

# The Watchman (v 1.03)

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**Joseph Smith:** "I frequently rebuke and admonish my brethren, and that because I love them, not because I wish to incur their displeasure, or mar their happiness. Such a course of conduct is not calculated to gain the good will of all, but rather the ill will of many; therefore, the situation in which I stand is an important one; so, you see, brethren, the higher the authority, the greater the difficulty of the station; but these rebukes and admonitions become necessary, from the perverseness of the brethren, for their temporal as well as spiritual welfare. They actually constitute a part of the duties of my station and calling. Others have other duties to perform, that are important, and far more enviable, and may be just as good, like the feet and hands, in their relation to the human body--neither can claim priority, or say to the other, I have no need of you. After all that has been said, **the greatest and most important duty is to preach the Gospel.**" – TPJS, p. 112

## Joseph Smith's Lectures on Faith: Lecture 2

**Questions 144-146:** What testimony have men, in the first instance, that there is a God? What excited the ancient saints to seek diligently after a knowledge of the glory of God, his perfections and attributes? How do men obtain a knowledge of the glory of God, his perfections and attributes?

**Joseph's Answers:** Human testimony, and human testimony *only*. The credence they gave to the testimony of their fathers.

**Question 147:** Is the knowledge of the existence of God a matter of mere tradition, founded upon *human testimony alone*, until a person receives a manifestation of God to themselves?

**Joseph's Answer:** It is.

This is why missionary work (i.e. "opening our mouths") is so essential; for one cannot exercise faith even to the level of "experimenting upon the word" (Alma 32) without first hearing by human testimony. In Lecture 3 Joseph recaps the above and then asks:

**Question:** How do you prove it?

**Joseph's Answer:** Romans 10:14 “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”

**President George Albert Smith:** “We will attain our exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom **only on the condition** that we share with our Father's other children the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and observe the commandments that will enrich our lives here and hereafter” (Sharing the Gospel with Others, 190 or PMG p.12)

**President John Taylor:** “It is time we were waking up to a sense of the position we occupy before God. **...If you do not magnify your callings, God will hold you responsible for those whom you might have saved had you done your duty.** How many of you can say, My garments are clean from the blood of this generation? I speak in behalf of the nations and the people thereof, and the honest in heart who are ignorant of God and his laws. He has called upon us to enlighten them, and to spread forth the truth, and send forth the principles of the Gospel, and point out the way of life....But we are careless and thoughtless.” (Journal of Discourses (London: Latter-day Saints' Book Depot, 1880), 20:23.)

**Elder Bruce R. McConkie:** “God's servants must, at the peril of their own salvation, deliver the message entrusted to them. (D&C 4:2.) **If they raise the warning voice as directed by the Lord (D&C 88:81), they are free from the blood and sins of those to whom they are sent. If they fail to warn the wicked, the Lord holds them accountable for the sins of the unrepentant.** (Ezek. 3:17–21; 33:7–9.)” (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 2:177.)

**President Spencer W. Kimball:** “If we do not do our duty in regard to missionary service, then I am convinced that **God will hold us responsible for the people we might have saved had we done our duty.** ... We must not slacken our hands in this work. **Not only is our eternal welfare at stake, but also the eternal welfare of many of our brothers and sisters who are not now members of this Church.**” (‘It Becometh Every Man,’ Ensign, October 1977, 5, 7)

I find it amazing that there are members today who actually believe they don't have to open their mouths and they will yet find salvation. Members who have been in the church 40, 50, 60 years etc., they believe the Lord will work in some other way, their “example”, their “support of missionaries by feeding them”, etc. Yet... Joseph here when asking the question “is the idea of God being planted in the mind by human testimony a requirement or prerequisite *before* anybody can exercise faith in God and will man be held accountable?” Joseph simply said “yes” and he believed a single verse was enough to prove it convincingly. But we have more, and that is the topic of this paper- being watchmen who open their mouths and warn of danger. We will first continue to prove the necessity of opening our mouths and then finish with what our warning to this generation should be.

### **Ezekiel 33:1-6**

1 Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:

3 **If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;**

4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

### **Ezekiel 3:17-21**

17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

### **(27-13) Ezekiel 33:2-9. "I Have Set Thee a Watchman unto the House of Israel"**

Ezekiel 33:2-9 reiterates the teachings about the watchman found in Ezekiel 3:17-21. Elder Spencer W. Kimball explained the need to have a watchman:

"I am sure that Peter and James and Paul found it unpleasant business to constantly be calling people to repentance and warning them of dangers, but they continued unflinchingly. **So we, your leaders, must be everlastingly at it; if young people do not understand, then the fault may be partly ours. But, if we make the true way clear to you, then we are blameless** [Ezekiel 33:3-6].

"So, I wish today to help define meanings of words and acts for you young people, to fortify you against error, anguish, pain and sorrow." (Love versus Lust, Brigham Young University Speeches of the Year [5 Jan. 1965], pp. 6-7.)

### **(26-14) Ezekiel 3:17-21. There Can Be Jeopardy in Being a Watchman**

Ezekiel's prophecies did not fall on friendly ears. But, as a watchman, he had to raise the warning voice. The analogy of the watchman referred to the military watchman who had to stay awake and who faced execution if he failed to warn the city when the enemy appeared. **Such a**

**watchman was in jeopardy always: the enemy sought to destroy him to keep him from raising the warning and, if he did not raise the warning when it was needed, his life was in jeopardy at the hands of those he was responsible to warn. Likewise, watchmen in the Lord's kingdom have a serious responsibility with far-reaching consequences,** as Elder Ezra Taft Benson taught:

“As watchmen on the tower of Zion, it is our obligation and right as leaders to speak out against current evils—evils that strike at the very foundation of all we hold dear as the true church of Christ. ...

“As one of these watchmen, with a love for humanity, I accept humbly this obligation and challenge and gratefully strive to do my duty without fear. In times as serious as these, we must not permit fear of criticism to keep us from doing our duty, even at the risk of our counsel being tabbed as political, as government becomes more and more entwined in our daily lives.

“In the crisis through which we are now passing, we have been fully warned. This has brought forth some criticism. There are some of us who do not want to hear the message. It embarrasses us. The things which are threatening our lives, our welfare, our freedoms are the very things some of us have been condoning. Many do not want to be disturbed as they continue to enjoy their comfortable complacency.

“The Church is founded on eternal truth. We do not compromise principle. We do not surrender our standards regardless of current trends or pressures. Our allegiance to truth as a church is unwavering. **Speaking out against immoral or unjust actions has been the burden of prophets and disciples of God from time immemorial. It was for this very reason that many of them were persecuted. Nevertheless, it was their God-given task, as watchmen on the tower, to warn the people.**” (In Conference Report, Apr. 1973, pp. 49–50; or Ensign, July 1973, p. 38.)

The references on the word “watchman” in Ezekiel 33:2 take you to D&C 101:45, 53-54:

### **Doctrine and Covenants 101:45, 53–54**

45 And set watchmen round about them, and build a tower, that one may overlook the land round about, to be a watchman upon the tower, that mine olive trees may not be broken down when the enemy shall come to spoil and take upon themselves the fruit of my vineyard.

53 Ought ye not to have done even as I commanded you, and—after ye had planted the vineyard, and built the hedge round about, and set watchmen upon the walls thereof—built the tower also, and set a watchman upon the tower, and watched for my vineyard, and not have fallen asleep, lest the enemy should come upon you?

54 And behold, the watchman upon the tower would have seen the enemy while he was yet afar off; and then ye could have made ready and kept the enemy from breaking down the hedge thereof, and saved my vineyard from the hands of the destroyer.

After those events in the Parable of the Nobleman and the Olive Trees (breaking down the Parable of the Nobleman and the Olive Trees is an hour and a half all by itself, so I won't be doing that here. If you are

unfamiliar with that parable, I highly recommend reading/watching my paper on that parable. It directly relates to the subject at hand), Joseph Smith returns and gathers the strength of the Lord's house to "bring again Zion" which is the other reference the Church provides for the word "watchman" in verse 2 of Ezekiel 33:

### **3 Nephi 16:18**

18 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye *when* the Lord shall bring *again* Zion.

Going back to Ezekiel 33, the footnote for verse 4 takes you to Acts 18:6:

### **Acts 18:6**

6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, [Paul] shook his raiment, and said unto them, **Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean:** from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

Finishing up with the footnotes for Ezekiel 33, we have in verse 6:

### **Doctrine and Covenants 88:81–85**

81 Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor.

