

## **Understanding Revelation: Chapters 6 and 7**

Before going into this, one has to have first watched/read and reached an understanding of my papers *The Ten Tribes, the 144k, the New Jerusalem, Understanding Revelation: Intro, Transfiguration, Translation and the Resurrection, Calling and Election Made Sure, The Second Comforter and Church of the Firstborn, Points of Reference* etc. If I were to include all of that information here, it would be a presentation over 3 hours in length.

But in case this is the only paper that you are going to read, you need to understand and accept what Joseph Smith himself taught regarding the Book of Revelation:

“The things which John saw had no allusion to the scenes of the days of Adam, Enoch, Abraham or Jesus.... John saw that only which was lying in futurity and which was shortly...to come to pass. See Revelation 1:1-3, which is a key to the whole subject...Now, I make this declaration that those things which John saw in heaven had no allusion to anything that had been on the earth previous to that time, because they were the representation of ‘things which must shortly come to pass’ and not of what has already transpired....[These revelations] do not give us to understand anything of the past in relation to the kingdom of God.” (TPJS, p.289-290)

For a brief overview of this, see Hyrum Andrus’ video *Nephi and John’s Revelations of the Last Days Part 1 The Book of Mormon Lecture 20* (Timestamp @26:31). Below is a transcript of what Brother Andrus says in the video:

“Now let's go back and see if we can pick up the picture on this. Some people maintain that these various figures associated with the opening of the seals represent actions and activities in the respective thousand year period, so that the white horse and he that sat upon the white horse with the bow represents something that took place between the fall of Adam and 1,000 years of the year of the world. And the red horse represents something that took place between 1,000 of the year of the world and the year 2,000, which would include the flood which took place somewhere around the year 1,635 or so after Adam's fall. And so on down. Let me give you, and this is a rather popular clarification--This, however, disregards the clarification given by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Let me turn to his statement, and let's see what he says about it. He's the person who called it the plainest book God ever caused to be written; he's the person who, like John the Revelator, saw what John saw. And, like the brother of Jared, saw what the brother of Jared saw. Hence, he just may be qualified to make a clarification that is meaningful. [Brother Andrus then reads the quote from Joseph Smith that I've already gone over above]... So these things that happened when the seals were opened, when the first seal was opened and the white horse went forth, it has nothing directly to do with 1,000 years from Adam's fall to the first millennial period. It is that which is depicted when that seal is opened. The opening of the seals are made to reveal the sequence of events in the last days. I don't know whether you've picked that one up, but that's one of the best statements I've made all day long. The opening of the seals are made to reveal the sequence of events in the last days.” -Brother Hyrum Andrus

With all of that under our belt what then does Revelation Chapter 6 and 7 become? It simply becomes a scatterplot of events that will occur in chronological order. And what do we call this when it happens in the scriptures? We call that a point of reference chain ie. event one happens

then event two happens then event three happens etc etc. And this revelation was given to followers of Christ at around 100 AD meaning it was given as a means for Saints from the time period of 100 AD to the Second Coming of Christ to create a scatterplot points of reference chain so that they will know where they are in the sequence. With that said, members of that time period misinterpreted the points of references because they wanted the Second Coming to occur faster. Paul taught:

## **2 Thessalonians 2:2-3**

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled by letter, except ye receive it from us; neither by spirit, nor by word as that the day of Christ is at hand

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for there shall come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Peter further counseled:

## **2 Peter 3:3-8**

3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

So with that counsel what do we gather? The early Saints were thinking far too, in the words of President Nelson, myopic. These events could transpire over hundreds of years, if not a thousand plus between each event. The earth will rest on the seventh day. Peter knew that they were in around the four thousandth year of the earth's temporal history. What these prophets were teaching was that members would obviously not live to see all these events. We make similar mistakes today- we get so entrenched in wanting the Second Coming to be tomorrow that we throw the prophecies of God over our shoulder. We do this for a multitude of reasons, we might be aging and fear death, we might be getting tired of enduring, we might be fearful or unwilling to pass through tribulation, we might lack faith that the Lord will do what He said He would do when He said He would do it, we might not have prepared as we were commanded and thus live in fear, or we could simply be ignorant to the scriptures, etc.

