

# The Greater Light

## *The End Time Messenger*

*“... Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed Repentance and Baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that THE GREATER LIGHT might come to them.”*

## Blessed Easter 2013

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Jesus Cried with a Loud Voice,  
***‘Father into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit’...***  
And an Angel asked,  
***‘Why Seek ye The Living among the dead?’***  
*Don’t you remember that The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be Crucified and The Third Day Rise from the dead?*



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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 to persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our 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 things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive 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 an added Witness for Christ, and that 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 a 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 Watch care 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 General Church fund. The Admonition of Christ that The 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 the 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 breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.

21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up 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 a New Jerusalem shall be Built upon this land 'unto The Remnant' of The Seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be Built, beginning at The Temple Lot.

25. We believe The 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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Message 53:3, 'Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed repentance and baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that **THE GREATER LIGHT** might come to them.'

Message 53:10, 'Yea, I have brought a Warning and few prepare for **THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful

even all who hear, for The Lord’s Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work 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 offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ’s Words that shall judge all men.’

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It is each Elder's duty to Seek Guidance from and to keep The Territorial Apostle informed of his works in the region he is laboring.

Secretary For The Twelve  
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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 the Hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and 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 a history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The American Indians. 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). 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 Judgment* has come. Awake thou 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 tradition 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 tomor-

row. Fear God and keep His Comandments, 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 former 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

destructions, 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 Harken 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.*' Harken 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 may be Preached, and The Kingdom of God might be Established upon earth in its Fullness, and The Church set in Order in its Com-*

*pletteness.'*

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 you 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.'

## From The Editor

*Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*

## *The Story Of Jesus*

On the hillside, soldiers nailed Jesus on *The Cross* and raised it up. For hours Jesus hung suffering.

Someone in the crowd yelled, '*If you are God's Son save yourself!*' Jesus looked to the sky and He said, '*Father forgive them, for they know not what they do*' By late afternoon, black clouds had gather and the veil of The Temple was torn in the middle and Jesus Cried with a Loud Voice, '*Father into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit*'...

*And an Angel asked, 'Why Seek ye The Living among the dead?' Don't you remember that The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be Crucified and the third day rise from the dead?*

And so, The Lord Rose from the dead, to LIVE again as He Foretold His Disciples. He is still ALIVE today and Wanting each of us to SERVE Him and to be His Servants for ever. LEARN of The Lord and KNOW that He is REAL.

## From The Apostles

### THE EASTER STORY

#### *As Told In The Gospels*

*Apostle Leonard H. Draves  
Missouri*

John 3:16-17, '*For God so Loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever Believeth in Him should not Perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be Saved.*'

*The Last Supper*



Mark 14:16-17, 'And His Disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as He said unto them: and they made ready for The Passover. And in the evening He Cometh with The Twelve.'

Mark 14:22-25, 'And as they did eat, Jesus took Bread, and Blessed, and Brake it, and gave to them, and said, 'Take, eat; this is My Body'. And He took The Cup, and when He had given Thanks, He Gave it to them: and they all Drank of it. And He Said unto them, 'This is My Testament, which is Shed for many. Verily I say unto you. I will Drink no more of The Fruit of The Vine, until that day that I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.'

Matthew 27:27-31, 'Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gather unto Him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe.

And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon His Head, and reed in His Right Hand; and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying hail King of The Jews! And they spit on Him, and took the reed, and smote Him on the Head. And after that they had mocked Him, they took the robe off from Him, and put His own Raiment on Him and led Him away to Crucify Him.'

Luke 23:26-27, 'And as they led Him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid The Cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people and women, which also bewailed and lamented Him.'

Luke 23:33-34, 'And when they were come to the place, which is called

Calvary, there they Crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, '*Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.*'

John 19:23-24, 'Then the soldiers, when they had Crucified Jesus; took His Garments and four parts to every soldier a part. They said therefore among themselves. 'Let us not rent it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be': that The Scriptures might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted My Raiment among them, and for My Vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.'

*Jesus Dies and Is Buried*

Luke 23:44-47, 'And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and The Vail of The Temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had Cried out with A Loud Voice, He said, '*Father into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit*'; and having said thus, He Gave up The Ghost. Now when The Centurion saw what was done, he Glorified God, saying, '*Certainly this was a Righteous Man*'

Matthew 27:57-60, 'When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' Disciple. He went to Pilate, and begged The Body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded The Body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken The Body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.'

Mark 15:47, 'And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus beheld.'

### *Jesus Is Risen*

Mark 16:2-7, 'And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun, And they said among themselves, *'Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?'* And they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, *'Be not affrighted: ye Seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was Crucified; He is Risen; He is not here: Behold the place where they laid Him. But go your way, tell His Disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him, as He said unto you.'*

Mark 16:19-20, 'So then, after The Lord had Spoken unto them, He was Received up into Heaven and Sat on The Right Hand of God. And they went forth, and Preached every where, The Lord Working with them, and Confirming The Word with Signs following. Amen.'

## **From The Bishops**

*Submitted by Editor*

### **WHAT IS TITHING?**

The word 'tithes' means one tenth. From The Beginning of Time God has Set apart one seventh of our time as belonging to Him. In *The Garden of Eden* He set apart one Tree which He Claimed as His Own, and Warned our first parents not even to touch it. That Tree is gone, but in its place God has Ordained The Tithe as Sacred to Himself,

and He Warns us not to use it for our own needs. One tenth of our increase is His.

Deuteronomy 14:22, '**Thou shalt Truly Tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.'**

Increase means profit. The farmer must Tithe his year's profits. The businessman must Tithe his net gains. The workingman turns his time into money. His salary or wage is profit; therefore, he is to Tithe that income. Gifts are also profit or increase of our possessions. When we earn a dollar, ten cents belongs to God. When our profit is 1,000 our Tithe is one tenth of that, or \$100.

To the unselfish Christian, it will be a Real Privilege to give God the first tenth of our increase. The Tithe is to be carefully set aside for God's Work before we use the other nine tenths. *It is Holy to God.* It should never be borrowed. Certainly it should never be kept, for that is what God Calls robbery of Sacred Things.

Malachi 3:6, '**I Am The Lord, I Change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.'**

Without God's Unchanging Protection, we would quickly be consumed by the destroyer. The principle of systematic giving, in *The Spirit of Sacrifice*, is just as much a part of Genuine Christ Likeness as it ever was. *The Spirit of God* never Changes. Hence The New Testament Christian will be as Self Sacrificing and Liberal as was The Child of God of Old Testament times.

Luke 6:38, '**Give, and it shall be Given unto you.'**

## **ARTICLE**

### **THE GREAT A WAKENING**

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**'Awake, thou that Sleepest, and Arise from the dead, and Christ shall Give thee Light:'**

The Twenty-Fifth Chapter of Matthew lays before us the picture of a great people-God's People-lost in Spiritual slumber-dead to the cry for reapers; blind to the fields white for The Harvest. The Midnight Darkness of sin and tradition had lulled them to sleep, and they ALL slept there was no voice to awaken.

**'But at Midnight there was a Cry made, Behold The Bridegroom Cometh, go ye out to meet Him.'**

### From whence The Cry?

Plainly NOT from the sleepers. More surely not from the evil and unbelieving. Only One Source remains and that from The Realm of Him who *'fainteth not, neither is weary,'* and by The Voice of His Messengers The Angels.

God has made Angelic Contact with man in every age and at the hour of His Greatest Need. His Messengers were of human form, having body and personality, and who many times mingled with men in their activities. They came to Abraham to proclaim the beginning of a Chosen Race; to Moses to rescue that Race from Bondage; to Elijah to call it to Repentance; to Joseph and Mary to announce its Coming Redeemer; to Cornelius, Peter, John and Paul that The Message of Redemption and The Gospel of The Great Millennial Kingdom might go to Israel and The Gentiles.

**'For I Am The Lord, I Change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed'** (Malachi, 3:6).

*Has 'The Unchangeable One' changed? Or has He Wearied with the wavering and disobedience of His People? We all say*

*'No'. Does this day hold The Promise of Heavenly Visitation as in the ages past? The bigot, the unbeliever, the false shepherd, say 'No'! But what saith the 'more Sure Word of Prophecy'?*

**'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 . . . He shall come, He shall Purify The Sons of Levi, and Purge them as Gold and Silver'** (Malachi 3:1-3).

The *'ME'* who here speaks can be no other than The Christ for He says He will *'suddenly come.'*

But who is this MESSENGER of whom He speaks, **'he shall Prepare The WAY Before ME?'**

Malachi 4 records The Promise of a Messenger who was to Appear just **'Before The Coming of The Great and Dreadful Day of The Lord,'** His Arrival was to be *The Great Signal* for The Beginning of The Consumption of *'all that do wickedly'* and for The Rising of **'The Sun of Righteousness, with Healing in His Wings'** for those that fear The Lord.

John The Revelator saw The Sunset of Righteousness in The Primitive Church, 1,260 years previous to this Latter Day Event, when The Woman, Zion, (The Righteous of the earth) fled from the dragon, debauched and denuded of Her Glory. Revelation 12. The Record of Malachi is the only one in The Scripture. recording in exact language, The Rising again of *'The Sun of Righteousness'* to Glorify *'The Woman'* whose seed are *'Just Ones'* of the earth,

*Who is this 'Messenger of The Covenant', 'The Elijah?'* Let The True Christians' only Unquestioned Authority

answer. Christ, speaking of John The Baptist in Matthew 11 says, **‘For this is he of whom it is Written, Behold, I Send My Messenger before thy face, which shall Prepare The Way Before thee . . . and if ye will Receive It, this is Elias (Elijah in Hebrew) which was for to Come. And again, some time after the death of John The Baptist, The Disciples questioned Christ concerning The Promised Elijah to precede His Second Coming, He replied, ‘Elias Truly SHALL first Come, and RESTORE ALL THINGS’** (Matthew 17:11; Malachi 4:5).

John bore Witness to The Latter Day Coming, for when questioned by the priest and Levites, *‘Art thou Elias?’* he, knowing that The Scriptures Promised such an Event only just preceding The Judgments. replied, **‘I am not’**, (John I: 20-21).

The Mission of John The Baptist as The Promised Messenger is five fold, ie. 1. The Messenger of The Covenant. 2. The Restorer. 3. The Preparer of The WAYS. 4. The Herald of The Judgments. 5. The Purifier of The Sons of Levi (The Ministry).

