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**A WARNING TO ALL PEOPLE
OF THE
SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
REVELATIONS
ON THE
BUILDING OF THE TEMPLE
AND
INSTRUCTION
TO
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,
THE TIME IS AT HAND**

**THE LORD HAS SPOKEN AND REVEALED HIS PURPOSE BY
THE MOUTH OF HIS SERVANT "JOHN" (THE BAPTIST)
(RESURRECTED)**

He has come as Christ said he would. "Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things."
(Matthew 17:11)

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."
(Amos 3:7)

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people"
(Revelation 14:6)

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.'
"...Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist."
(Matthew 17:11-13)

"**Behold**, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts." (Malachi 3:1.)



CHRIST IS COMING TO THE EARTH AGAIN

“This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11 Christ assured his disciples that he would return. (Matthew 24 This coming must be preceded by the ‘Messenger of the Covenant’. (Malachi 3:1

HEARKEN to the WARNING
as delivered by this Heavenly Messenger as he came in fulfillment of the
above promises.

On February 4, 1927, and on numerous subsequent occasions, John the Baptist appeared in the form and person of a resurrected being to one,
Otto Fetting of Port Huron, Michigan.

The record of the visits of this Heavenly Messenger is told in the following pages in the words of a humble, unlearned, God-fearing man who expressed himself thus: “I hope that whosoever shall read these Messages may 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 mind and will from heaven.” (Otto Fetting, the Twelfth Message)

Otto Fetting passed to the beyond with the coming of the 30th Message in January, 1933, and until October, 1937, the Church waited and prayed for the return of the Messenger.

In this book is contained the subsequent visits of this heavenly being to one, W. A. Draves, of Nucla, Colorado, another humble, unlearned, God-fearing man who said, "I hope and pray that every reader will seek God in deep humility and faith believing that they may receive the testimony of the coming of the Elias, with the Elijah Message, as spoken of in Malachi and other prophecies." W. A. Draves passed on to the beyond on June 28, 1994.

Read this book with care and with prayer; and remember that “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not,...But let him ask in faith,...”(James 1:5-6)





The Articles of Faith and Practice

1 We believe in God the Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the universe; Ruler and Judge of all; unchangeable and without respect of persons.

2 We believe in Jesus Christ the manifestation of God in flesh, who lived, suffered, and died for all mankind; whom we own as our only Leader, Witness and Commander.

3 We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we receive the revelation of Jesus Christ.

4 We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of the atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without the Law. For the power of redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)

5 We believe that through the atonement of Christ all men may be saved by obedience to the Laws and Ordinances of the Gospel; viz.: Faith in God and in the Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination; (b) Blessing of Children; (c) Confirmation and the gift of the Holy Ghost; (Acts 8:17) (d) Healing of the sick.

6 We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in the Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.

7 We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting Gospel; viz.: The word of wisdom; the word of knowledge; the gift of faith; the gift of healing; working of miracles; prophecy; discerning of spirits; divers kinds of tongues; interpretation of tongues.

8 We believe the fruits of the Spirit to be love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

9 We believe that in the Bible is contained the Word of God; that the Record of the Nephites is 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 Watchcare of all of the Churches.

14 The primary function of the General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is missionary and the building up and extension of the Kingdom of God in all the world.

15 We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs, and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.

16 We believe The Church of Christ comprehends the true brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein the Divine command to "love your neighbor as yourself" is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.

17 We believe that all men are stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of the common fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy the bounty and gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.

18 We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of the Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when chosen or appointed by the Church to devote their entire time to missionary work, their families are to be provided for out of the General Church fund. The admonition of Christ that 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 a 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 13:4-8, and III Nephi 10:17 RN), which city shall be built, beginning at The Temple Lot.

25 We believe that ministry and membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics, and should not affiliate with any society which administer oaths or covenants in conflict with the Law of God, or which interferes with their duties as freemen and citizens.



Independence, Missouri
October 9, 1929

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I make this solemn declaration before God this day, God being my witness, and I expect some day to stand before the judgment bar to answer for this statement.

The manifestation and words of the visits of the Messenger are true. I have seen him from time to time. I heard his voice, I've seen his face, I saw the light, I felt his hand on my head, and the slap on my shoulder. I was enwrapt in that wonderful Heavenly and Divine power, and the words that I have given you are not my words, but the words God sent by John the Baptist.

I want to make this statement, so that everyone may know that this is true; it matters little what will become of me hereafter, but I cannot, nor will not, deny the things that I have seen and heard from the Heavenly Messenger as long as I have my right mind, and God gives me life and His grace to endure here on Earth.

Others may make statements about me but I want this to be understood that this statement is true. And I shall abide by the advice and instructions given by the Messenger regardless of what men may say.

Signed-

Otto Fetting



APOSTLE OTTO FETTING

MESSAGE 1

FEBRUARY 4, 1927 | 5:30 A.M. | 801 TENTH STREET | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

A messenger appeared to me February 4, 1927, at my home, 801 Tenth Street, Port Huron, Michigan, at 5:30 a.m.

I got up at 5 a.m., fixed the furnace, washed and sat down in an easy rocker to wait for the fire to start up good so I could shut off the furnace. I had turned off the light but the street light shining through the front door made it somewhat light in the room.

I was not thinking about the Church at all at the time, but was about to doze a little when all at once someone gave me a slap on my shoulder. He slapped me real hard and I looked up and saw the form of a man standing just a little way from me in the light of the door. He was about six feet three inches, very fine built and about thirty or thirty-five years of age. His hair was down to his coat collar. He had a beard. His voice was soft and his looks mild but much in earnest.

He said:

~OTTO FETTING

1. “Don’t change *The Articles of Faith and Practice*, because the Lord inspired the men that wrote them. See to it that they are not changed.

2. The revelation that was given for the building of the Temple¹ was true and the Temple soon will be started.

3. Three more men will be placed in the twelve this spring, and that they were much needed in the quorum. These men will be chosen at the spring conference.

4. The Temple will be built, if not by the people in charge, the Lord will raise up a people that will build it.

5. The coming of Christ is near at hand and Christ will not delay His coming because of the unfaithfulness of the people.

6. The blood of this generation will be required of all those that profess the name of Christ.

7. He would not hold us responsible for the mistakes of others but would require us to be true to our calling and tell the truth.

8. I will hold others responsible for their work in their day.

9. Fear not, while things may look dark to you now, God would overrule and the future would be brighter.

10. There is Thomas E. Barton, Joseph H. Camp, and Alma O. Frisbey. They are good men.”

But he did not say that they should be placed in the quorum of twelve; just said, “They are good men.” Now this is the essence of what he told me. He further said,

11. “Be humble; if you want your work accepted of men and God, it will be by the spirit of humility. You will win favor with God and man and your success is in telling the truth in humility.”

I sat down and wrote it soon after the Messenger left and this is as near correct as I can give it. I could see the form of a man, I heard his voice, I felt the slap on my shoulder and I felt his influence in the room in my presence.

1. Malachi 3:1; III Nephi 24:1 (RN)

MESSAGE 2

MARCH 4, 1927 | 5:00 A.M. - 6:00 A.M.

The Messenger who appeared to me February 4 was with me again from a little after 5 a.m. until 6 a.m., March 4, 1927.

On March 4 I awoke just in time to hear the clock strike five. I thought of getting up but thought I would just rest a few minutes longer, when all at once my room became somewhat light. I looked at the window thinking that perhaps our neighbors were getting up when all at once I saw the same Messenger at my bed. I had raised up in bed to look out of the window and remained in that position until he left. This is what he said:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I am the man¹ sent from God and my name is John. I am the Messenger² to prepare the way, I am come again that in the mouth of two or three witnesses³ all things shall be established. When I was here to see you the last time I did not give you my name but what I told you about the Church is true and much more shall be revealed to you from time to time. Come with me and I will show you a vision.”

2 In a few moments we were standing on the Temple Lot right in the middle of the lot and then the whole lot was raised up so I could see, I thought, the whole world. All at once I saw a woman weeping. Her clothes were torn. She was bleeding. Her face looked pale and worn, and she said, “Look!” and all around the Temple Lot was a smooth level piece of land stretched out for a long way. It was made up of territory from all the lands and on it were people standing, sober looking, worried. She said, “Oh my children, come unto me that I may embrace you. I love you and I want you to come to me.” They paid no attention to her. She wept and was grieved.

3 She said, “Look beyond!” I looked beyond and could see a great valley all around this level land. It was fog and mist and I could see rushing torrents of rivers and could hear all kinds of yelling and noise. She said, “Oh, some of my children are down there, they are in danger and some will be lost.” She wept again, then this vision disappeared.

4 The Messenger said, “Come with me and I will show you another vision.” He took me to the northeast corner of the Temple Lot, and he said, “Look!” Here I could see men coming with their tools, going to the middle of the Temple lot laying their tools down. Some put on mason’s clothes; others carpenter’s aprons; but all were solemn and quiet, and slowly they started to work on the Temple.

5 The work started very slowly but it began to grow. Then I could see people come from every direction, but when they got to the Temple Lot they would take off their hats, walk over to where they were at work, and a man stood there with a treasury, and they would put something in and walk away, but would keep their hats off until they were off the Temple Lot.

6 They were all colors and kinds, old and young, but they all acted alike.

7 Then the Messenger said, “Look!” and I looked up and saw the ground had also raised and I could see the woman again, but this time in a better dress. She looked up with a smile, her clothes were white⁴, her hat was very fine and becoming in the shape of a crown⁵ with twelve bright stars. Her

children were coming to her from every clime, even from the valley. The mist had raised. They were slowly building on the Temple. To the west, the east, the north and the south, in the sky stood the figures in large letters “1929.”

8 The Messenger said, “I have shown you the vision and will come and see you again.”

I was still sitting up In bed and the clock struck 6:00 a.m.

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| 1. John 1:6 | 4. Ether 13:10 (RN) |
| 2. Malachi 3:1; Matthew 11:10; III Nephi 24:1 (RN) | 5. Revelation 12:1 |
| 3. Matthew 18:16; John 8:17; II Corinthians 13:1 | |

MESSAGE 3

JUNE 12, 1927 | 12:30 A.M. - 1:15 A.M.

Received at Port Huron, Michigan, June 12, 1927.

At 12:30 I was awakened from my sleep by the same Messenger that appeared to me on February 4 and March 4. He placed his hand on my shoulder and said:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “Awake and write the Message that I will give you, for this is a day of which Christ spoke, a time of haste, when much must be done.

2 The instruction is sent: to the wise, a warning; to the sleeper, an awakening; to the wicked, destruction; but to the people of the Lord, a Message that Christ’s coming is near at hand.

3 Behold the church has slept and slumbered¹, but now let the wise² trim their lamps, that the Spirit of God may be as oil to their lamps, for behold, the Bridegroom is coming. Prepare ye the way for His coming. Behold the Temple must be built.

4 The Gospel³ must be preached, the cry must go out, the Lord’s coming is near. Behold this is a day when the world with its greed for wealth and pleasure must be warned⁴ as in the days of Noah. Pride and vanity have filled the hearts of men, and the law of the Lord is forgotten.

5 The Lord sent me to prophesy⁵, for thus saith the Lord of Hosts; ‘I have sent My Messenger to you. In the time of trouble when many of the hearts of My children were sad, their hope was fading away, their faith was tried, they looked to and fro for the old paths⁶; in the anguish and distress of their souls I heard their cry.

6 That My Church and My people may again receive light and direction to carry on My work, let those that I have chosen to lead My people to labor in the harvest, make haste that nothing may be lost, for great is the harvest, and laborers are but few. Let those of the twelve release themselves from those things that are now hindering them from taking the field, as soon as they can, that My work may go on without delay. Let Mine elders also labor in the field wherever they can, for joy shall come by sacrifice, and peace and blessings to all those that will serve Me.

7 Let those that I have chosen to look after the poor and needy and to

prepare the ways and means for a real Zion⁷, labor also in the field that they may see the needs of My people, for behold this is the sifting time when much must be done. It will be by faith and humility and love that these things must be done.

8 By My Spirit I will feel after the honest in heart and those that hear you will hear Me, and those that reject you reject Me also, and they shall sleep⁸ on until the Bridegroom comes, but will not have oil in their lamps.

9 Go in faith, your mission is one of love. Remember; I have called you to be saviors of men. Be true to your calling and My Spirit will direct you and I will manifest Myself to you and will send My Messengers in times of need. My Spirit shall fill your souls with joy. The way will be opened for you. Amen.' ”

The Messenger was with me until 1:15 a.m. or forty-five minutes. He told me some things that were personal to my own business which I have not given here. He also told me that his name was John, and that his work was not finished but that he would come as he would be sent from time to time of the Lord, to direct in the affairs of the church.

I was wide awake and got up at once and dressed and wrote, when all at once the spirit left me and I could not write any more and my mind become a blank. I thought of going back to bed. I said "Lord, I cannot write this Message unless you give it to me by your spirit." when all at once the same Messenger stood by my side and looked over my shoulder and said, "Write." Then the light came to me and I could write it just as it was given to me. Everything he told me is given here except what he told me about my personal affairs.

1. Matthew 13:25; 25:5

2. Matthew 25:1-13

3. Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6

4. Matthew 24:37-39; Matthew 25:1-13; II Peter 2:5

5. Matthew 11:9

6. Jeremiah 6:16

7. I Nephi 13:37 (RN)

8. Matthew 25:5-12

MESSAGE 4

NOVEMBER 16, 1927 | 801 TENTH STREET | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger came to me at my home at 801 Tenth Street, Port Huron, Michigan, November 16, 1927, and left the following Message:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “The last time I came to you, I brought a Message of warning to you. Read it, and with it I also warned you of the losses that you would have unless you heeded the warning. I told you that this was a time of haste. Now the time has come when you will have greater losses. Come with me and I will show you a vision of the future*.

2 Remember there are trying times ahead that will affect the whole world, and much will come to pass. That great church¹ the mother of harlots, the abomination of all the earth, is working against all governments to overthrow them², and it is also working with all its power and helpers to overthrow this government, that she may establish herself upon this land. Remember satan has great power, and many will be deceived by his power.

3 Release yourself from the business world. Seek not after riches, but seek

to warn the world, and save the honest in heart from destruction. Weep not over the losses you will have, for they will be many. Many trials will come to you. Remember, I have told you.

4 The time has come that the words He gave to the churches³ will come to pass and the judgments will come upon the earth. The abominations will flourish until God will send His angels⁴ to reap the harvest of the wicked and satan⁵ will be bound

5 Many will not be true to the work that God will place upon them, and satan will try you also, for there is great danger ahead. Let not the riches of this world or the praise of men lead you to destruction.

6 I will come to you from time to time, to instruct you in many things that will come to pass, and the great work that must be done.”

*A Vision of Personal Affairs

1. Revelation 17:3-6; 1 Nephi 13:8-9,34 (RN);

Message 29-The Vision; Message 45: All

2. Ether 8:25 (RN)

3. Revelation 1:4

4. Matthew 13:39-43

MESSAGE 5

MARCH 22, 1928

On March 22, 1928, the Messenger came to me at my home for the fifth time since his first visit on February 4, 1927. I awoke when he laid his hand on my head, and he said:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “In 1899 the servant of the Lord laid¹ his hands on you and set you apart from among men to represent Christ, and gave you authority to preach the gospel and bring others into His kingdom. That authority has not been taken from you, and never will be taken from you unless you deny the Lord your God.

2 Again in 1926, you, with your brethren, were set apart as members of the twelve² to represent Christ and His Church, with the same authority as the apostles of old. Many are representing Christ but not Christ and His Church, but you men have been chosen to represent Christ and His Church as He established it when He was here.

3 Remember, satan in times past has led men away from the teachings of Christ and His Church, but let it not be so with you. Others have been led away by adultery because of following the whisperings of satan, but let it not be so with you. Some have been led by pride and the love of the praise of men, but let it not be so with you. All these things and many more come from the whisperings of satan. Let not your hearts be tempted neither by the praise of men nor by the love of money, because it will rob you of the Spirit and goodness of God.

4 The Lord has called you men to assist in His work in these last days, to build up the kingdom of God; and to help in His work. Let there be added with you Elmer E. Long, B. C. Flint, and James E. Yates, as members of the twelve apostles in The Church of Christ. And if you men and brethren will work in peace with the love of God in your hearts, then God will bless you,

and also the Church for your sake, and God will love you, and will bless you and the people and your work.

5 You men, with others, shall assist in the building of the Temple³, the house of the Lord, which shall be started in 1929⁴. The Lord will give you seven years in which to complete the work. While it may be slow in the beginning, the Lord will open the way and many will help. Let the work be well done and as the Lord will open the way, and direct from time to time. As you stand in need, He will direct and send you help. Think not that the work can be done without the help of the Lord. He will send His Spirit and His Messengers from time to time, for this house shall not be built by promises, but by sacrifice; but the Lord God shall sanctify the house that shall be built in His name, and the glory of the Lord shall rest upon it, and the Spirit of the Lord shall fill the hearts of men, and Christ shall come to it, and the cloud⁵ that shall rest upon it shall sanctify it and the lives of His people⁶.

6 Let all those who can assist in the work of the Lord, and let the bands be broken of the blind⁷ shepherds who have led away the Lord's people to dry pastures and to by and forbidden paths, that they may return unto the Lord, their God.

7 Let the house be built of steel and concrete, and let the outside be gray stone, polished. Let the pillars and foundations be strong. Let the basement or first floor be finished, that the Lord's people in Independence may gather there for their services. Let the main floor be used when the Lord's people gather for their General Assemblies⁸ from time to time, at which times the Lord's Spirit will rest upon them in great power, and will direct them in their work that the gospel may be preached to all nations in power, for behold your message shall be a message of love, and this power shall come to the servants of the Lord and His people.

8 The cloud⁹ shall not rest upon the house all the time, but only when the people of the Lord shall assemble therein, in humility and love; then will the Lord meet with them. Let the length of the building be double the width thereof, so that the main floor may seat three thousand five hundred. The people that will gather there at times will be many, for great will be the desire of the people to come to the Lord's house, and the Lord will meet them in the hour of their great need, when they confess their sins unto Him, and the weak shall be made strong.

9 Let the roof be strong, let the beams be of steel, the center be rounding, and let the building be fireproof in all parts that nothing can burn.

10 To the servants of the Lord, let your voice be heard everywhere, warning the people that the coming of Christ is near at hand. Preach the gospel, cry repentance to all people and nations, that all may be warned.

11 Do not be harsh with your brethren who also believe in the coming of Christ and the building of the Temple, and if you will present your message in love you will win your brethren, and many will help. Yea, let your message go to them first, for many have looked for this day when they could help; nevertheless, you shall start your preparations for the Temple now, and in 1929 your weak efforts shall start in faith to begin the work which shall be great when finished.

12 Great shall be the joy of the people of the Lord, not so much because of the house, but because the Lord shall sanctify His people. His power will be with them and His Spirit will fill their souls with joy. The house shall be a sheltering rock¹⁰ to them, a haven of rest wherein they will find spiritual food and knowledge, a school¹¹ wherein they will learn of God's goodness.

13 Let all your work be done in faith, for behold you can do nothing without faith¹². Faith will make you strong. Prepare yourselves to be a people who can meet the Lord at His coming.

14 Let each one warn his neighbor in love and faith. Prepare the ground, then will your harvest be great. Think not that you are weak and cannot warn your neighbor, for the Lord is strength, and inasmuch as you will trust Him in your work He will give you the strength you need. Think not that satan will not tempt you, for his power will also be manifested, and unless you are spiritually minded you will not detect his work by which he will seek to destroy your work. Ask, and ye shall receive as to your needs from day to day. Let all things be done in love and faith.

15 Warn ye the people that they may till the soil, for famine¹³ will come, and many things that shall make people idle and no work, and all those that shall not seek to supply themselves with the fruits of the soil will suffer. Let the people of the Lord take warning and keep out of debt, lest when the trying times will come they shall lose, but those that are wise will seek to supply themselves with that which they need and be therewith content.

16 Work while you can, and save while you can, that each may have their home and the soil to grow food for their families, that none may suffer. Follow not after the craze of the world, for the Lord wants a holy people.

17 I will come from time to time, and will direct in the work ye shall do that a people of the Lord may be prepared for His coming."

1. Acts 6:1-6; 13:3; Moroni 3:1-4 (RN)

2. Matthew 10:1-20; Mark 28:19-20; Luke 16:15-18; Ephesians 2:20; I Corinthians 12:28

3. Message 2:7

4. A & P 23; Isaiah 4:6; Malachi 3:1

5. Isaiah 4:5-6; III Nephi 18:38; Ether 2:4-5 (RN)

6. Isaiah 4:3; Malachi 3:3

7. Matthew 15:14; Isaiah 56: 10-11;

II Nephi 27:28-35; Helaman 13:29 (RN)

8. Isaiah 4:5

9. Isaiah 4:5

10. Isaiah 4:5; II Nephi 14:5-6 (RN)

11. Isaiah 2:2-3

12. Heb. 11:5-6; Ether 12:3-31; Moroni 7:21-30 (RN)

13. Matthew 24:7; Mosiah 12:4 (RN)

MESSAGE 6

SEPTEMBER 1, 1928 | 12:30 A.M. - 1:25 A.M. | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

Received at 12:30 a.m. to 1:25 a.m., September 1, 1928, at Port Huron, Michigan.

I was awake in my bed, not feeling very strong, and was somewhat discouraged, when all at once the room became light, and I knew that the Messenger was not far away. I gazed at the light, when all at once he stood at my bedside, and this is what he said:

~OTTO FETTING

1 "I am John, the servant of the Lord, a Messenger sent from God, a co-laborer with you to prepare a people for Christ when He shall come again, which will not be long; but before that time many things will come to pass, as

it is written. The Temple must be built, but it will be built through great tribulation, when trying times will be on the earth; and because of the iniquity that shall be in the hearts of men, many shall have no faith in the Gospel of Christ. God will chasten many, for He wants a tried people. You have had losses but you will have more; and it is best that you isolate yourself from the business world. For behold, you shall be tried as Joseph of Egypt was tried, for some of your brethren are seeking to destroy your life; and you will also be accused of adultery, the same as Joseph was; and while trials shall come to you, and losses, yet you shall not want for bread; and if faithful to your trust, at the end you shall receive your reward for your labor.

2 Joseph Smith did a great work in his day; yet he sinned before the Lord in many things by not keeping the commandments that were given to him, and in not building the house of the Lord; yet he repented, and in the end he will be numbered with the prophets of old. Be ye not like him, but build ye the house according to the pattern that shall be given to you. Let the Temple be ninety feet in width, and one hundred and eighty feet in length, and let there be an inner court, fifty-five feet by sixty-five feet; and let there be an outer court. Let there also be a lower court, or basement, as I told you before, and let it be twelve feet in height from the lower floor. Let the walls be made of concrete and steel. Let the foundation be two feet six inches in width. Let the foundation go to the rock. Let the outside be covered with cement and tar, and tile perpendicular, so that the lower rooms may be dry; for the people shall gather there for their prayers and fastings unto the Lord. Let the room be light. Let the frames of the windows be of steel, and let them be placed in cement. Let the glass be heavy. Let the steel of the whole building go to the foundation, and let them be tied with angle steel and concrete every four feet, that the building may be strong; for trying times will come; for the heaven and the earth will be shaken¹, and men's hearts will be filled with fear; but to you who are faithful, the Lord shall be with you; nevertheless, your faith shall be tried and many shall wax cold.

3 I will come to you from time to time to give you the plans of the house of the Lord; but remember, inasmuch as you and your brethren shall be humble before the Lord, and shall do His will, I shall come to you; but if you are not true, your minds will be darkened², and these plans shall be withheld from you. Pray often; heed not the advice³ of men, for God will direct in the building of His house; for the Lord spoke to Joseph Smith thus:

4 'Verily I say unto you My friends, I speak unto you with My voice, even the voice of My Spirit, that I may show unto you My will concerning your brethren in the land of Zion, many of whom are truly humble, and are seeking diligently to learn wisdom and to find truth; verily I say unto you, blessed are all such for they shall obtain, for I, the Lord, sheweth mercy unto all the meek, and upon whomsoever I will, that I may be justified, when I shall bring them into judgment.

5 And inasmuch as My people build an house unto Me, in the name of the Lord, and do not suffer any unclean thing to come into it, that it be not defiled, My glory shall rest upon it, and My presence⁴ shall be there, for I will come into it, and all the pure in heart that shall come into it, shall see

God; but if it be defiled I will not come into it, and My glory shall not be there, for I will not come into unholy temples.

6 Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you, whom I love, and whom I love I also chasten, that their sins may be forgiven, for with the chastisement I prepare a way for their deliverance, in all things, out of temptation; and I have loved you; wherefore you must needs be chastened, and stand rebuked before My face, for ye have sinned against Me a very grievous sin, in that ye have not considered the great commandment in all things, that I have given unto you, concerning the building of Mine house, for the preparation wherewith I design to prepare Mine apostles to prune My vineyard for the last time, that I may bring to pass My strange act⁵, that I may pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. But, behold, verily I say unto you, there are many who have been ordained among you, whom I have called, but few of them are chosen; they who are not chosen have sinned a very grievous sin, in that they are walking in darkness at noonday⁶; and for this cause, I gave you a commandment, that you should call your solemn assembly⁷; that your fasting and your mourning might come up into the ears of the Lord your God.

7 Yea, verily I say unto you, I gave you a commandment, that you should build a house, in which house I design to endow those whom I have chosen with power⁸ from on high, for this is the promise of the Father unto you; therefore, I command you to tarry, even as Mine apostles at Jerusalem; nevertheless My servants sinned a very grievous sin.

8 Verily, I say unto you, it is My will that you should build an house; if you keep My commandments, you shall have power to build it; if you keep not My commandments, the love of the Father shall not continue with you; therefore you shall walk in darkness. Now here is wisdom and the mind of the Lord; let the house be built after the manner which I shall show unto three of you, whom ye shall appoint and ordain unto this power. And the size thereof shall be fifty and five feet in width, and let it be sixty-five feet in length, in the inner court thereof; and let the lower part of the inner court be dedicated unto Me for your sacrament offering, and for your preaching, and your fasting, and your praying, and the offering up of your most holy desires unto Me,' saith your Lord. For thus spoke He unto Joseph Smith who heeded not His words.

9 But let this house be built, for great shall be the joy of the people of the Lord, not so much because of the house, but because the Lord shall sanctify His people; His power will be with them and His Spirit will fill their souls with joy. The house shall be a sheltering rock to them, a haven of rest⁹, wherein they will find spiritual food and knowledge, a school wherein they will learn of God's goodness.

10 Take this Message to your brethren who have obeyed the gospel. Many will believe it, but some will reject it, because darkness¹⁰ has clouded their mind; nevertheless, in time to come others will accept it.

11 Be humble in your work. Be long suffering with others, and if you will do this God will give you His Spirit from time to time to enlighten your mind, that the work you do might be accepted of Him. Amen.”

1. Matthew 24:9; Haggai 2:6-7; III Nephi 8:5-12 (RN)
2. Matthew 6:23; III Nephi 13: 22-24 (RN)
3. Isaiah 40:6-8; II Nephi 4:34 (RN)
4. Psalm 91:1-3; Isaiah 4:6
5. Isaiah 28:21; Joel 12:28-32; 29:14

6. Deuteronomy 28:29
7. Joel 2: 15-18; Alma 15:17 (RN); Moroni 6:9 (RN)
8. Matthew 10:1; Acts 1:6-8; III Nephi 18:36-37 (RN)
9. Isaiah 4:6
10. Isaiah 60:1-3; Helaman 5:40-43 (RN)

MESSAGE 7 & 8

OCTOBER 30 & NOVEMBER 30, 1928 | 12:00 A.M.

Received at Port Huron, Michigan, October 30, and November 30, 1928.

On Thanksgiving night I retired very early as I had been suffering with a heavy cold ever since we came home from Independence. I went to bed at eight, and at twelve o'clock I was awake. I heard the clock strike twelve. Just shortly after that I saw the Messenger in my room. He came from the east and very suddenly. I was not thinking of the Church at the time. My mind was more on the cold I had. When I saw him this came to my mind: "Well, what is it you want this time?" This thought had no more than passed through my mind when he said:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “On October 30th I came to you and told you about the basement floor, how it should be eighteen inches thick and reinforced with steel, and that heavy ties of steel should bind the whole building together at that place. I told you that the main wall and steel should go to the rock and that the concrete should be two and a half feet thick, and that it should be reinforced and tied with angle steel. The basement floor should be dovetailed and tied in with the main wall and that the steel should be heavy; also the tile under the floor should be perfect and the outer drain should have an opening every twenty feet. This is very important to have done.

2 I said that each stone should be fitted to hug the building and that the mortar coming to the outside should be very thin.

3 You did not write this down. While this may be plain in your mind, your brethren do not know this, therefore write this. Withhold nothing from them that they may know all the things I have told you. Also your brethren of the twelve must know these things, as you all shall have to give an account of your work.

4 The Lord requires this work to be done after the pattern that He shall give you from time to time. It is well that you choose a wise man who fears God and who is no mocker, but one who will follow the instructions that God shall give concerning the building of this house. He may draw the plans, and if he will give heed to the voice of the Spirit and the instructions that I shall deliver to you let him draw the prints and plans.

5 You have been appointed to inquire of the Lord. If you will do so in prayer and fasting your vision¹ shall be opened and nothing shall be withheld from you. I shall come from time to time to instruct you in all things as to the building of the house of the Lord, and your work concerning Zion². Behold this house shall be the government³ of God on earth; from which the law of

the Lord shall go forth to all nations, even to the Jews that they also may know that God has again spoken, and that He again shall gather Israel in their own land. For the coming of Christ is near at hand, when He shall destroy⁴ the works of satan and bring about the restitution⁵ of all things, and the restoration of peace upon the earth. Then shall be fulfilled what the prophets have spoken of, when the lamb and the lion⁶ shall lie down together and all men shall be equal and shall love one another and shall serve God with all their heart.

6 But remember, before that time satan⁷ shall do all in his power to destroy and to deceive all flesh, and you shall be tempted and tried as men of old. Think not that the work that has been committed to your trust is light. Satan knows that his time is short⁸ when he shall deceive the nations no more. Therefore he shall bring destruction upon the wicked, and trials and temptations upon the just that he may try their faith and deceive them if they will not watch⁹ and pray.

7 Therefore, let the Temple of the Lord be built. Shout the tidings to the nations of the earth. The Lord God has spoken and has again sent His Messenger that peace may come and salvation to all people. Prepare ye a people that shall be ready to meet Christ when He comes to make His abode with men.

8 Teach the law of the Lord that the millennium may come, for great shall be the joy in heaven and angels shall sing aloud at that day. Harken! The Lord has chosen His servants to proclaim the Message. Then hasten, and do not delay His work. The Lord will bless you that labor, and the people you shall labor among, for your sake. Labor in love; be harsh with no one; qualify to be leaders; go to the rich and poor alike. Be not puffed up; be humble, and inasmuch as you will do this God will be with you.

9 Those who will not labor somewhere in their calling will not enjoy the Spirit, and their minds will be darkened, and their vision will be as one in the dark. Many are seeking for light. Tarry ye not, but do the Lord's bidding. He will provide.

10 Let the roof of the temple and the doors be of copper, and let the seats also be fireproof; for behold, the world shall be cleansed by fire, by storms and by tempest. Satan shall destroy all that he can by his power.

11 Let your faith be strong in the Lord your God. Read the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Read it often. By faith you shall do your work. Send this Message to your brethren. Some will believe it, but some will not believe. Nevertheless, it will strengthen others; but inasmuch as you and your brethren are humble and faithful to your trust, God will bless your work.

12 I am John, the Messenger, sent from God to prepare the way as in the day when Christ was here. Behold, My work has just begun; for the works of satan must be destroyed. For that work came I into the world, that I may prepare the way that Christ may destroy the works of satan.

13 I will come from time to time to instruct you; but be not slothful in your work, lest the Lord rebuke thee. Amen.”

1. Alma 12:9-11; 26:22 (RN)

2. Isaiah 52:7-8; Micah 4:1-2

3. Isaiah 2:2-4; II Nephi 12:2-3 (RN)

4. I John 3:4-10

5. Isaiah 11:1-12; II Nephi 6:13-15; 25:17-18; (RN)
Acts 3:21

6. Isaiah 11:6-9

7. Revelation 12:12; 20:1-3; I Nephi 11:31 (RN)

8. Revelation 12:12

9. Matthew 26:40-43; Luke 21:36

MESSAGE 9

MARCH 8, 1929 | 3:00 A.M. - 3:30 A.M. | 814 PINE STREET | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger came to me again, for the ninth time, at my home at 814 Pine Street, Port Huron, Michigan, at 3 a.m., on March 8, 1929, and was with me thirty minutes.

The room was very light, and I saw him and he talked to me as one man talks to another, and this is what he told me:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I come to you again to instruct you as to the work that shall be done, for behold, satan is at work to fill the hearts of men with doubts and fears. There are those who read the words of the Lord and the prophets and have faith therein. Upon these satan has no power. There are those who have read *The Word of the Lord*, but whose faith is weak and they doubt when satan comes to them as an angel of light¹. Therefore, be not harsh with the weak, for the time will come when their faith will also be made stronger. Behold, the day of destruction is at hand when the judgments² are coming on the earth, and many will suffer therefrom.

2 Fear not the word of men whose hearts are carnal and filled with selfishness, and who seek their own glory and not the glory of God. Let the people of the Lord take warning that they rid themselves of all these things, for the Lord wants a holy people³, whose hearts are single, and who will love that they may also be loved of God.

3 I will give you more of the plans of the Temple, but be not slothful in carrying out the plans that I have given you. Get, as I have told you, a wise man whose heart is filled with the Spirit of God; who is no mocker⁴. Let him draw the plan and prints of the building as far as he can, for behold, this house is not built after the wisdom of men; for it shall yet be shown to many who doubt and question the wisdom of this house that the Lord has directed, and that it was not the wisdom of men.

4 But remember, this work is sacred⁵, the work that you shall do. Therefore, be humble in all that you do and say, for God looks upon the heart, and only the pure in heart are acceptable to Him. By your lives and by your teaching you must prepare a people who shall be worthy to meet Christ at His coming.

5 Be not discouraged by what people will say. This work is not your work but the Lord's. He will provide, and will direct; but take the Message to the ends of the earth and to all nations, for Christ will come to judge⁶ all men. The gospel must be preached, and as you go in love, God will provide the way and direct in His work.

6 Dig the basement, and dig the trenches to the rock, and from there start to fabricate and construct and get your measurements for the steel, and floors, and heights. Begin at the bottom and work up, and as you do so, I will give you instruction as you shall need it. Worry not so much about the Temple, for greater work must yet be done than the building of the Temple, for the people must be prepared to meet Christ. The gospel must be preached. The glad tidings must be taken from house to house⁷. The warning must be done.

7 All those who are humble and full of love will help; but remember, satan will tempt you and will bring many enticements before you to try your faith. Love your brother who labors with you, though at times he may treat you unkindly, for love will bring others to the light.

8 It is the will of the Lord that you shall give all your time to the work of the Lord at this time, that His work may go on; and inasmuch as the members of the twelve will labor with you in this work the Lord will bless them in their work, but they must labor in love. All selfishness must be eliminated from their lives, and as they rule it must be in love. Lead ye the people in the paths of peace. Be patient with all men; and if ye will do this you shall be the special agents of the Lord to do His work.

9 I will come from time to time to instruct you in the work of the Lord; for great shall be the work that yet shall be done to prepare a people, and a nation to meet Christ when He comes. Amen."

1. II Corinthians 11:14

2. Isaiah 26:9; Revelation 19:1-3; I Nephi 12:4-5 (RN)

3. Ephesians 5:26-27; Isaiah 62:12; Romans 12:1-2;
Alma 7:25 (RN)

4. Isaiah 28: 14-15, 22; I Nephi 8:27 (RN)

5. Alma 37: 14-16 (RN)

6. John 12:47-48; Moroni 7:16-18 (RN)

7. Alma 23:4-5; Jacob 5:71-74 (RN)

MESSAGE 10

MARCH 23, 1929 | 2:05 A.M. - 2:30 A.M.

The Messenger came to me for the tenth time at 2:05 a.m., on March 23, 1929, and was with me for twenty-five minutes, and this is what he said:

~OTTO FETTING

1 "I have come to you again that I might instruct you, for this purpose have I been sent, inasmuch as you have met that you might inquire of God as to the plans and pattern that shall be given to you, I shall come from time to time to give you such instructions as you shall stand in need of.

2 The building that you have staked¹ is set ten feet too far to the east and if you will move the stakes then it shall stand upon the place that has been pointed out by the finger of God. Let the pillars go to the rock and the columns be three feet through and those that are on the side shall be cut in

two; but let the pillars go to the rock. Let there be twelve windows on the north and twelve windows on the south, and let there be a division at the top and tied with steel that the walls may be strong for storms shall come that shall test the workmanship that you shall do.

3 Fear not, for the Lord has yet reserved unto Himself men that shall help in the construction and the erection of this building, that shall be a glory to God. Many hearts shall be touched; many lives shall be blessed, because the Lord shall direct and His Spirit shall draw and mellow² the heart.

4 Let the building be tied with steel at the dividing of the inner court which shall be sixty-five feet from north to south, and fifty-five feet from east to west. Let there be an archway between the outer and the inner court, the details of which I will give you later because I will come from time to time to direct in this work. But remember, the work which you are engaged in, which shall be required at your hands, is sacred before God and must be sacred with you. As you shall meet from time to time, draw your minds³ in from the things of the world that you might be spiritually minded, for jesting and levity rob you of the Spirit and light that you shall stand in need of from time to time.

5 Let there be a steel beam running from east to west over the columns that it might strengthen the cornice, and that the building might be securely tied, for many of the storms shall come from the southwest. Let the pillars and the columns come from the rock that shall go to the roof in the dividing of the inner and the outer court, and let there be a wall of concrete and steel divide the basement at the same place. Let there also be a concrete wall to the west on each side of the boiler room that there be no chance of fire, for, behold, this building shall be fireproof.

6 The Lord has given you seven years⁴ to complete this building, and I will give you the plans from time to time as you shall stand in need. Be not slothful in carrying out that which I have given you. Seek to be humble because trying times will come. I will come again to instruct you from time to time. Amen.”

1. Cornerstone was found April 23, 1929

2. I Nephi 7:5; 18:20 (RN)

3. III Nephi 13:17 (RN)

4. Message 5:5

MESSAGE 11

APRIL 30, 1929 | 10:30 P.M. - 11:15 P.M.

The Messenger came to me the eleventh time April 30, 1929, at 10:30 p.m., and was with me till 11:15, or forty-five minutes.

I retired early, about 9 p.m., and was not feeling very strong. I went to sleep but was awakened at 10:30 by the Messenger and this is what he said:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I come to you again when you are weak in body, and discouraged over things over which you have no control; remember these things will come from time to time. Save your strength, that you may do the work that God has entrusted to you, for behold your time is short. The Lord has extended your

life in the past for this work that must be done.

2 Some have been called away, and that for a wise purpose, others will be called away. Remember God's ways are not man's ways¹, but God will direct in His way that man shall fear before Him.

3 Go and take this Message that I have given you, for it is God's Message to the children of men; a warning as in the days of Noah, for remember trying times are and will be upon the earth, men's hearts failing² them for fear because of the things that are, and will be upon the earth. Save your strength, be wise, lest your end shall come before time.

4 Worry not about those who seek to destroy your life, and the Lord's work that has been committed to you to do. It is not your work. You have had losses, but others have had losses, and many will lose not only this world's goods, but their lives, and some their souls will suffer as well.

5 Take the Message of the Lord to the people. Many will receive it, and those that will shape their life by it will receive their reward³. Those that will not heed it will suffer thereby, yet in the end they will see, and shall yet know that God has spoken.

6 Nations are in distress, and will be in time to come, for the wisdom⁴ of men is limited if not seasoned with the wisdom of God, and those nations who are rejecting the laws and commandments of God will suffer, until they shall return and obey⁵ them.

7 All those who shall help you to take the Message to the people shall be blessed; remember there are thousands whose hearts are tender, who are looking for *The Word of the Lord*⁶, who will be glad to receive the Message; take to them the Gospel of love.

8 Many will help you that His work will go on, for behold the time is at hand when men shall see that God's hand is in this work; be not slothful, or faint-hearted, for God will be your strength. The Lord has given you a wife that is a helpmate to you, who has, and will suffer with you.

9 Let this Message be heard; send it to the ends of the earth. Those of your brethren who will assist you will be blessed. Those that refuse to assist shall lose thereby.

10 The Temple will be built. There will be changes in the men that will help. Those that hinder let them be removed, that the Lord's house might be built. Let the people rule whose hearts are pure, but those whose hearts are selfish shall come to naught. Go to Independence from time to time in your work, encourage the people, help to establish a real Zion. Many of the Lord's people will accept the Message, but remember this is a work of love.

11 Many will assist in the work that is before you now; be careful of your strength, be wise in your work, be humble in all your efforts. Worry not about the plans of the Temple, for the Lord will direct from time to time.

12 I am John, the same John that prepared the way before Christ when He was here. I am the Messenger sent from God to do the work for which I was born⁷. I have come in the past, and will come in the future. I am a prophet and thy fellow servant. I am he that preached baptism and repentance in the wilderness of Judea. I am the John that was beheaded. I am the Messenger to prepare the way. I am the Messenger of the Lord to direct in building the

Temple, and I shall be with Christ⁸ when He shall come to His Temple. I am the Messenger that shall bring the warning to the people of the destruction that shall come to pass. My message is one of love to them that will obey it.

13 Hear! Oh ye people of the earth; Christ's coming is near at hand. Read the words of the Master of Men, the Savior of the world. He will come to bring judgments, and peace, and will rule from sea to sea, and all men will obey Him. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom⁹. He is LORD OF LORDS, AND KING OF KINGS. Glory! Glory to His name! Amen."

1. Isaiah 55:8-9

2. Isaiah 13:6-9; Luke 21:25-26

3. Matthew 6:17-18

4. Jeremiah 8:9; I Corinthians 3:19-21

5. Malachi 3:7

6. Isaiah 28:13-14; Alma 7:2 (RN)

7. John 18:72

8. Malachi 3:1; Luke 1:76-79

9. Deuteronomy 10:17; I Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14

MESSAGE 12

JULY 18, 1929 | (THREE VISITS)

The Messenger came to me for the twelfth time Thursday night, July 18, 1929. He came and went three times, remaining each time until I was weak from his presence, then he would leave me for a short time so I could regain some of my strength. The divine is so much stronger than the human that the presence of the Messenger makes a person weak in body. This time I had the first opportunity to ask him a question, which I did. I asked him if our work which we have done has been accepted of the Lord, to which he answered, "Yes."

I hope that whosoever may read these Messages may 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 mind and will from heaven.

~OTTO FETTING

1 "I have come to you from time to time, to instruct you as to the work of building the Temple, and the organization of The Church of Christ, and re-establishing it again in its fullness, that the church may again receive the power and Holy Ghost as in the days of old, and that as on the day of Pentecost¹, the servants of the Lord may be filled with the Spirit of God, that they may take the message of the Gospel of Christ to the nations of the earth, for the Lord has reserved unto Himself this remnant on the Temple Lot, to set the Church in order. I have come to you in your own language that you may understand, and impart it to the children of men, and that the Message might be understood by all people, in its plainness, that they may have no excuse at the judgment day, for verily these things shall come to pass.

2 The Lord has looked upon you and your brethren, and has seen the humility of your souls, and your desire to carry out the instructions that the Lord has given you from time to time, and thus far your work has been accepted of the Lord. But remember, you must remain very humble before God, and do the things He has, and will command you to do, or the Spirit and light that the Lord has given you will be withheld from you and your minds will become dark, and doubt and fear will enter your souls. Therefore, seek the Lord often in prayer and in the humility of your souls. The work that the Lord has commanded you to do will come before you. Contend with no man,

only contend for the truth². For the truth will make you free. Contentions will darken the mind, and the Spirit of God will not dwell in the hearts of men who are contentious.

3 The plans as drawn by your brethren are correct as to the foundation, that is, as to size, but let the pillars be added to the outside, four feet eight inches in length, and two feet eight inches in depth, and let the pillars on each corner be the same size. Dig the trenches, and bring the foundation to the level of the basement floor, and your steel fifteen inches above the grade level. Let your fabricating be done, so that your work may continue from there, for behold, many important things shall come to pass, and many things shall yet be given but I will come from time to time to instruct you, that the work will not be delayed.

4 Behold, the Lord has rejected all creeds and factions of men³, who have gone away from the Word of the Lord and have become an abomination in His sight. Therefore, let those that come to The Church of Christ be baptized, that they may rid themselves of the traditions and sins of men; preparing themselves, that they may be fit and worthy for the Spirit and power of the Holy Ghost, and as the greater power shall come, that they may be ready to receive it with joy. For this is the time of the restitution⁴ and restoration of all things, and this must come to all that shall be permitted to dwell in the presence of Christ, for sin cannot receive the glory of God, nor the power of the Holy Spirit.

5 Let not the building of the Temple hinder the preaching of the gospel, but let those that have been appointed and set apart for the Temple work, see that all things be done after the pattern that I shall give. And let those that have been called and set apart to carry the Gospel Message to the nations of the earth do their work, as they have been instructed. Let them preach the things as they are found in the *Bible* and *The Record of the Nephites*. Let them take the Message to Jew and Gentile, to all classes, tongues and peoples. Let the men who have been placed in charge and appointed to look after and receive the tithes, offerings and oblations⁵, be mindful of their work, that the moneys so received are spent wisely. Let them give an accounting to the Church, that things may be done in justice to all, always being mindful that they are ambassadors⁶ for Christ and the Church, and that they will be without excuse to God, for everyone must be faithful to their trust for this is the Lord's work, and so shall it be required⁷ of him in the last day.

6 Remember, the Lord committed to Joseph Smith a great work in his day, and power and authority to re-establish The Church of Christ in his day as in the days of old. He gave him the pattern to establish it as in the days of the apostles, and restored the priesthood and authority of the Son of God to the children of men. Yet, because of pride and the love and praise of men, he sinned before God, and much of his work has been destroyed, but he will be saved as by fire⁸, and will be numbered with the prophets of old. Again, the Lord has called others to prune His vineyard, to bring the Gospel of peace, to establish His Church as in the days of old, that the power of the priesthood may be again enjoyed as in the days of old.

7 Behold, the Lord changes not, again He has sent me to instruct the

children of men as to the building of the Temple, the size thereof, the inner court and the outer court, the construction of the building, the time to begin work, the time to complete the building of the Temple, the material it shall be built of, and I will come from time to time to instruct you, for thus was I commanded to instruct Joseph Smith. But because he was not true to the trust, this was withheld from him. Remember, you have been intrusted with this work, therefore be humble that you fail not in your work.

8 And as I laid my hands upon Joseph Smith, so now I lay my hands on you, that greater power and greater light might come to you, and to set you apart to do the work intrusted to your care and in your day. Remember, the priesthood was not and will not be taken from the earth since I conferred it on Joseph Smith; but the greater power of the priesthood has been withheld because of the transgression of those who have been intrusted therewith. Therefore, see that all things are done after the pattern⁹ I will give you, that in all things you may please the Lord your God. Be true to the trust that has been placed upon you and your brethren, each one in his place and calling, for the Lord will hold each one responsible in their work that must be done and will require it at their hands in the last day. Some will fail because of the temptations that shall come to them, but they will suffer loss. But, remember, Christ is at the head of the Church¹⁰, and will direct His work. He is the Great High Priest of His people and He will direct the work as in days of old. I therefore bless you in the name of Christ, and admonish you to seek not the praise of men but be humble before God, and the people of the Lord, and your brethren. The priesthood and authority that was placed upon you by the servant of the Lord will never be taken from you unless you deny the Lord your God, but if you are not true to the trust imposed upon you, you shall suffer loss and lose your crown. The Lord will reveal to you from time to time the things pertaining to the building of the Temple and the work that must be done by The Church of Christ, that the people of the Lord might be instructed of the things that shall come to pass. Amen.

9 Let C. A. Spilsbury be set apart among men to fill the vacancy in the quorum of twelve, that the work may not suffer, for this is a day of haste as I have told you. Let him take the field with the Gospel Message, as he is not burdened with the cares of life as some are. Let the elders who are not burdened with the cares of life go from place to place and prepare to take the Message to other nations, but let those go to the far off fields that are not burdened with the care of children, and let their companions go also. Use wisdom in these matters, be careful in your expenses, while and where you labor, that more may be sent into the harvest field.

10 Let your work on the Temple continue, working as fast as the moneys come in but keep out of debt. Contract no debt with any man, for this work must be done by sacrifice and not by promises. For behold the people of the Lord are glad to help in this work of the Lord, by tithes and by offerings, for thus did the people in the days of old, which was pleasing unto the Lord, for this was the law in Abraham's day¹¹ who paid tithes and the Lord blessed him, and the Lord will bless in your day all those that shall keep His law. Therefore pay your oblations to the Lord in all things that your work may be

accepted of Him, so that when trying times are upon the earth your work might stand the test. Let the gospel be preached; let the poor be provided for; let the Temple be built, that in all things you may be the children of God.

11 Those that will heed the warnings that I have given to them in the past will be blessed; those that will not believe will lose; nevertheless, take the Message to them, and the honest in heart will accept it.

12 I am John the Baptist¹² that prepared the way before Christ and I will prepare the way before Him again, and a people to receive Christ when He comes. Send this Message to your brethren, the twelve first; then send it to the nations of the earth with all the rest now in print, but the things I have shown to you in vision, keep that only for your brethren, give not that to the enemies that seek to hinder the work of the Lord.

13 I will come from time to time until the work is finished after the pattern. Be humble, and the Lord will bless you by His Spirit, and men will be blessed by the Message in time to come. Amen.”

1. Acts 2:1-21

2. II Corinthians 10:3-6; John 8:31-32

3. Mark 7:7-9; I Samuel 15:23,26; Jeremiah 2:37;

Hosea 4:6; Mormon 8:28-36 (RN)

4. Acts 3:20-21; Matthew 17:11-13

5. Leviticus 7:28; Ezekiel 20:40

6. II Corinthians 5:20

7. Ecclesiastes 12:14

8. I Corinthians 3:13-15; I Nephi 22:17 (RN)

9. Hebrews 8:5

10. Ephesians 4:14-16; 5:23; Colossians 1:17-18;

Mosiah 5:7-8 (RN)

11. Hebrews 7:2-6

12. Luke 1:13-17, 76-79; I Nephi 10:7-10 (RN)

MESSAGE 13

SEPTEMBER 20, 1929 | 3:00 A.M. - 3:45 A.M. | 814 PINE STREET

The Messenger came to me September 20, 1929, at my home at 814 Pine Street, a little before 3 a.m. and remained until 3:45 a.m. These are his words as he gave them to me:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I come to you again. Remember there are, and will be trying times, and as these changes take place, the faith of the children of men will be tried, because they are not used to the things that are, and will take place. Remember the Lord has said that a marvelous¹ work and a wonder is to come forth, which will be marvelous to all people, and will not be understood except by the Spirit of God from whence it shall come.

2 Satan knows that his time is but short, therefore his power from beneath will work, and oppose the power from above. There is, and will be, distress² of nations, and greater trouble shall come to pass. This nation is, and will be in great danger, for there is, and will be a great uniting of power and powers, for satan will work to destroy all that he can of the good. As the restitution³ and restoration of all things will be at work, satan will be there to disturb the minds and peace of men, and to hinder the good that they shall try to do.

3 By the uniting of power, many will be brought from foreign countries, and this will change conditions here. Again this country will be in distress, therefore let those go to the land as I have told you, before these changes will come, for trying times are upon the earth.

4 Churches will unite⁴, and the time will come when there will be only The

Church of Christ⁵ and the church of the devil⁶, so remember while the good is at work, satan is there to destroy.

5 Your mind has been troubled over the condition of the Church. All these things will come to pass for the two powers are at work; one to build up the Lord's work, the other to destroy. Satan will darken the minds of the people, for many are filled with selfishness and their minds are carnal, and blinded by the traditions⁷ of men. As you stand between the good and the evil, you will have satan to contend with as he seeks to destroy, and the power of the Lord on the other side to direct you, that you may instruct the people.

6 The Church of Christ⁸ will never again be destroyed, for it shall continue on its work until Christ shall come, but many hearts will be sad at times because of the things they will have to pass through.

7 As you go and talk with the people, and your brethren, be kind to them; bear with their weakness, for this will make you strong, and as the greater things shall come you may have the strength to stand, for many will fall by the way. Remember, the Temple will be built as I have told you; if not by this people⁹, by another people which God will raise up, for thousands are ready to receive the Message that I shall bring from time to time, and will accept it.

8 Your life will be in danger from time to time, use wisdom where you are and with whom you are, both with those that profess Christ, and those that are of the world, for many are at enmity with you.

9 Send this not to the world as yet, for I will come to you again to instruct you, for so have I been commanded of the Lord, to come to you. While this may seem strange to you, and many others, yet in the end you shall know the reason that I was sent to you."

1. Isaiah 29:14; I Nephi 14:7; II Nephi 25:17 (RN)
 2. Zephaniah 1:14-18; Malachi 4:1; Luke 21:23-26
 3. Matthew 17:11-13; Acts 3:20-21
 4. Malachi 3:18; I Nephi 14:10 (RN)
 5. Ephesians 4:4-5

6. Revelation 17:3-6; I Nephi 14:10 (RN)
 7. Isaiah 66:3-4; II Nephi 28:1-26; Alma 31:17 (RN)
 8. Daniel 2:44
 9. Message 1:4

MESSAGE 14

OCTOBER 7, 1929 | 4:00 A.M. - 4:30 A.M. | 1041 VAN HORN ROAD | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger was with me in my room at the home of J. G. Pointer, 1041 Van Horn Road, Independence, Missouri, from 4 a.m. to 4:30 a.m., October 7, 1929, and spoke to me as follows:

~OTTO FETTING

1 "There are those that will oppose the Message that I have given you, and at times this will delay the work on the Temple, but their end will be sad. The Lord will bless the hearts¹ that are pure and the hands that are clean before Him.

2 Fear not because you are hated by some, neither fear the words that they shall say, for you must bear witness of the Message, not only now, but you shall be called upon from time to time to bear witness of that which I have given you. The time is near at hand, when you shall be called upon to bear witness not only to the people of The Church of Christ, but you and your

brethren must bear witness to the world of these things which I have told you.

3 As I come to you in your language, so am I commanded to bring a record from other people in their language, which will also bear witness in like manner of God's dealings with them. There will be people from time to time to bear record of the truthfulness to them, of the things which I have given to you.

