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The End Time Messenger

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Message 53:3

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2025 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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“Gather in the Assembly and cry unto the Lord...”

-Message 60:12



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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God the Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the universe; Ruler and Judge of all; unchangeable and without respect of persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only Leader, Witness, and Commander.
3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, reveals this to come, and is the medium by which we receive the revelation of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of the atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the Law. For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)
5. We believe that through the atonement of Christ all men may be saved by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel; viz.: Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination; (b) Blessing of Children: (c) Confirmation and the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17); (d) Healing of the sick.
6. We believe in the literal second coming and millennial reign of Jesus Christ; in the resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.
7. We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting Gospel; viz.: The word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; the gift of faith; the gift of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; divers kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues.
8. We believe the fruits of the Spirit to be love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.
9. We believe that in the Bible is contained the Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is the added witness for Christ; and these contain the "fullness of the gospel."
10. We believe in the principle of continuous revelation; that the canon of scripture is not full, that God inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom He may choose.
11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly baptized members, one of whom is an elder, there the Church exists with full power of Church extension when acting in harmony with the Law of God.
12. We believe that man must be called of God by revelation and ordained by those having authority, to enable him to preach the Gospel and administer the Ordinances thereof.
13. We believe in the same Church organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in the Church is that of an apostle, of whom there are twelve, who constitute special witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have the Missionary Supervision and the General Watchcare of all the Churches.
14. The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all

the world.

15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to the Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.
16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends the true brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein the Divine command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.
17. We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.
18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go trusting in God and the people, is applicable.
19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by the general bishopric under the supervision and direction of general conferences of the Church. The temporal affairs of the Local Churches shall be administered by local bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.
20. We believe that marriage is ordained of God, and that the Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of a breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.
21. We believe oppose to war. Men are not justified in taking up of arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.
22. We believe in the literal gathering of Israel, and in the restoration of the ten lost tribes.
23. We believe a Temple will be built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will reveal Himself and endow His servants whom He chooses with power to preach the Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue, and people, that the promise of God to Israel may be fulfilled.
24. We believe that New Jerusalem shall be built upon this land "unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph, (Ether 13:4-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot."
25. We believe that ministry and membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics, and should not affiliate with any society which administer oaths or covenants in conflict with the Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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to do and the day comes when The Lord
shall breathe upon The Chosen and they
shall do His Work in Mighty Power for
their love toward the brethren. All that of-
fend and that do not keep His Command-
ments shall not be His in the Last Day.
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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The Native Americans. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephi.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17: 11-13). The Angel first came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority of the Son of*

God, that *The Church of Christ* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us *The Word of The Lord* that *The Church of Christ* might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His Judgement* has come. Awake those that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate *The Greater Light*.

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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

To All People

Twenty Second Message

The Messenger came to me at my home, 441 Rural Street, Port Huron, Michigan, at 7:25 p.m., and left at 8:40 p.m., July 29, 1930.

-Otto Fetting

1. "Satan has delayed me three days in coming to you with the Message I will give you. Write it, and send it to the world.

2. Remember, satan has great power. He has enthroned himself in the minds of the people by the traditions he has planted in the hearts of all men, and the pleasure of the world, and pride; so that he has the controlling power among those that claim to love the Lord. Be not deceived by him.

3. I come to remind you of the warning I have brought, and this warning is to all people.

4. As you read the Message I have brought, read the words of Christ and the prophets, for the same Lord has spoken. I have come from the presence of the Lord your God. The words I speak are His words, the message I have brought is His message, a warning to all people, and nations. Change them not, for the Lord has sent them. You have been entrusted therewith. See that no man change them.

5. Fear not man, for he is as the grass of the field, here today and gone tomorrow. Fear God and keep His commandments, and it will be well with thee. The people must be warned. Take this Message to the Jew and to the Gentile, for the time has come when the gospel must go to the Jew and to Israel as a people, for they will again go to the land that God promised to them, in the covenant He made with Abraham.

6. For all must stand before the judgment,

to receive as their works shall be, and all shall have a chance to save themselves from the wrath to come, for the prophet Daniel spoke of this day and the things that shall come to pass.

7. Man will say, 'Oh that these things were hid from me, for my heart burneth within me, and my bones are weak. What next will it be that shall come to pass?'

8. Some will say, 'How shall I know that this is of God?' Have you not read the prophets of old? Did Jesus not tell you of these times that you see? For the Lord has spoken and sent me with the Message as in the days of Noah. Will you heed His words? Or will you reject it as in the days of old?

9. Verily, verily, the Lord has spoken, and it shall come to pass. It will be well with him that will follow His words in time of trouble; but sad will be the hearts that will follow their own way, and will say in their hearts, 'These things will never come to pass.'

10. Let those that come to The Church of Christ come in humility, and prepare themselves to work in love, for God wants a humble people, for great is the work that is before you.

11. For thus the Lord commanded me to instruct you in all things, that you might send the warning to the people. Verily, verily, it is expedient that the gospel be taken to all nations and people, and a warning of Christ's coming. Many things will come to pass, for the Lord God has spoken, and has sent me as His Messenger to prepare the way before Him.

12. For the Lord Almighty will stretch forth His arm and will scourge the nations. Repent ye, for your wickedness has come up before the Lord your God; for the Lord will cut short the time in righteousness, for there shall be wars, and plagues, and the destruction will come, for the Lord will humble the people that they may inquire of Him, and walk in His ways.

13. Young men will suffer, and children will be fatherless, and women will weep for husbands, and all the world will lament and weep, and the rich will howl when their riches will fade away, yet satan will work for he knows his days are short.

14. Remember: Zion shall not be moved out of her place, nor Jerusalem from her for-

mer dwelling place, for the Lord made a covenant with Israel at Horeb, and He will gather His people that are obedient, in their land. And their cities shall again be cleansed and righteousness shall again be in its borders. And the Lord shall remember them, and they shall accept Christ as their Savior and the Gospel as their law forever.

15. And this nation shall be cleansed, and then shall it be Zion, for the Lord will bless this land and the people that will keep His commandments and walk in humility before Him. But the heady and high-minded He will visit with destruction, and those that have robbed the widow and fatherless, and have taken that which is not their own.

16. For there are those that have taken that which is not theirs, they have polluted the land with their unrighteousness, they have filled their hearts with vanities and unbelief. They have sought their own glory, therefore the Lord will not accept their offerings, and will not hearken unto their prayers, save it be a few who are humble before Him.

17. Behold, they have taken that which is not their own; they have lied that they might get gain; they have taken from the aged, and they will not part with their substance to feed the poor and needy, but they have taken the widow's mite in unrighteousness, and have used it for their pleasure, and the gospel work they have treated as naught, yet they have said, 'We love the Lord.'

18. Oh man, thou that profess the name of the Lord, remember the eyes of the Lord are upon you; you cannot continue in your unrighteous ways before the Lord your God who has created thee. He is long suffering and full of mercy, but He will reward thee as thy works will be.

19. There are those that have robbed the Lord of one-tenth of that which was the Lord's. They have taken it for their pleasure, and have said in their hearts, 'This is mine.' 'Hearken unto Me,' says the Lord your God, 'all that thou hast I have given thee, and I shall require one-tenth thereof, that the poor that are poor indeed may be fed; that the gospel might be preached, and the kingdom of God might be established on earth in its fullness, and the

Church set in order in its completeness.'

20. I have come to you to exhort you; to instruct you; to bring to you the words and instructions of the Lord; that all people may understand more clearly the words of the Lord, and the things that shall come to pass; for I am the Messenger of the Lord, to prepare the people for His coming, and a place to come to; to set the Church in order, and to instruct the people in humility that they may prepare themselves for His coming, for the Lord will bless those that will do the things He commands.

