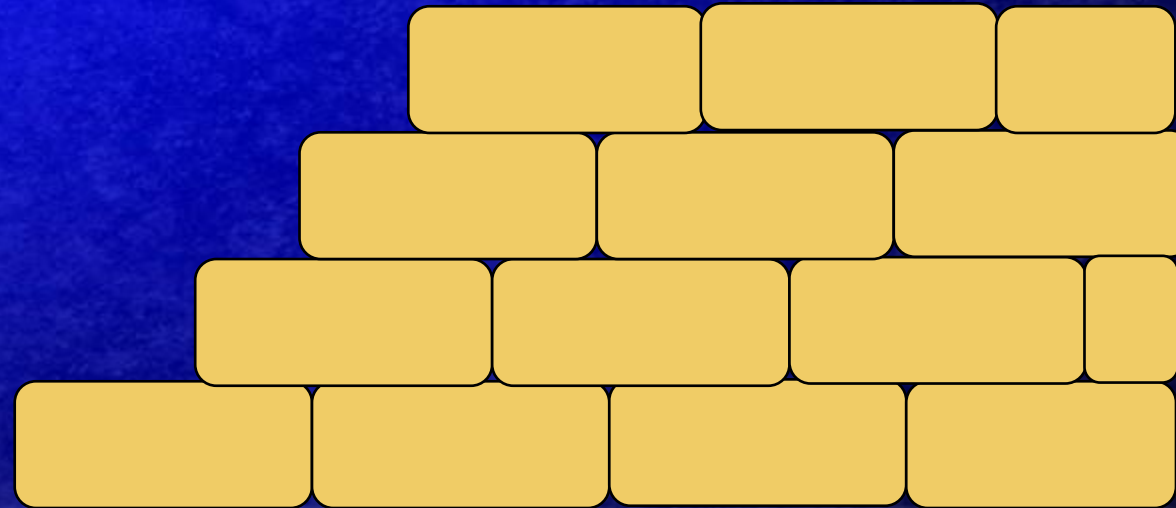


Destruction and the Millennium

Isaiah 30-35



*They that remain, and are pure in heart, shall return,
and come to their inheritances, they and their children,
with songs of everlasting joy, to build up the waste
places of Zion—
D&C 101:18*



Egypt

Isaiah warns Judah
not to trust in Egypt
and to trust in the
Lord instead



Israel and Judah had been cautioned by the Lord not to put their trust in other nations. But this people refused to hearken, and they turned to Egypt for protection from the Assyrians.



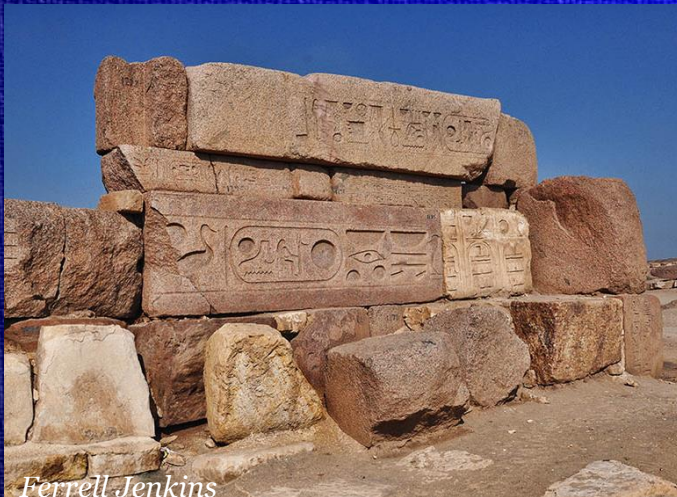
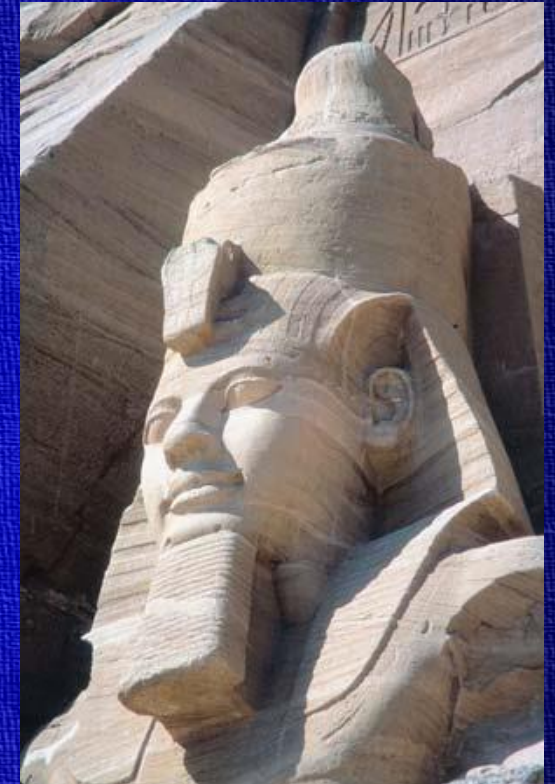
The Lord berated them for seeking to “strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt”.