4 Let Walter L. Gates take charge of the Temple work here on the ground and at the office, for a season; let Thomas B. Nerren labor among the churches in the east, and let James E. Yates labor in Utah among the people whose hearts are open to receive the Message I have given you. Prepare to send a man to Holland next year among the people there who are ready to receive this work.

5 Be not boastful, neither harsh with the people, when you take the Message to them, but be humble and full of love, and when you are in need of light from heaven, wash² yourself that you may be clean, anoint your head with oil, and in fasting and humility go before your God, that He might direct you in His work.

6 As the people of the Lord who have a desire to cleanse³ themselves of the traditions of men shall come to the Lord's servants, baptize them. Be careful in all your words, and works that you shall do, for satan will try to destroy the work that I have been commanded to instruct you to do.

7 Let W. P. Buckley, as a bishop, be out in the field and labor among the people, preaching both the principles of the gospel and the tithing law, and let Walter L. Gates help keep the records that all things might be kept in order.

8 As you labor among the people, call the elders together and instruct them to be humble and labor in love.

9 Write this and place it with the rest that I have given you, but send it not to the world as yet for I will come again to you."

1. Psalm 24:3-5; II Nephi 15:16; Alma 5:19-21 (RN)
2. Matthew 6:17-18; III Nephi 13:17 (RN)

3. Ephesians 5:26-27

MESSAGE 15

OCTOBER 13, 1929 | 4:00 A.M. - 4:05 A.M. | 1041 WEST VAN HORN ROAD | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger came to me while at the home of J. G. Pointer, 1041 West Van Horn Road, Independence, Missouri, on Sunday morning at 4 o'clock, October 13, 1929, and was with me for about five minutes. This is what he said:

~OTTO FETTING

1 "Grieve not over what man has done, this is not your work, but God's work. They have not rejected you, but they have rejected me, and the Message I have brought from the Lord. And inasmuch as they have done this, the Lord has rejected them, and their work.

2 Read these words, to the people, that I have given you, and be humble before God."

Then he told me to keep the plans of the Temple, and not give them to the world, and he told me a few personal things that are not given here. This was the next morning after conference had closed.

MESSAGE 16

OCTOBER 27, 1929 | 4:00 A.M. | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

Received at 4 a.m. October 27, 1929, at Port Huron, Michigan.

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I have come to you again, that you may not get discouraged in the work that the Lord has placed upon you. You have seen that man is continually evil unless he is filled with the Spirit of God, and as it was in the days of Noah¹, so it is now, the warning has come, and the warning must be taken to the nations of the earth; you have borne witness to The Church of Christ, now you must bear witness of the Message to others that Christ’s coming is near; cry with a loud voice; fear not those whose hearts are filled with selfishness, and are seeking their own glory, and not the glory of God.

2 Yours is a message of love, fear not those that oppose you, as I told you this is not your work, but the work of the Lord. But be true to the trust the Lord has placed upon you, and all those that will help, God will bless. The great day of judgment will soon be here, when God will judge² the world in righteousness, and those that will oppose the Message shall stand condemned before Him.

3 The greater your love, the greater your work shall be before the Lord. Preach the gospel, teach the people repentance, that they may live in all righteousness before God, and that the Temple must be built by people whose hearts are filled with love, and whose hearts are pure and their hands clean. God will not accept the work of men who are filled with evil, selfishness, and strife; this is an abomination before Him.

4 Let your brethren labor in love with you, each in his place and calling; go from place to place, and house to house, warn the people. If you are humble before the Lord your God He will lead you and direct you from day to day. Remember satan will tempt you, and he will try you, and many times your faith will be weak, but if you will not yield to the things satan will bring before you, then your faith will become strong; others have yielded to the whisperings of satan and where are they?

5 Go to those that are burdened in spirit, encourage the downcast. Love³ is your Message, for that was the Message of Christ. Let all labor who can, that the work of preparing a people may go on in haste, for Christ’s coming is near. The Temple will be built by a people that are prepared; some will try to build it, but it will come to naught.”

The plans on the Temple, that were here given, we were commanded to leave out.

6 “The plans I give you from time to time on the Temple, give not that to the world, nor to the enemy who has rejected my Message, and the Lord has rejected them as I told you. Place this with the Message I gave you before,

and I told you to hold it, but now give it to the people as a warning, for it shall come to pass. I will come to you from time to time to instruct you and give you the warning, for the time is near at hand when many things shall come to pass and you shall know it.

7 If you shall remain humble, these things shall be given to you from time to time. Take not the advice of men, for men's hearts are filled with evil, they will lead you astray. Send the Messages to the world, and those that labor with you will be blessed. Amen."

1. Matthew 24:37-39; II Peter 2:5

2. Psalm 9:8; Jude 1:15; III Nephi 28:34 (RN)

3. I John 4:7-11; Mosiah 4:15-26 (RN);

Moroni 7:45-48 (RN)

MESSAGE 17

NOVEMBER 17, 1929 | 814 PINE STREET | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger came to me November 17, 1929, at my home, 814 Pine Street, Port Huron, Michigan, and gave me further instruction relative to the plans and construction of the Temple, which I was commanded to withhold until further instructions.

~OTTO FETTING

MESSAGE 18

JANUARY 6, 1930 | 12:45 A.M. - 2:50 A.M. | 441 RURAL STREET | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger, John the Baptist, came to me at my home at 441 Rural Street, Port Huron, Michigan, January 6, 1930, at 12:45 a.m., and was with me till 2:50 a.m. He stayed in my room and instructed me to write the following Message:

~OTTO FETTING

1 "I come to you, my fellow servant. I am sent again in time of trouble, to warn you that satan has filled the hearts of men with evil. There are those who have seen your life; their minds are dark; selfishness has filled their whole being and satan is leading them away from the Lord and His work.

2 They have formed a band to destroy you and the Message I have brought to you. They hate you and those that will accept the Message of the Lord. This is the time when satan has great power among men, and will try to destroy all good. Men and women are led to destruction everywhere. This is the time the Lord spoke of when He said, 'Great power will be given to satan.' This is the time when destruction¹ will come to the earth. There is a cry of peace but there is no peace. War, contention, strife, hate and destruction is in the hearts of men everywhere.

3 The cleaning time has come. God, by His Spirit, will touch the honest in heart in all nations and will gather them together to prepare a people that shall be His Church in very deed. I shall go before the Lord, to prepare the way and prepare² a people to meet Christ. This is my work.

4 I have come to you. I have brought a Message; some have accepted it, others are rejecting it; nevertheless, the words that I have brought are from the Lord. It will bring life, happiness and peace to some, and destruction to

those that reject it.

5 Take the Message as I told you, from house to house; many will be glad to heed it. Preach repentance and faith, for all must have faith in God and His work. All must repent and be baptized³ for the remission of sin, the hands must be laid upon all, that the Spirit of God might come to the children of men in greater power, and it will to those that are humble and full of love and have great faith in God.

6 This is the sifting time. Men's hearts will be tried, but those that have faith in God, and will follow the instructions given, will be blessed.

7 The Lord has seen in you great faith. You have not heeded the advice of men. You have been firm to stand by the words the Lord has sent you, therefore, He has intrusted this work to you. Your faith will be tried more and more, but you must deliver this Message I have given you. Let others carry it to the children of men.

8 Save your strength as I told you, that you might be spared to do the work the Lord has intrusted to your care. If you will not heed this warning, your time will be short.

9 Be kind to all men; this is God's work. He will direct. Only the pure in heart and the humble in spirit can assist in this great work, for this is only the beginning of the work that shall be done.

10 The Lord has chosen men to help you in this land, and in every nation under the sun, for He will gather the honest in heart from the nations of the earth.

11 There will come conditions⁴ on the earth as have never been before. Labor shall rise up against those that give employment to them, and those that have shall withhold their support from the needy. Waste is everywhere, yet many shall go hungry, and many shall be in need.

12 Men shall go to and fro⁵. Hate against their fellowmen shall increase and they shall destroy the hand that feeds them. Let the wise go to the land, that they may escape the destructions⁶ that shall come upon the cities; for it will come when the air will be on fire, and again the great war shall rage, for satan will work in the hearts of men to destruction.

13 Fear not, the Lord will set up His Church in its completeness, and those that are honest in heart will come into it. I laid my hands upon you that greater light, and greater power shall come to you. If you will be humble and continue to do the things the Lord shall send to you, this light and power shall come to you as you shall stand in need.

14 This Message must be taken to England, to Wales, to Germany, to France, to Holland, to Mexico, to Canada, and all parts of this country. The Lord will gather out men by His Spirit and His Spirit will bear witness to you of their work. Many will be set apart to do this work.

15 In time other nations will be warned. Remember, as I told you, this is a time of haste⁷. Release yourself of those things that hinder you in this work, so that you may instruct the people; let your whole life be given to the warning of the people; let nothing stand in your way, for lives must be saved from destruction. Be pleasant in your work. Avoid the danger that shall come to you.

16 Have no part with men, in the works of darkness, who are evil; they can not help in this work, and in time their work will be known to all men. Let them repent lest they be lost. There are those that wish to rule by might. Verily I say unto you, they cannot rule by might, but they must rule by love.

17 I am John the Baptist. I am sent from God with full power and authority, to set in order, to prepare the way of the Christ that shall come, to warn the people of the things that shall come to pass, to preach the Gospel, to set the Church in order. I come to you in light. I come to you in power. I come as the Messenger of the Lord, but I come to you in love. I come to save the people from destruction. Will they heed⁸ it?

18 I will come again; yes, I will come from time to time, for I must give the instructions. For this work came I to prepare the way, and much shall be given from time to time.”

1. Thessalonians 5:3

2. Luke 1:17

3. Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16

4. Matthew 24:15-22

5. Daniel 12:4

6. Zeph. 3:6-8; Micah 5:11,14; III Nephi 21:14-18

7. Romans 9:28

8. Alma 37:43-45; 3 Nephi 23:4-5 (RN)

MESSAGE 19

FEBRUARY 28, 1930 | 12:10 A.M. - 12:55 A.M. | 441 RURAL STREET | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger came at 12:10 a.m., and was with me till 12:55 a.m., February 28, 1930, at my home at 441 Rural Street, Port Huron, Michigan.

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I come to you with a Message of warning. First, have no part in the work with those that reject the Messages I have brought from the Lord.

2 Second, don’t commit yourself to them; satan will tempt you to do wrong. I will show you a vision of the world, and the nations in it.”

3 It seemed that I was in a large gathering in a city and everything was in commotion. There was fighting, and some were lying in the streets. It looked as if they had been killed. And it seemed as if everyone was in opposition and against the other. Things were in a general turmoil. Then that vision disappeared.

4 Then I saw a beautiful landscape; the very best of soil which was smooth and covered with a heavy growth of grass and clover. A beautiful scene. There was a man plowing with a pair of fine horses that seemed to be well fed: good harness and plow. Everything seemed to be in the very best condition.

5 The man was in the prime of life. He had a beard and was well dressed and seemed to be in a perfect state of contentment. His wife came to him, also his child, about five years old. They seemed to bring him refreshments. They were also well dressed. As far as I could see, there seemed to be peace, happiness, contentment, and prosperity. The vision disappeared.

I don’t know whether this was representing different conditions at different periods of time, or whether it was only in different locations. The Messenger said:

6 “To them must go the warning that Christ’s coming is near. From it will the Lord gather the honest in heart.

7 Those who have rejected the Message I have brought, their minds have become dark. They cannot see, for they are following the whisperings of satan.

8 The Temple will be built by a people whose hearts are pure. God will not accept any unclean thing; nor the work from men that will not follow the instructions given by His servant that He has sent.

9 But prepare ye a people for the Lord. Prepare a place of safety for the people of the Lord. Gather the honest in heart. Prepare a place, for there is no place among the wicked for God’s people to abide.

10 Moses¹ was hated by his own people, and those that should have been his friends became his enemies. This has been the case in all ages. So is it now, but be careful in your work, for they will seek to destroy you.

11 For one hundred years² the Lord waited and yet they have not heeded His words, this people that profess His name; but the Lord will establish His Church in its fullness, and will do the work among the nations, but the work will be done in haste.

12 Those that have rejected the Message have rejected the Lord, and the Lord has also rejected them and their work until they repent and are humble, and are baptized, that they may cleanse themselves of their sin.

13 Fear not man nor the works of man, but fear God and do right. Write no more to those that oppose the Message I brought, but encourage those who are willing to do the things I have told you.

14 To all those that will repent and be baptized and prepare themselves and walk humbly, the promise is that they shall receive the greater light³ and power to carry on the work of the Lord.

15 Behold, there are those whose hearts are full of adultery and selfishness. There are those that have taken that which is not their own. There are those that hate their brother and seek to destroy him. Behold, I say unto you, they cannot have any part in this work, and are not of the household of faith.

16 Separate yourself from all those, and have no part with their works. If you will seek the Lord in prayer often, He will give you the light you need. Save your strength. Be humble. Be wise in your work. Use love in your work, but yield not to the traditions of men.

17 I have come to you this time to encourage you in your work, but greater trials will come to you. Your faith will be tried more and more as this work will go on, for greater things will be done, and greater things will be required at your hands.

18 Many will help you, but others will oppose you and the Message I have brought. Fear not satan nor his works, but trust in the Lord and He will lead you.

19 Preach the Gospel of life. Send it to all nations and people. See the wickedness of man. See satan and his work. Again, look at the suffering of those who cannot help themselves.

20 I will come to you again shortly, and will direct you in the things that must be done.

21 I am John the Baptist. I am he that shall prepare the way and direct in the Lord's work."

1. Exodus 17:3-4
2. Message 84:8

3. Isaiah 58:9-11

MESSAGE 20

APRIL 8, 1930 | 1:00 A.M. - 5:06 A.M. | 1041 W. VAN HORN ROAD | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger was with me from 1 to 4:05 a.m., April 8, 1930, at the home of brother J. G. Pointer, 1041 West Van Horn Road, Independence, Missouri. During this time he sat on the edge of my bed and I talked with him face to face. At 4:05 he commanded me to write the following Message, remaining with me till 5:06 a.m.:

~OTTO FETTING

1 "Arise and write the Message I will give you, for great is the responsibility that I shall give you. Behold, the men whom God has chosen have rejected the call and trust the Lord has placed upon them.

2 In their hearts they have rejected the Message I have brought from time to time, and they are not willing to be directed by the Lord their God, but they have hearkened to the voice of satan and have followed him.

3 The authority and trust that God had placed upon those that have rejected the Message that the Lord has sent, Yea, I say unto you, it has been taken from them and the Lord has committed it to others¹, who at this time are willing to heed the voice of the Lord, and the Message I shall give you.

4 For great is the work that must be done, and God will direct in the work that shall be done. The kingdom² of God shall be established in its fullness. But with this Message there comes a Message of warning, that those men that the Lord shall place in charge now, let them take heed lest they fail, for satan will tempt them also.

5 As I told you, let C. A. Spilsbury be set apart with you and W. L. Gates, who has withdrawn from them. And let Thomas B. Nerren, William R. Dexter, W. P. Buckley, George A. Backus, and Joseph H. Camp be set apart at this time that the work might go on at present, and I will direct you as to the others whom God will choose to carry on His work. Let these men with you be set apart as apostles, but with it I say unto you, and to them, be humble, that you might fill the office and calling the Lord has placed upon you.

6 And let Ralph E. Stone, Edwin G. Law, Arthur W. Bogue, A. O. MacArthur, Daniel Frappier and my servant, Dr. Curtis, be placed in charge of the bishop's office that the moneys so received may be in safe hands; and inasmuch as these men will be humble in their work, the Lord will bless them in their work, and much will be done to the glory of God.

7 Let the Church be established in other lands, that the gospel might be preached³, and the warning be taken to all nations, as I shall direct you from time to time.

8 Let nothing disturb your minds; cast behind you the traditions of men. Let the hands be laid⁴ upon those that I have told you, that the light and

power of God may come to them to the extent that they will humble themselves, that light may come to them. Let the elders also be set apart, but let none take part in this work until they have come in by the door and have been baptized⁵ for the remission of their sins, that they may be a pure people, and that God may use them in His work to His glory, and the carrying on of His work. Have no part with those that have rejected the Message I have brought and will bring to you, for the Lord will direct in all things that shall be done.

9 Fear not about the Temple; this is in the Lord's hands. Temples will be built that God has not commanded to build, but the Lord will direct in all things. He knows the hearts of men. Some who have rejected the Message will repent; others will go to destruction.

10 Let your hearts be filled with love to all men. Many will accept the warning and will repent and will live lives that are pure before God.

11 The Lord has sent me to this home and to this place; the Lord will hear the prayers of His children. Save your strength, be humble in all your work, be true to the great trust the Lord has placed upon you, and the Lord will bless you by His Spirit and you with your brethren shall be a blessing to the world.

12 I will come to you from time to time. Fear not, many will help in the great work that is before you. Be at peace with all men and God will bless you and your labors. Amen."

1. II Nephi 28:30; Alma 13:3-5 (RN)
2. Daniel 2:34-35,44-45
3. Matthew 24:14

4. Acts 13:2-3
5. Acts 2:38; Moroni 6:1-4 (RN)

MESSAGE 21

MAY 16, 1930 | 9:20 A.M. - 10:40 A.M. | 441 RURAL STREET | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger, John the Baptist, came to me at my home, 441 Rural Street, Port Huron, Michigan, at 9:20 a.m. May 16, 1930, and was with me until 10:40 a.m. This was in the forenoon, the first time he has ever come to me in daytime. I had a good look at him. I asked him about the robe he wore, and he said it was the robe his father wore when he officiated in the Temple in his day. I asked him a few more questions that I do not care to give, but I give you the Message he told me to write.

~OTTO FETTING

1 "Fear not for the Message I bring, for thus far the Lord has accepted the work you have done. Again the Lord has spoken and the warning is going to the world: 'Repent! Repent!' For the kingdom of God is among men.'

2 A warning is given of Christ's coming that is near², remember the word He spoke to His servants of old. So does He speak to His servants now. The Lord has called you to do a work in this day and time as others have done in their day.

3 As satan has tempted you in the past, so will he continue to tempt you, and to hinder the Lord's work. As he has tempted you, so will he also tempt your brethren that labor with you and all those that will help in taking this Message of warning to the people.

4 As I told you in the Fourth Message, this power is at work to destroy. Watch ye and see, that you may understand the warning of the Lord.

5 The greater power has not yet come, because the Church has not been established in its fullness. Prepare ye a people that the greater power may come to all that will prepare themselves.

6 As it was in the days of Moses³, be ye ready for to go to a place of safety, for the Lord will direct. Set not your hearts on riches, for they will fade away. Let each one labor and save, but do this only from day to day, for trying times will come to all.

7 The Lord will direct His people, those that will trust Him and obey Him. I have again brought to you the authority of the Son of God, and the Lord has called you to do the work as the apostles of old. Remember, there is no greater power given to man than that of the Son of God, and He has entrusted this to you and your brethren. Therefore, keep it sacred, lest it will be taken from you, and this shall be your sign that it has been taken from you, for your hearts will be filled with selfishness and sin, and your minds will be darkness, and your hearts filled with unbelief.

8 Follow not the traditions⁴ of men, for the Lord will direct in His own way. Seek not to please man, but keep the commandments of God. The Lord will direct further that the Church⁵ will be established in its fullness, but prepare ye a people. As I told you, many will help in this work.

9 I have given you the plans of the Temple. Remember, they are sacred, for this is the House of the Lord that shall be built, and it must be built as the Lord has directed you, therefore, keep these plans Holy for the House that shall be Holy unto the Lord. Let no man treat lightly the plans the Lord has sent to you.

10 Take warning, those that the Lord has called, let them be at work somewhere for the Lord has need of them. Let them preach⁶ repentance and warn the people. Seek not to please men but take your message in love to all men, and keep the commandments of God.

11 I am instructed of the Lord to instruct you in all things, that the Church will be established in its fullness, that the gospel will be preached to all nations and people. The Lord will lead and direct His people, those that will be humble and full of love and will be led.

12 Let C. C. Spilsbury, Philip A. Ely, C. H. Storey, A. E. Gratz, J. W. Savage, John Allshouse, Buel Payne, H. L. MacPherson, C. F. Hart, H. B. Miner, William Mather, Roy E. Fetting, Russel Ely, George Cummins, be set apart as elders. Let Harold Frazer, J. V. Johnson, and John Spilsbury be set apart to labor as priests⁷ in the Church. Let each one labor in his calling and with love in their hearts. Remember, the harvest is great and the sheaves are ungathered. Let the women seek to labor where they can, warn your friends and the stranger at your door.

13 Read the Messages I have brought from time to time, study⁸ them, heed ye the warning that is given, teach it to all people, be ye united in your work, for nations are in distress and sorrow is in the hearts of many, and people and nations shall yet cry to the Lord for help.

14 Take no part in the craze of the world, but be wise in your work and supply yourself with that you stand in need of; keep out of debt and save, for the day will come that you will rejoice because you have heeded the warning.

15 Let those that have, pay their tithe⁹ and offering that the work may go on and the warning be taken to all the world. For this is the Word of the Lord¹⁰. He that will heed the warning will gain thereby. He that will not heed will suffer and lose in the end. Live in peace with all men, for the Lord will gather His elect, and bring them to a place of safety; for destruction will come.

16 Remember, the great controversy¹¹ between Christ and satan is on. This is the time when men's hearts will be tried. Take the Message I have given you to the people and let them choose whom they will serve; but take it in love. Be ye humble in your work and true to the trust the Lord has placed upon you. Let righteousness and justice follow you wherever you go.

17 Remember, the Lord wants a tried people, therefore your path is hard at times; but the Lord will help you and direct you as your faith will be.

18 I will come to you from time to time to direct in the great work that will be done. Be ye true to your call. As I say to you so say I to all. Amen."

1. Acts 26:20

2. Matthew 25:6

3. Exodus 12:51

4. Colossians 2:8

5. I Corinthians 12:28

6. Luke 24:46-47

7. Priest's Duties Defined in

Message 37:17

8. II Timothy 2:14-16

9. Malachi 3:8-11

10. Isaiah 28:13-14

11. I John 3:8

MESSAGE 22

JULY 29, 1930 | 7:25 P.M. - 8:40 P.M. | 441 RURAL STREET | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

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 "Satan¹ 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 traditions² he has planted in the hearts of all men, and the pleasure³ of the world, and pride; so that he has the controlling power among those that claim⁴ 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 presence⁵ of the Lord your God. The words I speak are His words, the message I have brought is His message, a warning to all people, and nations. Change them not, for the Lord has sent them. You have been entrusted therewith. See that no man change them.

5 Fear not man, for he is as the grass of the field, here today and gone tomorrow. Fear God and keep His commandments, and it will be well with thee. The people must be warned. Take this Message to the Jew and to the

Gentile, for the time has come when the gospel must go to the Jew and to Israel as a people, for they⁶ 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 receive⁷ as their works shall be, and all shall have a chance to save themselves from the wrath to come, for the prophet Daniel⁸ 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 Almighty⁹ will stretch forth His arm and will scourge the nations. Repent¹⁰ ye, for your wickedness has come up before the Lord your God; for the Lord¹¹ 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 covenant¹² with Israel at Horeb, and He will gather His people that are obedient, in their land. And their cities shall again be cleansed and righteousness shall again be in its borders. And the Lord shall remember them, and they shall accept Christ as their Savior and the Gospel as their law forever.

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

16 For there are those that have taken that which is not theirs, they have

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

17 Behold, they have taken that which is not their own; they have lied that they might get gain; they have taken from the aged, and they will not part with their substance to feed the poor and needy, but they have taken the widow's mite in unrighteousness, and have used it for their pleasure, and the gospel work they have treated as naught, yet they have said¹³, '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 robbed¹⁴ the Lord of one-tenth¹⁵ of that which was the Lord's. They have taken it for their pleasure, and have said in their hearts, 'This is mine.' 'Hearken unto Me,' says the Lord your God, 'all that thou hast I have given thee, and I shall require one-tenth¹⁵ thereof, that the poor that are poor indeed may be fed; that the gospel might be preached, and the kingdom of God might be established on earth in its fullness, and the Church set in order in its completeness.'

20 I have come to you to exhort you; to instruct you; to bring to you the words and instructions of the Lord; that all people may understand more clearly the words of the Lord, and the things that shall come to pass; for I am the Messenger of the Lord, to prepare the people for His coming, and a place¹⁶ to come to; to set the Church in order, and to instruct the people in humility that they may prepare themselves for His coming, for the Lord will bless those that will do the things He commands.

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

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

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

1. Daniel 10:9-14; 1 Thessalonians 2:18
2. Isaiah 66:3-4; Alma 31:17-20; 37:9 (RN)
3. II Timothy 3:1-5
4. Matthew 10:37; 16:27; Luke 6:46-49
5. Luke 1:19
6. Genesis 17:7-8; Ezekiel 28:25-26;
Mormon 3:17 (RN); Mormon 5:14 (RN)
7. Matthew 16:27
8. Daniel 10:14; 12:1

9. Revelation 1:8
10. Acts 26:20
11. Romans 9:27-28
12. Deuteronomy 5:1-5
13. Matthew 10:37; Luke 6:46-49; 1 John 4:7-11;
Mosiah 4:15-26 (RN); Moroni 7:45-48 (RN)
14. Malachi 3:8-9
15. Malachi 3:10; Luke 11:42
16. Ezekiel 28:25-26; Malachi 3:1

MESSAGE 23

OCTOBER 31, 1930 | 9:05 A.M. - 10:55 A.M. | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The messenger came to my home near Port Huron, Michigan, at 9:05 a.m., and left at 10:55 a.m., October 31, 1930

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I have come to you from time to time to instruct you in the things that must be done, and to warn you of the many things that shall come to pass. The work is great that is before you and I will come to you often and give you line upon line that you may read it, and read the words of the Lord to the prophets of old when they spoke of these times. For this is the beginning of sorrow spoken of by Christ, when he said, ‘Take heed that no man deceive you¹.’ For verily men’s hearts are filled with evil, greed, selfishness, murder, hate and sin.

2 Therefore, let your hearts be filled with love. Pray often that your humility may be seen and felt by all men, and fit yourselves for the great work that is before you, that God may use you to His glory and help bring others to the light..

3 Follow not after the traditions of men, for they will lead you to destruction. For satan will do all in his power to blind² the mind of man to lead him away from God.

4 There are thousands who will accept the Message the Lord has sent and the instructions I have brought to you, for the Lord will send His Spirit that will touch the hearts of men, and the Spirit that the Lord will give to His servants will bring peace to many.

5 Be not contentious³ for this is satan’s work; work in love with one another and with all men. Warn the people of the things I told you and let them judge, for the Lord will require it at their hands.

6 Take the Message from house to house as I told you, for this is a time of haste. Preach the gospel to the people in its fullness, for the Lord will give you the words to speak, but be humble in your work.

7 Let Thomas B. Nerren prepare to take the Message the Lord has sent to you, and the authority the Lord has sent with the Message, to England. Let him baptize and set apart William Memmott as an elder in The Church of Christ, and let him carry the Message to others in that great nation, that the Gospel might be preached in its fullness and the Church started, for the Lord has favored that nation, for truly many righteous are in its borders, and behold the king has been favored of the Lord, for his heart is filled with justice.

8 Let him go to Wales and baptize Thomas R. Jenkins, and set him apart as an elder in The Church of Christ, that he may take the Gospel to others in his land, and the Church be started in that place. For the Lord has looked upon this man with favor because his heart is filled with love to God and his fellow man.

9 Let him go to Germany and take the Message and authority to that nation, that the Gospel may be preached in its fullness and the Church be

started. Let him baptize Waldemar Korth and set him apart as an elder in The Church of Christ, and let this servant of the Lord take the Message to other places in foreign lands, and to Holland, as the Lord will instruct from time to time. But let Thomas B. Nerren not remain in the foreign land only for a short time as the Lord has need of him here, in his work, but let him remember that satan will do all in his power to hinder him in his work. But let the Message be taken in love, for trials will come to all.

10 Let George A. Backus go to the mountain states for a time, to assist in the work at that place, for the people are honest in heart, and many are seeking for the truth. Let them labor in love, for the Lord will direct in His work, and His servants, if they are humble before Him.

11 Let C. A. Spilsbury take the Message in Canada and the Eastern States from city to city and place to place, and let E. G. Law assist him in this work, for the Lord has need of them.

12 Let A. E. Gratz and J. V. Roberts labor as they can from place to place, but let their work be to those that are yet in sin, preaching the gospel and taking the warning to the people, for many are honest in heart, and they will obey the Message I have brought to you. But let them remember that danger is in their pathway, for satan will do all in his power to hinder.

13 Let the pastors⁴ be humble in their work that they may save their flocks, for satan will seek to destroy and cause mistrust and destruction.

14 Let W. R. Dexter assist you in your work, and labor in the regions round about, that you might save your strength, for the Lord will be with you and direct you. Let no one be idle, for all must labor somewhere, or their mind will be in darkness, for the Lord will not assist an idler.

15 Let Joseph H. Camp labor in the Southwest, as he can, for many are seeking for light, for the traditions of men have blinded⁵ them.

16 Let W. P. Buckley remain in the West, as his work is pleasing unto the Lord, but let those among whom he labors assist him in his work that the work may not suffer.

17 As you prepare the people, so shall also a place of safety be prepared, for the Lord will direct His people, and the law⁶ shall go forth from the Temple of the Lord to all nations and peace shall reign, but those that shall oppose the plans the Lord has given, will not be there.

18 Keep the law of the Lord in all things and keep ye the Sabbath day Holy unto the Lord. Let your fastings be in humility that the Lord will hear your prayers in the hour of your need.

19 Woe, ye cities, to whom I have come and have brought the warning of the Lord. Repent! Repent ye⁷! And seek the Lord now. For the day cometh when ye shall repent with broken hearts to seek the Lord who will be slow to hear your cry.

20 I am the Messenger sent from the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, hear ye His words today, for He has spoken to all nations; He changes not; He will hear your prayers if you will serve Him and keep His commandments. Give ear, O ye people of the earth! Hear His warning today.

21 I will come to you from time to time, until the Church is established in its fullness and the Temple of the Lord is built, from which His law shall go

to all nations. Be humble in your work, save your strength, as I told you, for your burdens will be hard to bear. Amen.”

1. Matthew 24:4-8

2. II Corinthians 4:4; II Nephi 28:14-26 (RN)

3. I Corinthians 11:16; III Nephi 11:29-30 (RN)

4. Jeremiah 23:1-4

5. II Corinthians 4:4; II Nephi 28:14-26 (RN)

6. Isaiah 2:2-3; Micah 4:2

7. Acts 26:20

MESSAGE 24

NOVEMBER 30, 1930 | 9:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger came to me at 9:45 a.m., Sunday, November 30, 1930, and was with me till 11:45 a.m. at my home near Port Huron, Michigan, and these are the words as he gave them to me, and told me to write them:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I have come to you as a Messenger from God. I have not come of myself, but the Lord your God has sent me. I am the Messenger of the covenant. I came at the time of Christ to prepare the way before Him, from the old to the new; again I am sent to prepare the way before Christ, and to bring the last¹, for this is the closing² time. My Message is to all people, and every nation, color or race.

2 I am John the Baptist. I am he that cried repentance in the wilderness. I am the Messenger spoken of by the prophets of old. I am the man sent from God, and my name is John. This I give to all people that they might know that I have come.

3 Let this Message be taken to each nation and race in their own language and tongue, and their own color, for God looks upon the heart.

4 Thus saith the Lord your God to the children of Israel, ‘Be ye comforted, for I will gather³ you from the north and from the south, and from the east and from the west, and from the islands of the sea, and will bring you again in your own land that I promised to your father Abraham.

5 I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. But My wrath is not kindled against you forever, for behold the day has come when I will again show mercy, and will gather you in your land that I promised to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will direct you, as in the days of Moses, and by mighty power and an outstretched arm I will manifest Myself. I will not require of you the blood of bulls and goats and turtle doves, but I shall require of you to obey the Gospel of love that was before preached by Abraham⁴. You shall acknowledge Christ as your Messiah and the Gospel as your law forever.

6 For behold, this is the time of restitution⁵ and restoration of all things. I have sent My Messenger to prepare the way before you, and I the Lord your God will direct you from time to time, for the Message he has brought has come from My presence, and it shall be to Jew and Gentile and to all people, for I the Lord your God will again restore the earth to its former beauty, and satan shall no more have power over the children of men, for My wrath is

kindled against satan forever.

7 Therefore, heed ye the warning I have sent, and repent ye, and keep the commandments, for Christ's coming is near at hand, and destruction⁶ will come upon the earth. Follow not after the traditions of men, for they will not save you.

8 I have sent John the Baptist, the son of Zacharias, in the spirit and power of Elias⁷, preparing the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to be just, for he is the Messenger of the covenant⁸ to all people, for I the God of Israel am no respecter of persons, for all that will love the Lord, and keep the commandments that My Son has brought to earth are accepted of Me.

9 Behold, I am again establishing My Church and My kingdom⁹ upon earth, and My Gospel shall again be preached in its fullness as in former years, and those that shall obey My law and keep My commandments shall be My people and I will be their God, and they shall not be in want, for I will bless their land and their flocks and will lead them as in days of old, for I will walk and talk with them, and they shall weep no more, for sin shall not be there.

10 I have chosen the weak things¹⁰ of this world, and the unlearned to bring about My purpose, that man may not glory in himself, for the wisdom of man knoweth not the foundations of the earth, nor the heavens what they contain; therefore, I the Lord your God have chosen those that are humble and full of love, who are willing to keep My commandments and heed not the advice of men, for I have measured¹¹ the heavens, and the foundations of the earth, and the sea, and will guard My children as the apple¹² of Mine eye.

11 I will lead My people, those that will keep My commandments, and will direct them, for man cannot legislate laws, for his heart is filled with selfishness, but I require of him to keep My laws that I have given, for I the Lord your God will send My Messenger from time to time until I have gathered My people.

12 I am again establishing My Church in its fullness, with twelve apostles¹³ and authority as in the days of old. And Mine elders shall preach the gospel and teach the people as in former days. I will bless those that shall take the Message I have sent and warn the people, and I will again manifest My power in healing, and My Spirit shall comfort their hearts.

13 Let George Buschlen be set apart as an elder, and let him labor among the people in the west. Let him forget the past and mention it no more, for I the Lord have pardoned those that repent, but let him remember that this work is sacred, therefore, let him be sober in all his work.

14 Contend with no man, but let your minds be at peace. Let Frederick Vowles be set apart also to care for the flock as an elder. Let Joseph Ripma prepare to take the field as a missionary in the spring as I the Lord will direct. Let C. H. Storey remember that God knoweth his heart, and will bless him if he will continue in his labors.⁷

15 As you take the Gospel to the Jew, take it in love. The Lord will direct you from time to time, and I will come to you from the Lord, but remember, satan will do all he can to hinder your work.

16 And to you, my fellow servant, whom the Lord has chosen, and whose burdens are heavy, remember the Lord is your strength; in humility write your letters, and give advice to them, as the Lord has given it to you. Remember the many instructions I have brought to you that you have not been required to write, but which has filled your soul with joy and your mind with light, and has strengthened your faith. Let others carry the Message I have brought to the children of men, but save your strength. The Lord will direct you from time to time. Send out no more of the Twenty-third Message until the correction has been made, for all things must be delivered as I gave them to you. Do also with this Message as you did with the twenty-two, that every word may be correct. Let no man add to it, nor take from it, for this is *The Word of the Lord*¹⁴.

17 Let *The Voice of Warning* be sent in peace, as you have done, for this is pleasing unto the Lord. This is the instruction of the Lord. Amen.”

1. Revelation 14:6-7; Jacob 6:2 (RN)
2. Malachi 4:5-6; III Nephi 24:1 (RN)
3. Jeremiah 16:14-15; III Nephi 20:13-22 (RN)
4. Galatians 3:8-9
5. Acts 3:20-21
6. Zephaniah 3:6-8
7. Luke 1:17

8. Malachi 3:1
9. Daniel 2:44-45; 6:2-4; Matthew 6:10
10. I Corinthians 1:27
11. Isaiah 40:12-31
12. Deuteronomy 32:9-10
13. I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14
14. Isaiah 28:13-14

MESSAGE 25

MARCH 29, 1931 | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger came to me at my home near Port Huron, Michigan, Sunday evening, March 29, 1931. These are the words as he gave them to me, and told me to write them:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I have been sent to you from the Lord. Withhold not the words of the Lord from the inhabitants of the earth. Hearken and hear, ye people, for the Lord your God has spoken to all nations. Let no one stand between you and your God, lest you betray the trust the Lord has placed upon you.

2 Some will not believe until destruction¹ will come, and they will suffer therefrom. Remember, you will be hated by friends and loved ones, but for this cause were you born², for the work that is to be done is so great that man cannot comprehend it, for the glory of God shall yet be seen, and His power manifested.

3 The Lord has sent me to warn the nations, and after this warning will come destruction, wars, pestilence, famine, and earthquakes, as never have been, for the Lord wants a Holy people.

4 The Church of Christ shall receive greater power as I told you, and the Lord will draw the honest in heart to Him by His Spirit, and they shall keep His law, for the Gospel of Christ shall be preached to all nations and then shall the end come.

5 Go to the assembly in peace. Let your work be in love, for satan shall try to discourage, and seek to destroy. Many will come to seek for truth. Let there be no contention among you, for the Lord shall require peace at your

hands.

6 Let the Message be taken from nation to nation, from state to state, from city to city, from house to house, from heart to heart, for all must be warned of the things that will come to pass.

7 There are those that doubt the Message, and are discouraged, but if they will keep the commandments of the Lord, their reward is sure. There are those that are filled with traditions of men, and are deprived of many blessings. There are those that are a law unto themselves, they have no part in this work, for the Lord will not accept of them and their works.

8 There are those that have been slothful in their calling, and have treated lightly the Message from the Lord. Let them repent, lest satan darken their minds and the Lord reject them.

9 The Lord has seen your struggles, and the opposition of satan, to destroy you and the Lord's work. Much has been accomplished, but greater work shall be done, for the time is short. Remain humble, heed not the advice of men, nor your friends or loved ones. Let those that hinder depart from you, for this is the Lord's work.

10 I have been instructed to direct the Lord's work, and the work that shall be done, and will come from time to time and direct the Lord's people as in the days of Moses.

11 The evil forces will seek to destroy you, and the Lord's work. The time will come when your life will be in greater danger, like Elijah³ of old. As you meet in the assembly, counsel not your God, but seek ye counsel and wisdom at His hands.

12 Despise not the young in their efforts, nor speak ye lightly of the aged, for all must help, for the Lord will bless the humble, and will reward those that seek Him in love.

13 The Message I have brought from the Lord is to Catholic and Protestant, to Jew and Gentile, to bond and free, for all have gone away from the commandments of the Lord, and the Lord is no respecter⁴ of persons.

14 Repent, ye ministers of pleasure, for your worship is not of the heart⁵, your prayers are only from the lips, and an outward show, and this is an abomination unto the Lord. For your effort is to get gain⁶ and your hearts are full of greed; therefore, the wrath of God is kindled against the hypocrite, and the hireling, for they shall receive the greater damnation, for the Lord will send a scourge and destruction in the land; and He shall cleanse the people of darkness and superstition and your mockery shall come to an end.

15 Many have said, 'Lord, Lord⁷,' yet they have their idols in their hearts, and will not follow in the ways of their God. But the time will come when their cries shall be heard, when through suffering they will learn obedience.

16 I will come to you and instruct in the work that shall be done that all may labor in love. Let those that can take the Message, rid themselves of debt, and the burdens of life, that they may be free to go as the Lord will direct.

17 Let each one save that the burdens may be lightened, and that the gospel

Message may be taken to Mexico, to Australia, to New Zealand.

18 Let William R. Dexter labor in Chicago, and the regions round about, that the work may be started, and the warning go to that wicked city, for many are honest in heart.

19 Let Thomas Bennett and Robert Wilkins be set apart as elders in The Church of Christ, and let them labor in Toronto, and the region round about, for many are honest in heart. But their faith is weak and their hope has been blighted, because of the conditions of the past, but let them remember as they labor, that satan will seek to tempt them, for he knows their weakness, therefore be ye strong, lest you destroy yourself.

20 Let Henry Humphrey labor as he can. Let him take the Message from house to house. Let his work be in love, for many will be brought to the light.

21 Save your strength, for the Lord has a great work for His people. Be not discouraged, for the Lord will direct. Amen.”

1. Zephaniah 3:6-8; Micah 5:11,14; Luke 21:31-36;
Jacob 6:2-3 (RN)
2. John 18:37
3. 1 Kings 19:1-3
4. Acts 10:34

5. Matthew 15:7-9; II Nephi 27:25-26 (RN)
6. Micah 3:9-12; Mormon 8:32-41 (RN)
7. Matthew 7:21-23

MESSAGE 26

JUNE 21, 1931 | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

*The Messenger came to me at my home near Port Huron, Michigan, Sunday, June 21, 1931.
These are the words as he gave them to me to write:*

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I have delayed my coming with this Message, for the Lord knows your suffering, and your strength. The Lord sent me to you and not to another, for He knows your heart, and your life, and from childhood has watched over you, to do this work, which is very great. For no greater responsibility was ever placed upon man than taking the gospel to the nations of the earth in its purity; therefore, be true until your work is done. For God will be with you to finish your work if you will remain humble before Him. Seek not to please man, nor fear man, for the Lord is your strength.

2 God has chosen you and your brethren as apostles in The Church of Christ. The work has been committed to you men to take it to the nations¹ of the earth, to establish Churches in all nations, and to direct in all things as the Lord will direct you.

3 Remember, this is God’s work and He will help you in your work, that the gospel may be preached and the Message of warning of Christ’s coming may go to all people. Let the Message I have brought to you be translated and printed in all languages, that all may read and know that the Lord has sent me, and that no one will have an excuse at the judgment day. Let this be done as fast as you can. But see that it is translated correctly, for this the Lord has entrusted in your care.

4 Let no one treat lightly the Message of the Lord, for His eyes are upon you and your work, and your thoughts cannot be hid. Let your work be done in soberness and firmness, but in humility and love.

5 See that all speak² the same thing. Let no one preach and teach the traditions³ of men.

6 The Lord has placed the work of the churches, and the preaching and teaching in the hands of the apostles as in the days of Christ when He was here; and the finances and the care of the poor and needy in the care of the bishops. Therefore see that the work is done as the Lord will direct. Let the elders preach the gospel, baptizing those that come to The Church of Christ. Let them labor among the people, healing⁴ the sick, blessing⁵ the children as they are brought to them. Let them lay their hands on them that the Lord may confirm their work by the Holy Ghost, that the Spirit of God may lead them in all truth.

7 Let the women⁶ assist in the work by taking the Message from house to house, that all may be warned.

8 Let John Allshouse, H. L. MacPherson, and Ray Griffith be set apart as apostles in The Church of Christ. Let them so arrange their home that nothing will hinder them from taking the Message to the nations; for the time is at hand when the apostles will have to go to other nations. Therefore, arrange your home and set it in order. Remember, this is a time of haste.

9 Let P. A. Ely be set apart as a bishop, and J. V. Johnson and Harold Frazer as elders; but remember with this call will go added responsibility, for God requires humility, for He will direct.

10 Thus far your work has been accepted of the Lord. Wait for His direction in all things, lest He reject your work, for the Lord knoweth your needs.

11 Let those in Europe receive such help as can be given them from time to time, that the work may go on, until it has been fully established, for they are in need of Messages. Let some of the German Messages be sent here, that they may be taken to their own people.

12 There will be those from time to time that will hearken to the whisperings of satan, and doubt will enter their minds, and they will reject the Message the Lord has sent. Let man forsake his unrighteous⁷ ways, and cleanse his mind from evil thoughts, and seek after righteousness and justice, and peace with all men. For the Lord will not spare those that continue in their wickedness.

13 Let A. W. Bogue give all his time to the bishop's office, that the work may go on. Let him set his house in order that nothing may hinder him in his work. Let the work be more firmly established in Independence, for the time will come when the word of the law of the Lord will go forth from that place. Let the people repent, and hearken to the words of the Lord, and God will pardon⁸ their mistakes, for there are many who are seeking for light and truth.

14 There are those who have been slothful in their calling. God has looked upon them in pity, but let them remember that God will reward everyone as

His works shall be, and in time they will see their loss⁸.

15 There are those who have contended about the assembly, for their hearts were not right; let them repent. The Lord will direct in His work. Let the *Voice of Warning* go in peace as I told you. Publish not your traditions⁹, but send the Message the Lord has sent.

16 Let George A. Backus go back to the mountain states as he is needed there now.

17 Remember the things I have told you. Read the messages. Study¹⁰ them, that you may know the will of the Lord, and save yourselves from the things that are coming to pass. Let no one be idle,¹¹ that all may assist in the Lord's work.

18 I will come and direct as the Lord will have need of me. Be humble in your work. Take no part in the contentions¹² of the world, but let your mind be at peace, that the Spirit of God may dwell in you, and prepare your mind to receive the words of the Lord. Amen."

1. Matthew 24:14

2. Isaiah 66:3; I Corinthians 1:10-11; Mosiah 1:5; (RN)
Alma 31:17-20 (RN)

3. Matthew 15:3; Mark 7:8; Colossians 2:8

4. Matthew 10:1; James 5:13-16

5. Matthew 19:14-15; Mark 10:15-16

6. Philippians 4:3

7. Mosiah 29:23 (RN)

8. Isaiah 55:7

9. Mosiah 1:5 (RN); Alma 3:8; 9:16 (RN)

10. II Timothy 2:15

11. Isaiah 26:3-4; Mosiah 29:14; Moroni 9:6 (RN)

12. III Nephi 11:29 (RN)

MESSAGE 27

SEPTEMBER 2, 1931 | 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger came to me at my home near Port Huron, Michigan, September 2, 1931, and was with me from 11:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m., and commanded me to write the following:

~OTTO FETTING

1 "I am the Messenger of the Lord. I have come from the presence of the Lord your God. John the Baptist is my name. I am a prophet of the Lord. Hear ye nations and repent of your sinful ways, for the Lord will not spare him that will continue to do evil. The heart of man is filled with iniquity, his mind with mischief. Selfishness and greed has brought murder and crime among you. Satan has done his work, and man has followed his way. Therefore, he will reap the harvest he has sown.

2 Repent¹! Repent! Oh ye slothful and disobedient. You have turned away from the laws of your God, and the commandments He has given. You have not heeded the promptings of the Spirit of the Lord, but your hearts have been filled with lusts of the flesh, and you have followed the spirit of the wicked one, and his works you have done.

3 The day of trouble is before you. Hate is in the heart of man. Nations have turned away from God, and satan has control of the hearts of men, and he will bring to pass in his allotted time his work. For his time is short, when he will deceive² the nations no more.

4 For the Lord your God will establish His kingdom³ and His Church

forever. The Lord has chosen whom He will, that His work might be done in righteousness. He will direct His people, those that will trust Him and obey His commandments that He has given, and will give, from time to time.

5 Many hearts will be sad at times for some will not hearken to the words of the Lord, but in their way will they seek to direct and counsel the Lord and His work. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.

6 There will be those that will help with all their might, and their reward is sure. The Lord will be with the humble, and with those who are filled with love.

7 Let none be idle for much must be done. For as I have told you this is a time of haste. Therefore, let Thomas Evanson, Clark Buckley, C. M. Beld, Joseph F. Cleveland, Paul Dexter, Ambrose C. DeWolf, Arthur W. Rathbone, be set apart as elders in The Church of Christ, and let them take the Message to the people and nations, that they may be warned. Let Martin Huonker be set apart as an elder that he may labor in Germany and help to take the Message to the honest in heart, for much must be done in that nation.

8 Let the Messages I have brought to you be translated in Spanish, in Hebrew and in Norwegian and Swedish, so that the Message can be taken to those nations in their own language and tongue, but see that it is translated correctly, for this is very important in this work. Much is required of you, and much will depend on the work that you shall do, for the Lord has intrusted this in your care. Isolate yourself that your mind may be at peace. Let others take the Message and preach the gospel to the world.

9 There are those that will help in writing the Message and assist in the translating. Let them do it.

10 Hear ye! Hear ye! Oh ye people of the Lord! Be humble in your work. Have your hearts filled with love for all men. Be ye at peace. Go to the land. Gather⁴ ye in groups where you can worship the Lord your God in peace, that the Spirit of God may remain among you. Use wisdom as you buy your land, lest those of the world will deceive you in your purchase.

11 For the Lord will gather the honest in heart from all nations, and He will cleanse this nation, that His people may live in peace, but avoid the cities lest ye be caused to suffer with them.

12 Beware, be careful in your travels for satan will seek to destroy and hinder the Lord's work that I told you to do. This is a time of turmoil and distress, for satan will send destruction everywhere. Build ye upon the foundation⁵ Christ has laid.

13 Remember, there is safety in the light I have brought to you, therefore follow the instruction that I have given you. Let your mind be open to receive the words of the Lord, that His people may be directed in all things to their safety.

14 Prepare ye, that nations may be warned. Take the Message from house to house, from city to city. Let the elders also take it to the country, that all may be warned. For the harvest is great. Let the Lord direct. He will provide.

15 I shall come again and instruct you. Amen."

1. Acts 26:20

2. Revelation 20:1-3

3. Daniel 2:44-45; Jacob 6:2-4 (RN)

4. John 11:51-52; Luke 17:33-37

5. Isaiah 28:16; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Hebrews 6:1-2; Helaman 5:12 (RN)

MESSAGE 28

JANUARY 24, 1932 | 11:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M. | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger came to me at my home near Port Huron, Michigan, January 24, 1932, and was with me from 11:45 a.m., to 12:45 p.m., and left the following Message:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “Thus saith the Lord your God, ‘Hearken ye nations and hear ye inhabitants of the earth! Your sins have come up before Me. You have rejected My laws and My commandments that I have given you, and instead you have heaped unto yourselves the traditions and commandments of men. Your hearts¹ are filled with selfishness and murder, and divers kinds of sins. Satan has filled your hearts with doubts and unbelief, and he holds full sway in your hearts. Therefore, the whole earth is in commotion, and the honest in heart must suffer because of the unjust.’

2 Therefore, thus saith the Lord your God to the humble, the honest in heart, to those that seek for truth and righteousness: ‘Come² out of her lest ye suffer with the ungodly, and partake of her punishment. For My wrath is against the ungodly, against the liars and hypocrites and those that count My commandments as naught. I have sent the destroyer and devourer in the land, and I will punish the nations and the inhabitants of the earth, that they may become humble and inquire about Me and My commandments.”

3 I am God, I change not. My laws are to all nations and all people, and My words to all generations. Therefore have I given My Gospel to be preached, that people might repent and come unto Me, and I am again establishing My Church as in the days of old, and My kingdom³ shall never be destroyed.

4 Come out of her ye that seek truth, for My word is truth and My law changes not. Christ will come to His own, and His Church, that is again being established as in the days of old. There is no other way than Christ’s way. There is no church but His Church⁴; all others are the works of men.

5 My Temple will be built by those who will prepare themselves in righteousness and in humility, for none shall be accepted by Me whose hearts are filled with unrighteousness. Holy, Holy is My house that shall be built, and only that which is holy shall enter therein.’

6 Thus saith the Lord your God, ‘To My servants that I have chosen, be ye one. Let love fill your souls and humility be in your hearts. Contend not among you; let each one labor as I will direct, that My work may go on in haste. Let the twelve apostles that I have chosen, and will choose, and the bishops counsel together often; for much will be required of you; for the great burden of the whole Church has been placed upon you. To all nations you must carry the Message and warning I have sent, and the gathering of My people⁵ from all nations to this land, and the Jew to his land, that Israel receive her portion as I have promised them.’

7 Thus saith the Lord your God, ‘I have sent My servant John to you with the Message, for behold He is My choice, and for that purpose was he born, that he might take My Message and My covenants that I have made. He shall

prepare the way before Christ as in former days; John the Baptist is his name. All that he has brought and all that he shall bring has come from My presence, and My words⁶ that I have sent shall judge you in the last day.

8 Let Joseph H. Camp labor as much as he can in Mexico and its borders. Let Thomas B. Nerren labor in Canada and the western part. Let W. L. Gates labor in Wisconsin and northwestern states. Let C. A. Spilsbury labor in Toronto, Ontario, and eastern states; let Ray Griffith labor in Washington and coast states. The work that has been done by My servants, G. A. Backus and W. P. Buckley, has been pleasing unto Me, and let them continue in their labors in the mountain states. Let H. L. MacPherson prepare his work and set his home in order that he may labor in New York and eastern coast states. Let W. R. Dexter continue in his efforts at Chicago for much must be done in that wicked city. Let John Allshouse labor in Ohio, Indiana and the south. Let My servant, Otto Fetting, continue his labors as I will direct from time to time, but let him remember the warning I have given him from time to time. Let C. M. Schryer labor in western and central Michigan. Let Robert Orme be set apart and labor in southern Missouri and Arkansas. Let C. J. Crandall labor in Indiana and Ohio. Let James Beld be set apart and labor in Kentucky. Let Roy E. Fetting prepare himself in humility that he may be useful in My service and to My glory.

9 Let the work at Royal Oak and Detroit and round about continue, for much can yet be done, but let it be done in humility and love. Let the work in Toronto be done with much preaching on the street and from house to house. Let the work in Independence and Kansas City be done by street preaching and Messages from house to house.

10 Let the Messages be printed in German, and as I have told you, that the work may be carried on in haste, and I the Lord your God will direct you in the future as to My work that shall be done if you will live in humility before Me.

11 Let the assembly be held in peace; contend not among yourselves, for this is My work, and I the Lord your God will direct your way, if you will have faith in My words. Let the bishops be humble, not slothful; let them read the Messages I have sent that their work might be plain before them.

12 Much will come to pass and much sorrow; go to the land for it will be the best; that you may have food. Be content with that you will have from time to time, for sorrow will come.

13 I the Lord will direct you as to other nations and their work, for the warning must go to all. Fill your hearts with love, weep with those that weep, and rejoice that ye are the children of your God.*

14 These words was I instructed to bring to you from the Lord. I am your fellow servant, and a Messenger sent from the presence of the Lord your God. I will come to you from time to time; save your strength. Be mindful of the many instructions I have brought to you from the Lord, and if you will do this the Spirit of the Lord will be with you in your work. Amen.”

1. Matthew 15:9

2. Revelation 18:2-6

3. Daniel 2:34-35; 44-45

4. Ephesians 4:4-16

5. Zechariah 8:7-8; II Nephi 30:7-8 (RN)

6. John 12:48; III Nephi 28:34 (RN)

MESSAGE 29

SEPTEMBER 9, 1932 | 3:00 P.M. - 3:40 P.M. | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger came to me at my home, near Port Huron, Michigan, September 9, 1932, and was with me from 3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m., and left the following Message:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “I am sent to you with the words of the Lord. I have come to instruct you and the Church and bring a warning to all the people, for all nations must be warned¹ of the things that are coming upon the earth, for all must know the will of the Lord.