John The Revelator saw his coming to Restore *‘The Everlasting Gospel’*, to Cry Repentance, and to Warn of The Impending Judgments, (Revelation 14:6-7). If *‘The Everlasting Gospel’* were here in ‘Its Fullness’, then The Angel's Mission would be impossible.

In Luke 1 :76, Zacharias Prophesies that John should *‘Prepare’ ‘The WAYS’* of The Lord. In the days of old, John in the flesh, Prepared The WAY for Christ in The Flesh. In this day The Resurrected John is Preparing *‘The WAY’* for The Resurrected Christ.

The *‘Day of His Preparation’* of Nahum, 2:3-4, a day of raging chariots jostling one

another in *‘The Broad Ways’* marks as plainly the time of *‘The Coming of The Angel’* as does *‘The Time of Judgments and Destruction’* of Malachi 4 and Revelation 14:6.

Again we find The Promised MESS- ENGER in the person of *‘The Servant’* sent out to gather the guests for The Great Supper’, ( Luke 14).

Isaiah Reveals him as **‘A Mighty and Strong One’ bringing The Judgments in the day when ‘The Lord shall Rise Up . . . and do His Work, His Strange Work; and Bring to pass His Act, His Strange Act’** (Isaiah 28). Because of The Latter Day mockers The Lord has said, **‘Therefore, Behold, I will Proceed to do a Marvelous Work among His People, even a Marvelous Work and a Wonder; for The Wisdom of their Wise Men SHALL PERISH . . .’** (Isaiah 29:13-14).

Fellow man, look about you everywhere, man is failing-chaos is upon us,-desolation is near. If you would Endure, temporally and Spiritually, incline your ear to *‘every Word that proceedeth out of The Mouth of God’* for He Speaks in Living Tones today as in days of old.

The Messenger appears in Daniel 7 as *‘The Ancient of Days’* with *‘thousands’* Ministering unto Him and a Great Host Standing before Him in Judgment. Christ, The Embodiment and Finisher of *‘The Covenant of Peace’* God made with Israel (Isaiah 42:6; 49:8; 54:10-13; Ezek. 34:23-28; 37.26) Appears in The Clouds of Heaven, and in The Glory of His Humility, stands before The Great Preparer to receive this people,--a nation prepared in Righteousness. Then shall The Resurrected and Righteous Saints, those who in all ages FREELY give their all for His Sake, begin their

Glorious Reign with Him.

Malachi 3: 3-4, Reveals The Great Work of Purging and Purifying The Sons of Levi, for The Lord has Promised, **‘I will give you Pastors according to Mine Heart, which shall Feed you with Knowledge and Understanding’** (Jeremiah 3:15.) A Ministry ‘IS’ being Purged of Selfishness and the Traditions of men.

Are events of these days verifying *‘The Promises?’* In Revelation 11 and 13, The Gentile Beast Power headed by *‘The man of sin,’* was given Power to Overcome *‘The Saints’* for forty and two months or 1,260 days, (years in prophecy).\* In 569 A.D. ‘The man of sin’ exalted himself as head of *The Church of Christ,*- thus completely denying Christ, The True Head. Just 1,260 years later, in 1829 A.D., The Messenger, John The Baptist, was sent to earth, and by The Laying on of Hands Restored The Priesthood and Authority of The Son of God to men. That Authority and Priesthood was never removed, but The Power from Heaven was in large measure lost because of disobedience and transgression.

In 669 A. D., The Glorious Sun clothed ‘Woman’ of Revelation 12, had completed Her 100 year flight into *‘The Place Prepared of God’* where She was Nourished for 1,260 years ‘from the face of the serpent.’ In this year the last portion of *The True Church of Christ,* in The British Isles, whither God had gathered many of The Israel race, succumbed to the power of the ‘man of sin.’ Nowhere upon the earth was Christ longer acknowledged as *‘The Head’* of The church. *‘The Great Falling Away’* was complete.

On February 4, 1927, The Messenger came, the second time, bringing *‘The Word of The Lord’* and giving Warning of the

impending Judgments (Revelation 14:6). Instructions were given for The Restoration of *The Church of Christ* as it was in Former Years. On July 18, 1929, The Messenger laid his hands upon the head of Otto Fetting, of Port Huron, Michigan, and Restored the source of *‘Greater Power’* to all who would Obey, and Established *‘The Church of Christ’* anew. Once again, and for all times, Christ, is The Accepted HEAD and Director of His People.

Exactly 1,260 years (669-1929 A. D.) from the final *‘Falling Away’*, The Church was Re-established and *‘The Woman’* began to Prosper again under *‘The Healing Rays’* of *‘The Sun of Righteousness’*, (Malachi 4:2) and one by one The Twelve Stars of Her Crown are being replaced; Her Seed’ Gathered and Purified.

The Promise is ‘For then, (in the days of The Judgments) will I turn to the people a Pure Language, that they may all Call upon The Name of The Lord, to Serve Him with One Consent’, (Zephaniah 3:9).

*‘The Great and Dreadful Day of The Lord’* is at hand. *‘The Midnight Cry’* has gone forth. *‘The Trumpet Call’* to The Righteous has Sounded, **‘Come out of her, My People, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues’**, (Revelation 18).

*‘The Cry’* has gone to Israel and to all the world, **‘Arise, Shine, for thy Light has Come, and The Glory of The Lord is Risen upon thee’**, (Isaiah 60:1).

**‘Awake, Awake, put on thy Strength, O Zion . . .’**, (Isaiah 52:1).

\* 569 A. D. was the initial date, 570 A. D. was the date of the first open Declaration of Assumption of Authority and 607 A. D. was the date of The Formal and Legal Assump-

tion of Headship of The Church by The Roman Pontiff.

## Food For Thought

### A New Jerusalem

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In The Book of The Prophet Ether in *The Record Of Nephites*, in the 13th Chapter, he spoke concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land for a Remnant of the descendents of Joseph of The House of Israel as well as about The Jerusalem of old. He said that this is the place of The New Jerusalem from Heaven which is The Holy Sanctuary of The Lord. As you know The Nephites were the descendants of Lehi who was from Manasseh, the son of Joseph, son of Jacob (Israel) and brother of Ephraim. His Blessing (Genesis 48:19) was that he would become a people and that Ephraim would be greater and become a multitude of nations or fill many nations and (Genesis 49:22) Joseph is a Fruitful Bough, even a Fruitful Bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall.

To start to understand how this can be we must better understand who Joseph and The House of Israel are. I have told some of this story before but I am going to cover part of it again to show The Truth of The Prophecy. It is important that we do Understand The Work of The Messenger as That Prophet like Moses and The Elijah to restore all things.

### The Story of Israel

Genesis 12:1-3 God made a Covenant with Abraham to make him a Great Nation. From this point forward *The Bible* is about God's Promise to Abram - all the way to the

end of The Old Testament to The New Testament. God expanded on This Covenant, in Genesis 17: 1-4.

In Genesis 12, Abram was to father a nation; now in Genesis, Chapter 17, he was to father a multitude of nations. Abram, now Abraham, understood that he was to have a flesh and blood child. Physical flesh and blood people were going to come from him and form these nations. This is clear. Reading on in Verses 6-7: **‘ . . . I will make nations and kings out of thee.**

**An I will Establish My Covenant between Me and Thee and thy seed after Thee in their generations for an Everlasting Covenant to be a God unto Thee. And to thy seed after Thee.’**

Read in Genesis 17:19: The physical flesh and blood descendants that were going to come from the loins of Abraham were going to be a Covenant People.

Read in Genesis 28: 14: He is Planning to Bless the entire world through a people. This is The Promise passing from Isaac to his son Jacob. This is the dream that Jacob had; he is receiving This Covenant. It has passed from Abram (Abraham), to Isaac and from Isaac to Jacob.

Now look at Deuteronomy 14:2: These people were going to be a Holy People and a Chosen People. When you look at The Covenant that God made with these people at Mount Sinai it was likened unto a Marriage Covenant. You can think of it as a Conditional Covenant unlike God's Covenant with Abraham which was Unconditional and would never change.

Read in Exodus 19:3-8: Something took place during the time of Moses. They were already a Covenant People, but now He is going to form a nation from these people.

Remember The Promise in Genesis 17; eventually a multitude of nations will come from Abraham's seed. Now God is Forming this Great Nation of Israel and they enter into a National Covenant, if you will, with God. It is likened unto a Marriage Covenant where they said that they would Love, Honor, and Obey. Moses, himself, did not make it to The Promised Land, but under the leadership of Joshua those Children of Israel came into The Promised Land where God Promised them rest if they were Faithful to Him.

Read in 1 Samuel 8:4-7: At this point their King was God, but they began to backslide. They decided that they wanted to have an earthly king like all of the other nations. They still were His Covenant People and still in The Covenant that God made at Mount Sinai. They made a bad mistake and they choose to have a physical, earthly king like all of the other nations. Samuel told them that they would be taxed, that their children would be drafted, and all sorts of things, but they wanted an earthly king - so God gave them a king. The first king was Saul. The second king was David. David was a Great and Mighty king; a man after God's own Heart, *The Bible* says. The empire solidified under his leadership, established its boundaries very methodically; but understand that until this time these people were never called Jews. And for the modern day Judeo-Christian world to teach the people that David was a Jew and that The Jews gave up God as their king is very misleading. They were called Israelites or Hebrews, but were not at this time called Jews. When David died, Solomon became king. After Solomon died things got a little bit shaky. Solomon taxed the people so much that they wanted a tax relief and de-

manded it

Read in 1 Kings 12:4: When his son, Rehoboam, took the throne, they said give us tax relief. Continue in 1 Kings 12:14-17 to find the king's answer.

If you read this whole chapter, you will find that there was a division in the nation at this time. Now, instead of having one nation there are two nations. The ten northern tribes succeeded from the union and formed what was called The House of Israel. They were also known as Joseph and Ephraim. The House of Israel was the nation of Israel. It was a separate nation. The two southern tribes, Judah and Benjamin, formed The House or Nation of Judah. Even so they are still children of Abraham and Israel. Some of The Prophets went to The House of Israel and some went to The House of Judah, and there were different Prophecies made about these two nations. Now there are two nations, but God had Promised Abraham that his seed would form a multitude of nations. We are talking about God Working very patiently to bring forth His Promises.