21. I have been sent to you, for you are of the seed of Abraham, and the Levites, thine forefathers, have ministered in the house of the Lord. Be thou humble, isolate yourself from the business world that you might commune with the Lord your God, for this is a day when trying times will come upon the earth.

22. Instruct the people as they shall come to you, to be humble and full of love; save your strength as I told you, or your time will be short.

23. I will come to you from time to time to bring light; to direct; to help; and instruct the people of the Lord; to warn the world, that none will have an excuse at the last day. Amen"

2025 General Assembly

Sunday, June 22, 2025

2:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Richard Johnson

Armageddon

There is a place for the battle called Armageddon spoken of by name once in the Bible in Revelation 16. It is known for its strategic location where numerous battles were fought throughout history. A place to gather the whole world and their rulers for a final battle between good and evil. Where the forces of God will ultimately triumph. It is filled with

imagery of angels with vials and bowls, of evil spirits and frogs. The world is waiting for it to begin while we have watched it unfold as prophesied by the Messenger in 1968 saying it would begin in the nineties.

In Amos 3:7, it states that the Lord God does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets. In Message 85:19 the Messenger said, "The law and the prophets spoke until I come. Now I speak." He was quoting the words Jesus spoke in Mathew 11:13 saying not only this but that John who was in prison awaiting his death was the Elias that was for to come who was more than a prophet. None greater born of women has risen, "As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."- Mark 1:2. In Matthew 17:11-13 following John's death Jesus said that Elias truly shall first come and restore all things and they understood he spoke to them of John the Baptist and today those that are blind choose not to hear it.

In the next Message 86, we learned that John was that prophet like unto Moses and to prove his Words were from God, he prophesied many things that would come to pass naming events, dates, and places, that included Armageddon twice.

He said there would be wars and worldly confusion called Armageddon that pointed us to Revelation 16 where the "sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And he saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty... And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

God will appear to the delivering of the righteous as Christ places His feet on earth bringing judgment when the millennium will begin. The binding of Satan will be and a reign of peace shape into place. While the world

speculates in spiritual darkness they will not be spiritually clothed (prepared) for His coming with robes of the "Greater Light" of the "sunlight righteousness." He will deliver those that call upon his name and not be found naked. Quote: "Remember, there is safety in the light I have brought to you, therefore follow the instruction that I have given you."- Message 27:13.

Message 4:4, "The time has come that the words He gave to the churches will come to pass and the judgments will come upon the earth. The abominations will flourish until God will send His angels to reap the harvest of the wicked and satan will be bound."

Joel 2:1, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;"

Joel 2:32, "And it shall come to pass, that 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."

Joel 3:14. "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."

Message 50:7, "...For this is the day of the Lord, and His will must be done. Deliverance will come to the faithful."

Message 52:2 & 7, "This is the day of judgments, and the famines, pestilences and plagues will come and have come as I told you. There will be suffering, because of the evil one, to deceive and hinder... There shall be deliverance in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem and with the remnant whom God shall call, for there shall be a refuge for all those that look to God and obey His design."

These dwelling places represent the presence of God in and with his people. Again the imagery of the physical and spiritual restoration of His people on earth as seen in the heavenly New Jerusalem and Mount Zion and the Remnant He shall call. The City of God and mother of us all. His Church, His Zion, His Bride.

The spiritual children of Zion are born at once and in the day that Zion travails and

brings forth her children in Isaiah 66:7-8, "Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child."

8. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."

Message 63:10. "...Let Zion arise out of the wilderness and a people awaken from the desolations and slumberings, for there shall be brought forth those that shall inherit. The elect shall inherit it, and the Lord's servants shall dwell safely."

Message 81:6. "Now you have been faithful to set firm, legally establishing the line of authority, preserved into the remnant whom God shall call- through whom His work shall be accomplished."

Message 82:4, "You are the remnant of the faithful down to this day and time in which the Lord will do a work, and deliver His people as in the days of old."

Message 102:58, "The way shall be one holy priesthood and that after the order of God, after the order of Jesus the Christ, the son of man..."

Message 104:8-9, given in 1989, says, "It is good to know the scriptures and learn the fulfilling of all things. You see the move of time, closing of conditions in the world. Israel being established in her land, her cleansing taking place, and Zion, the Americas, she also shall be cleansed." The Day of Preparation for the spiritual warfare to bind satan ending his reign in this World. That great spiritual city of Babylon has fallen.

The Bible prophecies reveal the conflict between two former great cities of the earth. They are Jerusalem called the City of Peace and a wicked city called Babylon. They both were first physical cities in the days of the former prophets.

Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Revelation 16:12-14 is when the "bowl"

judgments come at the end of great tribulation, that started with the seven seals being so destructive that if they continued there would be none left alive. Mark 13:9-20, Daniel 12:1, Message 52:8, 63:6.

The gathering of the armies of the nation's rulers signifies physical conflicts while the presence of demonic spirits highlights the spiritual dimension of the battle. The victory of Christ and the subsequent judgment of the beast and the false prophet underscore the ultimate triumph of God spoken of.

One view of the demons is the deceptions that came from their mouths. They were like frogs because they capture and kill their prey with their tongues speaking great words and philosophies of ruling powers of darkness not planted by God.

The waters of the city of Babylon were the Euphrates and the Tigris rivers. They are both drying up. This prophetic event is what happened before when King Cyrus diverted the flow of the river and the resources it provided that sustained and protected the city. His attack on Babylon from the east was a key part of his campaign to conquer the second Babylonian Empire in 539 BC. He had already conquered territories to the east of Persia. His armies marched on Babylon from the east. He was God's chosen agent, and the means he employed was to dry up the Euphrates. He turned the river, which ran through the city to new channels that dried it up. His army then marched in the river bed under the walls where they crossed the river on arches, and took the city.

Since the ancient city of Babylon is in ruins today the river waters of the Euphrates drying up likely is a sign using the former image of her fall. A prophetic ending of the materialistic¹ systems of the world (order) of false religions and way of life and death that is in opposition to God's will. An event precipitating the gathering of the Kings of the east that Cyrus destroyed on the way to the city of Babylon heralding a better way of peace coming when the Lord sets his feet on earth again and vanquishes his enemies and Satan is bound.

Does preparing the way of the Kings of the East also include the coming of Christ with the

armies of heaven to finish the ongoing battles seen in Ezekiel 38:2-3, and 39:1?

The sign and imagery of the river drying up leads to the gathering of nations with an army of 200 million crossing the dry river to the place of Armageddon seeking to destroy the nation of Israel. God intervenes to destroy the armies, satan is bound and Christ fully establishes His Kingdom. He saves the Jews and they accept Christ as the Messiah. So far the words of the Messenger being fulfilled will be a surprise when known by the World.

Message 86:32, given in 1968, tells us "By the year 1989 many great powers will unite, will change. The righteous planting will bear much fruit but that which is not in God's will, will fold up and be no more."

In 1989, a significant wave of protest and opposition against the Soviet Union emerged, particularly from Eastern European countries that had been under Soviet influence during the Cold War.

It began in the east with the fall of communism in the former socialist Soviet Union in 1989 when the Cold war ended freeing 15 countries with their planning of new government. Lech Walesa was elected president of Poland on December 9, 1990 as other eastern countries followed establishing democracies including Ukraine who became an independent state in December 1991.

The false doctrines and philosophies of men are abominations that destroys God's Covenants. It is a fact they have accounted for untold suffering and millions of deaths. The dragon, the beast and the false prophet then are representations of the evil spirits of tyrannical political and religious powers not planted by God that will be destroyed both root and branch.

The beginning of Armageddon included the testing time of God's Church that came in 1994 leaving a few of the remnant the Lord called to finish the Work of Salvation and deliverance for those that will see and hear, who will not be moved.