But we learn in Lectures on Faith that if God did not obey law He would cease to be God. God doesn't "do what He wants when He wants it"- if He did, He would cease to be God. We also

learn in the Lectures on Faith that one cannot have faith in God while believing such doctrines. If you do not believe that the Lord “is bound when we do what he says but when we do not what he says we are subject to the consequences of the law” and you don’t believe that the Lord requires “the sacrifice of all worldly things” according to Joseph Smith “you will not have the faith necessary unto salvation.”

## Chapter 6

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, one of the four beasts, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

I go over in great depth in my *Understanding Revelation: Intro* this verse specifically. The New Testament Student Manual for Revelation Chapter 6 does not have a quote from the keys meaning it was written by somebody holding a calling similar to that of a Sunday School teacher ergo, holds no keys. And even then it says,

“the following chart...offers *possible* interpretations”

Meaning not only is this written by somebody with no keys, and is not quoting somebody with keys, it is made abundantly clear that this is not doctrine, it is pure speculation. What we do know about the scrolls/books/seals is gone over once again in my *Understanding Revelation: Intro*. And that is all that is provided in the manual for chapter six.

With that said, you know where I stand. I stand with the prophet Joseph Smith. If a modern prophet or apostle contradicts what Joseph taught that’s not a conflict between me and the modern prophet/apostle, that is a conflict between the modern prophet/apostle and Joseph Smith himself. Doctrine does not change. We do not believe in abrogation or supersessionism.

So let us go through these verses one at a time and make a point of reference chain.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

The first point of reference is somebody on a white horse with a bow and a crown who went forth conquering and to conquer. Possible interpretations (and there may be many more, this is not an all-inclusive list):

1. The man on the horse is Jesus Christ. The crown that is given to him is the crown that was already identified in the previous chapter, that of the twelve apostles. The Lord rode on a white horse which we know he has already been identified as doing in the past (when he rode into Jerusalem). The Lord being given a bow is a powerful image that when taken in conjunction with the fact that Joseph Smith identified himself as “the polished shaft in the Lord’s quiver” of which Isaiah prophesied. If the Lord has a quiver with arrows shouldn’t he have a bow? Going forth conquering and to conquer is the kingdom of God going forth after he conquered death. (~33AD-100AD)
2. Hyrum Andrus in that same video listed above compares it to the United States of America. (~1776AD +)
3. A third option would be similar to the first point but tied to the restoration. (~1820AD+)

\*Remember, Joseph Smith said this had nothing to do with Adam or Enoch

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

The second point of reference:

1. The Roman Empire which was given power to “take peace from the earth” and what was the peace that was taken from the earth? The Romans were primarily responsible for the exile and execution of the primitive Church’s leadership. Red was their national identity color. (~50AD-150AD)
2. The Industrial War Machine. Brother Hyrum Andrus once again goes over this in his presentation. (~1850-1950AD)
3. The British Empire. They had power over the world like no nation had ever had; it was the nation that the sun never set on. Joseph “reportedly” went over this in his famous/infamous “White Horse Prophecy”, which is not canon but many view Ezra’s Eagle as having value and the White Horse Prophecy has more credibility than it, so take that for what it’s worth. People also love John Taylor’s dream that was recorded by Wilford Woodruff in his journal- once again not canon but worth a consideration. (~1500-1800AD)

\*Remember, Joseph Smith said this had nothing to do with the days of Abraham

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

The third point of reference:

1. The rise of slavery worldwide. A measure of wheat feeds an adult for a day and here we learn that it would cost you a penny, translated from the Greek word denarion, which referred to a Roman coin which was worth the typical daily wage for a laborer. Some attach this to a famine but this could equally apply to slavery in which the slave works the entire day for just his meal and then the condescending words spoken at the end of the verse “see thou hurt not the oil and the wine” makes more sense. (~1650-1850AD)
2. Communism and Socialism. A sense of equality of outcome vs the equality of opportunity, Satan’s law vs Christ’s law. This is the theory that Brother Andrus explains in his video (~1850AD +)
3. Actual, literal famines. Several famines in China alone between the years 1800-1850AD killed over 105,000,000 people. These famines coincided with the Potato Famine in Scotland of 1845-1857AD.