82 Therefore, they are left without excuse, and their sins are upon their own heads.

83 **He that seeketh me early** shall find me, and shall not be forsaken.

84 Therefore, tarry ye, and labor diligently, that you may be perfected in your ministry to go forth among the Gentiles for the last time, as many as the mouth of the Lord shall name, to bind up the law and seal up the testimony, and to prepare the saints for the hour of judgment which is to come;

85 That their souls may escape the wrath of God, the desolation of abomination which awaits the wicked, both in this world and in the world to come. Verily, I say unto you, let those who are not the first elders continue in the vineyard until the mouth of the Lord shall call them, **for their time is not yet come; their garments are not clean from the blood of this generation.**

### **Elder L Tom Perry:**

“What was the difference between the people of Alma and the people of King Limhi? Obviously, there were several differences: the people of Alma were peaceful and more righteous; they had already been baptized and entered into a covenant with the Lord; **they humbled themselves before the Lord even before their tribulations started.** All these differences made it appropriate and fair that the Lord would deliver them quickly in a miraculous way from the hand which kept them in bondage. These scriptures teach us of the Lord's power of deliverance.” (The Power of Deliverance, April 2012)

For a more complete breakdown on this see my *Abinadi: A Type of Things to Come* paper.

## **Alma 60: 5-14:**

5 But behold, great has been the slaughter among our people; yea, thousands have fallen by the sword, while it might have otherwise been if ye had rendered unto our armies sufficient strength and succor for them. Yea, great has been your neglect towards us.

6 And now behold, we desire to know the cause of this exceedingly great neglect; yea, we desire to know the cause of your *thoughtless state*.

7 Can you think to *sit upon your thrones in a state of thoughtless stupor*, while your enemies are spreading the work of death around you? Yea, while they are murdering thousands of your brethren—

8 Yea, even they who have looked up to you for protection, yea, *have placed you in a situation* that ye might have succored them, yea, ye might have sent armies unto them, to have strengthened them, and have saved thousands of them from falling by the sword.

9 But behold, this is not all—ye have withheld your provisions from them, insomuch that many have fought and bled out their lives because of their great desires which they had for the welfare of this people; yea, and this they have done when they were about to perish with hunger, *because of your exceedingly great neglect towards them*.

10 And now, my beloved brethren—for ye ought to be beloved; yea, and ye ought to have stirred yourselves more diligently for the welfare and the freedom of this people; but behold, ye have neglected them insomuch that the blood of thousands shall come upon your heads for vengeance; yea, for known unto God were all their cries, and all their sufferings—

11 Behold, could ye suppose that *ye could sit upon your thrones*, and because of the exceeding goodness of God *ye could do nothing* and he would deliver you? Behold, if ye have supposed this ye have supposed in vain.

12 Do ye suppose that, because so many of your brethren have been killed it is because of *their* wickedness? I say unto you, if ye have supposed this ye have supposed in vain; for I say unto you, there are many who have fallen by the sword; and *behold it is to your condemnation*;

13 For the Lord suffereth the righteous to be slain that his justice and judgment may come upon the wicked; therefore ye need not suppose that the righteous are lost because they are slain; but behold, they do enter into the rest of the Lord their God.

14 And now behold, I say unto you, *I fear exceedingly that the judgments of God will come upon this people, because of their exceeding slothfulness, yea, even the slothfulness of our government, and their exceedingly great neglect towards their brethren, yea, towards those who have been slain*.

Those who “have been placed in a situation” to help are those “who have been warned”, and it becometh every man who has been warned to warn his neighbor. To raise the warning voice, to raise the alarm, to proclaim as an angel with a trump “the enemy is at gate!” Everyone who has been warned, who knows, and who then fails to raise the warning voice, the blood of all those people who were around them that they failed to warn will be required at their hands. “But what if telling them and warning them has no effect? What if they don’t listen to me?” I hear one ask. The Lord says that “if they hear the warning and take no action their blood will be required on their own heads”. The Lord told us in D&C that “we are not yet free from the blood of this generation” and commanded us to continue in the vineyard- to do what? Raise the warning voice sufficient to rid ourselves of their blood. If one in The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints think they can “sit upon their thrones in their temples” and do nothing as the destroyer works death among their brethren, they have supposed in vain. If one in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints thinks that “these people are dying spiritually and it’s their own fault” while they sit in their temples and do nothing, they have supposed in vain. For the Lord God, Jesus the Christ, will require their blood at your hands. Period. Now that we know that, now that it has been proved convincingly using the standard, even the scriptures, the Words of God, we need to ask the question, “what are we as members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints commanded to warn the people of? What is our prime directive?”

### **Joseph Smith:**

“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. The people of the Lord, those who have complied with the requirements of the new covenant, have already commenced gathering together to Zion, which is in the state of Missouri; therefore I declare unto you the warning which the Lord has commanded me to declare unto this generation, remembering that the eyes of my Maker are upon me, and that to Him I am accountable for every word I say, wishing nothing worse to my fellowmen than their eternal salvation; therefore, "Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come." Repent ye, repent ye, and embrace the everlasting covenant, and flee to Zion, before the overflowing scourge overtake you... **Remember these things; call upon the Lord while He is near, and seek Him while He may be found**, is the exhortation of your unworthy servant.” (TPJS, p. 17-18)

### **Joseph Smith:**

And secondly, it is the duty of Elders, when they enter into any house, to let their labors and warning voice be unto the master of that house; and if he receive the Gospel, then he may extend his influence to his wife also, with consent, that peradventure she may receive the Gospel: but if a man receive not the Gospel, but gives his consent that his wife may receive it, and she believes, then let her receive it. **But if a man forbid his wife, or his children, before they are of age, to receive the Gospel, then it should be the duty of the Elder to go his way, and use no influence against him, and let the responsibility be upon his head;** shake off the dust of thy feet as a testimony against him, and thy skirts shall then be clear of their souls. **Their sins are not to be answered upon such as God hath sent to warn them to flee the wrath to come, and save themselves from this untoward generation.** The servants of God will not have gone over the nations of the Gentiles, with a warning voice, until the destroying angel will commence to waste the inhabitants of the earth, and as the prophet hath said, "It shall be a vexation to hear the report." I speak thus because I feel for my fellow men; I do it in the name of the Lord, being moved upon by the Holy Spirit. Oh, that I could snatch them from the vortex of misery, into which I behold them plunging themselves, by their sins; that I might be enabled by the warning voice, to be an instrument of bringing them to unfeigned repentance, that they might have faith to stand in the evil day! (TPJS, p.87)

### **Joseph Smith:**

Now men cannot have any possible grounds to say that this [the parable of the wheat and the tares] is figurative, or that it does not mean what it says: for He is now explaining what He had previously spoken in parables; and according to this language, the end of the world is the destruction of the wicked, the harvest and the end of the world have an allusion directly to the human family in the last days, instead of the earth, as many have imagined; and that which shall precede the coming of the Son of Man, and the restitution of all things spoken of by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began; and the angels are to have something to do in this great work, for they are the reapers. As, therefore, the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of the world; that is, **as the servants of God go forth warning the nations, both priests and people, and as they harden their hearts and reject the light of truth, these first being delivered over to the buffetings of Satan, and the law and the testimony being closed up, as it was in the case of the Jews, they are left in darkness, and delivered over unto the day of burning; thus being bound up by their creeds, and their bands being made strong by their priests, are prepared for the fulfilment of the saying of the Savior--**"The Son of Man shall send forth His angels, and gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity, and shall cast them into a furnace of fire, there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." We understand that the work of gathering together of the wheat into barns, or garners, is to take place while the tares are being bound over, and preparing for the day of burning; that after the day of burnings, the righteous shall shine forth like the sun, in the Kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (TPJS, p.100-101)

### **Joseph Smith:**

And first, **it becomes an Elder when he is traveling through the world, warning the inhabitants of the earth to gather together,** that they may be built up an holy city unto the Lord (TPJS, p.86)

### **Joseph Smith:**

**Then, O ye Twelve! notice this Key, and be wise for Christ's sake, and your own soul's sake. Ye are not sent out to be taught, but to teach. Let every word be seasoned with grace. Be vigilant; be sober. It is a day of warning, and not of many words.** (TPJS, p.156)