All of this, Isaiah said, “shall help in vain, and to no purpose”.

As a result, Israel would be broken as easily as a clay pot.

Princes at Zoan

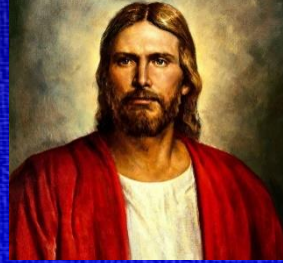
Zoan--An important Egyptian city of great antiquity, almost as old as Hebron. Hebron was built 7 years before Zoan. (2)



Ferrell Jenkins

The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof. (Isaiah 19:13)

Aligning With The Lord



“This life is an experience in profound trust— trust in Jesus Christ, trust in His teachings, trust in our capacity as led by the Holy Spirit to obey those teachings for happiness now and for a purposeful, supremely happy eternal existence. To trust means to obey willingly without knowing the end from the beginning.”



“Realize your full dependence upon the Lord and your need to align your life with His teachings.”

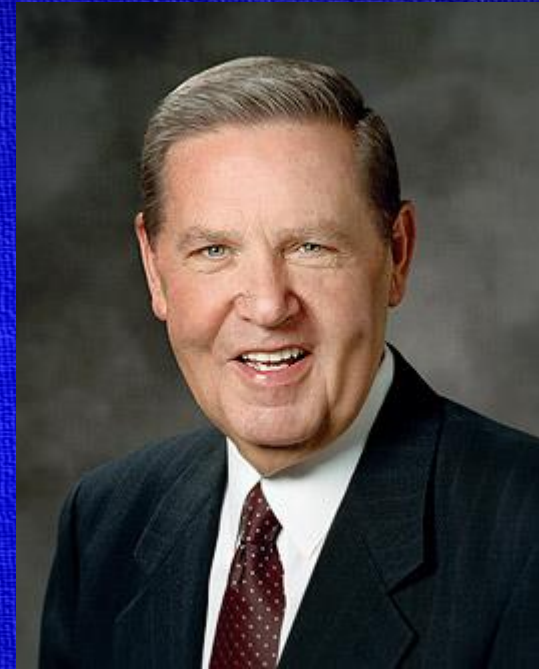
Isaiah's Record

The Lord's commanded
Isaiah to write in a book the
Lord's words regarding the
people's rebellion.



