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“The Branch”

“In that day, the Branch of the Lord shall be Glorious!”
Isaiah, Chapter 4, Verse 2
In the beginning, the Great Council of Gods (Elohiem) commanded Jehovah and Michael (an immortal, resurrected, exalted archangel) to organize a world in order to continue the plan of salvation for His (Michael) spirit children. When the earth was created Michael (as Adam) came down to provide mortal tabernacles for His Spirit children. Therein Adam had the opportunity to extend and expand His exaltation and glory. Elohiem said, "Make yourself an earth and people it with your own children." Hence Adam responded.

"I want my children who are in the spirit world to come and live here. I once dwelt upon an earth something like this, in a mortal state. I was faithful, I received my crown and exaltation. I have the privilege of extending my work . . . I want my children that were born to me in the spirit world to come here and take tabernacles of flesh . . . . They must pass through the same ordeals as the Gods, that they may know good from evil, how to succor the tempted, tried and weak, and how to reach down the hand of mercy to save the falling sinner. The Lord has revealed His gospel and instituted its ordinances that the inhabitants of the earth may be put in possession of eternal life. But few of them however, will accept it."

Moses 1: 42 & 4: 32

These sacred ordinances and covenants were taught to the faithful and some of the more elementary signs and tokens are found in the temple endowment ceremony. The more advanced are encompassed in the Second Endowment which can only be administered after all the laws received in the initial endowment have been complied with. The final sealing (in the flesh) is performed by Christ himself wherein one’s “Calling and Election is made sure.”

Adam remained faithful and sought to follow these sacred commandments.

"And after many days an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam saying: Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him: I know not, save the Lord commanded me.”

Moses 5:6

"And Adam and Eve blessed the name of God, and they made all things known unto their sons and their daughters. And Satan came among them saying: I am also a son of God; and he commanded them, saying: Believe it not; and they believed it not and they loved Satan more than God. And men began from that time forth to be carnal, sensual and devilish.”

Moses 5: 12-13

They became Carnal (loving and worshipping material things) Sensual (seeking those pleasures that seemed to satisfy the physical desires) and Devilish (selfish, untruthful, deceitful, harmful to others and not seeking God nor keeping His commandments) until wickedness reigned upon the earth.
RETURNING to the ALMIGHTY

Message From the Prophet/Seer

PRESIDENT GERALD W. PETERSON

The world scene presents a scene in essence similar to the last day of the city of Pompeii before its total destruction by a volcanic eruption that covered with lava and ashes the sins and depravity that had offered the eyes of a righteous God.

As it was said in the scriptures, “As it was in the days of Noah, even also shall it be in the days of the coming of the son of man. They shall marry and give in marriage until the Lord come and take them away.”

The events reported in the news media give cause for concern. Russia invading countries near Jerusalem and the Holy Land. All signs point to an early all out Holy war over oil and the Mid-East confrontation long predicted called the “Battle of Armagedon.”

How long can a righteous God hold back His judgements of a wicked world where His children provoke Him to wrath by breaking His every commandments and laws. Peace hath long since left the Earth and confusion, chaos and sickness, disease stamps the seal of destruction upon the wicked. Men and women have their conscience seared with a hot iron so they no longer know the difference between good and evil.

Fulfilling the prophecy of scripture mankind no longer believes in God but run to and fro in search of pleasure and lost security for they have made money and gold their god and the source of their security, yet the security they seem to have is vanishing as frost before the morning sun, as inflation of goods purchased rises to phenomenal heights bringing starvation in the midst of plenty.

No longer can dependence on treasure give the peace of mind desired. Well has the time arrived for voice of the Lord to cry by His servants over the land, “Repent, Repent, Repent” before it is too late, for the sword of the Lord is bathed in Heaven and is about to fall on the Earth, to take vengeance on the ungodly. Few there be who know Christ and our Heavenly Father, although many profess His name speaking a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. Our readers would do well to heed the admonition of the Lord, “Come unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden. My cross is easy to carry, my burden is light.”

May God’s Spirit move upon his wayward children and cause them to be influenced to seek Him with all their heart, might, mind and strength, remembering the quotation in the book of Job chapter 22 Verse 22-30, in the Holy Bible;

“If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the Gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Yea the Almighty shall be thy defense, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. FOR then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty and shalt lift up thy face unto God. Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him and he shall hear thee and thou shalt pay thy vows. Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways. When men are cast down then thou shalt say, “There is lifting up, and he shall save the humble person. He shall deliver the island of the innocent; and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.”

Job 22: 23-30

May His choicest blessings attend the righteous, is our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
deked recognized Abraham's faithfulness, and sacrifices he conferred the "Melchizedek" Priesthood upon him. Abraham rejoiced when he officially received the Priesthood after the order of the son of God.

"... if a man would attain to the keys of the kingdom of an endless life; he must sacrifice all things. When God offers a blessing or knowledge to a man and he refuses to receive it, he will be damned... Melchizedek ordained Abraham and sent him away. Abraham rejoiced, saying, Now I have a priesthood... The Melchizedek Priesthood holds the right from the eternal God and not by descent from father and mother."

TPJS pg 322-23

Herein Abraham became the great High Priest, The Father of the Israelites and through this lineage came the Savior Jesus Christ. This Priesthood of Melchizedek was believed to have been preserved down through centuries and was claimed and thought to be possessed by the Jews. Christ, himself, held that honor, having it bestowed upon him by God because of the things he was willing to sacrifice.

"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation of God an high priest after the order of Melchizedek."

HEB 5: 8-10

It should be pointed out that Jesus was a priesthood holder in the Jewish church. He held the office of "Rabbi." But this gave him no authority to act for God. Hence he was chosen by God and received his calling and priesthood confirmation by God Himself. It may be unorthodox to those who claim their usurped authority but it is consistent with the orderly works of God.

"... every other person who received any call had to receive it by NEW REVELATION... God is a very consistent being; he does not do things haphazardly, but he is very orderly in His work and everything in His kingdom is consistent and according to law. That is the way the Lord works."

OP JD 17: 311-12

But the Jews believed that Christ was a false prophet, a trouble maker and possessed with evil spirits who was attempting to lead the people astray. They worshipped God and held Abraham in esteem through which they believed they held the full authority of God. However, the Jews had become captive to leaders who had changed the ordinances and broken the everlasting covenants. When Jesus reminded them of their apostasy they sought to crucify Him. Christ bore testimony of His calling and proclaimed to be...

"... the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

John 14: 6

The Jews charged Him with blasphemy and declared:

"... We be Abraham's seed, ... Abraham is our father..."

John 8: 33,39

They knew from whom their authority came. They knew the promises given to Father Abraham and his descendants. They knew they were the chosen children of God and who was this Jesus but an imposter. Their priesthood came from their Father, Abraham.

"If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham... He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. Then answered the Jews and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan and hast a devil?
ZION – THE CITY OF Enoch & THE FLOOD

Of the vast numbers of inhabitants then upon the earth only Seth (Adam's son) and some of his children were valiant in keeping the commandments of God. No amount of preaching could stay the course being pursued by this vast majority. The Prophet Enoch went into a wicked city and with great faith and long suffering was able to turn some of the inhabitants around. Those who wanted to follow the vain ways of the world finally left and those that remained, set a course under Enoch's direction to follow every law and commandment of God.