### **Joseph Smith:**

I saw men hunting the lives of their own sons, and brother murdering brother, women killing their own daughters, and daughters seeking the lives of their mothers. I saw armies arrayed against armies. I saw blood, desolation, fires. The Son of man has said that the mother shall be against the daughters, and the daughter against the mother. These things are at our doors. They will follow the Saints of God from city to city. Satan will rage, and the spirit of the devil is now enraged. **I know not how soon these things will take place; but with a view of them, shall I cry peace? No; I will lift up my voice and testify of them. How long you will have good crops, and the famine be kept off, I do not know; when the fig tree leaves, know then that the summer is nigh at hand.** (TPJS, p.161)

### **President Nelson:**

Danger, Darkness, Deception

Physical and spiritual tempests are a part of life on the earth, as the COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us. Of the time prior to His Second Coming, the Savior predicted days of great tribulation. He said, "There shall be **famines**, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places" (Joseph Smith—Matthew 1:29). (Grown Into the Principle of Revelation, Liahona, January 2021)

Having a grasp of the points of reference or in other words having the understanding of the times and seasons, will enable one, a watchman, to properly warn the people what is at the gate. Joseph Smith reminded us of a key of insight of how we would be able to recognize that summer is nigh at hand, summer being when these events take place. In the spring the fig tree would put forth its leaves, this would be a sign that summer was nigh at hand. And during the summer these events would take place. Based off of that:

### **D&C 45:35-38**

35 And I said unto them: Be not troubled, for, *when all these things shall come to pass*, ye may know that the promises which have been made unto you shall be fulfilled.

36 And *when the light shall begin to break forth*, it shall be with them like unto a parable which I will show you—

37 Ye look and behold the fig trees, and ye see them with your eyes, and ye say when they begin to shoot forth, and their leaves are yet tender, that summer is now nigh at hand;

38 Even so it shall be in that day *when they shall see all these things*, then shall they know that the hour is nigh.

The Lord here is saying when people see *these things* the act of seeing those things will be as the parable of the figs sprouting forth leaves. Meaning, when men see those things they can know that they are in spring, and soon cometh the summer in which all of the other things would take place. Let us identify the three things quickly that the Lord identified as “these things” happening in the spring to help us identify the generation.

### **1. D&C 45:24-25**

24 And this I have told you concerning Jerusalem; and when that day shall come, shall a remnant be scattered among all nations;

25 But they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

### **Luke 21:24**

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Jews were kicked out of Jerusalem and scattered physically all over the world but in the day of the fig tree sprouting forth leaves the Jews would again return to their ancient homeland and Jerusalem would no longer be trodden down by the Gentiles.

### **2. D&C 45: 28-29, 36**

28 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;

29 But they receive it not; for they perceive not the light, and they turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men.

36 And when the light shall begin to break forth, it shall be with them like unto a parable which I will show you

In the day that the fig tree sprouts forth its leaves, the fulness of the gospel i.e. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, would go global.

### **3. D&C 45:26**

26 And in that day shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars, and the whole earth shall be in commotion, and men's hearts shall fail them, and they shall say that Christ delayeth his coming until the end of the earth.

### **Joseph Smith Matthew 23**

23 Behold, I speak these things unto you for the elect's sake; and you also shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled, for all I have told you must come to pass; *but the end is not yet.*

In the day that the fig tree sprouted forth its leaves there shall be major wars and rumors of wars.

These three signs were given to identify the fig tree putting forth its leaves, i.e. spring. Plants sprouting forth new growth in spring is symbolic of new life or new generations or children. Not coincidentally so the Savior says that all three of these identify the generation in which the times of the Gentiles would be fulfilled (D&C 45:30). All three of those things listed above occurred in perfect, literal fulfillment between the years of 1917-1967. The times of the Gentiles was literally fulfilled and the generation in which the times of the Gentiles were fulfilled was identified. Or in other words, they became "a marked generation" (In His Steps, March 4 1979) and that marked generation, the Lord said of such:

### **JST Luke 21:32**

32 Verily I say unto you, this generation, the generation when the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, shall not pass away till all be fulfilled.

And the Lord also said of that generation,

### **D&C 45:31**

31 And there shall be men standing in that generation, that shall not pass until they shall see an overflowing scourge; for a desolating sickness shall cover the land.

President Nelson in the April 2021 conference referenced the above passage in the present tense (see my paper/video, *Where Are We?*)

If the fig tree sprouting forth leaves was the sign of a new generation, the marked generation, were those things to take place while the fig leaves were yet tender? No, for the fig leaves were

simply there to let us know that summer is nigh at hand- in summer the fig leaves turn from simply buds to figs. These things were to take place in the summer, or in other words, when this marked generation were figs. As the above referenced verse in D&C 45 says, “that shall not pass”, meaning that generation is no longer young.

So what happens next and why is it important to know?

To answer the second question first, it is important for us to know because if we don't know what's coming how will we be able to warn our neighbor?

### **Revelation 6:12-13**

12 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;

13 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**.

IE figs that ripen late, hanging on the tree even into the winter.

### **D&C 88:87-92**

87 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.**

88 And after your testimony cometh wrath and indignation upon the people.

89 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.

90 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.

91 And all things shall be in commotion; and surely, men's hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people.

92 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.

### **D&C 112:22-26**

22 Inasmuch as they shall humble themselves before me, and abide in my word, and hearken to the voice of my Spirit.

23 Verily, verily, I say unto you, darkness covereth the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people, and all flesh has become corrupt before my face.

24 Behold, vengeance cometh speedily upon the inhabitants of the earth, a day of wrath, a day of burning, a day of desolation, of weeping, of mourning, and of lamentation; **and as a whirlwind it shall come upon all the face of the earth**, saith the Lord.

25 *And upon my house shall it begin, and from my house shall it go forth*, saith the Lord;

26 First among those among you, saith the Lord, who have professed to know my name and have not known me, and have blasphemed against me in the midst of my house, saith the Lord.

### **Ezra Taft Benson:**

Should the Lord decide at this time to cleanse the Church-and the need for that cleansing seems to be increasing-a **famine in this land of one year's duration could wipe out a large percentage of slothful members, including some ward and stake officers**. Yet we cannot say we have not been warned. (God, Family, Country, p.383)

So we have the generation, that's been identified, that is springtime. We then have summer- this is when the figs are supposed to be ripened. They are supposed to produce fruit meet for their Father's kingdom (i.e. preparation). But as the Lord said "they receive it not" or in other words they do not become ripened, and the reason? "For they perceive not the light, and they turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men" (D&C 45:29). Meaning, that they no longer fear the Lord according to the truth but they fear the Lord according to the precepts of men. The keys have warned us and taught us how we are to fear the Lord- by preparing temporally for the famine.

President Nelson: "If preparation is our key to embracing this dispensation and our future with faith, how can we best prepare?"

*For decades*, the Lord's prophets have urged us to store food, water, and financial reserves for a time of need. The current pandemic has reinforced the wisdom of that counsel. ***I urge you to take steps to be temporally prepared.***" (Oct 2020, Embrace the Future with Faith)

The precepts of men however teach us something else. They teach us that we can remove our hearts from the Lord, serve mammon, and not prepare temporally and the Lord will save us in our rebellious state. This is sitting on our thrones in a state of stupor. Those individuals who have forsaken the commands of the keys to prepare temporally for the famine and yet believe they will be saved are untimely figs. And as we learned above, untimely figs are those that ripened late or not at all, they would still be hanging on the tree even into the winter (i.e. famine). And the tree is what? The Church. Meaning, these people are counting on the Church to save them. They are still looking to the Church to sustain them when they should have ripened themselves, broken off the tree and be able to stand independent. These are members who go to Church every week but don't take any of the teachings to heart, they don't ripen. Which robs themselves and the future generation because then they don't go off and create other seedlings. Needless to say, they would be unable to be watchmen on the tower, or at the very least, they would be completely ineffective as watchmen on the tower, because they themselves took no warning and took no preparation.

Who is going to preach truth in power, who is going to proclaim boldly of the famine to come and the necessity to prepare for it as a requirement or prerequisite for salvation when they themselves are completely and utterly unprepared? No, they will teach against it, they will cover their eyes and plug their ears and teach foolish, vain and ignorant doctrines of “being prepared spiritually is more important than being prepared temporally” as though the two can be separated. They cannot. This preparation discussed in D&C 88 above qualifies one for the Bridegroom’s wedding. This is the Parable of the 10 Virgins. I would highly recommend going over and watching/reading my breakdown of this parable as it is over an hour alone as well. All ten virgins were worthy, only five were prepared, “Prepare ye, prepare ye!” All ten were worthy, only five humbled themselves before the tribulations started, “Prepare ye, prepare ye!” On the Macro Last Day Timeline the next event to start, which very well could be starting right now for those with eyes to see and ears to hear, is the famine. Period. Let’s read more about this famine.