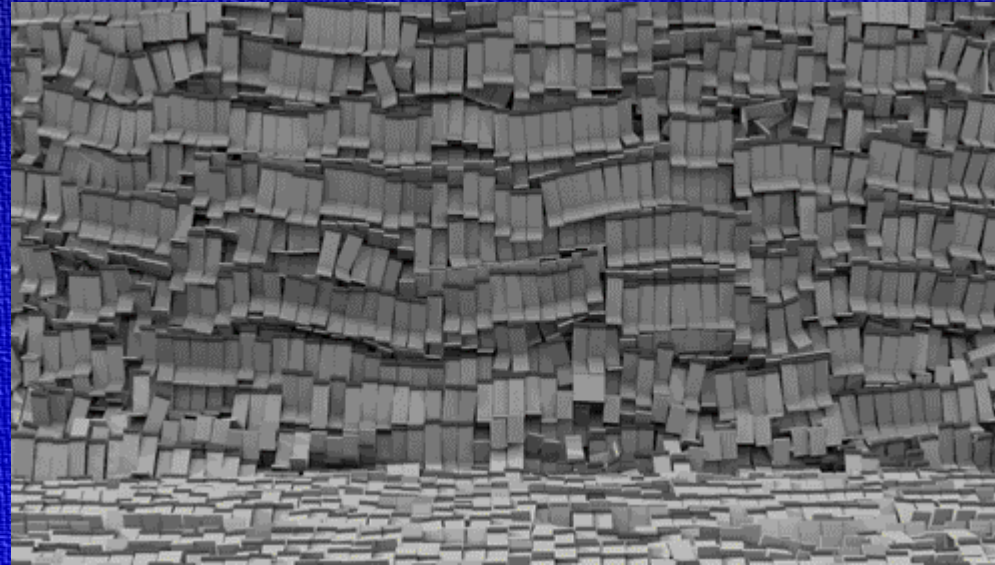
“Unfortunately, messengers of divinely mandated commandments are often no more popular today than they were anciently. ...

“Sadly enough, ... it is a characteristic of our age that if people want any gods at all, they want them to be gods who do not demand much, comfortable gods, smooth gods who not only don't rock the boat but don't even row it, gods who pat us on the head, make us giggle, then tell us to run along and pick marigolds.”



Judah's Rebellion

If we rebel against
God by rejecting the
words of the
prophets, then we
will be weakened



...and if we continue
to reject the words of
the prophets, we will
suffer spiritual
destruction



A Comfort in the Last Days

“the first warning speaks against trusting the *wisdom* of man, and the second against trusting the *power* of man” (5)



Only the Lord can save Israel. Isaiah said, “Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted,” and “then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man,” but of the Lord.

The “Egyptian” and the “Assyrian” of the latter days may be those in whom a modern people trust rather than in the Lord. (1)

In the last days the Lord will defend the righteous inhabitants of Zion.



Hiding Place From the Wind =
Protection



Rivers of Water =
Christ is the living
water



Vile person = Those who call good evil
and evil good
Churl = rude, deceiver
Those who are unworthy will not have a
place

A King Shall Reign

See and hear = those who listen and
understand the true doctrine of the
gospel

The Savior in the
Second Coming



Stammering = Those who are
incapable of expressing
themselves, but shall be ready
to speak (interpretations of
tongues)



Heart of rash = those
who take time and not
judge in haste

If I were to stand in God's presence, would I feel worthy to be in His presence?

1. We must keep the commandments. We must speak the truth and work the works of righteousness. We shall be judged by our thoughts, our words and our deeds.

2. We must act with equity and justice toward our fellowmen. It is the Lord himself who said that he, at the day of his coming, will be a swift witness against those that oppress the hireling in his wages.



If we walk righteously, speak uprightly, and do not participate in evil, we will be worthy to dwell in the presence of God



3. We must reject every effort to buy influence, and instead deal fairly and impartially with our fellowmen....

Salvation is free; it cannot be purchased with money; and those only are saved who abide the law upon which its receipt is predicated. Bribery is of the world.

4. We must not center our attention on evil and wickedness. We must cease to find fault and look for good in government and in the world. We must take an affirmative, wholesome approach to all things..