Finally these righteous people living right along side the wicked majority became known as the "The City of Enoch." They were persecuted and scoffed at but they withstood all the buffets of the day and even though such a small minority, "The City of Enoch" became exceedingly righteous.

"And the Lord called his people Zion because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness, and there was no poor among them . . . and . . . he built a city that was called the city of Holiness, even Zion . . . and lo, ZION IN PROCESS OF TIME, WAS TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN . . . And Enoch also beheld the residue of the people which were the sons of Adam; and they were a mixture of all the seed of Adam save it was the seed of Cain, for the seed of Cain were black and had not place among them . . . and behold the power of Satan was upon all the face of the earth . . . And it came to pass that the God of heaven looked upon the residue of the people, and he wept . . ."

Moses 7: 18 – 28

Instead of God coming down upon the earth and whipping the inhabitants into shape, he called upon Noah to preserve His laws and destroy their mortal lives by the flood. Only eight souls were spared, the immediate family of Noah. (And yet even one of his sons, Ham disobeyed by marrying a black wife wherein the "Curse was preserved in the land.")

One would have to admit that destroying all the inhabitants of the earth was certainly an unorthodox method of administering the Plan of Salvation. But, even God cannot nullify man's "Free Agency" to be wicked and rebellious toward his sacred commandments if they choose.

ABRAHAM'S SEED

Following the destruction of the flood, the gospel was again preached and righteousness began to flourish. Even Ham and his descendents were righteous but they could not hold the Priesthood. Even though, they sought earnestly to "IMITATE" that patriarchal reign established by Adam, Noah, etc., (Abraham 1: 26–27.)

"It will pay you and me and all the sons and all the daughters of Adam to abide the celestial law, for celestial glory is worth all we possess."

WW JD 17: 250

and Cush the black skinned son of Ham possessed the sacred garments of the holy Priesthood which was stolen by his less obedient father Ham (Book of Jasher 3: 24–30) and given to him.

In the midst of all this Abraham became the chosen of the Lord. Slowly the other descendents of Noah drifted into apostacy and began worshipping idols. Abraham held the Patriarchal Priesthood by birthright and administered in that office with great faith and righteousness. He was loyal and submissive to the great High Priest and King, Melchizedek. When Melchize-
apostles and prophets. Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly frame together ....

EPH 2: 19 – 22

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

EPH 4: 11 – 14

What a relief, Christ established His church with officers and ordinances that "HENCEFORTH be no more children tossed to and fro . . . with every wind of doctrine." That appears to be permanent! And as long as one honors that Priesthood, the unchangeable ordinances are always the same in every age.

"therefore He (Christ) set the ordinances to be the same forever and ever ...."

TPJS pg 168

Joseph Smith also taught that when . . . "... there is no change of ordinances, there is no change of Priesthood."

TPJS pg 158

President Wilford Woodruff bore witness:

"There never was but one Gospel and never will be but one delivered to the children of men and that never change and never will change in time or eternity. It is the same in every age of the world; its ordinances are the same."

JD 17: 249

With the Gospel so firmly established and the Priesthood again restored, how could His Church ever fail? But it did. The old Prophets for told it.

"Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people err . . . night shall be unto you that ye shall not have a vision . . . They build up Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward and the priests thereof teach for hire . . . and say, Is not the Lord among us? None evil can come upon us."

MICAH 3: 5–11

How well this fits the "Christian Crusades" and the corruption prophesied by Isaiah:

"The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man."

ISA 33: 8

The Priesthood was lost, the ordinances changed, the covenants broken and the Dark Ages ushered in. During which the Catholic and Greek Orthodox churches flourished. Both claim direct authority from Christ himself. Just as the Jews boasted of their authority from Abraham, the leaders in both the Roman Catholic Church and the Greek Orthodox Church claimed their authority existed in an unbreakable chain from the Savior. However, neither has apostles. Neither practiced the Law of Consecration so that all

"Let us attend to the ordinances of the house of God, and unite ourselves according to his law, for Jesus will never receive the Zion of God until its people are united according to celestial law, for all who go into the presence of God have to go there by this law. Enoch had to practice this law and we shall have to do the same . . . we have to keep that law ourselves if we inherit that kingdom, for no man will receive a celestial glory unless he abides a celestial law."  

WW JD 17: 250

things were held in common. Neither require baptism by immersion nor practice the Laying on of Hands for the Holy Ghost. Both teach the infallibility of their leaders and they forbid marriage among their clergy.

"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of (at least) one wife . . . ."

1 TIM 3: 2

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in 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
Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto Him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? And the prophets are dead: whom maketh thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, My honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you. Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him . . .”

John 8: 31–59

Mark well the “solid” position of the Jews who claimed to have the teachings of Father Abraham and boasted of this direct authority of Melchizedek. They refused to believe or to even entertain the thought that maybe their leaders had led them astray. But, it was clear, when compared with the scriptures, they had “Changed the ordinances and broken the everlasting covenants.

“Do not suppose, however, that those first principles are the only ones to be learned; do not become stereotyped in your feelings, and think that you must always dwell upon them and proceed no further . . . if he has given a law unto all things and has set bounds and conditions to every law which he has given, will it hurt any intelligent being to learn concerning those laws as far as he possibly can? I think not.”

OP JD 17: 326

And this He did. It was not found in the Church that the Jews adhered to. God did not choose to set that apostate church in order, any more than He chose to set in order the wicked and fallen generation of Noah’s time. But He directed Christ to set up another Church along side the old one with proper officers, free from false traditions and biased leaders.

“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints . . . Let all things be done decently and in order.”

1 COR 14: 33, 40

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God: And are built upon the foundation of the
So over the course of the next several years, God had again restored through His Prophet Joseph Smith, all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” And therein the FULNESS of the Gospel was established for this Last Dispensation among the house of Israel extracted out from among the Gentile nations.

Those who accept the restored Gospel are mainly from the lineage of Ephraim, a chosen tribe of Israel. From the Gentile Nations, the chosen children of God are to be gathered out into one place upon this land. The Fulness of the Gospel being offered for the last time.

“And I have sent forth the fulness of my Gospel by the hand of my servant Joseph...”

D&C 35:17

“That mine everlasting covenant might be established; That the fulness of my gospel might be proclaimed by the weak and the simple unto the ends of the world, and before kings and rulers.”

D&C 1:22-23

The establishing of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints among the hundreds of self-acclaimed Churches of Christ was certainly an orthodox, out of the established pattern, way for God to act. One might ask, “Unorthodox to whom?” Now! As through the ages... it was only “Unorthodox” to those who had fallen from the truth. Those welcomed the changing of the laws and ordinances of God. And those who prefer to live after their own understanding of self-righteous corruption. They say, “Don’t confuse us with facts, OUR leaders are infallible.”

Regardless of what they say, the true Gospel was restored right along side of the Catholic Church who claimed direct succession of Priesthood authority from Christ.

Just as God chose not to work through the corrupt leaders during Noah’s time, nor the established Jewish church during the time of Christ... He chose not to attempt to reform the Catholic Church who had desecrated His laws and ordinances.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the only true Church of Christ was established with the “Fulness” of doctrine and authority which ushered in the TIME OF THE GENTILES.

“And when the TIMES OF THE GENTILES is come in, a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the FULNESS OF MY GOSPEL.