### **Ezra Taft Benson:**

My text today is from a revelation of the Lord to Joseph Smith, the Prophet, at a conference of the Church January 2, 1831, as follows: “... if ye are prepared ye shall not fear.” (D&C 38:30.)

In section 1 of the great Doctrine and Covenants, a volume of modern scripture, we read these words: “Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come. ...” (D&C 1:12.) Further in this same revelation are these warning words: “... I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth . . .” (D&C 1:17.)

What are some of the calamities for which we are to prepare? In section 29 the Lord warns us of “a great hailstorm sent forth to destroy the crops of the earth.” (D&C 29:16.) In section 45 we read of “an overflowing scourge; for a desolating sickness shall cover the land.” (D&C 45:31.) In section 63 the Lord declares he has “decreed wars upon the face of the earth. ...” (D&C 63:33.)

In Matthew, chapter 24, we learn of “famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes. ...” (Matt. 24:7.) The Lord declared that these and other calamities shall occur. *These particular prophecies seem not to be conditional. The Lord, with his foreknowledge, knows that they will happen.* Some will come about through man’s manipulations; others through the forces of nature and nature’s God, but that they will come seems certain. Prophecy is but history in reverse—a divine disclosure of future events.

Yet, through all of this, the Lord Jesus Christ has said: “... if ye are prepared ye shall not fear.” (D&C 38:30.)

What, then, is the Lord’s way to help us prepare for these calamities? The answer is also found in section 1 of the Doctrine and Covenants, wherein he says:

“Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments;

“And also gave commandments to others. ...” (D&C 1:17–18.) He has also said: “Search these commandments, for they are true and faithful, and the prophecies and promises which are in them *shall all be fulfilled.*” (D&C 1:37.)

Here then is the key—look to the prophets for the words of God, that will show us how to prepare for the calamities which are to come. For the Lord, in that same section, states: “What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself; and though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled, whether by mine own voice or by the voice of my servants, it is the same.” (D&C 1:38.)

Again, the Lord warned those who will reject the inspired words of his representatives, in these words: “... and the day cometh that they who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the prophets and apostles, shall be cut off from among the people.” (D&C 1:14.)...

... For the righteous the gospel provides a warning before a calamity, a program for the crises, a refuge for each disaster...

...The Lord has warned us of **famines**, but the righteous will have listened to prophets and stored at least a year’s supply of survival food...

... “How on the face of the earth could a man enjoy his religion,” said Elder George A. Smith many years ago, “when he had been told by the Lord how to prepare for a day of famine, when, instead of doing so, he had fooled away that which would have sustained him and his family.” (JD, vol. 12, p. 142.)...

... When will all these calamities strike? We do not know the exact time, but it appears it may be in the not-too-distant future. **Those who are prepared now have the continuing blessings of early obedience, and they are ready. Noah built his ark before the flood came, and he and his family survived.** Those who waited to act until after the flood began were too late.

Let us not be dissuaded from preparing because of a seeming prosperity today, or a so-called peace (D&C 101:48). (*Prepare Ye*, Ensign, January 1974).

### **Heber C. Kimball:**

Joseph warned the people of a **famine** that was coming on the land, and laid up corn; so Brigham and Heber have taught you that we are going to see a day similar to that, but more terrible—more awful. (Journal of Discourses 5:174)

This is a part of our religion—to lay up stores and provide for ourselves and for the surrounding country; for the day is near when they will come by thousands and by millions, with their fineries, to get a little bread. That time is right by our door. (Journal of Discourses 5:163)

Plan to build a good storehouse, every man who has a farm, and never cease until you have accomplished it. And do not forget to pay your tithing before you put the grain into the

storehouse. **Lay up enough for seven years**...When we have stored away our grain we are safe, independent of the world, in case of **famine**, are we not? Yes, we are; for, in that case, we will have the means for subsistence in our own hands. When the **famines** begin upon the earth, **we shall be very apt to feel them first.**

**If judgments must need begin at the house of God**, and if the righteous scarcely are saved, how will it be with the wicked? Am I looking for **famines**? Yes, the most terrible and severe that have ever come upon the nations of the earth...

There are a great many things that we can save and take care of, as well as we can wheat, barley, and oats. We can dry pumpkins, squashes, currants, apples, peaches, &c., and save them; we can also save beans, peas, and like articles, and **keep them for seven years**. And if you will take the right care of your wheat, you can save it just as long as you may wish to. (Journal of Discourses 5:20)

### **Brigham Young:**

My faith does not lead me to think the Lord will provide us with roast pigs, bread already buttered, etc.; he will give us the ability to raise the grain, to obtain the fruits of the earth, to make habitations, to procure a few boards to make a box, and when harvest comes, giving us the grain, it is for us to preserve it—to save the wheat until we have one, two, five, or **seven years'** provisions on hand, until there is enough of the staff of life saved by the people to [provide] bread [for] themselves and those who will come here seeking for safety. (Discourses of Brigham Young, 291–92)

### **Orson Hyde:**

But let us see if we can account for the fearful increase of pestilence, **scarcity**, and destruction of human life spoken of in our text. God is said to be with His servants and people. “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” If a nation or people cast out the Saints and servants of God from their midst, God goeth with them and leaveth that nation, and leaveth it under evil influences and afflicting agents.

To illustrate the foregoing statements, I will refer you to the history of **Joseph's being sold into Egypt**. This younger son of the old Patriarch Jacob was a visionary man, and a great dreamer. His visions and dreams seriously annoyed his elder brethren, and greatly aroused their jealousy. At one time, the lad dreamed that he and his brethren were binding sheaves in the field; and they set them up; and all their sheaves made obeisance to his sheaf. This dream nettled them, and made them very angry, under the conviction that one day the boy might rule over them. The dream appeared to foreshadow the fact. At another time, he dreamed that the sun, moon, and eleven stars made obeisance to him.

This dream even aroused the old man's resentment, and drew forth from him a rebuke upon his son; for he thought the dream indicated that he and his mother and his brethren should bow down to him. His brethren greatly envied him; but his father observed the dream and reflected, notwithstanding the rebuke. The fire of jealousy burning in the hearts of the elder brethren

against their younger brother, they resolved to slay him, and conspired to perpetrate this bloody deed! Not that Joseph had injured them, or done them any wrong. It was because they feared he would do something, as his dreams evinced. But, behold the inconsistency of his elder brethren! If his dreams were of God, it was a sufficient cause of great joy to them, that they could have a ruler of divine appointment; and hence worse than madness to oppose him. If his dreams were not of God, they had no cause to fear his elevation to the ruling power. But his dreams were of God, and the means which they adopted to prevent their fulfillment proved, under the overruling hand of Providence, to be the very means to bring about the things foreshadowed by them.

It is not infrequently the case, that plans and measures devised by the greatest cunning, ingenuity, and wisdom of the wicked against God's chosen, prove to be the most impressive and happy means to bless and exalt those against whom these plans are laid. Instead of slaying their brother, they agreed to cast him into a pit where there was no water, that he might perish there. But being a little conscience smitten at this specimen of cruelty towards their brother, they agreed to sell him into Egypt as a slave, and thus rid themselves and the country of this troublesome dreamer.

But God was with Joseph in Egypt, in the house of Potiphar, and blessed Potiphar's house for Joseph's sake. Potiphar, a poor benighted heathen, saw that God was with Joseph, and that he made all things to prosper that were in his hands; and therefore committed his house and all he had into the care of Joseph. Step by step did he gain influence and consideration in Egypt; and the favor and blessing of God were manifest upon him, and upon all that he did. God even blessed the whole kingdom for his sake. He apprised him, in the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream, of the approaching **famine**, and greatly multiplied the fruits of the earth, that they might be laid up in store against the time of need. Thus, the country to which the chosen of God was banished, was enabled to feed the starving millions that fled thither for **seven long years**, and Joseph was prime minister to the crown, and general superintendent of all the affairs of Egypt. He controlled all the food that had been laid up in store. The **famine** waxed strong in the land from which he was expelled, and they had nothing laid up in store; for they had no Joseph to warn them of the approaching distress. They had driven him away, and God greatly blessed the land to which he fled.