God had married The House of Israel in Exodus, Chapter 19, with The Covenant. Both The House of Israel and The House of Judah became sinful. The Prophet Hosea was sent to The Nation of Israel with The Message to '*Repent or Perish*' They did not repent and as a result, they perished.

This had already happened in Jeremiah Chapter 3 :8: God said, "I divorce Israel" for her unfaithfulness. He said He should have divorced Judah, too, but put up with Judah because He still had to keep The Covenant and He had a Plan.

The House of Israel went into Assyrian captivity about seven hundred years before Christ. We hear very little more about them in *The Bible* after that. *What happened to*

*them?* We know contrary to what is taught in the churches today, that they did not go out of existence. We are told in Hosea 1: 10 that they were going to form a multitude like the sands of the sea and that someday they would join together with The House of Judah and have one leader. *What happened to those people?* They dispersed to the north and to the west into the area of Europe and The British Isles and they became nations. Cut off from God - remember they were not His People. They had been divorced- but to say that they were not around is to deny James Chapter 1:1 and 1 Peter 1:1. He is Writing to a Chosen People who are scattered or disbursed in a certain area. The third place this phrase is used is in John 7:35: The word dispersion comes from The Greek and, according to Strong's, it means Israelites living in other countries or scattered abroad. When Jesus spoke they knew about this dispersion of The Ten Tribes of Israel that had been cast off seven hundred years before. The Prophets told them of them and that they had The Promises.

Read in Romans 9:23-24. *Who were The Gentiles?* I will call them My People, which were not My People referring to those who he divorced and said you are not My People but gave The Promise that The Children of Israel and Judah would come together under one head in the first Chapter of Hosea.

Hebrews 8:8 teaches clearly that The New Covenant was made with The House of Israel and The House of Judah. Paul is talking about those people that have been called. He said that *"he called us from the Jews and from the Gentiles."* One of our problems is that we have the wrong definition of Gentile in our heads. We think the word Gentile means non-Jew. All you

have to do is look up The Greek word for Gentile, and see that it says, 'A *race, a nation; plural, the nations.*' The word Gentile means nation. Scripturally it means those nations with people that do not worship or know God including those of Israel that were lost to God.

In Hosea 1:4. His people were whoring after other gods.

Continuing in Hosea 1:5-7: This Prophecy was that God was going to put an end to The Nation of Israel, but not to The Nation of Judah - the Jews of The House of Judah. He said that He would Deliver Judah but not by sword or by battle. The Assyrians, who were a world ruling power at the time, came down from the north and they conquered The House of Israel. They kept going and went into the southern two tribes, but they were stopped by The Hand of God. The Assyrians surrounded Jerusalem, which was the capitol of The House of Judah. Read this in 2 Kings 19:35-36.

This was The Prophecy Hosea had made coming to pass. He Delivered Judah, but not by battle; but by a Miracle that happened that night - 185,000 died during the night. He kept The Promise to The House of Israel. They were conquered by the Assyrians and were carried into exile as told in 2 Kings 17:6.

The Assyrians took these Covenant People, these People who were under a National Covenant and Married to God and carried them away. God divorced them according to Jeremiah Chapter 3. We need to go back to Hosea Chapter 1 to find out what happened to these people. The church world today tells us that they ceased to be. They went out of existence. They homogenized with the other peoples of the world



Read on in Hosea 1:8-10. *Can you imagine the despair that these people felt when they saw that Hosea was right? They had been a Chosen People, Married to God and now they are divorced and cast away. But God, in His Infinite Mercy, gave them Hope. He said, someday you will be Called "Sons of The Living God."* Then in verse 11, although you are going to be divorced, cut off and no longer My People, someday-when you are Called 'Sons of God', you will be joined with The House of Judah under one leader.

In Matthew 15:24: Jesus spoke. But He answered and said, *'I was sent only unto The Lost Sheep of The House of Israel'*. He says, in His own words, that *'He is Coming for The House of Israel'*. *How could He bring them back?*

His Law says in Deuteronomy 24: 1-4: that if a woman is married and divorced and she goes to be with another man, and the other man either divorces her or dies. She can never go back and be the wife of the first husband – never! God Divorced His Wife, The House of Israel, according to Jeremiah Chapter 3, but gave her a little ray of Hope that someday she could come back. Israel did not understand how this could be possible, but through *Love, all things are possible. Jesus Christ Died on The Cross to Establish a New Covenant.*

Read in Hebrews 8:8: For finding fault with them, He Saith, *'Behold, the days come, says The Lord, when I will make a New Covenant with The House of Israel and with The House of Judah.* In Verse 9, *'Not according to The Covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land Egypt; because they continued not in My Covenant, and I regarded*

*not in My Covenant, and I regarded them not'*, Saith The Lord.

In Romans 7:1-4, *How did God ever bring them back together without violating His own Law?* This is the most beautiful Love Story ever told, or actually, the most beautiful Love Story never told.

1. Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know The Law), how The Law hath dominion (jurisdiction) over a man as long as he liveth?

2. For the woman which hath an husband is bound by The Law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead; she is loosed from The Law of her husband.

3. So then if; while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that Law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

4. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to The Law by The Body of Christ, that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is Raised from The Dead, that we may bring forth Fruit unto God.

**'RETURN and gather thee from all the' nations, whither The Lord thy God hath' scattered thee'.**

Matthew 23: 37-39, **'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest The Prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chicken under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see Me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in The Name of The Lord.'**

Message 85:28-35, **'Again, as the children of Israel heard and obeyed The**

**Injunctions of The Lord through Moses were delivered, so will the people be delivered today if they will hear The Words I bring preparing themselves to follow through. For this is The Way of Salvation and Preservation, The Way of Deliverance in The Fulfilling of The Words of The Lord spoken by The Holy Prophets of old-as they were moved upon by The Holy Spirit of God.**

**I come Fulfilling and to do His Will. This The Assured Way, The Elijah Message. The Curse is lifted as Belief and Obedience comes.**

**This is The Midnight Cry-The Great Confusion must fall. Pentecost must come, The Outpouring of The Spirit must be even to those that are afar off.**

**I am The Messenger to Restore all things. I bring a Book of Instructions, Prophecy and Commands to all men, to every Branch of The House of Israel.**

**Fear not; let The Spirit Fill you to Overflowing for It will come to all who make ready. The Lord sets His Hand again the second time, to Recover His People.**

**I am That Servant sent to give Meat in Due Season. Now is The Day of Choosing-to Serve The Lord, or fail to find Peace. For all they that do not hear me heareth not God and shall not be found among The People of The Lord.**

**I am The One Chosen of The Lord, Mighty and Strong. I shall not falter. The Work shall be accomplished. The Kingdom shall be prepared and given to The Saints of The Most High.**

**Israel shall win and be delivered. *Did I not say Assyria shall be beaten and fall, a nation born at once of Hope and Deliverance?***

Acts 2:36-39: Now lets read what Peter and John were preaching to The Israel after the first Pentecost. **‘Therefore let all The House of Israel know Assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have Crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of The Apostles, Men and Brethren, *what shall we do?* Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in The Name of Jesus Christ for The Remission of Sins, and ye shall receive The Gift of The Holy Ghost. For The Promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as The Lord our God shall call.’**

This was their Refreshing and Rest (Isaiah, chapter 28) that Isaiah had told of that would be rejected. So now we can clearly see what Peter Prophesied when he spoke *‘Repent ye therefore, and be Converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of Refreshing shall come from The Presence of The Lord. And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom The Heaven must receive until The Times of Restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by The Mouth of all His Holy Prophets since the world began. For Moses Truly said unto the fathers, A Prophet shall The Lord your God Raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear That Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people’*

It is plain that this Prophet cannot be Christ because he must remain in Heaven while That Prophet does The Work like Moses. It is also a clear that The Refreshing

and Cleansing and Restoring and Rest for Israel were not accomplished or Christ would have then Returned. Notice how rest is part of the word Restore. Add up the dots. Jesus said John was The Elijah and he would Restore all things. Elijah was Promised to come before The Lord would return. John is one of The Brethren of Israel and God has raised him up from the dead and made him Mighty and Strong. He is to bring the fathers and children together and Restore The Promises. He has to be That Prophet like unto Moses. A Faithful Servant in all of God's Household (Israel). Remember Jesus is The Creator of The Household and not like Moses, a Servant of The Household. It was Joshua that was the type or symbol and is the Hebrew word for Jesus that means His peoples Salvation and would give them Rest. Hebrews 4:8, **'For if Jesus had given them rest (Joshua), then would He not afterward have spoken of another day.'**

There remaineth therefore a Rest to the People of God. Next time I will talk some about God's rest.

Read Romans 9: 1-8, **'Who are the fathers and who are the children? I say The Truth in Christ; I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in The Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and The Glory, and The Covenants, and the giving of The Law, and The Service of God, and The Promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning The Flesh Christ Came, who is over all, God Blessed for ever. Amen! Not as though Word of God**

**hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these are not The Children of God: but The Children of The Promise are counted for seed.'**

Now read Romans 11:13,19-20,23,25-26, **'For I speak to you Gentiles, in as-much as I am the apostle of the Gentiles.**

**. . . Thou wilt say then, the branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.**

**Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith, be not high minded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.**

**. . . If they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in again.**

**. . . For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in you own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of Gentiles be come in.**

**And so all Israel shall be saved; as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this Is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away (blot out) their sins.'**

What I believe this means is that we The Children of The Promise (Israel-*The Church of Christ* that are under The Refreshing-Restoring and Cleansing-a Remnant of Jacob and of Joseph) that must now remember the fathers (Israel according to the flesh) and turn our hearts to them that they may turn theirs to ours and Israel may Truly be gathered as Promised.

Again: In The Book of The Prophet

Ether in *The Record of The Nephites* in the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter, he spoke concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land for a Remnant of The Descendents of Joseph of The House of Israel as well as about The Jerusalem of Old. He said that this is The Place of The New Jerusalem from Heaven which is The Holy Sanctuary of The Lord.

### Definitions:

Jerusalem means foundation or possession or Vision of Peace.

Zion: A hill in Jerusalem, on which The Temple was built. It is also used as a synonym or to symbolize Jerusalem. It is used to denote Jerusalem in general and sometimes God's Chosen Israel.