The Second Coming

Come near

God's warning the last days is not just to the chosen people, but all nations including all things upon the earth

Indignation
of the Lord

What happens when God's wrath is ignited? He withdraws His protective spirit

Slain/stink/blood

The death toll will be so high that they can't dispose of the dead

Host of heaven dissolved

A great phenomenon in the heavens and the earth—
movement toward Kolob

Sword bathed in heaven

The sword of death will fall upon
the depraved as wicked fight
against wicked

Idumea--used to represent the world

Idumea or Edom in Hebrew was the region south of Judea originally inhabited by the reputed descendants of Jacob's brother Esau.

This is where Esau's posterity intermarried with Ishamel's posterity.



Blood is the symbol for wickedness



Sword,
blood, and
sacrifice

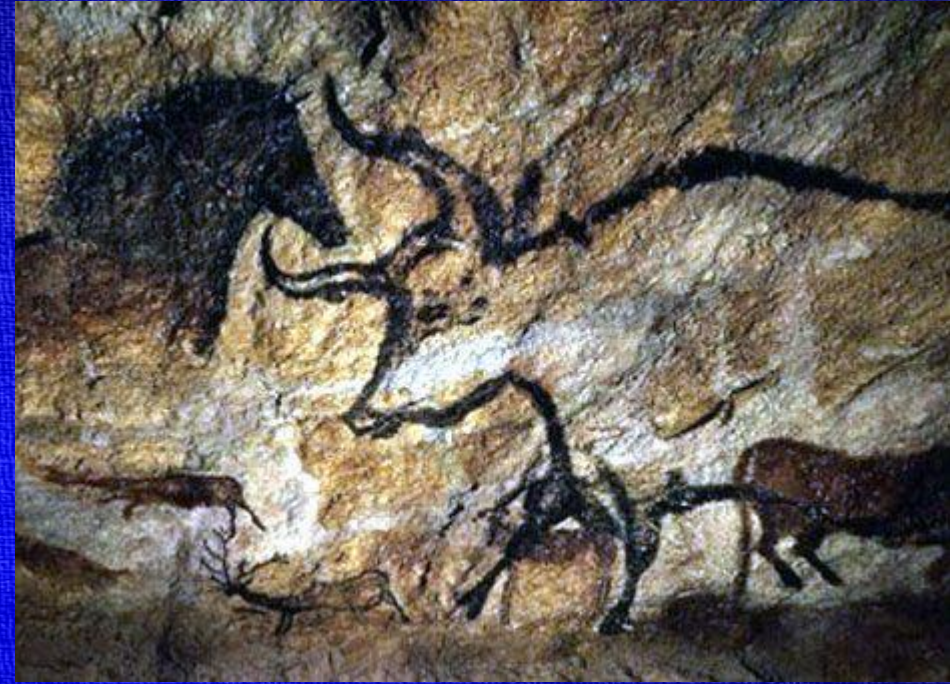
Destruction of wicked is the price required to pay for killing the prophets and innocent people

Unicorn

In the Bible it was symbolic of 2 horns and a blessing given to Joseph as being the 2 great tribes—Ephraim and Manasseh



A Unicorn is the ferocious wild ox called “aurochs” now extinct. They are slightly less than elephants in size with great speed



Massive Fossil Auroch Horn - Over 2.5 Feet Long! This amazing, imposing fossil horn comes from an auroch (*Bos primigenius*). It is an unbelievable, rare discovery from the bed of the North Sea in Holland. The auroch is the ancestor of all modern cattle, but this prehistoric bovine was much larger. It dates back to the Pleistocene Epoch - 40,000 years ago - the era of great Ice Age mammals

Lamb's Book of Life--Exaltation

Not all people, of course, are wicked, and those who are not will be saved from the destroying fire—both the spiritual (hell) and the physical.



The names of the children of the Lord who have kept their covenants are enrolled in a special book known as “the book of the Lord”, “the book of the law of God”

Records of Our Works

Records of our works are kept on earth by the Lord's clerks, but the book of life is the record kept in heaven. Both records should agree. Of those whose names are recorded in the heavenly book, "no one of these shall fail".