Soon it fell out that Joseph's brethren had to go down to Egypt to buy corn. "Their sheaves began to bow to his sheaf." Again they went, being sorely pressed with **famine** in their own land; and Joseph made himself known to them. Prince as he was, Prophet and minister of God as he was, I cannot think that the propriety of a union of Church and State was discussed at their meeting at all; especially not until they had taken their dinner together. Thanks be to the God of Israel, they had plenty to eat!

Next, the old man himself came down to Joseph, and all the family—"sun, moon, and stars, made their obeisance to him" sure enough! His brethren do not feel towards him now, as they did when they sold him! O, integrity! Like the magnet that ever attracts its own, thou dost command and draw around thee all thy kindred hosts! Oh, selfishness, and narrow-minded jealousy! **You are humbled in the dust—you are prostrated at the feet of him whose life and liberty were the sport of your palmy days. How changed the scene? Yet God be praised.**

Can anyone, acquainted with the Latter-day Saints' history, see any similarity between their expulsion from the States, and the causes of that expulsion; and the banishment of Joseph into Egypt, and the causes of that banishment? Neither of them had done any wrong, but it was feared that they would. They both would dream, and tell their dreams. They were both superlatively hated and envied by their brethren—were both sent away among heathens to perish, and both have been sustained by the favor of God. We both have had coats of many colors: ours, patch upon patch! We have had at least, one coat different from his, probably because such coats were not fashionable in his day, a coat of tar and feathers. Neither of us went away by his own choice; but were forced away contrary to our wishes, and contrary to existing laws. Both went into countries where there is but little rain. The chief difference that I can see, is this. Their sheaves bowed to his sheaf. The sun, moon, and stars bowed to him when they came to him for bread. It has not yet happened so unto us. But **when scarcity increases in the land from whence we came**, pestilence and plague abound, the channels of business and trade completely broken up, civil war and know nothing within, the wheels of diplomacy in the mud without, and foreign foes press sorely on our coasts, then the nation may begin to ask—Was Joseph Smith a Prophet? Is God angry with us because we have only winked at his treacherous murder? Is He angry because we have quietly suffered His chosen people to be robbed, plundered, murdered, and driven like chaff before the wind, without interposing in any way to prevent it? Is it because we have turned a deaf ear to their petitions and cries for redress?

With all the respect that is due from an humble citizen, to the words of the chief ruler of a great and powerful nation, and with all the modesty that diffidence and delicacy can inspire, I feel it my duty to say, in the name of that God whose I am, and whom I serve, that here lie the causes of the increasing evils in the land, spoken of in our text. For thus the Lord hath spoken. Nations shall be cut off when they are ripe in iniquity. But they are not ripe in iniquity, until they kill my servants, and cast out my people—then will I visit them in my anger, and vex them in my displeasure, and cut off their bitter branches. **A desolating sickness shall cover the land. (See Book of Covenants.) Famine shall sorely oppress them—confusion and war shall make their hearts to faint,** and their knees to tremble. Would to God that our nation had never given cause for the distress which they now only begin to suffer! Would to God that they, chiefly for their sakes, had never provoked the anger of the Almighty by killing our Prophets, and casting out our people. Yet for us, it is all the better! For if we had not been driven away, we might have remained there to suffer as they are suffering and will suffer. “The wrath of man is often made to praise the Lord,” as in this case; and everlasting honors be ascribed to Him for His mercy, His justice, and His truth.

In view of the approaching crisis which has been preached about, written upon, and prophesied of by us for the last twenty years, I would call upon the people of Utah, both Saint and sinner, Jew and Gentile, white men and red, to quit their vain and unprofitable traffic and speculation, and go to with their might to raise wheat, corn, and stock. Be not anxious to drive your stock to California. Save all your grain, and sow all you possibly can. Rich deposits of snow are now being made in the mountains, according to your prayers, which betoken a fruitful year. Ask God to bless your labors, and every seed that you sow in the earth. Prepare storehouses in which it can be saved. **Remember Joseph in Egypt!** The old man himself, and all the boys had to go to him,

for he had corn in time of **famine**. Politicians oppose our gathering together. But if you will have plenty of wheat, pork, and beef on hand, all hell cannot stop them from coming here. Look out for the old man and all the boys to come bending unto you, and I'll venture they will not quarrel with you about the union of Church and State, at least not until they have had their breakfast. We may then tell them that when we were with them, they burned up our wheat in the stack, in the shock, and that which was scattered in the field. They burned our hay and our houses; and left our sick, our women and children in the scorching sun and beating rain, without food or shelter.

We told them when they did it, that we would have wheat when they had none. When these poor starving thousands flock here for food, will it not be glory enough for you to begin with, to feed them, to give them shelter, and administer to their sick? Will not such coals of fire heaped upon their heads be hot enough to satisfy your righteous indignation? If you will do as you are told, your eyes shall witness just such scenes! You may ask, "When shall these things be?" Answer. ***Just so soon as you can possibly lay up the wheat.*** If the United States will not make Brigham Young Governor, wheat will. Joseph's brethren never voted to make him Governor over them; but he was elected to that office by a joint ballot of wheat and corn. There is more salvation and security in wheat, than in all the political schemes of the world, and also more power in it than in all the contending armies of the nations. Raise wheat and lay it up in store till it will bring a good price; not dollars and cents, but kingdoms, countries, peoples, tribes, and tongues. "They have sold themselves for nought; and must be redeemed without money!" ***It will take wheat to redeem them! Raise wheat and lay it up securely and it will preach the "gathering" more eloquently, successfully, and extensively than all the missionaries that we can send out to sweep through the nations, with the proclamation of the judgments of God abroad in the land!***

If I feel at our approaching Conference as I now do, I shall ask to move that our home missions be not diminished, but increased, if possible; and all set to raising wheat, and make Zion a house and city of refuge for the Saints and for the sons of strangers, that they may come and build up our walls, even as the old Prophet hath spoken. Many of you have finished your seeding, perhaps, for the season; but suppose you add another edition, enlarged, if not revised. Trust in God! And if your works be good, and plenty of them, your faith will not be questioned! (The Judgments of God on the United States—The Saints and the World, JD 2:207, March 18, 1855)

Bishop Waddell in the October 2020 Conference talk, [There Was Bread](#), further puts a spotlight on Joseph in Egypt as a type. In the same conference, Elder Bednar in his talk, [We Will Prove Them Herewith](#), put a spotlight on the connection between temporal preparedness and the 10 virgins. I will not be going over those in this paper, you can find my papers on those talks under the same names. But, the question we need to ask here is, "why so much comparison to Joseph in Egypt?"

### **Ether 13:1**

1 And now I, Moroni, proceed to finish my record...

[It's important to note here that it is Moroni speaking here for two reasons:](#)

1. **Mormon 8:1, 35:**

1 Behold I, Moroni, do finish the record of my father...

35 Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing.

In Mormon Chapter 8 Moroni was simply finishing what his father had done. In Ether Chapter 13 Moroni is finishing his record and he said in Mormon Chapter 8 that Jesus had shown unto him us living today. Meaning, what Moroni is speaking and sharing he is doing so based purely because he believes it is relevant to us, those he saw.

The second reason why this is important we will get to after we read what Moroni has to say:

### **Ether 13:6-8**

6 ...New Jerusalem should be built up upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, for which things there has been a type.

7 For as Joseph brought his father down into the land of Egypt, even so he died there; wherefore, the Lord brought a remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the land of Jerusalem, that he might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph that they should perish not, even as he was merciful unto the father of Joseph that he should perish not.

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

2. Ether was a Jaredite, the Jaredites were a group of people that came from the Tower of Babel. Joseph being sold into Egypt occurred after they had left. The Jaredites would not have known about this story. Moroni on the other hand was a Nephite, meaning a descendant of Nephi and Lehi who left Jerusalem at around 600 BC. The brass plates which they took with them included in them the prophecies of Joseph and of which Lehi prophesied- a prophesy in which those knowledgeable about the “sealed portion” of the Book of Mormon will recognize.

### **1 Nephi 5:14-19**

14 And it came to pass that my father, Lehi, also found upon the plates of brass a genealogy of his fathers; wherefore he knew that he was a descendant of Joseph; yea, even that Joseph who was the son of Jacob, who was sold into Egypt, and who was preserved by the hand of the Lord, that he might preserve his father, Jacob, and all his household from perishing with famine.