Message 86:35, 1968, "There will be those that cannot endure sound doctrine- they lift their hands against this work. They set their face as steel to not let the words I bring to have

their way with the people. But keep ye this way sacred and the Lord will give you faithful ones to help in this work." Fulfilled in Message 118-120 in 1994 and warring powers still in the church brought confusion in 2003.

Isaiah 66:17. "They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens (places of false worship with unacceptable sacrifices²) behind one tree (a false god²) in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the LORD."

Messages 88:13. "When the wicked are fully ripe in their iniquity, sudden destruction will come upon them. All their great speaking will come to naught. Watch therefore, and be careful in thought, in doctrine, for in truth the faithful shall endure, they shall stand. They that err in doctrine and do not respect my words, shall go down."

Message 112:7, given in 1992, "They that are of God and are humble, seeking the Spirit and find it in righteous acts, showing charity beyond measure, will have the greater power and their works will stand the test."

Message 116:2, given in 1993, "Who is mankind that hath less than this authority that I give- that I bring- have brought to the Church? Does mankind believe it and follow through or does he have his own way, his own doctrine, his own plan? From whom does he receive authority? Will it last? Will it stand the test in the end?"

Message 119:6, given in 1994, "Thus saith the Lord, **'Ye are My friends. I have tested you as Job has been tested; yet he loved Me, your Lord. The testing has served its purpose'**, saith the Lord."

If we look at the messenger's prophecies that we have seen come to pass they definitely include physical events revealing spiritual truths.

Examples being the gathering of the Jews to their homeland and heritage for their cleansing, while God has gathered multitudes of the untold numbers of Israel in the world to this land, who may or may not know of their heritage as the seed of Jacob and Joseph.

The Church was established and set in Africa exactly as prophesied by that prophet like

unto Moses the Messenger and the Elias to restore all things.

The freeing of nations with the fall of the Soviet Union that surprised the world that happened in the light of time.

The Church of Christ being established and organized with the Priesthood Authority and Power given. Even a double portion of Holy Unction. The pruning, sifting and purifying of the Church while preparing it to be the bride of Christ.

There were numerous times he warned of the testing that would come and much, much more of his indignation toward His enemies.

In the words of Lord by the messenger, Zion and Jerusalem will be redeemed and Israel gathered. "The Jews must be gathered to their homeland, and Israel's hosts to this land that shall be cleansed, then shall it be Zion, a place of peace, a nation of righteousness; wherein the Lord will walk and talk with His people, for sin shall not be there and the lamb and the lion shall lie down together. Peace and love shall reign, and the Lord of justice shall be over all. The Jew and the Gentile, the bond and the free shall be as one. Even the Lamb of God, which is Jesus Christ, slain for the sins of the world and raised to eternal glory, shall be over all till the completion of all things and the Father sees it well done. Thus have I spoken," saith the Lord your God." - Message 36:3, 1 Corinthians 15:24.

2 Peter 3:3, 10, & 12-13, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

10. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

12. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13. Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Isaiah 66:16, "For by fire and by his sword

will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many."

Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Jeremiah 5:14, "Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.

Jeremiah 23:29, "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

Message 86:18, 1968, "Warring powers will continue to conspire and a day of decision will come when Armageddon will begin in the nineties (90's) and when it ends— few men left in battle alive..."

A "day of decision" that ignited the first Gulf War included 42 nations, came when Iraq invaded Kuwait from 1990 - 1991. The Yugoslav Wars were from (1991-2001) The Rwandan Civil War was from 1990-1994. The first attack of the World Trade Center on 2-26-1993, The Yugoslav Wars encompassed a series of conflicts in the Balkans, including the Ten-Day War, Croatian War of Independence 1991-1995, Bosnian War 1994-1995, and Kosovo War 1998-1999. The Second Congo War (1998-2003). The armed conflict with Macedonian's and the Albanians along with veterans of the Kosovo war lasted seven months in 2001.

Then 86:34, given in 1968 told us "In the late nineties (90's) contentions shall again grow worse. The great wars will be so bitter- the great worldly confusion- Armageddon shall come in and ere the times of mankind shall be six thousand years, the millennium shall break forth. Then all that serve the Christ shall be one people- delightful in the Lord- if they obey and trust the very eternal God the Father, who is Jesus Christ the Savior and Redeemer of mankind."

In the late 90's of 1998 and 99 Osama Ben Laden began the terror attacks and issued a Fatwa. Terrorists hit World Trade Center in

New York on 9-11-2001. A declaration of war expressing his views against the west that was published in 2002 criticizing the west and the formation of the state of Israel. There was the Iraq War in 2003-2011.

The war on terror officially began after September 11, 2001 on October 7 with the Afghanistan War (2001 -21), the Iraq War (2003-2011), the Darfur Conflict (2003-2020. The Syrian Civil War (2022 - 25), and the Russia-Ukraine War (2022 - Present).

The Gaza wars between Israel and Palestinians since the second Intifada (uprising) from 2000-2005 include conflicts in 2008-2009, 2012, 2023- Present. So far each time Israel came out to defend themselves. The chant “globalize the intifada” is a call for violence from people around the world against Israel.

Message 86:40, “Distress of nations and perplexity will be felt everywhere. However, none can save but themselves and that through the Lord.”

Message 45:34, “Then we looked to the east over Palestine and the Messenger said, ‘The Lord shall set His feet on the mount and a nation shall be born in a day. The Jews shall learn of their Lord.’ ”

The Mount of Olives is not Mt Zion itself. It is named after the abundance of olive trees there. It is a separate geographical entity from Mt Zion. They face each other across the Kidron Valley. God called the nation of Israel a green olive tree³. The Messenger has said that this nation will be cleansed and then shall become Zion.

Note that the Kidron Valley is located near Jerusalem and the Jazreel Valley is synonymous with the Megiddo valley, and is in northern Israel. The Kidron Valley is associated with Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives with the valley between them that is traditionally identified as the Valley of Jehoshaphat, (meaning God judges), the Valley of Decision, and a place of judgment. It is where Jesus walked before his crucifixion.⁴

The Jezreel Valley is known for its fertile plains and battles and is associated with the Valley of Armageddon in Revelation 16:16.

Joel 3:14, “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.” The valley of the shadow of death that David refers to in the 23 Psalm.

Message 86:18-20, given in 1968, “God will appear to the delivering of the righteous and as Christ places His feet on earth- there shall be a great trembling; terrible and dreadful for the wicked, but great relief and deliverance for the righteous. Then the saints of God shall know the days of trouble are over.

19. The binding of Satan will be and a reign of peace shape into place.

20. Unless the servants of the Lord arise and be no more oppressed- arise to their place and calling; cease their error of negligence and hindrances turn away from, their choice and work will come to nothingness. The Lord will call others to work and carry this work onward.”

The Lord’s standing on the Mount of Olives where he ascended to heaven is an act of his exerting his power and authority in heaven and on earth. The splitting of it shows his authority and power to transform the physical creation that coincides with his judgment and salvation marking his reign of peace under His rule on earth. The lamb of God and the Lion of Judah at peace and his name is one.

Zechariah 14:4, 9. “And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives...

9. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.”

Amen

Brother Richard Johnson

¹Revelation 18:11 and Message 86:16-17

²Bible definitions.

³Romans 11 and RN book of Jacob.

⁴Joel 3:2, 12, and Zechariah 14:12-15.

3:30 p.m. Sacrament, Prayer & Testimony

Sacrament service was held by Jairus Yates and Adam Stokes. Jairus Yates, Thresa Ray, and Tammy Thompson offered prayers.