2 As you talk to the people be in earnest, that they may not treat the Message lightly, but be pleasant as you meet the people, for they have been led away by the traditions of men, and have suffered much by their folly².

3 For thus says the Lord, ‘I have given My commandments to those that have named My name³ to serve Me, and have made a covenant with Me. I speak to those that are The Church of Christ and to all that will become My people and My Bride⁴. I have given to Mine apostles their charge, and instructed them to do My work in all the world. Be ye not slothful in your work, for I shall require it at your hands at the last day.

4 I have given to Mine elders their work, and I shall require it of them in the last day; therefore, be ye not slothful lest you lose your reward.

5 I have given to the bishops their work and mission, and I shall also require their stewardship at the last day, for the Lord has intrusted this great work to you that His law shall be kept; be ye therefore not slothful, for your work is no idle tale⁵.

6 I have given the women their work that the Message might be taken to the homes that all may be warned, for I have heard the cries of the people that have been led away by the traditions of men, and My Spirit shall feel after them.

7 Find not fault with one another, for all have their work to do and I the Lord shall require it at the last day.

8 Contend not about local work for your work is to all people and nations, and this I say to all.’

9 The contentions of the world will grow worse and worse, and your faith will be tried as that of Job; but be ye the children of peace.

10 Destruction⁶ will follow after destruction, bloodshed, famine, storms and floods; yea, men will rise up against their fellowmen and smite them. Pestilence and plagues will sweep the nations. Again shall come contentions after contentions, but have ye no part in them for your mission is one of peace.

11 Send a man to Europe next year that the Church may be more fully established there, for they are in need of help, for the Lord will bless their work.

12 Worry not about the Temple, for there are those whose hearts are filled with hate, selfishness, jealousy, strife and contention; verily, I say unto you and to them, they shall not hinder when the day cometh when the Lord will

build His house. Therefore, keep the plans sacred that the Lord has committed to you.

13 Let Harold Frazer be set apart as a bishop, that the work in Toronto and Canada may not suffer, but let him counsel with all the bishops that as one man they may see to all their work.

14 Let the work continue in Detroit and regions far and near, for many are seeking for truth.

15 Isolate yourself, for I have many things to give you, but the Lord knows your strength, and I will come again to you shortly.”

THE VISION

SEPTEMBER 29, OCTOBER 25, 1932 | 2:00 A.M. - 4:00 A.M. | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

September 29, 1932, at 2 a.m. the Messenger came to my home near Port Huron, Michigan, and said:

~OTTO FETTING

16 “Come with me and I will show you things that shall be hereafter.”

17 It seemed we traveled eastward like one who is gently floating down a stream of water till we came to a flat stone lying on the top of a high mountain. Both the Messenger and I sat down on this stone, and looking north from this place an immense panorama of landscape, rivers, lakes, large bodies of water and cities opened before our eyes. Far in the distance we saw a beautifully lighted city, so well lighted that even the alleys and darker portions of the city were clearly discernable. The city was built upon seven⁷ hills and we saw thousands of people walking in its streets.

18 We saw a man⁸ sitting in a large chair in the shape of a throne. He was dressed in linen and wore a skull cap of the same material. Around his neck was a string of pearly beads, his fingers were bedecked with gold and diamonds, while upon his wrists hung huge bracelets of gold also studded with diamonds. Many of those who were walking the streets had come from other nations bringing their moneys in the form of gold, silver and currency. These they brought and laid at the feet of the man who sat upon his throne, kissing his hands and feet, piling the gold, silver and currency separately in huge piles all around him.

19 The Messenger said: “With the money, the people have brought to the man that sits upon his throne, he has bought himself great power in all nations, and he has now the ruling power in the United States.”

20 I observed that this man who sat upon the throne would at times send out messages to all churches purporting to make peace, but all his messages were sent out with a view of furthering his own interests to his own gain. However, when he saw that he could not accomplish his purposes by this means, he started war among the nations.

21 Some nations⁹ joined him wholeheartedly, others became divided, still others took but little part in it at first. England and Germany were divided into two factions, one faction of each nation going with the armies of the man who sat upon his throne, the others going with the armies who opposed him.

Norway, Sweden, Holland and Switzerland took but little part at first, but later all nations became involved during which time there was much fighting and bloodshed in the United States.

22 When the war started, the man upon his throne changed his robe and cap to that of purple, and these words appeared in the heavens, "SEVEN YEARS." And they brought him a golden cup on which was written, "THE BLOOD OF THE RIGHTEOUS MEN," and he drank the contents of it. A little later they brought him a smaller cup on which was written, "THE BLOOD OF SAINTS,"¹⁰ and he also drank the contents of it.

23 Through the long, hotly contested and bloody battles the armies of both the man who sat upon his throne and his enemies became weakened, and the seat of the conflict changed. There appeared in the north and east a great army to fight against the man who sat upon his throne. This army was terrible and the man who sat upon his throne changed his robe and cap to those of scarlet, and the people who had formerly opposed him began to migrate to the United States, coming from England, Germany and other nations. Parts of Germany and England, with the whole of the United States became one nation in purpose, and there was great peace in the United States. The British Empire never became united again, as a nation.

24 But the armies from the north and east were strong, and their fighting was brutal, much more brutal than was the fighting during the first war waged against the man who sat upon his throne. After these armies had fought for some time these words again appeared in the heavens: "SEVEN YEARS" and shortly after, these words appeared, "BLESSED ARE THE DEAD"¹¹, FOR THEY SHALL REST IN PEACE."

25 Then there appeared in the heavens, angels¹² with large vials or bottles, and poured some of the contents down upon the armies, and there arose a great smoke red as blood, and a stench that was terrible, of human flesh, and the armies fought all the harder.

26 As we sat there and looked upon this terrible scene, the Messenger said, "These things shall come to pass hereafter." Then there appeared a large black cloud that shut out our vision; we turned to the east and Christ appeared in the heavens going west. I followed Him with my eye as He continued west, and in the far off west I could see the Temple, its walls and dome glittering in the distance, and there was wonderful peace. We returned to my home and the Messenger said, "Write what you have seen and I will be back."

He left and the clock struck 4 a.m.

The Messenger came to me at my home, near Port Huron, Michigan, October 25, 1932, and was with me about twelve minutes, and left the balance of the Message:

27 "The things I have shown you, place them with the rest that are now in print, that all may know what shall be hereafter, and that the Lord has sent me from time to time, for they will surely come to pass.

28 Heed ye not the prophecies of man, lest they deceive you, but keep the commandments of the Lord.

29 Worry not, and fret not yourself about those that heed not the Message; their time will come when to their sorrow and regret they shall know the Lord has spoken.

30 Be ye saving in your traveling, lest ye be burdensome¹³ to the people; send your moneys as tithing and offerings to the treasury of the Lord that the bishop may have means, that others may go and take the Message.

31 Save yourself, let others care for the messages; make your burdens light, that you may receive the words of the Lord from time to time.

32 Many shall weep and lament, and shall seek counsel, for sad are the days that are coming on the earth.

33 I shall come from time to time to instruct you of the things that shall be.

34 I am John the Baptist, the Messenger of the Lord, to prepare the way before Him.”

1. Matthew 24: All

2. Omni 1:25; Moroni 7:5-11 (RN)

3. II Timothy 2:19

4. Isaiah 54: All; Matthew 25:1-13;
Revelation 19:7-8

5. Matthew 20:6

6. Isaiah 24: All

7. Revelation 17:9-18

8. II Thessalonians 2:3-4

9. Revelation 17:12-14

10. Revelation 13:6-8

11. Revelation 14:13

12. Revelation 15:6-7

13. II Corinthians 12:14

MESSAGE 30

JANUARY 28, 1933 | 9:25 A.M. | PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

At 9:25 a.m., January 28, 1933, the Messenger came to my home near Port Huron, Michigan, and left the following Message:

~OTTO FETTING

1 “Thus saith the Lord, ‘Let My servants, Bennett, Bronson and Thornton be set apart¹ to fill the vacancies in My house as apostles. Let the old and the young remember that humility must be their mantle, for charity² knoweth no evil. Let My servant, Armstrong, labor as an elder until a vacancy shall come. If he is faithful to the trust, he shall occupy with the twelve.

2 I have given the plans for the Temple, but My people are not worthy or cannot enter therein.’

3 Thus says the Lord, ‘I will not leave My people if they will keep My commandments and serve Me as I have instructed you; yea, My Spirit touches the hearts of many who have no understanding of My law. I have heard the prayers of My people and all is in My hands.’

At this juncture the Messenger left. He said he would be back and spare me a little longer. He returned and gave what follows:

4 Thus says the Lord, ‘You must all drink of the bitter cup³ that you might know that which My Son has suffered. For behold the crown is after you have fought the fight. Speak not evil of your brother nor of your fellowman whose mind is still dark. Go to them in love. Glorify the world by righteousness; enlighten your mind by humility. Love always. Hate is not your work. I have called you to save the world. According to your humility and faithfulness in keeping My commandments so far you will accomplish; if you fail you have failed yourself⁴.

5 Some are not true; some have been and will be true; others have failed. Contend not among yourselves, but be in unison. For contention⁵ will destroy hope. It is an important time, that My Message that I have sent be taken to all parts of the world, that each one must labor with all of their might⁶.

6 I have established My Church in 1929 anew. I have given the Message and it must be obeyed. All else is of man and I cannot, and will not accept the follies⁷ and traditions of men, for My work is a holy work and man must first be made holy⁸.

7 Meet in your assembly and cry mightily unto Me. If your prayer is of the heart, I will hear you. I will not accept the vain babblings and sputterings of the lips of man whose prayer is not sincere. I have placed the mountain and the ocean and planted the forest. I have beautified the earth and man through sin has sought to destroy it. How can I rely upon the untrue and the unfaithful? Their prayers and their tears and their efforts are not accepted of Me.

8 Ye have sought for greater power and ye have not prepared for it; your vision, your understanding and your minds have not been illuminated yet because your hearts are still filled with selfishness. Rid your minds of evil thoughts, your hearts of selfish pride. Come closer unto Me; ye are yet too far away; and I will touch you and greater light and greater power and greater strength will come.

9 Publish the fourth Message. What is it to you? Your riches have faded as I told you. The abominations are coming. All will come as I have told you. You have labored, but you have labored too hard. Therefore, your body and your mind have lost their strength, but you have been true to the trust I gave you. Therefore, I have not forsaken you. It has been a special mission and a special work to which I have called you. Because of your unselfishness you have not sought the honor of men. I will water the seed thou has sown and it shall bring forth.' Amen."

*This was presented to me by the Messenger and I read it as the Messenger unrolled the roll which he had shown me the previous night on which was written,
"The Word of the Lord."*

(Signed) Otto Fetting

1. Acts 13:2

2. I Corinthians 13:1-13; Moroni 7:44-48 (RN)

3. Matthew 20:22-23

4. Helaman 14:30-31 (RN); Mosiah 16:5 (RN)

5. Titus 3:9

6. Jacob 5:61-62 (RN)

7. II Timothy 3:7-9

8. Romans 12:1; Ephesians 5:26-27

The Testimony of Four Witnesses to the Thirtieth Message as Delivered by the Messenger Sent from God

Be it known unto all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, unto whom this Message shall come, that we the undersigned were in the room at the time the Messenger, spoken of in the Message, came into the room, and held the roll from which Otto Fetting read the 'Word of the Lord,' spoken of in the Thirtieth Message. We felt the presence of the Messenger as he held the roll, and we heard the 'Word of the Lord' delivered from the roll, by the mouth of Otto Fetting whom God used as His human agent.

Witnesses:

W. R. DEXTER

ROY E. FETTING

JENNIE M. FETTING

ELIZABETH M. MILLS

Subscribed and affirmed before me, a notary public, in and for the county of St. Claire and the state of Michigan, this 8th day of March, A.D. 1933.

RUSSELL A. YOUNG

My commission expires June 23, 1934.

The Passing of Otto Fetting

Otto Fetting entered into his rest at 1:53 a.m., Monday, January 30, 1933. He had been failing in health for over a year, but became very ill one week before his death. He was born November 20, 1871, in St. Claire County, Michigan.

From February 9, 1891, the day of his baptism and the beginning of his work in the Restored Gospel, to the day of his death, he devoted much of his time and material wealth to the support of that great work. From 1899 until the end he held the priesthood.

On February 4, 1927, the Lord sent His Messenger to our brother and conferred upon him a great commission and responsibility such as few men of this day have carried. Though scorn and scoffing, hardship and suffering, he proclaimed the Message brought by the "Messenger of the Lord", that a perplexed and dying world might be led to the light.

He sealed his testimony to the divinity of the Message on a bed of suffering when the Messenger came with the Thirtieth Message. Within an hour of the giving of the Message Brother Fetting signed his name for the last time upon earth and admonished his loved ones to stand by "*The Word of the Lord.*"

To Whom it May Concern

Independence, Missouri, June 17, 1940

In all sincereness I make this solemn declaration before my Lord this day. He being my witness also my judge. I expect to stand before the great and pleasing bar of God to answer for what I may say herein.

The manifestations, experiences, and words of the visits of the Messenger are true. I have seen him from time to time. I have heard his voice. I have seen his face. I have seen the light that accompanies him which precedes his appearance and remains after he leaves, sometimes for an hour or more. I have felt his touch on my shoulder, and in holding to my hand. I have been enwrapped in that wonderful heavenly and divine power of God.

I want to make this statement that everyone may know that this is true. I do not fear the hereafter, and I cannot nor will not deny the things that I have seen and heard from this heavenly source, the Messenger, as long as I have my right mind and God gives me life and His grace to endure here on earth.

I may have been misunderstood by those who should be my fellows and I may have failed in some things in the past, still others may make statements about me but I want this to be understood that this statement is true, and I shall abide by the advice and instruction given by the Messenger regardless of what man or men may say.

The Messenger wears a white robe, his hair is a tiny bit gold next to his skin and blended to whiteness like pure wool, white as snow. His eyes are like a flame and his feet like the brightness of fine brass, as if they were ablaze. His voice has the sound of one having authority. His countenance is as the brightness of the sun with its greatness in light, even brighter than light that shineth down on the Earth. He is enveloped in light and immediately around him it is very bright.

I wish all could see or feel the sweet powerful influence that comes with this heavenly one and surely all doubt would flee from the minds of natural man.

Peace to all and may the Lord's will be done. These are my words to you this day and may the Spirit of God bear witness.

W. A. Draves



APOSTLE W.A. DRAVES

MESSAGE 31

OCTOBER 4, 1937 | NUCLA, COLORADO

A messenger of the Lord came to me at my home, Nucla, Colorado, Monday morning, October 4, 1937. Sunday night, after coming home from church, I retired with earnest prayer from my heart, asking God for direction and that I might live to please Him. I also thanked Him greatly for the blessings I had received.

I had awakened several times in the night and went back to sleep praying. I awakened with a start, hearing footsteps on the ground floor. I raised up in bed and looking toward the staircase I noticed a light coming or beginning to shine up the stairway. I was somewhat astonished to think someone would be walking in my house, when I knew I had locked the doors. Immediately I saw it was a man dressed in a white robe, and with no light in his hand as I had supposed. A light seemed to radiate from him, lighting the whole room, while immediately around him it was much brighter. His beard was radiant, his eyes which shone like neon light, though piercing and bright, were gentle and pleasant, his looks kind. I was somewhat afraid, but his smile helped to drive away my fear. I thought perhaps it may be an angel of God. When he appeared on the top stair he seemed to float quickly to my bedside, I trembled and pulled the covers to my chest while sitting up in bed. He smiled and began to speak kindly. His tone was convincing and his voice slightly heavier than that of an ordinary man. When he spoke I seemed to be lifted in space, yet I knew I remained on the bed. Although this happened so very quickly, all fear had left me and I set my faculties to give attention and listen carefully. He said:

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Fear not, let peace be with you. Your prayers have been heard; God hears the prayers of His children; He knows your hearts before you ask. Some are pleading to Him in your behalf, and God has looked on you in favor. The year has been good to you. Blessings have been yours to enjoy. Yea, be humble before your God.

2 Truly God has used you as an instrument in His hands—by the power of that righteous Spirit He spoke through you. Many have obeyed His voice. Many have been made glad and some have gone through sadness and will, before they will hear Him, but God will not fail the honest—those that seek Him diligently. Seek Him early while it is called today. Man is all selfishness unless he is filled with the Spirit of God.”

At this juncture the visitor raised his right arm and seemed to reach almost over me swaying his arm gently. I watched every move he made and especially his lips as he spoke on with sternness and firmness as one speaking the truth.

3 Now hear ye the words of the Lord, all that tremble in His sight, and at His word, ‘Yea, seek Me and walk righteously before Me, heed My voice and great shall be your blessings. Remember your Lord and master who drank of the bitter cup—all must drink of the cup of trial¹ to know what I have suffered² for you. Lift high your banner, hold firmly to the iron rod³. Yea, the righteous call unto Me and My countenance shines upon them.

4 I say unto thee all, for none have progressed as I would have you. The longing in your hearts is still unsatisfied because of that which brought broken confidence in each other and discouragement and shaken hope; thus speaking hard of each other, making hardness of heart. Behold, I would have you love one another. Do good to them that despitefully use you.

5 My sheep know My voice⁴. Many false delusions are going out, but again

I say My sheep know My voice and heareth not another. Some have lost their affections for My work. This ye must not do, but uphold My work, or darkness will shake you one and all, and the gathering you long to accomplish shall come to naught. I know your desires; yea, when seasoned by My Spirit, much good will come from your works. Humble yourselves more before Me. In not doing this, ye do foolishly before Me.

6 Stand more firmly together, for I desire it of thee, that you may stand when greater powers of darkness shall come over you. Yea it is, that dark clouds of deceitfulness and dangerous sayings shall come among you, which shall try many and some may fall. Pray for thy brethren. Cry unto God.

7 Indeed the angel that revived the work is still at the helm, and verily has not come since the visit with the Message, that all must drink of the bitter cup, to thy brother Fetting, but shall come again. Yea, and indeed, I, your Maker, knoweth all that taketh place. When ye hear it said, "A shining light," "A great star," I say unto you, know ye this, it is not of Me; be not deceived by it.

8 Much is folly⁵ before Me and man is nothing of good when he heeds not My voice. Know ye the witness of My Spirit, how that it caused the hearts of men to mellow⁶ before Me. Is this Spirit still with you? Heed ye the still small voice and the promptings of the divine Spirit. Be not conformed to the works of darkness nor the ways of the world. Work with an eye single to My glory. When I speak answer by your actions; abide in My doctrine. Let your words and deeds be that to My honor and glory. Return your love and service to Me that your works⁷ may show your faith.

9 "Ye that name My name give thanks unto your Master; in so doing I will bless you that you will be a blessing, and bless others. Let My Spirit rule your lives. Be ye long suffering. Be not as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Be filled with charity⁸ and let peace rule your minds and your lives. The fire of joy shall burn within you. Yea, the Lord will walk and talk with those that keep His law in fullness. Seek not the praise of men. Be not heady nor high-minded. Seek to do good. A good tree cannot bear corrupt fruit, nor a corrupt tree, good fruit.

10 Verily, the courts from above have sounded these words, and you have heard. Yea, be at peace, let not your heart be troubled. Be at peace with all men. Hear the words that are true and faithful sent from the realms above.' "

By this time I was fully convinced that my visitor was an angel. As he spoke the last words he floated back to the head of the stairs, directly in front of a window. I rubbed my eyes, hoping to get a better look at him and then to ask his name, should he pause. But I could see him no more. The light remained in the room for an hour or more. I fell asleep and when I awakened the influence remained with power and as I write I can feel the tingling influence of that Spirit. This is as near correct as I can remember.

1. I Peter 1:6-7; Message 30:4

2. Isaiah 53:3-4

3. Isaiah 53:3-4; 1 Nephi 8:19-30; 11:25; 15:23-24 (RN)

4. John 10:4-15

5. Omni 1:25

6. 1 Nephi 7:5; 18:19-20 (RN)

7. 1 Corinthians 3:19; James 2:18

8. Luke 6:35; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

MESSAGE 32

JANUARY 5, 1938 | 9:00 P.M.

Given Wednesday night, January 5, 1938.

Last night, shortly after 9 o'clock, I was awakened by a heavenly being who stood by my bedside. I turned to hear him speak. I seemed to know he had something for me. I was not frightened when I saw him. I had seen him before on the night of October 3, 1937, and he left a Message at that time. He spoke calmly, yet with power and with kindness.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “With peace I come to you as a servant of God. I come to do His will, to prophesy. I bring a Message at this time.

2 Again the Lord has heard your prayers; yea, He hears the prayers of His children that are from the heart; many call on Him, them He shall hear. Your testimony of this work is true, you are not deceived. You must remember to be humble, let righteousness speak your testimony to others. ‘Yea, I, your God, have raised thee up as a witness and an evidence to My people, and thee and thy family; that the power of God can save and bring the righteous to victory. I have guarded thy ways and inspired thy thoughts in the past. I have watched over thee, but the adversary of My work from the beginning hath taken note of that which thou hath thought to accomplish; yea, therefore, be humble, even all; be contrite, seek earnestly for wisdom, for understanding, and for greater knowledge. Be at watch and you shall have My Spirit and you shall not be deceived. Pray often and the dark powers shall not oppose to destruction. Remember, your work is peculiar, even amongst your brethren.

3 Behold, My Church hath passed through great trials and darkness. Falseness has brought priestcraft among My children. Many weep because of this power and their prayers have been heard. Yea, darkness shall recede and Spiritual light shall retrieve. Many shall be made strong. Greater understanding is sought for and shall be theirs to enjoy to happiness and peace. For lo, false prophecy has divided you as a dark hand and has wrought its work, and My Church has wavered because of it, making weaker the faith of some; but I your Lord, doth not work in subtle manner. Woe¹ to those that seek high positions. Follow not after that which bringeth discouragement among those that have named My name, but lift up your hearts² and strengthen your faith.

4 My ministry must seek Me much and be very humble, eliminate selfishness, do My bidding, that which is just and right, for My kingdom children’s sake. Be not conceited but give ye as cheerful givers. Take courage, all ye that are weary, fail not to show your affection for Me, your Lord and God. My love is for you one and all. Hold fast to My truths which shall stand even through darkness. I will not leave thee alone. I shall give testimonies of great truths to you and to many. I shall call many honest, many humble, many with knowledge and understanding, for yet My house shall be built; My Temple, a haven of rest, a refuge³. Oh ye one and all, My servants, seek to please Me and not man. Humbly come ye together.

5 To My Nucla saints: I spoke once with a testimony of tongues, yet My people heard Me not, by their actions. But I know your hearts, that which hinders shall not hinder longer. Build ye the storehouse that shall bring a blessing to many. Shake off the shackles of contention and labor. Behold, it shall be done, those that stand in the way shall hinder no more. The weakness and folly of some has caused My work to suffer; this shall not continue.

6 Verily, verily, ye say ye love⁴ Me. Where is your God that created thee? Know ye not that I know thee and know your whereabouts? I led many from the way of darkness and ye have contended selfishly to your woe, driving the good Spirit away; and doubt has entered the minds of some. Some that say they are not accountable for their folly; this is not of Me, your living God.

7 I speak these words of truth and they shall have their place among My children. Yea, trust Me ye flocks, and I shall bear thee up at the last day. I am your God, I change not⁵. I love thee and shall bless much, as your faith is. I leave My peace upon you.’ ”

He left—but the influence of his presence remained and as I write this down, I feel that good Spirit, even in power, causing me to tremble in the sight of the Lord.

1. Luke 18:14; John 7:18; Moroni 7:45 (RN)

2. Message 29:3

3. Psalm 9:9-10; Isaiah 4:6; 26:2-4; II Nephi 24:1-8

4. Matthew 10:37; Luke 6:46-49; I John 4:7-11;

Mosiah 4:15-26 (RN); Moroni 7:45-48 (RN)

5. Malachi 3:6; Mormon 9:19 (RN); Moroni 8:18 (RN)

MESSAGE 33

JANUARY 30, 1938 | 11:30 P.M. - 12:40 A.M. | NUCLA, COLORADO

January 30, 1938, at my home, Nucla, Colorado.

At 11:30 I was awakened by a heavenly Messenger that stood by my bedside and took hold of my left shoulder. When he touched me I awoke. It seemed as light as noon-day in the room. I looked at the clock and then at him.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and write the Message I will give you.”

He paused as I arose and took a pencil from my clothes by my bedside, then paper from my suitcase from under the bed. In all this I had the most wonderful, peaceful feeling. We both sat on the bedside facing the east. I had books and papers on the floor near by. He reached and handed a book to me to rest the paper on while writing.

I began to feel very weak in the presence of the Divine, I could scarcely keep the tears back. Silently I prayed for strength, saying, “Lord I’m weak, if I do this I need help.” I asked Him to bless me. I found strength and courage and it seemed much more pleasant to be at the side of this Divine being.

2 “I have come to you at my appointments. I have brought and bring to you words of the Lord your God. I come to prophesy.

3 You failed to write all that I gave you before. This you must not do. It is expedient that the words I give in this language, be given, for they must have their place and their bearing among My children.”

At this I looked at him. He smiled which invited me to speak. I said, “I failed I

know, until later, then I feared I would not get it correct.” He smiled again. He spoke with kindness yet with sternness which caused me to feel my guilt.

4 “You feared your brethren, let not man’s weakness cause the work of God to suffer. This has been the failing in the past, with selfishness and the weakness of humanity. But God knoweth the hearts that are honest.

5 ‘A dark hand has been over My people, a hand of deception which has brought great sorrow and grief to many. Some have thought to run before the Lord, seeking prominence. This to the discouragement of many and to the driving away of some. These weaknesses have been spoken of by My Messenger to Otto Fetting. Some have overcome them while others have been overcome with them,’ saith the Lord.

6 Behold the day is, and nigh at hand, when the prophecies of old are being fulfilled. Nations shall yet be brought down, and lo, a mighty cry shall come from them that fall¹. The hearts of men must be turned to their maker, the creator of all.

7 Yea, the just will suffer² with the unjust lest they draw away from such, and not take part in contentions and dark sayings. The plagues³ shall sweep the nations, and floods shall have their course, and famines shall take their place again. The plague of death in war has its effect on the nations. Many are taken to the beyonds not knowing the love of God nor what the end shall be. A call for laborers in the harvest goes out, for the harvest is ripening—behold, it is white. The cry of the people come up before God. Their honest prayers shall be heard.

8 ‘Lo, will My servants do My bidding,’ saith God, ‘or must I call others? Fail not in your calling; but lift up your voices and carry your burdens to Me the Lord your God, and I shall hear—and lo, I shall help you one and all. Be faithful, and I,” saith your Lord, “will stand you in holy places when the great destructions⁴ shall come; and I will not take vengeance on those that know Me when I come, but shall number you among My jewels⁵. Then great shall be your joy. Out of weakness many shall be made strong.’

9 Read the words of the Lord, study them, read ye what the Lord saith in the Twenty-Sixth Message.

10 ‘Remember,’ the Lord said, ‘Let the old and the young remember that humility must be their mantle for charity knoweth no evil⁶.’

11 Give this out to your brethren, many have prayed for this and rejoice to know of my coming. Be not weak but be strong in the Lord, and He will give you strength.

12 There are those that have and will uphold you, and will be made glad because I come to you. Many have prayed to this end. There are those that will speak lightly of these words. Sad shall be their end. Some you think will have confidence as those to stand by you, will turn against you. Some will not understand, but in the end they shall understand.

13 ‘Hearken ye! My servants, go ye out to labor, ye that are out continue, for God is with you and will be. Great shall be the harvest. Many are looking for the message you bear. To those that take the message from house to house, place to place, heart to heart; I will be with you, I know your

efforts already and your needs. Continue, and you shall have great joy and peace of mind, and eternity hath place for you.

14 Come ye unto Me, ye weary, and I shall strengthen you. Remember I call the weak, and endue you with My Holy Spirit, causing great things to transpire among My children, and those that shall name My name.'

15 I leave these words with you. I bless you and those that hear you in the name of the living God. Amen."

This Messenger sat on my bed while giving this Message; he spoke slowly, pausing occasionally while I wrote. He spoke kindly yet with force. His influence was such that I am not able to describe it. The light that radiated from him seemed to have a mellowing influence. My eyes filled with tears when I looked directly at him. He told me a few corrections to make in the last words he brought. That this was the third time he had come to me, and that he was a Messenger sent of the Lord. He further said I would gain many friends while others would try to make me an offender. Some would be true, some would not. That all things must be governed according to the teachings and doctrine of Christ. By the time this Message was finished I felt the human weakness so much that I could understand in part the difference between the human and the divine. He rose and walked a few steps from me, and turned facing me, and chastened me because of that human weakness by saying, "Remember God is just." He vanished. The room was light for some time after he left. I looked at the clock, it was 12:40

1. Zephaniah 3:8

2. Revelation 18:4

3. Matthew 24:7; Revelation 9:20; 18:4

4. Isaiah 26:20; Joel 2:32

5. Isaiah 61:10; Malachi 3:17

6. Message 30:1

MESSAGE 34

MAY 14, 1938 | 1:00 A.M. - 2:20 A.M.

I was awakened by a Messenger sitting on my bed, May 14, 1938. He came at 1 a.m. and remained till 2:20 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Awake and take the Message I will give you.

2 Behold I have come to you and not to others, for this is my appointing, to come with a message that the kingdom¹ of God shall be. For the Message I bring shall bring life, peace and happiness to those that accept it, and 'Woe, woe, woe, to those that count My commandments as naught; for terrible shall be the day to the unjust when I come,' saith the Lord, 'and joy, gladness and redemption to the just.

3 Hearken, hearken: this is a day of haste! Will My servants do My bidding? Lo, I have waited, yet many are slow to heed, while many there be that have a desire to put on the whole armor of Christ," saith the master of men. "Take to them the Message, for Christ's coming is near. Preach and teach the written words and My Spirit will be with you as in the days of yore, for My Gospel must be taken to all nations, for a mighty shaking² will come, then an awakening, and many that hear will obey.

4 "Even now I say to My servants, meet in your solemn assembly. Cry

mightily unto Me, and I will hear you, and manifest My will unto you, yea, concerning Zion. Let My law be taught in its completeness that the joy of man might be full under the plan of redemption. Yea, men are that they might have joy, and according to their faith I manifest My will unto mankind. Because of unbelief My work has suffered, leaving many to wander in darkness.'

5 'Behold,' saith the Lord, 'a great work is to be done, and few there be that behold it. But the children of your God knoweth it, and heareth the will of the Father, for The Church of Christ shall receive her power to make ready her children, the Lamb's Bride³, when He comes.

6 Hasten, ye sons of Levi⁴, hasten to your calling. Remember your ancient choosing, calling and promise of your Lord. Let not My work suffer because of unbelief, but arise and go forth in the strength of the Lord, for love is your work. Go in faith. Bear ye the fruits of My Spirit that there may be order in My house, when many find it not elsewhere and look for standards. Let The Church of Christ take her place with the Gospel of love to govern the feet of the weary and the wanderer.

7 Let more be sent in the fields and contend not among yourselves. Seek to be just in all things. Practice the law of love in your homes, for in your hearts My law shall be written⁵, saith the Lord, 'and My work shall be accomplished by pure hearts and clean hands⁶. My house shall be built. The gospel preached in all the world. The glad tidings must go forth; and great shall be your joy in the end.

8 Oh ye sons of men, hear My voice, for I am your God and I speak as in days of old. By My Spirit ye shall hear My voice, and when you call on Me, while you yet speak I will answer,' saith God, 'For I send My Messenger at this time with this great Message of love. Many will rejoice with you. Be humble, be true to the covenant ye have made to God, and lo, I will be with thee always, even unto the end, for I am the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

9 I leave, and shall come again. Do with this Message as you have done with the others, write them. Peace I leave with you."

I know this to be the same visitor I have had all along.

1. Daniel 2:44

2. Ezekiel 38:18-19; Haggai 2:6-9

3. Revelation 19:7-8

4. Deuteronomy 33:8-11; Malachi 3:3

5. Jeremiah 31:33

6. Psalm 24:4; Alma 5:19 (RN)

MESSAGE 35

JUNE 9, 1938 | 1:10 A.M. | 103 SOUTH PENDLETON | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

At 1:10 a.m., June 9, 1938, at my room, 103 S. Pendleton, Independence, Missouri, the Messenger awoke me and said:

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and take the instructions I shall give you. I come to you at this home at this time. I come to you with this Message that you might give it to the Church.

2 I speak to the people of the Lord, those that have heard the midnight cry.

3 ‘The cries of My people have come up before Me, and I have heard their humble plea,’ saith your God. ‘Yea, I am pleading for you to continue to come close unto Me. Behold many have obeyed Me in that they have come humbly to the assembly. I led you here one and all and My wish is that you remain very humble before Me; then I will continue to bless you and lead you close unto Me. Be very humble that the sunlight of righteousness from the Lamb of God may shine on you with healing¹ in His power.

4 Yea, to those who have not yet covenanted² with Me, this is the way that shall lead you to life eternal.

5 To My servants, yea, I have given you testimonies of this work and of the words that come from My presence even through My Messenger of this time, through one of My choosing. Remember, My ways are not man’s ways, and none shall understand³ but by My Spirit,’ saith your Lord.

6 ‘Hearken: I say to My servants, be ye up and doing. Go to the fields as the way will be open before you; I plead with you to labor in unison for My cause.

7 Let My quorum of twelve apostles be filled. Let My servants Belcher and Parkinson be added to the quorum that the quorum of twelve apostles might be filled. Let these men labor as they can, and as soon as they can adjust conditions in their homes, go to the fields, as My Spirit will direct, for My harvest is great and the sheaves ungathered. Let them prepare in deep humility of the soul for this place in My Church and not yield to pride’s temptation. Let My servant W. C. Wilson, prepare to fill a place in the quorum of twelve when a vacancy comes. For lo, He is My servant and I have heard his prayers that are of the heart, and I will be with him in great power. Yea, I have strengthened his faith in this work. Let him take his place in the field of labor and labor even now, as I will manifest by My Spirit unto him.

8 Yea, let the many of My servants arise to their calling. Speak words of truth in soberness and I will see your solemnness. I will bless you with My Spirit as you carry My Message to the ears of men. This is My work,” saith the Lord, “and I shall reward thee for thy labors. But verily hasten or I shall call others to take your place.

9 Let My servant Lacey continue to labor among the people of his color. I have heard his humble prayers which is of the heart. I know his willingness to serve Me, and I shall fill him with power by My Spirit. Lo the time will

come when his eyes shall be opened and he shall see. Great shall be his joy for his faithfulness before Me. Let your brother, Johnston, prepare himself for the field, as he shall labor among his people also. Teach My full law in all things.

10 Behold, it is My will that My servant, A. W. Bogue, remain in the office. I will bless him, and he shall not want for food. Hear ye My servants for I am God, I change not. Blessed art thou to obey My voice.’

11 These words I leave with you and bid you give them unto Mine apostles and Church; give them not to the world as yet.

12 My name is John, I shall come again.”

1. Malachi 4:2

2. Psalm 50:4-5; Isaiah 55:2-3; 56:4-7

3. Isaiah 55:8-11; Daniel 12:10

MESSAGE 36

JULY 13, 1938 | 2:10 A.M. - 3:20 A.M. | NUCLA, COLORADO

At 2:10 a.m., July 13, 1938, at my home, Nucla, Colorado, the angel awoke me and said:

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Again I come in peace to you with words of encouragement for The Church of Christ. Behold the day is when time is ripening, the harvest must be gathered. Thus, the words of salvation must be carried to all the world, for Christ’s coming is near at hand and this warning must be sent, the Gospel of the kingdom preached—then shall the Lord come in the clouds of glory. For the righteous, great shall be their joy—but to those that know Him not and that obey not the gospel, the Lord of salvation shall take vengeance on them.

2 May the people of the Lord God take on new courage. Let not your hearts be troubled, for the Lord has blessed His Church in that your actions at the assembly were acceptable—yet greater shall be your joy. This is the Lord’s work and man cannot change¹ His plan nor His decree for they are unalterable.

3 Thus saith the Lord your God, ‘Oh ye of little faith and ye that have set your hearts, and have said, “The Lord has not sent His angel,” for lo, I have sent Mine angel from My courts above, the realms from on high, and he brings and has brought words from My speaking. But ye sit as judges, stiff necked and hard of heart, saying, “The Lord speaks through me by His Spirit.” Yea, verily, I say unto you, I have not prompted you to speak thus—but through the emotions of your hearts, and not to wait upon the Lord—but to do My work in your way, you have sinned before Me by doing thus, that you may hinder My work. In that you will fail. And it needs be that you humble yourselves before Me and repent. For know ye not that I, the Lord your God, knoweth your hearts, your very thoughts and deeds. I would bless you and fill you with My Spirit if you would heed My voice. Unless you will hear Me in My way and heeding My voice obey—you shall not be called

Mine at the last day, for you will yet fail. Others that are willing will carry My work onward, for Zion will be redeemed² and Israel gathered. The Jews³ must be gathered to their homeland, and Israel's hosts⁴ to this land that shall be cleansed⁵, 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 lamb⁶ and the lion shall lie down together. Peace and love shall reign, and the Lord of justice shall be over all. The Jew and the Gentile, the bond and the free shall be as one. Even the Lamb of God, which is Jesus Christ, slain for the sins of the world and raised to eternal glory, shall be over all till the completion⁷ of all things and the Father sees it well done. Thus have I spoken,' saith the Lord your God.

4 'Let all My servants that I have called be up and doing for I will direct them. Let My young servants be at work and I will bless them greatly. Let all labor in their calling or idleness will let darkness cloud their minds and they will not enjoy the Spirit nor the goodness of God. Let My young servant Raymond Bronson labor with his parents as their work is pleasing unto Me. Let My servant Parkinson prepare to labor in Canada as much as possible as the way will open before him. Let My servant Belcher labor in the field near his home and round about places, for much is to be done and laborers are few.'

5 Remember the many things I have told you, that you have not been permitted to write. Be very humble before the Lord. Worry not about what man has done—those that reject the words I bring to you. They do not reject you⁸ but they reject me and the words I bring from the Lord, and the Lord has not and will not let His Spirit always be with them unless they turn and heed the Lord their God.

6 I am he who shall minister unto ten thousand times ten thousand⁹ and they shall be tried and purged. For I sit as a refiner of gold, and as with fuller's soap, purging¹⁰ the hearts of men and cleansing out the dross, the sins of men. For man must be made holy before he can come in the presence of God, or the glory of the Lamb, slain for the sins of the world, that mankind might believe on Him and be redeemed from that awful state.

7 Behold, the Lord soon comes and I shall be with Him when He comes to His Temple that shall be built by a people of clean hands and pure hearts.

8 These words I have brought from the presence of the Lord your God. I come to you in peace, with a Message to bring peace to the Church.

9 I bid you give these to Mine apostles, as you did before, and publish them for the Church. The Lord has spoken it.

10 I leave and shall come again as the Lord will direct. My name is John, the Messenger of the Lord."

He left, it was 3:20 a.m. As on other occasions the room was as light as noon-day and remained so for sometime after.

1. Isaiah 46:10; Alma 41:8 (RN)

2. Isaiah 1:27

3. II Nephi 30:7-8 (RN); Mormon 3:17; 5:14 (RN)

4. II Samuel 7:10

5. Isaiah 1:27-28

6. Isaiah 11:6-9

7. I Corinthians 15:24-25

8. I Samuel 8:7

9. Daniel 7:10

10. Malachi 3:3

MESSAGE 37

SEPTEMBER 22, 1938 | 1:50 A.M. - 4:20 A.M. | NUCLA, COLORADO

Nucla, Colorado, September 22, 1938. After prayer meeting on Wednesday night, September 21, 1938, I retired at about 10:30 p.m. At 1:50 o'clock I awoke from a very peaceful sleep. I thought of some happenings of the past few days not of the church. I hadn't been awake long when I noticed my room beginning to get light. I knew the angel was near—this thought had no more than passed through my mind when he stood by the foot of my bed. He took hold of the bedstead, it vibrated when he touched it.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Arise, and take the Message I bring to you, for thus I have been commanded of the Lord.

2 Again I come to you in peace, with a Message to further the cause of salvation. The command of the Lord is that the work might go on until the completion of all things and the promises fulfilled.

3 The day is and nigh at hand when rumors of war will be heard and fear will come in the hearts¹ of men. Some, their hearts will fail them because of the things that they will hear, but to those that have named the name of the Lord and that will yet name His name, be zealous therefore, and look to God. For those that He loves He also chastens, and the wise shall repent of the ways of sin and the flesh, that they be not spotted at the last day, but overcoming in all things. Then shall the Lamb, the Great High Priest, clothe² them in raiment white as pure wool. Their names shall be in *The Book of Life*, confessed before the Father of Lights³ and the angels of righteousness.

4 'Behold,' saith the Lord, 'those that have and will profess My name and diligently seek Me, yea, I will open and no man will close the door⁴ before thee, for I will give unto thee power to overcome, and he that overcometh shall have right to the tree of life, to eternity. Lo, there will you have place with your Lord whom ye seek and desire to please. Then the righteousness of the righteous shall be your joy.

5 'Ye that are called to edify⁵ My Bride,' saith your Lord, 'keep ye My sayings and the ways of righteousness in your hearts. Sin not, but be ye holy vessels, and lo, I will quicken your understanding. Keep the thoughts of kindness in a willing manner toward your fellowmen. Fall not in the hands of the adversary, that is a thorn unto My body. Hold high the banner of righteousness, and Zion's cause shall be the Millennium reign.

6 'Lo, I come quickly,' saith the Lamb of God, 'He that keepeth My sayings, in him will My love be perfected. Be ye cogitative⁶ and visions of divine and glorious light shall be about you. Think ye upon the ways and words of the creator of mankind that knoweth the hearts of all men.

7 The light that I, your Lord, will send shall point the way. He that cometh to Me through the door will I baptize with fire and the Holy Ghost. Many have heard My call. Many are coming. Baptize them, ye servants of Mine, for this is My Church.

8 Lo, My servants are called to represent My Church that shall continue on till I come to claim her as My Bride. Be humble, be faithful, that you may have good works laid up in store against the times to come and My promise

is that you may have hold of the tree of life⁷,’ saith your Lord who is the Savior of all that will hear and obey, ‘for nations shall yet be warned of My coming.’

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

10 The servants of the Lord that are carrying the glad tidings, their joy shall increase for they will see the hand of God in bringing the children to the Church in her brighter garment⁸.

11 Let more be sent into the harvest field and the marvelous⁹ work of God continue on. All must come in by the door¹⁰ to represent The Church of Christ that is being established to never again be taken away¹¹, but shall continue on until Christ shall come.

12 Let F. E. Gale and A. H. Morse accept their call as elders to represent¹² Christ and His Church. Also let Earl Hansen, C. O. Benson, W. B. Hill, Philip Swanson, and Lester Resch be set apart as elders to labor as the Lord will direct by His Spirit. Let them prepare in love for the proclaiming of the Gospel of salvation they shall carry to the ears of mankind.

13 Let Peter Karo prepare in deep humility for the responsibility that will be upon him. For the Lord knows his heart and his love for this Message of gladness to go to the people of his blood and tongue. If he will make ready that he be not burdened with the cares of home, let him be set apart as an elder to carry this Message and authority to the place of his birth of Vinjearen, Norway and round about places. Many honest are in the borders of that nation and the Lord has prepared hearts to receive this message of life when they hear it. If he will work in love with an eye single to the glory of God, great shall be his joy with them. Let his companion go also.

14 The Lord calls those that are willing to hear Him, the humble and the unlearned, to bring about His wise purpose¹³. Teach men the way of truth and justice. Be not proud, heady or highminded, but be humble, meek, wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Use boldness but not overbearance¹⁴. Yea, let all bridle their passions and unruly tongues, and you shall be delightful in the sight of the Lord.

15 Let Teddy Pyle prepare that his voice may sound the Message of life—study the words and plan of God that he may know the truth and defend its cause.

16 Let Edwin H. Urch be set apart as a priest to labor in the cause of the kingdom of God.

17 Let the priest’s duty be to teach the law, preach the word, expound, exhort, admonish, and baptize: and also to administer bread and wine as sacrament unto the flocks; and visiting the homes of the members; teach all to pray in service and in the secret closets, pouring out the heart to God. Teach members to attend to all family duties.

18 Many there be that profess the name of Christ, but you men of the servants of the Lord are to represent Christ and His Bride, His Church. Great shall be your work and men shall be blessed by the glad tidings you bear. Have faith, think not that you can work without faith and help of God.

19 Let the Lord's servants hasten for nations must be warned and many righteous are looking with longing hearts in search for truth. Teach them to heed the words I bring from the Lord.

20 Let the Church pray earnestly and often that all will come closer unto the Lord that they may know His Spirit. Follow the doctrine taught in the scriptures¹⁵.

21 There are those that have shown negligence in defending the truth, but because of traditions of men and the desire for prominency have failed to please the Lord in all things, and have sought to hinder the work of the Lord. They shall not have part in this work. Yea, the day soon comes when such shall not be called servants of the Lord by My voice nor by the true Spirit because of their sin. They have made light of the words the Lord has spoken. Therefore they do not heed, and unless they speedily repent of ways that are not wise, and secret deceptions, such shall no longer have lot or portion in the sacred work of the Lord.

22 Remember he that fails, faileth of himself and shall not be numbered among the people of the Lord.

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

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

25 The Lord changes not, and He speaks now unto the children of men as He spoke in days of old.

26 I prepared the way before the Christ in days of old. Again I prepare the way in these days for His coming is nigh at hand.

27 I prophesy unto the children of men. Heed ye the voice of Him that made heaven and earth and all things that in them are. Repent of your wicked ways and turn unto the Lord your God, with solemnness and humbleness and He will hear your cry. Ye that have heard His voice continue on with a contrite spirit, for blessed are the honest, the upright, and the just.

28 Send this Message to your brethren and the Church. Let these words be printed that the warning may go to others.

29 I have come to you from the Lord. I am the Messenger of the Lord to instruct in this work, and my name is John the Baptist. I will come from time to time as the Lord will direct. Amen."

He left, it was 4:20 o'clock. I was so very weak from his presence as the divine influence is so much stronger than human that I was most overcome. The light remained for sometime.

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| 1. Isaiah 13:7-10; Luke 21:26 | 8. Message 2:7 |
| 2. Alma 5:21 (RN); Ether 13:10 (RN) | 9. Isaiah 29:14 |
| 3. James 1:17 | 10. II Nephi 31:17-18 (RN) |
| 4. Revelation 3:7 | 11. Message 13:16 |
| 5. Ephesians 4:12 | 12. Message 5:2 |
| 6. Daniel 7:28 | 13. Matthew 10:16 |
| 7. Revelation 22:14; Alma 32:40-41 (RN) | 14. Alma 38:12 (RN) |

MESSAGE 38

OCTOBER 30, 1938 | 12:00 A.M. - 1:12 A.M. | 2425 LAFAYETTE | SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI

The Messenger came to my room at the home of R. E. Stone, 2425 Lafayette, Saint Joseph, Missouri, at 12 midnight and left at 1:12 a.m., October 30, 1938. He gave the following Message:

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I come to you at this home, for thus the Lord has commanded. I speak the words and will of the Lord your God.

2 The Lord has blessed His people, those that are willing to hear Him, for the words I bring are His words, and they that heareth the words of the Lord and obey, shall be His Church in very deed.

3 Thus far those that have listened to the words of the Lord, they shall receive the greater blessing, for behold, the time is nigh at hand when the greater power will be manifested; therefore arise to greater faith ye servants of the Lord. Turn away from the traditions of men and the things that bringeth contention, for the Lord will bless those that are humble and do His will.

4 Send what help that can be to the foreign fields as much can be done at this opportune time. The Lord is giving His word to those that are afar off as I speak to you and have spoken.

5 Let the Norwegian Messages be sent to the people of that language and tongue, for the gospel will soon be preached in that nation.

6 Some the Lord has called have slumbered and slept, while some have been true and will yet be true, their reward is sure. Again others will yet rise and heed their call.

7 It is the will of the Lord that more be called to labor as bishops that the work will hasten on. Therefore, let J. W. Savage, Maurice Turland and Clarence Dobson be set apart as bishops. Let them remember they are stewards for God and that He requires it of them at the last day. Let them teach the tithing law and abide in all things in the ways of the Lord. It is needful that they work in the field of the Lord. Let the bishops work in unison in this office and calling.

8 The Lord has called men in other nations to know this cause.

9 Let the elders teach the people to live in peace before God that the works of darkness must be done away for the kingdoms of this world will know that God has spoken.

10 I have come to you. I have come from the presence of the Lord your God. I bring a Message of love, and a warning¹ that Christ’s coming is near at hand and the destructions that shall be. I have brought and bring

instructions for the Church.

11 The works of satan must be overcome, then peace shall reign.

12 Let the words I bring be translated in other languages that all nations may be warned. Publish and send abroad the warning, teach the reign of peace. Be at peace for Christ's kingdom shall be, and He shall rule from sea to sea and all men will then hear His words.

13 The words I bring is a warning. Will the people heed it?

14 I have come and will yet come, as the prophets have foretold, until the great controversy between Christ and satan is over, the Temple built, the people prepared and the bridegroom sits down. They that be with Him are called², chosen and faithful.

15 I shall come again as the Lord will direct."

1. Matthew 25:6

2. Revelation 17:14

MESSAGE 39

FEBRUARY 19, 1939 | 1:05 A.M. - 3:00 A.M.

At 1:05 a.m., Sunday, February 19, 1939, my room became light. I was awake and raised up in bed. I knew the Messenger was near. Immediately he appeared and bade me take the Message he would give. I got up and wrote the Message which follows. He spoke kindly, yet impressively. I saw the light, I saw him, I heard his voice and felt his influence. For a few minutes we visited as two men, talking over the things of God. I know this to be the same angel that has visited me on a number of occasions before.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Arise and take the Message I will give you.

2 Again I bring words from the Lord your God, for the hearts of many have turned to a great light. The Lord sent me to bring light and instructions, to direct, to again point the way. That a people will be prepared to meet the Christ when He returns to make His abode on earth. That His will shall be done and the way of the righteous be pleasant in the sight of the Lord.

3 The Lord your God has borne witness to many of the Messages I have brought and bring to you, and will yet bring. For this work came I into the world, as spoken of by the mouth of the Holy prophets of the Lord, which have been since the world began. I come to give the warning of Christ's soon coming, of knowledge and of salvation, that all may find the way of repentance and remission of sins through the just plan of God, and that His promises might be fulfilled.

4 I am the Elias which was for to come. I am John the Baptist, the Messenger of the Lord. The earth shall be filled with the light that I bring and have brought from the Lord God. Will the people heed it, that their feet might be guided in the way of peace¹ and be led out of darkness and contention and away from the shadow of death?

5 Thus saith the Lord, 'Many that profess My name have sinned and gone astray². They have counted that which is Holy, not Holy, and My commandments they have forgotten. For one hundred years much of My

design and law you have turned aside. Return unto Me and I will return unto you.

6 Hear ye! Hear ye! I am establishing My kingdom to never again be overthrown³ 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.

7 Heed ye My words even the voice of My Messenger. Make ready for I your Lord soon comes to claim all that know and obey My voice.

8 Many things shall take place that shall cause you to know that I have spoken. For this is a day of haste when much must be done—a Holy work—a great work, and I call those that will heed My voice, even many that are unlearned to bring about My wise purpose, that man may not glory in himself, for knowledge and wisdom shall be given to the lowly, and those that do humble themselves before Me⁴.

9 Floods, wars, pestilence and plagues shall come, and many things that will cause the hearts of men to fail⁵ them. For I send one mighty and strong⁶ and unto him have I given power to utter words—eternal words—and light is His covering, to set in order My house. From his bowels gushes forth truth, a fountain of truth, to speak My words, for I have spoken. In Me is the light that shineth⁷ in darkness and by My servant I give these words unto you. I send a great light, and few there be that perceive it because of the precepts and commandments of men.

10 Verily I say unto thee, hear ye the whisperings of My Spirit, turn unto Me and do that which is just. Build ye upon My rock and the things pertaining to righteousness. Obtain My word and it shall make you free and My Spirit shall give light unto all that will walk humbly before Me, and love, that they might also be loved of Me.

11 The greater light and power shall come as My people will prepare for it⁸.

12 ‘Behold,’ saith your Lord, ‘My harvest is white and the laborers are few⁹. Awake, go forth and labor, bring My sheep unto Me. Awaken! Pray ye that laborers may be sent forth and My work be accomplished. Look unto Me, for I am He that redeemeth thee.’

13 The Lord has accepted the work done, that the work might continue on and that the Message I bring might go to others, as the Lord shall direct. Be not slothful.

14 Those that shall shape their lives by the words I bring and the gospel shall be blessed. Have faith in the prophets and it will be well with you, but heed not the prophecies of men. They will not save you.

15 There will be those from time to time that will not be true, but traitors to the Lord’s work, making an offense for a word. Be not moved by them.

16 Be careful what you say, how you speak, and where you are. You will see evil and deception. While the good is at work the powers from beneath will be there also, but watch and pray, for the time comes when they shall not hurt¹⁰ nor destroy in all the Lord’s Holy mount. Righteousness and justice shall rule.

17 All must labor somewhere in their calling¹¹—or their minds will become dark, and doubt, fear, and jealousy will come within them—for they cannot

see the hand of God move.

18 Let *The Voice of Warning* continue to go out in peace that it may gladden the hearts of many.

19 Let the moneys be sent in that more may be sent forth to labor, that the work might go on.

20 Let George T. Morris, Earl W. Baggerly, and Samuel R. Stephens be set apart as priests to labor in this office and calling. If they will be faithful in their calling much good can be done, and God will bless their efforts.

21 Let Newton Brassfield and Henry T. Lebuto be set apart as elders and let them prepare for the great work that is before them. Let Henry T. Lebuto labor among his people for many of the righteous branch shall come from the people of his blood. Much will yet come to pass that shall bring many to understand the truth.

22 Let the work among the colored people continue, for the Lord has heard their prayers. Let the servants of the Lord continue to labor and hasten for great is the work before you; also let Charles E. Cruzan labor as an elder as much as possible as much can be done.

23 Be kind to those that come to learn of truth. Meet in the assembly and cry mightily unto the Lord, for many shall come to learn truth. Be not contentious but let the Lord direct.

24 Do with this Message as you have done with the others. Publish it that others might read; that peace might come to all that will do the Lord's bidding. Contend with no man, speak the truth¹² and it shall make you free. I shall come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

He left at 3 a.m. The light remained for an hour or more.