Daughters of Zion means the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:3, '**For out of Zion shall go forth The Law and The Word of The Lord from Jerusalem**'. The Messenger has quoted this again and again.

Message 22:14-15, '**Remember! Zion shall not be moved out of Her Place, nor Jerusalem from her former 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.**

**And this nation shall be Cleansed (The Refreshing from The Presence of The Lord), 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.'**

Message 39: 6, '**Hear ye! Hear ye! I Am Establishing My Kingdom to never again be overthrown and it shall fill the whole earth, and all men will Obey Me for out of Zion shall The Gospel be taught and The Word of The Lord from Jerusalem**'.

Message 102: 42, '**This is The Land where Freedom is found and help in The Way of Zion, the center of world Deliverance in Justice and Truth. There shall be Deliverance in Mount Zion and Jerusalem and The Remnant whom God shall Call.**'

Message 36:3, '**. . . For Zion will be Redeemed and Israel Gathered. The Jews must be gathered to their home land, 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 Gentile, The Bond and The Free shall be as one.**'

Some Scripture verses are used by those who insist that the old city of Jerusalem will be The Jerusalem that will *be 'chosen' and 'Blessed of God'*. They are in the first chapter of Zechariah. '**I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great jealousy . . . I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: My House shall be built in it . . . and The Lord shall yet Comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.**'

These are phrases from verses 14 through 17, and those who quote them say

they mean that God will set up The Temple (His House) at some future time in the old city of Jerusalem. *How can it be called a New Jerusalem if it's the old one?*

But there are other phrases in the same verses which must be considered. I will add them here in their context. **'Thus Saith The Lord of Hosts; My cities through prosperity [good] shall yet be spread abroad.'** Then comes **"and The Lord shall yet Comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.'** Since the phrase, *'spread abroad,'* was spoken through Zechariah while he was in old Palestine, it could mean places other than old Palestine!

Read on in Zechariah 2: 1-4, **'I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I, *Whither goest thou?* And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, The Angel that talked with me went forth, and another Angel went out to meet him. And said unto him, *Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle for the multitude of men and cattle therein.'***

That is quite a description. *'Towns'* (plural) and many men and cattle were to be in it. This is the Jerusalem of Prophecy, and it is so large it took ~ Angel to Measure it! Maybe this was because it had been then *'spread abroad'* as was Prophesied in Zechariah 1: 17.

In Chapter 8 of Zechariah (and Zechariah has much to say about prophetic Jerusalem) we read in verses 2-3, **'Thus Saith The Lord of Hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus Saith The**

**Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.'** So God says He will be in both Zion and Jerusalem. Remember the definition says they can be synonymous and can mean God's Chosen People.

**'And Jerusalem shall be Called a City of Truth; and The Mountain of The Lord of Hosts, The Holy Mountain.'**(verse 3) This is similar to what we have in Isaiah 2 and Micah 4, **"The Mountain of The Lord."** Mountain usually means nation in Bible Prophecy.

Zechariah 8:7, **'Thus Saith The Lord of Hosts; Behold I will Save My People from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be My People, and I will be their God, in Truth and in Righteousness.'**

Isaiah 2:2, **'And it shall come to pass in The Last Days, that The Mountain of The Lord's House shall be Established in the top of The Mountains, and shall be Exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.'**

II Samuel 7:10, **'Moreover I will appoint a Place for My People Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more as before time.'**

Read Micah 4:1-2, **'But in The Last Days it shall come to pass, that The Mountain (nation) of The House of The Lord shall be Established in the top of The Mountains, and it shall be Exalted above the hills; and the people shall flow unto it.'**

**And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to The**

**Mountain of The Lord, and to The House of The God of Jacob; and He will Teach us of His Ways, and we will walk in His Paths: for The Law (Gospel) shall go forth of Zion, and The Word of The Lord (The Book) from Jerusalem.’** Read the whole chapter - it's amazing.

## **Missionary Report**

*Disciple Motubu  
Africa*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to inform that I reach home today Sunday 3, 2013 at 5:40 PM, from Missionary Work in East Africa. I Thank you very much for your Prayers and Supports, Spiritually, materially, emotionally and financially. For sure your Rewards is Great in Heaven, even here on earth God will never Forsake you.

For all The Souls that came to Christ, yours is there. We remain in big challenges of revisiting these people quickly as possible as they still needs more Training so that they may become Firm and Strong in The Lord and in our Faith Doctrine.

I will send The Testimonies, reports and records soon as I can. Keep Sweet and may God Bless you.

Once more BIG THANK YOU. let our Thanksgiving goes to all Brethren and Sisters there in America. May God Bless you. Your Brother in Christ.

## **LETTERS**

*Vice Bishop Jenario Omulefu.  
Uganda  
Submitted by Editor*

To Beloved in Christ Matthew Thompson and The Entire Church in America.

Dear Brother Bishop Matthew, below is the western union bank information you need in order to take our Tithes of Twenty Dollars. We send there in USA from The Church in Uganda.

We Thank you for sending to us Brother Bama wa Mobutu Gloire from Congo who Baptized us and return us in This Assured Way of The Lord. He was of big Blessing to us and we still need him for more Teachings and Baptism of other locals that Accepted Baptism after his departure.

We Thank you for getting a place to Worship for Bukhalira Local. We rented and started to build a semi permanent structure. We have almost 650 people who need Baptism in 10 locals, if possible send to us Brother Mobutu to Baptize them. Vice Bishop Jenario Omulefu. Uganda

*Ian Bruce Briones  
The Philippines  
Submitted By Editor*

Dear Beloved Apostle Leonard Draves,

Greetings in Jesus Name, *How are you today?* We here are doing well by The Grace of God. We had our Gospel Sharing yesterday in the mountain and we were Blessed.

We have new visitors and they are ready for a home visitation and have Gospel Sharing in their home. They are welcome us to come in their cottages home.

We have a Prayer Request to you for support. We need Prayers that God will Provide.

Another thing is that I need to workout the start to process in getting a passport. I already gave my local documents to provide the requirements in getting a passport, after I have it in 15 working days we will start to transact The U.S Embassy in Manila.

We need Prayers because we need to have an appointment early as possible. The budget is not yet to know by now because the process is in Manila. That is 2 hours in flight going there my Beloved Apostle.

This is all for now. I Love you and I am very anxious to see you and our Brothers and Sisters there.

**MANUEL BAPTISTA CRISTIANO**

*U.K. England*

*Submitted by Editor*

Dear Brothers and Sisters at *The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message The Assured Way of The Lord*.

Thanks again for the newsletter-publication, 'THE GREATER LIGHT'.

I'm still very identified as Christian that comes from the mormon faith background to *The Church of Christ with Elijah Message*, in which I Believe.

I'm in my way to move to Namibia, where I hope to start a Study and Prayer Group of *The Church of Christ with Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord*.

As a introduction of The Church, could you send me by email in PDF format one track or article (with about 6 to 8 pages) that I can print and share with others in Namibia

Hopeful send of this year or next year you could visit us in Namibia and share The Gospels of JESUS CHRIST with all of us.

May GOD Bless you all in CHRIST.

## Testimonies Of The Past

*2008 General Assembly*

**Donald Thompson, Missouri:** I enjoy the Testimony Service. It is a great day, when we can baptize someone. Jessie is now in *The School of Sanctification*. I enjoyed Brother Jim's sermon this afternoon. I

always Thank The Lord for our Blessing. We must study and get close to The Lord and so what He would have us to do and to endure to the end. The Lord has given us Promises and they will be fulfilled. This world is getting harder and harder to keep yourself pulled out of the world. We must keep satan at bay. We have to keep our hearts pure and our hands clean. I thank God for my family, and my Church family. This is God's Church, it does my heart good when a person turns their life over to God.

**Michael Greenwell, Missouri:** I Thank The Lord and my Brothers and Sisters for all your Prayers, phone calls, and visits while I was in the hospital. I thought I was in better health than I was. I was home when I had my heart attack. I Thank The Lord for that. I knew Jessie was ready for baptism in our morning meeting. After the meeting I asked Jessie if he was ready to be baptized, he said I am getting baptized today. Continue your Prayers for me and my family. I was thankful that some of my family could be at the assembly, even if it was for a short time.

**Nawassa Greenwell, Missouri:** I am Thankful Mike came home when he did. He was going to stay on the road for another two weeks. At 4 a.m. he woke me and said something is wrong with me. I looked at him and said you are having a heart attack. I called my brother for help. He took Mike on the way to the hospital and the ambulance met him on the road. At the hospital, the Doctor Praised God as Mike was going to be okay. Pray for Colton and his marriage. Zack is in Kentucky and doing okay. He wished he could be here but it was not possible. He had a dream that satan kept him alive to keep him suffering. Pray for him, and all my family. God Bless you all.

**Thresa Ray, Missouri:** I Thank The Lord

for this time together and for Jessie being baptized. I thank God for keeping Mike. The Messenger says, *'no greater responsibility or Blessing than this Calling.* I Thank God for His Peace, even in our trials. Keep BJ in your Prayers. He is in Wisconsin right now working. Keep our family in your Prayers also. You are in our Prayers as well.

**Joel Jaitley, Missouri:** I would like you to keep my father in your Prayers. On returning home from his visit in India, he found that his apartment was burned and he lost everything he had. All he owns now is the clothes he had in his suitcase from his trip. I have his phone number if you want to reach him. Thank you.