Testimonies

Ola Thomson thanked God for His Gospel and the Holy Spirit. She sends texts and scriptures to family everyday. They probably get tired of it but satan is working hard to destroy us so we need to encourage and lift each other up. We should not be condemning and judging each other. We need to help and pray for each other. We all slip up; we are human. That is why we have the Sacrament. It is our chance to atone and renew ourselves and our commitment. Lets be more prayerful and lift up each other. If we can't love one another, then we do not have or know the true love of Christ.

Tammy Thompson mentioned that several Mormon missionaries have visited her to give her the Gospel but they always seem to end up asking her questions. They do not try to change her mind, rather they want to learn. She is very thankful for that. She wants us all to be up and doing like they are and notes that if we are doing what God tells us to do, He will protect us. If we happen to get hurt, or worst die, what better way to go then doing something for the Lord.

Adam Stokes expressed how wonderful it is to attend the Assembly and to see everyone in attendance. He mentioned a couple of years ago there were not many in attendance and seeing everyone here fills his heart. He is especially thankful for the young people in attendance. Unless we have the joy that the children have, we will never get into the kingdom.

Chalee McGinney is thankful to be able to attend the Assembly and to do so with her children. She thanked the Lord for protecting her. One day, she was on her way to work at 5 am in the morning during icy conditions. She came around the bend and highway traffic came to a stop. Thankfully, she was able to stop but it was difficult given the road conditions. While sitting in traffic, she was contemplating whether to continue on to work or turn around and go home. Something told her to go home. Just as she changed lanes to turn around, another car came flying around the bend and slammed into the semi that was in front her. Had she not listened and moved when she did, she would have been in the

wreck. She thanks the Lord for protecting her then and all of the ways He continues to do so.

7:00 p.m. Preaching Service

Jairus Yates

Dance

John 17:17, "Sanctify them through the truth: thy word is truth."

God's word will sanctify you. God's word is a vehicle for the spirit of God to move in. The word of God mixed with the spirit of God will convict you, convert you, and help you to come all the way.

The strength of the Church is when The Lord gives commandments and we are obedient to those commandments.

This leads me to the subject of Classical Conditioning. Classical Conditioning is a foundational learning theory that examines how behaviors emerge through association between stimuli. Developed by Ivan Pavlov in the 1890's, this theory arose from his observation of dogs salivating in response to cues linked to food. Pavlov would ring a bell in association with the dogs' food. The dogs would hear the bell and start salivating.

I have implemented classical conditioning with my chickens. I ring a bell and they give the proper response which is to come running, knowing they are going to get to eat.

This is also seen when the radio comes on and little children or even adults, hearing their favorite song, will give the proper response and move to the music.

I associate classical conditioning with Matthew 11:7-17 "And as they departed, Jesus began to say into the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went you out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10. For this is he, of whom it is written,

Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

15. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

16. But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17. And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.”

Jesus said John is more than a prophet. Jesus said He would send John as a messenger to prepare the way. Jesus said of those born of women there have not risen a greater than John The Baptist. Jesus said this is Elias, which was for to come. Jesus gives us a challenge when he says this “For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that has ears to hear, let him hear.”

When John pipes or mourns to us, it is the stimuli, it is the ringing of the bell, it is the command of God spoken through John to obey his will.

Figuratively speaking, we should start to salivate, when we hear the words of John. We should start running, we should be moving, we should be lamenting, we should be dancing before the Lord. We should be giving the proper response of obedience when John pipes to us.

Here’s what the Lord said about obedience.

Message 25:15, “Many have said, ‘Lord, Lord,’ yet they have their idols in their hearts, and will not follow in the ways of their God. But the time will come when their cries shall be heard, when through suffering they will learn obedience.”

Matthew 7:21-23, “Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the king-

dom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father, which is in heaven.

22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in the name? And in thy name of cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

Message 37:24, “Some have been discouraged and their faith weakened. Let them be enlightened of the greatness of this work, that they might be encouraged. For remember, satan has done many things in the past that has led men astray. With enticing words he has led men away from the teachings of Christ and His Church. Listen not to the whisperings of satan. Be not led by pride nor the love for praise of men. Make clean your hearts and humble yourselves more—as conditions will come that will require greater faith. Be kind to all men. Cry repentance. Preach the gospel to the nations for all must be warned. Peace will have place in the hearts that are honest and obey. For salvation only comes from obedience to the words of Him that shall judge you at the last day.”

Message 56:6, “Thus saith the Lord, ‘I will lead My people if they will be humble and keep My commandments. Hear ye that are honest of heart and will be humble before Me. You shall be tried as Job and many shall learn obedience.’ ”

Message 56:9-10. “ ‘Verily,’ thus saith the Lord, ‘I have sent My Messenger for to prune My vineyard even this last time. My Zion shall be redeemed as the prophets of old have spoken. I have led the children of Israel in days of old so will I lead My people now as you come near unto Me and obey My voice in the instructions I send for your cleansing. Yea, I am God and I change not.’ ”

10. Yea, verily, I have plead with you yet few arise quickly to obedience. Blessed are all those who drink of the water of life freely. Lift up, ye faithful for I am He who dwelleth on high. I will not leave you, therefore, lift up in faith and move in the strength I shall give, for I am your Redeemer and I will cause thee to stand.’ ”

Message 61:11. “Behold, some the Lord

has chosen have slumbered and slept, not arising to obedience; while others have denied my coming and thus destroyed the trust the Lord placed upon them. Behold, I have plead yet there are those who have hardened their hearts, opposing and denying my righteous cause. Yea, unto such that have hearkened to the whisperings of satan, doubt and fear have entered their minds. Thus they have sinned in denying this cause and the authority and trust has been taken from them.”

Message 44:12, “Thus saith the Lord, ‘Come; the voice of one that crieth among My people says, Come. The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. Let them that heareth say, Come. Thus be valiant, obedient and arise to do My will,’ saith your Lord.”

Message 86:20, “Unless the servants of the Lord arise and be no more oppressed- arise to their place and calling; cease their error of negligence and hindrances turn away from, their choice and work will come to nothingness. The Lord will call others to work and carry this work onward.”

Message 86:53, “Some try to serve the Lord standing afar off. Some fail to fully dedicate their lives to His service- they seek to serve two masters. Until they meet the Lord face to face and repent of their error they will not fully find peace.”

Message 91:20-21, “See those who would be vessels of honor but because of pride and seeking praise and high positions, have walked away from this humble work of God- or would not come to it. Therefore, their call of God they heed not, but destroy and deny it by their actions. Save what and all you can, but cast not your pearls before swine.

21. Moreover, the Lord is grieved because many that have been called are doing nothing- waiting for a great day to come to shake them loose- when this is a great Message and great day. What have you done now? Where are those that would qualify to be leaders and be up and doing?”

Message 104:5, “Hear the loud voice of God. Hear the still small voice. ‘Oh! You people of the earth. Come out of the ways of the world,’ the voice of God saith, ‘Come all the way.’ ”

When the Lord pipes to us or gives Commandments, when he rings the bell, or gives the proper stimuli. Let us come all the way, let us come running. Let us move with the proper response, let us be obedient, let us dance.

To God be the glory
Jairus Yates

Handmaiden’s Study

The Standard

Thresa Ray

Message 28:4, “Come out of her ye that seek truth, for My word is truth and My law changes not. Christ will come to His own, and His Church, that is again being established as in the days of old. There is no other way than Christ’s way. There is no church but His Church; all others are the works of men.”

Message 81:22, “Many represent Christ, but you me are to represent Christ and His Church.”

Luke 12:48, “...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: ...”

Message 97:30, “ Let the apostles lead the Church and carry the work on; preaching and teaching the same thing, in the way of peace, in Christ Jesus- the Gospel of Life and Salvation.”

Not only the Apostles and God’s ministry, but each one of us that has accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior and all members of this Church has a responsibility to be a good example for Christ- to follow the Standard that God wants. What does God say about ‘The Standard’? Following are words from Christ, given to us by John the Baptist that talks about that Standard.