1. Luke 1:79

2. Message 84:8

3. Message 13:6

4. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

5. Isaiah 13:6-9; Luke 21:23

6. Isaiah 28:2; RLDS Church History, Vol. 1- Pg 260

7. John 1:4-5

8. Messages 41:11; 46:3; 48:11; 59:4

9. Matthew 9:37-38

10. Isaiah 11:9

11. Jacob 5:70-72 (RN)

12. John 8: 31-32

MESSAGE 40

MARCH 20, 1939 | 11:00 P.M. - 12:15 A.M.

At 11 p.m., March 20, 1939, the Messenger appeared and gave the following. The room was filled with light. His influence was of the divine Spirit and power of God. He spoke kindly and as one having authority. He sat in a chair by my bedside as he gave the Message. He left at 12:15.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "I come again with instructions that will gladden the hearts of those that will hear.

2 Be glad and rejoice in the peace of God. Rest in His will. He has heard the prayers of the faithful. Despise not the weak nor speak ye lightly of the erring and those that do not understand.

3 Let all come together in the services of the Lord, and the Lord will meet

with them in the hour of their humility revealing the things of the kingdom, for all have a work to do. Let love¹ fill your hearts that it will be said, "See how they love one another."

4 Let those that can go to the fields be at work for the harvest is white and the sheaves ungathered. Let the Message be heard to the ends of the earth. The kingdom of God shall continue on and fill the whole earth² and man's follies shall come to naught. Let all teach the gospel in its fullness and God will be with them.

5 Let the apostles and all who can, go into the fields of labor and God will be with them. He will bless their work; He will bless the people they labor among and their efforts to please Him. Contend not over points of the doctrine of the gospel, but trust in His words and He will make you free³. Those that will not labor somewhere in their calling, teaching the Gospel of salvation, will lose and God will call others, for the Message must be taken to the ends of the earth⁴, to all nations.

6 Great shall be the joy in the hearts of men for they will hear the Lord's words and humble themselves before Him. The law of the Lord shall be written⁵ in each heart and all men will obey His will.

7 There will come conditions among the nations that will humble mankind. Sad will be the hearts of many. Children will be fatherless and women will weep for their husbands. The cry to the Lord will be heard and deliverance will come to those that hear His words and obey His will.

8 God sends deliverance for the children of men through the Christ that was slain, that redemption might come to all that will heed His voice.

9 Let the gospel be taken to Israel as a people⁶ and the Message of Christ's soon coming to claim those that will be His Bride.

10 Let the work continue among the Indians for God wants a humble people. He will bless the efforts of those that work with their hearts filled with love.

11 Let His servant W. C. Wilson labor in the field as much as he can and the Lord will bless his work.

12 Be prayerful and the light the Lord shall send will point the way. The Spirit of the Lord shall fill the hearts of men and the desire in their hearts shall find joy in the Lord.

13 I am the Messenger of the Lord. I speak the words He sends. I will come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

I got up and wrote, and we conversed together as two men.

1. I John 4:7-11; Mosiah 4:15-26 (RN);
Moroni 7:45-48 (RN)
2. Daniel 12:35
3. John 8:31-32

4. Jeremiah 31:8-11; II Nephi 25:18; 29:7 (RN)
5. Jeremiah 31:33
6. Hosea 1:10; 2:23; 3:5

MESSAGE 41

MAY 15, 1939 | 1:20 A.M. - 2:40 A.M.

At 1:20 a.m., May 15, 1939, I awoke from a very peaceful sleep, the room was light, I knew the angel of the Lord was near. Suddenly he appeared, approaching my bed. I knew he had something for me. I got up and wrote the Message as he gave it. He spoke kindly with the power of the Lord upon him and with authority. He left at 2:40 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I come again as the Lord has directed. The words I speak are His words. I come to bring instructions, I bring a warning that the people may know that Christ’s coming is nigh at hand. I am sent to help, to point the way. There are many things that must be done. There are many things that will come to pass that the prophets of old have spoken of.

2 The gospel must go to Israel for they must learn the will of the Lord, for this cause came I to restore the gospel that the Lord may bring back the true olive branches¹. They shall be planted again and bring forth fruit. The time shall soon come when all that offend shall be cut off from among the people of the Lord. Therefore, I come to do the will of the Lord. Will the people heed it?

3 I speak the words of the Lord. Let His servants heed and the Lord shall continue to be with them in their labors for Him and great shall be their joy because of their faith in Him. For He saith He will not leave thee. He will charge His angels to go before thee². Your reward shall be sure. Therefore, sanctify yourselves, let your minds be single to God, for the day soon cometh when He shall appear.

4 Teach diligently the doctrine of the Gospel of the kingdom. Pray earnestly, willingly obey and His Spirit shall attend you, that you might be instructed more in the way of peace and principle in all things pertaining to your welfare³ and salvation.

5 You have seen that man is continually evil unless he is filled with the Spirit and goodness that cometh from God³. Have no part with those that are full of contention. Walk not in the way of the scorner⁴ or he that contendeth against *The Word of the Lord*, for such shall not be called His chosen at the last day. Let your minds be at peace. Fear not man whose heart is not right before God. Fear not those who speak evil of you. You will see the weakness and sin of man. You will see the evil powers struggle and lose in the end.

6 As I told you, there are those that are traitors to this work. Be not moved by them. Fear not the sins they accuse you of, for so they did the servants of old and destroyed many, but yet they shall live. Be right before God. Let your conversation be in humility. Speak the truth. Let all labor with their might and your tree shall not be barren⁵. Take not the honor unto yourselves. Gather in the assembly in peace and be kind to all men. The Lord will call many honest that shall be enlightened with knowledge, with understanding and the deep things of the kingdom.

7 Blessed are the servants that defend this cause for truth shall live and bring to naught all error. Many are called for a special work: shape your lives

by the words I bring you and it will be well with you.

8 Let all come in by the door, and humble themselves before God. For this is the way that leadeth to life eternal for all who endure to the end. Hold high the standard of truth, the ensign of the love of God for man. For the nations shall yet know His voice and from them shall come those that shall be His Bride in very deed. They shall be a pure people.

9 Verily, thus saith the Lord, 'I have sent My Messenger for the pruning of My vineyard for the last time⁶. Of this day the prophets of old have spoken, that Zion shall be redeemed. Thus the righteous shall come forth and take their place for they shall inherit among the favored of the Lord.

10 Yea, as I have led the children of Israel in days of old, so will I lead My people now as you come near unto Me and hearken to the words that I send for instructions, for directions, for your cleansing and comfort from time to time. For I am your God and I change not.

11 Verily, verily, I plead with you that you stand not in jeopardy. Come unto Me and I will give unto you the water of life freely⁷. Lift up your heads all ye faithful and rejoice for I am He that dwelleth on high and have great power. My power shall be more greatly manifested in the future among ye that believe than has been in the past. Therefore, I say unto you, lift up in faith and be glad in the strength I shall give. For I am your Redeemer and I shall cause thee to stand.

12 I will cause My servants to be strong in the Lord that they shall stand before multitudes and proclaim the Message of life to many that know it not, and thousands shall obey. For they shall come from afar and the hosts of Israel shall know their places. Therefore, be of good cheer, be pleasant in your work, speak the truth in humility, in kindness be your thoughts. Remember to be faithful and true, and the Lord God shall bring to pass all His strange act⁸ and fulfill all the promises that gladden the hearts of all those that think upon the Lord.

13 Blessed art thou that seeketh to bring forth My Zion⁹, for it shall be and the righteous¹⁰ shall have victory over all the oppressors. Therefore, I send the warning, even by My Messenger in the spirit and power of Elias, that ye walk humbly before Me, even all, teaching My law that mankind must come with full purpose of heart. Cleave unto Me and I shall cleave unto you. Reject not My words, quench not My Spirit. Let all the erring repent. Teach men to come partake of the tree of life. Enter in at the strait gate, abide in the way which is narrow and endure¹¹ unto the end that ye may obtain eternal life,' saith your Lord. 'For I am He who speaketh. Bring your sacrifice of a broken heart; repent in a contrite spirit¹².'

14 I have come as the Lord has directed and I shall come again. For this work were you born, to take the instructions. Be faithful and true and your reward will be sure. As I say to you, I say to all. I am your fellow servant, a co-laborer in God's work, to bring back the dispersed. Send the words I bring to mankind, that they may know the Lord has spoken. Amen."

1. I Nephi 10:12-13 (RN); Jacob 5:All (RN)
2. Hebrews 13:5
3. Mosiah 3:19 (RN)
4. Psalm 1:1; Isaiah 29:19-21
5. Alma 32:38-39 (RN)
6. Jacob 6:2-3 (RN)

7. Revelation 21:6; 22:17
8. Isaiah 28:21
9. I Nephi 13:37 (RN)
10. I Nephi 22:17 (RN)
11. Matthew 24:13
12. III Nephi 9:20 (RN)

MESSAGE 42

JUNE 9, 1939 | 1:15 A.M. - 2:10 A.M. | 217 S. LIBERTY | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The angel of the Lord appeared at my bedside June 9, 1939, 1:15 a.m., at my room, 217 South Liberty, Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message. He wore a white robe. The room was full of light. His influence weakened the human. He left at 2:10 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “I come to you in peace. I bring a Message from the Lord; He that has loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that He might man redeem.

2 This is the Lord’s work. You men are called from among men to represent Christ and His Church¹. Therefore be very humble. Meet in your assembly in peace and let the Lord by His Spirit remain among you. Behold, the Lord will meet with you, for truly this shall be the beginning of great things to come to pass.

3 See that all teach and preach the same² thing—and wander not off on strange doctrine³, for such will not save you.

4 Those that shall not labor in full purpose of heart to defend this cause shall be not of the chosen of the Lord. Hardness of heart⁴ and under deception is not of the Lord. There are those that are traitors. Let them repent lest the Lord reject them. For this work shall go on and the purpose of the Lord accomplished.

5 Contend with no man, only for the truth⁵. Remember the Lord Jesus who intercedes⁶ to the Father for mankind that He shall draw all who will come unto life eternal.

6 Repent ye that have erred and ye that are not right before God, for the Church work is holy and it must be carried on under the just plan of the Lord. Let no contention come among you. They that contendeth against *The Word of the Lord* contendeth selfishly to their woe. Let all ye servants be as one and great things shall come to pass that shall awaken many and hosts shall gather to learn the will of the Lord.

7 To the servants of the Lord: Do as I have bid you. Let the twelve counsel together much and consider this great work and the Spirit of the Lord shall abide with you to enlighten the way, for in principle, justice and righteousness shall ye consider the way. The Spirit of the Lord shall fill your souls with joy, and with a conqueror’s tread shall the work go on. With your faith ye will accomplish. It shall be done.

8 Let the bishops counsel together much. Be kind and humble that ye may understand the ways and needs of the people. Let all be saving that more might go to the field.

9 Let all pray much that when the evil powers arise, they shall not harm the work of the Lord. As ye labor, labor in love. As one, stand together and the powers of darkness shall fade before you. Be kind to all men. Be ye observant.

10 Make your preparations that the gospel may soon be preached in Norway, for this is an opportune time to take the Message to that humble nation.

11 Let more set their homes in order that they may go to the fields and labor. Hasten, arise, go forth in faith. Your mission is one of love.

12 I have come as the Messenger of the Lord. I speak His will and my name is John. I shall come again to instruct in this work, for so is the will of the Lord. Amen.”

1. Ephesians 5:25-32
2. I Corinthians 1:10
3. Hebrews 13:9

4. Alma 12:10-13 (RN)
5. II Corinthians 10:3-6
6. Hebrews 7:25

MESSAGE 43

JUNE 14, 1939 | 1:20 A.M. - 3:05 A.M. | 217 S. LIBERTY | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

June 14, 1939, 1:20 a.m. The Messenger appeared before me at my room, 217 South Liberty, Independence, Missouri, and bade me awake and take the Message he would give, which follows. The spirit and power divine was present and the angel was clothed with light. He spoke kindly and with authority. I felt exquisite peace while he was present and this feeling remained. He left at 3:05 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Awake and take the Message I shall give you.

2 Behold, I come from the Lord your God, I am the Messenger of the Lord. I am sent to speak His words that His will might be done among men.

3 The Lord has seen the solemnness of His people and He knows your hearts. He hears the prayers that are from the heart and He will answer. Thus to all those that will humble themselves before Him, He will see your solemnity and He shall send great peace unto you and your hearts shall be filled with love, from the power of His righteousness.

4 Therefore be ye humble: in humility speak the truth and you shall receive greater power, even the power of the Spirit of God to carry the Gospel Message to the nations of the earth. The hand of God shall be manifested.

5 Thus saith the Lord your God, ‘Blessed are ye of My servants that defend this cause. For this is My work and man cannot please Me unless he comes within My will, for I have designed that My Messenger prepare the way before Me, and a people that will have their hearts filled with love.

6 Man cannot change My plan nor My decree for they are unalterable¹. Those that will not hear Me in My way and heeding My voice obey, you shall not be called Mine at the last day. Man may fail but My word shall not. It shall not return unto Me void². Those that are willing will carry My work onward, for Zion will be redeemed and Israel gathered.

7 Verily I say unto all; turn away from the past with its sins and traditions

and move in the will of the Lord, and I will touch you and greater power and love will come upon you and bring together many wandering souls back to the paths of peace.

8 Verily, the powers of evil shall be overcome and peace shall reign. Those that learn of Me and press into My kingdom, I shall bring peace unto you. Verily, verily, I shall walk and talk with you, your hearts shall be full of love. My Zion³ shall be a place of peace, a nation of righteousness, where, in obedience to My Gospel, salvation shall be found.

9 Ye that heareth the whisperings of My Spirit how that it mellows⁴ the hearts of men, continue to be humble before Me, and I shall do just and great things among you; even the sick shall be healed; the lame walk; the blind be made to see.

10 Powers of peace and love shall guide all those that are willing to hear and obey, and the powers of evil subdued. Rejoice that ye are the children of your God.

11 Yea, unto those that harden their hearts; know ye not it is sin to kick against the pricks⁵? The prayers of My people shall be heard.

12 Read the words I send unto you by My Messenger. Study them and obey My will fully, and eternity shall have place for you.

13 I have heard your honest plea that I will touch you and fill you with My Spirit. Thus I have spoken and it shall be, for I send Mine angel to minister unto you,' saith the Lord your God.

14 May the people of the Lord take upon them new courage, rejoicing in the peace of God. Let the servants of God speak kindly one to another and be humble for this is the Lord's work and if your minds become darkened⁶, or your vision of understanding becomes closed, your hearts full of selfishness and unbelief, this shall be your sign⁷ that the authority that has been placed upon you is taken from you. Others that are willing to labor in the Lord's vineyard shall arise to accomplish the Lord's work.

15 This is the day that ye who are called must work with your might for the pruning of the vineyard of the Lord for the last time. Therefore turn away from the traditions of men and things that cause contention.

16 Let W. C. Wilson be set apart as an apostle in the quorum of twelve. Let him be humble and place himself in the will of God and great good shall be done. Let him labor in the west. Let the twelve be in unison and at peace, with their hearts filled with love. Let all the apostles go to their appointed fields, for this is a day of haste and if they fail, they fail of themselves.

17 Some that have rejected My words will repent, others will not. Be at peace. Look to the Lord and go onward with the work. Let all come in by the door and prepare themselves to walk humbly before God.

18 Let Joe Yazzie and Martin Johnson be set apart as elders to labor among the people of their blood and if they will be humble and abide in the will of the Lord, many shall be brought to the knowledge of the truth.

19 Let A. C. Pape heed the call as the Lord has felt after him. If he will hear the word of God, peace shall come unto him. Let him be set apart as an elder. Let him teach the gospel, and if he will be humble he shall take the words of truth to the hearts of many.

20 Let Reuben Castator and George Everson be set apart as elders and let them labor as much as possible among those that are yet in sin, and the Lord will bless their work.

21 Let N. P. Peterson and Earl Cartland be set apart as elders and let them labor in the field bringing the honest and lost to The Church of Christ and their reward shall be sure. If they will be humble greater responsibility shall be given them.

22 Let Edward W. Aldous, Paul F. Diefendorf, Elmer M. Ryland be set apart to labor as elders and humble themselves in the will of the Lord that they may take the Gospel of life to many, as the time will come when the gospel must be taken to other nations.

23 Let My servant, Reginald Layzell, come into this work and set him apart as an elder and if he will be humble he shall bring peace to many and his joy shall be full. Let him teach the Gospel of life and his reward shall be sure.

24 Let all be true and abide in the words of the Lord who came to give Himself a ransom⁸ that man might be redeemed and brought back to the will of the Father and He sees it well done. Be filled with love, be kind to all men, and speak the truth for it is Christ's words that shall judge you at the last day.

25 Let the priestcraft⁹ be cleansed from the Church as this is a holy work and it must not be defiled. Let all do their work and God will bless their efforts, and the honest in heart will be brought to the knowledge of the truth, for they will hear the voice of God.

26 The Lord has accepted the humbleness and solemnness of His people of this assembly and if you will continue to be thus before Him He will make you a blessing. If the servants of the Lord will labor in their calling many people shall be brought to find peace and love in The Church of Christ that shall continue on until the Christ shall come to claim Her as His Bride.

27 If the people will continue to humble themselves and be true and faithful many shall assist in the building of the Temple of the Lord. Great shall be the joy of the people of the Lord because of the house wherein they shall find spiritual food¹⁰ and knowledge and the goodness of God shall be their portion. Peace shall then be in the hearts of all the righteous and evil powers will fade away.

28 I am the Messenger of the Lord, the Elias that was for to come that the will of God might be proclaimed and a people prepared to meet the Christ when He comes. Behold, I have come. Hear, ye children of men, and turn not a deaf ear to my words as I come to do the will of the Lord and my name is John¹¹.

29 To you, my fellow servant, prepare, for greater responsibility rests upon you, and your brethren shall uphold you, and blessed are the true and humble.

30 I shall come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

1. Alma 41:8 (RN)

2. Isaiah 55:11

3. Isaiah 1:27; 2 Nephi 10:11-16 (RN); Message 22:15

4. 1 Nephi 7:5 (RN); 18:19-20 (RN)

5. Acts 9:5; 26:14

6. Matthew 6:23; III Nephi 13:22-24 (RN)

7. Message 21:7

8. Mark 10:45

9. II Nephi 26:29 (RN); Alma 1:12 (RN)

10. Message 5:12

MESSAGE 44

AUGUST 21, 1939 | 11:45 P.M. - 2:30 A.M.

The angel of the Lord appeared before me at 11:45 p.m., August 21, 1939. The room was light and the influence of the divine was evident. His presence made me very weak in body. He bade me arise and take the Message he would give. He wore a white robe that left bare his ankles and his arms a little above his wrists. His collar was open so I could see into his bosom. His robe was well made and he had on sandals of ancient style. He was with me two hours and forty-five minutes; he left at 2:30 a.m., August 22, 1939.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "I have come to you from time to time as the Lord your God has designed, to direct in this work that it might be set up in its fullness, for so have I been commanded of the Lord. I am sent to bring a Message; I come from the presence of the Lord God. The words I speak are His words, and they shall have their place among those that shall be the Lord's Bride in very deed. For the Lord God has turned to His little ones that He might bring about His wise purpose. His kingdom shall roll forth until it fills¹ the whole earth and righteousness shall prevail and the voice of joy shall be heard, for then shall it be that Zion is redeemed and the millennium² breaks forth with gladness.

2 'Yea, hearken unto Him who is the Lord your God. Ye of My servants whom I have called and chosen and will yet choose, hear ye My word and obey and you shall find peace to your souls. Take the Message to the children of men. Be not doubtful nor slothful, for much must be done in this work I have designed,' saith the Lord.

3 Take the Message from house to house. Many are honest of heart and will be glad to heed it. Take to them the Gospel of love. Preach repentance and faith in God, for all must have faith in God and His work as greater things shall come to pass. Only the pure in heart and the humble in spirit shall be able to stand and labor in this work.

4 You men have been chosen to assist in this work and the Lord shall go before thee to touch the hearts of men. He has chosen men in every nation³ under the sun who shall assist in the gathering of the honest in heart to the places of the Lord's promise, for by His Spirit He shall touch them.

5 All must repent and be baptized for the remission of sin. Let the hands⁴ be laid upon all that His Spirit might come to them in greater power. For the promise is that He will send His Spirit to all those that are humble and full of love and trust in His words.

6 This is a day when satan has great power and men's hearts will be tried. Some will fail because of the things they will have to pass through. Others will be true. Many have been true and will yet be true. The cleansing time has come and God will cleanse the hearts of men by the power of His Spirit. By the conditions that will come, many will be tried and the Lord's purging shall take place.

7 Abide by and fully obey the words I bring, have brought and shall yet bring. Teach the Gospel of the kingdom, take it to all the world, to Israel, and verily, the Lord shall remember His promises, for the righteous shall have

victory over the oppressors⁵.

8 Behold, there is a cry of peace, but there is no peace save in the hearts of them that do the Lord's bidding, those that heed His voice. Nations are in distress⁶ and kingdoms are crumbling. Fear not, for the Lord shall proceed to do a marvelous work⁷ and the powers of evil shall lose in the end. Study⁸ the words I bring, teach them. Study the full word of God and you shall know the truth. Follow the instructions I bring and it will be well with you. As I say to you so say I to all.

9 I come as the Messenger of the Lord, I speak His words. Many have accepted them; some reject them. Nevertheless, in time others will accept them, for the words I bring are from the Lord. The time soon comes when those that do not defend this cause shall not hinder, for the priestcraft⁹ must be removed.

10 Up, ye servants of the Lord, and do the Lord's bidding. Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the land a highway for God. Have no part with those whose hearts are not just before God, nor those that will not heed the instructions of the Lord. For some are stained with traditions of men and worldly ways. Therefore they are deprived of the Spirit and peace of God. The Lord cannot use them in this great work. Let others carry the Message who will be true. Many honest are praying for this Message and will be glad to know the Lord has spoken. Take to them the Message of life. Be prayerful and the light the Lord shall send will point the way and the ambassadors of the Lord shall go forth, for this is the midnight cry¹⁰ when souls must be warned of that which is to come, that Israel may know the Lord has spoken, and from them that hear shall the elect be gathered. The Spirit of the Lord shall fill the hearts of men and He will bless their efforts, for this is a holy work and the hearts of men must become clean and holy before God. With longing hearts mankind is pleading to come in the will and purpose of the Lord. The servants that labor for this righteous cause, the Lord has and will direct them. Let all labor somewhere, for this is a time of haste.

11 In times past the Lord has chosen men in all ages to do His work among the children of men. Many have been faithful; some have failed. Let it not be so with you. Ye servants the Lord calls and chooses in these days, be ye faithful that ye may be among those that be with Him when He comes, that be called, chosen and faithful.

12 Thus saith the Lord, 'Come'¹¹; the voice of one that crieth among My people says, Come. The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. Let them that heareth say, Come. Thus be valiant, obedient and arise to do My will,' saith your Lord.

13 The Lord has called many into this work that it shall be fulfilled to bring about His wise purpose. Therefore, let Boyd Peshlakai, Philip Manuelito, and David F. Martin be set apart as elders, and if they shall be faithful in service many shall be brought to the knowledge of the truth and know of the way of life and be saved from that awful state.

14 Let Warren Nellis, George A. Kaake, Carl Sammis and John Copeland labor as elders as much as they can. Let the elders be out among the people, teaching and leading in love and their reward shall be sure.

15 Let the work among the colored people continue. Let it be established and let them take the Message to others of their blood.

16 Let Arvis Alexander, Martin C. Wagbo and Willard Moore know that this work is true, and that the Lord will use them for great good, to accomplish much, if they will be humble.

17 Let T. Pyle and Dohn Weaver be set apart as teachers. Let them be humble and let their duty be to persuade men to attend Church, let them look after the Church and care for its needs and teach, expound, persuade, admonish all in all ways to do right before the Lord. The teachers must be kind and remember to be prayerful.

18 Let Harold L. McCracken and William Belly be set apart as deacons in The Church of Christ. Let them take up this duty to encourage all, even the young to attend services. Let them assist the teachers in many ways. Let them keep tidy the house of the Lord; let them learn the needs of all and let them receive the moneys from the people in the local that it might be properly cared for and sent to the bishop. They shall be obedient in all things and in no case the teacher nor deacon have authority to baptize or administer the sacrament, but they are to warn the people, exhort, teach, encourage and invite all to attend church services and duties.

19 Blessed are all they that teach men to repent and lead souls from sin for their reward shall be sure.

20 Give this Message to the brethren, the Church, that it might go to others that they might know the Lord has spoken. Be humble and the Lord will be with you. Many are humble and prayerful. The Lord will bless them and their prayers are heard. The sick shall be healed. The work must hasten on. Let it go to other nations.

21 I leave peace with you and with the Church. I shall come again as the Lord will direct. Amen”

1. Daniel 2:34-35
2. Revelation 20:2-7

3. Message 18:10

4. Acts 8:17-18

5. Isaiah 14:2-3

6. Zephaniah 1:14-18; Malachi 4:1; Luke 21:23

7. Isaiah 29:14

8. II Timothy 2:15

9. II Nephi 10:5; 26:29 (RN)

10. Matthew 25:6

11. Revelation 22:17; Ether 4:13-19 (RN)

MESSAGE 45

SEPTEMBER 8, 1939 | 2:15 A.M. - 5:05 A.M.

A VISION OF THE WARS AND THE PEACE

1 On September 8th, 1939, the Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist, appeared in my room at 2:15 a.m. He sat on my bed and awoke me. The room was lighter than day. I sat up in bed. He said he had come to give instructions and to make known things soon to take place and now in action.

2 For a short time we conversed as two men on many subjects and he gave me some personal advice. One thing he said was, famine¹ and conditions

would come that would cause many to go hungry. Let the Church and the people know that they must supply themselves with foods and place in store that they might not suffer in the day to come.

3 He bade me come with him and he would show me the scene of disaster. He held out his hand. I took hold of it. I seemed to forget all around me except to know we were floating eastward in midair.

4 We traveled, it seemed, for about half an hour, perhaps longer. We came to where there were large hills or mountainous country. Here we sat down on a large flat rock on the top of a high mountain. I could very plainly see the territories of various European nations; their mountains, rivers, lakes, and plains. Large fields of growing grain were clearly visible. They were farmsteads surrounded by neatly arranged gardens, shrubbery and orchards. I could see cities and hamlets far and near. Most of them presented a well kept and modern appearance, with paved and well lighted streets. In the great cities were numerous large buildings of beautiful architectural design.

5 To the northeast, I could see Russia, to the east, Asia. To the southeast Palestine showed up plainly with its green fields, and factories in a prosperous condition. To the south was Italy and the Mediterranean Sea. It took me some time to view these many lands. My attention was attracted almost at once by the great noise and sound of battle. To the north and east were horrible scenes enacted.

6 I saw Germany fighting brutally on Polish soil to take a spoil. I saw the smaller nations struggle, most of them to lose, but from the distance came armies with many different colors, some with red coats and some with blue, and fell upon the enemies, and great was the slaughter thereof. I saw France press over upon German soil. I saw Russia press southward and great was the spoil thereof. I saw that many nations became involved in the war. I saw cities in great confusion, dark with the blackness of wailing and mourning.

7 Armies of men were in battle array. A great battle was going on. The noise of cannonading and bursting of shells was terrific, like thunder in the heavens. There were clouds of black smoke rising, rolling high in the sky. Men could be seen firing automatic rifles and there were many great machines of war. There were two scenes of battle. The one farthest to the northeast was the most terrible and the fighting most brutal. A river divided the opposing armies on the greater part of the battlefront in the nearer scene.

8 As we sat there looking to the north and east I saw the most horrible scenes and woeful catastrophes of all sorts. I saw a man that stood himself high in the midst of a hardened and driven people. Their faces looked cold, some dark with fear and horror. They faced him on all sides. They feared him. They trembled at his word.

9 The Messenger said, "See what the might of man has done. The ruin of many nations."

10 The scene was so terrible it would sicken anyone to look upon it. I saw that this man had caused war and it became worse and worse. Many changes seemed to take place. The thousands of people I saw seemed worried; all eyes and minds were focused on the disaster to come. The attention of the world was being turned toward the man of war. The war evil lurked in every

nation around the man who stood himself high.

11 I saw great armies come out in mighty battle firing at the enemies in gray. Thousands upon thousands met death yet the conflict became worse. Nations from afar rose up to press the man of war and great ships ploughed the seas laden with supplies bringing deadly woe to millions. Women and children crying, screaming in fear, ran in every direction. The scene became terrible, a horrible disaster; the shameful result of man's selfishness through the hardness of heart of one man. He called a few men around him and gave them counsel and sent them out to counsel many, only to make the picture more black with the horrible smoke of war.

12 Ambassadors came from far, crying peace, but no peace was considered. Many nations plead for peace but those involved gave no thought of peace. There continued to be bloodshed in the streets and on the fields of war.

13 The Messenger said, "See what the sin of man has done. Broken homes, ruined nations, and many souls taken to the beyonds, not knowing the will of God nor what the end will be. This shall leave an impression upon many people bringing lasting desire to see justice wrought and it shall linger on in the hearts of men to find their God."

14 Great Britain and France were together and had long tried to keep peace, but there was no peace, as all plans for peace were ignored. Fighting continued.

15 I looked to the east and in the sky, in the shape of a rainbow, appeared these words, "THE END OF SEVEN YEARS."

16 As we turned to look toward the south, the scene was terrible. As the man² that sat upon the throne in the well lighted city of Italy saw the greatness of the war, he sent out messages purporting to make peace, but to no avail. Then he started war. This war involved all nations³. Then was the time when nations became divided and would not obey the counsel coming from the man in Italy. The smoke became blacker and blacker as it rose higher and higher in the sky as the thundering artillery continued its firing. It seemed the earth did quake and tremble because of the terrible battle that had been raging for some time. The smell of the deadly powders and dead bodies was awful. The scene was sickening to the world. People as far off as we could see staggered from the tales of woe and horror that reached their ears⁴. Blood and water flowed from the battlefields until the streams and rivers became colored with the filth and blood. The fish in the streams died and washed in large heaps along the edges and on small sandbars, only to fill the air with greater stench. Norway and Sweden took little part at first. I saw the American flag among others that came to the great battle. I looked and saw America all in turmoil and distress, with fighting and bloodshed among themselves. For a time it was horrible but I saw it change and I knew it would not last long with such terrible distress. I thought that many were fighting to keep from entering the war abroad and across the sea.

17 I saw that many of the home-loving German people had turned against the Nazi government which in their hearts they had never endorsed.

18 While we saw no more of the man who stood himself high, other great

men of evil caused the war to continue. The cause seemingly came from Rome.

19 Millions and millions of homes were broken, torn, with fatherless children crying at their mothers' sides, many with neither father nor mother, starving and in rags.

20 I saw many kneeling in prayer and thousands uttering prayer to God as they struggled on their forced way. I looked in the distance and only a few were left at peace with their fellow men.

21 Again I saw America, this time in a better condition. Great peace was ruling and commerce was at kindly terms within her borders.

22 From the broken fragments of torn homes, near and far, rose up those that looked to the United States of America and made haste to flee to be within her peaceful borders.

23 A voice rang out that filled the heavens, "Where is he that rules?" Then as the world did quake and tremble, many of those left alive turned their faces toward America.

24 "We must have peace," declared many nations. An army with shiny metal helmets and belongings came from the north and west and pressed in the battle to bring a change in the scene. The conflict lessened, the sky cleared of its smoke, and revealed the most horrible heart-rending scene that eyes could ever behold. Many thought the struggle was over.

25 As we looked to the east again I saw those words in the sky in the shape of a bow across the heavens, "THE END OF SEVEN YEARS." This time as I looked the letters were red as blood, seeming almost to drip drops of blood.

26 I became very sad and sick with grieving for the people. I wept. The Messenger said, "Those that fear the Lord and do His will, shall have eternal life⁵ with Him." He was still holding my hand and he said, "Blessed are the feet⁶ of them that seek to establish peace. Many shall come, looking for peace. Let the kingdom and Church of Christ be adorned in her righteous garments."

27 Shortly the great war began to rage again, this time more cruelly and brutally than before.

28 A great army came from the north and east passing through what was German soil, going toward France. They met no resistance until they came to the Rhine River. Here they paused; great fortifications were before them and strong armies ready to give battle. After some firing on each side, they swerved and went south toward Italy. This region became the center of the great conflict.

29 We were carried to the field of battle and amidst the thunder of war and the cries of the people, I looked upon the saddest scene that could ever befall the human race. As I saw the men fall by the thousands and death came to the millions, the destruction did not lessen.

30 Then we came near the seashore on the west of France. Here I was lifted so I could see far out over the great deep waters that divided America from that land. Great ships ploughed the deep and many met disaster on the way. Being fired upon by the enemy, they began to unload their cargoes and the people fell into the water and thousands met death. Some clung to pieces

of wreckage upon the water and rescue ships came in view to help, but again disaster came to them who came to help and their woe was doubled. Many ships burned. The crying was heart-rending, ringing out in space, only to add to the noise and thunder of the cause of death in war.

31 Italy was overrun and devastated. Strong were the invading armies. The defenders were weakened by long bloody battles. Siege was laid on the great city of Rome. She resisted mightily. Suddenly she gave way. She was taken and burned and great was the burning thereof.

32 The Messenger said, "And the sea shall give up her dead, hell and the grave shall give up their dead, and on that morn of the resurrection of the Lord's, there shall be no more scenes like this."

33 We were carried again to the place on the top of the high mountain. I saw that Germany was no more. She had become divided, part of her going to America and part joining with the armies of the man at Rome. Great Britain was also broken up never again to be united as an empire. Many sad hearts of the broken fragments joined with the people on American soil, becoming one nation in purpose, peaceful and full of justice, equality, and love. They were of all colors and kinds but all acted alike. Many of the Scandinavians came to the United States of America. Everyone called America⁷ "The Standard Nation" because she had a righteous standard^{7b}.

34 Then we looked to the east over Palestine and the Messenger said, "The Lord shall set His feet on the mount⁸ and a nation shall be born in a day. The Jews shall learn of their Lord." At this I saw them a peaceful people and wealthy in goods and homes⁹. Their fields were green and many factories were busy, with smoke ascending and the noise of industry ringing out.

35 From the north and west of Palestine came a large army and after they came on the scene, armies from the north and east came with haste to take a spoil. Then many eyes were turned to Jerusalem and a cry rang out, "Let us go to battle¹⁰ to Jerusalem for they have the wealth of the world." They camped near and the Jews came out to protect their rights¹¹. The battle was on, the scenes became so horrible that I grew very sick in body and faint from grief as we sat there and looked upon the things taking place in that awful battle¹².

36 The lands in the north, east, and south had been spoiled by the wars and all the fields that once were beautiful were now a rugged waste. What a shame! What a pity! All the result of sin.

37 The Messenger said, "Look," and I turned with him to look to the west and saw America, seemingly raised up, so I could see the whole continent lifted out of the great waters. I saw people gathered to worship the Lord. I saw peaceful fields, quiet homes, happy faces and smiling mothers. The men were solemn and kind to each other as they worked building the waste places and planning government. Discipline was in effect everywhere. Justice, equality, and righteousness was the desire of every heart. I saw that one had risen up, a noted man in righteousness, and had turned ungodliness away from the people of the Lord and sin was no more among them¹³.

38 The Messenger said, "The work of a seer has been done. He has come from the election of the Lord."

39 I saw the Temple in the distance and we floated gently toward it. As we neared, I read these words over the door, “THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD¹⁴.”

40 I saw that millions had met death and few remained when the indignation had passed over. Only one sixth¹⁵ of the men were left.

41 I seemed well acquainted with the Messenger and did not fear him. I listened to every word he spoke. He said, “By the elect shall the cause be done.” I knew he meant the preparing of a nation in righteousness.

42 We stopped at the door of the Temple and it seemed I was lifted so I could see in every direction and many saints were marching toward the Temple, while hosts were coming from the seashores. Their eyes were focused on the Temple and the cloud¹⁶ that rested upon it. I looked until the people approached the Temple grounds then the Messenger took me home. I was tired, worn and weary.

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

44 To all those who read these lines, I want to say that they do not, nor can they portray half of the horrible and bitter scenes as they really were. Such scenes of sadness, suffering and disaster should quiet the step of any God-fearing soul. Woe upon woe, weeping, suffering and death was the essence of the situation. May God protect us.

~*W.A. DRAVES*

1. Matthew 24:7

2. Message 29:18

3. Zechariah 3:8

4. Luke 21:26

5. John 11:26; 17:3

6. Isaiah 52:7

7. II Samuel 7:10,19; Isaiah 5:26

7b. Isaiah 18:3

8. Zechariah 14:4

9. Ezekiel 38:8,14

10. Ezekiel 38:1-2,17-22; Zechariah 14:1-2

11. Zechariah 12:8

12. Ezekiel 38:17-22

13. IV Nephi 1:15-16 (RN)

14. Isaiah 66:1; Malachi 3:1

15. Isaiah 24:13-14

16. Isaiah 4:5-6; III Nephi 18:32; Ether 2:4-5 (RN)

MESSAGE 46

JANUARY 1, 1940 | 11:00 P.M. - 1:24 A.M. | NUCLA, COLORADO

Saturday night, December 30, 1939, at 11:15 p.m., the angel of the Lord appeared at my bedside and said these words, "Prepare that I may give you a Message; prepare to receive it. As many of the children of God are pleading in grief that the Lord will speak and give comfort." I arose in bed; he disappeared; the light remained for several moments.

Monday morning, January 1, 1940, at 2:15 a.m., the same Messenger of the Lord appeared. I arose up in bed, the same powerful divine light accompanied him. He had two rolls of paper in his hands, and rolled one out on the bed so I could see. I saw that it was the plan for the basement of the Temple. I was noticing many little details and he said, "This is some of the great work that shall yet be done, but it shall be done by those that are honest. Some have denied their duty and calling because of priestcraft. Others will take their places." He had another roll in his left hand but did not unroll it or say anything about it. He left. I was greatly strengthened by his visits and it helped me to prepare for what was to follow.

On January, 1, 1940, the Messenger of the Lord came to me at my home in Nucla, Colorado, at 11 p.m., and remained until 1:24 a.m., January 2, 1940.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Arise and take the Message I bring.

2 Great is the responsibility that rests upon you. Many of the servants the Lord has called have upheld you in this work in defending the truth. Blessed are all such for they shall obtain the greater peace and power. The Lord will be with them and angels near to direct the way. To all those that will be very humble and obey the Lord's voice the sunlight of righteousness of the Lamb of God shall be upon them with healing in His power.

3 To all those that repent of sins and be baptized, preparing themselves in deep humility, yea, the Lord promises that they shall receive the greater light and power that they might be able to carry on the work of the Lord.

4 Behold, there are those whose hearts are full of evil and selfishness. They have withheld that which is the Lord's of tithes¹ and of offerings. Their hearts are not right before Him. Therefore, I say unto you, they cannot have part in this work, and are not of the household of faith. For they have failed to obey *The Word of the Lord*.

5 There are those that are full of contention². Separate yourselves from them, have no part in their selfish desires. Be humble, be at peace; let love fill your hearts. Heed not the traditions of men, that you may be able to stand when greater things will come to pass and your trials shall be upon you. Teach the Gospel of life, take it to the ends of the earth; to other nations in their own language and tongue.

6 I come to give instructions. I come from the presence of the Lord. The words I speak are His words. The Message I bring is His Message for mankind. Will they heed³ it? Lo, He has waited long, yet many are slow to obey. Many are true and will yet be true. Many will fall by the way because they have not prepared⁴ for that which is to come, for great is the work that shall be done and the Lord will direct in His way all those that will heed His voice. He will provide and point the way.

7 Behold, some the Lord has chosen have slumbered and slept, while again, others have denied the authority and trust placed upon them in that

they have listened to the whisperings of satan, not to defend this work of the Lord. To all those the Lord saith, 'Know ye not for whom ye were called to labor? Behold! I have plead with you, yet you have hardened your hearts, opposing and denying My righteous cause. Yea, I say unto all such, you have hearkened to the whisperings of the evil one, and doubt and fear have entered your minds. In this you have sinned a very grievous sin; therefore the authority and trust that was placed upon such, they have denied, and it has been taken⁵ from them. I have plead, will My servants do My bidding or must I call others.

8 This is a day of haste when My work must be done. Those that will heed and obey I will bless. Those that will not will lose in the end. Some have grieved Me because of man's traditions, hardness of heart and sin, causing My work to suffer. Some will yet repent while others will go to destruction. Those that do not defend this cause have no part in this work. Let them know they must repent to do My will. Be watchful for it is My voice they oppose, and My design they deny. In their hearts they have rejected the Message I have brought from time to time and they are not willing to be directed by Mine angel I have sent.

9 Yea, behold, I forgive those that repent and walk humbly before Me. Yea, My sheep know My voice⁶ and they will hear when I call upon them. How is it that some say they love Me, yet deny and oppose My design? Know ye not that I know your thoughts and the intents of your hearts? Why call ye Me Lord, Lord⁷, and do not the things I say? Verily, I say not all such shall enter My rest; for in their traditions they have gone astray. They shall not have voice or vote in My work of The Church of Christ.'

10 'Blessed are the meek and all those that consecrate⁸ themselves unto Me. I will be with them,' saith your Lord, 'and stand⁹ you in holy places, protecting you when the great indignation cometh. You shall be called Mine¹⁰ when I make up My jewels.'

11 This is the Lord's work and man cannot do it His way.

12 Let the women continue to do their part. Let the elders be in the field for much must be done.

13 Thus saith the Lord, 'It is My will that My servant Parkinson continue on for there is a great work for him to do if he will do My will. Yea, his trials have been heavy and he is burdened with many cares, but I say unto all, those whom I love I also chasten¹¹, and prepare a way for their deliverance—behold there is a way prepared.

14 There are those in the quorum of apostles that shall not be sustained. Therefore: that My house with twelve apostles might be filled when the vacancies shall come, let these men that I shall give you prepare in deep humility that they may qualify for the greater responsibility for this office and calling in My house as apostles. I will be with them, and they, with those that are faithful, will do a great work. Peter Karo, Warren Nellis, Boyd Peshlakai, and Keith Rogers; let these men, with you, prepare for this office, for this is a time of haste. As the vacancies come let them be filled, for I prune My vineyard for the last time. If these men will be humble and prepare themselves to walk uprightly before Me, their Lord and God, I will make

them a blessing to many. In time others will fail. They will listen to the whisperings of satan, nevertheless My work shall go on.

15 Therefore, at this time let Hubert Yates and Keith Rogers know this work is true. If they will come in by the door, heeding My voice obey. Let them be set apart as elders and let them carry the work on. If they will obtain the greater light many shall be brought to the knowledge of the truth by their efforts; likewise Charles S. Miller, Hugh Beaver, Harry R. Gross, Alfred Peterson; and Henry E. Lickers (if he will adjust conditions in his home. The Lord knows his heart and will use him for great good among his people). Let these men obey the gospel and take up the work as elders, for the harvest is white. Let them labor. Let all remember their duty and responsibility is to labor, bringing the honest and lost to The Church of Christ. Also let George Everson humble himself and the Lord can use him as I told you. Let him work among those that are yet in sin. Let all labor and I will cause great things to transpire among the faithful.

16 Turn away from the past with its sins and traditions and the contentions that destroy hope. Study¹² My words; even the words I send by Mine angel; and I will touch you and greater light and love will come over you, and many wandering souls shall be brought to the paths of peace.'

17 Verily, thus saith your Lord, 'Let the work continue among all people. Let it continue among the colored as I have heard their prayers and many are truly honest among them. Let My servant Lacey continue, and those whom I have called: J. Wade, Joshua Armbristo, and Joshua Ferguson, take up their work. Also let My servants Alfred Bolen and John Michel come unto Me, and set them apart as elders. If they will work with an eye single to My glory, they shall be able to bring many to the knowledge of the truth. I will cause a mighty wakening to be among the people of their blood for I have seen their humility. Many shall yet be called to labor among them, likewise among the Indians.

18 Verily I say, let My work move on. Let it go to other nations; watch and pray, and I shall provide,' saith the Lord.

19 Be at peace. Worry not at what men will say of you. There are those that have prayed that I come to bring directions. I come as the Messenger of the Lord. I will come again from time to time as the Lord your God will direct. Amen."

1. Malachi 3:8

2. III Nephi 11:29 (RN)

3. Alma 37:43-45 (RN); III Nephi 23:45 (RN)

4. Alma 36:3 (RN)

5. II Nephi 28:30 (RN)

6. John 10:1-5

7. Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46

8. Alma 30:8-9 (RN)

9. Isaiah 26:20; 66:8-14

10. Malachi 3:17

11. Revelation 3:19; Helaman 12:3 (RN)

12. III Nephi 23:1 (RN)

MESSAGE 47

APRIL 21, 1940 | 2:20 A.M. - 4:30 A.M. | 637 MILLWOOD ROAD | TORONTO, CANADA

While on a visit at the Oliver home at 637 Millwood Rd., Toronto, the Messenger came to my room at 2:20 a.m., April 21, 1940, and left the Message which follows. He was enveloped in light and spoke as one having authority from God.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and take the Message I will give you that the work of the Lord will not suffer. This is a day wherein a light shineth even in power from the Lord God. I come from His presence. I speak at His command. The word I bring is for mankind that they may know the Lord has spoken. Take the Message to all the world that the honest in heart may find their God and learn the way of salvation.

2 The prophets have foretold this day. Behold, the Lord has spoken, and it shall be. His kingdom shall fill the whole earth and the dominion¹ shall be given to the saints of the most high.

3 The promises the Lord has made to Israel shall be fulfilled, and all things established in peace and righteousness. Therefore, that this work might be carried on, the Lord has sent me. I am the Messenger of the Lord; I come in the spirit and power of Elias—I am the Elias—I come that a restoration² of all things might be. Behold, I have come! Hear! Oh ye children of men, and turn not a deaf ear to my word, or the word I bring from the Lord God, for I come to do the will of the Lord and my name is John.

4 I am the servant of the Lord sent to bring the last pruning of His vineyard³. To cleanse and make ready, that there might be a holy priesthood; clean, upright, and just. Therefore the command is for all to be true, obedient. Let all abide in the words of the Lord who came to give Himself a ransom that mankind might be redeemed, and a way of deliverance from that awful state⁴ be prepared for all whosoever will walk therein and be saved. Therefore, His decrees cannot be altered nor His plan frustrated, but His design shall be fulfilled and purpose accomplished; for the Lord turns to do a mighty work among his people Israel, for the voice of truth shall ring out and the sound of joy shall be heard. Then shall all darkness recede and this great spiritual light will light the way of those that are humble before God.

5 Fear not, for it is the will of the Father that this Message be carried to the ends of the earth, and the warning of the judgments taught. That the honest in heart will come, for the people must know the way of deliverance.

6 See those that are yet in darkness—see the weakness and sin of man—see those who are struggling in blindness—see those seeking for light, willing to heed it when they hear it. Take to them the Message of life. You will see the hand of God move to accomplish His work. You will see the evil powers struggle and lose in the end.

7 Teach the doctrine with diligent faith, patience, and boldly, in meekness.

8 Many are called for special work, for the messengers of peace shall cause

that all things that offend shall be taken out. Therefore, let peace be in the hearts of all that will heed the Message I bring and prepare themselves to walk humbly before the Lord. This is the way whereby mankind can be brought to the presence of God. All that come must be baptized and the hands laid on them that the greater promise of light might be given.

9 There shall be wars, pestilence, and plagues sweep the land; suffering among the people, for the people must learn that God has spoken.

10 Israel must be gathered⁵, the Jews delivered to their ancient promised land, and the hearts of the people turned and prepared to meet their God.

11 As I have spoken—it is the command of the Lord—let all labor in their place and calling. The Lord calls many. Behold, He stands near and knocks⁶! To all that open unto Him, He will send His Spirit; and those whom He loves, He will rebuke and chasten. Be zealous therefore and open unto Him. I speak the words and will of the Lord.

12 Many will come to worship the Lord and because of those that keep and do His will, He will cause that they shall overcome. They that are patient⁷ to keep His words shall be delivered from the hour of temptation. They that overcome shall drink of the water of life freely.

13 The harvest is white and the Lord knows the hearts of men, therefore, let Martin Case, Talmas Dean, Robert R. Rickman, John Wade, and Edward Vowles, be set apart as elders and let them labor in their place and calling. For many are honest of heart and are seeking for the light. Take to them this Message. Many will obey when they hear it.

14 There are those called for special work because of their faith. Let them work in their calling.

15 Let F. E. Nelson, Kenneth Goff, John A. Neal, Jasper Dutton, R. H. Hutchinson, Frank Miller, Joseph Gersbacher, Leslie Ard, and R. A. Rieger come into this work and let them be set apart as elders and God will use them to His honor and glory. Let Donald Dobson, Louis Freeman, and Harry Hood, be set apart as deacons—let them be watchful and prayerful in all things. Let all be true to their calling.

16 All must remember this is the Lord's work, and all must come in by the door to assist in this great work. This is the Lord's directions; I speak His will.

17 I will come again to instruct, to direct until the Lord's will is accomplished. Amen."

He gave me some instructions of a personal nature which are not given here. He left at 4:30 a.m.

1. Daniel 7:27

2. Matthew 17:11-13

3. Jacob 5:61-62 (RN)

4. II Nephi 9:27 (RN); Alma 40:14 (RN)

5. Zechariah 8:7-8; Mormon 3:17; 5:14 (RN);
Message 28:6

6. Revelation 3:20

7. Romans 12:12; Revelation 3:10

MESSAGE 48

JUNE 17, 1940 | 2:30 A.M. -4:00 A.M. | 806 W. LEXINGTON AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Church of Christ General Assembly of June, 1940. The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me June 17, at 2:30 a.m., in my room at 806 W. Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri, and gave me the following Message. He spoke as one having authority. The heavenly light accompanied him and remained for some time after he left.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Awake and take the Message I will give you.

2 I have come as the Lord has appointed. I have given the word and it must be obeyed¹. Again I give words of encouragement and comfort for the children of men, and The Church of Christ. The spirit of peace will come to all that will obey and do the Lord’s will.

3 By His Spirit He has felt after the honest and those that hear the servants the Lord has chosen will hear Him.

4 Thus saith the Lord, ‘I have heard the prayers of My children, many of whom are truly humble before Me. Blessed art thou, for I shall reward thee as your faith is, and that to your joy and peace. The hearts of the righteous shall be filled and their bosoms shall overflow with gladness.

5 Thus, I have assembled you here, and in the hour of your humility and solemnity, I have met with you. Yea, the evil powers that seek to destroy shall not have place among you. I have sent My Messenger that peace may be restored and all My design of redemption may be fulfilled. In the anguish and distress of your souls I have heard your cry. Therefore, let those that I have chosen be in their fields of labor that the people may be warned, that they will not have an excuse at the last day.

6 This is a day when much must be done that the ways and means of a real Zion shall be brought about. Let those that hinder be removed from their responsibility for in their doubts their minds have become darkened and they fear because I your Lord have called others. None shall take part in that which is holy until they have humbly prepared.

7 Verily I have felt after the hearts of men and I plead that they will hear when I call. Seek good and hate evil, and establish justice in the gate², for I have said I will be gracious, even unto Israel. Moreover, I shall deliver Joseph. I will deliver them from their bondage and gather the outcasts³. And true Israel shall come rejoicing for I prepare a way of deliverance.’

8 Thus saith your Lord, ‘Those that have robbed the widow and the fatherless have robbed Me, and many suffer in darkness, not knowing My will, because there are those that shorten their hand⁴, not rendering that which I require of them.

9 “Oh, the days of judgments are upon you and I have sent among you the plagues and pestilences, the sword; and I have taken your horses⁵, and the stink of the fields has become unpleasant, yet how slothful and disobedient My Israel is to learn of Me. Return unto Me⁶, O ye of My ancient people, for I design to bring you out in gladness and rejoicing. Deliverance will come to them that call upon Me. Seek⁷ the Lord and ye shall live.

10 Yet once, it is a little while, and the great shaking⁸ of all nations and

their desire for greed and spoil will be ripe and come to an end.

11 Behold! I have sent My Spirit among you and opened the gate, even designing your deliverance and a way of preparation. To the humble, the upright and just, My faithful, I shall give unto thee the greater light and power to carry on, for by My Spirit I shall use you to My name's honor and glory. I shall deliver My people Israel from whence the evil one has bound them⁹, and those that stretch forth their hands toward My holy place of peace shall find deliverance. For in Mount Zion and Jerusalem there shall be deliverance. I will give compassion and hear your supplications. Oh ye My people, Mine inheritance¹⁰, hear ye My words.

12 I have chosen ye My servants this day and My eyes shall be open toward you and I will hear your prayers before My children. I will hearken in all that you call for unto Me. I will make known to all the earth that I am God, and there is none else¹¹, 'saith your Lord.

13 I am the Messenger sent from the Lord and I come to do His will. My name is John. I am the forerunner of Christ, I shall prepare the way. I shall bring the word, that a people may know the Lord has spoken. His former signet shall be upon one today, and He will cause that desire to come that the house of God, the Temple of the Lord, may be built for it shall be done. Therefore, let your hearts be perfect with the Lord your God, walking in His statutes, and keeping His commandments which He speaks as at this day.

14 The evil one shall not destroy the elect—but be very humble that you be not led into despair. The Lord will manifest Himself in marvelous ways. The wicked destroy themselves, and the just¹² live by faith.

15 Be ye comforted one and all. Let not your hearts be troubled. The Lord is mindful and He knoweth the desires of each heart. He will bless you and cause that you may have great joy, all ye that obey His will, for in Him is salvation.

16 He hears the prayers of His children and will answer to your gladness. Therefore, I come that the plan of God shall be complete and the words the prophets of old have spoken of this day may all be fulfilled, for they spoke unto my coming. I speak the words and will of the Lord and I shall direct in this work. The signet one shall rise up and disperse confusion and cause to be brought together many that will obey the will of the Lord, and that a people will be raised up¹³ to build the Temple of the Lord.

17 Worry not about those things over which you have no control¹⁴, but tell the truth in humility. Fear not what men will say of you. Be very humble and the Lord will reveal to all them that seek Him in faith and will heed His will.

18 Those that do evil and disobey and those that hear not will destroy themselves.

19 The Lord will turn and bless His little ones, the colored¹⁵ and the Indians, for many shall come forth and be made white even as the whiteness of saints. For they shall be made pure, as the Lord has promised to make clean a people, and all must be made clean and pure and holy in His sight.

20 The earth will tremble and men's hearts will fear because of the many changes that will take place. The saints shall be tried and made pure¹⁶.