D&C 45:28

When the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr., had completed his life’s mission of the restoration he sealed his work with his blood... he died a Martyr at the hands of self-acclaimed christains. To this day his admonition still stands:

“How are the world to know you are sincere in your belief, if you have a revelation which you profess to believe in, and yet give no heed, to it. I do not wonder that the world say that the Latter-day Saints do not believe their own revelations. Why? Because we do not practice them.”

OP JD 17:104

Even though such a strong edict was given God knew that few, very few would adhere to the true Gospel ordinances and keep His commandments. God knew that this short proving time for the Gentiles would end because the leaders of His people would be declared again infallible and His people would approve of them being led astray. The “Fulness” of the
MARRY..."

I TIM 4: 1–3

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

II TIM 4: 3–4

Many people like Martin Luther, John Wesley, Calvin, Campbell, etc., recognized one discrepancy after another and protested the stand of the prevailing Mother church. In their own wisdom they attempted to correct the wrongs but it only resulted in the multiplications of hundreds of man made churches. But all was not to be lost, because the Apostacy was foretold as was the Restoration by God himself in the Latter-days.

"Now we beseech you brethren, by the coming (again) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, ... Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first...."

II THES 2: 1–4

Again why couldn’t God reveal himself to the Pope and instruct him to make the necessary changes to bring that worldwide church into line with scriptures? Wouldn’t that be the wisest thing to do, as the membership in great numbers all ready existed. God could reinstate the Priesthood, correct the ordinances and renew the covenants.

Whatever God could have done made no difference, because He chose to accomplish the task in an unorthodox way. He revealed Himself with His Son (Christ) to a young boy who sought the "Truth."

JOSEPH SMITH WHO?

Joseph Smith, Jr., was appointed to receive the necessary revelations and instructions under the direction of God to establish His true, undefiled doctrine and ordinances to REMAIN through this Last Dispensation. Oh, so unorthodox....

The Prophet Joseph Smith was instrumental in bringing forth, a New Witness for Christ, The Book of Mormon. He received the Aaronic

"Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God ... Brigham Young is a Prophet of God and that Gospel which they have preached to the Latter-day Saints is the Gospel of the Son of God ... it is for us, to who this Gospel has been revealed, to learn what is right and be faithful in practicing it, and the more faithful we are in applying ourselves to this important duty, the more speedily will evil disappear from amongst us."

CCR JD 17: 170-71

and Melchizedek Priesthoods, conferred upon him by John the Baptist and Peter, James and John respectfully. He was given the charge to Gather the children of God from every nation, kindred and tongue. The Law of Consecration was again established along with the Celestial (Plural) marriage. The function of the Holy Temple and Garments of the Holy Priesthood were revealed and the first and second endowments (Covenants) were again brought into proper focus. The Prophet Elijah brought back the keys of sealing. And every other doctrine which had been taught from Adam down to the present time — as so prophesied.

"Repent ye 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...."

ACTS 3: 19–22
ter's bidding, for the upbuilding of His Kingdom upon the earth, He will pass on and get somebody else; because He will get a people that will do it. I do not mean to say that He will pass off and leave this people; nO, THERE WILL COME UP FROM THE MIDST OF THIS PEOPLE THAT PEOPLE WHICH HAS BEEN TALKED SO MUCH ABOUT.

DHW Des News 9 Dec 1882

"I know there is A PEOPLE IN THE HEARTS CORE OF THIS PEOPLE, THAT WILL ARISE IN THEIR MAJ- ESTY in a day that is near at hand, and push spiritual things to the front; A PEOPLE WHO WILL STAND UP FOR GOD."

OFW Des News 11 Aug 1889

There are over two dozen such prophecies of this nature, all spoken to the Latter-day Saints who were crying to the Church leaders to please change the laws of God. Many L.D.S. members complained from the beginning and even today after only a fragmentation of the Fulness remains there are some who continue to counsel the LDS leaders to "modernize," "liberalize," and "update" the doctrine. Such Satanic and Babylonic influences have scored their toll upon the Church.

"It is true that many have broken their covenants and turned away from the Lord, and the reason is that they stopped serving God and undertook to serve themselves, and that led them into darkness."

W.W. JD 17: 247

"I would not give a fig for a Latter-day Latter-day Saints. They recognized and gained a testimony of the Gospel and sought baptism. However, somewhere along the line many have become captive to doctrine and principles not taught by Jesus Christ or the Prophet Joseph Smith and by their own choice will remain in that dormant position. Others of them will recognize the Fulness. But where do they go? Satan has released torrids of false "revelations" that are leading many good people astray. On the surface they appear logical and correct and even though they may have been received in sincerity they cannot stand the test. Where then does one look that he be not deceived? The first place to start is on ones knees pleading with the Father in Heaven to lead the way with discernment and truth. Second, the standard works. Third, the earlier prophets in the Church who lived every principle of the Fulness. Fourth, back to the Lord with prayer and a knowledge of all the principles of the Gospel, because they NEVER change in time or eternity.

"Joseph Smith revealed more in relation to the kingdom of God and was a greater Prophet than perhaps any other man who ever lived except Jesus."

JT JD 17:47

A "SECOND" LATTER-DAY GATHERING

In accordance with D&C 113, the gate can be opened to understand that the "Stem of Jesse" is Jesus Christ, "The Rod" is understood to be Joseph Smith, Jr., "The ROOT of Jesse" has clues to who that is, but one must seek a little farther to pin point him by name. He has the Priesthood (remember that clue) and he possesses the Keys of the kingdom . . . . . for the GATHERING of the elect from among the children of God.

At first one may attribute that to Joseph Smith but by searching the scriptures a little further we find that "The Root of Jesse" pertains to the second and final Gathering which shall be from among the LDS people. Speaking of these last days, the prophet Isaiah said:

"And there shall come forth a rod (Joseph Smith) out of the stem of Jesse, (Christ) and a BRANCH shall grow out
Gospel was available to all... "But they receive it not; for they perceive not the light, and they turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men. And in the generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." D&C 45: 29-30

"At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against 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 all manner of hypocrisies, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations: and if they shall do all those things, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I WILL BRING THE FULNESS OF MY GOSPEL FROM AMONG THEM...."

III NEPHI 16: 10

It was foretold that the Fulness of the Gospel would be restored among the Gentiles and during that period they would reject it and it would be taken from them. Since no other church ever had the fulness this prophecy fits no other Church, but The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is not, difficult to see that the Mother L.D.S. Church has fallen, teaching doctrine “different from that taught by Joseph Smith.” (See The Branch Magazine Vol 1 Number 9.)

How does one correlate this claim with the other promises of God that He would never take the Gospel from the earth again and that He’d never set up another Church?

NO CONFLICT.... During “THE TIME OF THE GENTILES (April 6, 1830 – May 10, 1977)” the Mormon people set a self-destructive course to change the ordinances and Break The Everlasting Covenants.” God foretold it... it is nothing new. But through his Modern Day Prophets He promised a Righteous BRANCH Church would be established consisting of good Latter-day Saints who come out from the main body of the L.D.S. Church to sustain the gospel doctrine in its FULNESS.

Again unorthodox, but just as prophesied:

"SUCH A BODY WILL EVOLVE FROM THOSE CALLED LATTER-DAY SAINTS, WHO AS A CHURCH"

"Stop! Stop your course! Cease to bring in and build up Babylon in your midst. It is the duty of each and every one of us to reflect upon the office and calling we possess, and see whether we are doing the will of the Lord and if we are not, we should stop and begin anew to establish the kingdom of God upon the earth."