**Ola Thompson, Missouri:** I Praise The Lord! It is always a Blessing to be in The House of The Lord and with my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. *The Holy Spirit is Wonderful.* I love basking in it. Ashley told me yesterday that Jessie wanted to be baptized. I told her to have him talk about it to Don and Leonard. We studied last night on the God-Head. There was an overwhelming Spirit there. I knew that Jessie was ready. Jessie had a problem with smoking. He said, *'I can stop.'* After he finished eating, he had no desire to smoke. When you step out in *Faith*, Miracles can happen. Sign seekers will not see anything unless they have *Faith*. The Messages tells us to be rid of besieging sins. The Lord wants us to be of *Pure Hearts and Clean Hands.* I Boast of God and of His Spirit within us. I Thank God for His Spirit. Grow in it and study the Three Books. God will touch your heart and there is nothing Greater than His Spirit. I have Prayed the same Prayer every night for over twenty years that Donnie would take up his Calling and work for The Lord. The Lord told us to ask and

He would answer. Don't give up on The Lord, if your Prayer is right, He will answer. I Thank The Lord for His Blessings. He has Healed, and Protected my children. God even took my temper away. God mellowed me out through His Spirit. There is a *Wonderful Blessing in The Sacrament.* It is for us to review our *Commitment* to Him. *His Spirit is Wonderful* and every one here today has felt His Spirit. There is no Sweeter Thing to me is to see a man Praise God under The Spirit. I saw that today when Brother Richard was speaking at the opening of this service. I am also Thankful for *The Blessed Oil.* This *Blessed Oil* may be your doctor in days to come. Hospitals can now turn you away if they don't want you. The *Blessed Oil* may be the only Thing that will sustain us. I want to live long if it is in *The Will of The Lord*, if not, I Pray He shortens my days. God Bless you all. Pray for me and my family, as we will be Praying for you.

**Leora Naslund, Missouri:** I am Thankful The Lord brought me and kept me so long. Pray for our Loved Ones and Brothers and Sisters in This Church. Turn your life around and Serve The Lord. *The Blessed Oil* has been a Blessing to me all my life. I want to Serve The Lord in everyway I can.

**Krystal Jailey, Missouri:** I have a friend that has cancer, his name is John Smith. Please Pray for him. I just got *The Word of The Lord*, hopefully next year I can be *The Lord*, hopefully next year I can be baptized. God Bless everyone.

**Richard Segal, California:** I work many hours on my job so that I could be here. A guy at work slipped and fell and hurt himself. They said that it would not effect me coming to The Assembly. But they were short of people and they told me I could not go. I took a leave of absent to see family.



Pray I have a job when I return home. This Church is first to me, even before my job. The Lord has been Blessing us, always with His Protection. God Watches over us. Our granddaughter got out of the car on the street side without her parents knowing. Betty heard a Voice for her to go and get her or she would not see another birthday. Betty dropped the water hose and went over to get her. The drivers in our city are crazy. They watch for nothing and like to speed. Just the other day a nine year old boy was killed when he got hit by a car. I am Thankful The Lord watches over us. God Bless you all.

**Thresa Ray, Missouri:** There has been such a Wonderful Sweet Spirit her today. Jake and Rachel is having a baby. I forgot to tell you earlier. Keep them in your Prayers. I have a bottle of *Oil* I want to have Blessed. Thank You.

**Carrie Ramey, Missouri:** I am thankful for the wonderful day that I had with my parents and Tammy. We went out to see graves sites on Memorial Day. I heard stories of their childhood. It was a Pleasure to see the Joy in my fathers face. My parents mean the world to me. I think how sad it is for them to lose their parents. I had a knot under my arm for five months I was afraid, but Thank The Lord it turned out okay. Ashley, you are so lucky , so Blessed to start your marriage out in one Spirit. Every year I ask Prayers for Brian and I know someday he will be baptized and take up his Calling. I see God's Blessings in him. He talks more of Jesus than he used too.

**Tammy Thompson, Missouri:** I want to Praise Jesus for His Blessings. I Thank The Lord also for that day we were together with my parents and Carrie. I am Thankful for Jessie getting baptized. I have notice a different in Brian also. He is so sweet. I

thought I had a house rented but it turned out I wasn't getting it and I had thirty days to move. I had a friend who asked me for Prayers that she would get her house rented. I told her, '*How about me?*' So I rented her home. I Thank The Lord. Eric Beck sends his Love to all. I was only off of work on Sunday and Monday for The Assembly, but Eric was told to do the schedules for the week and he made it possible for me to be off all week. Chalee is going through a divorce so please Pray for her. Ashley and Jessie will be married soon and they will need your Prayers. Pray for Krystal also. Pray for all the youths in The Church. I am Thankful that Mike is doing well. I have much Joy in my life. I Love you all.

**Ashley Snow, Missouri:** I am Thankful for The Three Books and for This Gospel. I ran away for two days. I am sorry for the worries I put on my mother. Pray for me to be a better example and my marriage to Jessie. Pray for Jessie's grandmother, Betty Roland. She is recovering from a heart attack.

**Donald Thompson, Missouri:** I want to Testify for Jessie if he does not mind. When we were getting dressed after the baptism, Jessie told me this was the first time he ever was baptized. That he went to other churches but they didn't feel right. I told him you are in The Right Church now. For him to hang in there and do the right Things and what The Lord would have him to do.

## **Article From The Past**

*Apostle Michael Greenwell  
Missouri*

When I was in high school I read a short story by Leo Tolstoy about a middle aged man who had a large family and a low

paying, dead end job in Moscow. He made some friends among The Cassocks on the plains in Russia. They liked him so they decided to do him a good deed. They told him they would give him all the land he could run around in one day: he was to stake the claim out himself, make it as large or small as he wanted it to the perimeter of the property at dawn and get to the finish point before sunset. The rest of the story is about all the thoughts and emotions that came to him as he decided how large or small to stake out his claim and then what happened on the run. He wound up with a huge section of land he had to run around.

At dawn his Cassock friends fired the starting pistol and he began the run, pacing himself so as to finish the long day ahead. Late in the afternoon he almost gave up because he was so exhausted but then the finish line came to his view and in the distance he could see his Cassock friends cheering him on and that gave him courage to keep on going, but just before he got to the finish line he had a heart attack and dropped dead. His friends were really saddened but all they could do was dig a hole and bury him where he died.

Well the name of the story is 'How Much Land Does a Man Need?', and the moral of it is that all the land a man needs is a hole big enough to bury him in. I never forgot that story, it made a big impact on me at a young age.

But I had a heart attack myself this year, and I was working at the time it happened as hard as the man in the story was running, and for the same reasons. Seems like I would have not made the same mistake, but maybe I did. But The Lord spared my life thanks to the help of a lot of Loved ones, friends, and family and thousands of Prayers

offered up on my behalf. My Thanks to all of you who have been Praying for me.

## Primary Department

*Editor: Sister Karen Wilkin  
Missouri*

'Hurry up Angie' shouted Tommy. 'We're gonna be late. Grandma and Grandpa will be here any minute, Come ON.' 'I'm hurrying as fast as I can, give me a minute.' Tommy whispered under his breath, "girls, I'll never understand them.'

Grandma and Grandpa arrived right on time and honked the horn for the kids to come. They both grabbed their Easter Baskets for the Easter Egg hunt after Church. They were both so excited. Angie wore her best and prettiest pink dress with beautiful flowers and ruffles. Tommy wore his new mint green shirt with a tie and nice black pants. They wanted to look their best for Jesus, Tommy exclaimed as he got into the car. 'Well, grandma replied, you both look just wonderful.' 'Mommy and Daddy said to tell you they will be there for the Worship Service.' Angie exclaimed with a wide smile. "That is great", grandpa smiled broadly.

'Good Morning children' the Sunday school teacher greeted them. 'Good Morning' the children said back to her. 'This morning is Easter Sunday. We all know what a special occasion this is. We are celebrating the day Jesus arose from the grave just as He said He would. We are celebrating the day He was born because if He had not come to Earth as a new born baby then prophecy could not have been fulfilled. We are going to talk to today about what happened the day Jesus died.'

'It is kind of a sad story' Angie bowed her head as she spoke. "Yes it is kind of sad,

the teacher exclaimed, but, it is also The Greatest Story Ever Told.' 'Let me tell you a bit of the story' she said softly. There were many events that took place leading up to the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Each event took place for a good reason. Jesus knew exactly why each thing was happening just the way it was. He also knew that all of this was in the will of the Heavenly Father. See, prophecy once again was being fulfilled.'

After church services the children had so much fun on the Easter Egg hunt, but they knew the true meaning of Easter. The kids looked forward to Grandma snuggling up with them to tell them more of the story after dinner.

The children spent rest of the day with their Grandma and Grandpa. Grandma asked them if they would like to hear more about what Easter is all about and they both were so excited and exclaimed, 'Yes', we sure would.'

'Did Jesus know He was going to die Grandma?' Tommy asked. 'Yes, He sure did Tommy.' 'This was part of the great plan from the beginning of time. God knew exactly what would happen and how it would happen.' Tommy nodded his head in agreement. Angie looked at Grandma and said, 'We learned some of that today in Sunday School, tell us more Grandma.'

'Do you remember the story of the Last Supper?' she asked the children. 'Well, most of it Grandma,' Angie answered. 'Jesus invited all His Disciples to come to the upper room. It was there that He would reveal many things to them and give them the bread and the wine. They would not fully understand why this was happening, but they knew it was important.' 'I am going to paraphrase in telling you the story and we will kind of shift around a bit, but you can

find the entire story in the Bible in the 4 Gospels Grandma smiled as she spoke.' The book of Luke chapter 22 tells us in more detail about what happened. Jesus told His disciples that this would be the last time He would eat with them. Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves. Each disciple took a drink from the cup, except for Jesus. Then He took the bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Then He took the cup after supper saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.' 'Oh, that's why those who are baptized take the Sacrament isn't it Grandma?' Angie commented feeling pleased she knew about that. 'Yes, it certainly is Angie. We do this in Remembrance of Jesus, the bread represents His body and the wine represents His blood that He shed for us.' Grandma spoke with deep conviction.

Angie said puzzled, 'Grandma'. 'Yes, what is it dear.' 'Well, didn't Jesus say that someone would betray Him that was sitting at the table with them?' 'Yes, He did say that. In the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Luke, verse 21 He says, But behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. No one knew who He meant and they began to question Him as to whom it could be. None of them wanted to be the one who would betray their Master. But see Judas knew all along who He meant and he left them when Jesus told him to go and do what he must do. Now, Peter was very concerned about this and kind of argued with Jesus that he would never leave His side and that is when Jesus told Peter before the cock crowed thrice, he would deny Him. 'Grandma, what is a cock?' asked Tommy. Grandma smiled

and said, 'A cock is a rooster Tommy.' 'Oh', he said, looking very puzzled.