Message 41:8, “Let all come in by the door, and humble themselves before God. For this is the way that leadeth to life eternal for all who endure to the end. Hold high the standard of truth, the ensign of the love of God for man.

For the nations shall yet know His voice and from them shall come those that shall be His Bride in very deed. They shall be a pure people.”

Message 34:6, “Hasten, ye sons of Levi, hasten to your calling. Remember your ancient choosing, calling and promise of your Lord. Let not My work suffer because of unbelief, but arise and go forth in the strength of the Lord, for love is your work. Go in faith. Bear ye the fruits of My Spirit that there may be order in My house, when many find it not elsewhere and look for standards. Let The Church of Christ take her place with the Gospel of love to govern the feet of the weary and the wanderer.”

Message 45:33, “...Everyone called America ‘The Standard Nation’ because she had a righteous standard.”

Message 45:43, “The vision closed and I was still sitting up in bed. The Messenger said, ‘Be at peace, be comforted, let the Church continue on, that the standard might be raised. I will come again as the Lord will direct.’ He left at 5:05 a.m.”

Message 52:23, “Rejoice in the work and neglect not your calling. I speak to you, my fellow servant. Remember, many seek the peace that I bring. Write your letters in love and kindness that truth may be the standard with the Spirit of the Lord to direct.”

Message 61:12, “The Lord has heard the prayers of the faithful and will continue to bless you. Keep the standard, be calm and at peace and joy shall be with you. Obey the instructions I bring for the Lord has sent me and it is His words that I bring, and Christ’s words shall judge all men at the last day.”

Message 63:6, “Yea, the day comes when all men will come to worship the Lord, lest His arm will shorten and they perish in their sin. He who is master of men will extend peace like a river and the glory of the faithful like a flowing stream; so will the Lord comfort. The Lord’s hand is known toward His own and His indignation towards the enemies. He shall appear to your joy and the nations shall come together to work peace among them for the Lord shall roar from Zion and the standard shall be established in peace for all shall learn—and

speaking that language, loving all men. Moreover, in a day and at once— for Zion travaileth and shall bring forth her children.”

Message 77:1, “ ‘Behold! Arise, and write the Message I will give you. I am your fellow servant, the Messenger of the Lord. I come at His appointing. I am sent from God and I bring a message of light, that the standard may be completely set and the words of the prophecies be fulfilled.’ ”

Message 77:11, “If these men will be humble and prepare, holding high the banner of truth— the full standard, they shall be blessed in very deed. Great good will come of their works. They shall cause many to learn the truth, the assured way of the Lord.”

Message 80:3, “Take hold your peculiar work. Lift your brethren that all may arise to greater standards and the people be made strong, filled with the Lord’s Spirit.”

Message 82:37, “Hold high the standard and the hands of justice. Keep the peace.”

One thing my father, Brother William A. Draves, always told me and all of his children was to ‘be the peacemaker.’ He expected us to act with a higher standard and make peace, not keep problems brewing and ill feelings growing. He wanted us to let the light of Jesus show in our lives. Just as God wants us to let the light of Jesus show in His Church and with all people.

Message 83:6, “Defend the words I bring. To the faithful: continue and hold high the standard and the words and work I bring. As you prepare for it, greater peace and power will come to all.”

Message 84:45, “Keep peace in the Church and unfold the mysteries as God gives to you. Teach the decrees. Hold the standard high. Do all that you can. Many souls will learn life and obedience through your good works. As I speak to you I speak to all. I will come again. I will direct the work of the Lord.”

Message 87:15, “When the storms and wars do their sweeping as necessary evils in destruction, the people become humble and learn to inquire of the Lord. Let the standard be found among you, in The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, the words I bring, the Gospel of hope and salvation, the words of

life, deliverance for mankind.”

Message 91:28, “Let the tithes come in, that the Churches may stay alive and build themselves up. For great is the call to be ready when men look for standards and find it not elsewhere. Let it be found in The Church of Christ with the words I bring that God’s plan may be understood.”

Message 101:21, “The image of the Church is established. Let it not slip from you—nor falter in steadiness. Let all work together—your brethren will uphold you. Keep the hands of justice and the standard of truth firm.”

Message 105:18, “The Lord knoweth what He instructs to be done, in as much as obedience is done, it will be well with all. Keep the faith, hold high the standard. Endure to the end. Love is your mission.”

Message 106:25, “The Lord does not change His mind or plans, and is no respecter of persons. He will not forget His promises, nor will He alter His standard or ways of values, but merciful and long-suffering, He would that none ignore His laws forever. Yea, not even His chosen people—lo, the work is not yet finished. His Message is valid today as when it was first uttered.”

Message 106:32, “Lift high the standard and peace and power will be your portion.”

Message 108:13, “Those that will not and those that have not nor will not come to the standard rule and plan of this work—let them be removed as you have done. They remove themselves.”

Message 116:12, “The earth shall be filled with the light I bring—keep it sacred—the words I bring...”

Message 120:2, “Keep the standard and the work will not suffer. It has been established to move to every nation and the people of this world.”

We’ve read a lot about how the Lord wants and expects us to hold High the Standard. Let’s read more about “**HOW**” we can do just that.

Message 41:6, “As I told you, there are those that are traitors to this work. Be not moved by them. Fear not the sins they accuse you of, for so they did the servants of old and

destroyed many, but yet they shall live. **Be right before God. Let your conversation be in humility. Speak the truth. Let all labor with their might and your tree shall not be barren. Take not the honor unto yourselves. Gather in the assembly in peace and be kind to all men.** The Lord will call many honest that shall be enlightened with knowledge, with understanding and the deep things of the kingdom.”

Here are more verses about how God wants us to speak and act.

Message 39:16, “**Be careful what you say, how you speak, and where you are.** You will see evil and deception. While the good is at work the powers from beneath will be there also, **but watch and pray**, for the time comes when they shall not hurt nor destroy in all the Lord’s Holy mount. Righteousness and justice shall rule.”

Message 90:22, “**Let the church stand firm** that the residue of troubles will not harm you.”

Message 99:9, “**Be very careful what you say, how you speak, and where you are**, so is my Message to all.”

Message 91:13, “**Be thou clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Let your conversation be clean. Let realness of charity rule your lives. Lift up a standard.**”

Message 102:9, “Let all that come this way **be repentant and very humble, not ridiculing nor boisterous, but filled with love and peace. Let humility be your cloak and mantle.**”

Message 93:6, “**Be harsh with no one...**”

Message 118:7, “**Be pleasant at all times and the Spirit will guide you in all truth.** As I speak to you, so speak I to all.”

Message 95:10, “**...Love is your mission...**”

Message 90:23, “There will be many troubles and trials within and without the homes, the nations and the Church, until you will rejoice **to stand together. Let peace rule your lives—watch what you say and do, and where you are.**”

Message 82:11, “**Teach diligently the doctrine of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. Let your conversations be in humility**, for this

shall be your power in winning your brother-
whose mind is in the dark.”

Message 84:4, **“Be wise in works and humble in your talk and the Lord will direct in all things.”**

Message 116:7, **“Be discreet, be humble, lift your life style to be tidy, neat, patient and full of grace. Think again, you represent the Lord’s body and members in particular, that your humility will be accepted of God and man. God is just. He will open the door before you. My Message is to all that will hear, listen, open and obey. Deliverance will come.”**

Message 12:2. **“...Contend with no man, only contend for the truth . For the truth will make you free. Contentions will darken the mind, and the Spirit of God will not dwell in the hearts of men who are contentious.”**

Message 73:7, **“Be not contentious. Speak the truth and be firm...”**

1 Thessalonians 5:22, **“Abstain from all appearances of evil.”**

God tells us to be clean vessels of the Lord, to be humble, to speak to others with kindness always, not to be contentious, to be careful what we say and do and where we are. He wants us to avoid even the look of evil. We have brought on many of our own trials just because we were somewhere we should not have been, or said ugly hateful things. God wants us— His Church— to be a good example of Him and to hold High the Standard by the example we set— by the life we live.