Names of Members	1844 Index	Date of Letter	Place Given	By whom signed
Frederick M. ...	11	Oct 15, 1843	St. Louis, Mo.	John W. Phelps
Simon M. ...	15	May 9, 1843	Stamminack, N.Y.	John W. Phelps
John M. ...	22	Oct 4, 1843	Parma, O.	John W. Phelps
William B. ...	"	"	"	"
Gardner P. ...	"	"	"	"
William P. ...	"	"	"	"
Eliza B. ...	25	Sept 10, 1843	St. Louis, Mo.	Albert Smith
Ethel B. ...	75	Mar 8, 1843	St. Louis, Mo.	E. P. Mayhew

Journal Type 1844 record of members received, Nauvoo, Illinois.

The promise that "none shall want [lack] their mate" is particularly interesting to Latter-day Saints since we know that only through the ordinance of celestial marriage can we have our mate eternally.

A Wilderness and Solitary Place

When the Saints arrived in the Salt Lake Valley in July 1847, it could be described as a “wilderness” and a “solitary place.”



The Saints went to work immediately, and soon the desert valleys of Utah began to “blossom as the rose.”



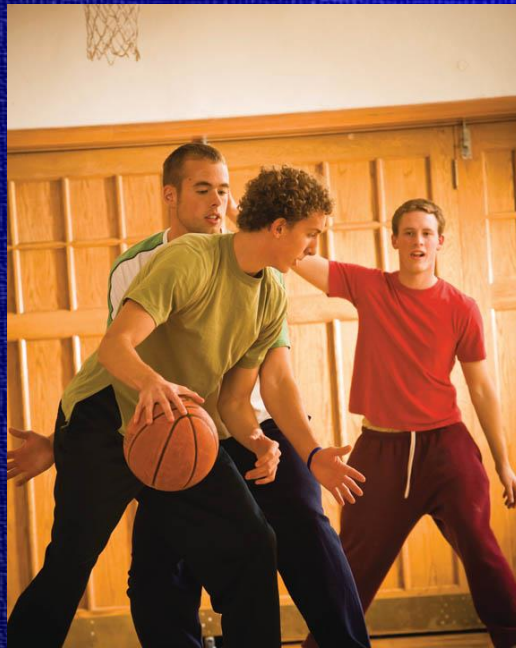
But this prophecy may also be fulfilled by the settlement of modern Jews in the Holy Land, where similar things are taking place.

Strengthen And Confirm

What can we do to strengthen the faith of others?

Strengthen the faith of those who are exhausted, discouraged, or fearful

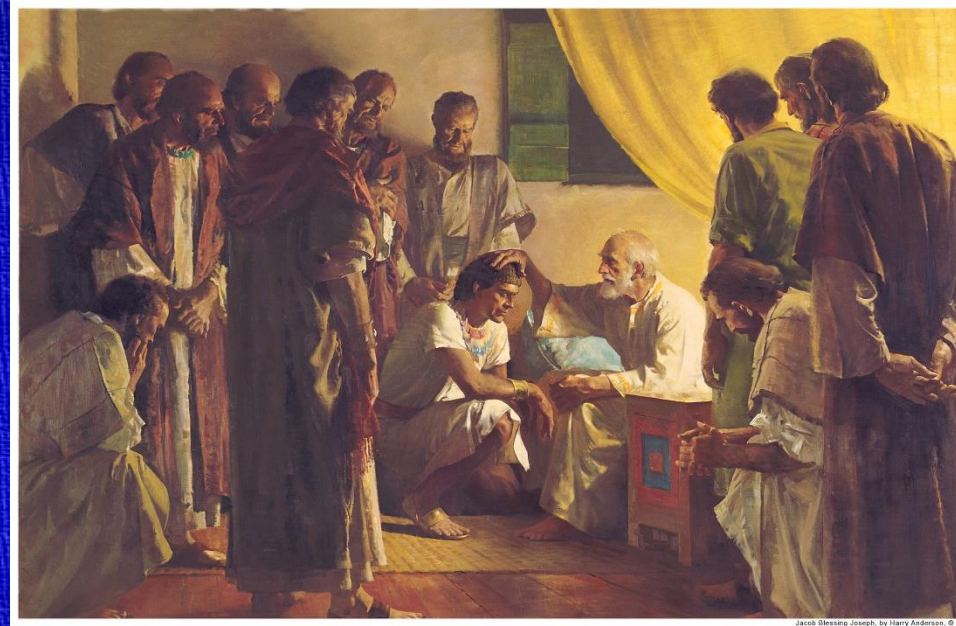
As we testify that the Lord will come to save and heal us, we can strengthen the faith of others