4. The rise of strong communistic countries. Once again, this is tied into what Hyrum Andrus explains in great detail (~1850AD +)

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

The fourth point of reference:

1. Great war and death. The world hasn't known war like World War I and II. President Woodruff prophesied that "these angels" responsible for this had been released and "within 20 years' we would see this fulfilled. WWI did begin 20 years later. (~1900-1950AD)

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

The fifth point of reference:

Notable martyrs are asking when they can return. To me this seems like a clear reference to Joseph and Hyrum who were told that they had to "rest yet for a little season" and the reason for the delay was because there were going to be more martyrs ie. "the days of tribulation" ie. Joseph does not make his open return until after the test, the test, the test.

So this event would have taken place *post* Joseph Smith's martyrdom and *pre* his return. (1844-unknown). It is also interesting to note the similarities between these verses and D&C 135:1 and Hymn number 27 verses 2 and 4. "To seal the testimony of this book and the Book of Mormon, we announce the martyrdom of Joseph Smith the prophet, and Hyrum Smith the patriarch...Praise to his mem'ry, he died as a martyr; honored and blessed be his ever great name. Long shall his blood, which was shed by assassins, plead unto heav'n while the earth lauds his fame. Sacrifice brings forth the blessings of heaven; earth must atone for the blood of that man. Wake up the world for the conflict of justice. Millions shall know 'Brother Joseph' again."

If that doesn't convince you, let's read Doctrine and Covenants 137: 7

7 They were innocent of any crime, as they had often been proved before, and were only confined in jail by the conspiracy of traitors and wicked men; and their innocent blood on the floor of Carthage jail is a broad seal affixed to “Mormonism” that cannot be rejected by any court on earth, and their innocent blood on the escutcheon of the State of Illinois, with the broken faith of the State as pledged by the governor, is a witness to the truth of the everlasting gospel that all the world cannot impeach; and their innocent blood on the banner of liberty, and on the magna charta of the United States, is an ambassador for the religion of Jesus Christ, that will touch the hearts of honest men among all nations; and their innocent blood, with the innocent blood of all the martyrs under the altar that John saw, will cry unto the Lord of Hosts till he avenges that blood on the earth. Amen.

Hyrum Andrus basically puts forth the same idea (save for the return of Joseph), the only things that we have to narrow down this timeframe is 1. These were considered martyrs of the Lord’s church ergo “the woman had to come out of the wilderness” or in other words the restoration of the gospel had to take place so that there could be members of the Lord’s kingdom to be martyrs for the Lord’s kingdom. 2. This takes place after the martyrdom of those members of the restored church. The similarities between this and Joseph and Hyrum are in my opinion far too great to ignore. With that in mind, and what we know from studying *Joseph Smith to Return, The Parable of the Nobleman and the Olive Trees* etc it should help us not only understand point of reference number five, it should help us understand what is going to happen next in point of reference chain.

There’s a lot to unpack from verses 12-17 (plus Revelation 8:1) and there are a lot of points of references in them. Since we know that this is simply a point of reference chain, the best way to attack this is to attack it just like you would any other point of reference chain. That is, using word association and obvious crossover scriptures, we create a bulk of evidence, and then once you have all of that evidence, once you have thrown all the puzzle pieces on the table, you can then put them together into a point of references chain.