BY JD 17:37

"Shall we ever return to the law of God? Yes, when? Why, when we will. We are agents; we can abide His law or reject it, just as long as we please, for God has not taken away your agency or mine."

OP JD 17:110

POSSESS THE FULNESS AND POWER OF THE PURE PLAN OF SALVATION*

Geo. Q. Cannon Mill Star 42: 585

"The Lord Almighty will not suffer His PRIESTHOOD to be again driven from the earth, even, should He permit the wicked to kill and destroy this people... God will preserve A PORTION OF THIS PEOPLE of the meek and humble, to bear off the kingdom...."*

BY — Contributor 10: 362

"And if we as a people do not hold ourselves on the altar ready to be used, with our means and all that God has bestowed upon us, according to the Mas-
Manifesto because he recognized the law of God was supreme to a "Press Dispatch." So to an extent God recognized his leadership but the die was cast. The Church had turned against the Fulness of the Gospel. No more Law of Consecration, Celestial Plural Marriage, Adam God Doctrine, separation from the ways of the world, etc..

Upon the death of Joseph F. Smith, Heber J. Grant became the President of the Church because he was the Senior Apostle in the Quorum of the Twelve. But he never had a visitation from God or Christ or Bro Joseph or any other Priesthood "Key" as required. From that time (about 1920) on the Church operated without "Priesthood Keys." NO President of the Church since has received a visitation from any immortal being. True, they claimed inspiration from God (But so do the other Christian Churches) However, inspiration does not qualify for "A New Revelation."

Heber J. Grant's actions were anything but representative of a Prophet of God. He allowed several changes of the temple garments, Persecution of others living Celestial Plural Marriage (when he himself had 3 wives), openly denouncing Gospel principles that had been taught by previous Prophets. Taking full honor of holding the Priesthood (Singly) and disallowing anyone in the Church to have the Priesthood "Conferred" upon him, (hence the Priesthood was astray in the Church), Striking hands in full fellowship with the world which was a sure sign of apostacy from the truth, and many other foreign doctrine.

President J. Reuben Clark recognized the plight of the Church and was the only General Authority who subtly spoke out:

"Already there are coming in amongst us doctrines that have no part or place in the pure doctrine of the restored gospel. These heresies are creeping in insidiously. They come to us from the philosophies of men, in no small part from the philosophies of the Christian scholars of the day. They make our doctrines, as they made the early Christian beliefs, more palatable to our philosophers; but so surely as they destroy the Christian Church in the early days, JUST SO SURELY WILL THEY DESTROY US if we do not stop them where they are."

Gen. Conf. Address 7 October 1945

Again he felt the urgency of what was happening and warned the Church,

"Foes from without were not the (early) churches undoing, it was those who were within ... we are beginning to follow along the course of the early Christian Church ... There is creeping into our midst, and I warn you brethren about it, and I urge you to meet it, A GREAT HOST OF SECTARIAN DOCTRINES THAT HAVE NO PLACE AMONGST US. The Gospel in its simplicity, is to be found in the REVELATIONS, the teachings of the PROPHET (Joseph Smith) and the EARLY LEADERS of the Church, WE SHALL MAKE NO

"... we have too much of Babylon in our midst. The spirit of Babylon is too prevalent here. What is it? Confusion, discord, strife, animosity, vexation, pride, arrogance, selfish and the spirit of the world. Are these things in the midst of those called Latter-day Saints? Yes and we feel this."

BY JD 17: 38

MISTAKE IF WE FOLLOW THEM. We shall make mistakes and we shall lead our youth or some of them to apostasy of we try to harmonize our simple beliefs with the philosophy and the speculation of sectarian doctrines ... We must not liberalize ... we must ACCEPT THEM AS GOD GAVE THEM TO US and there must be amongst us a unity in faith."

Conference 8 April 1950

The pleadings fell on deaf ears. Why didn't God come down and set the Church in order? Why
of his ROOTS."

ISA 11:1

When a tree dies, its roots can produce a new seedling (A BRANCH) which retains the life of the old tree. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again THE SECOND TIME TO RECOVER THE REMNANT OF HIS PEOPLE..."

ISA 11:11

The first gathering in these latter-days was performed by the Church set up by Joseph Smith. When it died (no longer gathering as revealed in D&C 29:7-8... "They shall be gathered in unto one place upon the face of this land...") from its "ROOTS" produced a BRANCH for God's elect to "gather unto," from the LDS people because there among are found the linage of Israel, His "elect." This second gathering in the last days will also include other tribes of the House of Israel... The Jews, the Tribes of Joseph and even the lost tribes... all the remnants of His people.

Now, return to the clue, that he (The Root of Jesse) must have the Priesthood...

Melchizedek (King Shem) received the Priesthood from his father NOAH and was so confirmed by God himself. Being the Priesthood after the Son of God without beginning of days or end of years.

Christ received the Priesthood (Not in itself valid) from the Jewish authorities but had the full authority of the Melchizedek Priesthood bestowed upon him by his Father, God. A new revelation for this calling as required by God. He gave His "Keys" and authority to Peter who was the last one to hold the full "Keys" until Joseph Smith appeared upon the earth.

Joseph Smith (again, so unorthodox yet by new revelation) received the Melchizedek Priesthood from Peter, James (Jacob) and John (Immortal beings) under the direction of Jesus Christ.

Brigham Young was ordained by Joseph Smith and he being the senior Apostle became the head of the Church upon the Martyrdom of Joseph Smith. Few people realize that this did NOT automatically give him the "Keys" of the Priesthood. Infact he functioned for quite awhile without that confirmation. But Brigham Young, received his Second Endow-

ments under the hands of Joseph Smith and later Jesus Christ himself laid His hands on him and performed the calling and election made sure ordinance and was set-apart by God to the position of Prophet and Seer.

"President Brigham Young was set-apart by God to occupy the position that he does."

JT JD 17:375

"A New Revelation." Unorthodox, but the only way God works!

John Taylor, the Senior "worthy" apostle followed Brigham Young. (Orson Pratt was ordained an apostle before John Taylor, but was dropped from the quorum because of apostate actions, when he was reinstated, he started at the bottom therefore John Taylor was Senior "worthy" apostle). He bore witness of his direct contact with Christ and Brother Joseph who (again unorthodox) appeared to him many times. One of these times he was instructed to pass on the Apostleship Priesthood to five stalwart brethren outside the quorum of the twelve. Among these were John and Loren Woolley, but this in itself did not give them the "Keys."

Upon the death of John Taylor the Church started a roller-coaster of concessions with the adversary.

For a time Wilford Woodruff was counsell-

ed by his directors John Taylor, Brigham Young, Joseph Smith and Jesus Christ. Then after signing the Manifesto, those visitations discontinued.

"The revealed law is delivered to the people and those to whom it is revealed will be judged by the law."

OP JD 17:184

Lorenzo Snow bore record several times of being visited by the Savior in person and had his Calling confirmed.

Joseph F. Smith received revelation and performed many ordinances prohibited by the
heard of some of these activities they spoke harshly against the man. The opposition was so strong, the work was stopped or near ruin and it became necessary to get a tape recording of the man's authority from Bro. Rulon to verify the validity of the calling.

