the Elijah Message, set in 1829 by my hands when the holy priesthood authority was restored and kept sacred through the branch and remnant on the temple lot and reaffirmed upon Otto Fetting in his day—and I continue to come. Be delivered from the sins and traditions of men and lifted from the awful curse the prophet of old told of, lest the Lord should smite the earth and all men be in vain.

39 He cometh, who is the Deliverer. I am his forerunner, I am the Elias, I bring his message of love. The carnal mind of man cannot understand—but the spiritual shall understand and fold into this way.

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40 The Lord has many in reserve and many he has touched by his Spirit—even, sending ministering angels that men might be prepared.

41 Let the work continue everywhere.

42 The Lord has brought the message to his servant Tommy Gargus. He shall come into this work and let him be set apart an elder, moreover an evangelist. Let him continue his good works for the Lord has established him.

With this authority and trust he will bring many to salvation. The Lord has healed and reserved him.

43 Let David Pack and David Roberts know they are called of God. Great good will come from their faithful works.

44 Let Floyd Tippet and Charles Pittman be added to the elders, and W. A. Pack and Charles Pack to the elders and evangelists when they take up this work. The Lord will fill them with his

Spirit and great good will come from humble prayer.

45 Keep peace in the Church and unfold the mysteries as God gives to you. Teach the decrees. Hold the standard high. Do all that you can. Many souls will learn life and obedience through your good works. As I speak to you I speak to all. I will come again. I will direct the work of the Lord.

46 Peace be with you. Amen.”

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