Message 101:10, **“Defend the words I bring. Let not the holy rites be hindered. Hold high the standard and the words and work I bring.”**

Message 70:2,5 & 6, **“I speak as from a fountain of truth and with power and authority. I bring the authority for mankind to represent Christ and His Church. Therefore remember this is a holy work and must be kept holy.**

5. **Let all be in the field as the way opens. Let all speak and teach the same things. Heed diligently and it will be well with the faithful and to all who obey and defend this cause.**

6. **Counsel together with your brethren and qualify to lead the people in peace and**

righteousness. Hold high the banner of truth in the words I bring.”

Message 88:8, **“Let all things be done in order- and comely. If the Spirit mellows and calmeth the soul, it is of God. Serve the Lord in praise, in joy and peace. Pray earnestly and the master of men will manifest His power.”**

Message 68:4, **“...Be firm, be true. Let humility be your mantle. Be not discouraged. Let all take faith and be lifted in gladness. Let not confusion come among you, the Lord your God is the author of peace. Be calm and sedate. Heed repentance. Teach it to all men; baptizing them. Let the hands be laid on them for the authority is given and this is The Church of Christ that shall be His Bride at His coming.”**

Message 106:28, **“Bring forth repentance. Prepare the way of the Lord. Walk in His paths which are straight, for behold, the kingdom of God must come—awaken to His plan. Seek ye the extra oil in your lamps and vessels, your lives and your work.”**

The Standard is the Words of Truth from our three books- the Holy Spirit must direct.

Message 102:11, 18, & 52, **“Knowledge cometh from study of the books and grace from much prayer, salvation by obedience, deliverance by endurance.**

18. **Prove all things by the words of truth in The Bible, Record of Nephites and The Word of the Lord. All this is established for mankind, the guidelines of hope and deliverance. Man’s idealisms shall come to naught.**

52. **I speak that all Christendom may flow together and abide by the Bible revealing great truths; the coming forth of The Record of the Nephites, the book, and The Word of the Lord: Behold the books that will lead all mankind to eternal hope and salvation, deliverance in the Lord.”**

Message 106:17, **“I bring the authority, the everlasting gospel. Heed it and the words of life and truth as taught in The Bible and The Record of the Nephites with my words.”**

Message 86:60, **“In The Bible and Record of the Nephites contains the teachings**

and pattern of the fullness of the gospel in its plain and precious parts. But my words and authority gives the right to set the Church in order- The Church of Christ with the holy priesthood authority and power to act in the establishing the kingdom of God on earth and bringing in the Zion of the Lord. The kingdom and the dominion shall be for the saints of the most high."

Message 44:8, "...Study the words I bring, teach them. Study the full word of God and you shall know the truth. Follow the instructions I bring and it will be well with you. As I say to you so say I to all."

Message 115:14, "Those inquiring of this work, teach them the way of life, and as they come this way, they will bring others to the truth, they shall be in this ministry. This is the Lord's anointing and appointed way of peace. Finding the truth in The Bible, The Record of the Nephites, and the book, The Word of the Lord, the words I bring and will yet bring. Worship and find the gifts."

Message 81:24, "Heed my message for this is my mission. The doctrine is given, and is set forth in the Bible, The Record of the Nephites and The Word of the Lord, the words I bring."

These are three books that God tells us to study, learn and teach- the fullness of the Gospel. We must know His Words and teach them to the nations. God send His words in this, the latter days through His angel, John the Baptist. John the Baptist's mission is to prepare a people to be God's true Church, Christ's Bride! His work is not finished yet, he will even return with Christ when Christ returns. We need to pray for John the Baptist to return and leave additional Messages to direct the Church and the world.

We can read other books and even receive a blessing from the content or reading about people's lives and their testimonies- but the words in the three books, 'The Holy Bible,' 'The Record of The Nephites,' and 'The Word of The Lord Brought to Mankind By an Angel' are the books that gives us the 'Fulness of the Gospel' and 'God's Words in this endtime,' these are the books that God tells us to study and teach in our Church. These are the books that set our Church apart from other churches

because we have all of God's Words. Each book is important for us to study regularly.

We need to hold High the Standard that would please God in our personal life and in God's Church. We need to hold High the Standard that people will be looking for.

Message 87:13, "...Be kind to all men and you will win favor with God and man. My mission is one of love."

Message 108:12, "When a man is at peace with God, even his enemies respect him."

Message 64:13-15, "Keep holy the sacred rites of the Lord. Defile them not. Let not the plan be changed. Heed not man's self-righteousness nor those who set themselves to be great, for victory comes through humility and obedience to the Christ, the Lord.

14. Let no man change The Articles of Faith and Practice, neither let man say the Lord is not wise. The Lord cannot use those who will not keep holy and sacred His plan, therefore, let them have no part in the ministry of this work for already they deny its sacredness.

15. Let the people meet in the assembly in solemnness and humility and the Lord will bless them in their meekness. Seek not to please man but do the Lord's bidding. Let not the time be spent in contention."

Message 1:1, " 'Don't change The Articles of Faith and Practice, because the Lord inspired the men that wrote them. See to it that they are not changed.' "

The Articles of Faith and Practice state what our Church believes and is based upon. We need to study and learn each one because we need to be obedient to what these articles say. We need to hold these things with reverence and obey. God does not want the articles changed because the Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote them. This is part of 'The Standard' for God's Church.

Message 91:28, "Let the tithes come in, that the Churches may stay alive and build themselves up. For great is the call to be ready when men look for standards and find it not elsewhere. Let it be found in The

Church of Christ with the words I bring that God's plan may be understood."

We have a Standard that has been set through the Articles of Faith and Practice, and also The Priesthood Manual which is our book of Decrees that has been written at God's command to help us do things in the proper manner. We must not be high minded and think that our way is better than what the Lord has shown us to do by His Holy Spirit. We must humble ourselves and accept and obey God's way of doing things. We must hold High the Standard.

Message 110:17, **"Let the sacred rites be preserved and kept holy in the Lord's Spirit. Be ye clean vessels of the Lord."**

Message 102:58. **"The way shall be one holy priesthood and that after the order of God, after the order of Jesus the Christ, the son of man. Therefore keep it sacred in its holy rites."**

Message 72:23-24, **"Keep sacred the trust, and holy the work, and the way of peace in your hearts and homes. I speak to all, the Church, and all who will hear."**

24. I leave peace with you and on the Church. Fear not, I am John the Baptist, and I shall come again, until the work is finished. There are many yet the Lord will call and has reserved against the day, that the work may continue on. Amen."

Message 105:15 & 22, **"The revelation of John is being unfolded in the eyes of all nations."**

22. This is a great work, and coming to the last days, the time of the end, when the mysteries of the prophecies will be unfolded and understood."

Message 98:12, **"Teach the whole truth, let not man have his way, unless it be the way of the Lord. Worry not over that which you have no control."**

Message 53:11, **"Those that prepare for it shall have the gift to cast out devils, and to proclaim the mysteries of the kingdom; for this is the authority of the Son of God."**

Message 91:17 & 49, **"They that are of God and are humble, seeking the Spirit and find it in righteous acts, showing charity beyond measure, will have the greater power and their works will stand the test."**

49. **The greater gifts and power are on you if you will but qualify and strengthen your faith in actions. I place peace upon you and leave a blessing for all who read these words. Amen."**

3 Nephi 8:1, **"...there was not a man which could do a miracle in the name of Jesus, save he were cleansed every whit from his iniquity."**

There are so many gifts and miracles that could be done but man must first rid oneself of sin, must earnestly study God's words from the three books and prepare by learning God's word, increasing one's faith and doing God's will in all things. We must have a Higher Standard in our personal life and in God's Church so that we will present the Standard that people are and will be looking for in God's true Church.