On several occasions prior to his death, Bro. Rulon called on this man and expressed his concern over his council. He was told that should anything happen to him, he feared the "keys" would be lost because his council opposed him on nearly every project. If they follow him not while alive, why would they follow him after death? Hence the High Priest Apostleship with all the "keys" and authority was bestowed upon this man, outside the council. How unorthodox. Unbeknown of the great responsibility that awaited this man, he thought little of the occasion. But...

May 10, 1977, Rulon C. Allred was Martyred. He sealed, with his blood, the day of the Gentile. The Fulfness of the Gospel had been rejected by the Leaders of the Church and confusion reigned among all the different groups, each claiming the authority of the Priesthood and none adhering to all the Gospel principles. And no confirmation by new revelation.

The L.D.S. Church possesses access to the temples that have been defiled and forbids entrance to anyone believing in Celestial Plural Marriage, The Law of Consecration, The Adam God Doctrine, etc., all have been denounced.

The so called Fundamentalists accept those doctrines but fail to live the essential law of Consecration, have no where to make the sacred temple covenants, are lax if not completely dormant in genealogical research or vicarious ordinance work for their dead, proper submission to the Priesthood head and changing and breaking the covenants of marriage sealings. Wives are improperly released from one man and given to another, making an abomination of that sacred ordinance. Free agency is deprived of the young women and in many cases they are bargained off or swapped as wives to an old friend or brother in the "Priesthood." Anything but in harmony with the laws of God. And the principle of Gathering is not pursued.

All of these Poygamtist groups and the fallen L.D.S. Church join in unity in denouncing the unorthodox fulfillment of scripture concerning the coming forth of The Branch Church which has now been established with the full "keys" of the Priesthood and ordinances of the Gospel.

What has happened to the Fulfness of the Gospel established by Joseph Smith among the Gentiles?

"... if you and I, who profess to be the friends of God, and have entered into a covenant with Him, withdraw our hearts from him that we do not see the necessity of uniting ourselves according to this law of God, we shall begin to dry up, and what little life, light, or spirit we have will leave us and we shall go down and we shall not walk in the light of the Lord."

WW JD 17: 73

"I bear my testimony that is called "Mormonism" is the truth of God, and that the Lord is fulfilling his word in the last days."

OH JD 17: 353

PREREQUISITE KEY – LIVE THE FULNESS

The Branch ... The Root of Jesse is now in exisstance which closes an era and opens another in preparation of the return of the Savior.
should He any more than He did with the wicked people during Noah's time, or the Jewish Church during Christ's time or the Catholic Church during Joseph Smith's time?

"O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths."

ISA 3: 12

"KEYS" OF THE PRIESTHOOD

Unorthodox, again... maybe, but God knew what would happen and planned for it. The five men who were set-apart and given the Apostleship under the hands of John Taylor, as directed by the Savior were now Senior "Worthy" apostles. The two that were still alive were John and Loren Woolley who were again visited by heavenly beings and given divine direction to administer the ordinances no longer found in the Church to those desiring them. (By New Revelation)

From Loren Woolley the keys of the Priesthood were passed on to Joseph Musser (Son to the L.D.S. Church Historian). He also had a priesthood council but they failed to follow Brother Musser in many directives received from God. In open rebellion they collectively denounced Joseph Musser and refused to follow his directions. This left them without the "keys" of the Priesthood.

It may be well to clarify what the "keys" of the Priesthood mean: From the time of Father Adam down to the present time, someone held the Priesthood on the earth. The steps from one to another, i.e. — Adam, Enoch, Noah, etc., are the Priesthood "keys." Each "key" headed a dispensation. For someone today to hold these "keys" means he is an integral part of the Priesthood Chain. In these latter-days the "keys" follow down from Jesus Christ, Peter, Joseph Smith, Jr., Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, Joseph F. Smith, (at this time the "keys" left the church) Loren Woolley to Joseph Musser. When anyone refuses to follow his "key" (Priesthood head) he forfeits his standing and therein loses the Priesthood "keys." It's as simple as that and to some "Unorthodox."

So when Joseph Musser was no longer recognized by his council he was instructed by his key (the same as God himself) to set up another council and these Priesthood "keys" fell upon Rulon C. Allred (Unorthodox yet, Confirmed by New Revelation).

Brother Allred experienced much the same history as Bro. Musser. His Gentile extraction, Council supported him when it was convenient and opposed him on many issues. It became necessary for Brother Allred to work independently of his council on many vital issues and in order to maintain harmony, let them have their way. One such project was his complete involvement with the Kingdom of God (Political) movement. He and the man he called to function in that capacity was all who officially knew, about it. When Brother Allred's successor, from this council, heard of the activities he was outraged and publicly ordered all such carrying-ons stopped. The damage to the program was done and then to his surprise he was given the opportunity to hear recorded tapes of instructions to the man placed in that position. The lack of rapport with the man with the "keys" on this earth nullifies the possession of those "keys" after he's gone by his would be successor. Brother Owen Allred should have been Brother Rulon's successor, but the good, sincere man that he is does not qualify him for the "keys" . . . . . there has been NO "New Revelation" given him.

Rulon C. Allred had one follower in whom he had great confidence. When he asked that man to pick up and move his family to undertake a special assignment, there was never any excuses made or questioning. He did it. Five times in the few years he held that calling he had this man move. He was given many confidential assignments without the knowledge of the council. When members of the council
PATTERN IN ALL THINGS; THAT YE MAY NOT BE DECEIVED; for Satan is abroad in the land, and he goeth forth deceiving the nations - Wherefore he that prayeth, whose spirit is contrite, the same is accepted of me IF HE OBEY MINE ORDINANCES. He that speaketh (Who Claims The Authority) whose language is meek and edifieth, THE SAME IS OF GOD IF HE OBEY MINE ORDINANCES."

D&C 52: 14–16
And that is the key, the pattern by which all can KNOW. First by being willing to receive the "FULNESS" and OBEYING those doctrine and ordinances. Second, following him whose claims fit the required pattern IF HE ALSO OBEYS THE FULNESS OF THE GOSPEL. Not a condensed version and not some principles infull while others are eliminated. One might make a check-list to determine who is and who is not in the running, such as;

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If anyone of these principles or others have been eliminated or suspended... it disqualifies that person and his organization from possessing the "keys" of the Priesthood because it does not fit the PATTERN set-up by God so that "... ye may not be deceived." Keeping the Commandments of God, is all essential.

"... He that saith... and DOETH IT NOT... IS NOT MY DISCIPLE..."

D&C 41: 5

"I command and (when) MEN OBEY NOT THEY RECEIVE NOT THE BLESSING."

D&C 58: 32
With such a restrictive profile... one may now inquire, where is there a living Prophet who fits all of these requirements? A long, drawn-out search can be shortened, if one seeks with the conviction to follow God at all risks, and not become another curiosity seeker. He must be sincere and he'll get his witness through the conviction of the Holy Ghost when he investigates the Prophet who stands at the head of Christ's Church. Which is that Church foretold to be established as the Righteous Branch of Jesus Christ's Church of the Latter-days. With such a testimony one can shout from the bottom of his heart, PRAISE THE LORD!

"If you would teach the people how to be saved in the kingdom of God, you must teach them to OBEY EVERY PRINCIPLE OF THE PLAN OF SALVA-TION... we know we can not get full salvation in the celestial kingdom of God unless we OBEY THE WHOLE GOSPEL."