'I love the story where Jesus went to the garden to pray. It is found in Matthew 26:36-46 and in Mark 14:32-42.' Grandma smiled. This is where Jesus knelt down to pray and asked the Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.' 'So Jesus was asking God to help Him not die?' asked Angie. 'No, answered Grandma, that's not what He was doing at all. See Jesus knew that He must do something that was going to be so overwhelming for even Him. It says that in agony He prayed and it was as if His sweat was as great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 'Blood?', grandma' asked Tommy, a tear in his eye. 'Yes sweetie. See, what Jesus knew He was about to experience was beyond something a mortal man could not even endure. He knew that He must bear the weight of the sin of man on His shoulders and He being a pure man, without sin, knew the agony that He would bear.'

'Yeah, and while He was praying He had asked His disciples to stay awake and watch for Him didn't He Grandma?' asked Angie. 'Yes He did Angie, and when He came to them after praying, do you remember what He found Tommy?' 'I think they were asleep weren't they?' 'That's right Tommy.' answered Grandma.

'What happened next Grandma,' asked Angie. 'Well, Judas led the soldiers to Jesus and He was arrested and taken to the High Priest for judging.' 'I don't like this part of the story Grandma, said Tommy hanging his head down. 'I know, it is sad isn't it dear?' But it is a very important part of the story' Grandma said while running her fingers through his hair. The soldiers led Jesus away

and Peter followed behind them, but he didn't want to be seen, so he stayed some distance back. While Peter was watching, he had three people confront him about his knowledge of Jesus, and just like Jesus had told him earlier in the day, he would deny knowing Him three times and at that point the rooster crowed. Peter remembered what Jesus had said and it made him so sad that he wept'. Grandma hung her head and wiped a tear from her eye and she asked them if they wanted to hear more. 'Oh yes, please Grandma, tell us more' they both chimed.

'Well, Jesus stood before the Priest and the people mocked Him and hit him and blasphemously spoke to Him. But Jesus kept His peace and even though He could have spoken words that would have shut their mouths, he said very little.'

'Why wouldn't He tell His side of the story Grandma' asked Tommy. 'Well, Jesus knew nothing He could say would change their hearts. He knew He must go through this for it was part of the work of sinful men'. The few things He did say were very humble. (See Luke Ch 22:67-71). After reading this portion of the story to the children, she continued on.

'What happened after that Grandma', asked Tommy. 'Well, Jesus was taken before Pilate.' 'Yeah, and that's when Pilate said that he didn't want anything to do with this because he didn't think Jesus was guilty, right Grandma', Angie said with her eyes staying fixed on Grandma's eyes. 'That's right Angie, and then He was taken to Herod. Herod asked Jesus a lot of questions, but Jesus didn't say a lot to them. When He did answer, it was short and very profound. Pilate still couldn't see that Jesus had done anything to be punished for, but the people began to yell at him to release Barabbas.'

‘Who is Bar-rib–us Grandma? ‘It’s Barabbas Tommy,’ she then smiled. ‘He was a prisoner in Jail for murdering someone. The people wanted them to let him go and take Jesus in his place. The people were even shouting loudly, Crucify Him, Crucify Him. So Pilate finally gave in to the people and let the people have their way, remember he said, I wash my hands of this, he didn’t want anything more to do with this judgment on Jesus.’ Grandma, bowed her head for a moment and said, ‘Now children, the story gets even sadder, are you sure you want to hear more right now, we can do this later if you want to.’ ‘No Grandma, tell us now’, ‘yes, tell us Grandma’ they both chimed together.

‘Ok, we won’t read it all, but in the books of Matt 27:35-44; Mark 15:25-32; and John 19:18-27 tells about the journey of Jesus carrying the cross.’ ‘I don’t like this part’ Tommy said with a frown on his face. ‘I know’ said Grandma. ‘I don’t like it either, but when we look at the big picture, of what it was all about and why Jesus died on the cross, then it makes it so special and a beautiful story. Jesus was willing to go through all of this agony because He loved you and me so much.’ ‘But Grandma, I wish He wouldn’t have had to die that way’ said Angie. ‘I know honey, but there was a deep special reason why it was done this way. He could have had His angels to stop the abuse, the hitting, the mocking, the pain and sorrow He was suffering. See, Jesus knew it would be a painful death. But His greatest pain didn’t come from the physical pain He was suffering, although of course it did hurt him very much; but His real pain came from bearing the sins of mankind. We will go into that a little bit more in a little while.’

‘Tell us more Grandma, please’, they

said in unison. ‘Well, the soldiers took Jesus into the court before the governor. They stripped Him and placed a scarlet robe on Him. ‘Why did they do that Grandma?’ asked Tommy. ‘Well, it was a form of mocking Him or making fun of Him.’ ‘That sure wasn’t nice Grandma’ Tommy spoke with disgust. ‘No, it wasn’t nice honey.’ But nothing that happened to Jesus at that time was nice.’ She spoke so softly as she touched their heads ever so gently. ‘Then they spit on Jesus, and it says they placed a crown of thorns on his head. John 19:1-3. They hit him with a reed and in mockery bowed down to Him and made more fun of Him. Then they took off the robe they had put on Him and put His own clothing back on Him, then they led Him away to be crucified.’

‘Those men were mean Grandma, I wish I could punch them for doing that.’ Grandma smiled as she softly rubbed Tommy’s cheek. ‘No, she said; remember how when the soldier arrested Jesus and they cut off his ear, Jesus said NO to them. He did not want them to do that and Jesus demanded of them that they put away their swords. In Luke 22:50, 51 it says that Jesus touched his ear and healed him. See again, if Jesus really didn’t want those men to take Him, all He had to do was call forth His legends of Angels.’ Grandma continued on with the story after the children got a drink. ‘What happened next Grandma’, asked Tommy. ‘Well, Jesus was forced to carry His cross to the place called *the place of a skull*, which in Hebrew is called, Golgotha. There were two men also on crosses on each side of Jesus’. ‘I remember this Grandma’, said Angie, ‘One of them accepted that He was really Jesus the Christ but the other one got real mad at Him for not saving them all and he

shouted at Jesus that if He were this Christ then do something and save them.’ ‘That’s right Angie. Remember what Jesus said to the man who believed in Him?’ ‘I do, I do’, Tommy was excited raising his hand. ‘Jesus told the man that He would be with Him this day in paradise, right Grandma?’ ‘That’s right honey. Jesus knew the man was true in His belief and because He was repentant and genuine in his repentance, Jesus accepted him right then and the man was saved and would be with Jesus throughout eternity.’ (Luke 23:43.)

‘That’s what we can do too isn’t it Grandma. We can accept Jesus as our Savior, believe He died on the cross for us and repent of our sins, then we can also live with Him forever, right Grandma?’ ‘Yes, that is right Angie.’ (John 3:16)

Grandma went on with the story. ‘Later that day, after Jesus was nailed to the cross, He was very thirsty. He asked for a drink, but they gave Him vinegar, which was very bitter. They made a sign and hung it above Jesus’s head which said, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. The Bible says it was from about the sixth hour through the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, My God, My God why hast thou forsaken me? (Luke 23:44). ‘Did Jesus really think God had forsaken Him Grandma?’ asked Angie. ‘No, that isn’t what that meant sweetie. Jesus was not questioning God; He was quoting from the first line of Psalm 22, a deep expression of anguish He felt when He took on the sins of the world causing Him to be separated from His Father. See this is what Jesus dreaded when He was praying in the garden to God to take this cup from Him. Remember, we talked about that earlier.’ ‘We remember Grandma.’ Jesus did this so we would not have to

experience eternal separation from God. That is what makes it so special and so absolutely wonderful in what Jesus did on the cross for us’.

‘Jesus had a plan. From the time of His birth to the time of His death, He had already made a plan that would be fulfilled just as it happened. His love is so great for His children that He was willing to sacrifice His very life that the Will of the Father might be done’ Grandma spoke with love in her heart.

‘What happened next Grandma after that?’ Tommy asked. ‘The Bible says that Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and yielded up the ghost, and in John chapter 13 verse 30 it says, When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, It Is Finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost.’

‘He gave up a ghost?’ asked Tommy scratching his head. ‘That means He died honey, and when he died the earth did quake and rocks fell. We can find out more about this in Matt 27: 50-53’. ‘It was then that one of the Centurions, watching all this happen, was very afraid, saying, Truly this was the son of God.’ ‘So some did know it didn’t they Grandma?’ asked Angie. ‘Yes, at the end they saw many things that happened and they knew this was not just an everyday event. I am sure at that moment many felt so sorry for their part in His crucifixion, but, it was too late, Jesus was gone now’. ‘Do you think that changed any of their lives Grandma that saw what happened?’ asked Angie. ‘I’m sure it changed their lives. The Bible doesn’t talk a lot about what happened to those people, but how could something like that not change them?’ Grandma smiled and bowed her head.

‘Didn’t Jesus come back from the dead Grandma’ asked Tommy. ‘The Scripture

says that on the Third Day which we celebrate as Easter, He would rise from the dead. I read to you from Matt 27:63 and 64. They took Jesus down from the cross and wrapped Him in the linen and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a huge stone in front of it. 'What is that' asked Tommy looking very confused. 'Well, a sepulcher was like a grave where they buried people, only it wasn't in the ground', Grandma tried to answer so he could better understand. 'Oh, I got it' Tommy smiled. 'But why did they need to put a stone there Grandma' Angie asked. 'Well they were afraid that since there was rumors that He would Rise from The Grave on the third day, Pilate gave them an order to watch the grave and he placed men there in fear someone would take the body away and then try to make such a claim'.

'It really did happen too didn't it Grandma?' Angie said with a smile. 'Yes it did. Now I am going to read to you right from *The Bible* out of Matthew 28:2-7. **'And Behold, there was a great earthquake: for The Angel of The Lord Descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.**

**His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:**

**And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.**

**And The Angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye Seek Jesus, which was Crucified.**

**He is not here: for He is Risen, as He Said, Come, see the place where The Lord lay.**

**And go quickly, and tell His Disciples that He is Risen from the dead: and, Behold, He goeth before you into Galilee;**

**there ye shall see him: lo, I have told you'.**

'That is awesome Grandma', Angie said with a big smile on her face. 'I would like to have seen that when that angel made those men go to sleep and when they woke up, he was gone. I bet they thought they were going to lose their jobs.' Tommy said with great pleasure. 'Well, they probably thought that for sure. The government didn't take kindly to being proved wrong or disobeyed, so yes, I'm sure those men knew they were in trouble and had some explaining to do' Grandma answered. 'Well, I think that would be funny, said Angie, but I think it would have been so awesome to see Jesus after He arose from the grave and to hear Him speak. I can't even imagine how those women must have felt Grandma. I think I am understanding more and more about what it meant for Jesus to die on The Cross and The Resurrection of Jesus. I feel really good in my heart. I feel like Jesus Touched me Grandma and I feel so much Love for Him for what He did.' At this point, the three of them bowed their heads and Prayed, Thanking Jesus for The Sacrifice He made for us. Tears filled each of their eyes and ran down their cheeks. They held hands and felt God was Reaching down to them, Revealing to them of The Miracle that happened during that entire time of His Life. They knelt down on their knees together and each was trying to Pray through their tears. They had never felt so close to Jesus as they did at this very moment.