Message 37:5, 9, & 23. **" 'Ye that are called to edify My Bride,' saith your Lord, 'keep ye My sayings and the ways of righteousness in your hearts. Sin not, but be ye holy vessels, and lo, I will quicken your understanding. Keep the thoughts of kindness in a willing manner toward your fellowmen. Fall not in the hands of the adversary, that is a thorn unto My body. Hold high the banner of righteousness, and Zion's cause shall be the Millennium reign."**

9. Let those that are willing to labor help all they can in this work, **but remember to keep order in the house of the Lord. Defile not the Holy Rites. Those that will help with all their might their reward is sure."**

23. The Church shall necessitate a cleansing out of priestcraft. **The work of the Lord is Holy and men must not defile the sacred rites of God."**

Message 102:7, **"Shape your lives and works by the words I bring, have brought and will yet bring."**

Message 112:4, **"...Let none teach or preach that are not a part of this work..."**

Message 86:35, **"...But keep ye this way sacred and the Lord will give you faithful ones to help in this work."**

Message 81:20, **"Let the words I bring be the rule and guide with The Articles of Faith and Practice, for upon all the Lord's**

words, will and planning shall this work be built.”

We must Hold High The Standard– the Standard that Christ wants, by our words and actions in our personal lives so that we will Hold High the Standard in God’s Church. God wants His Church to have ‘The Standard’ that people will be searching for. Pray for our nations that we will be ‘The Standard Nation’ and pray for God’s Church so that we will ‘Hold High The Standard’ and please God in all things.

Youth Classes

Junior

Who is John the Baptist? What Is His Mission?

Thresa Ray

Long before John the Baptist was born, prophets prophesied of his birth and his mission for God.

Below are two such prophecies:

Isaiah 40 :3 given approximately 700 years before John’s birth.

“The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Malachi 3:1 given approximately 400 years before John’s birth.

“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.”

Read Luke 1:5-80 & Matthew 3:3-6 & 11-17. Then answer the following questions:

1. When the angel appeared to Zacharias

telling him that his wife, Elizabeth, would have a child, he found it difficult to believe. Why?

2. What happened because of Zacharias’s disbelief?
3. Who stayed with Elizabeth to help her when she was with child?
4. What happened when Mary greeted Elizabeth? Why?
5. Did Zacharias get his voice back? If so, how?
6. What did Zacharias prophecy about John?
7. When John grew older, he went into the wilderness to be alone and prepare to do God’s mission. How does the Bible say he dressed? What did he eat?
8. What was John’s mission?
9. Write down Mathew 3:11.
10. When Jesus asked to be baptized what did John say?
11. What happened after John baptized Jesus?
12. Write down Mathew 3:17.

Read Mark 6:14-29 and answer the following questions.

King Herod did not like John because John told him that he sinned by marrying his brother’s wife. As the result, Herod imprisoned John.

1. Who danced for Herod at his birthday party?
2. Herod enjoyed the dancing and said he would grant his stepdaughter any wish. What did she wish for?
3. Did Herod grant the wish? Why?

When Jesus was crucified and resurrected three days later, the righteous were resurrected at the same time. Matthew 27:52-53, “And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, (53) And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” This means that John is a resurrected being, flesh and bones- an angel.

Luke 24:39, “Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me

have.”

Message 91:2, “I am your fellow servant and my name is John. I am resurrected- I was resurrected when Christ arose from the tomb...”

John fulfilled the first part of the prophecies- preparing the way for Christ’s first coming. He can now fulfill the second part of the prophecies- preparing the way for Christ’s second coming!

Luke 1:76, “And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;” ‘WAYS’ meaning more than one way or more than one coming.

Malachi 4:5-6, “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: (6) And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

We know that John the Baptist is now fulfilling his calling to prepare the way before Christ’s second coming. To date, he has brought 120 Messages from God to direct the Church and the world- to prepare Christ’s Bride to meet Him when He returns. The messages are published in “The Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel.”

John first appeared to Brother Otto Fetting, September 21, 1927. He gave Brother Fetting Messages 1-30. When Brother Fetting passed away, the angel., John the Baptist, started appearing to Brother William A. Draves on October 4, 1937. Brother Draves received messages 31-120 (90 messages).

John has established Christ’s Church bringing the Holy Priesthood Authority.

Message 86:54-56, “I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and ordained them to the holy priesthood after the order of God, after the order of His son. This has been preserved and reserved to this day and time.

55. Again I laid my hands upon Otto Fetting¹⁷ and gave him special help to do the work in his day. That Holy Unction is upon the

servants today.

56. Now again, I lay my hands on you to bless you in your work that you are to do- that lies before you. That you may have the gift enlarged and power to accomplish the work and to bless others with this Holy Unction renewed, and help in completing the great plan in your day and time. I bless you that you may bless others. Amen.”

The following are more verses regarding the Priesthood Authority:

1. Received by Brother Otto Fetting

Message 5:1-2, “In 1899 the servant of the Lord laid his hands on you and set you apart from among men to represent Christ, and gave you authority to preach the gospel and bring others into His kingdom. That authority has not been taken from you, and never will be taken from you unless you deny the Lord your God.

2. Again in 1926, you, with your brethren, were set apart as members of the twelve to represent Christ and His Church, with the same authority as the apostles of old. Many are representing Christ but not Christ and His Church, but you men have been chosen to represent Christ and His Church as He established it when He was here.”

Message 12:6 & 8, “Remember, the Lord committed to Joseph Smith a great work in his day, and power and authority to re-establish The Church of Christ in his day as in the days of old. He gave him the pattern to establish it as in the days of the apostles, and restored the priesthood and authority of the Son of God to the children of men. Yet, because of pride and the love and praise of men, he sinned before God, and much of his work has been destroyed, but he will be saved as by fire, and will be numbered with the prophets of old. Again, the Lord has called others to prune His vineyard, to bring the Gospel of peace, to establish His Church as in the days of old, that the power of the priesthood may be again enjoyed as in

the days of old.

8. And as I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith, so now I lay my hands on you, that greater power and greater light might come to you, and to set you apart to do the work intrusted to your care and in your day. Remember, the priesthood was not and will not be taken from the earth since I conferred it on Joseph Smith; but the greater power of the priesthood has been withheld because of the transgression of those who have been intrusted therewith. Therefore, see that all things are done after the pattern I will give you, that in all things you may please the Lord your God. Be true to the trust that has been placed upon you and your brethren, each one in his place and calling, for the Lord will hold each one responsible in their work that must be done and will require it at their hands in the last day. Some will fail because of the temptations that shall come to them, but they will suffer loss. But, remember, Christ is at the head of the Church, and will direct His work. He is the Great High Priest of His people and He will direct the work as in days of old. I therefore bless you in the name of Christ, and admonish you to seek not the praise of men but be humble before God, and the people of the Lord, and your brethren. The priesthood and authority that was placed upon you by the servant of the Lord will never be taken from you unless you deny the Lord your God, but if you are not true to the trust imposed upon you, you shall suffer loss and lose your crown. The Lord will reveal to you from time to time the things pertaining to the building of the Temple and the work that must be done by The Church of Christ, that the people of the Lord might be instructed of the things that shall come to pass. Amen.”

2. Received by Brother W.A. Draves

Message 83:8, “I brought the authority and trust, to re-establish the work to Joseph Smith and Oliver

Cowdery and again anew in 1929 to Otto Fetting. I continue to come bringing words of instructions and directions, revealing God’s will, unveiling the mysteries of the kingdom of God on earth. For my coming is that mankind may endure and prepare for the coming of the Christ to earth again. I bring a way of deliverance from sin to life and way to the Lord.”