21 Let all be at work that the warning may go. Let those prepare to take the

fields as I have told you, for soon the Gospel Message will be taken to other nations. The Temple must be built.

22 Send the Message to the world. The Lord has given the vision and it must be sent to all, that they may know what is coming to pass.

23 Let Arthur Roberts and Marion C. Vowles be set apart as elders. Let the Lord's servant, Roberts, come into this work and from there he will carry the Message to others. Soon the Message will be preached in Australia and New Zealand. Prepare to send the authority there, that they may hear of this Message of life.

24 It is the will of the Lord that you take your place in the quorum of twelve; there are those that will not be sustained. There are those the Lord has called that will not accept at this time. Be at peace. The Lord pleads, and pleads; come all ye that will for the Lord will bless you.

25 I have spoken the Lord's will. I am your fellow servant. I am sent of the Lord. My name is John.

26 I will come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

The Messenger left at 4 a.m. I was sitting up in bed as I wrote. He sat on the bed near my feet. He watched the paper as I wrote word for word as he gave the Message.

1. Jacob 5:72 (RN)

2. Amos 5:15

3. Isaiah 11:12; 56:8

4. Joshua 4:24

5. Amos 4:10; III Nephi 21:14 (RN)

6. III Nephi 16:13 (RN)

7. Isaiah 31:1; Hosea 10:12; Amos 5:6

8. Ezekiel 38:18-19; Haggai 2:6-9

9. Judges 10:11; II Nephi 9:45 (RN)

10. Deuteronomy 32:9; Isaiah 19:25

11. Isaiah 45:22

12. Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17

13. Message 1:4

14. Isaiah 26:3-4

15. II Nephi 26:33 (RN)

16. Daniel 12:10

MESSAGE 49

SEPTEMBER 15, 1940 | 12:00 A.M. - 2:28 A.M. | BERNIE, MISSOURI

While in southeast Missouri at the home of Brother and Sister William O. Stearns, at Bernie, the Messenger, John the Baptist, appeared in my room at 12 midnight, September 15, 1940, and left the following Message. The room was lighter than at noonday. He spoke with authority, kindly and stern. I wrote the words as he spoke them. He left at 2:28 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold, again I come to give instructions to the Church. I speak the will of the Lord. It is life¹ to those that obey it. Write the Message as I shall give it. The decrees of God are unalterable²—let no man change them. Let no one speak lightly of the words I bring. I am the Messenger of the Lord and I speak His will.

2 Yea, blessed are all they that seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion³, a nation⁴ of peace. All that will obtain the words of the Lord and His will obey, shall have right to the tree of life⁵.

3 'Behold,' saith the Lord, 'the field is white already and the harvest is ripe. Let those that will, come unto Me that they all may obtain life and

obtain it more abundantly⁶. Yea, whosoever will thrust in their sickle to reap is doing My will, and if they endure to the end the same shall obtain My gift, even the gift of eternal life⁷. For by My Spirit I shall feel after mankind, and the honest in heart will come unto Me. Lo, I have spoken and My word shall not return unto Me void⁸.

4 My Church shall be more firmly established and My gifts⁹ and blessings shall be among them that believe," saith your Lord, "for it is I, even the Christ that speaketh. Yea, My mission shall be fully accomplished and the Father see it well done.

5 Behold, the world is ripened¹⁰ in iniquity and it must needs be that mankind be stirred to repentance. Blessed are all they that hear and cometh to Me for I shall make them white and pure. They are My sheep¹¹ and they follow not another.

6 I have sent My Messenger and he speaks My words, thus all that defend My cause, do well, and shall receive of My Spirit in abundance. Verily, verily, I say, My Church shall never again be destroyed¹² but shall continue on until My purpose is accomplished that the works of darkness be destroyed, Israel gathered and My people freed from bondage whereunto they have been bound by traditions and sins of men. My words shall judge all men. Yea, heed My voice in all things, keep My full law, even obedience to My Messenger whom I have sent and will yet send that the words of the prophets may be fulfilled and the reign of peace break forth.

7 The voice of gladness shall be heard and Israel shall come forth in righteousness. Preach My Gospel for it shall be the law even unto the ends of the earth. Thus I have spoken," saith your Lord.

8 Let the work continue in all parts, many are coming to do the Lord's will. Let all be up and doing for their responsibility is to represent Christ and His Church. Those that would be His Bride must come in by the door¹³ and be baptized. Let the hands be laid on all that the Lord will confirm their work by the Holy Ghost.

9 There are many that have long represented Christ. Those that will hear His voice in very deed will come into The Church of Christ that is again being established with all its gifts¹⁴ and blessings, and represent Christ and His Church.

10 Let all pay their tithes that their works may stand the tests when the trying times come. The Lord will bless them and they shall not want¹⁵ for the way of deliverance shall be theirs.

11 Come, ye that seek truth, Christ will come to His own and His Church. Remember there is safety in the light I have brought. The Lord's covenant¹⁶ shall be fulfilled and this nation cleansed and Zion shall be set up with gladness.

12 This is the midnight cry¹⁷, prepare, make His paths straight. Be wise in the way of the Lord. Let all be humble and seek not after praise of men, nor the love of gain.

13 Let all the servants be at work among the people. Let W. E. Baughman, J. W. Lilbourne, Alvin Pape, Robert G. Newby, Harry J. Seymour, Gilbert H. Schultz, Bert Plagens, and F. D. Cosburn be set apart as elders. Let them

carry the Message to others for the Lord knows their hearts and He will bless their efforts and as their faith is their works shall be. The Lord shall give greater faith to all that do His will.

14 Let these that I shall give you come into this work and take up the work as elders to represent Christ and His Church: W. H. Lunbeck, Richard Isaac, James Joslin, Gale Blackledge, H. L. Woelber, Leonard L. Abbott, E. G. Glaeser, Henry Knudson, Martin L. Glaeser, Williard E. Glaeser, George Johnson, Paul Neidermeyer, Jake Brown, L. M. Clark, W. L. Martin and J. G. Jenkins. The Lord will be with them and confirm their work by His Holy Spirit.

15 Let George E. Ford, William C. Lear, and Melvin Mallory be set apart as teachers. The Lord shall bless them if they will be humble and His Spirit shall be upon them.

16 Let Floyd E. Bechtel and Clarence Parks be set apart as deacons. Let them do all things that is their duty that the house of God may have order.

17 Let W. O. Stearns be added to the bishops and he with the bishops counsel together much, that their work may be pleasing unto the Lord in all things, and let Paul Neidermeyer prepare that when a vacancy comes in the quorum of bishops that he shall be set apart in this office. The Lord has seen his efforts and if he will heed the whispering of the Spirit he shall be among the faithful and chosen of the Lord—this is the Lord's word to all.

18 Let Armstrong and Griffith prepare to sail to Australia this year that the gospel in its purity and greater light may be taken there—for there are many honest of Israel in Australia and New Zealand. Let them take the authority there for the Lord goes with them and He gives His angels charge before them.

19 That the Church may be more firmly established, the Lord will call evangelists in this work and if these men will be humble the Lord will bless their efforts. Let them travel with the Message for it shall bring life to many. Therefore, let E. G. Glaeser, Robert G. Newby, Martin L. Glaeser, Williard E. Glaeser, H. L. Woelber and L. M. Clark with authority as elders—let them also be set apart as evangelists and their work shall be confirmed by the power of the Holy Ghost.

20 I have spoken the words and will of the Lord. I am the Messenger sent from God. I come to set in order. I come that the work may be fully established. I come to bring the warning of Christ's soon coming. Let all have faith. Preach repentance and baptism that the way of the Lord shall be among men. His kingdom shall fill¹⁸ the whole earth. Soon it shall go to other nations, for the Lord has reserved those that will defend this cause of salvation unto men. I speak the will of the Lord. I am John the Elias which was for to come.

21 Those that heed and obey, overcoming, shall stand with Him in eternity.

22 I bring peace to the Church. I leave peace with you. Tell the truth in humility. Send this Message to the brethren, with the rest, and to the Church.

23 I shall come again as the Lord will direct. I am the same John that preached repentance in the wilderness. Amen.”

1. I Nephi 15:21-22 (RN)	8. Isaiah 55:11	13. John 10:1-2; II Nephi 9:41 (RN)
2. Alma 41:8 (RN)	9. Moroni 10:8-24 (RN)	14. Moroni 10:8-25 (RN)
3. Isaiah 46:13	10. I Nephi 17:35-43; Alma 10:19;	15. Psalm 23:1; Isaiah 1:19
4. II Nephi 10:13 (RN)	Ether 2:9 (RN)	16. Jeremiah 31:31-34;
5. I Nephi 15:22 (RN)	11. John 10:4-5;	I Nephi 15:18; 22:9 (RN)
6. John 10:10	III Nephi 18:31 (RN)	17. Matthew 25:6; Mark 13:33-35
7. Romans 6:23; Helaman 5:8 (RN)	12. Message 13:1; 39:11	18. Daniel 2:35

MESSAGE 50

MARCH 23, 1941 | 2:30 A.M. - 3:45 A.M. | 1444 NEWPORT | DENVER, COLORADO

The Messenger of the Lord appeared at 2:30 a.m., March 23, 1941, at my bedside while at the home of James R. Orris, 1444 Newport, Denver, Colorado. The room was filled with light, and it remained for sometime after he left. He spoke with authority, slowly and distinctly. I wrote as he gave the Message, after which we visited a few minutes as two men on many things of the kingdom. He left at 3:45 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and write the Message I will give you.

2 Behold, I come again with a Message from the Lord. I am sent of the Lord to you at this place and at this time. I am the Messenger to bring the warning. I come from the presence of the Lord. I am the Elias, and my name is John. My Message is one of love and deliverance to those that heed and obey it.

3 The Lord has designed His decree¹, and it shall come to pass that all who will learn His will, obey His law, and endure, shall be counted His Bride at His appearing.

4 The greatest peril is on, and destruction upon destruction, suffering and evil, are everywhere, but the Lord shall be jealous² for His people, for Israel shall be delivered and be made His elect through the knowledge of the Lord’s choosing, in their faith.

5 The plagues have been let; and to destroy with fury until the people cry unto the Lord.

6 Arise, ye ancient chosen of the Lord—the Lord is your deliverer. The vision³ has been; and many will yet know I have come of the Lord, and that this work of the Lord is true. Few have heeded, but many are seeking. Take to them the Message of life. Let the glad tidings ring forth and the words of deliverance sound, even unto other nations. Hasten! The Lord has spoken! Let the servants be swift to His command. Remember Job; his trials did not destroy his faith⁴. Yet lacked he anything? He endured and found peace with God.

7 You have seen the weakness of man. You have seen the evil plan to

destroy. You have seen darkness⁵ cloud the minds of those who doubt and oppose the work of the Lord. Be not moved; be true; some have heeded the whisperings of satan, and he has led them astray; let it not be so with you. As I say to you, so say I to all. For this is the day of the Lord, and His will must be done. Deliverance will come to the faithful.

8 The Lord has spoken in times past, but few have heeded, for in their hearts they have heaped decrees unto themselves, and the will of the Lord they have forgotten. Again the Lord speaks—I come to bring His words. Let this Message be taken to all parts of this nation, Alaska and Canada. Let the Message be taken to Australia. The Lord sees the efforts of His servants. It is His will, and it shall come to pass. The great awakening is on.

9 The harvest is on, the wheat and the tares have grown together⁶. The cleansing time has come. Heed the instructions I bring from the Lord. I have come that man may know the Lord has spoken and that Christ's coming is near at hand. Study *The Word of the Lord* for the instruction is sent. Obey, and it will be well with you. Heed ye, you that are afar off! The Lord will deliver. Let more be sent into the harvest field. The time is ripe. Let those that hinder have no part in this work, the Lord calls others to carry the work on. The authority and trust that was placed on some, they have denied; some have opposed; and doubt has caused them to sin in not defending the truth and *The Word of the Lord*.

10 I come to bring courage. Be not moved at the evil, nor the snare that is laid for you. There are those that have been and will be true. Their reward is sure. Those that are traitors will not be called His jewels at the last day. Remember the Lord. He is your strength. Let peace follow you wherever you go.

11 Let all heed the will of the Lord. The faith of many shall be tried. Many will fall by the way. Many are called but few chosen. Few are faithful. They that be with Him when He comes shall be called, chosen and faithful. Some will be called to take the Message afar, for many are honest of heart and seeking for light. His glorious voice shall be heard⁷, for, in the lightning, the indignation of His anger, and in the flame, Assyria shall be tried, scattered, beaten, and shall fall.

12 The three unclean spirits⁸ have gone out bringing bondage, suffering, and idolatry. They deceive and they are not the justice of the Lord⁹. This generation of mankind shall not all pass away, for the son of man shall come in His glory. This is the time the prophets spoke of, in man's inventions, destructions, and war. Like clouds the enemy has gone over¹⁰, and in noise they destroy¹¹; but Israel shall be delivered and brought to the land the Lord God has decreed her boundary¹². The Lord of lords shall be their king¹³, and the gospel, their law forever. For He shall rule from sea to sea and all nations will obey Him.

13 Storms and earthquakes shall come and the nations must know the Lord is God.

14 Be pleasant in your work; be of good cheer. Let your hearts be glad.

Trust not in the arm of flesh. And to you, my fellow servant, write your letters of kindness, in love that others may be encouraged; for this is your work. Let the Lord direct by His Spirit. He will lead you. Worry not what man may say of you. The call goes out and the honest in heart will hear. Nothing is impossible¹⁴ with God and so all the faithful shall learn His law, and obedience shall bring them rest.

15 I will come as the Lord directs. Send this Message to the brethren, and the Church. For many have prayed to know I have come. Let not man deceive himself for the Lord has spoken. I leave peace with you.”

1. Alma 41:8 (RN)

2. Deuteronomy 5:9-10; Ezekiel 39:25-29

3. Isaiah 29:11; Message 29:16-26; 45:All

4. Job 19:25-27

5. Isaiah 60:1-3; Helaman 5:40-43 (RN)

6. Matthew 13:27:30

7. Isaiah 30:30-31

8. Revelation 16:13

9. Deuteronomy 10:17; Revelation 17:14

10. Isaiah 28:19

11. Isaiah 25:3-5

12. Deuteronomy 32:8-9

13. II Nephi 10:14-17 (RN)

14. Luke 1:37

MESSAGE 51

JUNE 11, 1941 | 2:30 A.M. | 526 W. MAPLE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me at my room, 526 West Maple Street, Independence, Missouri, 2:30 o'clock a.m., June 11, 1941. He commanded me to arise and take the Message that he would give and I obeyed.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I come again to give instructions to the Church. The Lord your God has sent me. I come from His presence and my name is John. I am the Messenger of the Lord. I speak His words.

2 I come that the plan of God will be fulfilled, for the words the prophets of old have spoken shall come to pass. Let this Message be sent to the ends of the earth, and the gospel preached, for the Lord will reveal to the honest in heart of His truth and of my coming that the work may be established.

3 The Lord God hears the prayers of those that seek Him. He has heard the prayers of His servants and the plea of His people.

4 Therefore, the new light is promised. Continue to prepare for it. The greater your understanding the greater your work shall be. All must sanctify their lives unto the Lord, for sin cannot receive the glory of the Lord nor the power of the Lamb slain.

5 Some do not understand but let them be humble¹ and the greater light shall come in its fullness. Live² in the Lord, walk in the way of salvation. The Lord has not yet entrusted the greatest unto His servants, but it shall be, for all must learn the full plan of God.

6 As I have told you, there are those that are called for special work. There are those that have been raised up that this work might be carried on. Many have been true, some have not. The hearts that are honest before the Lord will find place with Him as they obey His wise design.

7 Fear not, the words I bring are from the Lord. I speak at His command³.

Greater things shall be revealed for in principle and in power by the Spirit of the Lord all righteousness shall be brought about.

8 Thus saith the Lord your God, ‘Let My servant Emmanuel G. Glaeser come into this work and take up his calling and I will be with him. Lo, I have raised him up for My cause. I will bless his home and those of his loved ones, for in joy they shall know I have spoken.

9 Come all ye faithful and I will open the way before you, I will bless your efforts, and My Spirit shall fill your souls with joy.

10 I have sent My servant John to reveal My will—and he shall yet come, as much shall be done, for this work was he born, to prepare⁴ the way before Me. I am your Lord, I change not. I speak to the ends of the earth. Repent ye, for My kingdom is among men.

11 Let peace dwell in your hearts for I shall quicken many and My plan shall be fulfilled,’ saith your Lord.

12 Let these men come into this work in full purpose of heart and take up their work as elders. Let them be set apart: C. D. McCormack, Carl Franks, H. E. Bryant, A. R. Rendon, A. F. Brace, J. E. Taylor, W. N. Lemmon and Paul Costa. The Lord has heard their prayers and felt after them. He will bless them if they will heed His voice; for this is the great responsibility given to man. Let William L. Davis take up his work.

13 Let Charles B. Harvey and J. W. Derr be set apart as elders for the Lord has need of them. Let Arthur Sheldon be set apart as a deacon. Let Martin Case, as an evangelist, be in the field.

14 Let more be sent into the field for the harvest is white—therefore, as much as possible let all be up and doing.

15 The Lord knows your burdens. He will provide. Fear not man, this is the Lord’s work and I will come to direct as the Lord your God will command. By His Spirit He will search the hearts of mankind, and the greater light and power shall be among you as you prepare for it.

16 I come from the presence of the Lord. I am your fellow servant and my name is John. I am the Elias. I cried repentance in the wilderness. Again I cry repentance that the plan of God might be fulfilled. Be watchful unto prayer and the Lord will hear you and much shall yet be done to the glory of God.

17 Let your faith be firm as Job, who humbled⁵ himself before God.

18 The words I speak are for the Church. Give them to the brethren. Let them be sent that the Message of life and Christ’s soon coming may go to all mankind.

19 I leave peace with you and the Church.

20 I shall come again”

1. Alma 12:9-11 (RN)

2. John 11:25-26

3. Deuteronomy 18:18-19; Malachi 3:1-3; 4:5-6

4. Luke 1:76

5. Job 42:1-6

MESSAGE 52

OCTOBER 4, 1941 | 3:20 A.M.

The Messenger of the Lord appeared in my room 3:20 a.m., October 4, 1941. He came from the presence of the Lord and spoke as one having authority. I plead with you that know it not as yet, go to God in all humility and ask in faith as to the truthfulness of the coming of John the Baptist, the Elias clothed in light and power, and it will be made known to you by the power of the Holy Ghost.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Awake! Behold I come again. Take the Message I will give you. I come from the Lord God for He is over all, even all His wise design. Yea, those that are faithful unto the instructions I bring shall no more be confounded.

2 This is the day of judgments, and the famines, pestilences and plagues will come and have come as I told you. There will be suffering, because of the evil one, to deceive and hinder. Men will oppose the hand that feeds them. They will mistrust their fellows because of the evil and unrest among them.

3 There will be those that contend against *The Word of the Lord*. They shall be accursed, for unto them the Lord will show no greater thing¹. Those that are not humble and forgiving, obedient to the truth, shall fall by the way.

4 But, to the faithful, thus saith the Lord, ‘Hearken! Ye, My servants; arise to your calling. Oh, I have plead! Few have heard. If you believe in God believe also in Me², for it is My words that shall judge you in the end, for I am the eternal one!

5 Now, therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My commandments, overcoming in all things, then shall ye be called delightful, and a peculiar people³ unto Me, for thou wilt be called righteous.’

6 ‘Sanctify the congregations in My sight,’ saith your Lord. ‘Great responsibility is given unto you men. Fail not, lest the judgment be bitter unto you and the people be left in darkness.’

7 There shall be deliverance in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem and with the remnant⁴ whom God shall call, for there shall be a refuge⁵ for all those that look to God and obey His design.

8 All evil shall be destroyed and the earth shall be restored to its former⁶ beauty for the time will be shortened⁷, that the elect of the Lord may be saved. They shall find safety in the Lord in obedience to His will. Sin will not have hold on them and they shall be preserved and arrayed in peace. But the waters of the wicked shall be burned up and their idols shall melt away. For the Lord is God— He is God.

9 Let love dwell in your hearts that He may dwell in you and His love be perfected, and that you may stand in the Day of Judgment.

10 Let all move in the will of the Lord and He will touch them and greater power in love will be theirs to enjoy; bringing together many that shall find peace to their souls in their Redeemer manifested.

11 Let *The Voice of Warning* go in peace as you have done. Keep away

from contentions. They will lead to evil doing.

12 Those that reject me and the words I bring from the Lord have rejected the Lord and His words, and are not in this work because they obey not but oppose and deny that which God has given and called them to proclaim to mankind, that they may not have an excuse at the last day.

13 Unto the servants of the Lord: except you make ready and quickly prepare your hearts before the Lord the greater light will not come to you. But you that overcome bearing the fruits of His Spirit, do, and shall, understand great things of the plan and design of God. Much will yet be revealed—even the record that shall prove and reprove all men, berating them before God and their fellowmen that a new day may come forth.

14 Let all be humble and repentant. Grieve not the Lord in slothfulness. Let not your goings displease Him, nor become shameful in disobedience and justification⁸ in evil doings and that against the gospel law. Betray not one another, but love your brother. Some have been untrue to their fellows; their end will be sad for in their hearts they know the better way, yet fail to obey. Blessed be those that are true, for they shall shine⁹ forth in brightness in peace of God. All men must overcome besieging sins. The world in sin is retrograde to the plan of God.

15 At this time let there be added to the quorum of twelve Harold J. Pritchard. Let him be humble and at peace. For the day comes when more shall be given. Some will find the greater portion of love because of their faith.

16 Let H. M. Stonehocker, Robert Wilkins, and C. E. Irwin be set apart as evangelists. Let them be at work; the Lord will reveal His will to them. Let C. E. Irwin work among the Indians for this is his calling and place in this work at this time.

17 To those that seek to find truth: let them come in by the door and the Lord will bless them, for this is the way to peace and eternity with God.

18 Therefore; let John Bracken, Lloyd Ford, John H. Seiffert, George William Draves, George T. Morris, David Spitler, William Pearl Brown, and My servant William Branham be set apart as elders. Let them be very humble and swift to obedience, and the greater portion of the Spirit will come over them to lead the way. Let them be at work, for the Lord has heard their prayers.

19 Thus saith the Lord, ‘Yea, My servant Glaeser, I have heard your prayers and yours shall have place with Me, as I have called them, and their work is great before Me when they come into this way. Yea, I have spoken,’ saith the Lord.

20 Let the work move on—let William Thomas Pascal be set apart as a teacher. Let him teach the word for there are those to hear.

21 Let Rony Paschall remember he is a servant of the Lord and the Lord has called him and will yet bless him if he will continue in humility to look to His way. His home shall be a blessing unto many, for peace shall be there.

22 The Lord has seen the humility of many and felt after them and blessed

their work. Let all pay their oblations to the Lord that the work may move on. There are those that obey His law and are blessed; so shall it be that greater peace will come to them and they shall be delivered when the trying times come.

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

24 Worry not about those things over which you have no control. Be not led into despair nor contention. The Lord accepts your work and in that of your writings and that to carry the truth. For The Church of Christ shall never again be destroyed¹⁰, but the pruning shall come and the true branches survive and bring forth much fruit.

25 Be at peace with all men. Pray to the Lord your God; He will deliver the elect.

26 I leave peace of God with you. I am your fellow servant and my name is John, I am the forerunner of Christ. I come from His presence. I will come again. I come to you and not to another as yet, but I bring peace and a record that others may know the Lord has sent me. I speak in your language as also the word to others in their language that other nations may have the plan of God.

27 As soon as it can be arranged let the servants the Lord has chosen be on their way to Australia—as there are many there of Israel who will hear.

28 This is *The Word of the Lord*. I speak His will¹¹. Send this to your brethren and the Church. I have come in the past and I will come in the future that the way may be made plain to those that will hear and obey, that they may be saved and united with the righteous of the Lord.

29 I preached repentance in the wilderness and I cry repentance again amid confusion and distress among the nations, that the way of deliverance may be known. I am the Elias, I am he to deal prudently¹² and my name is John. Many have prayed that I come again. The evil has hindered but not to destruction. The Lord your God is just. Amen”

1. Ether 4:8,13-14 (RN)

2. John 14:1

3. Deuteronomy 14:2; I Peter 2:9

4. Isaiah 10:20; 11:11; Joel 2:32

5. Psalms 9:1-10; Isaiah 26:3-4; II Nephi 24:1-8 (RN)

6. Haggai 2:23

7. Matthew 24:22

8. Luke 16:15

9. Matthew 13:43

10. Message 13:6

11. Isaiah 28:13-14

12. Isaiah 52:13

MESSAGE 53

DECEMBER 2, 1941 | 2:30 A.M. | DAYVILLE, OREGON

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in my room while at the home of Brother W. C. Lear, near Dayville, Grant County, Oregon, December 2, 1941, at 2:30 a.m. The heavenly light that always accompanies the Messenger filled my room and its presence awoke me. Immediately he appeared and said, "I come with a Message." I arose and wrote the words as he spoke them.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "I come again from the presence of the Lord your God. I am the Messenger of the covenant¹ and my name is John. I am sent to bring the Message, to prepare the way. I come not of myself but the Lord God has sent me with the warning that the hour² of His judgment is on and His coming near. This is the closing time, a time of haste. I bring a warning, and that the restitution of all things³ might be.

2 I come from the presence of the Lord. I am the Elias which was for to come. I am the man sent from God. I am he that cried repentance in the wilderness. I am the Messenger spoken of by the prophets of old. I am John the Baptist. My message is one of love to all people and nations, color or race.

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.

4 Again the poor⁴ have the gospel preached to them. I come with a Message of life—heed ye the written word. Let not man speak his way for his heart is full of selfishness.

5 God has decreed His plan and it shall be fulfilled. Israel shall come forth rejoicing from their dispersion and hiding place. For this gospel⁵ shall be preached in all the earth then shall the end come.

6 The turmoil is on. The greatest peril shall fill its place and mankind will inquire of the Lord their God. Their idols⁶ shall melt away, for the law shall go forth from Zion⁷, cleansing the hearts of men. They shall stand before, being ministered unto for I come to give light, to instruct, to call, and to point the way.

7 Moreover, the word of the Lord shall be fulfilled and even⁸ John shall prophesy unto many nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples. Even now he is and was and yet is among men. The day cometh when the greater power shall be among men, given of God. Yea even as it were Elijah they shall stand forth for, for this cause the Lord saith, 'I am their God.'

8 The great work is to be among men. None are lost⁹ to the Father— He knoweth them all. They that are of peace shall stand forth.

9 All that sin and do iniquity shall be cut off lest they repent ere it is too late and they be taken to the beyonds in their filth. For the consummation is proclaimed and the indignation¹⁰ is on. The gates have been opened that

deliverance will come to all who will heed and obey; for the warning is to the ends of the earth, upon the north sides¹¹ and the indwelling¹², and a new language¹³ shall come forth.

10 Yea, I have brought a warning and few prepare for the greater light¹⁴, 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.

11 Those that prepare for it shall have the gift to cast out devils, and to proclaim the mysteries¹⁵ of the kingdom; for this is the authority of the Son of God.

12 Let all obey the pattern given. Let all be humble and prepare themselves that the greater light may come to them.

13 Let W. C. Lear, Elmer Hitchcock, J. L. Weins and David S. Smith be set apart as elders. Let them take up their work preaching and teaching for the Lord will bless their work as they proclaim the doctrine of life.

14 Let R. A. Rieger be added to the quorum of bishops that the quorum might be filled. Let him work in harmony, for the stewardship is of the Lord, and all must give an account of their work at the judgment. Let the bishops reason together. Let the twelve and bishops counsel together much that the Spirit of God may remain among them.

15 There are those the Lord is pleased with their efforts, let them continue.

16 There are those that defend this cause. Greater light and understanding shall be given them, for I bring peace of the Lord.

17 Be at peace with all men, let love fill your hearts.

18 Send this to the brethren, the Church. Let it go to all mankind, I speak the Lord's words. I come to you at this time and at this home. I have come in the past and will come again. Amen."

1. Malachi 3:1

2. Revelation 14:6

3. Acts 3:21

4. Luke 4:18

5. Matthew 24:14

6. Isaiah 2:20; Ezekiel 36:25-26

7. Isaiah 2:3

8. Revelation 10:11

9. III Nephi 17:4 (RN)

10: Isaiah 26:20

11. Psalm 48:1-2

12. John 17:4-13,24; Acts 7:55

13. Zephaniah 3:9

14. Message 12: All

15. I Nephi 10:19; Alma 12:9-11;
Alma 26:22 (RN)

MESSAGE 54

MARCH 9, 1942 | 3:20 A.M. - 4:30 A.M.

John the Baptist, the Messenger of the Lord, appeared in my room, March 9, 1942, at 3:20 a.m., and gave the following Message. The light and power accompanied him. I wrote the words as he gave them. He left at 4:30.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold, I come to you from the Lord your God. I come from His presence. I am the Messenger of the Lord and my name is John.

2 The Lord has heard your prayers and seen your humility. He has forgiven thee and thy brethren of their sins, but remember, you must not sin more for the Lord's Spirit will not always strive with man.

3 Remember I told you not to take honor unto yourself. Beware lest you fall as them in times past. Moses displeased¹ the Lord in the honor of His power and was not in the promised land. Let it not be so with you. Others fell by the way, not having the wisdom of God, seeking their own and not the honor of God.

4 Speak not lightly of the things I have told you, but tell the truth. Remember, satan will tempt you and cause you to fall if you would. Let it not be so with you.

5 The Lord has raised up those to defend this cause. Your brethren love you and will uphold you if you will be true.

6 This work shall continue on, for love is the message I bring. The Church of Christ shall never again be destroyed. The evil shall not prevail against Her for She shall be adorned with a crown of twelve² bright stars and garments of righteousness.

7 Oh, ye servants of the Lord, ye apostles whom the Lord has called, stand ye together, be in unison, uphold your brother. Remember the Lord has chosen you men for special witnesses to His work this closing hour.

8 'Yea', thus saith the Lord, 'My young servant is one with you. The adversary has sought to have him. Behold, I have used you to deliver, for it is I that have chosen and I shall deliver the elect. For I have spoken and sent My Messenger that My Church may be established in its completeness, and the Gospel of My kingdom preached to all the world, then shall the end come. I have chosen the weak³ and unlearned to bring about My wise purpose, saith the Lord.

9 Let all labor that can, that the work may go on in all parts, but see that all preach and teach the same thing as is found in *The Bible*⁴ and *Record of the Nephites* as I told you.

10 You have borne witness to the Church, of my coming to you. The time soon comes when you with your brethren must bear greater witness to the world of the Message I bring. Be not faint hearted, but rejoice, for the Message you bear will bring light, life, happiness and peace to many. For I have spoken the words and will of the Lord.

11 The Lord has chastened you. Others have been chastened, that the peaceful fruits⁵ of righteousness shall be the yield.

12 Let the warning Message go as fast as the way is prepared, for the Lord will provide.

13 Thus saith the Lord, 'Let My servants Lewis and Lear prepare that they may be set apart to fill the vacancies in My house as apostles. Let all work together in love, for great is the responsibility before you. Be humble and let your light shine. Be at peace with all men. Come before Me in humility and meet in your assembly and I will meet with you. Love one another; bear ye each others burdens. Remember what I have suffered for you that a way of

deliverance might be. Behold, I will give greater light and power as My people will prepare for it.

14 Let A. G. Haggberg be set apart as an evangelist. Let My servant Moss take up his work for I the Lord have seen his humility. Let Jerry E. Barhyte and Elmer E. Watson be set apart as elders. Let them be mindful of their calling for there is much to be done. Let Richard G. Jones be set apart as a deacon to assist in the work. Let W. C. Hill take up the work as pastor over the flock at Nucla at present; that they be not scattered, but that they may be fed and it will be well with them. Let all be humble for many conditions will come that shall try many. Many shall be chastened that their works may stand the test.

15 Let the moneys be sent in that more may take the fields, for the harvest is on and the sheaves are ungathered.

16 Keep the warning Message going to all parts of this land, for this nation shall be cleansed then it shall be Zion. Therefore, The Church of Christ shall do Her work, but it shall be done in haste. Lo, a mighty awakening is on.’

17 Give this Message to the brethren. Let it go to all. I have come to you from the Lord and not to another. For this work were you born. Keep your calling sacred. I will come again as the Lord will direct. Amen.”

1. Numbers 20:10-12

2. Revelation 12:1; Message 2:7

3. I Corinthians 1:27

4. II Nephi 3:12 (RN)

5. Hebrews 12:11

MESSAGE 55

JUNE 8, 1942 | 2:12 A.M. | 521 W. LEXINGTON | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

On the morning of June 8, 1942, at 2:12 the Messenger of the Lord appeared to me at my room at 521 W. Lexington, Independence, Missouri. He stood by my bedside and gave the following Message. I wrote it as he spoke the words. The light accompanied him and the power of the Lord was upon him.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise! Behold, I come again. Write the Message I will give you. I come from the presence of the Lord God. I bring the instructions and words He has sent. My Message is one of love to all those who will obey it. The words I bring will bring life and peace unto all those that shape their lives by them. Fear not, the Lord has sent me.

2 I am the Messenger of the Lord. I am the Messenger to bring the warning and my name is John. I come that full repentance and remission of sins might be taught and I bring *The Word of the Lord*.

3 The warning¹ message is sent that mankind may have light and life—I bring the last for Christ’s coming is near at hand.

4 Remember, I have told you this is the Day of Judgment and the plagues have been let. The evil one has gone forth to destroy; but in the end the Lord will rule for in the lightning and in the flame he shall be cut off, he and all his

powers. The gospel shall be the law and all men will obey the Lord. The sufferings have come and will come because of the evil one to deceive and hinder. Mistrust and unrest is among mankind because of the whisperings of satan, but be ye the children of peace.

5 Remember, I told you there are those that contend against *The Word of the Lord*. Their minds are filled with doubts and unbelief and they cannot see the hand of God move in this work. Hate in the heart of man has destroyed many. There are those that hate you and the Message I bring. Hate is not your work. I come to you in love. I bring a Message of life to the Church that a people may be prepared in righteousness. Will they heed² it and continue to follow?

6 Some that should be your fellow workers mistrust you and will not defend the message I bring. Fear not, for the Lord rebukes them.

7 There are those that are true and will be true for they delight³ in my coming as the prophets of old have spoken.

8 Fret not because of those who heed not their call, some will fail, some will repent. The day will come when in sorrow and regret some will learn obedience; others will go to destruction for the Lord will be slow to hear. Many are called, few⁴ are chosen, few are faithful to the end.

9 The instructions have been given and will yet be given and they must be obeyed. Let those that will heed and obey continue on. Let those that oppose and hinder be removed from the charge and responsibility for they have denied my coming and the Lord cannot use such, for this work is holy and it must be kept sacred. Let the faithful be firm and true, obedient to the words I bring for the Lord has sent me. Let all have faith in God.

10 Preach repentance⁵ and baptism that mankind might find life eternal in the way of the Lord. Let the hands be laid on all. Let the work continue in all places. Let all who can and will take the Message to mankind for the harvest is on and the sheaves are ungathered.

11 Therefore, let R. G. Newby be set apart as an apostle. Let him be humble. Let all be humble and filled with love for the Lord will reveal much by His Spirit. In time others will be called to fill the vacancies that shall come. Let Roy Lougheed be set apart as an evangelist. Let him take the field and the Lord will bless him. The Lord has heard his prayer and will heal him.

12 There are those the Lord has touched by His Spirit that they might come into this work, for He will use them to His honor and glory. Let the work among the colored and the Indians⁶ continue for the Lord will bring many to the knowledge of the truth.

13 Give this Message to the brethren and the Church. Be humble and the Spirit will bring joy to many. Keep your calling sacred for I come to do the will of the Lord. The words I bring are His words. Be at peace with all men. This is the Lord's work and He chooses the weak and the unlearned to bring about His wise purpose. I leave peace with you and the Church, and will come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

1. Matthew 25:6

2. Alma 37:41-47 (RN)

3. Malachi 3:1; Matthew 17:10-11

4. Matthew 20:16; 22:14

5. Acts 2:38-40

6. Revelation 5:9; Alma 19:36 (RN)

MESSAGE 56

OCTOBER 11, 1942 | 2:30 A.M. | 315 WOODLAND AVENUE | JACKSON, MICHIGAN

The Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist, appeared to me in my room while at the home of elder Thomas Evanson, 315 Woodland Avenue, Jackson, Michigan, at 2:30 a.m., October 11, 1942, and instructed me to write the following Message. He spoke kindly yet with firmness as one having authority. He spoke slowly and repeated at times as I wrote the words just as he gave them. The light of his resurrected presence filled the room.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and write the Message I will give you.

2 I come to you at this time with words from the Lord your God. I am the Messenger of the Lord and I am sent to do His will. I am commanded to bring the instructions, to direct, to point the way to the Christ, and my name is John. I am the Elias. I come that the Church may build upon the foundation¹ Christ has laid. There is safety in the light I have brought and will yet bring. Therefore, follow the instructions I have given you.

3 Read the Messages I have brought from time to time, study them. Moreover, heed the warning that is given, abide by the doctrine of Christ, teach it to all people. Be ye united in your work. He that will heed the warning will gain thereby. Those that heed not will lose in the end. Be at peace with all men, for the Lord will gather² His elect and they shall have peace with Him.

4 Remember the destructions have come and are coming, for the great controversy between Christ and satan is on. Men will be tried and many will not be strong to stand because of fear. Remember to be humble, the Lord wants a tried people. Be true to the trust the Lord has placed upon you.

5 Let not contention be found among you. Let it not be that you contend over points of the doctrine of Christ. Let *The Voice of Warning* carry only that which will be peace. My Message is one of love. Let it gladden the hearts of all that will hear.

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

7 I speak the Lord’s words and I come that the word might be fulfilled, and the kingdom of the Lord may be among mankind to redeem them.

8 Let all that seek to be the Lord’s come³ all the way. Shape your lives by the words I bring and it will be well with you. Preach faith in the written words and the full plan of salvation and unto the will of the Father. I come that a way might be for man to endure.

9 ‘Verily,’ thus saith the Lord, ‘I have sent My Messenger for to prune My vineyard even this last time. My Zion⁴ shall be redeemed as the prophets of old have spoken. I have led the children of Israel in days of old so will I lead My people now as you come near unto Me and obey My voice in the instructions I send for your cleansing. Yea, I am God and I change not⁵.

10 Yea, verily, I have plead with you yet few arise quickly to obedience. Blessed are all those who drink of the water of life freely. Lift up, ye faithful for I am He who dwelleth on high. I will not leave you, therefore, lift up in

faith and move in the strength I shall give, for I am your Redeemer and I will cause thee to stand.

11 Yea, I will cause strength to be upon you that my strange⁶ act may be brought about. Nations shall yet know I have spoken and sent My Elias that all things may be in My planning. Bring forth My Zion and the righteous shall have victory over the oppressors. Enter in at the strait gate⁷, abide and endure unto the end that ye may obtain life eternal. Repent in a contrite spirit and bring your sacrifice of a broken heart. Let all pay their oblations⁸ to Me and I will be your reward,' saith your Lord.

12 Let the servants counsel together much as you have been warned. Let all be sedate in a seemly manner.

13 Much of the instructions has not been followed. The weakness and slothfulness of man has caused the work to suffer. Therefore, the Lord commands that you heed the instructions I bring for it will be well with all those that obey.

14 There are those that are delusive to this cause. There are those that have denied my coming and speak lightly against this cause. The Lord has taken the authority and trust from them. Let Spilsbury and Bronson know that the authority and trust is taken from them because they have desired to walk no more with it, they have denied my coming and the Lord gives it unto others.

15 Let these that I shall give you be set apart as apostles in The Church of Christ that the quorum may again be full: Oliver Kenneth Goff, Warren M. Nellis and Alfred Van Leuven. Let them know this office and calling is sacred and holy and must be kept so. Let them be at work. Let them go to the field for good shall come thereof. The way shall be opened.

16 There are those that have failed. Their faith is not strong in the Lord's work. Their minds become full of doubts and go in darkness. Some know not the Lord's Spirit nor the power of the Lamb slain. Some have their own way and will fail if they do not repent and abide by the instructions given. Man cannot deceive the Lord; He knoweth their hearts. He is merciful and long suffering for He knoweth their desires. Some have failed, not being humble nor willing to obey. Fear not, for some will repent; some will fall by the way. They do not watch and pray.

17 Let the Message be taken, let it go to the ends of the earth. Let it go for the Lord will provide and open the way. The Message I bring is one of love to those that obey it.

18 Many shall be made⁹ white and tried and have on robes of righteousness, but where the people will not study and learn the words I bring from the Lord they will grope in darkness. The Lord calls many that know not the plan of God, and the unlearned to bring about His decree.

19 Let Donald Dobson and Carl E. Pape be set apart as elders for the work of the Lord has need of them. Let them be humble and the Lord will bless by His Spirit.

20 Let D. T. Chapman, Earl Ewing and Wayne R. Richardson come into this work and be set apart as elders for the Lord knows their hearts and has heard their prayers and if they will not be discouraged over the weakness of man the Lord will lead them in all things.

21 Let E. G. Glaeser arrange to go into the field for much is to be done. The Lord will bless him.

22 Be at peace with all men for the gathering shall be and the dispersed will find refuge¹⁰ for the Lord hears the cry of saints and the righteous.

23 I leave peace with you, be not moved. I will come again. Amen.”

1. Isaiah 28:16; I Corinthians 3:10-15

2. Matthew 24:31

3. John 6:65-68

4. Isaiah 1:27

5. Malachi 3:6

6. Isaiah 28:21; Message 6:5

7. Matthew 7:13-14; III Nephi 14:13 (RN)

8. Ezekiel 20:39-41

9. Daniel 12:10; Revelation 7: 4-9; Alma 5:21; (RN)

Ether 13:10 (RN)

10. Psalm 9:9-10; Isaiah 26:3-4; II Nephi 24:1-8 (RN)

MESSAGE 57

DECEMBER 9, 1942 | 3:00 A.M. - 4:10 A.M. | 637 MILLWOOD ROAD | TORONTO, CANADA

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me at my room at the Oliver home, 637 Millwood Road, Toronto, Canada, 3 a.m., December 9, 1942, and gave the following Message. He spoke slowly and repeated the sentences so that I wrote exactly as he said the words. He spoke with authority. The power of the Lord was with him. The light from his presence filled the room. He left at 4:10 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I come to you again—arise and write the words as I shall give them. I am your fellow servant. I am the Elias, the forerunner of Christ. I came to point the way to the Christ. I am he who preached¹ repentance in the wilderness before the Lord and I come again to proclaim the acceptable way of the Lord and my name is John. Fear not, for I come that the way of the Lord might be among men and that faith and repentance shall be proclaimed.

2 The Lord your God wants a holy people, those that will humble themselves before Him. He knows the hearts of all and their desires. He knows your weakness and faith.

3 Satan also knows the weakness of man and he has sought to destroy. Remember I told you that he has sought to have² you. Many the Lord has called have failed. Let it not be so with you. The Lord has heard your prayers and repentance—be watchful unto prayer always, for there are those that rejoice because of offense and desire to overthrow³ you. The evil has come upon them. Some seek to destroy you and the Message I bring, but they destroy themselves for the words I bring are from the Lord and will have their place. There are many that love the truth.

4 In the Message I bring is life to all that will obey and defend them; for the Lord has spoken it.

5 Let all be encouraged. Let all know the greatness of this work for the word shall be fulfilled. The way of the Lord shall be. He will judge the quick and the dead for it is Christ’s words that shall judge all men.

6 Fear not man; some hide in their sin and justify⁴ themselves in hardness of heart. Yet they say⁵, “We love the Lord,” and know not His Spirit nor His goodness. Man’s mind is continually evil unless he is filled with the Spirit of

God.

7 There are those that doubt. Let them repent lest it be counted against them in their failing.

8 Remember, I told you, fear not for some would repent. If they are humble and defend this cause the Lord can yet use them.

9 Let the faithful be true that the Spirit of peace will be upon you. Watch against the days to come wherein many will suffer but shape your lives by the words I bring and it will be well with you.

10 Behold, there is much yet to be done and much to be revealed to the coming to pass of much of the gathering of the houses of Israel. They shall know the Lord is their God. The promises shall be fulfilled and the record shall be known for it shall come in the Lord's planning. Be true to your calling, be humble in spirit, be at peace for satan shall not destroy the Lord's work. The Church of Christ shall continue on until the Christ shall come, the Temple built and the gathering complete. The gospel shall go to all nations. Therefore, I have come to bring the authority and it has been among men. The greater power shall be given as you prepare for it. Be not deceived by man for I am the Elias⁶ which was for to come.

11 Thus saith the Lord your God, 'Let all be established in My doctrine, be not divided, be ye one in purpose. For I have designed the way. Oh ye My servants, I have called thee to be messengers of peace among My people. My love is unto you and I would have you love one another. Help ye one another and I will send deliverance unto you. My Spirit shall bless you if you will open your hearts to Me. Bring My sheep into the fold for I shall be their king⁷ and all mankind shall know I have spoken. The words I speak, even by My Messenger, must be obeyed. Hear My voice today.'

12 The Lord will comfort all that come unto Him, therefore be not troubled but lift up and rejoice, even all. Fail not lest the Lord turn to others. Be overcomers in all things for satan seeks to set thee at variance⁸ one with another. Let it not be so.

13 Let Edward Sykes, Mansell Hanna, know that the Lord knows their hearts. Let them be set apart as elders. If they will be humble the Lord will bless them greatly in this work. Let them take up their work.

14 Let W. T. Wadsworth and E. H. Tiffin be set apart as priests, George Daniel and Kenneth Allison be set apart as deacons for the Lord's peace shall be upon them.

15 Let George A. Grigsby be set apart as an evangelist and as the way shall open let him be in the field.

16 Let F. W. Booth and A. J. Shephard come into this work and be set apart as elders. The Lord has heard their prayers and knows their honesty before Him. The Spirit and peace shall be upon them as they obey the call.

17 Fret not but be at peace. Let all counsel together as I told you. Contend not but tell the truth. As I speak to you I speak to all. Turn from traditions of men and strange delusions. Let none be self righteous⁹ in this work.

18 I have come as the Lord appointed. I shall come again. I leave peace with you that you shall keep your calling sacred that the election might be

sure in the Lord.

19 Let Harold J. Pritchard remain in the field for the Lord will send the greater peace. He has heard his prayers. Let C. M. Belcher arise to his calling and go into the field and the Lord will lead by His Spirit.

20 Let the Message be translated into other languages as many shall yet learn the truth. Let the word be published—for it is the Lord's will.

21 Send this to the brethren and to the Church—it will be well with all that heed for the gospel shall be the law forever.

22 The Lord has sent me and this is His word. Be true and your brethren will uphold you. Amen.”

1. Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:2-4; Acts 13:24-25

2. Luke 22:31

3. Psalm 140:1-5; Ether 8:24-25 (RN)

4. Luke 16:12-15

5. Matthew 10:37; Luke 6:46-49

6. Matthew 11:12-15

7. II Nephi 10:11-14 (RN)

8. Galatians 5:19-21

9. Luke 18: 9-14

MESSAGE 58

DECEMBER 14, 1942 | 12:05 A.M. - 1:12 A.M. | 6316 DORCHESTER AVENUE | CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist, appeared unto me in my room, Lenox Hotel, 6316 Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, Ill., on December 14, 1942, at 12:05 a.m., and left the following Message. I arose when he commanded and wrote as he spoke. I had awakened just a few moments before he entered the room. The light of the resurrection was with him. He left at 1:12 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise my fellow servant and take the Message I shall give. I come to you again with words from the Lord God. I am the Elias and my name is John.

2 The Lord rebukes thee for your rash act, and moreover, greater sin than grief shall be upon you if you deny my coming. I have come to you and I am sent from the Lord God. I have brought words of instructions but you have not heeded. Why did you fret so in fear when I have warned you? You fear man, even your own weakness. The Lord has seen your repentance and forgiven, but you have not gone to your brethren in love. Cease to be enwrapped in weakness and the faithful brethren will uphold thee.

3 I have given the Message, and you have written as I commanded, but because of your own pride—the Lord has allowed that which will test your faith. Be firm for the Lord knows that which He has commanded me to say, for thus saith the Lord, ‘Oh ye My servant, what have ye done to speak lightly of My words which I have sent by My Messenger? Why have you let satan discourage? Why have you felt void of My Spirit? Verily, verily, I say, it is because you have not fully heeded the instructions I have sent. You are one of Mine apostles in My Church and kingdom. Therefore, carry on, and I will not forsake you. I your Lord have appointed thee.

4 Oh ye My servants why have you acted hastily? I have sent you to be saviors of men and not to destroy¹. My love is unto you. Uphold one another, for this is My work. I have chosen and appointed you, My anointed with

authority. This only is taken from man when he denies Me, and the words I speak, even by My Messenger.

5 Verily, I have heard the prayers of My servant Bronson and if he will defend this cause I shall bless him and he shall yet do much good before Me,' saith your Lord.

6 The Lord only takes the responsibility and authority from man when he denies it, and He hears those that are repentant before Him. Go to your brethren, adjust conditions before them, speak not lightly of their efforts, be at peace. Take up your calling more sacredly before them and they will uphold you. Man cannot glory² of himself in this work.

7 The Message I bring must go to all the world. Contend not and deny not my coming—this is the way the Lord has designed to send instructions that man need not doubt, but if you fail, sad will be your end. Be strong, be true, even unto one another. As I speak to you so speak I to all.

8 Remember, none have been faithful as they should—some have been negligent, some hard of heart. But let all take new courage, for I have spoken, and the day comes when I shall appear unto all the faithful and they shall behold me.

9 Some the Lord has called have hardened their heart and will not be willing to be humble that they may take up their work. Set none apart that are filled with strange doctrines.

10 Let all the faithful labor in their place and calling. Let the Message go to all. Send these words to the brethren and to the Church. Let them be published. Also publish the Fifty-Seventh Message with the rest for I have spoken it, but see that it is correct. Man cannot add to. This is a very grievous sin.

11 I am the forerunner of Christ, I am John the Baptist, who preached repentance in the wilderness. I am the Elias which was for to come. I have brought the Message for The Church of Christ: that it may be fully established, that faith and repentance might be taught, that mankind may prepare to be of the Lord's Bride.

12 I leave peace with you and the Church. Be prayerful that the evil one will not trouble you. For thus have I been commanded of the Lord to speak. It will be well with you and all those that heed the instructions that I bring. Again I say deny not your calling. Be humble. There is work for all that will labor in the Lord's work, and their reward shall be sure. Peace will come to you if you speak the truth. Amen."

1. Luke 9:52-56

2. I Corinthians 10:31

MESSAGE 59

JANUARY 29, 1943 | - 2:30 A.M. | 520 W. LEXINGTON AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

On Wednesday morning, January 27, 1943, the Messenger John, appeared in my room at 1:15 a.m., and said, "Fear not, I will come again." In a few seconds he was gone, and again on January 29, 1943, John the Baptist, the same Messenger of the Lord, appeared to me at my room, 520 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message. He spoke slowly and distinctly. I wrote as he gave it. He left at 2:30 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold I come to you again. Arise and take the Message I will give you.

2 I am your fellow servant, and my name is John. I am the Messenger of the Lord. I have come in the past, and I shall come to you in the future. Fear not, for this is the Lord's work, and I have come at His appointing. I have come to you and not to others, this is your calling. Therefore, be faithful and true, and deny not my coming.

3 I have brought a warning of Christ's soon coming, and the authority that the Church may be established as the Lord would have it, that mankind might find a way of redemption. For salvation only comes to those that are humble and full of love and obey the will of the Lord. My Message is one of love to those that heed and obey it.

4 I cried repentance in the days that are past, my Message is repentance today. Let all men repent of their sins and selfish ways, for sin cannot receive the glory of God nor the power of the Lamb slain¹. Except they repent they cannot be redeemed from that awful state. For the Lord has prepared the way of redemption and He has spoken. It is Christ's words that shall judge² all men. Therefore, He cannot use man of his own way, for man's heart is filled with selfishness.

5 Preach repentance, and baptisms, that the honest of heart may come unto the Lord. This Message is to all nations. Contend not over the evils of man, but send the Message I bring to the ends of the earth. Many shall yet turn to serve the Lord with full purpose of heart.

6 I have warned you, that you have no part in contention, for contention will darken³ the mind. Heed the instructions I bring and it will be well with you. As I speak to you I speak to all.

7 There are those that have prayed that I come. In the anguish⁴ and distress of their souls the Lord has heard their cry for He knows the prayers that are of the heart. Man cannot glory of himself in this work.

8 There are those that have been true and will yet be true. The Lord will bless them greatly in His sight and in this work. There are those that betray one another and have not been true. Their hearts are filled with selfishness, greed, jealousy and hate. They despise you and the Message I bring.

9 While there are those that are true much has not been done that I have instructed. Let them speedily carry on the instructions I have brought and bring from time to time from the Lord God. For I speak His words and His will and it shall be done.

10 The Lord is the resurrection and the life⁵. He that believeth on Him and obeys His will shall have right to the tree of life and to eternity, and in them

shall be seen the glory of God, for Christ came to redeem and to provide the way. Therefore, I come to point the way and that The Church of Christ, the Lamb's⁶ Bride, may be prepared to meet Him when He comes, when all men will live to serve the Lord, that the millennium reign shall be. And the great day⁷ of the Lord shall come, when all the earth shall rejoice and be glad for a new heaven⁸ and a new earth shall be in the Lord's planning.

11 Send the Message to the church and to all. This is the way for mankind to find eternal peace, to endure to the end.

12 There are those you love who will turn against you and make offense⁹ for a word. Some will repent, others will go to destruction; some their end will be sad. Yet the work of the Lord shall go on for they must know the Lord has spoken.

13 Let the Messages I bring be published. Let them go to all the world. Fear not man, nor his ways. Some the Lord has entrusted with responsibility, know not His Spirit nor His goodness. Have no part with those that oppose and deny my coming for they deny the authority and trust the Lord has given them and the Lord will call others to take their places that the work may go on.

14 Let those that oppose and hinder have no part in this work for they are not of the faithful and will not be of the Bride of Christ.

15 The Lord has spoken and plead with many but there are those in their selfish way who set themselves up and seek to destroy the truth and the good of this work. While others heed and obey and work with all their might to carry on the Lord's work. Let them be not discouraged, but let them continue and the Spirit shall comfort them and bring the greater peace, for the Lord knows the hearts that are honest. Though you may be hated by loved ones and those you labor among, deny not this work nor the Message I bring for it is to all mankind in all the world, and those that heed and obey, enduring unto the end the same shall be the Bride of Christ.