After they were done Praying, Grandma held them tight in her arms and the tears continued to flow. 'This my little ones is what Easter is all about', she spoke softly and sincerely. It represents The Pure Love of Christ for all mankind. Jesus Died on The Cross, alone for you and me. Yes, He could

have Called ten thousand Angels to destroy the world and set Him free. But He Chose to die so we might Live, Live with Him through-out Eternity. There is no Greater Love that has ever existed than that of our Lord Jesus Christ. Never forget that Jesus Lives Now and Forever. He Lives in our hearts. His Gift to you was Dying on The Cross, Your gift to Him is giving Him your heart. When Jesus Died He Stretched out His Arms as far as they would go and said, this is how much I Love you.

The Lord continues to Speak to mankind today through His Servant John The Baptist and He has brought to us 120 Messages. One day Jesus will Come again just as He Promised He would. Now is the time to Prepare ourselves and be ready for His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. 'Will John Come again Grandma?' asked Tommy. 'The Lord Tells us His Word will not return unto Him Void and that His Church will never be destroyed. This is A Wonderful Promise we can look forward to'. 'Now children, I Believe we will go have a piece of pie and a drink, but wasn't it just Wonderful?'

May this Easter story, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, not just affect you at Easter time, but throughout the whole year. Jesus is still Alive in Heaven and one day will Return. Until then, He Lives in your heart.

## Junior Department

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### The Easter Story

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What an awfully sad day it had been for The Friends of Jesus! They had stood watching sorrowfully, as Jesus hung on The

Cross dying. They didn't fully understand why it had to happen.

They remembered how He had Healed the sick and made blind people See. They remembered how He had fed thousands of people with just a few loaves of bread and fish. They even remembered how He had caused dead people to come back to Life. He was such a Good, Kind man; *why did He have to die?*

Just before the sun was beginning to sink into the west, Joseph, one of Jesus' Friends, noticed that Jesus was no longer breathing. He hurriedly went to ask Pilate if he could have The Body of Jesus so he could bury Him. When Pilate agreed, Joseph and Nicodemus (another Friend) carefully wrapped Jesus' Body in clean cloths. Then they took Him to a Tomb to bury Him.

The next day, *The Pharisees* started thinking about Jesus. They were the people that had wanted to kill Jesus. They remembered how He had taught them, saying that He would Rise again after three days. They were worried that it might be True! They also thought that Jesus' Disciples would remember and might try to steal The Body from The Tomb just so they could say that Jesus Rose again. They went to Pilate, suggesting that The Tomb be closed up with a huge stone and that guards be placed all around The Tomb.

Just before daylight the next day, the most *amazing* thing happened! There was a GREAT EARTHQUAKE! An ANGEL from The Lord came down from Heaven, moved the gigantic stone away from the door of The Tomb and sat on it. The guards began to shake with fear! They fell down to the ground as if they were dead!

Mary and some other women had decided to get up very early in the morning



and go to visit The Tomb where Jesus was placed. While walking down the road, they were discussing how they were going to get inside The Tomb. They had brought along some spices and perfume that they wanted to place on Jesus' Body. They knew the huge stone had been placed in the doorway and they had no idea how they were going to move it.

What a SURPRISE they found when they reached The Tomb! The stone had *already* been moved! And . . . there was An ANGEL sitting on the stone! The women were quite afraid, but The Angel spoke gently to them:

'Don't be afraid. I know that you have come to see Jesus. He is not here; for He is Risen just as He said. Come inside and see the place where He lay.'

The women went inside The Tomb and found it empty, just as The Angel had told them. The Angel spoke to the women one more time: 'Go *quickly* and tell the other Disciples that Jesus has Risen from the dead; and He is going into Galilee where you will see Him.'

The women did just as The Angel had told them. They ran quickly from The Tomb, with fear and great Joy, to tell The Good News to the other Disciples. But . . . when the women found Peter and their other Friends and tried to tell them *The Good News*, . . . *no one Believed them!*

When the women persisted, Peter decided that he needed to find out for himself. He ran all the way to The Tomb. He went inside. He saw the cloths that had been wrapped around Jesus, but The Body was not there. He wondered if it could *possibly* be True. *Did Jesus really Raise from The Dead? Was Jesus really alive?*

Two of Jesus' other Friends were going on a journey to a village called Emmaus. As

they walked and talked, they discussed all the things that had happened over the past few days. A man came along and joined the group. He walked along with them and wanted to join their discussion. Cleopas began telling the man about how Jesus was Crucified on The Cross. They talked about how the women found The Empty Tomb.

As they continued their journey, they invited the man to come in with them and have dinner. When they sat down to eat their meal, the man picked up a loaf of bread and broke it in pieces. Then He Prayed for the meal and gave the bread to the men. At that *very moment* they Realized that The Man was JESUS! They had been talking to Jesus the *whole time* and didn't even know it!

*Then . . .* ANOTHER strange thing happened. As soon as they Realized who it really was that sat at the table with them . . . Jesus *disappeared!* They talked about the wonderful time they had talking with Jesus down the road, and they just *couldn't help* talking about his strange disappearance. They got up from their meal and returned to Jerusalem where they told all the other Disciples The Good News that Jesus REALLY DID Raise from The Dead and had talked with them.

As they were talking, Jesus *again* Appeared to them. They were afraid and thought they were seeing a ghost, but Jesus told them not to be afraid. He showed them His Hands and Feet where He had been nailed to The Cross, so they would Believe that it was really Him.

When they saw the nail holes in His Hands and Feet, they finally Believed that Jesus had Risen from The Dead, just like He said He would. They were so Happy and Joyful to have their Friend with them again.

They were so excited that they had to tell

EVERYBODY The Good News that *JESUS IS ALIVE!*

## Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults,

Today I wanted to talk on the importance of Living our Lives for Christ. We need to stop and take time in our busy lives to think about what is important and what our priorities are. The Lord should come first in everything we do. We should have a Desire to be like Christ. One of the ways that we can try to be like Him is to practice Article 8 in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*. It says, **'We Believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance'**.

This can also be found in Galatians 5: 22-23 where it tells us The Fruits of The Spirit just like in Article 8. There are so many Scriptural Verses on all these Fruits of The Spirit within The Three Books so I am just going to mention a few of them. These things The Lord Feels are Important that is why He has given so many References. The First Fruit mentioned is that of Love.

Dueteronomy 6:5, **'And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Might,'** This was The \First and Great Commandment that The Lord Commanded us. He knew that if we Truly Loved Him this way then we would have that desire to Obey Him and do the things that He asks of us. Our goal is to be with Him once again and this is The Way that we need to follow in order to obtain our Salvation with our Lord. The Lord not only wants us to Love Him but He also wants us to Love others.

The Second Commandment He gave us was to Love our neighbor.

Matthew 22:37-39, **'Jesus said unto them, Thou shalt Love The Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind. This is The First and Great Commandment. And The Second is like unto it, Thou shalt Love thy neighbor as thyself.'**

**John 15:12**, **'This is My Commandment, That ye Love one another, as I have Loved you.'** The Lord tells us over and over again to Love Him and Love our neighbor.

John 14:15, **'if ye Love Me keep My Commandments.'** The Lord wants us to show Him by our Faith and Actions. It is so easy to say that we Love God, but our actions speak louder than words. We need to stop and ask ourselves *if our actions reflect what we say and do they show that we Truly Love God?* If our actions are contradicting what we say when we say that we Love The Lord then we need to change our ways. We also need to show that we Love our neighbor by our actions as well. One of the ways that we can show that we Love our neighbor is by showing Kindness. We should not want to be fault finding or gossip about others.

Message 91: 12-13, **'The ways of sin grows worse and worse. Children will disobey their parents. Parents have and will disown their children and turn aside in sin and evil doings. Gossip and deceit are everywhere- thus destroying confidence in one another. Sin speaketh sin to cover their evil deeds. 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 Stand-ard'**.

The Lord Knows that we are Living in evil times and He Warns us that it will just get worse. We need to follow The Lords Commandments that He has Given us so that we may be Strong in these end times. This is so Important because satan knows this and one of the ways we can destroy ourselves is by gossip and deceit. If we are taking time to gossip about our neighbor then we are not taking the time to do work for our Lord. There is so much that we can be doing for our Lord and time is short so we need to be using our time wisely for The Lord.

I Pray the we can Love one another and Lift one another up so we can Grow in The Lord. If we can draw Closer to one another and The Lord we can Build Strength from one another and Overcome our own personal weaknesses whatever they may be. We all need to Rise to The Higher Standard that The Lord has set for us. I am Thankful for The Love that The Lord has for me and everyone of us. All that He ever wants from us is our Willingness to Serve Him, Worship Him and Love one another.

This is my Prayer for all of you as well as myself that we can be **'up and doing'** for The Lord by our Works and a Willingness in our Hearts. The Lord has so much that He wants to Bless us with in our Lives if we Obey Him. So let us Rise Up and do what He Commands. This is my Prayer for all of you. God Bless you all!

## From The Vineyard

### Holy Alphabet

Submitted By Sister Ellen Draves  
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Although things are not perfect  
Because of trial or pain  
Continue in thanksgiving  
Do not begin to blame.

Even when the times are hard  
Fierce winds are bound to blow.  
God is Forever Able  
Hold on to what you know.

Imagine Life without His Love  
Joy would cease to be  
Keep Thanking Him for all the things  
Love Imparts to thee;

Move out of 'Camp Complaining'  
No weapon that is known.  
On earth can yield The Power  
Praise can do alone.

Quit looking at the future  
Redeem the time at hand.  
Start every day with Worship  
To 'Thank' is a Command.