Message 114:5, “The Message and authority that I bring is the pure love of God, the priesthood after the order of God: the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the creator of all things, even the Lord Jesus Christ.”

After his resurrection, John the Baptist appeared to John the Beloved and gave the Revelation of the churches.

Message 102:5, “I gave the revelation and the vision of the Churches to John the Beloved in his day. In its fulfillment, you will see much has passed and much more to come.”

Message 104:15, “The revelation of John is being unfolded in the eyes of all nations.”

The Revelation that John the Baptist gave John the Beloved is recorded in Revelations, the last book in The Holy Bible. He then appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery giving the Holy Priesthood and restoring God’s Church here on earth. He reiterated the Holy Priesthood Authority on Otto Fetting and again on William A. Draves. (Message 86:54-56).

John’s work is very important and precedes the coming of the Lord when He comes to have communion with his Saints again. John the Baptist says in Message 106:19, “The law and the prophets spoke until I come- now I speak for the Lord, that the work and plans of God will be carried through and accomplished and the holy sanctuary be made possible, the Temple of the Lord.”

He is the one spoken of- that all who will not hear his words- that prophet- will be cut off from the covenant of the Lord (Message 86:12 & Message 108:18). Message 102:60, “I will come again until the work is finished. I am the Elias. Amen.”

Message 68:15, "I will come again until the work is finished and the Christ comes. I will be with Him when He comes. Amen."

Message 106:13, "I am John the Baptist, a resurrected being, the Messenger of the Lord, the forerunner of the Christ, His comings. I bring the Elias or Elijah Message spoken of by Christ and the prophets. I am the elect one, he to give meat in due season, the Ancient of Days, the Messenger of the covenant, the promised one to come. I speak the Lord's will and proclaim the word again before the Christ shall come. I shall be with Him when He comes to claim His Bride, the Church, His jewels. Let all mankind hear."

As you can see, scriptures tells us that John the Baptist will accompany Christ when He returns to claim His Jewels. John the Baptist's work may continue even after Christ's return.

The last message that John the Baptist brought (120) was on April 22, 1994 to Brother W.A. Draves. Brother Draves passed away June 28, 1994. God says he will send His messenger when there is a need and a desire. We need to pray diligently for God to send His angel, John the Baptist, again to direct the Church in this End Time. So much needs to be done before Christ returns- the Gospel taken to all the world, a people prepared to be Christ's Bride, and the Holy Temple built.

Let us pray together for the return of God's Heavenly Messenger, John the Baptist.

John the Baptist, The 'Signet One,' Prepares the Way before Christ.

In Bible times, John the Baptist was the one known for crying in the wilderness to have faith, repent and be baptized. He is still doing that today, as a resurrect being- an angel.

In Message 99:12, John the Baptist says, "Oh, ye people of the earth, turn a listening ear, hear the loud voice the Lord has sent- fulfilling His word. All mankind is called to repentance having faith, baptize them, let the hands be laid on that the gifts and promised Spirit shall come upon them- the Holy Unction of God."

Message 108:8, "Let mankind respect the

Lord Christ, and honor Him; His sacrifice on the cross and resurrection, bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and receive deliverance and salvation."

Message 110:21-22, "Let the full gospel plan be taught. All must come in by the door, the baptisms under this authority and receive the laying on of hands, the Holy Spirit shall be given.

22. Yea, and moreover, this Holy Unction in a double measure shall be upon them, given of God as you lay on the hands. Bring them into this work. The Lord's work must be fully established."

There are many verses where John the Baptist tells of his mission and how he identifies himself. You can find these as you read through the Message book. I hope by reading this lesson you will realize the depth of John the Baptist's calling. What an important job to prepare the way before Christ, to prepare a people to be Christ's Bride, and to prepare a people to build The Temple of the Lord. What a humble being to call himself, 'your fellow servant.' He come from the presence of God to deliver God's words to us. How blessed we are! He will be with Christ when Christ returns!

I would like to read this verse again: Message 48:16, "He hears the prayers of His children and will answer to your gladness. Therefore, I come that the plan of God shall be complete and the words the prophets of old have spoken of this day may all be fulfilled, for they spoke unto my coming. I speak the words and will of the Lord and I shall direct in this work. The signet one shall rise up and disperse confusion and cause to be brought together many that will obey the will of the Lord, and that a people will be raised up to build the Temple of the Lord."

Do you know who is the "Signet One?"

Message 111:13. "As I speak to you I speak to all who will hear the voice of one seeking to remove all confusion."

John the Baptist is the Signet One. Message 81:20-26, "Let the words I bring be the rule and guide with The Articles of Faith and Practice, for upon all the Lord's words, will and planning shall this work be built.

21. Let the house of the Lord be built, and The Church of Christ with the words I bring, The Elijah Message, be established everywhere. Come! All that love the Lord and this work, work together. This is the Lord's anointed, and appointed, the associated ones of faith. Peace be unto all.

22. Many represent Christ, but you men are to represent Christ and His church.

23. The church is organized. I have given the type and leadership, the way through the gates is open. Repentance and faith are the beginning, worship and receive the gift. The hands must be laid upon all that the Spirit might come to those that prepare for it.

24. Heed my message for this is my mission. The doctrine is given, and is set forth in the Bible, The Record of the Nephites and The Word of the Lord, the words I bring.

25. I am John the Baptist, the spirit and power of Elias, the Elias, the Elijah which was for to come to restore all things. I am the elect one, the horn, the Ancient of Days, I am the forerunner, I am the Messenger of the covenant, the promised one. I came before the Christ, preached repentance in the wilderness. I proclaim the word again before the Christ shall come again. **I shall be with Him when He comes to claim His Bride, the Church.**

26. This is the assured way, the way of life and salvation. Let all men flow into this way."

Let us pray for Jon the Baptist to come again soon to direct the Church

May God be with you.
Sister Thresa Ray.

Primary

The primary class studied Faith and John the Baptist. Biblical stories included in the lesson were Noah's Ark, Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, Jesus Walks on Water, Jesus is our Friend and Who is John the Baptist.

A sample of the lesson has been included. If anyone would like a copy of the study in its entirety, please contact Sister Thresa Ray.

Joshua and the Battle of Jericho Joshua 6:1-23

After leaving Egypt, the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 yrs. It was now time to settle down and begin to conquer the land of Canaan. However, the people of Canaan, of Jericho in particular, knew that God's people were coming. They fortified the city and closed the gate, hoping that Joshua and God's army would give up.

In preparation, Joshua sent 2 spies into the city to get an idea of the layout and pin point areas of weakness. However, they ran into trouble and had to hide from the king's men. It took 3 days before the spies were able to report back to Joshua.

Upon hearing the news, Joshua went to God for guidance. Nothing in Joshua's military training could prepare him for what God had planned. He had to have had immense faith in God to believe what God instructed him to do would work.

God told Joshua to march the army around the city 1 time every day for the next 6 days. Then on day 7, march around the city walls 7 times. When done with the 7th lap, have the army shout as loud as they can. If Joshua would do exactly as commanded, Jericho would be defeated.

WHAT! Walk around and yell. That was the plan— no fighting, just walking and yelling? How in the world was that going to conquer a fortified city? Joshua knew that with God nothing is impossible. He trusted God and did exactly what was instructed. His army marched, the priests blew their trumpets and the army was silent for 6 days. On the 7th day, they marched around 7 times and yelled as loud as they could. The walls of Jericho began to crumble falling to the ground and God's army took the city of Jericho for their own.

Joshua put his faith in God, listened to His instructions and won the battle!