WCD JD 17:18-19

"And the aim of every true Latter-day Saint... to reduce to practice in their daily walk and conversation those precepts and laws, obedience to which would prepare them to dwell eternally with God in heavens."

GQC JD 17: 230
“In that day shall “The Branch” of the Lord be beautiful and glorious. . . .”
ISA 4: 2

“And the remnant shall be gathered unto this place.”
D&C 45:43

“. . . If the Gentiles will repent and return unto me, saith the Father, behold they shall be numbered among my people, O house of Israel.”
III Nephi 16: 14

No other man claims to have had the “keys” bestowed upon him by the previous “Priesthood key” and followed by God’s (Father Adam) personal confirmations.

“The Priesthood is an everlasting principle, and existed with God from eternity, and will to eternity, without beginning of days or end of years. The KEYS HAVE TO BE BROUGHT FROM HEAVEN WHENEVER THE GOSPEL IS SENT. When they are revealed from heaven, it is BY ADAM’S AUTHORITY.”
TPJS 157

“ALL THE PROPHETS HAD THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD AND WERE ORDAINED BY GOD HIMSELF.”
TPJS 181

Occupying the position as a “Prophet” and holding the “keys” confirmed by heavenly beings was not a calling or position sought after by the man who today stands in that position.

““This law (Celestial Marriage) compelled the children of Israel to be polygamists . . . This law was not given for that generation alone, but for all future generations.”
OP JD 17: 218

But it is his witness that the final step was experiencing the hands of heavenly beings on his head as Father Michael (Adam) confirmed the “Priesthood keys” and charged him with the heavy responsibility he must bear.

Just the realization of the persecutions that await him and those who follow him is enough to frighten most people away without a second glance. Only God’s true “elect” will attempt to consider such an undertaking. Certainly the following scripture describes this man of God:

“Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a Root out of a dry ground: he hath NO FORM NOR COMELINESS; and when we shall see him, there is NO beauty that we should desire him.”
ISA 53: 1–2

The appearance of a common man, will eliminate many false followers. One must recognize his calling by the doctrine he proclaims which will be affirmed by the convictions from the Holy Ghost. And his followers . . . well . . .

“. . . they are men wondered at: for behold I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.”
ZECH 3: 8

“We know this gospel is true. We are willing to stand by this Gospel, this testimony and this work in life and in death, in time and in eternity.”
WW JD 17: 195

“They who hear the words thereof, and repent of their sins, and turn away from all unrighteousness and WILL RECEIVE THE FULNESS OF THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL WILL BE GATHERED . . .”
OP JD 17: 288

And that seems to sum up the situation.

The Bible sets forth the purpose why man is upon the earth and it agrees with the Gospel plan:

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work unto judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”
ECC 12: 13–14

The “unorthodox” way God has of accomplishing his purposes seem to be a pattern. And by following the pattern He establishes can help lead each seeker of “Truth” to Him:

“And again, I will give unto you a
laws and ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When people fully comply with these laws and ordinances, they thus become redeemed — and freed from the power of the adversary and personally being filled with the Mind of God, The Holy Ghost, their hearts thus are pure and they are the Redeemed of the Lord the PURE IN HEART, who have truly accepted Jesus Christ as their Redeemer I

Reading from the D&C Section 101 Verses 64, 65, & 66 we find additional information as to what is to happen in the Redemption of Zion. We read that the Lord — said he would gather the righteous into garners and leave the wicked to be bound in (tax) bundles to be burned. Who are the righteous? Those who are as explained above who keep all of His Commandments and Covenants! What are the garners? Cities of Zion — where all and only the righteous live, in a state of continuing peace, a city of righteousness, a city of Enoch — a city of God — really redeemed from the fall — a city into which Christ can come in great glory and joy!

What next? These cities of Zion into which the righteous are gathered, will be prepared as well as the citizens to meet Christ at His coming in the Clouds of Heaven! Also during the winding up scenes between now and the year 2000 AD the Lord will fulfill the prophecies wherein the wicked shall literally be burned and destroyed from off the face of the Earth by all manner of manmade and national disasters in the great day of purification and cleansing, preparing the Earth for the Great Paradisical Glory of the thousand years of the Millenium Peace or Heaven.

Christ and Angels shall then mingle freely with the righteous Saints and ecstasy shall fill their bosoms with unending joy!!!!

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**STRAIGHT TALK**

Did you know that the Doctrine And Covenants says that YOUR NAME is not to be "found on any of the records or history of the Church?" [D&C 85:3,4] I didn't, until the scriptures were opened to my mind by the sweet Spirit of God. In fact, speaking of you and me the Lord continues by saying, "Neither is their genealogy to be kept, or to be had where it may be found, neither the names of the fathers, nor the names of the children written in the book of the law of God, saith the Lord of Hosts." [D&C 85: 4,5] ... "And all they who are not found written in the book of remembrance shall find none inheritance in that day, but they shall be cut asunder, and their portion shall be appointed them among unbelievers." [D&C 85: 9] ... "And they who are of the High Priesthood, whose names are not found written in the book of the law... in that day shall not find an inheritance among the saints of the Most High." [D&C 85: 11] ... "Therefore it shall be done unto them as unto the children of the priests, as will be found recorded in the second chapter and the sixty-first and second verses of Ezra." [D&C 85:12]

Let's take a look at the 61st and 62nd verses of 2nd Chapter of Ezra.

"And of the children of the priests,..... these sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: Therefore were they, as polluted, PUT FROM THE PRIESTHOOD."

Now let's go back to the 85th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants and learn why our names are "not to be found," and why we are to be "put from the priesthood."

We must have been — or still are — guilty of some heinous crime to reap such a severe penalty. What was it that we did, or failed to do?

Look carefully a Verse 1 ... "keep a history and a general church record of all things that transpire in Zion, and of ALL THOSE who CONSECRATE PROPERTIES, and RECEIVE INHERITANCES LEGALLY from the bishop."

What? Is this still required? What think ye?

Let's read Verse 3. "It is CONTRARY to the WILL and COMMANDMENT OF GOD that those who RECEIVE NOT their inheritance by consecration, ... should have their names enrolled with the people of God."

As simple as that ???

Have we consecrated our properties and received a legal inheritance from the bishop?
HOW ZION WILL BE REDEEMED

Zion according to the words of the Prophet Joseph Smith, geographically speaking, is North and South America. It, Zion has also been designated as the Pure in Heart.

That which is pure, is devoid of pollution, free from all distortion of truth, free from that which is different from the basic elements of Godliness that really exist.

Moses when asking of God — what he, Moses, should tell the children of Israel in Egypt, who had sent him unto them, to lead them to freedom, was told of God, to say, "I am that I Am that I Am hath sent thee." A literal interpretation of the statement is: "Existence is Existence," or "That which exists, exists because it is self existent."

What has all this play upon words to do with the "pure in heart?" Everything! In order to understand this we must consider the purpose behind the work of God and know what His work is. He has stated, "This is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immortality and Eternal Life of Man!"

God created the Earth and placed man upon it. Although man does not believe this, in his departure from God, nevertheless, God owns the Earth and also owns each of the members of the human family who literally are his children. His work being to immortalize and Eternalize mankind — all things relative to the Earth and its function and past, present and future operations are programed, by him, to accomplish His work.