Until we see Him Coming  
Victorious in the sky  
We'll run the race with Gratitude  
Xalting God Most High.

Yes, there'll be Good Times  
and yes some will be bad, but . . . Zion  
waits in Glory . . . where none are ever sad!

'I AM Too Blessed to be stressed!' The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to The Lord can stand up to anything. Love and Peace be with you Forever, Amen!

## How The Apostles Died, The Death of Jesus

*Submitted by Elder Carl Linton  
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**Matthew:** Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, Killed by a sword wound.

**Mark:** Died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by Horses through the streets until he was dead.

**Luke:** Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous Preaching to the lost.

**John:** Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge Basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution In Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered From death. John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison Island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve As Bishop of Odessa in modern Turkey . He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.

**Peter:** He was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die In the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

**James:** The Leader of The Church in Jerusalem was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of The Temple when he refused to deny his Faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club. \*This was the same pinnacle where satan had taken Jesus during The Temptation.

**James The Great:** Son of Zebedee, was a fisherman by trade when Jesus Called him to a Lifetime of Ministry. As a strong Leader of The Church, James was ultimately beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman officer

who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his Faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new Faith to the judge and Knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.

**Bartholomew:** Also known as Nathaniel was a Missionary to Asia. He Witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his Preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.

**Andrew:** Was Crucified on an x-shaped Cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to The Cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, **when** he was led toward The Cross, Andrew saluted it in these words: 'I have long desired and expected this happy hour.

The Cross has been consecrated by The Body of Christ hanging on it.' He continued to Preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.

**Thomas:** Was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his Missionary trips to Establish The Church in The Sub-continent.

**Jude:** Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his Faith in Christ.

**Matthias:** The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned and then beheaded.

**Paul:** Was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many Epistles to The Churches he had formed throughout The Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of The Foundational Doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are indeed minor compared To the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by The Apostles (Disciples) during their times for The Sake of The Faith. *'And ye shall be hated of all men for My Name's Sake: But he that Endureth to the end shall be Saved.'*

Faith is not Believing that God can! It is knowing that God WILL! Jesus' Death The Death of Jesus For the next 60 seconds, set aside whatever You're doing and take this opportunity! Let's see if satan Can stop this. THE (SCIENTIFIC) DEATH OF JESUS. At the age of 33, Jesus was condemned to death. At the time Crucifixion was the 'worst' death. Only the worst criminals were condemned to be crucified. Yet it was Even more dreadful for Jesus, unlike other criminals condemned to death by Crucifixion. Jesus was to be nailed to The Cross by His hands and feet. Each nail was 6 to 8 inches long. The nails were driven into His wrist. Not into His Palms as is commonly Portrayed. There's a tendon in the wrist that extends to the shoulder.

The Roman guards knew that when the nails were being hammered into the wrist that tendon would tear and break, forcing Jesus to use His Back Muscles to support Himself so that He could Breath. Both of His Feet were nailed together. Thus He was forced to support Himself on the single nail that impaled His Feet to The Cross. Jesus could not support Himself with His Legs because of the pain. So He was forced to alternate between arching His Back then using His Legs just to continue to Breath. Imagine the struggle, the pain, the suffering, the courage.

Jesus Endured this Reality for over 3 hours. Yes, Over 3 hours! Can you imagine

this kind of Suffering? A few minutes before He Died, Jesus stopped Bleeding. He was simply pouring water, from his wounds. From common images, we see Wounds to His Hands and Feet and even the spear Wound to His Side . . . But do we realize His Wounds were actually made in His Body. A hammer driving large nailsthrough the Wrist, the Feet overlapped and an even large nail hammered through the Arches, then a Roman guard piercing His Side with a spear. But before the nails and the spear Jesus was Whipped and Beaten. The Whipping was so severe that it tore the Flesh from His Body. The beating so horrific that His Face was Torn and His Beard Ripped from His Face. The Crown of Thorns cut deeply into His Scalp. Most men would not have survived this torture. 'He had no more Blood to Bleed out, only Water poured from His Wounds.

The human adult body contains about 3.5 liters (just less than a gallon) of blood. Jesus poured all 3.5 liters of His Blood; He had three nails hammered into His Members; a Crown of Thorns on His Head and, beyond that, a Roman soldier who stabbed a spear into His Chest. All these without mentioning the humiliation He suffered after carrying His own Cross for almost 2 kilometers, while the crowd spat in His Face and threw stones (The Cross was almost 30 kg of weight, only for its higher part, where His Hands were Nailed). Jesus had to Endure this experience, to open The Gates of Heaven, so that you can have free Access to God. So that your sins could be 'Washed Away'. All of them, with no exception! Don't ignore this situation.

**JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU!** He Died for you! It is easy to pass jokes or foolish photos by e-mail, but when it comes

to God, sometimes you feel ashamed to forward to others because you are worried of what they may think about you.

God Has Plans for you, show all your friends what He Experienced to Save you. Now think about this! May God Bless your Life!

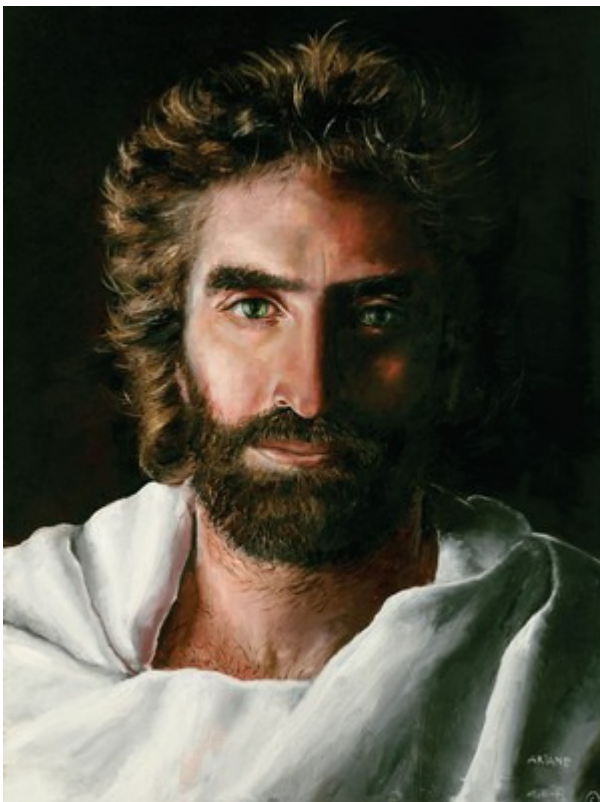
## Special Notices

*The staff of 'The Greater Light' would like to dedicate This Issue of our Paper to our Dear Sister Jessica Evans and family of Missouri. We send our Love, Cares and Prayers to you all. May God Bless!*

The Editor

*The Church has a CD available of 'The Testimony of William A. Draves' spoken by himself, for \$5.00. Please contact The General Headquarters Office.*

## Prince of Peace



*Painted by Akiane Kramarik*



## God Bless Our Military Women And Men.

## Our Faith and Commitment To God

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The Lord wants a Humble People. People that are Willing and Wanting to Serve Him.

Message 104:12, **'Look to The Gospel and The Faith of those that Teach Truth. Build yourselves into The Scriptures in Proof of my Coming and my Words which I have Brought, will Bring, and This Way of Authority.'**

We give our Faith and Strength to God. We are to Help win the battle in Establishing The Kingdom of God in its Purity. It is Important that we know The Gospel, God's Plan, His Decrees, and to build ourselves into 'The Assured Way' of The Lord. We are told to *'Save ourselves so that we can Save others'*.

God has told us, **'For This Cause were you Born.'** And it is 'This Cause' that we Live.

We know this is 'The Assured Way of The Lord'. And so as Message 104:12 told us, we *'look to This Gospel and Those that Teach Truth.'*

Message 75:8, **'I am Sent of The Lord that I may Bring The Words and Will of The Lord, that This Work may be Established in its Purity. The Words I Bring is 'The Assured Way of The Lord'.**

We Love The Truth! God wants us to let our 'Light' Shine. We Rely on God's Words and not that of man.

A great man once told me, *'Unless you remember the past, you are condemned to relive it.'* Why would we want to make or have the same failures of those in the past? We don't! But if we do not Study and show ourselves Approved, we will.

It is Important for us to know where we have been, where we are and The Hope of where we want to be.

Message 65:3, **'I am The Messenger of The Lord. I am Sent to do His Will. I Bring His Words that mankind may Know His Way. Let all take Courage for 'The Faithful' shall not be confounded, but Encouraged in The Lord, for Life Cometh to The Righteous in Love.'**

When we Study and Search The Scriptures, we will Learn The Will and Plan of God.

Message 102:10, **'If mankind Seeketh to be of Service to God, let him Come This Way. Suffer it to be so-Receive This Authority and The Lord will multiply their Good Works.'**

Authority is a Wonderful Thing-it means to Act for or Represent something. It is One of *The Keys to Salvation*. We must Prove all things by The Words of Truth found in *The Record of The Nephites, The Holy Bible, and The Word of The Lord*.

Message 102:18, **'Prove all Things by The Words of Truth in The Bible, Record of The 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.'**

If it is not of God, it will not Stand! If you are not of God, you will not Stand. The Lord wants people that will Stand Firm for *'This Cause'*. We have been told many times to *'Shape our Lives by God's Words and His Will'*.

We must be True to The Lord. We must be Loyal to 'The Cause'. Our 'Commitment to God' must Come above all else.

Message 81:7, tells us to **'Adjust yourselves to be Up and Doing.'**

Message 81:9, **'Add to your Faith, Knowledge, Wisdom, and Obedience in all Things-Hope in Eternal Salvation.'**

It has been said many times, it is plain that we must Conform to God's Will and Plan. We must be Watchmen! We must Know our Past and our Presence. We must know where we are Going, and what we are Doing!

Salvation only Comes through Obedience and Endurance! Christ is The Truth, The Light, The Life and The Way-The Rock of Assurance. We must Listen to His Whispering Call (Message 97:2).

It is easy for us here to see what I have said is True, when we keep our Eyes on The Lord and His Will in our hearts. He is 'The Path' we must Follow.

God has Asked us to take This Message to the World-to bring others into 'This Way'.

We must Serve The Lord in All that we do. We must put our Hearts, our Souls, our Minds, our Personality and all we do at God's Command. Amen!

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