15 And they were also led out of captivity and out of the land of Egypt, by that same God who had preserved them.

16 And thus my father, Lehi, did discover the genealogy of his fathers. And Laban also was a descendant of Joseph, wherefore he and his fathers had kept the records.

17 And now when my father saw all these things, he was filled with the Spirit, and began to prophesy concerning his seed—

18 That these plates of brass should go forth unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people who were of his seed.

19 Wherefore, he said that these plates of brass should never perish; neither should they be dimmed any more by time. And he prophesied many things concerning his seed.

[And this prophecy was so important that Lehi repeated it again on his deathbed:](#)

## **2 Nephi 3:2**

2 And may the Lord consecrate also unto thee this land, which is a most precious land, for thine inheritance and the inheritance of thy seed with thy brethren, for thy security forever, if it so be that ye shall keep the commandments of the Holy One of Israel.

3 And now, Joseph, my last-born, whom I have brought out of the wilderness of mine afflictions, may the Lord bless thee forever, for thy seed shall not utterly be destroyed.

4 For behold, thou art the fruit of my loins; and I am a descendant of Joseph who was carried captive into Egypt. And great were the covenants of the Lord which he made unto Joseph.

5 Wherefore, Joseph truly saw our day. And he obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of his loins the Lord God would raise up a righteous branch unto the house of Israel; not the Messiah, but a branch which was to be broken off, nevertheless, to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord that the Messiah should be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in the spirit of power, unto the bringing of them out of darkness unto light—yea, out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom.

6 For Joseph truly testified, saying: A seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a choice seer unto the fruit of my loins.

7 Yea, Joseph truly said: Thus saith the Lord unto me: A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins. And unto him will I give commandment that he shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren, which shall be of great worth unto them, even to the bringing of them to the knowledge of the covenants which I have made with thy fathers.

8 And I will give unto him a commandment that he shall do none other work, save the work which I shall command him. And I will make him great in mine eyes; for he shall do my work.

9 And he shall be great like unto Moses, whom I have said I would raise up unto you, to deliver my people, O house of Israel.

10 And Moses will I raise up, to deliver thy people out of the land of Egypt.

11 But a seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins; and unto him will I give power to bring forth my word unto the seed of thy loins—and not to the bringing forth my word only, saith the Lord, but to the convincing them of my word, which shall have already gone forth among them.

12 Wherefore, the fruit of thy loins shall write; and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write; and that which shall be written by the fruit of thy loins, and also that which shall be written by the fruit of the loins of Judah, shall grow together, unto the confounding of false doctrines and laying down of contentions, and establishing peace among the fruit of thy loins, and bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers in the latter days, and also to the knowledge of my covenants, saith the Lord.

13 And out of weakness he shall be made strong, in that day when my work shall commence among all my people, unto the restoring thee, O house of Israel, saith the Lord.

14 And thus prophesied Joseph, saying: Behold, that seer will the Lord bless; and they that seek to destroy him shall be confounded; for this promise, which I have obtained of the Lord, of the fruit of my loins, shall be fulfilled. Behold, I am sure of the fulfilling of this promise;

15 And his name shall be called after me; and it shall be after the name of his father. And he shall be like unto me; for the thing, which the Lord shall bring forth by his hand, by the power of the Lord shall bring my people unto salvation.

16 Yea, thus prophesied Joseph: I am sure of this thing, even as I am sure of the promise of Moses; for the Lord hath said unto me, I will preserve thy seed forever.

17 And the Lord hath said: I will raise up a Moses; and I will give power unto him in a rod; and I will give judgment unto him in writing. Yet I will not loose his tongue, that he shall speak much, for I will not make him mighty in speaking. But I will write unto him my law, by the finger of mine own hand; and I will make a spokesman for him.

18 And the Lord said unto me also: I will raise up unto the fruit of thy loins; and I will make for him a spokesman. And I, behold, I will give unto him that he shall write the writing of the fruit of thy loins, unto the fruit of thy loins; and the spokesman of thy loins shall declare it.

19 And the words which he shall write shall be the words which are expedient in my wisdom should go forth unto the fruit of thy loins. And it shall be as if the fruit of thy loins had cried unto them from the dust; for I know their faith.

20 And they shall cry from the dust; yea, even repentance unto their brethren, even after many generations have gone by them. And it shall come to pass that their cry shall go, even according to the simpleness of their words.

21 Because of their faith their words shall proceed forth out of my mouth unto their brethren who are the fruit of thy loins; and the weakness of their words will I make strong in their faith, unto the remembering of my covenant which I made unto thy fathers.

22 And now, behold, my son Joseph, after this manner did my father of old prophesy.

23 Wherefore, because of this covenant thou art blessed; for thy seed shall not be destroyed, for they shall hearken unto the words of the book.

24 And there shall rise up one mighty among them, who shall do much good, both in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith, to work mighty wonders,

and do that thing which is great in the sight of God, unto the bringing to pass much restoration unto the house of Israel, and unto the seed of thy brethren.

25 And now, blessed art thou, Joseph. Behold, thou art little; wherefore hearken unto the words of thy brother, Nephi, and it shall be done unto thee even according to the words which I have spoken. Remember the words of thy dying father. Amen.

The Book of Mormon starts with the Book of Joseph and the importance of Joseph in Egypt as a type, a record we don't have but are promised to get. At the apex of the Book of Mormon Jesus Christ visits the Nephites and proceeds to lay out a macro last days timeline, expounding it all, which would obviously include Joseph in Egypt as a type, but it is not contained in our current Book of Mormon. We have Mormon stating in 3 Nephi 26 that the Lord did expound all things unto them and Mormon was "about to write them all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbade it, saying: I will try the faith of my people" (3 Nephi 26:11). Speaking of the prophecies of Joseph of Egypt, Nephi said,

## **2 Nephi 4:1-2**

1 And now, I, Nephi, speak concerning the prophecies of which my father hath spoken, concerning Joseph, who was carried into Egypt.

2 For behold, he truly prophesied concerning all his seed. And the prophecies which he wrote, ***there are not many greater***. And he prophesied concerning us, and our future generations; and they are written upon the plates of brass.

If there were few prophecies greater than those of Joseph would they not A) have been expounded upon by Jesus Christ at that time and thus B) have been included in the book by Mormon, a descendant of Joseph? Lehi's prophecy that the words of Joseph would eventually go forth and their complete absence from our Book of Mormon should give people all the keys of insight they need to know what is included in the sealed portion. And then wrapping up the Book of Mormon we have Moroni, also mentioning Joseph in Egypt as a type and nothing more.

So in recap, we have Nephi at the beginning of the Book of Mormon quoting extensively from Isaiah the chapters dealing primary with the New Jerusalem and the Book of Joseph being mentioned as the key. We then have Jesus in the apex of the Book of Mormon quoting from multiple sources, once again dealing primarily with the events leading up to the building of the New Jerusalem, and surprisingly there isn't a single mention of the Book of Joseph despite the fact that Jesus is talking to the descendants of Joseph, and Nephi saying that there were few greater prophecies than that of Joseph's. And Mormon saying that he was forbidden to write everything that Jesus expounded at that time. We then have Moroni at the end of the Book of Mormon once again talking about the building of the New Jerusalem and Joseph being the key. It shouldn't surprise anybody then to learn that the book Joseph Smith Jr was working on when he was martyred was none other than the translation of the Book of Joseph (Barney, Quinten, The Joseph Smith Papyri and the Writings of Joseph of Egypt, Journal of Mormon History, Vol. 42, No. 2 (April 2016), pp. 95-109)

Elder Bruce R. McConkie: “The day shall come when the Book of Joseph shall be restored and its contents shall be known again.” (Mormon Doctrine, pg 97)

That should provide compelling enough proof given this amount of prophets being stopped right at the Book of Joseph to know that the Book of Joseph with Joseph being sold into Egypt as a type are the keys to understanding the Lord testing the saints’ faith to get them to the level of that of the brother of Jared and the redemption and building of New Jerusalem.

So let’s learn about Joseph being sold into Egypt as a type by learning about what happened to Joseph in Egypt and then transposing that knowledge over to our day. Orson Hyde above did this a bit but let’s expound on this even more.