16 Teach men everywhere faith, repentance and baptisms. Let the hands be laid on all that the plan¹⁰ of God may be complete and that they may be fit and worthy for the Spirit to dwell with them.

17 Fear not what men may say of you, but be true and humble and the faithful will uphold you.

18 This is the Lord's work and I am His Messenger sent to bring the warning. Will mankind heed it that their feet may be guided in the way of peace and away from the shadow of death out of confusion and darkness into life eternal?

19 'Hear Ye! And let humility be your mantle and ye shall no more be confounded¹¹, for I come,' saith the Lord, 'that deliverance might be.'

20 Publish this Message with the rest. Withhold them not.

21 I will come again and direct in this work, be humble. Be at peace, let love fill your lives and humility be the mantle¹² for all.

22 To you my fellow servant, the Lord knows your heart, and repentance. Be not deceived by man, be obedient, trusting the Lord and He shall be your strength. I speak to you, and for all that mankind may know the Lord has spoken.

23 The days of judgments¹³ are upon all men and a way of deliverance for the just shall be. Watch against the days to come. Pray always. Amen.”

1. Message 12:4

2. John 12:47-48; II Timothy 4:1; II Nephi 33:11 (RN)

3. Matthew 6:23; III Nephi 13:22-24 (RN)

4. Message 3:5

5. John 11:25

6. Revelation 19:7-9

7. Joel 2:11,31; Malachi 4:4-6; Acts 2:20

8. Revelation 20:1-7

9. Isaiah 29:21

10. Hebrews 6:1-2

11. Isaiah 50:7

12. Message 30:1

13. Revelation 14:6

MESSAGE 60

MAY 9, 1943 | 5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. | 122 W. SEA AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger came to me at my home, 122 West Sea Avenue, Independence, Missouri, May 9, 1943, just after 5 p.m. I was wrapping some Messages to fill an order when he touched me on the shoulder. He said he had come to bring comfort. He sat on the sofa and we talked on many subjects. He finally instructed me to get paper and write. Here is what he said. He left at 7:30.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, write the Message I will give you! I am the Messenger, the forerunner of Christ, and I am sent to bring the instructions for the Church. This is my mission. I am sent from God to prepare the way as in the days when Christ came among men. My work and mission has begun and shall not be destroyed, but the works of satan shall be destroyed¹. Thus for that work came I into the world that the way of the Christ shall be prepared that He may destroy the works of satan.

2 I am the Elias and my name is John, even John the Baptist, the Messenger to come before the face of the Lord.

3 Teach the way of the Lord that the millennium may come. Many are honest of heart and some you think to be against this work will be those to labor to the end. Think not that you can labor without faith² or the love of God in your hearts for this is a just work of love.

4 The Lord has heard the prayers of His people and has sent me to bring them comfort when hearts are sad, and when satan has brought much distress, trials and temptations³ upon the just for he will deceive them if they will not watch⁴ and pray.

5 Remember the instructions I have brought. Teach them to all men. All those that are humble and full of love will help, for the Lord will bless them. There are many who yet will carry the Message of life to the ends of the earth. Teach faith in the words of the Lord and the prophets, for satan shall not have hold on all such. There are those that have been true and will not be shaken by satan’s powers in the evils of men. There are those whose hearts are filled with selfishness and greed and who seek to overthrow the Message the Lord has sent.

6 But fear not men, nor what they may say of this work, for in their hearts is selfishness and hate. They are carnally minded and cannot see the Lord’s hand move, but seek their own glory and not the glory of the Lord.

7 The authority and trust that was placed upon you has not been taken from

you, and will not be taken from you unless you deny the Lord God⁵ and my coming. For this work were you born. Be true and the Lord will bless you.

8 I bring the warning that mankind cannot say the Lord has not spoken, for the works of satan must be destroyed. My Message is one of love to all those who will heed it and obey, enduring unto the end. For the same shall be counted His Bride at His appearing. The time has come, let the evil be destroyed. That the faithful may arise and that Israel may be gathered.

9 The harvest⁶ is on. The Lord has spoken and long plead that mankind will obey and fully set their hearts to do His will, for the sheaves are ungathered. The wheat and the tares have grown together⁷. Now the cleansing shall be among men. Be humble that your lives may be full of the love of God, for He will deliver.

10 All those that do not heed and obey not the instructions I bring, will not be of the Bride of Christ when He comes, for I come to point the way to the Christ that repentance may be taught. That a people may be prepared to proclaim the acceptable⁸ way of the Lord to all mankind. Will they heed it that the Spirit of God may come and work with man when he is humble before the Lord?

11 Let those that reject the Message I bring be released from their trust and responsibility, for they deny my coming, and the Lord rejects them. Therefore let them have no part in this work, for their hearts are not true and not in the Lord's will. All those that oppose and fight against this work, except they repent, their end will be sad. They cannot overthrow the Lord's work.

12 Gather in the assembly and cry unto the Lord. Let no evil come among you. The Lord will hear all those that repent and obey His will. Let your prayers be of the heart. Let not contention be found among you.

13 Heed the instructions I have given in the past and let these be set apart as apostles, that I shall give, as the vacancies will come: Frederick Vowles, Marion R. Hopkins, James Beld, and let Luther Levell also prepare; for the time will come when he will take his place in the quorum. Let Roy Loughheed be added to the bishops. Let Melvin Mallory prepare that he may take his place as a bishop when the vacancy occurs. Let R. H. Hutchinson be set apart as an evangelist. Let all be in the field as the way opens. Fear not man but do the Lord's bidding. He will provide. Let Earl W. Baggerly be set apart as an elder. Let him be humble. Let none contend over points⁹ of doctrine, for the Lord will make bare¹⁰ His arm and reveal much, for great shall be the joy of all those that prepare for they shall have power to proclaim the mysteries of the kingdom.

14 Let the faithful continue on and let the *Voice of Warning* go in peace. The Lord accepts those that obey the Message. Let them continue on.

15 The Lord has sent me unto you at this time. He will bless you if you will be humble. The Lord knows your prayer and those you love. The Lord has allowed that to come that your pride may be destroyed for ye cannot seek the praise¹¹ of men and be pleasing in the Lord's sight. There are those that love you and will yet love you if you will be humble and be at peace. Be pleasant in your work and speak the truth in humility and you will find favor

with God and man.

16 I will come again until the work is finished and Christ comes to make His abode among men, that all the earth shall obey Him. I leave peace with you and to the Church. Give this to the Church that the faithful may know the Lord has sent me.

17 Publish this Message with the rest. Let them go to the ends of the earth. Take it to the isles of the sea. Let justice and peace follow you wherever you go. As I speak to you, I speak to all. Let the Lord's word be taught that it might be obeyed, for there is safety in the words I bring. Amen."

1. I John 3:8; II Nephi 10:15; (RN)

Thessalonians 2:8-9; Revelation 19:11-21

2. Hebrews 11:6; Ether 12:3-31; Moroni 7:21-30 (RN)

3. Genesis 3:13; II Corinthians 11:3

4. Matthew 26:40-41; III Nephi 18:15-18 (RN)

5. Message 5:1

6. Matthew 13:24-30,37-43

7. Matthew 13:30

8. Isaiah 49:8; 61:2; Luke 4:19

9. III Nephi 11:28-29 (RN)

10. Isaiah 52:8-12

11. John 12:43

MESSAGE 61

JUNE 11, 1943 | 4:15 A.M. | 122 W. SEA | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord came to me at my home, 122 West Sea, Independence, Missouri, on June 11, 1943, at 4:15 a.m., and left the following Message:

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Arise and write the instructions I shall give you.

2 I have come again when the cries of the people have come up before the Lord, your God. He is all-powerful and will bless the faithful.

3 I am the Messenger of the Lord. I speak His words. I have come in the past and I shall come in the future. I am commanded to bring a warning Message and instructions. I come in love for this is a Message of love.

4 Fear not what man may say of you. Those that have gone astray are led by the evil one. Fear not, nor fret not, for some will repent. They will see their error and yet the faithful shall be blessed. Come all the way for the Lord wants a holy people whose hearts are just and righteous before Him.

5 Blessed are all they who seek to establish the Zion of peace for it shall be done by a people humble before the Lord. All those that obey the words I bring are those that shall be the Lord's Bride¹.

6 Those that the Lord has called, let them be in the field as the way opens. Let not man have His way but heed the instructions I bring, for the Lord has sent me. I speak His words.

7 Let all that are The Church of Christ come in humility, preparing themselves to work in love for great is the responsibility and trust placed upon the people of the Lord.

8 The Lord has reached forth His arm to save His people. The voice of the obedient and faithful shall be the Lord's will. Let them carry on. The Lord accepts those that are heeding the will of Him that sent me.

9 The Lord accepts the work of the assembly of the faithful. Let the glad tidings go to all and the voice of peace be heard everywhere. Let justice and righteousness follow you wherever you go.

10 Let J. W. Savage take charge of the bishop's office that the moneys received may be in safe hands.

11 Behold, some the Lord has chosen have slumbered and slept², not arising to obedience; while others have denied my coming and thus destroyed the trust the Lord placed upon them. Behold, I have plead yet there are those who have hardened their hearts, opposing and denying my righteous cause. Yea, unto such that have hearkened to the whisperings of satan, doubt and fear have entered their minds. Thus they have sinned in denying this cause and the authority and trust has been taken from them.

12 The Lord has heard the prayers of the faithful and will continue to bless you. Keep the standard, be calm and at peace and joy shall be with you. Obey the instructions I bring for the Lord has sent me and it is His words³ that I bring, and Christ's words shall judge all men at the last day.

13 Let the work move on in all parts. Keep the way of peace that the honest may find comfort.

14 Let Charles J. Pritchard be added to the apostles. Let all I have told you be at work in the field for many are seeking this way of peace and will find it in the obedience of the servants of the Lord. Let the Lord's servant, Stearns, take up his service and calling as a bishop. Let not the ways of man destroy the good. Let him fear not man. Let E. H. Tiffin be set apart as an elder for much good can be done by his efforts. The Lord will favor all those who keep this way.

15 Peace I leave with you and the Church and will come again. Many you love will yet defend this cause. I will come again. Amen."

1. Revelation 19:7-9
2. Matthew 13:25; 25:5

3. II Nephi 25:18 (RN)

MESSAGE 62

SEPTEMBER 4, 1943 | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord came to my home on the morning of September 4, 1943, and instructed me to give the following Message to the Church. He appeared and commanded me to arise and write. The divine made me so weak in body that after a part of the Message was given he left me so that I could regain some of my strength. He returned and I felt much stronger. I finished the Message as he gave it.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold! I have come again to bring a Message from the Lord. He has sent me. I come from His presence. I am he of whom it is written, 'Mine elect¹, in whom the Lord delighteth.' I am the Messenger of the covenant and my name is John. My coming is to bring a warning and prepare the way again before the Lord.

2 I come that righteousness shall look down² from above. Yea, it shall be poured out upon the earth, for God Himself hath sent me and causeth me to speak. I speak His will. The words I speak shall bring peace to many, for salvation shall be upon the earth among men. Yea, it is and now waiteth to be carried to the ends of the earth, the isles of the sea, for lo, the Lord has

spoken; the Lord that made heaven and earth and all things that in them are. He that stretched forth heaven above. He it is that shall confound the liars and maketh diviners fail and turn the wise backward making their knowledge foolish³. He it is that shall allow confusion to come upon all of them that stir against the Lord and the words I bring. I bring a way of deliverance.

3 I am the Messenger to go before the Lord to make the crooked straight⁴; to cause to be broken to pieces all their gates of evil, them that oppose the way of the Lord.

4 Thus saith the Lord, 'Oh Israel wilt thou come forth that you might be delivered? I have called thee. I have named thee. I have chosen thee. I am the great high priest. I am He who scattered thee and I am He who shall deliver—who shall gather. I will bring back all the outcast⁵, moreover all those that are dispersed. Learn ye My ways and come unto Me and life eternal shall be your reward.

5 Yea, I have not spoken in secret⁶ or in hiding. I have sent My Messenger. He has spoken My words and will. It shall stand, for this is My pleasure. I know the end from the beginning⁷ and I have planned deliverance to all that will call on My name in righteousness, in humility before Me,' saith your Lord.

At this juncture he left for a while and returned later.

6 Be ye comforted all that will hear, for the day shall come when as the light shineth from the east unto the west so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. Every eye⁸ shall behold Him. Moreover, every heart shall cry and every tongue⁹ shall know and confess He is the Christ, for lo, He comes and His words shall judge both those that live and those that do not; both the righteous and the wicked; both those that do His will and those that serve Him not. Some to joy and peace with Him and some to shame.

7 Those that are His shall be counted His Jewels, His Bride, the Lamb's Wife, when He comes. Thus The Church of Christ shall continue on that a people may be fully prepared; therefore, it is my duty to bring the Message, the instructions from the Lord your God to the Church, and for the children of men. That all might learn this is the closing time when the vineyard of the Lord is being pruned for the last time¹⁰ and the Christ soon comes to make His reign on earth.

8 Many will help, many are reserved for a great work, and the gospel must be preached that the greater work can be done, of the preparing a people, and then the greatest entrusted to mankind shall be accomplished.

9 Therefore, fear not and fret not, but do the Lord's bidding. Save your strength that you may do that which the Lord will yet bring forth that all nations may flow¹¹ together, for Christ shall be Lord of all and King of kings and all men will serve Him. Then shall be no more evil to hinder, but all shall be delightful in the Lord.

10 The Lord has seen your humility and your faith. Continue that He might smile in peace upon you and the Church. Many hearts have bled and will yet bleed if they do not watch and pray. I told you to watch against the days to come. As I speak to you so speak I to all. Be ye comforted. Your companion

shall be a comfort to you for peace shall be in the hearts of all those that love this work.

11 Remember Job in his trials. The Lord set His angel to deliver, so it shall be to the Church for the faithful. Some love this work and know it is true but their pride has kept them away and from coming close to the Lord. Some are true and will yet be true and with all their might proclaim the truth, even the Message I bring. Let them continue on. Peace shall be with them.

12 Some hate you and the Message I bring and have set their heart to hinder and destroy, but in the end they will lose and grief shall be upon them. This is the Lord's work and it must be done the Lord's way in justice and righteousness above the ways and evils of man. Let not man's ways hinder.

13 While things look dark to you now the future will be brighter. As I speak to you so speak I to all. My Message is one of love to all that will heed and obey.

14 I gave the warning—the conditions are coming to pass as I told you. Some have prepared and are comforted. Be watchful, be ready in the Lord's peace.

15 The Lord will call those to carry His work on even to the end of the earth and all those that are faithful will be blessed.

16 Let those alone that oppose you and the Message I bring. The hate in their hearts will destroy their good if they do not repent and seek to please the Lord.

17 Let each one work in his place and calling as the way opens. Let man come all the way in obedience, for this is the assured way of the Lord to speak to mankind. Let them not doubt and the Lord's Spirit will lead. The Lord has and will yet give His Spirit in greater abundance to the faithful.

18 Thus saith the Lord, 'Let My servants, Lacey and Garrett, be added to the apostles. Let them always be humble for I, the Lord, will bless them in this work. Let My servant Redd be set apart as an elder. Let My young servant Floyd know this is My work and I have looked upon him in the past and he shall yet do that special work in this cause. Let all be at work and I shall send the greater peace,' saith your Lord.

19 The Lord has sent me that all might be encouraged. Let peace be in the hearts of all. Let the work move on. Let all pay their tithes that they may render to the Lord that which is His. Be at peace with all men. Be filled with the Spirit that its fruits¹² may rule. Peace I leave with you and shall come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

1. Isaiah 42:1; Colossians 3:12-17; I Peter 1:2

2. Psalm 85:10-11

3. Isaiah 44:24-25

4. II Nephi 9:40-43 (RN); III Nephi 14:13-14 (RN)

5. Isaiah 56:8

6. Isaiah 45:19; 48:16

7. Ecclesiastes 3:11; Isaiah 46:10

8. Revelation 1:7

9. Isaiah 45:23; Romans 14:11; Philippians 2:11;

Mosiah 27:31 (RN)

10. Jacob 5:8-77 (RN); Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 20:1-8

11. Isaiah 2:2

12. Galatians 5:22-25

MESSAGE 63

JANUARY 2, 1944 | 8:20 P.M. - 9:20 P.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in my home, Independence Missouri, and gave the following Message, January 2, 1944, 8:20-9:20 p.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! I have come to you again as my appointing. The Lord your God has sent me. I come to speak the Lord’s will, though satan has hindered and sought to destroy you and the Message I bring; but it shall not be destroyed. The Lord’s words will not return unto Him void¹.

2 The pruning has begun and shall be for man must know the full plan and obey. That they may bring forth much fruit, and that of the Spirit of the Lord.

3 Fear not your calling for the Lord will give you strength. There are those filled with hate and revenge. Their end will be sad. Fear them not. There are those that are true and will yet be true to this cause for they know the Lord’s Spirit and His will. Moreover, there are those who bear the fruits of His Spirit and are humble. There are those that repent and are sought to be right before God. They shall be filled. Therefore, be not found in the path of the erring and sinful. For the Lord is your Master.

4 The Lord has given you those to encourage and to stand by you, for He knows your strength and weakness and He will save to the uttermost². I speak His words and they are to all. Those that heed not and obey not shall not have part in this work of the Lord.

5 You have seen the hand of God move. In all ages through faith man has found peace with God. Many are and shall be made white and pure through their righteous works with God. Stand firm and be true and your reward will be sure—for with God the righteous shall dwell.

6 Yea, the day comes when all men will come to worship³ the Lord, lest His arm will shorten and they perish in their sin. He who is master of men will extend peace like a river and the glory of the faithful like a flowing stream; so will the Lord comfort. The Lord’s hand is known toward His own and His indignation towards the enemies. He shall appear to your joy⁴ and the nations shall come together to work peace among them for the Lord shall roar⁵ from Zion and the standard shall be established in peace for all shall learn—and speak that language, loving all men. Moreover, in a day and at once—for Zion travaileth and shall bring forth her children.

7 I come that this work might be. That the gospel may be fully established and the plan of God be carried to the ends of the earth. That salvation may come to all who will hear the Christ in His plea that whosoever will may come, for it is His words⁶ that shall judge all men at the last day.

8 I am the Messenger of the Lord, my name is John. I am your fellow servant. I speak to all. Take courage, this is the Lord’s work, His Church, and it shall not be destroyed. Let the Messages go in peace. Let the tidings of gladness be heard. Be at peace with all men. Be pleasant in your work. Be humble always and your labor shall not be in vain.

9 Let this go to the Church. Let the Messages be published in other

languages that others may know this way, for the Spirit will bear witness and they shall know. For that day shall come when power will come for there are and will be those that come all the way in the Lord. Not in the traditions of men, but in the Spirit and its obedience. It shall be said the year⁷ of the Lord's redeemed has come.

10 The Lord has remembered Israel and His loving kindness is for them that hear. Let those that rebel have no part in this work. Let Zion arise⁸ out of the wilderness and a people awaken from the desolations and slumberings, for there shall be brought forth those that shall inherit⁹. The elect shall inherit it, and the Lord's servants shall dwell safely.

11 Behold, the Lord will not keep silent¹⁰.

12 Be at peace in this work. I shall come again, for I am sent of the Lord your God. I come to do His will. Be not in thirst but drink of the waters of life. My Message is to the ends of the earth. I am the Elias, John the Baptist. I preached repentance in the days before the Lord Christ walked among men. Again I preach the word. I come to prophesy, I speak His will. There is much yet to be done—and to be given for His that follow. Amen.”

1. Isaiah 45:23; Isaiah 55:10-11

2. Hebrews 7:25

3. Isaiah 66:23-24; Zechariah 14:16;
Revelation 15:3-4

4. Isaiah 66:5-14

5. Joel 3:16-17; Amos 1:2

6. John 12:47-48; 2Timothy 4:1;

II Nephi 29:11; 33:11 (RN)

7. Isaiah 63:4

8. Isaiah 52:1-2; 60:13; 61:34

9. Isaiah 65:8-9

10. Isaiah 65:6

MESSAGE 64

JUNE 1, 1944 | 5:30 A.M. | 122 W. SEA AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord appeared in my room at my home, 122 West Sea Avenue, Independence, Missouri, about 5:30 a.m., on June 1, 1944, and left the following Message. He was clothed in light and with the power of the Lord.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Awake, arise, and take the Message I will give you. Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, His Messenger whom ye delight¹ in my coming. I am sent of God to bring other servants that His vineyard may be nourished², yea, this last time that it may bring forth, and a people be prepared for the coming of the Lord. I have been chosen, and my name is John. This is my calling, to prepare the ways before the Christ to come to His Bride.

2 Will the people heed the warning and obey the instructions I bring from the Lord, your God, that there may be a Bride prepared and the way of deliverance established, that mankind may learn of the way of the Lord, His words, in these last days?

3 The Lord has sent me with a Message when the hearts of His people were bleeding. I have come to minister that comfort may come to all who will walk righteously in this way. All that I have brought and will bring comes from the Lord, your God.

4 The Lord has looked upon His Church to bless the faithful. Some have

denied the Lord and His goodness. Some are full of doubt and are deprived of the joys of the Lord. Some will repent, others will go to destruction.

5 There are those that seek to prophesy in the Lord's name, and in vain they do speak their own words, for they know not His Spirit nor His power, for God speaketh not to blaspheme. Fear them not.

6 You have seen the trials of man, and your burdens have been hard to bear, but take courage for the end³ is not yet. Trials will come to all and those that will not be humble will not stand in the last day.

7 Lift up your strength in the Lord. In times past you have been delivered from the pitfalls of satan. The plan of the evil one to destroy shall be frustrated. Heed wisdom. Those the Lord has sent you for encouragement to stand by this work shall be blessed, for in peace they shall find rest. Many blessings shall come to the humble.

8 The Lord has heard the prayers of His servants and His people and will answer as their faith is.

9 I am he that is sent of God to bring His light to mankind. This is His Church and shall be His Bride when She is prepared and made ready. I speak not my words but the words and will of the Christ who has sent me. My Message is one of love. It will bring life to those that will obey.

10 Teach men everywhere to repent and be baptized. Let the hands be laid on all who come to the Church that they may be humble and that the Lord may fill them with His Spirit.

11 Fret not, nor grieve not, over things you have no control, but be calm.

12 The day will come when you shall be apart from the turmoil of the world for the work the Lord has designed must come to mankind. For this work were you born. Be ye penitent and humble that your light⁴ may shine. Speak the truth⁵ and not the traditions of men nor the thoughts of man. As I say to you so say I to all. The Lord knows your heart and your righteous desires shall be granted. Those who have set to harm you and this work will suffer and their end will be sad. There are those you cannot trust. They betray and deceive.

13 Keep holy the sacred rites of the Lord. Defile them not. Let not the plan be changed. Heed not man's self-righteousness nor those who set themselves to be great, for victory comes through humility and obedience⁶ to the Christ, the Lord.

14 Let no man change⁷ *The Articles of Faith and Practice*, neither let man say the Lord is not wise. The Lord cannot use those who will not keep holy and sacred His plan, therefore, let them have no part in the ministry of this work for already they deny its sacredness.

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

16 Conditions have come as the Lord has said. The plague of death in war has taken many. The evil must be destroyed. Let there be left neither root nor branch⁸ that the evil may not rise again.

17 If the people of the Lord will be humble and pray mightily unto the Lord He will show His hand and the time will come when many will be

touched by this marvelous work. Let the place of rest⁹ for the Lord and His people be prepared. Press on in the peace of the Lord with all men.

18 Let those the Lord has called take their places. Seek the Lord often that the mysteries¹⁰ of the kingdom will not be hid, but heed not the prophecies of men.

19 I leave the peace of the Lord with you and the Church. Hold high the banner of the Christ.

20 I will come again as the Lord will direct. I am His servant. I am John the Baptist, the Messenger of the Lord. I am sent to speak His will. I will be with the Christ when He comes. I am sent to prepare the people for His coming and a place to come to. I am your fellow servant, the Elias which was for to come.

21 I am to direct in all things of the work of the Lord. I am to bring the instructions that the Spirit of God may lead men to righteousness and life eternal. His sheep shall know His voice¹¹.

22 Be at peace. Give this Message to the brethren and the Church. Publish it with the rest. Amen.”

1. Malachi 3:1

2. Jacob 5:70-71 (RN)

3. Matthew 24:6

4. Matthew 5:16

5. Acts 26:25; Ephesians 4:25

6. Luke 2:11; II Corinthians 10:3-5

7. Message 1:1

8. Malachi 4:1; III Nephi 25:1 (RN)

9. Isaiah 66:1; Acts 7:49

10. Alma 26:22 (RN)

11. John 10:1-5,27

MESSAGE 65

JUNE 7, 1944 | 1:30 A.M. | 122 W. SEA AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord came to me at my home, 122 West Sea Avenue, Independence, Missouri, about 1:30 a.m., June 7, 1944. He was engulfed in light such as I assume the resurrected are privileged to bear. He left the following Message:

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I come again with a Message of peace. Give it to the brethren and the Church.

2 Verily, the Lord has heard the prayers of the faithful who have cried from the heart. Therefore He has and will bless all that do His will. Let all be calm and sedate in the Lord; not boastful nor wise in their own conceit¹. Remember, love is your mission, to preach and teach repentance with faith in God that salvation may come to all who will hear and obey *The Word of the Lord*.

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.

4 Let there be added to the apostles: E. H. Ewing and W. F. Lewis. Let them be set apart that they may take their place for the Lord will point the way of the humble. Let the apostles and bishops counsel together much and

pray always that they may be guided in the Lord's will.

5 Let there be added to the bishops: R. C. Moss and Newell Mead. Let them know this is a great responsibility to carry. Teach all to be dutiful in wisdom before God that their humility may be accepted by both man and God.

6 Let Charles B. Hatch be set apart as an elder. Let him take the Message to others and the Lord will bless him. Let Thomas Evanson prepare for his greater calling for the Lord will bless him. Let all continue to carry on and the Lord will not forsake His people.

7 Let *The Voice of Peace* go on to the ends of the earth that mercy and justice may be found by those who will search². Be pleasant. Let your light shine. As the Lord speaks answer by your actions.

8 I speak the will of Him that sent me. I am John the Baptist, the servant of the Lord. Peace³ I leave with you and the Church. I will come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

1. Romans 11:25; 12:16

2. Jeremiah 29:11-14; Hebrews 11:6

3. Isaiah 32:16-18; John 14:27

MESSAGE 66

MARCH 12, 1945 | 12:35 A.M. - 2:40 A.M. | VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

This was given to me by the Messenger 12:35 to 2:40 a.m., Monday, March 12, 1945, at Vancouver, Washington.

The Messenger was dressed in the white robe he has worn on previous occasions. His whole body radiated a powerful light that filled the room. His face shone with brightness and his feet as fine brass. He spoke calmly and with power. He sat in a rocking chair while giving the most of the Message, though he arose while speaking the words of the Lord spoke through him.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Arise my fellow servant and take the Message I shall give you. Be not afraid, I bring you peace. Rejoice in the peace of God. Great shall be the joy in the hearts of all that hear and obey the Message and words I bring from the Lord your God.

2 Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, the blessed¹ one sent of God. I come from His presence and my name is John. I am the same that was and is called the Baptist. I am the Elias. I bring the Elijah² Message many have looked for. I bring words of the Lord. I bring a warning.

3 Come out of her³ is my cry. For thus I am sent to fulfill the words of the prophets.

4 My Message is to all mankind. Rise up, hear my voice, give ear unto my speech ye nations of the earth.

5 The Lord has used His liberal⁴ servant, he that has held this nation in America to be at peace with others. God has given him power; the liberal to devise liberal things, for by liberal things he shall be caused to stand. The Lord knoweth this nation whose fire is in Zion⁵. With His fierceness in battle shall greatly assist in the destroying of the wicked⁶ and her root and branch.

God has set the man at the head of this nation that it might be caused to be brought about that the world may have peace established from one end to the other.

6 Be troubled, ye evil of the world. Strip⁷ yourselves, make bare your house for your pleasant fields are made waste. Your evils shall count your days, and your days are numbered for your time is short, because you despise the Lord's words and trust in oppression⁸ and doleful perverseness; thus your breaking shall come suddenly as at an instant. Your idols shall fade away and through the voice of the Lord the Assyrian⁹ shall fall.

7 You have seen the evils of man. You have seen the destructions and wars as I told you. The plague of death in war has taken many. The Lord knows the hearts of His people, all those that shall be His in that day.

8 Let the Church continue on with great power for thus is my Message, that the earth may be filled with the glory¹⁰ of my coming for the Lord has sent me and I come from His presence.

9 Let the faithful rejoice for I come at the Lord's command for the Lord has heard their prayers and will bless.

10 There are those that have written letters of contempt which satan has inspired, entering the heart of man and spreading mistrust and doubt among the people of the Lord. Let such speedily repent. Already from such the Lord has withdrawn His Spirit because of the prophesying of man. Fear not those that seek revenge.

11 The Lord in all ages has chosen man to do His bidding. Some humble themselves and have been and are true, others listen and have listened to the whisperings of satan and where are they? Man may choose whom he will serve. Some have become evil and are as wolves¹¹ in sheep's clothing. Fear them not and have no part with them. Therefore, except they repent let them have no part in this work. Some will yet repent, others will go to destruction.

12 The Lord is pleased with the work of the bishops in that they have obeyed in seeking to establish this work more firmly than those of the world will not deceive you. The Lord has blessed many because of their faith and humility before Him and the people. He is pleased with the humility of those that seek to establish peace. He has blessed His servant Stone with godly wisdom and knowledge that he may steer aright *The Voice of Peace*, and that contentions will not have way therein. Let him continue. Let the people continue the glad tidings that it may be sent to the end of the earth bringing joy and gladness to many. The Lord will touch the hearts that are honest and bring them to find joy and life in His will.

13 There are those who set themselves up to be clean and holy but their hearts are full of raging evils. The skeptic and the scorner and those that seek to use the Spirit of God, all such, the Lord by His Spirit cannot use.

14 Fear not those that set themselves up, seeking that I come to them for they shall lose and that which they have shall be taken from them. It is not theirs to choose.

15 The Lord has sent me to you with the instructions. Therefore keep

your trust. The Lord has seen favor in you in that you deny not my coming. Fear not those who set themselves against you, nor those that form a band to destroy you and the Message of life I bring from the Lord your God. I speak His will.

16 They that go about teaching pervert things to set in order are not of the Lord, for they bring discord¹² and destroy the faith in subversive teachings. Fear not for such will not save you.

17 Let all pay their oblations to the Lord in tithes and in offerings. Let Savage continue to receive the moneys that they may be safe in the hands of the bishops.

18 Let Fred H. Bartlett be set apart as an apostle. The Lord has reserved him for a great cause. The Lord will more abundantly pour out His Spirit that this work may be accomplished and the Message of life taken that the Bride might be prepared.

19 Let E. H. Tiffin be added to the bishops. Let him continue humble before the Lord and He will bless him and great peace shall be with him in his work. Let T. R. Jenkins be at work as much as possible for an awakening will come. The Lord has heard his prayers and will bless him and those he labors amongst.

20 Let His servant Callin come into this work and be set apart as an elder, moreover as an evangelist¹³. The Lord has preserved him for this cause that he might bring life and peace to many.

21 The Lord has spoken and it is His will that His young servants Blackmon and Grigsby take up their work as elders. Let the work in all lands be carried in love and power for many are pleading to know God's will.

22 Some will turn against this work because of this Message. Many will be strengthened. Send it to the Church and the brethren. Many have prayed in humility and the Lord has heard their cry. Thus let peace be unto them and the Church.

23 Behold, this is Christ's Church and shall be His Bride, the remnant¹⁴. She shall be made ready. The Message is given—the authority is entrusted with man. The call goes out. The cry is given. The warning must be heard. The work must be carried on.

24 Thus saith the Lord, 'Heed ye the words¹⁵ of My patience¹⁶ and I will deliver thee from the hour of temptation which shall come¹⁷ upon all the world to try mankind. Behold, I come quickly. Hold fast in faith that which I have given thee that no man take it from thee. I am the Lord and I give My word that it may bring life. My words shall judge you in the last day. I am the Christ, your Lord and Savior. I am the God of the living. Those that drink of the water of life I give shall never thirst,' saith the Lord.

25 I have come from the Lord's presence and will come again. Amen."

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| 1. Matthew 24:46 | 11. Matthew 7:15-20; Acts 20:28-29 |
| 2. Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6; Matthew 11:14; 17:10-12 | 12. Proverbs 14:19 |
| 3. Revelation 18:2-8 | 13. II Timothy 4:5 |
| 4. Isaiah 32:8; Alma 1:30; 6:5 (RN) | 14. Joel 2:32 |
| 5. Isaiah 31:9; Lamentations 4:11 | 15. II Nephi 25:18 (RN) |
| 6. Malachi 4:2-3; I Nephi 17:36-38; Ether 8:25-26 RN) | 16. Revelation 3:10-11 |
| 7. Isaiah 32:11-12 | 17. Revelation 22:7, 20 |
| 8. Isaiah 30:9-14; Psalm 62:10 | |
| 9. Isaiah 30:30-33; 31:6-9 | |
| 10. Numbers 14:21; Habakkuk 2:12-14; Rev 18:1 | |

MESSAGE 67

JUNE 11, 1945 | MORNING | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger came to me at Independence, Missouri, on the morning of June 11, 1945, and instructed me to give the following Message to the Church.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and take the Message I will give you. Behold, I am your fellow servant and my name is John. I am he to appear before the great and dreadful¹ day of the Lord. I come from His presence. I am the Elias. I am he who sits as a refiner² and purifier, that the sins of men may be no more, that a people may be prepared.

2 My Message is one of peace to those who receive it. I bring words from the master of men who extends peace like a river³ and the glory of the faithful like a flowing stream—moreover the Lord will comfort. This is His Church, she shall be His when He comes. Let all come unto His Bride.

3 The time is short—the conflict in battle of the adversary⁴ has destroyed many but God will deliver and righteousness shall prevail—but let the evil be destroyed root and branch.

4 When the Lord speaks answer by your actions. Moreover, He has heard the prayers of this assembly. Continue humble before Him.

5 Let Warren M. Nellis be released of his office and trust of the ministry of the church for he denies the truths of my coming.

6 Let L. N. Hallberg be added to the apostles in the quorum. The Lord has preserved and called him into this work. Behold the Lord knoweth His righteous desires and will bless him. The time has come, let Howard Leighton Floyd come into this work and be set apart as an evangelist. Also let there be added to the evangelists: Frank Mallory, Carl Peterson and Thomas Evanson.

7 Let R. C. Conoley and D. Crownover be set apart as elders. Let Winans and Parker be set apart as deacons.

8 Let Mallory be in the field as well as others, for the Lord will direct. He knows the hearts of all. He will deliver the righteous and bring evil to naught. This is His work and man’s ways are erring but God will speak. There are others that will yet drop out. Their trials will be sad if they remain in doubt and contention. Peace and righteousness will be the reward of the faithful. Look to the Lord in all things. He has set me at the helm⁵ to direct in this work.

9 Give this Message to the brethren and the Church. Let them know I have come. Your trials are hard to bear but your deliverance is to greater joy. Peace be with you and the Church. I am the Elias, your fellow servant of the Lord. I will come again. Amen.”

1. Malachi 4:5
2. Malachi 3:3
3. Isaiah 66:12-13

4. I Peter 5:8; I Nephi 15:24 (RN)
5. Message 31:7

MESSAGE 68

AUGUST 21, 1946 | 3:00 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger appeared just after 3:00 a.m., August 21, 1946, at my home in Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message:

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Arise and take the Message I will give you. I come from His presence. I come, for so have I been commanded, to bring a warning and instructions that the work of the church may go on. That salvation may be found by many whosoever will heed my coming and obey the words I bring; for it is the Christ’s words that shall judge all men in the last day. He cometh to bring judgment and to preserve the hand of the righteous. Moreover, His reward shall be with Him, even He that liveth, who is ruler and judge of all.

2 I speak His words that His judgments might go forth to the ends of the earth. As a flood the righteousness of saints, by the faith of the faithful, shall move forward. It shall not fail for this is the work of the Lord.

3 I come to you with a Message for all that will heed and obey. My work has begun and gladness has come to many. Man cannot have his way in this work except it be the way of the Lord.

4 The Lord has spared you. The Lord has preserved many and He heareth the prayers of the humble and faithful. There are many honest that will yet heed my coming. Be firm, be true. Let humility be your mantle. Be not discouraged. Let all take faith and be lifted in gladness. Let not confusion come among you, the Lord your God is the author of peace. Be calm and sedate. Heed repentance. Teach it to all men; baptizing them. Let the hands be laid on them for the authority is given and this is The Church of Christ that shall be His Bride at His coming.

5 The Lord is mindful of His people and has heard the prayers from the heart. I am commanded that answer shall come. Therefore, I come to speak life and the will of the Lord. I am the Elias. I am set to refine and make ready a people before the Lord. This is my mission. Deliverance shall come to many.

6 Conditions have come as I told you. Much sorrow is yet to come, suffering and sadness on every hand. Only among the more righteous shall peace be found.

7 Let the Lord's servant, Waldemar Korth, know the Lord has preserved him for a great cause. His faith has made him whole. Let him continue on that the glad tidings may reach many in his land and its borders. Send all the help that can be to the fields in the foreign lands.

8 Let there be set apart in the quorum of twelve apostles: Bert H. F. Blackmon, Luther Levell and, as the vacancies occur, R. G. Newby who has repented and returned to the work and W. C. Wilson, if they will continue to be humble.

9 Let there be ordained as elders: Samuel Guthmiller, Clifford Clary, George Blackmon, Alfred Butler and LaVern Fife. Let them be very humble in this work. Let all labor in faith and in love that great good may be accomplished.

10 Let the Message go far and near, preaching the same things of the Gospel of peace and 'Lo,' saith the Lord, 'I will stand you in holy places while the indignation¹ passes over.'

11 Let William Nevels be set apart as an evangelist. Let him carry the Message to others and the Lord will bless him.

12 Be ye united and my peace shall remain with you. Continue on in service and action heeding the Lord's will. Be calm, be pleasant in your work. As I speak to you so speak I to all.

13 Be not discouraged over what man does, and those that are not true and that deny this work and the Message I bring. Some will repent, but keep holy and sacred this trust the Lord has given.

14 Peace be with you and the Church, I leave this with you. Give it to the brethren and the church.

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

While this is not a part of the message, it occurred at the end of the Messenger giving the above words. He had been seated in a rocking chair and I sat across from him by the table writing the Message as he gave it. This is the first time another personage has appeared with him standing by his side. They were of similar size with beautiful countenance. In his arms he held cradled very carefully a brown colored box as it seemed—not appearing to be extremely heavy, but from the way he held it, very precious.

I noted then it was not a box, but records, as I noted one large ring near the top end on the side toward me, which apparently would indicate the front of the record. It had a glittering effect, which was more noticeable from each move or change of position of the records carefully cradled in his arms.

The Messenger arose and placed his right hand on the records and said, "This is some of the great work yet to come forth. A record." They both left, leaving me very weak in body because of the presence of the resurrected ones. ~W.A. Draves

1. Isaiah 26:20; Zephaniah 3:8; Alma 40:14 (RN)

MESSAGE 69

JULY 28, 1947 | 3:05 A.M. - 5:05 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist, appeared to me at 3:05 a.m., July 28, 1947, at my home in Independence, Missouri, U.S.A. and commanded me to arise and take the Message he would give me. The room was full of light, the presence of the divine was powerful. I wish all would pray to know the truth of the coming of the Messenger, the angel from the Lord.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, my fellow servant, I have come to you with a Message again, that the work of the Lord might go onward and move forward to the ends of the earth, ruling in the will of the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, the righteous of mankind.

2 Write the words as I shall give them to you.

3 Thus saith the Lord to the humble and obedient, ‘Your faith has been exceeding great, you have endured and shall find My peace in abundance. I have watched over you and preserved even when satan sought to destroy. Behold, it is I, even your Lord, that shall deliver you in the last day. Yea, come¹ out of her lest you suffer with the ungodly and partake of her punishments. Let your life be filled with obedience.

4 Yea, moreover, Israel will slowly hear and come forth rejoicing. Heed the warning I have sent by My servant, John. This is the closing hour—the warning is sent and to all that hear, life everlasting, but to them that mock and scorn, Woe! Woe! Woe! and sad will be their end. Behold I have spoken.’

5 I am the servant of the Lord. I come from His presence—I speak His words and His will. I come to fulfill—that a way of deliverance shall be for mankind—that they might be guided away from the shadow² of death and into the way of salvation, and that all things may be restored: the earth to her former beauty and mankind delivered from that awful state, back to the presence of God.

6 Let the assembly meet in peace, let rejoicing be in your hearts. Pray earnestly and the Lord will meet with you by His Spirit, and great peace shall flow to all—and the faith of the faithful shall be heard. Power shall come as your hearts shall be prepared.

7 Fear not, nor fret not, but do the Lord’s bidding. The Church has been favored of the Lord for He has not forsaken His people. Let all be at work in their calling. The Lord has seen the faith of His servant, Turland, for he has been faithful in many ways and shall find exceeding great joy and peace in the end. Many shall yet learn the way of peace. Let the Message continue to go from door to door, from heart to heart, and on to the ends of the earth.

8 Let there be added to the bishops, when the vacancy occurs, Kenneth N. Vick. Let him be set apart and ordained as an elder, for the Lord has seen his faith and heard his prayers, and will bless in great peace and abundance of His Spirit. Let there be added to the elders, Roy C. Tedrick, E. Emmanuel Sigle, Leonard Johnson—and your fellow servants, H. Harris Burt and John

Emerson Davis as evangelists. Let them know the Lord has preserved them for a wise purpose—that they may take the truth in its purity to many.

9 This is a holy work and mankind must come humbly before the Lord. Let repentance and baptism be the answer in action by each one coming into this work. Let the hands be laid on all that the Spirit might come to them in great power and deliverance in time of trials. Let great faith rule in love. Let peace be in each heart and soul, in your homes, and avoid contentions. Trust not in traditions of men, nor the ways of man, nor flesh. They will not save you.

10 Let the servants be humble and prayerful and the mysteries of the kingdom shall unfold before you. Fear not those who depart from you. They are as clouds without water,³ empty vessels tossed about in doubt and fears. But fear the Lord insomuch that obedience is your answer. Let peace fill each heart, and in your gatherings, that the Spirit of God shall make you free. It is Christ your Savior whom you must serve and obey. His words shall judge all in the last day, and great is His reward to the faithful when He comes, but dreadful to the wicked at His appearing.

11 Lift up, I am the Elias. I bring the refining⁴ spoken of by the prophet Malachi. I bring the Elijah Message. I am the forerunner of Christ. I preached repentance and baptism at His first coming—so am I commanded the same now, unto the children of Israel, and to the ends of the earth. Much shall come to pass, and mankind may yet be found in the presence of the Lord through obedience to the words I bring.

12 Give this Message to the Church. Publish it. Let the words I bring go to all who will hear.

13 I leave peace with you and to the Church in gladness. I will come again until the work is finished and shall be with the Christ when He shall appear at His coming when the righteous in Christ shall arise. Amen.”

The Messenger left at 5:05 a.m.

1. Revelation 18:4

2. Psalm 107:10; Luke 1:79

3. II Peter 2:17; Jude 1:12

4. Malachi 3:1-3

MESSAGE 70

AUGUST 20, 1947 | 11:42 P.M. - 12:30 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The angel Messenger of the Lord, the resurrected, John the Baptist, appeared to me at my home, Independence, Missouri, August 20, 1947, at 11:42 p.m., and gave the following Message. The light which has always accompanied the Messenger filled the room. (Matthew 24:45; Luke 12:42,43.) He left at 12:30.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and write the Message I will give you. I am the Messenger of the Lord, His servant, sent to bring a warning, a cleansing, and to prepare a people to be the Lord’s Bride when He comes.

2 I speak as from a fountain of truth and with power and authority. I bring the authority for mankind to represent Christ and His Church. Therefore remember this is a holy work and must be kept holy.

3 Moreover the Lord has heard the prayers of this assembly and has answered peace—herein is your joy in obedience and in humility: for joy comes by obedience and peace in much assurance.

4 Let the assured way of the Lord be your way—for I bring peace and a way of deliverance. I speak the Lord's words—for His ways are just. I proclaim the midnight cry. I bring peace—let it remain among you—in your gatherings and in your homes.

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

6 Counsel together with your brethren and qualify to lead the people in peace and righteousness. Hold high the banner of truth in the words I bring.

7 Send the Message and warnings to the ends of the earth and to all nations. Print the Messages in other languages.

8 Let those with the responsibility of preaching and teaching of the gospel in all the world consider deeply their calling and choosing in this work. For the work is great that lies before you.

9 Let all watch and pray, for the trials will come to all. Mankind must come all the way.

10 The Lord has been and will be with His people by His Spirit, and His peace shall long linger with the faithful until they become the jewels of God.

11 Fear not, for the end cometh and all must be judged—may your faith bring you to God-ward for then all shall see Him at His appearing.

12 Give this Message to the Church, to your brethren and then to all.

13 Fear not man—nor their evil ways—do the Lord's will.

14 I will come again.”

MESSAGE 71

AUGUST 13, 1948 | 3:30 A.M. | BROADVIEW HOTEL | WICHITA, KANSAS

During my stay in Wichita, Kansas, at the Broadview Hotel, the Messenger of the Lord appeared to me on three successive nights, the last of which, on the morning of August 13, 1948, at 3:30 a.m. He gave the following Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and take the words I will give you.

2 I am your fellow servant. I am the servant of the Lord. I am he who sits and refines¹. Of ancient days² it has been my mission, and my name is John. I preached repentance and baptism before the Christ—and again I preach and prophesy before His coming. I come to bring His word that a bride might be prepared and a people that is His Church in very deed— The Church of Christ. I have come in the past and I will come in the future until the work is finished, and the Christ sits in the right hand of power³ when satan's rules are put down. Then will be rejoicing, for the millennium shall break forth, and all nations⁴ that live and dwell⁵ in the lands come up to worship the Lord their God.

3 Fear not, for the Lord is mindful of His people. The Church shall see His

hand and His power. Heed not that which does not calm the soul—it is of the evil and seeks to destroy. Be not moved in emotion, for satan takes hold of mankind and entices evil that they may gain prominence—and speaks in confusion⁶ and untruths.

4 There are those that cannot be trusted. They have and will deceive. Be calm—even all. Let peace rule your lives. My message is one of peace and security to all who humble themselves and obey. For this is the assured way of the Lord and the Elijah Message so many look for.

5 I come not to bruise. I come not to quench⁷ the smoking flax, but to bring peace, and let the people choose the way to eternity and life with the Lord, or go down to darkness and that awful rejection of their choice.

6 Let the assembly meet in peace and hold to the way of the Lord. Let man deny himself and seek not for the praises of men.

7 Let the work continue in all parts of this land and the foreign fields. Up, ye servants of the Lord, live and speak the truth, and more light and joy will come to you as you prepare, and the greater your faith the greater your work and responsibilities will be.

8 Let the Lord's voice be heard. Let the translations continue. Let the Message go to Jew and Gentile, bond and free, the dispersed and outcast, to Israel, that all may have a chance to hear the warning word.

9 Thus saith the Lord, 'Let My servant Allsworth, whom I have led and preserved for a great work, be set apart as an evangelist, and take his calling and mission, that salvation and life may be carried through the gospel teaching to many. I will lead him by My Spirit, for his faith hath been heard,' saith your Lord.

10 Teach the whole truth and let not man have his way, except it be the way of the Lord. Worry not over things you have no control.

11 Let all pay their oblations to the Lord and send the word to the end of the earth.

12 I speak light to the world, and my mission is designed of the Lord and shall have its effect, for the word shall fill the whole earth and men will know the truth and be abundantly free. Satan has bound mankind with soothing ways and words and enticed in sin, until the Spirit of the Lord cannot work with them, except they repent. Let repentance be taught. Faith in God's word must be heard and the baptisms, that men be born again⁸ of the water and Holy Spirit, with fire from the Lord—and peace will rule and satan have no power on those who heed and obey, having strong faith.

13 I leave peace with you and all who heed."

1. Malachi 3:1-3; III Nephi 24:3 (RN)

2. Daniel 7:9-13

3. Mark 14:62

4. Psalm 86:9; Revelation 15:4

5. Zechariah 14:16

6. I Corinthians 14:33

7. Isaiah 42:2-4; Matthew 12:18-21

8. John 3:5-9; Mosiah 27:25 (RN); Alma 7:14 (RN)

MESSAGE 72

MAY 22, 1949 | 2:30 A.M. | 1417 S. POPE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me and gave the following Message, at my home 1417 South Pope Street, Independence, Missouri, U.S.A., at 2:30 a.m., May 22, 1949. The Spirit of the Lord was present and the light accompanying him filled the room.

I hope and pray that every reader will seek God in deep humility and faith believing that they may receive the testimony of the coming of the Elias, with the Elijah Message, as spoken of in Malachi and other prophecies.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I come again with a Message. Arise and write the words I shall give you. I am your fellow servant, a co-laborer for Christ and His Church.

2 My mission is one of love. I come from the Lord’s presence. I am he to deal prudently¹; to bring the warning of Christ’s soon coming; to prepare a people to be the Bride, The Church of Christ; to refine and cause mankind to become pure; to instruct the way of the Lord and I bring the Elijah Message many look for. Lo, the prophets have foretold of my coming.

3 I come to fulfill the will of the Lord. I am the Elias, the fore-runner of the Christ. He has designed² the way and stretched³ out the earth from one end to the other.

4 I bring glad tidings to the faithful and those that love truth. I speak the truth. I bring light to the blind in the light of time.

5 The Lord has sent me with salvation and life in the words I bring from Him to those that hear and obey. Fear not, the reward is at the end. The Gospel of Christ will bring you to life, and away from the valley of the shadow of death, for He is the good shepherd⁴. His pure unbounded love shall rule when there is unity⁵ among the faithful. The greater your love the greater your joy shall be.

6 Hearken, all ye that desire to know the truth. This is the way that leadeth to eternity and to Godward. There is no turning back.

7 Heed the instructions I bring and establish justice in the gates. Let no one treat lightly the way of the Lord. They that stir contention and maketh confusion are of the evil and shall have no part in this work. Keep peace and comity in gentleness, and meekness shall make you blessed—a delightsome people.

8 Behold! The Lord knoweth all those who stir against this work and those whose hearts are full of revenge and subtlety, in evil’s suavity, planning evil in the far reaching, to accomplish their envious gain. Lo, they cannot destroy the Lord’s work. Their end will be sad. Their faces shall turn about with darkness. Doubt and mistrust shall overtake them.

9 Turn away from those of adulterous and evil minds. They shall not have part in this work. Authority and trust they deny, and it shall not be with them.

10 Choose the clean, upright and the faithful, that the sacred work will not be defiled.

11 Fear not when evil arises; act in your place and calling, and put it from

your midst. For unto those who qualify is given power over unclean⁶ and unholy spirits—those whom the Lord calls and are touched with His Spirit. The hand of power and trust are His. He giveth as mankind prepares.

12 My mission is to cause righteousness⁷ to look down from above and to speak the will of the Lord.

13 Behold! the Lord knoweth His servants, and there are those that know His will and seek to establish the word. Let His servant Fuehrer continue, that the word may be translated, for many of the Lord's are among Israel.

14 Let Otto Arthur Leers come into this work, keep holy the way of the Lord. Let him be set apart as an elder, an evangelist, to represent Christ and His Church in that of his homeland and far and near, whithersoever the Lord shall lead and guide. The Lord has preserved him for this special work and to publish peace in his home land. Let him fully establish the work of truth in that land. Many of the favored of the Lord shall hear this way and come to the knowledge of truth. Take to them the way of life.

15 Teach baptisms, faith, and repentance towards God. Let the hands be laid on their heads for the gift, and gifts of God on men.

16 Deliverance shall come and the faithful shall stand.

17 Let those be removed that hinder or cause contention, that are not clean, and that obey not their calling, but in doubt and sin spread disbelief in the words I bring.

18 Blest are all those that see this way and the God of the living, the God of heaven and earth that stretched forth His wise design.

19 Thus saith the Lord, 'I plead with mankind that he may know I have spoken. I have sent My Messenger. I have not spoken in secret. I have spoken in power and given the plan. Will My Israel be delivered and come unto Me, your Lord and God, moreover, the Christ, for I am He who speaketh. Lo, as the light shineth from the east unto the west, so, shall My coming be⁸, and at an instant, suddenly shall a nation be born at once. Every heart shall cry and every tongue confess I am their Christ. So shall the joy of the faithful be even in My glory. But woe, woe, woe unto the wicked and those that count My commandments as naught. My words shall judge all men; both those that live and those that do not; both the righteous and the wicked; those in peace and those that are not. Yea, I have spoken and My words shall have their place. My Messenger has come as I have sent him. He is My choice, and the faithful are Mine election,' saith your Lord.

20 Let the Message I bring be published in every land. Let it go in every language and tongue, to the ends of the earth. Peace will flow in rivers of joy unto many and tongues shall yet cry out in testimony to my coming, by the words I bring, and the ends of time.

21 The millennium is to be the Lord's reign and all men obey the Lord's will from sea to sea, from shore to shore, from north to south, from far and wide of the earth and the isles of the seas.

22 The Church of Christ shall continue on that a Church and people be fully prepared, and my duty is to bring instructions from the Lord your God to the Church and the children of men. Learn the better way at this, the

closing time: the time the vineyard shall be cleansed and pruned, this, the last time, and the reign of peace breaks forth.

23 Keep sacred the trust, and holy the work, and the way of peace in your hearts and homes. I speak to all, the Church, and all who will hear.

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

1. Isaiah 52:13

2. Nehemiah 9:6; Acts 14:15

3. Isaiah 51:13

4. John 10:11-14; Alma 5:38-39 (RN)

5. Psalm 133:1; Ephesians 4:11-13; Mosiah 18:21 (RN)

6. Matthew 10:1; Mark 6:7; 1 Nephi 11:31 (RN)

7. Psalm 85:11; Isaiah 61:3,11; Micah 7:9

8. Matthew 16:27-28; 24:27,37-39

MESSAGE 73

AUGUST 12, 1949 | 2:45 A.M. - 4:45 A.M. | WICHITA, KANSAS

My work taking me through Kansas and through Wichita, I retired for the night about 2 a.m. August 12, 1949. I was asleep about 45 minutes when the Messenger of the Lord appeared and gave the following Message. He was clothed with light and power. I felt his presence more than any man. He spoke calmly, but firm. He appeared at 2:45 a.m. and remained two hours. After the Message was given we spoke as two men on several subjects. He revealed much to my joy, I pray for mankind to be humble and prayerful and seek to learn and know the truth in this way. May the Lord's peace be with all who read these words.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Write the Message I will give you. Take heed the words I speak, for I speak the Lord’s words and will. The Lord your God has sent me in the past and I will yet come in the future.