#### **\*6<sup>th</sup> seal\***

1. A test, a test, a test/famine/pestilence/moon to blood/sun darkened etc (tribulation)
2. The return of Joseph Smith
3. Return of the Ten Tribes/Earthquake
4. Fear/hearts failing/hiding/Gentiles being destroyed
5. 144,000/Gathering/Building New Jerusalem
6. New Jerusalem becomes City of Holiness
7. Sign of the Son of Man/City of Enoch starts returning

#### **\*7<sup>th</sup> Seal\***

8. Events at the Mount of Olives



## 9. The Great and Dreadful Day/City of Enoch returns/Saints on earth caught up

### Revelation 6:12-17, Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17, Revelation 8:1

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heavens opened as a scroll is opened when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?...And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel...After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes... And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

\*I skipped reading each tribe and their 12k. The only thing you should take from this is that if the number wasn't real, if it wasn't specific, why would John take the time to list each tribe off specifically and the number again. Seemed really important to John to get it right, and get it specific. \*

## D&C 88:87-97

For not many days hence and the earth shall tremble and reel to and fro as a drunken man; and the sun shall hide his face, and shall refuse to give light; and the moon shall be bathed in blood; and the stars shall become exceedingly angry, and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off a fig tree. And after your testimony cometh wrath and indignation upon the people. For after your testimony cometh the testimony of earthquakes, that shall cause groanings in the midst of her, and men shall fall upon the ground and shall not be able to stand. And also cometh the testimony of the voice of thunderings, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempests, and the voice of the waves of the sea heaving themselves beyond their bounds. And all things shall be in commotion; and surely, men's hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people. And angels shall fly through the midst of heaven, crying with a loud voice, sounding the trump of God, saying: Prepare ye, prepare ye, O inhabitants of the earth; for the judgment of our God is come. Behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. And immediately there shall appear a great sign in heaven, and all people shall see it together. And another angel shall sound his trump, saying: That great church, the mother of abominations, that made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, that persecuteth the saints of God, that shed their blood—she who sitteth upon many waters, and upon the islands of the sea—behold, she is the tares of the earth; she is bound in bundles; her bands are made strong, no man can loose them; therefore, she is ready to be burned. And he shall sound his trump both long and loud, and all nations shall hear it. And there shall be silence in heaven for the space of half an hour; and immediately after shall the curtain of heaven be unfolded, as a scroll is unfolded after it is rolled up, and the face of the Lord shall be unveiled; And the saints that are upon the earth, who are alive, shall be quickened and be caught up to meet him. And they who have slept in their graves shall come forth, for their graves shall be opened; and they also shall be caught up to meet him in the midst of the pillar of heaven

## 3 Nephi 20:43,45, 3 Nephi 21:8-25

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently; he shall be exalted and extolled and be very high... So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him, for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider... And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a great and a marvelous work among them; and there shall be among them those who will not believe it, although a man shall declare it unto them. But behold, the life of my servant shall be in my hand; therefore they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them. Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil. Therefore it shall come to pass that whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ, which the Father shall cause him to bring forth unto the Gentiles, and shall give unto him power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles, (it shall be done even as Moses said) they shall be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant. And my people who are a remnant of Jacob shall be



among the Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he go through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Their hand shall be lifted up upon their adversaries, and all their enemies shall be cut off. Yea, wo be unto the Gentiles except they repent; for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots; And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds; And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy land, and thou shalt have no more soothsayers; Thy graven images I will also cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee, and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands; And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. And it shall come to pass that all lyings, and deceivings, and envyings, and strifes, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, shall be done away. For it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that at that day whosoever will not repent and come unto my Beloved Son, them will I cut off from among my people, O house of Israel; And I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even as upon the heathen, such as they have not heard. But if they will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance; And they shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem. And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem. And then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst.