<b>Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 37-50)</b>	<b>Joseph Smith Jr.</b>
<p>Joseph’s brothers were jealous of him and cast him into a pit. Later they told their father that Joseph had been slayed by wild beasts.</p>	<p>“In the evening I attended meeting in the Seventies’ Hall. George J. Adams preached and I made some observations afterwards, and related a dream which I had a short time since. I thought I was riding out in my carriage, and my guardian angel was along with me. We went past the Temple and had not gone much further before we espied two large snakes so fast locked together that neither of them had any power. I inquired of my guide what I was to understand by that. He answered, “Those snakes represent Dr. Foster and Chauncey L. Higbee. They are your enemies and desire to destroy you; but you see they are so fast locked together that they have no power of themselves to hurt you.” I then thought I was riding up Mulholland street, but my guardian angel was not along with me. On arriving at the prairie, I was overtaken and seized by William and Wilson Law and others, saying, “Ah, ah! We have got you at last! We will secure you and put you in a safe place!” and, without any ceremony dragged me out of my carriage, tied my hands behind me, and threw me into a deep, dry pit, where I remained in a perfectly helpless condition, and they went away. While struggling to get out, I heard Wilson Law screaming for help hard by. I managed to unloose myself so as to make a spring, when I caught hold of some grass which grew at the edge of the pit.</p> <p>I looked out of the pit and saw Wilson Law at a little distance attacked by ferocious wild beasts, and heard him cry out, “Oh Brother Joseph, come and save me!” I replied, “I cannot, for you have put me into this deep pit.” On looking out another way, I saw William Law with outstretched tongue, blue in the face, and the green poison forced out of his mouth, caused by the coiling of a large snake around his body. It had also grabbed him by the arm, a little above the elbow, ready to devour him. He cried out in the intensity of his agony, “Oh, Brother Joseph, Brother Joseph, come and save me, or I die!” I also replied to him, “I cannot, William; I would willingly, but you have tied me and put me in this pit, and I am powerless to help you or</p>

	<p>liberate myself.” In a short time after my guide came and said aloud, “Joseph, Joseph, what are you doing there?” I replied, “My enemies fell upon me, bound me and threw me in.” He then took me by the hand, and drew me out of the pit, set me free, and we went away rejoicing. (June 13, 1844—DHC 6:461-462)</p>
<p>Joseph is sold into Egypt as a slave and ends up in prison. While in prison he is given the keys of the prison and maintained a role managing the prison.</p>	<p>“If my life is of no value to my friends, it is of no value to me. Hyrum, we are going back.” (See <i>Essentials in Church History</i>, p. 374.)</p> <p>“I am going like a lamb to the slaughter, but I am as calm as a summer’s morning I have a conscience void of offense toward God and toward all men.” (See <i>Essentials in Church History</i>, p. 376.)</p> <p><b>D&amp;C 135</b></p> <p>1 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. They were shot in Carthage jail, on the 27th of June, 1844, about five o’clock p.m., by an armed mob—painted black—of from 150 to 200 persons. Hyrum was shot first and fell calmly, exclaiming: I am a dead man! Joseph leaped from the window, and was shot dead in the attempt, exclaiming: O Lord my God! They were both shot after they were dead, in a brutal manner, and both received four balls.</p> <p>2 John Taylor and Willard Richards, two of the Twelve, were the only persons in the room at the time; the former was wounded in a savage manner with four balls, but has since recovered; the latter, through the providence of God, escaped, without even a hole in his robe.</p> <p>3 Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it. In the short space of twenty years, he has brought forth the Book of Mormon, which he translated by the gift and power of God, and has been the means of publishing it on two continents; has sent the fulness of the everlasting gospel, which it contained, to the four quarters of the earth; has brought forth the revelations and commandments which compose this book of Doctrine and Covenants, and many other wise</p>

	<p>documents and instructions for the benefit of the children of men; gathered many thousands of the Latter-day Saints, founded a great city, and left a fame and name that cannot be slain. He lived great, and he died great in the eyes of God and his people; and like most of the Lord's anointed in ancient times, has sealed his mission and his works with his own blood; and so has his brother Hyrum. In life they were not divided, and in death they were not separated!</p> <p><b><u>Brigham Young:</u></b>      "He holds the keys of that kingdom for the last dispensation---the keys to rule in the spirit world; and he rules there triumphantly, for he gained full power and a glorious victory over the power of Satan while he was yet in the flesh, and was a martyr to his religion and to the name of Christ, which gives him a most perfect victory in the spirit world. He reigns there as supreme a being in his sphere, capacity, and calling, as God does in heaven." (Journal of Discourses 7:289, October 9, 1859)</p>
<p>Pharaoh, the sun god, raises Joseph from prison and makes him his governor.</p>	<p><b>3 Nephi 21:10</b>      10 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.</p> <p>The Lord promises that though Joseph Smith is martyred "yet I will resurrect him".</p>
<p>Joseph in Egypt prepares the people and saves them from the seven-year famine.</p>	<p>"For, like Joseph of old shall he be: he shall save the just from desolation, by the wise counsel of the Almighty; for by his direction shall they gather into storehouses and barns, till they overflow with the richness of the fruit of harvest: and by this means shall the just be saved from famine, while the nations of the wicked are distressed and faint." (Patriarchal blessing given in the evening of September 22, 1835, and recorded October 3, 1835. Oliver Cowdery)</p> <p>"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</p>

	<p>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.” (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)</p>
<p>Two+ years into the famine Joseph’s brothers join Joseph in the foreign land under the direction of Joseph. Eventually even Joseph’s father joins him in the foreign land once everything is prepared.</p>	<p>“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.” (TPJS, p.17)</p> <p>“In due time shall he go forth toward the north, and by the power of his word shall the deep begin to give way and the ice melt before the sun. By the keys of the Kingdom shall he lead Israel into the land of Zion while the house of Jacob shouts in the danse and in the song—Joy, O my soul, in that day, for thou shalt be with him and bear thy part in the keys which are confirmed thee for an everlasting priesthood, forever and ever—Joy, O my heart, in that day, with thanksgiving and with praise, for thou shalt stand with him before the hosts of Israel—the lame shall leap as a hart, the old shall renew his strength, and the virgin of Israel, with the youth, shall exalt the name of our God upon harps and instruments of tens[e] strings” (Patriarchal blessing given in the evening of September 22, 1835, and recorded October 3, 1835. Oliver Cowdery)</p> <p><b>D&amp;C 133:26-34</b></p> <p>26 And they who are in the north countries shall come in remembrance before the Lord; and their prophets shall hear his voice, and shall no longer stay themselves; and they shall smite the rocks, and the ice shall flow down at their presence.</p> <p>27 And an highway shall be cast up in the midst of the great deep.</p> <p>28 Their enemies shall become a prey unto them,</p> <p>29 And in the barren deserts there shall come forth pools of living water; and the parched ground shall no longer be a thirsty land.</p>

30 And they shall bring forth their rich treasures unto the children of Ephraim, my servants.

31 And the boundaries of the everlasting hills shall tremble at their presence.

32 And there shall they fall down and be crowned with glory, even in Zion, by the hands of the servants of the Lord, even the children of Ephraim.

33 And they shall be filled with songs of everlasting joy.

34 Behold, this is the blessing of the everlasting God upon the tribes of Israel, and the richer blessing upon the head of Ephraim and his fellows.

**3 Nephi 21:23-29, 2 Nephi 22:1**

23 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.

24 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.

25 And then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst.

26 And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people. Verily I say unto you, at that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people, yea, even the tribes which have been lost, which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem.

27 Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed of my people, with the Father to prepare the way whereby they may come unto me, that they may call on the Father in my name.

28 Yea, and then shall the work commence, with the Father among all nations in preparing the way whereby

	<p>his people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance.</p> <p>29 And they shall go out from all nations; and they shall not go out in haste, nor go by flight, for I will go before them, saith the Father, and I will be their rearward.</p> <p>1 And then shall that which is written come to pass: Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child; for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord.</p> <p><b>Moses 7:61-62</b></p> <p>61 ...but my people will I preserve;</p> <p>62 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.</p>
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So what is the consensus of all the prophecies to us today? Orson Hyde above said that there would be **1. A desolating sickness, 2. A famine, and 3. War poured out among all nations.** President Nelson in the last conference referenced the desolating sickness (D&C 45:31) and then said that we are witnessing verse 32, “my disciples shall stand in holy place and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God and die.” What the Lord says happens next in D&C 45 is thus:

**D&C 45:63-68**

63 Ye hear of wars in foreign lands; but, behold, I say unto you, they are nigh, even at your doors, and not many years hence ye shall hear of wars in your own lands.