2 I come now with a Message. I am the Messenger of the Lord, the forerunner of the Christ that will come for His own. All those that love His appearing shall find rest and peace with Him.

3 I am John the Baptist, the Elias, which was for to come. I come at the Lord’s appointing. I am the branch¹, he that shall prune, refine and purify all that may dwell in the presence of the Lord and King of kings.

4 I bring peace like a river and the flowing stream² of joy and life to all that heed and obey. I come that the plan might be fulfilled and great peace established.

5 Let the faithful take courage and lift up, for the authority and trust is placed upon you and you have not denied. But those that are full of doubts, fears, envy and revenge shall not stand. Those that speak lightly of the words I bring shall not be numbered with you. Let their names be removed for they are not a part of those that love truth. Yet they say, ‘We love the Lord,’ and do scatter seeds of evil all the day long. They worketh to destroy and know not the Lord’s words and will. Their minds are darkened and they see not because of their traditions. Therefore, the traditions and sins of men have ruled their lives and do destroy them because they will not repent.

6 The Lord knoweth the hearts of mankind and wherein they desire to learn and do His will, it shall be like precious ointment³ poured out upon the

faithful to dwell in this light of life and salvation. For unto them shall be great joy, that which the mind of man has not yet attained to.

7 Be not contentious. Speak the truth and be firm. A great light has been given but few there be that perceive it, because of the precepts and commandments of men; which bind and destroy, closing their understanding. Remember, the greater your study and illuminating of your minds with the words and will of the Lord, the greater your understanding and light shall be; freeing your lives from the bands of satan and all his powers; making you a blessing among mankind.

8 Let your assemblings be, that, filled with peace. Let the Lord be honored. Let your conversations⁴ be yea, yea, and nay, nay, and no evil will come among you. Defend the truth and crush the evil. Be pleasant in all your doings. I speak to all that will heed. Defile not the holy rites but keep sacred the plan of God.

9 Let the servants continue in the fields, for the harvest is white and there is much to be done.

10 Let Savage remain in the office for there is given him greater strength and responsibility. Let him continue his letters of encouragement everywhere, for the Lord has given His Spirit.

11 'Behold!' saith the Lord, 'Let My servant Callin continue in his place, office and calling—for I have preserved him for this day, and prolonged his days among men, because of his faith and love for truth. Let him teach it to others everywhere. Continue *The Voice of Peace* as glad tidings, going to the ends of the earth, for I have spoken,' saith the Lord.

12 Let the Lord's servant Scott be set apart as an elder and prepare for his place among the bishops, when a vacancy occurs.

13 Let George W. Snook and Charles W. Scourfield take up their work for the Lord has called them.

14 Let Fredrick Richard Christensen, Earl Allen, Charles Cooper, Osborn E. Peterson, Owen Hiriam Ray, Vern Oren Robertson, Aaron McClusky, Jr., George E. Greenman and Edwin McDonald be set apart as elders. The Lord's peace will overflow them and there will be those that will take the Message and authority to foreign fields, for there are many yet, not warned. Take to them the Message of life.

15 Let the Lord's servant Fuehrer take up fully this work. Let him be set apart as an evangelist, for the Lord has reserved him for a special cause and will bless him as he labors. Great peace shall come to him and he shall be a blessing to many.

16 Let these be set apart as deacons: Mervyn L. Johnson, Troy L. Hartle, Thomas M. Hartle, Dale M. Beam, John Thomas Finley and Walter L. Stearns. The Lord will bless them as they take up their work.

17 Give this Message to the Church and fear not, but speak the truth. There are those that will not believe this Message and speak lightly of the words I bring. Let them alone, they reject the Lord and the words I bring and the Lord rejects them.

18 Fear not, nor fret not because of the evils they say against this work, nor the snares they may lay to destroy, for they destroy themselves.

19 Let the work continue in the German field, for great is the work there and in its borders. Let the Message go to other fields as the way opens. The Lord has reserved and preserved and established the faith there. Let it continue for peace and power of love shall overflow like a river, and many will be brought to the light, life and joy in the Lord will be with them. The Lord accepts the work being done at this time; let it continue.

20 Be calm, be at peace, many will defend the Message I bring, have brought and will yet bring. I speak the truth. Let it prevail, for the Lord your God has sent me. Peace I leave with you and the Church. Amen.”

1. Zechariah 3:8; 6:12; Jeremiah 33:15
2. Isaiah 66:12

3. Exodus 29:21; Psalm 133:2
4. Matthew 5:37; James 5:12; III Nephi 12:37 (RN);
II Corinthians 1:17

MESSAGE 74

JANUARY 8, 1951 | 2:40 A.M. - 3:20 A.M.

The Messenger, John the Baptist, appeared at 2:40 a.m., January 8, 1951, and gave the following Message. He was clothed in power and light as in all other occasions and visits. He spoke slowly, repeating at times as I wrote the Message down. He was with me 40 minutes.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise, and take the Message I will give you.

2 Behold, this is a day when the Lord has established His Church among men, to bring salvation to the earth in its fullness, and prepare a bride, the Lamb’s wife, and power and authority is given that it shall be done.

3 Likewise, a day wherein satan has great power and seeks to destroy all he can of the good, but he shall fail in the end. He has swayed men for this long time to follow traditions of men and not the way of God; having a form of godliness¹ but denying the power thereof. They turned from the former commandment² and remembered it not, until now, the faithful are holding to the truth, even *The Record of the Nephites* and all the Lord’s words wherein there is but one Lord, one God,³ one salvation, one plan of redemption⁴ and a place in the hereafter for the faithful with God, and for those that doubt and are evil, captured by satan, absorbed in his ways, shall remain so till the resurrections shall be, where the judgments are spread. It shall be man’s own ways while here that decides his decree. Woe to the doubtful, the wicked, the heedless, and those that plan to destroy.

4 False prophets will arise. False proclaims will be made. Evil will grow worse and worse among the ungodly. Hearts will be sad until few will have faith in the Gospel of Christ. Mockery shall be among men, but the truth shall go on to its mission.

5 I am the Messenger of the Lord. I am the one to bring the authority before the Christ. I am Christ’s servant. I have brought and bring the instructions for The Church of Christ. I bring the Message. I am sent from God. I speak His words, and moreover, it is Christ’s words that shall judge

all men. Trust not in the arm of flesh.

6 Fear not those who speak lightly of my coming for I come as the Lord commands. In days of old, there were those who said the Lord spoke not through Moses, through the prophets and through the Christ who walked among men. Nevertheless, the Lord has spoken, and speaks now as I come and His Church is set up among men. It shall continue on to prepare the Bride until the Lord comes to reign on earth, when the powers of satan are cast out and subdued, for the millennium reign of peace among mankind. All of those that doubt and reject will not be there.

7 The Lord accepts the work of the faithful; therefore continue on. Fear not those that reject the words I bring, those that speak lightly of the Message, those that are removed. Have no part with them. They have no part in this work of the Lord's. Their minds are in darkness. They destroy themselves. Their hope fades away. Some will repent; others will fail. Some will blaspheme to the end. Man fails but the Lord's work will not. They that go from this work are 'as a body without the spirit is dead⁵.'

8 Let Parkinson know the Lord placed him in the quorum of apostles. Let there be added to the apostles: Howard Leighton-Floyd, W. H. Callin and Andrew F. Flanders at this time. The Lord will call others as the vacancies occur—the work must go on.

9 Let there be added to the bishops: C. G. Clary, H. H. Burt and Seth La Vern Fife. Peace will come to the faithful that will do the Lord's bidding.

10 *The Voice of Peace* carries peace to many; let it continue.

11 Let R. C. Conoley and George Rolfe be set apart as evangelists. The Lord will open the way for their faith to be spoken to many.

12 A word to those that endure. Yea, greater things are yet. The unfolding of much is before you. The mysteries of God will no longer be hid, if you will have great faith and endure.

13 Let all be humble and the powers of the world will not disturb nor destroy. You have seen the vision⁶, the wars and the peace. Hold sacred the will of the Lord, that the way of life may go to many.

14 I leave peace with you and will come again as the Lord will direct. Amen."

1. II Timothy 3:5

2. 1829 Book of Commandments 15:2-4

3. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4. Hebrews 9:15

5. James 2:26

6. Message 45: All

MESSAGE 75

AUGUST 18, 1956 | 3:53 A.M. - 4:35 A.M. | 6718 MAPLE STREET | KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me at the home of C. E. Crownover, 6718 Maple Street, Kansas City, Missouri, August 18, 1956, 3:53 a.m. and left at 4:35 a.m. These are the words which he told me to write.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Arise and write the Message I will give you. Give it to the brethren and the Church.

2 Lo, you have prayed for my coming and the Lord has heard and sent me. Satan has hindered many times in the past—of my coming. The Lord's work has suffered much. Satan has shown his iron hand and in vain has sought to have his way—but has caused unrest and no peace, deceiving, deceiving and planting evil seeds. In false prophecy has man been deceived and sin has wrought a work. Let it not be found among you.

3 As I speak to you, I speak to the brethren and the Church. Speak the words I bring, let them be heard. Destroy not the plan of God.

4 Behold! Let not traditions come among you. The Lord speaks to the nations and this people as respect the day and days of rest, which is the Lord's day¹, being the first day of the week, that there might be a day for worship and learning of the Lord.

5 Let not division² come among you. For the old law and its traditions are finished³ and is not a part of the Gospel⁴ of Christ, in its sabbaths and burning of bloods—but forgiveness, humility, and sincerity, in the humble way of the Lord in obedience to the words Christ spoke in His Gospel⁵.

6 Fear not. Ye say ye love the Lord; keep His words, bow not to the idols. Respect the just plan of God. Great peace like rivers of flowing waters will come with power over you in mellowness of heart.

7 Speak the truth and justice will follow you wherever you go. Remember in the end when the angels divide between them that serve God and them that serve Him not—be ye among them that serve the Lord. Though mankind may be consumed, let not *The Word of the Lord* be hindered from its mission. The wicked are as chaff that the storm carrieth away, but the righteous as a sweet savor in His mouth.

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 assured⁶ way of the Lord. Woe! to them that speak lightly or defile the words I bring. Woe! to them that are full of sin. The fury of the Lord's wrath shall be upon them and there shall none of their seed be left in the end. The candle of the wicked shall be put out⁷. Woe!⁸ to them that run ahead of the Lord, vainly prophesying.

9 Let Tiffin take his place among the bishops. Let Leonard Johnson be set apart as a bishop when the vacancy occurs.

10 Let Swanson and Thomas stand among the twelve. Let Edward Sykes, Conerd E. Crownover and George Rhodes be added to the quorum when the vacancies be. Let Crownover, Rhodes, Charles Morris and Warren Foskett be set apart as elders at this time. Let all be humble that the light of the Lord may shine in their lives and works.

11 I leave peace and calmness with you and will come again. Be strong and fear not. Some will not accept the words I bring. Let them alone. Some will turn against you and the words I bring. They lose and are not a part of this work to the end. Your brethren will uphold you, for exceeding great joy shall be in their hearts in Christ's holy work. Amen."

1. Revelation 1:10
2. Matthew 12:25-27; I Corinthians 1:10-11
3. III Nephi 12:18; 15:2-8 (RN)
4. II Nephi 32:4-5 (RN); III Nephi 11:31-35 (RN)

5. III Nephi 12:20 (RN)
6. Message 62:17; 70:4; 71:4
7. Job 21:17; Proverbs 24:20; Malachi 4:1
8. III Nephi 12:20 (RN)

MESSAGE 76

AUGUST 17, 1959 | 1:25 A.M. - 2:12 A.M. | BROOKVILLE, KANSAS

The Messenger appeared in my room at Brookville, Kansas, at 1:25 a.m., August 17th, 1959. He gave the following Message, slowly as I wrote it down. Repeating words when necessary. He left at 2:12 a.m. The same glorious light that had accompanied him before, filled the room.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and take a Message I bring at the Lord’s appointing. I have come to you in the past and have spoken and will bring words and instructions from the Lord for His Church for the Lord your God has spoken.

2 Your peculiar work and appointments the Lord has given has been His will. You have seen the faithful, you have seen many fail. The faithful ones never waver and some who could help you have been as bitter enemies—to destroy. Put not your trust in man.

3 The Lord has spoken and His work is set in pace—let it continue.

4 Much has come to pass, and wars, famines and prosperity have come and will yet be. The faithful are making ready to bring about the Lord’s Zion. Many represent Christ and are helping to bring peace.

5 Satan’s work will be destroyed. The Lord sees the faith and good works of those that do His will. Continue and your way will be pleasant.

6 Let the work continue far and near. Let the translations continue that the Messages of the Lord may go to all people.

7 Moreover the work of the Lord will continue. Groups will gather that they may have peace among them. Let humility and careful speaking be your mantle, in the faith of the Lord. The Lord is pleased with the work of the gatherings—let them continue that there may be examples of the Lord’s power in bringing peace to many.

8 The Lord’s plan has been decreed and it shall bear fruit. The great perils shall shake mankind and many will inquire of the Lord. Learning wisdom, their idols¹ shall melt away, for the word shall go forth from Zion. Men’s hearts shall be cleansed—being ministered unto by *The Word of the Lord*. The faithful shall stand forth and many shall find salvation with the Lord.

9 Those that do evil and disobey will destroy themselves. The day comes when those that desire for greed and spoil will come to an end.

10 The Lord accepts the humility of the gathering of the assembly of His people. Continue and peace will go to each home and bring joy in the Lord.

11 Let Pritchard be restored, let Gibson and Wilkin be added to the twelve as the vacancies occur. Let R. G. Newby be set apart as an elder and let him take his place in the twelve. If he will be humble, much good can come from faithful works, for there are many who will learn the truth and follow the way

of the Lord.

12 Let elders be set apart for labor as the Lord will direct—taking the field and establishing good works and bring peace to many. There are those that look to the Lord in all humility. Peace will be theirs.

13 Preach repentance everywhere that salvation may come to the obedient. Give these words to the brethren and the Church. The faithful will believe and obey. Others will turn farther away. Fear not. To judge is not man's duty. The Lord will reward. Be humble and fear not. Peace I leave with you.

14 I am the servant of the Lord. I speak His will. I am the elect one, the Ancient of Days². This was my calling. I will continue to come until the work is finished and Christ comes to His Temple and the gathering of His people. Amen.”

1. Micah 4:2

| 2. Daniel 7:9-13

MESSAGE 77

AUGUST 23, 1960 | 3:05 A.M. - 4:00 A.M. | 904 S. HADEN | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in the home of brother and sister Edward Lee Stone, 904 S. Haden, Independence, Missouri, at 3:05 a.m. August 23, 1960. He left at 4:00 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

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

2 Continue to let humility be your mantle and speak in the way of the Lord.

3 This is a great work and greater things shall come to pass. Much will happen to try the faith of all. Be not discouraged, be not troubled. Live in peace and keep the Spirit of God among you.

4 Let all that can be in the field.

5 Let the quorums counsel together and keep peace in the office where many come and go. Let the quorums work together.

6 Let Savage remember the greatness of his calling and shrink not from his duty, but be at peace and full of love and encouragement. All have their place and calling, let him remain in the office.

7 The Lord's Spirit has been in your midst. Keep it in your hearts and minds that peace will go with you wherever you go.

8 Let those come in by the door whom the Lord has touched by His Spirit. Let them be humble, teaching the truth as it is written and the words I bring.

9 Let there be added to the bishops: Clyde G. Clary.

10 Let there be added to the evangelists: W. E. Baughman, Dean T. Corbin, Clay W. England; and to the elders: Lloyd B. Winans, Donald Harsch, Oscar Nicholson—and when these come in this work: Ed Bowers, Albert E. Fassel, Arthur B. Smith, Arthur G. Smith, James W. Goff, Gerald

L. Goff, John P. Goff, and Joseph E. Goff.

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

12 Long the Lord accepts the first day of the week to gather and worship in respect to the resurrection¹. Let your minds be holy at all times. Be in humility that the Lord will hear your prayers.

13 Thus saith the Lord, ‘I give My commandments to those that name My name to serve Me and I know their covenant. I speak to those of The Church of Christ and to all that will become My Bride, My people. To the apostles I give their charge in all the world. Be not slothful in your calling, for this I require of you. Be obedient.’

14 I leave peace with you and will come again. Amen.”

1. John 20:1-31

MESSAGE 78

AUGUST 21, 1962 | 3:40 A.M. - 4:22 A.M. | EARLE HOTEL | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

August 21, 1962, while staying at the Earle Hotel, Independence, Missouri, U.S.A. I was awakened by the light that comes with the presence of the Messenger. It was 3:24 a.m. as I could plainly see the clock. At 3:40 the Messenger appeared by my bedside and gave the following Message. He left at 4:22 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, arise and write the Message I will give you.

2 I am the Messenger of the Lord and I come from His presence. I am he who cried repentance in the wilderness¹. I am he to cry repentance now. I am the Messenger of the covenant²; the promised one to come. I come at the Lord’s appointing. Many pray for my coming. Your work is to present the words I bring. To all that heed and will obey fear not, for great is your work yet to be done.

3 Moreover, there are those who bear the fruits of the Spirit and are humble. Many seek to be right before God.

4 The Lord has given those to encourage you and to stand by you. He knows your strength and weakness and He will save to the uttermost. Be not fretful. Be very humble. Continue with all your might to do the Lord’s work.

5 Lo, and behold, the Lord’s arm³ is not shortened. He reaches forth for all to come into this work.

6 Go forth, the pruning is on. The hour of God’s judgment is under way. The sifting and the gathering is on. Seek to save and not destroy.

7 Let the things of confusion be away from you. Let all be encouraged.

8 Let the Message, the Gospel of Christ go to the ends⁴ of the earth.

9 Let the work be more firmly established here.

10 Let men prepare, choose the wise and careful, and those that will be humble.

11 Prepare for this Message to go to the ends of the earth that *The Word of the Lord* may be established.

12 Give ear, oh ye people of the earth. Heed the warning today, prepare and your joy will be full when the Lord comes to claim His Bride. The greater power is promised and it shall do its work

13 Let there be added to the bishops: C. W. Brizendine. Let him be ordained an elder. Let these be set apart as elders; Henry L. Hopper, Roger Vick, Donald R. Vick, William Mathis and Frank David Mallory. Let Fuller Johnson know his call is from the Lord.

14 Let Michael A. Romero be set apart as an evangelist. Let him go to his people in their language and tongue. If these be humble, great good will come of their works. Let them study that they may know the gospel in truth and power. Also, set Mervyn Johnson apart an evangelist.

15 My Message is one of peace to those that will come the way of the Lord. To those not yet covenanted with the Lord, this is the way of life, the Gospel of Christ that is brought in power and authority for salvation unto mankind. Let all that seek Christ and His church come into this work. For salvation is given by the power of God.

16 The Lord has seen your humility, rejoice that you are the children of your God.

17 My Message is to all that hear and obey and to all that will come. Send it to the Church. Your assembly has been pleasing in the eyes of God. Keep peace among you. I leave peace with you. Amen.”

1. Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:2-4;
Acts 13:24-25
2. Malachi 3:1

3. Isaiah 59:1
4. Mormon 9:21 (RN); Ether 4:17-19 (RN)

MESSAGE 79

AUGUST 21, 1963 | 4:05 A.M. - 4:50 A.M. | 1500 W. LEXINGTON AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord, the Elias, appeared to me Wednesday, August 21st, 1963, at my home 1500 West Lexington Avenue., Independence, Missouri. The light of the Lord was with him and filled the room. He bid me arise. He appeared at 4:05 a.m. and left at 4:50 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! Arise and write the words I will give you for the servants of the Lord and the Church.

2 I am your fellow servant. I am the Elias which was for to come. I am the forerunner of the Christ which is to return to claim His Bride—the Church.

3 Let her make ready and be prepared. For lo, this is my work to work in the vineyard¹ with the people of the Lord.

4 The Lord accepts the work of the faithful and those that love truth.

5 Behold! How great and good it is to defend the words I bring. Let them be preserved, and prepared accurately as I give them to you, as you have done in the past.

6 Let all trim their lamps and fill their souls with the Spirit of God that their works may stand the test.

7 Trials will come and burdens heavy, but the Lord is your yoke and peace and it shall flow like a river of light and life.

8 Let peace be restored to the weary, but let them obey and defend my Message—the words I bring from the Lord's presence.

9 Let all that can be in the field.

10 Let Howard Leighton-Floyd be in the field of work as the Lord by His Spirit will direct.

11 Let E. Sykes be in the work in foreign fields. The Lord will prepare the way before him. As much as possible let the companions go also.

12 Let Albert Leighton-Floyd know the Lord will use him and the way will open for greater works in taking the gospel to many.

13 Let R. G. Newby be in the field as much as possible and aid the brethren in establishing the work elsewhere.

14 Send help to North Carolina for the field is white unto harvest.

15 Let the translations continue. Let the word go out fast and far. The way grows in need. Hasten!

16 Let Warren Foskett study the Spanish that he may go to many to aid in the work.

17 Save to the uttermost².

18 Let Newell Mead know the Lord knows his faith and restores the eldership unto him in light and power of the Lord.

19 Let Kenneth Swanson be set apart an elder and the peace and power will come to him to defend my words and teach salvation unto others. He may help steer aright others and bring them to defend this cause.

20 Build a house unto the Lord as the way opens and many will flow unto it in this cause.

21 Command peace and it will come to you one and all.

22 'Behold! Harken! Would My people hear,' saith the Lord, 'if I speak in peace and power? Will they fill their vessels with oil? The cup of the Lord runneth over.

23 Establish the work with a firm hand. Let not the holy rites be trampled on. Let all who come to this great light come in by the door and lift their faith to Me,' saith the Lord, 'for I will be with you all the way.'

24 Let Lloyd Ford know the Lord has put on him to carry the word to those near and around about; for there are those that seek truth and will hear and obey. Hasten! Be up and doing.

25 Give this to the brethren and the Church. Publish it and peace will follow.

26 Be calm, be firm and let all know the Lord sees their faith and knows their hearts are filled with love.

27 Peace I leave with all that believe and obey and defend this cause—the words I bring. Amen."

1. Jacob 5: All; (RN) Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 20:1-8

2. Hebrews 7:25

MESSAGE 80

AUGUST 15, 1964 | 3:20 A.M. - 4:45 A.M. | 1500 W. LEXINGTON AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist, appeared in my home, 1500 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri, U.S.A. His presence awoke me. The room, in fact the whole house was filled with light and the power of the Lord. He gave the following Message. After he left I walked down the hall to the front room to see the time from the big clock on the wall. It was 4:45 a.m., August 15, 1964. He was with me about an hour and 25 minutes.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! I come from the presence of the Lord to bring instructions and directions for the Church, the people of His elect. I am the servant come to call others to work a work¹, to bring the restitution and restoration of all things². To the wise a warning³, to those that look for it—the fulfilling and bringing in the assured way of salvation, all else will not save you. It must be the Christ and His teachings, His words, for salvation only comes by Him.

2 I am sent at this time, the Lord’s appointing. Give my words to the Church, the brethren. There are many faithful that grow not weary in well doing. The Lord’s work is set in pace, let it move on.

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

4 The time comes when Zion shall be established⁴, a nation in righteousness. Then the dominions, the kingdoms absorbed by His righteousness and power, shall be given to the saints of the most high⁵. His enemies shall be turned back. They shall fall and perish at His presence.

5 I am the Elias, the forerunner⁶ of the Christ. There are many representing Christ and believe in my coming, yet they heed not my words.

6 Churches will unite, some will come into this way and be made ready. Put on the armor of faith⁷, the shield of wisdom, knowledge and salvation.

7 Mankind chooses this day, what his destiny in the hereafter shall be⁸.

8 There will come vacancies in the men that lead in this work. Let them be filled as I shall direct you of the Lord’s will. When men fail it is of their own choosing and action.

9 Let there be a house, a Church building, a place of worship, built for this work; for the local of Independence to meet and hold their convocations⁹, their services to the Lord. In peace the Lord will meet with them, many shall see the hand of the Lord move. Many will flow into it to find the way of truth and life. Let the headquarters and records be there. Keep and protect the records and files. Let Edward Lee Stone continue the information and files on all that come into this work.

10 Fear not and worry not about the Temple of the Lord, for the Lord can choose the place, the time to build, and direct in His work when He desires His Temple to be built. But with all, let there be Churches and buildings dedicated to the Lord’s work everywhere—in the name of The Church of

Christ, with the Elijah¹⁰ Message. Declare among the people the Lord's doings.

11 The Lord has given those to help and defend this cause. He has given those to stand by you and cause this work to move on in the Lord's will. Be strong, be firm, let the truth be heard everywhere.

12 Meet in the assembly, let your prayers be solemn and from the heart.

13 Establish peace and power will dwell with you. Sanctify the people in holiness and good works, obedient to the words I bring. Let the work of preaching and teaching continue everywhere and the Lord will be your strength and stay.

14 Those that contend, believing not all the words I bring, let them have no voice or vote in this work; already they remove themselves from your numbers. Pray that they may repent and obey the Lord's will, for I speak His will.

15 Let the young and old work together that the work may be planted everywhere. The Lord is pleased with the efforts of the young servants, their labor in love, taking the Message from door to door.

16 Let LeVon Walker, Richard F. Ream, Benjamin F. Sanders, Columbus Rivers and Dohn Emmett Weaver be ordained as elders, preaching faith in the Lord and His divine way, repentance and remission of sins through the atoning blood of Christ.

17 I am the Elias. I am John the Baptist. I came at the time before the Christ walked among men. I come now to work a work to save mankind. My mission is one of love. Will mankind heed?

18 Peace I bring, peace I leave with you. Amen.”

1. Jacob 5:All (RN)

2. Matthew 17:11-13

3. Ezekiel 3:17-20; Matthew 25:1-46;

III Nephi 1:14 (RN); Message 3:2

4. III Nephi 21:1 (RN)

5. Daniel 7:14,18,22,27

6. Luke 1:17

7. Ephesians 6:11, 13, 16

8. Joshua 24:15; Alma 12:24; 34:35-36; 42:24 (RN)

9. Leviticus 23:2-4; Exodus 12:16

10. Malachi 3:1-3; 4:5-6

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MARCH 30, 1965 | 2:40 A.M. - 4:31 A.M. | 1500 W. LEXINGTON AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

In this month of March the Messenger appeared to me on two different occasions. The room each time was light as noon day. He stood looking at me and smiled each time, but disappeared before I could arise. I felt he would come again soon and leave a Message. Many were praying for his return to bring more of the words and will of the Lord. He appeared the third time, March 30, 1965, at 2:40 a.m. at my home, 1500 W. Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri and left the following Message. He spoke slowly and I wrote it word for word as he gave it. He left at 4:31 a.m., thus he was with me lacking nine minutes of being two hours.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and take the Message I will give you.

2 Fret not nor worry not, this is the Lord's work. I have come to you and given the Message. The authority and trust is upon you. No one nor none other can take it from you. All that they have, you have given them of the

Lord's calling.

3 Some will turn against this work. Some will let satan destroy them, others will be true. Some will yet arise to faithful works, upholding you and the Message I bring from the Lord's planning and will.

4 You have done the Lord's will and work. Preserve the work and keep sacred the authority, and the Lord's power will be upon you. Stand firm, hold to your calling.

5 Let none destroy the plan nor the power or sacredness of the holy priesthood¹ after the order of the son of God that was once delivered to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery, and faithfully preserved to this day and time through the remnant unto which the Lord has sent me, and I have continued to come to, sent of the Lord God, establishing anew through the command of obedience of baptisms through the Lord's servant Otto Fetting and your fellow leader who was faithful in his day of works.

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

7 Adjust yourselves to be up and doing.

8 Those that hinder, let them be removed for already they doubt the words I bring, and fail to see the Lord's hands moving.

9 Add² to your faith knowledge, wisdom and obedience in all things, hope in eternal salvation.

10 Ye that are afar off, ye that are near, ye that are almost persuaded³, come into this way and work of the Lord. Greater responsibilities will be yours to have and to hold in service to the Lord in His way.

11 Seek to save yourselves, endure and seek to bring salvation to others, bring them into this work.

12 Fear not what men may say of you and your work. There are those when they hear will go all the way with you and the Message I bring.

13 Remember the Lord Jesus Christ is the truth, the way and the life. No other way can mankind be saved and that in the life of the flesh, this life of probation⁴ only. Mankind chooses this day what his destiny shall be in the hereafter—in the resurrection.

14 When the saints gather for their prayers and humbly seeking the Lord, in their communion⁵, the Lord's supper or sacrament, let them partake the bread an emblem of the Lord's body; the wine unfermented grape juice from the fruit of the vine, emblem of the blood of the Lamb of God: spilled for all mankind that the sins of the truly repentant that look to Him may be forgiven and have life and find it more abundantly.

15 He that striveth for the mastery⁶, let him be temperate in all things.

16 The tongue of fire⁷ kindleth a world of iniquity. Watch therefore and pray. Go therefore and deliver the decrees to those that are ordained of this work—that they may keep them.

17 Let all come to attendance to exhortations to doctrine that greater light may come, and it will to those that prepare for it, unto the measure of Christ,

in all things showing good works.

18 Remember there is one God, one Jesus Christ, between God and men who gave Himself a ransom⁸ for all—that mankind may be redeemed, even the saving of sinners, a way of deliverance.

19 Let the shepherds feed the flock that they fear no more, and they shall not want. Let your cloak and mantle be humility⁹, for grace shall come to all such. Christ giveth the life that they may have it more abundantly, a pure heart and faithful works, a good conscience toward God and your fellowmen.

20 Let the words I bring be the rule and guide with *The Articles of Faith and Practice*, for upon all the Lord's words, will and planning shall this work be built.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 As mankind subdues¹⁰ the earth and climbs to other spheres and planets, learns God's great universe, the closer he comes to unveiling all mysteries and understandings be uncovered.

28 I have come at the Lord's appointing. I have been sent. May the Church be steady for time of the end¹¹ draws nigh.

29 Let the Message and word of life be broadcasted everywhere, to every nation, language and tongue, to every heart.

30 Let the work continue everywhere, far and near. Let all take courage for the Lord has sent me. I am your fellow servant. I bring the warning of Christ coming and instructions of His will to the Church.

31 Let Steve Martin be set apart as an elder. The Lord has heard his prayers and knows his humility.

32 Let Raymond Ridgell and Milfred O. Walberg come in this work and let them be set apart as elders, moreover as evangelists in this work. The

Lord will bless them in their faith and efforts. Much good can be done. Many can be brought to know the truth, this way of life.

33 As I speak to you, so is my Message to all. Give this Message to the brethren, the Church, let it be published with the rest.

34 Peace I leave with you. Amen.”

1. I Peter 2:9; Alma 13:1-6 (RN)

2. II Peter 1:5-8

3. Acts 26:28; Alma 32:16 (RN)

4. I Nephi 15:31-32; 2 Nephi 2:21; 33:9 (RN)

5. I Corinthians 10:16; 11:24-31; Matthew 26:26-29;

III Nephi 18:3 (RN); Moroni 4:3; 5:2 (RN)

6. I Corinthians 9:25; II Timothy 2:5

7. James 3:5-13

8. I Timothy 2:5-6

9. I Peter 5:5; II Nephi 9:42 (RN); Mosiah 4:11(RN);

Alma 62:41 (RN); Helaman 3:34-35 (RN);

III Nephi 12:2; (RN); Message 30:1

10. Genesis 1:28

11. Daniel 12:4

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AUGUST 15, 1965 | 3:30 A.M. - 4:35 A.M | 1500 W. LEXINGTON AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger came to me at my home 3:30 a.m., August 15, 1965, 1500 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri, 64052 and gave the following Message. The room was filled with light that accompanies him, the same as before when he appeared. His divine presence permeated my whole being. He spoke calmly and slowly and repeated at times so that I wrote every word as he spoke them. He left at 4:35 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and take the Message I will give you.

2 I have come to you from time to time, to instruct in the work being done, for The Church of Christ. I bring the warning. I proclaim the will of the Lord. I have brought the authority and it is among men. Some accept it, others reject it—nevertheless it is given, that the servants of the Lord may be filled with the Spirit of God. That they may take the Message of the gospel¹ to the nations of the earth. Keep it pure and holy.

3 I come, and speak in your language that you may understand and impart it to the children of men².

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

5 Be faithful and the word shall deliver you and all the faithful but to those that doubt and reject shall not be there.

6 They that deny and reject my words are as clouds without water, empty vessels³. How good and great of vessels of honor could have been for those that once were filled with the gift of this work—but now turn from it. And they choose darkness rather than light. Hence let them be released of their charge and responsibility.

7 Remember the day comes when there will be no more evil in all the land of God’s people. For peace and tranquility will be serene there.

8 Where are those with patience⁴ that believe in God’s words and plan?

9 Blessed are all those that defend this cause believing all the words I bring. Truth shall live and bring to naught all error. Shape your lives by the

words I bring to you and it will be well with you.

10 There are those that are traitors to this work, they have no part in the work of the Lord.

11 Teach diligently the doctrine of the Gospel of Christ Jesus. Let your conversations be in humility, for this shall be your power in winning your brother—whose mind is in the dark.

12 Those that speak lightly of my coming and of the words I bring have lost the Spirit of God and of this work of salvation. Satan has sought to have them, save all that you can.

13 Oh! That they would repent and heed the words I bring and the still small voice of the Lord. Defend this cause for it is, that mankind may be lifted from the curse.

14 Behold! The Lord will speak in greater power—would mankind heed, that he may be filled and find life and light in living, yea, and come forth in the resurrection of the Lord's calling?

15 They that reject my words and heed not, already they are without the authority of this work.

16 How great a work could be accomplished if all would be humble and obedient with no jealousy, envy or strife. Doubts enter, then bitterness and hard feelings, then they oppose this work and seek to destroy you and the Message I bring, the way of peace and blessings for the obedient.

17 Peace like a river of pure waters will flow to all the faithful that heed and obey. Give to them the words I bring. Let gladness and peace in God be in your hearts and the oppressors will fade away.

18 Seek to save. Seek to remove the doubts, lest it destroy the doubter.

19 Some will rejoice to know I have come. I come not to another, but I come to you and have come. This is your work to take the Message and give it to the Church. Many will accept it, some will reject it, some will blaspheme and destroy their usefulness and service to God in His planning.

20 Man cannot lift himself without the Spirit. He will fail. With the Lord's power great things will be accomplished everywhere and peace shall be there.

21 Pay your tithes and oblations that the faithful may carry on. Let the hindering causes be removed that the work may roll on. The wheels of justice are turning. The purging and cleansing is on. Man cannot glory in himself.

22 I am the one to give the instructions of the Lord. I bring the Message to you for the Lord's people—this is your calling and in the plan of God.

23 He hears the prayers of the faithful and humble. He will yet hear and answer to the joy of the righteous.

24 The work is established and set in pace. Many will join in this work and the success of the righteous will be great in the Lord's sight.

25 The vision has been given—see the powers move that cause distress, see those opposing the wars and the downfall of nations. The sifting time is on—men's hearts are tried. Who will stand, and who may abide the days to come?

26 That this work may go on as the vacancies occur as I told you—others

will be called to labor in the quorums. Let these be set apart that I shall give you at this time.

27 That in the far reaching and that the work may not halter, let these prepare for the apostleship: George Rolfe, Warren R. Foskett, Richard F. Ream, Richard A. Johnson and Lloyd Ford. Let them be humble for great is this responsibility.

28 As the changes come, let the vacancies be filled.

29 Let these prepare for the bishops as there will come other changes: Mervyn Johnson, Earl W. Baggerly, Edward Lee Stone, and Floyd E. Bechtel.

30 Let Vincent W. Yates, Henry L. Hopper, Frank Stanley, LeVon Walker, Dohn E. Weaver, Oscar R. Nicholson and Columbus Rivers be set apart as evangelists.

31 Let Gary Doudy and Wallace Yates be set apart as elders.

32 Let Glen Doudy and John Leabo come through the water of baptism and take up their work as evangelists—servants in the cause of Christ.

33 Let L. M. Thornton come into this work and obey the words I bring. Let him be set apart as an apostle as the way opens and great good will be the work he may do in bringing many to salvation. His prayers have been heard. This is the assured way.

34 I am John the Baptist. I am the prudent⁵ one. I am the Elias. I am the forerunner of the Christ that shall come to the Bride,⁶ the Church now being prepared to meet the Lord at His coming.

35 Heed my words today—repent in humility and save yourselves. Teach repentance and salvation through the baptisms—and the Spirit will work to save souls of men.

36 Come forth with compassion⁷ to save and work together. All will see this work if they will listen and wait in peace.

37 Hold high the standard and the hands of justice. Keep the peace.

38 I will come again. I leave peace with you and all that hear. Amen.”

1. Jeremiah 31:10

2. Message 12:1

3. Jeremiah 2:11-13; II Peter 2:17; Jude 10:12

4. Hebrews 12:1; Revelation 3:10; 13:10;

Alma 34:40-41 (RN)

5. Isaiah 52:10-15; 53:13

6. Revelation 19:7-8

7. I Peter 3:8

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FEBRUARY 14, 1966 | 2:10 A.M. - 3:35 A.M. | 1500 W. LEXINGTON AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in my home, 1500 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri, 64052, February 14, 1966, 2:10 a.m. and left at 3:35 a.m. He spoke firmly and slowly. I wrote the Message as he gave it.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and write the Message I will give to you at this time.

2 I have been sent of the Lord. I come to do His bidding. I speak His words and will. My Message is true and faithfully given—it must be obeyed.

3 I have come and will yet come, as the prophets of old have foretold. My mission is one of love.

4 Teach the reign of peace. Teach faith in God and His plan and decrees. Proclaim the word commanding all mankind everywhere to repent and obey for the time has come when the way of truth alone shall stand. All else will come to naught.

5 The ways of man will not save you. I give the instructions and the authority in its assured way. Those that speak lightly of my words, deny me and the trust and authority—it is taken from them for they lose by their sin. In time they will amount to nothing. Fear them not. They have no right nor authority from my words.

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

7 Let the apostles and bishops counsel together and stand firm to defend The Church of Christ, with the words I bring.

8 I brought the authority and trust, to re-establish the work to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and again anew in 1929 to Otto Fetting. I continue to come bringing words of instructions and directions, revealing God's will, unveiling the mysteries of the kingdom of God on earth. For my coming is that mankind may endure and prepare for the coming of the Christ to earth again. I bring a way of deliverance from sin to life and way to the Lord.

9 I am the forerunner of Christ, the proclaimer of the warning, the announcer of His soon coming.

10 I am the Messenger of the covenant¹, the servant of the Lord, the Elias which was for to come. I bring the Elijah Message.

11 Those that have obeyed and are obeying my injunctions and directions, retaining and preserving the authority I bring are The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, established anew in 1929. Let it go to the ends of the earth, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

12 The Lord has reserved and preserved many to help in this work in the far reaching and soon to come. Many are desirous to hear the Message of life, the gospel, the glad tidings, the good news with the authority of the Lord—the fulfilling of the word.

13 The Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world². Yea, it shall be published in all lands. Deliverance will come to all that will hear and obey. Come all the way.

14 All that come to The Church of Christ must be baptized of the water and of the Spirit. The hands must be laid on all, that they may receive the gift of the Spirit of God; truly be born again.

15 Teach the decrees of the Lord that all shall be converted to salvation and the gospel. The way of life in the kingdom of God to eternity shall be their reward.

16 Yea, to those that are almost persuaded³ to come in this way of the Lord, to life eternal with God your Redeemer, the Christ, the giver of life,

your Witnesser and commander⁴, the Savior of mankind—hear Him today.

17 This is the midnight cry. Come, join ye to the rest and peace the Lord can give. Go ye to meet the Lord—in service to the people. Your reward shall be sure.

18 Many will come into this way. Bring them to the Lord.

19 The Lord accepts the house⁵ built unto Him. His peace shall be there.

20 The Lord will bless all that help to bring about His Zion in righteousness. Not by might, nor by evil powers, but by the Spirit⁶ and faithful service to the Lord, love that surpasseth the understanding of man.

21 Those that are covenant breakers, turn away from—and those that count my words and this work as evil. Let them alone. Thus saith the Lord, “They know not My Gospel, for I am the Lord and Savior, I only am the eternal God. Those that believe not My words, they doubt and count them as from the evil. It is they that listen to the whispering of satan and he has taken hold of them and as with a silver⁷ thread about their necks, he leadeth slowly down to that awful hell,” saith your Lord.

22 Fear not those that have gone from this work, they become as empty vessels of dishonor⁸, turning against the words I bring. I am sent of the Lord. I come from His presence.

23 They reject me. They have a veil over their minds. Their understanding is covered. They obey not the Lord’s command. They have not, because they do not the pleasing things of the Lord in defending all the words, directions and instructions I bring, and my coming. They are traitors to the work I bring of the Lord. Will they repent and return to the Lord?

24 Save your strength. Be up and doing for the Lord and this cause.

25 I will give you more for the apostles, and as vacancies occur let them take their calling that the work will go on: Charles O. Martin, Edward Lee Stone, Roy Woodward, R. David Temple. I will give others as the need shall be.

26 Let these prepare for the bishopric when the need occurs: Vincent W. Yates, Newell J. Mead and Dohn E. Weaver.

27 To evangelist: Thomas Evanson, A. H. Morse, Deonarine Ojar and Dolton. If they will be humble, the Lord will bless.

28 To the elders: Philip M. Dixon, Glen Chittenden and Donald E. Thompson.

29 The Lord will give peace to the faithful—keep the peace. Command peace and justice will follow you wherever you go.

30 Proclaim my coming and words everywhere. Let none take part until they come in by the door.

31 Proclaim the gospel everywhere and in every way possible. Let the decrees be taught and published for all to hear and obey.

32 Pay your tithes and oblations that the work may continue on.

33 Let Stone and Pritchard be in the field as much as possible and the way will open for others soon.

34 Let Clay England know the Lord accepts his efforts. Send help to the Indies soon as it can be arranged. Bring souls into this way. Baptize and set

those apart that are truly humble and converted⁹ to this way—teaching the way of life and deliverance in the Christ.

35 I will come again. I will direct in all things. I leave peace with you. Amen.”

1. Malachi 3:1
2. Matthew 24:14
3. Acts 26:25
4. Articles of F&P: 3
5. Message 80:9

6. Zechariah 4:6
7. Alma 12:9-11 (RN)
8. Romans 9:21; II Timothy 2:20
9. Acts 3:19

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NOVEMBER 3, 1966 | 1:30 A.M. - 3:45 A.M.

The Messenger, John the Baptist, a resurrected being, appeared in my room, Nov. 3, 1966, at 1:30 a.m. and was with me over two hours. He gave the following Message. He was clothed with the same white robe he wore on previous visits. The room was full of light, no shadows anywhere. He was powerful in his voice, and a flame of the Spirit of God issued from him. He stood by my side and began giving the Message. He then sat on the bed as I sat on a chair by the table. He spoke a sentence at a time repeating to see that each word was accurate, as he spoke it. He left at 3:45 a.m. The following is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! Arise and write the Message I will give you. I come at the Lord’s appointing. I come from His presence. I bring His words, I speak His will.

2 I am the servant of the Lord. I am the forerunner of the Christ. I am he to prepare the way. I give the word in due season. I speak in the Spirit and power of God, of the Elias, the assured way, a fountain of truth. I am clothed with light for a covering. The words I speak are eternal words. I speak the words of Christ, the living God. His words shall judge you in the last day. Shape your lives by the words I bring and it will be well with you. This is the assured way of the Lord.

3 Let the Church and all men respect the resurrection, for with it there is hope for all mankind. Come together and worship on the first day of the week—but remember God always. Keep the Lord’s day holy.

4 Be wise in works and humble in your talk and the Lord will direct in all things.

5 When the fruit is ripe, then is the time to pluck. He that gathereth when the harvest is not ripe—it wasteth away and their labor is in vain.

6 Keep the faith and endure and the sunlight of righteousness shall arise over you, with healing in His wings¹ and ye shall be preserved in the hour when trials are upon you. Deliverance will come. Command peace and it will bring you through.

7 God is love². My Message is one of love. Keep the mellowing spirit in your hearts. Many are moved by the power of God. Many have been touched by the Spirit of the Lord. Many represent Christ and are ready for this work. They that are for us are not against us³.

8 I bring the authority and trust. I give the opening of the way for the flow

of God to come unto mankind. I have given the holy priesthood after the order of God, after the order of His son. This authority was given and relayed on unto the Church and the ministry of The Church of Christ, the Church with my Message, the Elijah Message, ordained in 1829 upon the heads of Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and reiterated a hundred years later to Otto Fetting, an apostle in the remnant⁴ the Lord had preserved on the Temple Lot.

9 Oh, that all mankind would hear my words and obey. Light and life would come to them for the Christ is the ruler and judge of all.

10 You will see the powers at work. Churches will unite⁵, there will be uniting of forces. Those seeking truth will flow into this way. The greater your understanding, the greater the light shall be and the greater will be your work.

11 My work is that Israel might be gathered and Joseph brought to understanding.

12 Seek out, acquire and restore with meekness those that are humble, repentant and full of love. If they will come to doctrine and truth and refrain from teaching of men and traditions that will not save you but the Gospel of Christ of redemption and salvation unto eternity of eternal hope with God—preaching Christ and Him crucified and resurrected.

13 It is finished⁶, no more the old law of burning of sacrifices on the altar and its spilt bloods, the worship of day or days. But keep ye the Lord's day⁷, the first day of the week for worship and service in respect to the resurrection. Herein was the gospel restored to a nation and nations bringing forth fruits thereof⁸.

14 Mankind cannot lift himself. He cannot be self-appointed. His works will not stand the test.

15 'Behold!' saith the Lord, 'I have sent My Messenger to speak My will. My words shall not return unto me void but shall bring forth. There shall be those with faith when I come to earth to reign.

16 I am He that is called I AM⁹. I am the Great White Spirit. I am He that is called Shiloh¹⁰. I am all in all. I am the only living God, creator of the universe, ruler and judge of all. I am the chief corner stone, I am the stone the builders rejected. I am the Christ, the son of man.

17 I am God, I change not. I am He that was called Jehovah. I am Jesus Christ. I am the Beginning and the End. I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. I am the Lord. I am He that was manifested in the flesh, in the flesh-death and resurrection. I am He that is risen. I am the Lord God.

18 All they that hear Me and learn of Me, hearing My decrees and obey, shall have right to eternity with Me, your Lord God Christ forever.

19 I am He that formed the heavens and the earth and all things that in them are. I am¹¹ He that placed man in the garden and preserved Noah over the flood. I am He that chose Abraham for his great faith. His seed is as the sands of the seashores, innumerable. I am He that led Israel through the Red Sea and over Jordan and I will deliver My people today, if they will watch and pray and serve Me, your master and Lord God.

20 “When mankind will learn of Me, He shall be lifted from darkness unto light and power— and hearing Me I will hear him and heal your souls and your lands.

21 You will see many fall on the one hand and many more on the left because of the works of satan. They will not hear because of the teachings and pride of men, the traditions of men,’ saith the Lord.

22 Lo, the evil is at work and will do all he can to destroy—and that through mankind and through some that claim to love the Lord.

23 Fear not, the Lord will raise up those to defend this cause. Even now, the great power of peace and deliverance is coming and at work, yea, even till the bridegroom comes and the door is shut¹².

24 All those that shall be there, those that shall be with Him are they that have had their lamps trimmed and burning: their lives arrayed in righteousness, their vessels filled with oil, their lives and works filled with the Spirit of God. Their works show their faith, shaped by the words I bring. None shall stand, none shall endure that will not heed the words I bring for I bring a restoration and restitution of all things—the holy priesthood of God after the order of God, manifested in the flesh decreed from the beginning—stretching out the heavens, the earth to her former beauty, the waters above the firmament as well as in the deep.

25 The day comes when there shall be a new heaven and a new earth. Sin shall not be there for there will be no more satan.

26 Behold! The work is in the hands of the faithful. I give charge that you see that it is directed humbly and in love. The work you do will be recorded in heaven. That which you bind¹³ on earth will be bound in heaven. That which you loose shall be loosed in heaven. Those that do or have spoken lightly and bitter of this work—their charge and responsibility they betray and it is taken from them. Therefore they have no part in the sacred work of the Lord. They walk in darkness at noonday.

27 See those that grope in darkness because they will not or do not study. Many are called, some faithful, some have been ordained yet they are slow to prepare themselves to be leaders. The desires of their hearts are not yet filled—nor the Lord’s will obeyed.

28 Set none apart that will not come to doctrine and seek to defend all the words I bring, for I bring light. The earth shall be filled with the light I shall bring.

29 I bring the everlasting gospel. It is Christ’s words that shall judge all mankind. Those that hear you will hear me and the words I bring from the Lord.

30 The day comes when all that serve the Lord will become a delightful people, made white through the righteousness of their obedience to the Lord, the ensample, the Lamb of God.

31 The heat of the sun shall no more burn upon their faces for the Lord shall be the light¹⁴ upon them.

32 Worship and find the gift. The gospel¹⁵ is salvation to the faithful, hope

in eternity with the Lord. They that bring forth fruit shall find peace and rest from all their labors—peace in their hearts of God towards all men.

33 ‘Oh! I would that mankind would hear My words today as delivered by Mine angel and humble themselves.

34 Oh! Do they not know the storms of life will bring them low—the hard of heart, the haughty, the high-minded? I will be slow to hear their cry. They speak lightly of My injunctions and words of instructions and come not to doctrine and My decrees.’

35 There are those that say I have not spoken, but I come that mankind may find a way and learn deliverance. There is safety in the obeying the words I bring.

36 The ideals in man’s heart will fade away. The great truth and the Church in her bright garments must shine and stand forth. This is light and truth that Jesus is the Christ the eternal God¹⁶.

37 For the faithful, the sojourn in the wilderness is nearing an end, the Gentile times are closing in. The day comes when it will be said, ‘The people of the Lord’ and them that serve Him not. Be ye repentant and the Lord will hear and heal all the weak and make you strong.

38 How oft have I told you, worry not over what men may say of you. The Lord knows your repentance and your righteous desires to ever be in His will. You have done the Lord’s bidding in the establishing the Church and its holy priesthood authority according to the laws of the land. Those that are with you and defend the words I bring are The Church of Christ in deed and works. The Church with the Elijah Message, set in 1829 by my hands when the holy priesthood authority was restored and kept sacred through the branch and remnant¹⁷ on the Temple Lot and reaffirmed upon Otto Fetting in his day—and I continue to come. Be delivered from the sins and traditions of men and lifted from the awful curse the prophet of old told of, lest the Lord should smite¹⁸ the earth and all men be in vain.

39 He cometh, who is the deliverer¹⁹. I am His forerunner. I am the Elias. I bring His Message of love. The carnal mind of man cannot understand—but the spiritual shall understand and fold into this way.

40 The Lord has many in reserve and many He has touched by His Spirit—even, sending ministering angels²⁰ that men might be prepared.

41 Let the work continue everywhere.

42 The Lord has brought the Message to his servant Tommy Gargus. He shall come into this work and let him be set apart an elder, moreover an evangelist. Let him continue his good works for the Lord has established him. With this authority and trust he will bring many to salvation. The Lord has healed and reserved him.

43 Let David Pack and David Roberts know they are called of God. Great good will come from their faithful works.

44 Let Floyd Tippet and Charles Pittman be added to the elders, and W. A. Pack and Charles Pack to the elders and evangelists when they take up this work. The Lord will fill them with His Spirit and great good will come from humble prayer.

45 Keep peace in the Church and unfold the mysteries²¹ as God gives to you. Teach the decrees. Hold the standard high. Do all that you can. Many souls will learn life and obedience through your good works. As I speak to you I speak to all. I will come again. I will direct the work of the Lord.

46 Peace be with you. Amen.”

1. Malachi 4:2; II Nephi 25:18 (RN)
2. I John 4:7-11,16; Mosiah 4:15-26; Moroni 7:45-48 (RN)
3. Luke 9:50-52; Romans 8:31
4. Joel 2:32; Message 12:4
5. Message 13:4
6. II Nephi 12:17-19 (RN)
7. Revelation 1:10

8. Matthew 21:43
9. Exodus 3:14; John 8:58
10. Genesis 49:10; Alma 22:10 (RN)
11. Hebrews 11:12
12. Matthew 25:10-11
13. Matthew 16:19
14. Isaiah 24:23; Revelation 21:23
15. Romans 1:16

16. II Nephi 26:12 (RN); Mosiah 16:15 (RN)
17. Message 12:2
18. Malachi 4:6
19. Romans 11:26-27
20. Hebrews 1:13-14; Omni 1:25; Moroni 7:25 (RN)
21. Luke 8:10; I Nephi 10:19 (RN)

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AUGUST 14, 1967 | 2:02 A.M. - 4:30 A.M.

The Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist, the Elias, the forerunner of Christ appeared to me in my room while I was sleeping August 14, 1967, 2:02 a.m. He awakened me and instructed me to arise. The room was filled with light, and the power of the Spirit of God, the mellowing spirit—truly the quickening spirit of the resurrection. He took me by the hand. I felt him a real being. I heard his voice. I arose and wrote as he spoke. He spoke distinctly and slowly with firmness and waited on me as I wrote. I give the words as he gave them to me. He left at 4:30 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and write the Message I will give you for the Church and all mankind.

2 I come from the Lord’s presence. I am sent of God to speak His will. I bring a warning, I bring the gospel¹. I speak the truth. I am a resurrected being. I am the Elias which was for to come. I am the prophet of the Lord. I came down to fulfill the word. But moreover to prepare a people to make ready to be the Lord’s Bride when He comes again to dwell on the earth, the millennium reign, ere there cometh to pass a new heaven and a new earth. The old shall roll together like a scroll².

3 Seek to warn and save all you can, all that will repent hastily and faithfully come this way, defending the words I bring, worship and come all the way unto the Lord. Let the Spirit come unto them; those that receive same the Lord will bless.

4 Let mankind come all the way. Those that will hear the small whisper, hear the loud voice, hear the call of God may thrust in their sickle and reap, for the harvest is white—nigh unto gathering.

5 I have spoken prudently³, and surely. This is the assured way.

6 Let all that come be baptized and the hands laid on them that the Lord by His Spirit may confirm their works.

7 To the faithful, be thou joyous in well doing. Keep the peace, as you have and it will abide in your assemblies, and in your progress adjust to the multitudes that will hear and obey my coming that they may be the Lamb’s

Bride, made ready when He comes.