### Moses 7:60-66

And the Lord said unto Enoch: As I live, even so will I come in the last days, in the days of wickedness and vengeance, to fulfil the oath which I have made unto you concerning the children of Noah; And the day shall come that the earth shall rest, but before that day the heavens shall be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth; and the heavens shall shake, and also the earth; and great tribulations shall be among the children of men, but my people will I preserve; And righteousness will I send down out of heaven; and truth will I send forth out of the earth, to bear testimony of mine Only Begotten; his resurrection from the dead; yea, and also the resurrection of all men and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, unto a place which I shall prepare, an Holy City, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem. And the Lord said unto Enoch: Then shalt thou and all thy city meet them there, and we will receive them into our bosom, and they shall see us; and we will fall upon their necks, and they shall fall upon our necks, and we will kiss each other; And there shall be mine abode, and it shall be Zion, which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and for the space of a thousand years the earth shall rest. And it came to pass that Enoch saw the day of the coming of the Son of Man, in the last days, to dwell on the earth in righteousness for the space of a thousand years; But before that day he saw great tribulations among the wicked; and he also

saw the sea, that it was troubled, and men's hearts failing them, looking forth with fear for the judgments of the Almighty God, which should come upon the wicked.

#### JST Genesis 14:34

And his people wrought righteousness, and obtained heaven, and sought for the city of Enoch which God had before taken, separating it from the earth, having reserved it unto the latter days, *or the end of the world*;

#### Joseph Smith- Matthew 4,26-33,36-39

And Jesus left them, and went upon the Mount of Olives. And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying: Tell us when shall these things be which thou hast said concerning the destruction of the temple, and the Jews; and what is the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world, or the destruction of the wicked, which is the *end of the world?*... For as the light of the morning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, and covereth the whole earth, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. And now I show unto you a parable. Behold, wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together; so likewise shall mine elect be gathered from the four quarters of the earth. And they shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars. Behold I speak for mine elect's sake; for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. And again, because iniquity shall abound, the love of men shall wax cold; but he that shall not be overcome, the same shall be saved. And again, this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come, or the destruction of the wicked; And again shall the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, be fulfilled. And immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken... And, as I said before, after the tribulation of those days, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken, then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn; and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory; And whoso treasureth up my word, shall not be deceived, for the Son of Man shall come, and he shall send his angels before him with the great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together the remainder of his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Now learn a parable of the fig tree— When its branches are yet tender, and it begins to put forth leaves, you know that summer is nigh at hand; So likewise, mine elect, when they shall see all these things, they shall know that he is near, even at the doors;

Heber C. Kimball, First Counselor in the First Presidency, May 1868, in *Deseret News*, 23 May 1931; see also *Conference Report*, Oct. 1930, p. 58-59)

“An army of Elders will be sent to the four quarters of the earth to search out the righteous and warn the wicked of what is coming. All kinds of religions will be started and miracles performed

that will deceive the very elect if that were possible. Our sons and daughters must live pure lives so as to be prepared for what is coming.

After a while the Gentiles will gather by the thousands to this place, and Salt Lake City will be classed among the wicked cities of the world. A spirit of speculation and extravagance will take possession of the Saints, and the results will be financial bondage.

Persecution comes next and all true Latter-day Saints will be tested to the limit. Many will apostatize and *others will be still not knowing what to do*. Darkness will cover the earth and gross darkness the minds of the people. The judgments of God will be poured out on the wicked to the extent that our Elders from far and near will be called home, or in other words the gospel will be taken from the Gentiles and later on carried to the Jews.

The western boundary of the State of Missouri will be swept so clean of its inhabitants that as President Young tells us, when you return to that place, there will not be left so much as a yellow dog to wag his tail.

Before that day comes, however, the Saints will be put to a test that will try the integrity of the best of them. The pressure will become so great that the more righteous among them will cry unto the Lord day and night until deliverance comes.

Then the Prophet Joseph and others will make their appearance and those who have remained faithful will be selected to return to Jackson County, Missouri and take part in the building of that beautiful city, the New Jerusalem.”