64 Wherefore I, the Lord, have said, gather ye out from the eastern lands, assemble ye yourselves together ye elders of my church; go ye forth into the western countries, call upon the inhabitants to repent, and inasmuch as they do repent, build up churches unto me.

65 And with one heart and with one mind, gather up your riches that ye may purchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed unto you.

66 And it shall be called the New Jerusalem, a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the saints of the Most High God;

67 And the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it, and it shall be called Zion.

68 And it shall come to pass among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor must needs flee unto Zion for safety.

We learn from Joseph in Egypt as a type that there will be a test, then Joseph Smith will return and select those who have remained faithful, then we have the redemption of Zion and the building of New Jerusalem as the means of escape and safety from the famine that is now in the land. We then have the gathering in and unto the New Jerusalem, including the ten tribes, followed finally by war being poured out among all nations.

If we combine what we know- first, we know that the desolating sickness has just happened, we are currently living in the test; will men stand in holy places and be not moved or will they curse God and die? Once the test is complete Joseph will return and gather those who have remained worthy that they may escape the famine which is now throughout the land.

### **3 Nephi 3:13-26, 3 Nephi 4:4**

13 Yea, he sent a proclamation among all the people, that they should gather together their women, and their children, their flocks and their herds, and all their substance, save it were their land, unto one place.

14 And he caused that fortifications should be built round about them, and the strength thereof should be exceedingly great. And he caused that armies, both of the Nephites and of the Lamanites, or of all them who were numbered among the Nephites, should be placed as guards round about to watch them, and to guard them from the robbers day and night.

15 Yea, he said unto them: As the Lord liveth, except ye repent of all your iniquities, and cry unto the Lord, ye will in nowise be delivered out of the hands of those Gadianon robbers.

16 And so great and marvelous were the words and prophecies of Lachoneus that they did cause fear to come upon all the people; and they did exert themselves in their might to do according to the words of Lachoneus.

17 And it came to pass that Lachoneus did appoint chief captains over all the armies of the Nephites, to command them at the time that the robbers should come down out of the wilderness against them.

18 Now the chiefest among all the chief captains and the great commander of all the armies of the Nephites was appointed, and his name was Gidgiddoni.

19 Now it was the custom among all the Nephites to appoint for their chief captains, (save it were in their times of wickedness) some one that had the spirit of revelation and also prophecy; therefore, this Gidgiddoni was a great prophet among them, as also was the chief judge.

20 Now the people said unto Gidgiddoni: Pray unto the Lord, and let us go up upon the mountains and into the wilderness, that we may fall upon the robbers and destroy them in their own lands.

21 But Gidgiddoni saith unto them: The Lord forbid; for if we should go up against them the Lord would deliver us into their hands; therefore we will prepare ourselves in the center of our lands, and we will gather all our armies together, and we will not go against them, but we will wait till they shall come against us; therefore as the Lord liveth, if we do this he will deliver them into our hands.

22 And it came to pass in the seventeenth year, in the latter end of the year, the proclamation of Lachoneus had gone forth throughout all the face of the land, and they had taken their horses, and their chariots, and their cattle, and all their flocks, and their herds, and their grain, and all their substance, and did march forth by thousands and by tens of thousands, until they had all gone forth to the place which had been appointed that they should gather themselves together, to defend themselves against their enemies.

23 And the land which was appointed was the land of Zarahemla, and the land which was between the land Zarahemla and the land Bountiful, yea, to the line which was between the land Bountiful and the land Desolation.

24 And there were a great many thousand people who were called Nephites, who did gather themselves together in this land. Now Lachoneus did cause that they should gather themselves together in the land southward, because of the great curse which was upon the land northward.

25 And they did fortify themselves against their enemies; and they did dwell in one land, and in one body, and they did fear the words which had been spoken by Lachoneus, insomuch that they did repent of all their sins; and they did put up their prayers unto the Lord their God, that he would deliver them in the time that their enemies should come down against them to battle.

26 And they were exceedingly sorrowful because of their enemies. And Gidgiddoni did cause that they should make weapons of war of every kind, and they should be strong with armor, and with shields, and with bucklers, after the manner of his instruction.

4 Therefore, there was no chance for the robbers to plunder and to obtain food, save it were to come up in open battle against the Nephites; and the Nephites being in one body, and having so great a number, and having reserved for themselves provisions, and horses and cattle, and flocks of every kind, *that they might subsist for the space of seven years*, in the which time they did hope to destroy the robbers from off the face of the land; and thus the eighteenth year did pass away.

### **D&C 45:69-71**

69 And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another.

70 And it shall be said among the wicked: Let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible; wherefore we cannot stand.

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

Brothers and Sisters, time to prepare is running out. The next thing to happen is the return of Joseph Smith and the redemption and building of New Jerusalem and the gathering in of people unto it, just like with Lachoneus and the Nephites. Those that do not have oil will not be permitted in. Brothers and Sisters, I don't care who tells you "spiritual preparation is more important than temporal preparation", they are moronic, they are sitting on thrones in a state of stupor, they do not have the spirit of prophecy and listening to them will have drastic consequences. There is no separation between temporal preparedness and spiritual preparedness, they are one in the same. I don't care, just like President Ezra Taft Benson earlier in the paper didn't care, if you were/are a bishop, a stake president etc., if you do not have your temporal preparation in order you are not worthy. Period. All of the virgins were spiritually worthy, waiting in their temple clothing; those that weren't spiritually prepared weren't even waiting! Only five of them however were prepared. The Lord says,

### **D&C 45:56-57**

56 And at that day... shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins.

57 For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived—verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day.

I have taken the Holy Spirit for my guide, as Nephi taught, "Angels speak by the power of the Holy Ghost; wherefore, they speak the words of Christ. Wherefore, I said unto you, feast upon the words of Christ; for behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do" (2 Nephi 32:3). And I can testify that this statement is true. The words of Christ, the scriptures, the Holy Ghost, have taught us all that we need to know. And the message is clear- famine is on our doorstep, and here lies the test- will we succumb to priestcraft, will we succumb to idolatry, will we succumb to secret combinations and the Assyrian or shall we have faith as the brother of Jared and believe in the scriptures and prepare for the famine? Will we buy that TV, will we pay for that Netflix, will we donate to our favorite political campaign, will we put the world and our love for it above that of the Lord and our love for Him? President Ezra Taft Benson said, "Too often we bask in our comfortable complacency and rationalize that the ravages of war, economic disaster, famine, and earthquake cannot happen here. Those who believe this are either not acquainted with the revelations of the Lord, or they do not believe them. Those who smugly think these calamities will not happen, that they somehow will be set aside because of the righteousness of the Saints, are deceived and will rue the day they harbored such a delusion." (Prepare For the Days of Tribulation, 1980). [To read the scriptures/revelations and believe in](#)

them and act upon that belief is to have faith as the brother of Jared. There is a famine coming. It is the next thing after the desolating sickness. Time to prepare is running out. Those that have been put in a position to know better, those placed on the watchtower, are expected to not only act in obedience, they are expected to raise the warning voice. And so I raise my voice. Famine is coming, how long shall the Lord stay His hand I know not, but knowing it is on our doorstep, shall I remain silent? Shall you remain silent? If we are to rid ourselves of the blood of this generation we must raise the warning voice. We must cry as a voice in the wilderness, "Prepare ye, prepare ye, for the Bridegroom cometh!" (D&C 88:92) Those who have thus been warned it becometh you to prepare yourself every needful thing and then warn your neighbor. President Benson taught, "I realize this is an unpleasant topic on which to dwell. I take no delight in its portrayal, nor do I look forward to the day when calamities shall come with increasing number upon humanity. But these words are not my own; the Lord has spoken them. Knowing what we know as his servants, can we hesitate to raise a warning voice to all who will listen that they may be prepared for the days ahead? Silence in the face of such calamity is sin!" (Prepare Yourself for the Great Day of the Lord, April 14 1981)

Brothers and Sisters, be the watchman who is found spotless in that day. Be the watchman who cried night and day until deliverance comes. I know that the scriptures are true and they will be fulfilled literally and plainly and those who live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God will sit down with Him in that feast in which the Lord will say unto us, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many. Come now into the kingdom of my Father." (Matt 25:21) In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.