The Ransomed of the Lord

Generally acknowledged to refer to the return of the ten tribes.

But these references may also include all the tribes. Only the “redeemed” of the Lord, that is the righteous, shall tread the “highway” or “way of holiness”—“the unclean shall not pass over it.”



*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.
D&C 133:32*

Since Ephraim is the source of the ten tribes’ blessings, it stands to reason that Ephraim must be gathered first. The ten tribes may then “come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.”

Judah also shall be gathered as part of this same picture.

“Our western tribes of Indians are descendants from that Joseph who was sold into Egypt, and ... the land of America is a promised land unto them, and unto it all the tribes of Israel will come, with as many of the Gentiles as shall comply with the requisitions of the new covenant. But the tribe of Judah will return to old Jerusalem.

The city of Zion spoken of by David, in the one hundred and second Psalm, will be built upon the land of America, ‘And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads.’; and then they will be delivered from the overflowing scourge that shall pass through the land. But Judah shall obtain deliverance at Jerusalem.

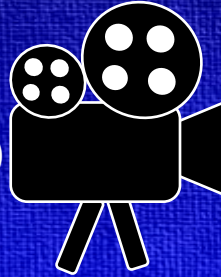
...the Good Shepherd will put forth his own sheep, and lead them out from all nations where they have been scattered in a cloudy and dark day, to Zion, and to Jerusalem; besides many more testimonies which might be brought.”



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Videos: The Cost—and Blessings—of Discipleship (1:04)
The Lord’s Work Moves Forward with Each of Us (1:16)



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Idumea:

“Now, some Bible commentators, because of the name of Idumea, a little country east of the Jordan, is mentioned, have an idea that this had reference to that little country; but the term Idumea is one that the Lord uses to mean the world. You will find it so recorded in Section 1 of the Doctrine and Covenants. He is speaking of the world.”

“That is to take place in the dispensation of the Fulness of Times, and this prophecy had nothing to do with that little country called Idumea but to the nations of the earth.”

President Joseph Fielding Smith (*Signs of the Times*, p. 151).(*The Signs of the Times*, p. 150.)

Armageddon::

Isaiah seems to parallel passages in Ezekiel, Joel, and Jeremiah where the great battle of Armageddon is foretold. This parallelism explains the reference to the “armies” (Isaiah 34:2) and the vast slaughter that will take place (see vv. 3, 5–7). The “pitch” and “brimstone” and “smoke” of verses 9 and 10 suggest the results of nuclear warfare, which could logically accompany the last great wars.

According to the prophets, some important events must take place before the battle actually begins:

1. The house of Israel will be gathered from among the heathen (the Gentiles) and returned to their own land (see Ezekiel 36:24; 37:21).
2. The land of Israel will be rebuilt and reinhabited by the covenant people (see Ezekiel 36:10–12, 33–36).
3. The land will become highly productive and fruitful, even like the Garden of Eden (see Ezekiel 36:8, 29–30, 34–35).
4. There will be one nation in the land of Israel again (see Ezekiel 37:22).
5. Jerusalem will be reestablished as the capital city of the Israelites (see Zechariah 1:16–17; 2:12; 12:6; 3 Nephi 20:46).
6. Judah will become powerful in politics and warfare (see Isaiah 19:16–17; Zechariah 10:3, 5–6).
7. A great combination of organizations serving Satan will arise in the last days. This combination has several names: the “beast ... out of the sea” (Revelation 13:1), representing the kingdoms of the earth (see JST, Revelation 13:1; 17:8–14; Bruce R. McConkie, *Doctrinal New Testament Commentary* 3:520); the “great and abominable church,” “the church of the devil,” “the great whore,” and “the mother of ... abominations” (Revelation 17:1, 5).