### Joseph Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p.17

“Zion and Jerusalem

And now I am prepared to say by the authority of Jesus Christ, that not many years shall pass away before the United States shall present such a scene of bloodshed as has not a parallel in the history of our nation; pestilence, hail, famine, and earthquake will sweep the wicked of this generation from off the face of the land, to open and prepare the way for the return of the lost tribes of Israel from the north country.”

### Journal of Reddick Newton Allred

“At night I dreamed that I heard a voice proclaim the appearing of the Lord, then a sudden light burst from the heavens, the stars fell and all creation shook. For a moment I feared that I should be consumed, then a sudden calmness prevailed and one said “why is this?” said I, “It is to be silence for half an hour and then the Lord will come.” I then saw Joseph and Hyrum descend to the earth and address a large assembly of Saints that surrounded them and listen with attention to their instructions...”

\*6<sup>th</sup> seal\*

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4. Fear/hearts failing/hiding/Gentiles being destroyed
5. 144,000/Gathering/Building New Jerusalem
6. New Jerusalem becomes City of Holiness
7. Sign of the Son of Man/City of Enoch starts returning

**\*7<sup>th</sup> Seal\***

8. Events at the Mount of Olives
9. The Great and Dreadful Day/City of Enoch returns/Saints on earth caught up

So, it should be obvious to “anyone of common intelligence and above” (Joseph Smith) that we are not “in the 7<sup>th</sup> seal” or, “at those points of reference. Do this mean that those events are a 1000+ years away? No. These are points of reference with no time frame given between most of them. We know that these will accelerate the closer we get to the end, meaning the space between points of reference 1 and 4 might be a thousand years apart, but 4 to 5 might be much shorter, and so forth. Members should also note that the events listed as “points of reference” for the “6<sup>th</sup> seal” could A) be fulfilled easily within a single decade and B) include in them two “second comings”, the first to Adam-ondi-ahman in preparation for the building of New Jerusalem, and second to New Jerusalem as the Lord makes is a City of Holiness.

Now, as I said at the start of this Understanding paper, I will not be going over the ten tribes, the 144,000, New Jerusalem, etc. etc. in this paper. It would be over three hours. I need to present things in a clear doctrinally sound manner but I also need to keep them blocked off in easy to digest portions. With that said, I will keep this understanding chapter as simply what it has become, a point of reference chain. If you want to learn more specifically about these points specifically see my papers that are connected to them!

1. A test, a Test, a TEST!, the Nobleman and His Olive Trees, the Parable of the Ten Virgins, Joseph in Egypt as a Type (Defending Zion), etc.
2. Joseph to Return, Celestial Law, Understanding Isaiah, etc.
3. The Ten Tribes, 144K, and New Jerusalem, The Generation etc.
4. Satan the Great Counterfeiter, the Arm of Flesh, Temporal Preparedness, The Prepared Need Not Fear, etc.
5. 7<sup>th</sup> Seal 2000 Not to Be, Jesus’ Macro Last-Day Timeline, Transfiguration, Translation and Resurrection, Calling and Election Made Sure, The Second Comforter and Church of the Firstborn etc.
- 6 + 7 + 8. Zion, New Jerusalem, City of Holiness, Points of Reference, etc.

Remember, Elder Heber C. Kimball said “many will be still not knowing what to do”, and why? The Lord gave us the answer, “ And whoso treasureth up my word, shall not be deceived, for the Son of Man shall come... So likewise, mine elect, when they shall see all these things, they shall know that he is near, even at the doors!” The answer is that those who treasured the Lord’s word, not “their own opinions”, knew that the Lord would return exactly how He said He would in EXACTLY the manner in which He said He would. Because of this, just like with Reddick Newton Allred, the fear left them and peace came in its place, because they KNEW the Word of God. May we lean unto The Word of God and not our own understanding/opinions so that we may not be confused, trembling in fear, and counted unworthy of New Jerusalem is my prayer in Jesus’ name amen!