Of course his disobedient children, having rebelled against Him make things appear to be other than the above stated, nevertheless His purpose in "redeeming Zion" is for the purposes herein set forth. We may ask the question, how important is the Earth, in and of itself in this program? Is it really the redemption of North and South America that God wants, in the Redemption of Zion? Or is it the redeeming of the people? Common reason would lead us to the conclusion, that the redeeming of the people is the main object of His purposes, and that the Earth itself as a place for the redeemed to live is a secondary, yet necessary part thereto.

This being accepted, we must seek to know what mankind is to be redeemed from, as well as the Earth on which they live.

Going back to the beginning of this article we consider the "Pure in Heart." If as stated purity means freedom from pollution, it must also follow that the Earth as well as its inhabitants are polluted, and if so, with what are they polluted.

Pollution or contamination can pertain to the Earth and all things therein and on including the air, the soil, the rivers and oceans, also more important the governments, churches, minds, bodies and "hearts" of mankind. In Mormon Chapter 9 Verse 38 of the Book of Mormon, the Lord through His prophets asks the question, "Why have ye polluted the Holy Church of God?" If the Church be polluted, it shall surely pollute the minds and hearts of the members who are led of unrighteous leaders. WHY is the word "redeemed" used relative to God's work of redeeming Zion? If redemption is necessary it must mean that Zion is in prison or in a prison like state or condition from which must needs be redeemed.

Who or what is Zion's captor? Satan, the great deceiver has taken Zion and her people captive, by leading them into sin and rebellion against God, even as he did in the pre-existence, when he led captive one-third of the hosts of heaven.

Christ said, "Know the truth and the truth shall make you free!" This then is the KEY to ZION'S REDEMPTION! The programing of Truth into the hearts, minds, and lives of mankind will free them from evil and bring about a condition known as the "PURE IN HEART."

The pollution of the heart of people begins at birth, when parents start teaching their children false traditions and false ways of thinking, feeling and doing, thus polluting their inner parts.

When we consider what Apostle Paul said, "Know ye not that ye are not your own, but that ye were bought with a great price, Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. If any man defileth that temple, that temple will God destroy, which temple ye are"... it becomes apparent that these polluted temples are what God is trying to redeem from the fall, for Christ purchased them, or redeemed them from Lucifer, by the shedding of His innocent blood on the Cross two thousand years ago! Nevertheless, for the redemption to be successful, or complete, there must needs be a cleansing of the human temples, made possible by conforming to the
SEGREGATING HYPOCRISY

The following incidents were obtained from individuals that experienced first hand involvement with the circumstances they relate. The reader is asked to provide his own segregating:

Cruelty to Animals

"The Society to Prevent the Cruelty to Animals held a special public meeting to help gain public support for its special interests. Many local church leaders were invited among which were five men chosen to represent the L.D.S. Church.

"We were among the minority, since between three and four hundred people were in attendance. The meeting was conducted in an orderly manner with each phase seemingly more gruesome than the last. Pet abuse was attacted. Cock fighting was revealed. A plea was made to prevent the use of animals in circuses and even seeing eye dogs were labeled as animal cruelty.

"The use of helpless animals used for medical research became an issue. When asked how such important serums, as penicillin, could have been developed without the use of laboratory guinea pigs the answer from the "Society" was, "they can use humans!" Any utilization of the animal world that could result in the "killing" of an animal was declared to be an abomination to God. The case was well presented .... that is until questions and comments were requested from the audience. At first the response was pro-society but little by little the opinions reversed and exposed the hypocrisy.

"Many of the Society officials present wore leather jackets and fur hats. All present wore leather shoes and leather belts. Very few of the officials or those present felt it wrong to eat meat. Some did object to "red meat" but none present could see anything wrong with fish, shrimp or other sea food. The cause of the Society ended in near disaster as the hypocrisy of those supportors were brought to light."

Such is the case of many well meaning objectives. Ruined when that, which one is promoting, is examined too closely. How would this tactic fare if used on the LDS leaders today who publicly proclaim to be teaching the "Fullness of the Gospel principles as revealed to Joseph Smith?"

ON VACATION

"While serving as an L.D.S. Missionary in Sweden my companion and I had the opportunity to discuss parts of the Gospel with several young men who were studying for the Luthern Ministry.

"They were surprised to find out that L.D.S. Missionaries received no compensation from the Church. They were equally surprised when they discovered that L.D.S. Missionaries don't date or live permissuously while serving in that capacity.

"We were even more appalled to hear their story. They had just returned from another "holiday" week-end in Copenhagen. They related their loose tales about their action in Denmark. Liquor, drugs and immoral women were among the high lights of which they boasted. When asked why they traveled to Copenhagen instead of staying in Sweden, they explained, "Oh, it wouldn't be wise because we will soon have to serve as Priests in Sweden when we've completed our education!"

We have found much the same hypocrisy among active LDS members when they have an opportunity to visit a strange city during a convention. This, to be sure, is the exception rather than the rule, but it is equally as devastating. For the most part the devoted and sincere LDS member is a model example of a true Latter-day Saint.

THE RIGHT TO PERSECUTE

More supression and punishment have been inflicted in the name of religion than any other organized force. And because such persecutions were carried out under so called righteous purposes the persecutors have always justified themselves.

The Jews justified themselves in inflicting a crucifiction on Christ and the culf followers he had. The Pias Romans followed suit and felt no wrong in Christian extermination by feeding them to the lions.

When the Christians gained the upperhand,
Why not? God said we MUST or we would be, "put from the priesthood" and their portion shall be appointed them among unbelievers" and "in that day shall not find an inheritance among the saints of the Most High."

And rightly so, too! How could a just God do otherwise if we continue to be "unbelievers" and trample under our feet this sacred law.

Why do we do it? Why don't we listen to God and then consecrate our properties and receive our legal inheritance from the bishop?

Could it be that we have made the cardinal mistake of following our leaders blindly?

Could it be that the great prophet Isaiah really did see our day? In Chapter 3, Verse 12 he is speaking for the Almighty, "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, THEY WHICH LEAD THEE cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths."

How carefully the Lord has warned us by preserving the words of His Holy Prophets, We have them before us. We cannot be held guiltless if we fail to study and know what these prophets have said.

Remember in the story Jesus told of the rich man who died and found himself in Hell and looking up saw the wretched beggar Lazarus in the kingdom above — the same beggar he had daily passed and ignored. He pleaded with father Abraham that he send Lazarus to warn his brothers so that they wouldn't find themselves in hell, too, when they left mortality —

Remember well what the Lord's final answer was, "They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them." God did not send Lazarus — indeed they did have the words of the Prophets. So do we!!! Will we be any less accountable for "the Prophets?"

Let's not be deceived by the specious reasoning of those "leaders" who say that it is not required of us, and quote from the D&C Section 124: 49;

"... And their enemies come upon them and hinder them from performing that work, behold, it behooveth me to require that work no more at the hands of those sons of men, but to accept of their offerings."

Their offerings? What offerings was the Lord talking about?

In the first half of Verse 49 God tells what offerings, "When I give a commandment to any of the sons of men to do a work unto my name, and those sons of men GO WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT and WITH ALL THEY HAVE to perform that work, and CEASE NOT THEIR DILIGENCE."

Now where or when did we "go with all their might" and "all they have" and "cease not their diligence" so that our "offering" might be accepted?

And, who is the enemy that has come upon us to hinder us from performing "that work." (consecrating properties and receiving legal inheritances from the Bishop?) Could it be those men we have sustained as "Prophets, Seers, and Revelators?"