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Proclamation to the Nations

1. The kingdom of God has come, with revelation and authority.
2. The Lord has commanded the rulers and all others to repent and be baptized.
3. Blessings come from the gift of the Holy Ghost.
4. The American Indians are a remnant of the House of Israel and will be civilized and receive the gospel.
5. New Jerusalem will be built on the American continent.
6. The Jews are together to Jerusalem, rebuild the temple and city and create their own government.
7. The rulers of the Gentiles are to use their material means to foster these objectives.
8. A great work is ahead, all are invited to help, and none can remain neutral toward the kings.
9. The resulting polarization will culminate in Armageddon

*“To all the Kings of the World;
To the President of the United States of America;
To the Governors of the several States;
And to the Rulers and People of all Nations:”*

In it they said:

“Know ye:

“That the kingdom of God has come: as has been predicted by ancient prophets, and prayed for in all ages; even that kingdom which shall fill the whole earth, and shall stand for ever.

“The great Eloheem ... has been pleased once more to speak from the heavens: and also to commune with man upon the earth, by means of open visions, and by the ministration of Holy Messengers.

“By this means the great and eternal High Priesthood, after the Order of His Son, even the Apostleship, has been restored; or, returned to the earth.

“This High Priesthood, or Apostleship, holds the keys of the kingdom of God, and power to bind on earth that which shall be bound in heaven; and to loose on earth that which shall be loosed in heaven. And, in fine, to do, and to administer in all things pertaining to the ordinances, organization, government and direction of the kingdom of God.

“Being established in these last days for the restoration of all things spoken by the prophets since the world began; and in order to prepare the way for the coming of the Son of Man.

“And we now bear witness that his coming is near at hand; and not many years hence, the nations and their kings shall see him coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

“In order to meet this great event there must needs be a preparation.

“Therefore we send unto you with authority from on high, and command you all to repent and humble yourselves as little children, before the majesty of the Holy One; and come unto Jesus [Christ] with a broken heart and a contrite spirit; and be baptized in his name, for the remission of sins (that is, be buried in the water in the likeness of his burial and rise again to newness of life, in the likeness of his resurrection), and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, through the laying on of the hands of the Apostles and elders, of this great and last dispensation of mercy to man.

“This Spirit shall bear witness to you, of the truth of our testimony; and shall enlighten your minds, and be in you as the spirit of prophecy and revelation. It shall bring things past to your understanding and remembrance; and shall show you things to come.

“By the light of this Spirit, received through the ministration of the ordinances—by the power and authority of the Holy Apostleship and Priesthood, you will be enabled to understand, and to be the children of light; and thus be prepared to escape all the things that are coming on the earth, and so stand before the Son of Man.

“We testify that the foregoing doctrine is the doctrine or gospel of Jesus Christ, in its fulness; and that it is the only true, everlasting, and unchangeable gospel; and the only plan revealed on earth whereby man can be saved.” (*Messages of the First Presidency*, 1:252–54.) Ezra Taft Benson October 1975 Gen. Conf.

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Testimonies of the Good Shephard

Isaiah 35:10	And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
Joel 2:32	And it shall come to pass, <i>that</i> whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.
Isaiah 26:20-21	Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.
Jeremiah 31:12	Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.
Psalms 1:5	Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
Ezekiel 34:11-13	For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, <i>even</i> I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep <i>that are</i> scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.