Perhaps we, too, should listen to the words of the Prophet Samuel, the Lamanite found in Helaman 13:29 "O ye wicked and ye perverse generation; ye hardened and ye stiffnecked people, how long will ye suppose that the Lord will suffer you? Yea, how long will ye suffer yourselves to be led by foolish and blind guides? Yea, how long will ye choose darkness rather than light?"

And in verse 38 he says, "But behold your days of probation are past; ye have procrastinated the day of your salvation until it is everlastingly too late, and your destruction is made sure; . . .

Procrastinate no longer! Repent, repent while there is still time! Turn away from fables. Come unto Christ, in the "righteous Branch" spoken of by "the prophets." ISAIAH 4:2; 11:1; Zachariah 3:8; 6:12, etc. Hear the true gospel of Jesus Christ taught in great plainness as in the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Meet a true Prophet of God. Sit at his feet and learn how you may help prepare the way for the second coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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ABOU BEN ADHEM

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!) Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace, And saw, within the moonlight of his room, Making it rich and like a lily in bloom, An angel writing in a book of gold; Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold, And to the presence in the room he said, "What writest thou?" The vision raised its head, And, with a look made all of sweet accord, Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord," "And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so," Replied the angel. Abou spake more low, But cheerily still; and said, "I pray thee, then, Write me as one who loves his fellow-men." The angel wrote and vanished. The next night It came again with a great awakening light, And showed the names whom love of God had blessed, And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

"Behold . . . the Lord requires of every man . . . his stewardship . . . None who belong to the Church of the living God are exempt from this law. Does that law include us? It includes all who belong to the Church, not one is exempt from it."

OP. JD 17:106

"But will they (True followers of Christ) return after the old order of things that exists among the Gentiles – every man for himself, this individualism in regard to property? No, never, never while the world stands."

OP. JD 17:112

"Anything that would be for our good to know – and all knowledge is for our good if we make right use of it – he is willing to impart, if we but seek unto him in a proper and acceptable manner. Let us then keep all the commandments and laws and conditions which God has appointed for us to keep."

OP. JD 17:327

"All who believe in the New Testament believe that the Son of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is to come, not as he did formerly in a meek and lowly manner, born in a manger, hated, derided, buffeted and spit upon, and finally crucified by the hands of wicked men, but that when he comes again, it will be in very great majesty and glory, accompanied by all the armies of heaven and by the Saints of all dispensations, who will be raised from the dead at that important time, and who will be caught up into the clouds and come with him."

OP. JD 17:307

"It is an old sectarian whim and notion, to suppose that we must not try to understand revelation . . . they will say, Oh, the Lord never intended us to understand that, that is a mystery, we Must not search into these things, they are mysteries. Just as though the Lord would reveal something that he never intended or wished the human family to understand."

OP. JD 17:326
the Catholic inquisition committed mass murder upon the "heathens" throughout Europe.

The Puritans left Europe to come to America so they could worship without hypocritical persecution from the other so called "Christians" who were in the majority.

In only a few short years the Puritans employed the same tactics and inflicted the same punishments on those who failed to believe as they did. One of the current L.D.S. Sunday School Manuals tells the story and it is declared that persecution is never carried out by a true religion.

The many Christian churches who fled the evil persecution in Europe to have freedom to worship banned together to "Exterminate" the Mormons. The Mormons were denied all civil rights, because they believed differently from the other so called Christian Churches. They were slaughtered (men, women, and children) under the precept they were doing God a favor to destroy the unpopular Mormons.

Soon the Mormons became the majority in Utah and conformed their principles with the other Christian factions. The Mormon persecuted, soon switched positions and became the persecutors. Those who desired to cling to doctrine revealed through Joseph Smith was ostracized, abused, shunned, miss treated, excommunicated and imprisoned.

President Heber J. Grant was once among the persecuted for believing fundamental Mormon doctrine. When he became president of the L.D.S. Church he inflicted blatant persecution on others who believed the same basic Mormon doctrine. The day before his shameful death he marched many honorable fathers and husbands who adhered to that holy doctrine, up main street in prison chains.

In his pride he boasted of his accomplishment to inflict public punishment on these helpless men...all in the justified name of religion. But Joseph Smith declared that when Church leaders go into Apostacy they invariably inflict the severest persecutions on the righteous few.

"Strange as it may appear at first thought, yet it is no less strange than true, that notwithstanding all the professed determination to live godly, APOSTATES after turning from the faith of Christ...have sooner or later fallen into the snares of the wicked one and have been left destitute of the Spirit of God to manifest their wickedness in the eyes of multitudes. FROM APOSTATES THE FAITHFUL HAVE RECEIVED THE SEVEREST PERSECUTIONS."

History repeats itself. When the wicked world, manifest in multitudes, screams "Crucify," the false (apostatized) leaders step forward to be praised and honored as they impose corrupt persecution on the minority few who desire to adhere to the commandments of God. Hypocritical? You judge!

LONELINESS TO DESTRUCTION

"My experience isn't the exception, it has become more of the rule among thousands of good L.D.S. sisters who are among the unfortunate women that have not been married or their marriages have ended either through a divorce or death of her companion. I thought I loved my husband very much and even though I recognized his devotion to the Gospel was shallow, he was a returned missionary and I married him hoping he would change and we could enjoy a spiritual life together. But that didn't prove to be the case.

"I soon learned that his sexual drive was obsessed and I became much abused. We had six children during the first eight years of married life. Then to my surprise I discovered he had been carrying on affairs with others which broke my heart. He informed me that the Church really didn't mean anything to him because it restricted his freedom to live like he wanted to.

"My interview with one of the Church officials really left me shocked and confused. He advised me to tolerate my husband's actions, since he was providing because "if the Church was to excommunicate every man who strayed like this that over half the men in the Church would be lost." However, in my case my husband decided to leave me for a life more conducive to him and the friends with whom he associated. To say the least, I was stunned but continued to serve my Heavenly Father through my activity within the Church.

"Even though my young family occupied so much of my time, I became distraught and lonely. I needed a diversion. I needed to talk
the chance to embarrass him like that again and he didn’t need that kind of Church to serve and pay into for such treatment. Unfortunately the situation caused him to quit going to Church. He refused to pay tithing and other Church donations. He took off his garments and now after twenty years has never been back to Church.

That holy Bishopric advanced into higher callings serving on the stake high council and even in the Stake Presidency. Certainly a credit to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—Don’t you think?

“My will prophecy concerning this Church and people, that all who will not come into that order (The Law of Consecration) of things, when God, by his servants, counsels them so to do, will cease growing in the knowledge of God; they will cease having the Spirit of the Lord rest upon them, and they will gradually grow darker and darker in their minds, until they lose the Spirit and power of God, and their names will not be numbered with the names of the righteous.”

OP JC 15: 357

“Martin Luther also had, his views in relation to the marriage ordinances. He was a polygamist in principle. He advised a certain prince in Europe to take unto himself a second wife, his first wife being still alive, Luther and other ministers saying that it was not contrary to the Scriptures.”

OP JD 16: 174

“There are many of the ordinances of the house of God that must be performed in a Temple that is erected expressly for the purpose. There are other ordinances that we can administer without a Temple. . . . . We also have the privilege of sealing women to men, without a Temple.”

BY JD 16: 186