8 Many that have been bidden⁴, or that are bidden, will not come. They hear not my voice, nor words I bring of the Lord. They close their minds to God's plan, setting themselves up to be great. Yet they have not extra oil⁵ in their vessels, nor Spirit of God to their ways; but short of understanding—because of man made doctrines and laws of their own making and traditions. They obey not the call of God.

9 Miracles are for witness and proof of God's power. Yet it is only God's flow and power to His own and all that will be His of all nations, color and kind through the Gospel of salvation of Christ Jesus, the everlasting and eternal one.

10 Many are watching this work. Some are waiting for something great to stir the world. Few are workers for the cause, having faith for the hope that is in God's plan.

11 Many are forced to be humble. Many will come low before they obey.

12 Turn away from the secular and claimed peculiar, but be ye a righteous people.

13 The Lord's people are peculiar⁶, but not ridiculous or sordid in fashions and styles—or conspicuous in attractions—not of good works. These will lead astray.

14 The Lord rested in the hands of evil men and they caused to be brought about the plan of God—redemption and the resurrection through the death of the human and the resurrection of Himself to an example of life eternal. For all mankind, resurrection, but to many a ransom⁷ to all that hear and obey—enduring to the end that they might be saved.

15 He is the Father of our spirits and the Savior of our souls, the Redeemer of mankind that was lost to an eternal hope, and eternal king over all.

16 The words I bring is *The Word of the Lord*, precept upon precept—here a little and there a little⁸, but with all the plan and will of the Lord.

17 Mankind has been scattered abroad, and the earth, she is defiled, it is empty⁹. And it shall be, as with the people, so with they that teach, until now I come, the priest, as with the servant, so with the master. Those that labor, lend and borrow as though they were one.

18 All alike, all faileth and are empty, because of sin and transgression, changing the ordinances and destroying the teaching of the Lord's covenant. The teaching of my coming and proclaiming of the hour¹⁰ of God's judgment has come, the time of the end, the end time, the Lord's return in like manner¹¹ as He ascended.

19 The law and the prophets spoke until I come¹². Now I speak.

20 Some that represent Christ, have talents and will hear this cause and receive it and many fold will be their reward. Others turn a deaf ear and what they have they will lose and their work will spoil and waste away.

21 There is no re-incarnation. Such thoughts are of the evils of man.

22 There was the incarnate of God in the flesh to offer the sacrifice of ending all spilling of blood and the altars of figurations and shadows that men

might give a broken heart and contrite spirit to serve a living God.

23 Flesh death and sin must come to an end for the quickening Spirit of God to rule and dwell in mankind in righteousness.

24 When Israel desired a true prophet, one on whom they could rely upon to speak God's will, they remembered Elijah and ask for an likeness of such. Thus it became their expression a true prophet must come—likeness of Elijah.

25 Therefore the Lord promised a warner of things to come, to speak the truth. Thus in this Elijah saying, 'Elias must first come,' 'Elias for to come' is promised a true prophet—a prophet of the highest to come and restore all things, the restitution and restoration¹³ of all things as it was in the beginning and mankind lives his age in peace and freedom of toil, of pain, of sweat or the fear of death.

26 Let the warning continue everywhere, taking the word to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Send help to the foreign fields.

27 Let Temple carry on in Germany and help in the work there. The Lord is in the work with Kobs in his efforts.

28 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 there 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 moved¹⁴ upon by the Holy Spirit of God.

29 I come fulfilling and to do His will. This is the assured way, the Elijah¹⁵ Message. The curse is lifted as belief and obedience comes.

30 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.

31 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.

32 Fear not, let the Spirit fill you to overflowing for it will come to all who make ready. The Lord sets¹⁶ His hand again the second time, to recover His people.

33 I am that servant sent to give meat in due season¹⁷. Now is the day of choosing¹⁸—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.

34 I am the one chosen of the Lord, mighty and strong one¹⁹. I shall not falter. The work shall be accomplished. The kingdom shall be prepared and given to the saints of the most high.

35 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?

36 The 2300 days²⁰ of Daniel's words are being fulfilled in the Lord's Church, the gospel and the rock.

37 'But to this man²¹ will I look,' saith the Lord, 'who is humble and of a contrite spirit—I have spoken as of this day.'

38 Let there be added to the bishops—Dohn E. Weaver. The Lord will bless him if he will come boldly to his calling.

39 Let these know the Lord has called them by the Holy Spirit: C. W. Brizendine, George L. Rhodes, James Naslund, Eddie Lee, Charles Isaac Resler and Sam David Houston. The Lord will bless them in this work.

40 Let these be added to the elders: Gordon Charles Shreves, Clifford Ellis Moss, Ronald Clayton Moss, Tracy J. Pittman, Lloyd George Ford and Leonard H. Draves.

41 And when these come into this work, let these be set apart as elders and evangelists: Russell R. Price, J. D. Tippet, James R. Tippet, Roy Bowman, Donald David Pittman, John Daniel Pittman, James Paul Pittman. And let Marle Kilgore and his people know this work is true and from the courts above. Let him know his alms have been accepted of the Lord. Let him come all the way. Set him apart in this holy priesthood as an elder and evangelist.

42 Seek to give more of your time to the Church work.

43 This is The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message.

44 Give this Message to the Church. Publish it, make it the Church's rule and guide.

45 Greater responsibility will yet be given to others to help you in this work.

46 Let John Leabo know there is much good he can do and bring many to hear this Message. Let him defend the words I bring.

47 Let peace be with you; give peace to the brethren and the Church. Amen."

1. Revelation 14:6

2. Revelation 6:14

3. Isaiah 52:13

4. Luke 14:23

5. Matthew 25:3-8

6. Deuteronomy 14:2; I Peter 2:9

7. Matthew 20:28

8. Isaiah 28:10-13

9. Isaiah 24:1-6

10. Revelation 14:6

11. Acts 1:11

12. Matthew 11:13

13. Acts 3:21

14. II Peter 1:21

15. Malachi 4:6

16. Isaiah 11:11; II Nephi 6:14;

Jacob 6:2 (RN)

17. Psalm 104:27; Matthew 24:45

18. Joshua 24:15

19. Isaiah 28:2

20. Daniel 8:14

21. Isaiah 66:2

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JULY 31, 1968 | 1:15 A.M.

The angel, the Messenger of the Lord, appeared to me and gave the following Message. He instructed me to arise and write the Message. He spoke distinctly and slowly as I wrote: he repeated when necessary to wait upon my correctness of writing.

He had on a white robe, with a purple cord, with gold tassels, around his waist. He brought the light of the resurrected with him. The light filled the room.

The Spirit of God was mellowing and powerful that was upon him. I felt it very much. He is a resurrected person, John the Baptist, the Elias, the forerunner of the Christ soon to come. He spoke of dates and assuredness, his words are forceful with the peace and power of God. He appeared July 31, 1968 at 1:15 a.m. and was with me more than 3 hours.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! Arise and write a Message I will give you. I come from the Lord’s presence. I speak His will. His words shall judge all men, color and kind.

2 Make haste. Are you ready? Will the people hear that they might live and have life in the hereafter?

3 This is the closing time, to open to the millennium reign of peace, with Christ on earth ere there cometh a new heaven and a new earth¹.

4 There have been losses, loved ones have been taken from you. This is the Lord’s planning. Your companion also has been taken. Changes come, yet greater service and greater things will come to pass. The Lord has and will give you comfort.

5 I bring a warning and a deliverance. All they that believe and obey the gospel shall find it.

6 Many represent Christ and have faith to do many miracles. This is good, if they hear the final call—this the midnight cry and obey it. Their works will stand the test.

7 If they speak against this work believing not that I come, they have not God—and will not be of the Bride², the Lamb’s Church in the end.

8 He that believeth not these words nor cometh not to obedience, hath not God.

9 God’s plan will not change to suit them that believe not, they must conform to His will.

10 Some are almost persuaded to believe, but they will not follow because of their personal dislike of you, my fellow servant. For this, they lose and their end will be sad.

11 Be ye repentant and humble and your work will be accepted of man and God. As I speak this to you, I speak it to all.

12 Let come what may, and let go what will. You will see them fall on your right hand and on your left, for all that will not hear me—“that prophet” shall be cut off from among the people³. I speak the assured way.

13 Every tree the Lord has not planted shall be rooted up. If they hear not this Message, the light they claim to have will fade away. This is the midnight cry the scriptures speak of—are you ready?

14 A peaceful solution and condition for the colored people will be underway by 1980.

15 The great powers, not of God's will, will find their failing and end. This will consummate in 1989.

16 Merchants will weep⁴ and howl because their future of craft making and merchandising to get gain will be wounded and broken.

17 There will be a better way and some will join in the pace for peace to be set up.

18 Warring powers will continue to conspire and a day of decision will come when Armageddon will begin in the nineties (90's) and when it ends—few men left in battle alive. But God will appear to the delivering of the righteous and as Christ places His feet⁵ on earth—there shall be a great trembling; terrible and dreadful for the wicked, but great relief and deliverance for the righteous. Then the saints of God shall know the days of trouble are over.

19 The binding⁶ of satan will be and a reign of peace shape into place.

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

21 Let come what may, let go what will—weary not in well doing.

22 Some are born to be with you in this cause—lest they stay with you defending the words I bring, they destroy their gift. Some are true and will yet be true to their righteous calling—not thinking themselves to be great.

23 Evil has sought to grip the Church and has long had its effect—eating out Her soul. When it is removed She will put on her brighter garments and many of her children will come unto Her.

24 The great stumbling block put out by the mind of man is to say Jesus Christ is “that prophet” like unto Moses, when it is I, John the Baptist, the forerunner—the Messenger called the Elias which was for to come.

25 A prophet represents, and Christ is God Himself⁷. I represent Him.

26 The carnal mind⁸ will not see this, the selfish will not see this, nor they that set themselves up. But they that God has set up will see, will come to understanding, obey and follow through in this work.

27 Worry not, the command has long been to see that the work be more firmly established. This, you my fellow-servant have done in the incorporation you have established, that according to the laws of the land the Church does rightly, and legally exist.

28 God has set in pace and given the authority and trust; but man through weakness and seeking prominence has hindered the work. Yet they say they love the Lord.

29 Fret not, in time The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message will move forward. Already the Lord has prepared multitudes⁹ and those to be with you in greater love, respect to God and my words and support it. It shall bring forth fruit meat for the Father's kingdom. That eternity with God may

have place for the faithful—all those that obey my words shaping their lives by the instructions I bring from the Lord.

30 Let the apostles lead the Church and carry the work on: preaching and teaching the same things, in the way of peace, in Christ Jesus—the Gospel of life and salvation.

31 The day comes when all Christianity will flow together, a mighty people in righteousness.

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

33 The sun in her place shall become seven times hot¹⁰. The water of the oceans will much of it pass to the firmament. Then suddenly, as though at once, the sun in her heat will be hid, to burn no more the face of mankind, beyond the waters. And the earth shall bring forth as it was in the beginning.

34 In the late nineties (90's) contentions shall again grow worse. The great wars will be so bitter—the great worldly confusion—Armageddon¹¹ shall come in and ere the times of mankind shall be six thousand years, the millennium shall break forth. Then all that serve the Christ shall be one people—delightful in the Lord—if they obey and trust the very eternal God the Father, who is Jesus Christ the Savior and Redeemer of mankind.

35 There will be those that cannot endure sound doctrine—they lift their hands against this work. They set their face as steel to not let the words I bring to have their way with the people. But keep ye this way sacred and the Lord will give you faithful ones to help in this work.

36 Some you have trusted will walk no more with you, but many more will come.

37 Some will return to this work and faithful ones will awaken to this call and bring forth much fruit.

38 There will be great changes in the unsafeness of peoples, homes and travel—dangers will arise. This will tie things up here and navigation will be at a low ebb.

39 Many will seek to run to and fro¹², still conditions will be hard at times. However, again a change will come and all men will begin to respect one another and work together, bearing one another's burdens and comfort will come to the humble.

40 Distress of nations and perplexity¹³ will be felt everywhere. However, none can save but themselves and that through the Lord.

41 Man will say, "Oh that these things were hid from me and I knew them not." Have you not been warned of the things to come?

42 There will be riots, strikes, outbursts against the government, picketing and much destruction of property and people, confusion and dismay, emptiness and untrust toward many people. Labor¹⁴ shall rise up against the hand that feeds them: unrest everywhere.

43 For a time these conditions will be terrible, then suddenly a change will come, and peace will take hold of all that look to the Lord and a better way.

44 Deliverance will come as the people seek to work together and love one another: Even all, lifting the fallen, the down trodden, the outcast and preserving hope in mankind.

45 Salvation is free to all that will hear and take hold and work this way.

46 There are many the Lord has called that represent His word and are doing a mighty work. But when they hear this Message, the words I bring from the Lord, and the Spirit reveals to them it is true, they shall accept it and their calling to higher work. They will be filled to overflowing with power to represent Christ and His Church, the Lamb's Bride: overwhelming with the power and the Spirit and the working of miracles on many of the gifts of the gospel. Hear, oh hear! Ye ministers of peace and God will give you the soul winning power. Come all the way.

47 Fellowship not with those that twist¹⁵ the word to thwart the plan of God to justify their own evil means.

48 God's plan is plain and simple converting the soul¹⁶ and a deliverance to those that truly obey.

49 Worry not about those that will not hear my Message now, they will know of it if they are to be found in fellowship with the Lord.

50 I come that the restoring of all things shall take place. I am the forerunner of the Christ. I am the Elias. I bring a Message of life and hope."

At this juncture he arose and lifted both his hands and said:

51 "Blessed be the people of the Lord. I bring peace for all."

He then lowered his hands.

52 "There are some that once walked this way are almost persuaded to return. The Lord will bless them when they do.

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

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

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

He arose again from the chair near me, while I sat on the foot of my bed writing the Message on the table, then he said:

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

He sat down and repeated what he said as I wrote it down. My soul was filled and indeed I felt the gift surge over me and more love and the Spirit mellowed my whole being. He said:

57 “Let those that the Spirit calls be set apart in this work. Send them forth to do the Lord’s will—with all proclaiming the Message I bring.

58 Hearken! Hasten! Obey! Be about the Father’s business.

59 There are those that place themselves upon the altar of service for the Lord’s work: teach the decrees and help in this way of life.

60 In *The Bible* and *Record of the Nephites* contains the teachings and pattern of the fullness of the gospel in its plain and precious parts. But my words and authority gives the right to set the Church in order— The Church of Christ with the holy priesthood authority and power to act in the establishing the kingdom of God on earth¹⁸ and bringing in the Zion of the Lord. The kingdom and the dominion shall be for the saints¹⁹ of the most high.

61 The honest in heart that hear, that have heard the Spirit in the past, will hear this Message now and in obedience receive of this authority and add my words to their teaching and training to become joint heirs in the body of Christ and members of the Bride, the Lamb’s Church, for when He comes to claim His jewels. Let them come in by the door, the hands laid on them and take the name: The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message.

62 Take the Message to the pastors, the leaders, if they believe the scriptures, they will believe my coming and follow through.

63 That which will bring about a quick relief, help and deliverance to the situation of the colored people will be by their acceptance, belief and obedience to this Gospel Message. Let them come in by the door—all the way and the Lord will be their deliverer. They shall be a mighty people, delightsome in His sight. As the Spirit calls, let them come and move onward, Godward.

64 The isles²⁰ of the sea will wait for this Message. Take to them the Gospel of salvation, this way of life. The Message I bring is the call from God to service and deliverance in His Church. Canada will work hand to hand with the United States and many of the isles will become states to this union, a great nation.

65 Kings shall shut their mouths²¹ at the words I have to say.

66 Let the article in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*²² read “conferences,” the several yearly meetings of the quorum of twelve in their planning and programming this work and it will be greater in the future even with proper representation.

67 Let not the work be frustrated by the way of man.

68 The book shall be called, *The Record of the Nephites*.

69 The assembly is for the people to learn this great work and follow through. The work of the ministry is in the hands of the apostles—lead them aright.

70 Much of the leadership rests with you in defending my words. Keep the holy order holy and right. Let this be done in the way of the Lord.

71 Take this Message, send it forth to the world, that all may hear and read and know the Lord has sent me. He has spoken, let it be so.

72 The Church will obey and put on her brighter garments of

righteousness²³.

73 Praise ye the Lord. Let the hands of faith carry on. Zion must come forth.

74 Let the quorum of apostles be filled. Let R. David Temple be set apart as soon as it can be arranged.

75 Let these be added to the apostles: Tommy Gargus, Herman Hylander and Chuck Hubbell. The Lord will bless their efforts and water the seed they sow, and it shall bring forth. Let these prepare as the vacancies occur.

76 Let Conerd E. Crownover take his place among the twelve, the Lord will continue to bless him in his faith and good works. The translations thus has been accepted, let it continue.

77 The translations of the Message in German are pleasing to the Lord in this work: let it continue.

78 Let these prepare: Charles Isaac Resler, Tracy Jacques Pittman and Larry E. De Cocq for the apostleship when vacancies occur.

79 Let these come into this work as elders, moreover, evangelists: R. R. Rich and A. W. Bryant. The Lord will bless their work.

80 Let Richard F. Ream and Leo LeVerne Ream as evangelists, labor in California as much as they can. Establish the work there.

81 Let these be set apart as elders: Gerald Lee Savage, James Clinton Savage and John Eldon Savage.

82 Let these in Germany be set apart as elders, moreover evangelists: Emil Burk and Friz Single.

83 Let Martin Huonker be set apart as evangelist. The Lord will bless this mission. Let Bruno Kobs care for the finance in his parts and help will come when the work moves onward.

84 I will come again. Be not worried or dismayed. The Message I bring will bring joy to the honest of heart. Many look for my coming and the Message I bring. It will mean life and fullness of joy when they obey.

85 I leave peace with you and to all. Amen."

1. Revelation 21:1-2;
Ether 13:7-9 (RN)

2. Revelation 19:7-9

3. Deuteronomy 18:19-20;
Acts 3:23

4. Revelation 18:11

5. Zechariah 14:4

6. Revelation 20:2

7. Mosiah 15:1 (RN)

8. Romans 8:7

9. Joel 3:14

10. Isaiah 30:26

11. Revelation 16:16

12. Daniel 12:4

13. Isaiah 22:5; Micah 7:4;
Luke 21:25

14. Message 18:11

15. Romans 16:17-20;

II Peter 3:16; Alma 13:20 (RN)

16. Psalm 19:7

17. Message 12:8

18. Matthew 6:10

19. Daniel 7:27; Micah 4:8;
Alma 5:50 (RN)

20. Isaiah 42:4; 51:5

21. Isaiah 52:15

22. Articles of F&P: 19

23. Revelation 19:8

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SEPTEMBER 24, 1968 | 2:40 A.M. - 4:35 A.M. | ROTTWEIL, GERMANY

While on a mission in Rottweil, Germany, to attend the first European Assembly, of The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, the light of the Messenger filled my room from 2:10 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., September 20, 1968, at the home of Martin Huonker. This occurred after a week of services and deep prayer to know if God was pleased with the work being done.

Four days later on September 24th, 1968, the angel appeared at 2:40 a.m. and gave the following Message. He wore the white robe as on previous occasions, and spoke with authority, lifting his voice to emphasize many phrases. The light of the resurrection emanated from him, filling the whole room, enabling me to easily see as I wrote. The great mellowing of the Spirit remained even after he left at 4:35 a.m.

I hope and pray that every reader will seek God in deep humility and faith, believing that they may receive the testimony of the coming of the Elias.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold! Write the words I will give you.

2 I have come to you at this place in this house, that I might again give assurance that this is the Lord's work, and His will you have obeyed.

3 The Lord has sent you to this land of Germany to bring the greater blessing to the brethren here. All those that help you and labor in this cause will be blessed.

4 There are many honest of heart in this part of God's great vineyard¹. Many will come forth to unite for God.

5 Let all labor in love; be harsh with no one.

6 As servants labor and learn their needs, qualify to be leaders of Christ. Go to the rich and poor alike. Be not puffed up, be humble, and inasmuch as you will do this, God will be with you to the end. You will enjoy the Spirit and great things will come to pass.

7 You will find those that are wise, whose hearts are filled with the Spirit of God. Be patient with them. This truth will be revealed to them and they will be a part of this work.

8 It is the Lord's will that the servants go forth from this place to other nations in Europe, Asia and Africa as much as they can, as the way opens. The Lord will touch hearts and many souls will be saved. He will water the seed you sow and they shall bring forth.

9 The Lord has used others in great works to prepare the way for the words I bring to find their place in the lives of those in this nation, as well as others: even His servant Lorber.

10 Many here are descendants of the Levites and because of their ancient choosing and vow, they will serve the Lord. But remember the work is sacred, and the priesthood holy, therefore be unspotted² from the sins of the world.

11 Unto my fellow servant Huonker, the Lord has long held him in faith and preserved him to this day, with those the Lord gives, who would carry on this work. Indeed the Lord has, and will give help as the way opens. The elders now established and those yet to come will work together to save souls, wherever they go. His children will labor also.

12 Likewise my fellow servant Kobs has been counted faithful. The Lord has heard his prayers, and will bless his efforts. Though there is much to do, his labor is not in vain. God will be with him.

13 The Lord has preserved many to help. Those, now in this work with you, are the Lord's planting. Yea, the time is short for the great work to be done. Be kind to all men and you will win favor with God and man. My mission is one of love.

14 Let the book, *The Word of the Lord*, the words I bring be printed in all languages as fast as it can be done, as the way opens. *The Word of the Lord* must go everywhere. The people must have it that they may read. Swing wide the gate, plant the seed and the harvest will come forth.

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

16 Some are slow to obedience, yet not active in their calling—the Lord will give you others to help.

17 In times to come there will be changes in conditions in governments and ways will be opened and some closed, but let the Message be sent, or proclaimed wherever it can be done, in all languages, tongues and peoples.

18 Yea, the faithful shall mount up as eagles³ in understanding and knowledge of God's planning.

19 Let all peoples, color and kind, work together in love to bring the consummation of all things to pass. I bring the restitution and restoration of all things. I bring the priesthood authority. I have planted the Church in peace. I have called servants to labor and the Lord of the vineyard will labor⁴ also that the work will be accomplished.

20 I am the Elias, which was for to come, I am John the Baptist. I bring the Elijah Message. I am the forerunner of Christ. I bring peace. I establish love, I bring hope for mankind that all men might believe in the light of Christ. I bear witness of that light. I bring together the works of God's plantings and bring together in one fold those that serve the Lord—God's people speaking oft one to another. Then turn and discern⁵ them that serve Him, and those that serve Him not. They that serve Him shall have right to the tree of life.

21 Be at peace. I leave a blessing in this place upon all that hear my words. I will continue to come until the work is finished.

22 The Lord has spoken. He has sent me to speak and His words shall not return to Him void.

23 Let those that come to the Church be baptized in water, and the laying on of hands for the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

24 Let repentance and faith be taught and remission of sin through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

25 The work may go slow now, but young and old will be awakened—as there comes the greater understanding and light will take place. Praise ye the Lord in His wonder working power and plan.

26 Some called to be in the quorum of apostles will not accept or prepare—therefore as openings come, let Phillip M. Dixon and Martin Huonker take their place in the quorum.

27 Let Ernst Huonker and Rolf Dieter Burk be set apart as elders. The Lord will bless and make His servants a blessing.

28 Give these words to the brethren and the Church, publish them. Place them in the book with the rest.

29 Be up and doing, write the decrees⁶ and the teachings the Lord has given you that the people may know and the work move faster.

30 I leave peace with you and in this house. I will come again. Amen.”

1. Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 20:1-8; Jacob 5:8-77 (RN)

2. James 1:27

3. Isaiah 40:31

4. Jacob 5:72 (RN)

5. Malachi 3:16-18

6. Acts 16:4

MESSAGE 88

NOVEMBER 17, 1968 | 1:15 A.M. - 3:30 A.M. | 1500 W. LEXINGTON AVENUE | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord, the Elias, the angel of God appeared before me in my home 1500 West Lexington Avenue, Independence, Missouri, U.S.A. and gave the following Message. Awakened me and bid me arise and write the words he would give. The room was full of the resurrection light. The Spirit of God was powerful and mellowing to my soul. He spoke plainly and distinctly, waiting upon me as I wrote. I know these words to be exactly as he spoke them. I would that each person reading these words would seek the Lord for testimony and witness to their truthfulness and need in their lives. He appeared at 1:15 a.m. Nov. 17, 1968, he remained till 3:30 a.m..

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Awaken! Arise and write the words I will give you, a Message of hope and peace to all that accept them and follow through. Deliverance is found only in the teachings of Christ through His atoning blood for remission of sins.

2 Behold, I come to fulfill the words spoken by the prophets of old and by the Christ. I am the prophet of the highest. I speak His will. I represent the Lord. I am His servant. All ye that follow are my fellow servants. Many are called, those that prepare are chosen. Be ye faithful. Others will come as you keep sacred the work and true to the plan and workings of God.

3 Praise the Lord in worship, lift up and rejoice. Bask in His life-given light. I bear witness¹ of that light. The earth is lightened by the words I bring. I come to moderate the will of God. I proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Only through His atoning blood can mankind be saved.

4 There are many that seek earnestly to represent the Lord, they do well. Let them hear my Message, moreover, *The Word of the Lord* that I bring from His presence. Let them come in by the door, receive of this calling, and labor as the Spirit will direct, shaping their lives by the words I bring that their works may stand the test.

5 Woe to those that set their hearts against the injunctions I bring from the

Lord.

6 As the Spirit calls, the Lord speaks, as the need grows, let there be added to the fields of labor all that can hastily prepare to go in the work of the Lord.

7 There is work at home, there is a call and need everywhere—let it be filled.

8 Let all things be done in order—and comely. If the Spirit mellows² and calmeth the soul, it is of God. Serve the Lord in praise, in joy and peace. Pray earnestly and the master of men will manifest His power.

9 The Lord has heard the prayers of the faithful and has sent me again to speak His will.

10 I come to you my fellow servant for I bring to you and to those that labor with you, and all that will yet come, for there are many that look for my coming and the fulfilling of the prophecies of old, the words and will of God.

11 I come from the Lord's presence, I come to do His will. I am His forerunner. I am that servant of the Lord. I am the Elias, yea the prophet of the highest. I am 'that prophet.' I am the elect one. I speak prudently, my voice is not heard in the street³. I shall not lift up, but will give power and the words to be spoken that mankind shall be lifted up, all those that obey.

12 Fear not man whose heart is not filled with humility and truth. He is wretched of a reprobate⁴ mind and evil, fighting against my coming and plan of God. All such know not the meaning of the scriptures. They wrest the word and say the Lord hasten or delayeth His coming. However, the Lord shall come as His plan folds into being and action and the necessary evils try the people, testing their faith, to determine if they be the Lord's chosen, tried and faithful, or will fall with the evil one. Yet they say they love the Lord.

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

14 Mankind was commanded to subdue⁵ the earth, much of it has been done, though there be nothing new under the sun⁶. The sun shall be hid when the finish of all things new cometh.

15 Mankind shall live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, the very eternal Christ the Lord and maker of all. He cometh down with power in His word.

16 Then turn and discern⁷ them that be the Lord's, or them that serve Him not. They that serve Him shall have right to the tree of life.

17 I speak the Lord's will today. I am he that was prophesied in ancient times, of my coming before the Lord's return, to help prepare a people to be ready to meet Him at His appearing.

18 I am he that the prophet Daniel spoke of as the Ancient of Days⁸. I am the proclaimer, the warner. I am he that the people of the Lord delighteth in my coming and the words I bring, the Messenger of the covenant. I sit as a refiner and purifier of mankind, of the ministry of God, cleansing out the traditions of men and the power of the adversary.

19 The wise shall build their house upon the rock⁹, which is Christ the Lord; with firm faith and understanding, in the knowledge of the word, of obedience, shaping their lives by the words I bring.

20 I bring the assured way, the way of the Lord, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death¹⁰, by my words cleansing out the dross, the sins of men, moreover, false doctrines and traditions of men.

21 See those that turn a deaf ear and will not hear—will not learn sound doctrine¹¹. Be patient and kind to all men. Many will yet learn to heed and obey the injunctions I bring and build upon the solid rock of truth.

22 The law and the prophets spoke until I come¹². Now all mankind, all churches, all creeds and factions must hear my words and know what I have spoken and will yet speak.

23 Without me and the words of the Lord I bring, they build¹³ upon the sand where the storms of life and the doctrines of men will sweep them away and their works come to naught.

24 All that hear and obey my words shall come to understanding.

25 Be glad and rejoice ye wise men, ye that claim to be leaders, obey and your works will come higher in greatness if you heed what I have to say.

26 Little flock¹⁴ be not discouraged, for greater things are yet to come for you in your hope and salvation. Redemption draweth nigh. There is hope for eternity with God in what I have to bring you and in what I say.

27 He that is for you is greater than they that be against you.

28 Blessed and holy are they that come into this way. They shall find the greater peace and God's plan shall be made perfect.

29 All that be the Christ's, they that are called Christians will flow together. They that be of man and his traditions will fail.

30 Let the young and the old come—let all come into this way; truly be born of the water and the Spirit¹⁵—ridding yourselves of the traditions of men, make clean the slate.

31 Some that have been touched by the Spirit, that have felt its quaking power, shaking their very beings, let them come through the door to a higher plane, and hands be laid upon them for the greater gifts and obedient will of God. Suffer it to be so¹⁶ to fulfill the way of authority and holy priesthood and the work of The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message. For this is my command and mission to establish God's Church and Zion—with authority to bring about the restoration and restitution of all things.

32 They that be in this way are The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message. Great is her mission. The multitudes shall come into one fold—all that truly fear and obey the Lord. They shall be one sheep in the Lord's fold and He shall be their shepherd. They shall become like Him of heavenly and holy nature, redeemed from the fall to an eternal glory with Him. The reign of peace shall fold in.

33 But woe, woe unto the rejecter—their days are numbered. The power and ways of satan and of man's idols, and ideals shall fail and come to nothingness.

34 *The Word of the Lord*¹⁷ is line upon line, precept upon precept, here a

little and there a little in time and purpose of His will, pleasant to the righteous.

35 Satan's powers shall be bound¹⁸ and he shall have no more temptation on mankind until the reign of peace, the millennium, shall be over.

36 Satan knows his time is short¹⁹ and he will work to destroy all that he can. He will work to hinder and deceive and lay stumbling blocks for mankind to fall over. He will puff up in pride and he will discourage in hope, and hinder the faith of many if you do not watch and pray. Have faith in the words of the prophets and the Lord and what I bring and he will not have power over you.

37 Therefore come against him, break his yoke by true belief and study the word—obey the Lord's Spirit and make ready.

38 There will come trials, but they cannot destroy. Yea, read these words and follow through, find worship and deliverance.

39 Let Daniel Aaron Rogers continue in the Lord's work with this authority and trust placed upon him as an elder, moreover an evangelist, and his works shall be mightier and great power and blessings will be given him. The Lord will bless him, even in the far reaching He shall bring many to salvation and truth with God's gift.

40 Let Donald Eugene Harsch take up his calling as an elder, moreover let him be set apart as an evangelist. The Lord will be with him in his faith and he shall accomplish much good.

41 There are many that are called of the Lord by His Spirit to labor. Let them know it is the Lord's will; these add to the evangelists.

42 Let Peter Harry LaFrance know the Lord has preserved him to this day when my Message comes forth. His calling is to proclaim the full truth, as an evangelist.

43 Let Warren London know his prayers and faith has brought him great blessings as an evangelist and pastor of the household of faith in his area. His efforts are not in vain. He shall carry on.

44 When David Terrell comes into this work, let him take up this calling and authority as an evangelist to labor in the field with this Message and authority. His works will endure the test in the Lord's plan. The Lord has preserved him and reserved him to be a part of this: His deliverance plan.

45 Likewise others the Spirit has called, let them know this work is true and of the Lord. Some have been baptized, others will yet come. The Spirit will reveal to them of their calling.

46 Let these know the Lord calls for them to labor in this cause and great peace will come over them to direct their lives and service to God as elders in this holy priesthood: Lloyd Polson, George Arthur Polson, Fred Eldridge, Kenneth Eugene Palmer, Junior N. Pierce, Milton Fife, George Henderson, Rinehold Hermann, Herman Thraen, Fred Erickson, Ralph Polson, Lee Ellis Polson, Henry Allen Semler, Darry Immanuel Miller, Dallas Miller, Paul Johnson, Clifford Hitchcock, Joseph H. Truitt, W. H. Thorpe, Robert Daniels, Morris Miller and R. E. Werner.

47 Every elder's duty is missionary when and where opportunity permits—

be valiant in service, quick to respond, instant²⁰ in season and out of season—at all times.

48 I will come again as the Lord will direct. I leave peace with you. Publish this with the rest. Amen.”

1. Luke 1:19; John 1:6-8; Revelation 18:1
 2. I Nephi 7:5; 18:19-20 (RN)
 3. Isaiah 42:2
 4. Romans 1:28
 5. Genesis 1:28
 6. Ecclesiastes 1:9
 7. Malachi 3:18
 8. Daniel 7:9-13
 9. Matthew 7:24; I Corinthians 10:4
 10. Luke 1:79

11. I Timothy 1:10; Titus 1:9; 2:1
 12. Matthew 11:13
 13. Matthew 7:26
 14. Luke 12:32
 15. John 3:3-7
 16. Matthew 3:15
 17. Isaiah 28:10-13
 18. Revelation 20:2
 19. Revelation 12:12
 20. II Timothy 4:2

MESSAGE 89

JULY 18, 1969 | 1:10 A.M. | 5053 BELMEADE | KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The angel of the Lord, the Messenger, the resurrected John the Baptist, clothed with the light and power of God appeared in my room, 5053 Belmeade, Kansas City, Missouri, 64129 and awakened me on July 18, 1969 at 1:10 a.m. The light that accompanied him filled the whole house. I could see to write the Message he gave to me. He is the same personage that has appeared to me on numerous occasions giving the Messages, “The Word of the Lord”—the book of his words for all mankind. I would that if any doubt his coming pray for light, for God will reveal.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise. Behold! Take the Message I will give you at this time.

2 The prayers of the faithful has come up before the Lord. He has heard and He answers by a greater infilling of His Spirit. By the Spirit many hearts are made glad.

3 Yet, behold, this is a day of a greater awakening—and to the wise a warning, to the sleeper something to stir him. I have spoken, I have been sent of the Lord. I speak His will.

4 The Lord has seen your gatherings and your assembly. He will continue to be with you.

5 Read and study the words I bring. Shape your lives by what I bring, for this is the assured way

6 I bring life and a light of the Lord to all that will hear the instructions I bring. The day comes when I will appear to all the faithful. I will be with the Christ when He comes. I am the one crying in the wilderness. I am a resurrected being. I am the Elias which was for to come. I am the servant of the Lord. I am the Messenger sent from God. I am His forerunner. I am sent that the curse might be lifted. I am sent of the Lord. Yea, I come from His presence.

7 Nations shall know I have been sent of God. I am the prophet of the highest. I am John the Baptist.

8 Hear, all ye ends of the earth. Hear, oh nations of mankind, God has

spoken.

9 The Lord has those in His deliverance plan in every clime, nation and people—in every land under the sun. He would that all would quickly receive this authority and trust of the holy priesthood of God, after the order of His Holy Jesus. Receive the baptism that I bring, the plan of God. Let the hands be laid upon them that their works may stand the test. Suffer it to be so to fulfill the full plan of God in the authority I bring.

10 Let the quorums counsel together. Let those the Lord gives to be leaders be recognized in God's will: let all be considered.

11 The Lord will send many to you for this authority—many are now waiting to receive. He will humble the high and mighty for the Lord only is great.

12 Let George A. Rogers, Adel Rodewald, George Wilkin, Don Mace and Herman Stalvey know the Lord called them to accept this authority and trust as elders, moreover evangelists in this work. Their work will be far and wide. Let them be up and doing—yea, the Lord knows their work. Deliverance will come to many through this way. Let them continue.

13 Let Sam Todd know he has long been a vessel of God—he is part of God's deliverance plan. The Lord brings him that he might receive this authority and trust and proclaim it to the ends of the earth. For this work has he been preserved and reserved to come higher in the Lord's plan. There are many the Lord has reserved to defend the words I bring from His will.

14 Let all take new courage, new faith. Let the Spirit lift you. Fear not to lift your hands to the Lord.

15 'Behold!' saith the Lord, 'I will rule and overrule. Fear not, little flock¹ for great things shall come. Much will come to pass. Many will be healed in My name. Many will be added to your numbers. Many are ready to unite with My Church—My Bride to be when I come—yea, even My Church that I have established by sending the Elias. Hear Me this day. My cup runneth over²,' saith the master of men.

16 Let all be in the field that can go. Let support come. Bring in the means that others may go, even from the Churches that shall be set up; and let them be dedicated everywhere in the name: The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, even the words I bring. I am the Elias.

17 Many that are afar off will yet come to you to learn this way.

18 Let the tent preachings continue. Let the revivals move onwards in this awakening. I bless the people. I bring a blessing to all that hear my voice. I am sent of the Lord. I will come again. Amen."

1. Luke 12:32

2. Psalm 23:5

MESSAGE 90

JULY 10, 1970 | 2:15 A.M. - 5:50 A.M.

I was awakened at 2:15 a.m., July 10, 1970 and heard the front door latch click—thus I knew the door was opening. I hear the screen door close. I heard the main door close. I wondered who may be entering at this hour. It is not unusual for any of the family to be coming late because of the work hours. So I was not frightened, but in seconds I felt the great power of God and recognized the light. Because of being able to see the clock and all around me—the light of the resurrected one, the Messenger was present.

I heard his footsteps crossing the front room and coming down the hall to my bedroom. I watched for him to appear. In radiant light there he approached the open door facing me with his right hand held up near level with his chin, slightly reaching out, hand open, palm facing me tilted directly at me.

By this I know I have done well to defend his coming to me. I felt a great assurance it was well with my soul. I spoke the words, “from my precious Jesus.” All this happened in less time than it takes to tell it. Glory to my Jesus—Don’t muzzle the ox that treadeth out the grain.

With a stern, loud, yet pleasant voice he said, “Behold!” Immediately, I was carried away in a vision, though I knew the room ceiling was above me it was as though it were not there. I looked beyond and far, far in the heavens, I saw a great white throne and on it sat our Lord the Christ Jesus.

All around this throne were multitudes of people, glittering in brightness as if they were clothed in bright white raiment, their voices were ringing out—Holy, Holy, Holy is our Lord, Hosanna to his name! I saw much and heard many praises and songs of joy; a sound of music and singing, and felt a peace that permeated my whole being.

I thought, all this, concourses of angels or saints that once were on the earth. Then I appeared to be real close to them in vision, and wondered if they knew I was looking in upon them. I thought I knew men, like Adam, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and many, many others. All the righteous that was before the Christ came through the resurrection. Those that before had lived in the Lord’s will, their sojourn here on earth and were counted righteous for their faith and good works. Redemption, deliverance and salvation was theirs to have to eternity with God.

Again I proclaimed, “Precious Jesus,” I heard my voice, and the vision closed. Many more things I saw and heard which I have not written here.

I know my Lord lives and on the earth again shall stand with many saints with Him. I want to be worthy. I understood that all righteous before Christ’s resurrection were resurrected at that same time.

I want all who read these words, the angel Message to prepare for that eternal way and day with our God. Deliverance has come.

I do not know how long the vision lasted but it must have been some time compared to the things I saw and heard. A great serene feeling of joyous ecstasy was all over me. I thank God for this wonderful way of life.

The Messenger was still standing there just inside my bedroom door. His hands pleasingly at his sides he stepped closer to me and began to speak on.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and write the words I will give you. Do with these as you have done with the others—publish them in the book, *The Word of the Lord*, and send to the ends of the earth.

2 Arrange so you may do more in this work, as the way opens. The Lord will direct and it will be well with you and others that hasten to follow.

3 I come to you with a Message from the presence of the Lord. To the believing and faithful peace and joy, they delight¹ in my coming.

4 Press on, greater trials await the nations, the people and the Church. Let nothing destroy your faith and good works. Deliverance has come—reach out. The way is prepared for greater outpouring of the Spirit and mighty

things will be revealed, but only to the humble.

5 The Lord will water the seed you have sown. Many more shall yet come. Much more shall yet come to pass of miracles and healings and a better way in the lives of many.

6 Fret not over what men may say of you. You have those to stand by you and this work. Respect ye one another and lift each other by being faithful to this work of redemption, the plan of God.

7 Every tree, the churches, the Lord has not planted shall be rooted up². There are many false claims and proclaims that is of the evil one to get gain and make merchandise³ of the word of God. When man is not humble and his soul is not calm, know ye this, it is not of the Lord.

8 Some you think to be your friends is laboring for satan, seeking to destroy your good and this work.

9 Those that will work together, stay together in faith and good works.

10 Those that will not come to understanding of my teachings, what I have to say to all ministry—unless they hear and follow through, their works will not stand and in the end they will not be there.

11 Behold, it was said by the Christ, that I come not eating nor drinking and men say I have a devil⁴—but it is they wherein is the devil. Fear them not, be calm, for I come, and I speak the truth.

12 In ancient times⁵, it has been told of my coming in this day and time: the end time, the closing time, the midnight cry, the time of purifying the ministry, leading all Christendom into one fold, wherein is one shepherd, the Christ Jesus who shall rule all nations and peace shall be from one end to the other of this world.

13 There are those that stumble over the words of truth and claim⁶ to love the Lord Jesus. However, if they knew Him, they would be meek and lowly of heart—full of peace. Let them be delivered from the adversary and learn the full truth, more perfectly⁷, the fullness of the Gospel of Christ. There is no other way mankind can be saved. Hold to that I have given, build upon the instructions and directions I have given of the Lord. Shape your lives by the words I bring, for I come from the Lord's presence and my mission is one of love and deliverance. For the way is prepared that mankind may walk therein and be saved.

14 From another language and tongue the Lord has spoken to this people through the book,—*The Record of the Nephites*,—the language of the Nephites and Jaredites; which to hear in their language would appear as stammering⁸ lips—but what the Lord doeth He doeth well.

15 Yet there are those that imagine a vain thing, making evil thoughts against my words, and the Lord's plan.

16 All that are heady and high minded seeking prominence, shall be brought low. Some will learn and yet know this work is true, though they fail.

17 When the rivers⁹ of the seas flow towards the heavens, then many that believe not, shall say, 'The Lord He is great, He doeth all things well. Surely, these things are true and He has spoken.' Some will believe, but woe to the slow to hear.

18 As it was in the days of Noah, the doubter, the disobedient, the sinner were all taken away¹⁰ in their unbelief.

19 Does not the revelation say that I come with the everlasting gospel¹¹, to preach to them that dwell upon the earth? Who is man that claimeth to have more than this?

20 When men work in subtle manner he destroyeth himself. Seek to deliver and save all that will come this way.

21 Let all labor that can. Send others into the field of service.

22 Let the church stand firm that the residue of troubles will not harm you.

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

24 Let the assembly of the people be in peace. Let the conferences of the apostles and bishops continue throughout the year and always to come closer to each other and the Lord's will.

25 Pray the Lord of the vineyard¹² to send forth men of renown and faith to work in this way. Let the women help all they can—there is much to be done.

26 I leave peace with you and I shall come again, when the Lord directs. Amen.”

The Messenger left, it was 5:50 a.m.

1. Malachi 3:1

2. Matthew 15:13

3. II Peter 2:5

4. Luke 7:33

5. Daniel 7:9-13

6. Luke 6:46-49; John 14:21

7. Acts 18:26

8. Isaiah 28:11

9. Isaiah 44:27

10. Matthew 24:4

11. Revelation 14:6

12. Isaiah 5:1-7; Matthew 20:1-8; Jacob 5:8-77 (RN)

MESSAGE 91

JULY 15, 1972 | 12:00 A.M. - 2:00 A.M.

July 15, 1972, I retired a little after midnight. Shortly after I had been in bed, the Messenger of the Lord, the Elias, appeared and gave the following Message. He spoke slowly as I wrote what he said. He was with me about 2 hours.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! Arise and write the Message I will give to you. I come from the Lord's presence, moreover, the Christ who is Lord and God.

2 I am your fellow servant¹ and my name is John. I am resurrected—I was resurrected when Christ arose from the tomb². I am the Elias, the Messenger of the Lord. I am His forerunner. I have come in the past. I have spoken His will and I shall come in the future. I come at His appointing. My Message is one of love to those that heed and obey it.

3 My mission is, that the Church may be fully prepared at the Lord's coming. I come to prepare a people, the Lord's Bride. Yea, let all hear what the Lord has commanded me to say.

4 I have brought the authority of the holy priesthood and reiterated and affirmed it. Will you keep it sacred, that the work of God may be

accomplished and salvation comes to the humble, those that are full of love and obey the will of the Lord?

5 Fear not, for this is the Lord's work. I have come to you. I have called other servants to help in this work, though they be few—yet a great work can be done. For the Lord of the vineyard shall labor³ also, that the work might be done, for it must go on in haste.

6 My warning Message is: Let all men everywhere come repentant before the Lord, cry mightily unto Him, that they might find deliverance. Except they repent they cannot be redeemed from that awful state⁴. For the way of redemption is prepared that whosoever will, may walk therein and be saved.

7 God worketh not in subtle manners; nor in evil ways, nor in delusions, such as satan and man doeth.

8 I am 'that prophet'⁵ of which Moses spoke of saying, the Lord God shall raise up a prophet, him shall you hear in all things, speaking the will and the way of the Lord God.

9 I am not Elijah the former prophet neither was he me. He was a prophet in his day with the power of God upon him. He proved God to be real. Likewise, I shall have the same power upon me and my work and in the words I speak. I speak with the same power, therefore the reason to say, "In the spirit and power of Elias, or Elijah." It meaneth that of God, not of man.

10 I was a prophet in my days on earth. I am not another person, nor any other person is me. Each person is a child of themself. It is given once for mankind in this life of probation—once to die⁶. In the resurrections all mankind shall be resurrected.

11 I am now a resurrected being in and with the redeemed of the Lord. I am body and flesh and bone⁷. I bear the Spirit of the Lord. I speak His words. It is the Christ's words that shall judge all men—therefore He cannot use man filled with selfishness of his own way. Therefore come out of the ways of sin and self.

12 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.

13 Be thou clean⁸ that bear the vessels of the Lord. Let your conversation be clean. Let realness of charity⁹ rule your lives. Lift up a standard.

14 Man's sins will find him out and be his sorrow. How great a grief they bring.

15 This is the day of the Lord's preparation¹⁰. Let all mankind prepare to meet their God.

16 Woe be to those that claim they are elected for special callings—when it is the duty of man to be as humble servants not seeking to be great.

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

18 See those that think themselves to be great, seeking prominence, moreover seeking the praise of mankind. Their works do show their nothingness and will not endure the sword of truth and justice.

19 In the past, some have been ordained to the priesthood who have not qualified to work in God's will in this way nor attained to the Holy Spirit. Evils and their planning and plotting, yea, their sins will be seen in their failures.

20 See those who would be vessels¹¹ of honor but because of pride and seeking¹² praise and high positions, have walked away from this humble work of God—or would not come to it. Therefore, their call of God they heed not, but destroy and deny it by their actions. Save what and all you can, but cast not your pearls before swine¹³.

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

22 Fear not man nor the whisperings of satan, he will deceive, if it were possible the very elect¹⁴. But the elect shall not be moved. Moreover, they will do all they can in love, humility and the spirit of peace in good works. Joy be to the hearts and souls of the faithful—those that be calm and built upon the rock, the word; they will yet bring forth.

23 Why doeth man feel himself to be great? Come in this way, suffer it to be so—receive this authority and God will multiply your good works.

24 If it be of God and by the Spirit speaketh knowledge it will calm the soul. When man speaketh in an unknown tongue, he that speaketh shall know what he saith—else he speaketh in vain. The vain sputtering and babbling of the lips of man is from the mind of man or satan and seeketh to deceive. It is the spirit of divination¹⁵ though it acteth in pretension for truth, it is deception. Where has it lead them? Has it brought them to this work? Yea, to only be slower to hear the truth when it comes.

25 Take the bitterness¹⁶ out of the heart and be firm, even all, and God will yet use some to speak the word in power in other languages that are real to the people where they need it.

26 Go forth, swing wide the gates, step forward and the way will divide. Though I call the unlearned and the learned, let all learn this way. Some will repent, others will blaspheme in action, word or deed. Be not dismayed, take courage others will come all the way.

27 They that are filled with bitterness and contempt, charity hath no hold on them.

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

29 Love not mammon¹⁷, nor the ways of the world. Let your moneys serve instead of master. Seek God and His righteousness and much will be added unto you.

30 Let the work continue far and near and in all parts of the earth.

31 There are necessary trials that have come to all that they might learn patience and the love of God. For charity knoweth nor doeth no evil.

32 I bring a Message of love, of hope of salvation and deliverance. I come from the Lord's presence. I speak the truth. Men shall be judged and stand before the pleasing bar¹⁸ of God.

33 There are ways that seemeth right¹⁹ to mankind but the end thereof separates them from God. They walk in selfishness and not in good will towards all men. Be at peace with all men as much as it lays in your power.

34 The conditions of the world will grow worse and worse until you will think there is no peace anywhere—save in the hearts of the faithful.

35 My work is to bring all Christendom together into one fold, to one shepherd and plan of eternity with God. Let my Message go to the pastors and them that lead and all that seek truth.

36 Let David Temple continue his good works; send him more help in materials and finance. He has planted the seed—let it continue.

37 Let Herbert H. Fillmore know this work is true. The Lord has brought him to know this way and if he will hear the call to higher service with God for mankind, he will bring many to the truth. They shall find deliverance in the words and authority I bring. Let him come into this work and be set apart as an elder, moreover an evangelist. Let him labor among the many that know him, for the Lord has preserved and reserved him to carry on to this day. Great rejoicing will be his.

38 Let Charles W. Burpo know the Lord has established him. Trials have brought him to grieve much, but God will deliver him. He has preserved and reserved him to carry this work to the heads of the nations and to this nation where the foundation of Zion shall be²⁰. Let God be just—man of himself will fail, but in the Lord He is a mighty power. What the Lord doeth He doeth well. 'I will be with him,' saith the Lord, 'and he shall be a servant in My hands to speak justice and truth and this way of deliverance. Let him come into this work and be set apart an apostle.'

39 There are those that have been called to fill the places of vacancy; let them arise and move in the will of the Lord.

40 Let Warren R. Foskett prepare as an evangelist to work among the Spanish, as the way opens and he can arrange his home plans.

41 Let the assembly be conducted in peace and teaching the word. Let all learn this way more perfectly that they may give a reason for the hope in them in defending the words I bring.

42 Let the work among the Indians and colored be of greater interest and bring them to this way in humility, in peace and in the spirit that calms the soul and brings deliverance. Let them likewise carry the Message to their own color and kind.

43 Let Eddie Lee prepare for a greater evangelical work that he may go among his people, even to foreign fields and bring them into this way. Deliverance will come to them and they will find the way of truth and life. Awaken the honest in heart that they will be ready when the Lord comes to claim His jewels²¹. Many shall be among them at that day. Take to them the Gospel of life, hasten as the way opens.

44 Let Omel Harold R. Bogan know the Lord has seen his faith, humility and efforts to defend this work. He shall have greater peace and power. Let

him labor as an evangelist, the Lord will establish him.

45 Let LeRoy Gripe know the Lord has seen his desire and will fill him and open the way for a greater work. Let him labor as an evangelist.

46 Let Mike J. Bogan come into this work for the Lord has given his good works to bring others into this way and bring deliverance to many—for this is the hope of eternity with God.

47 Let Daniel A. Rogers be restored to an evangelist and if he will be humble and turn away from that which causes contention, that is not prompted of the Lord, he will be a great blessing to many.

48 It is the Lord's will that L. M. Thornton take his place as he has done. The greater gifts shall come to him in his faith and good works.

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

1. Revelation 22:9
2. Matthew 27:52-54; Mosiah 15:20-23 (RN)
3. Jacob 5:70-72 (RN)
4. Alma 40:14 (RN)
5. Deuteronomy 18:18; I Nephi 10:7-10; 11:27 (RN)
6. Hebrews 9:27
7. Luke 24:38-39
8. Isaiah 52:11
9. I Corinthians 13:1-13; Moroni 7:40-48 (RN)
10. Nahum 3:3
11. Romans 9:21; II Timothy 20:20-21

12. John 7:18; Moroni 7:45 (RN)
13. Matthew 7:6
14. Matthew 24:24
15. Deuteronomy 18:10; Acts 16:16
16. Ephesians 4:31
17. Matthew 6:24-27; Luke 16:1-11,16
18. Moroni 10:34 (RN)
19. Proverbs 16:25
20. Isaiah 28:16; III Nephi 20:22; 21:23-24 (RN);
Ether 13:6-10 (RN)
21. Isaiah 61:10; Malachi 3:17

MESSAGE 92

JULY 4, 1973 | 4:45 A.M. - 5:00 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The angel Messenger of the Lord came to me at 4:45 a.m. July 4, 1973 in my home at Independence, Missouri, and gave the following Message. The room was filled with light. He spoke calmly and slowly as I wrote the words he gave. He left at five o'clock.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I come to you at this time. Arise and write the words I shall give you. I am John the Baptist, a resurrected being. I am the Elias. My mission is one of love and peace. The powers of the adversary¹ cannot hinder my work.

2 I come from the Lord's presence. Look to the Lord, this is His work. I bring a Message from His voice and His will.

3 The Lord's people have seen trials and afflictions but let all arise to a closer walk with the Lord. Come away from contentions and bring love and obedience in your lives. Continue in good works. The Lord has heard the prayers that are of the heart, and this assembly. And I bring peace and an answer to the problems when it becometh a need.

4 There is none that have done right in all things. They have fallen short².

5 Where is that great love and the Spirit³ that mellows the heart, is it still among you? I say unto you, yea, let it do greater work. Qualify to be leaders

of men. Do good to all mankind. Love always, hate and bitterness is not your mission.

6 He that loveth the brethren⁴, loveth God also. The Lord will uphold him and make him a blessing.

7 Follow the pattern. Let all that come this way be baptized into one Spirit. Teach and preach the same things in the way I have given you and it will be well.

8 The Church of Christ will never again be destroyed but will move on her mission until Zion is established and the people redeemed from their sins—and the Lord come. The kingdom⁵ and the dominion shall be for the saints of the most high⁶.

9 A deception has gone out among the people and churches of mankind with doctrines of men with a cry to speak in tongues of unknown words. Such has no meaning but to harden the hearts of those that do so—making the authority I bring of none effect and will not be a part of them, neither will they receive nor obtain it.

10 There is no greater authority or gift, or gifts given to man than that which I bring of the Lord God, after the order of His son.

11 Who is mankind to claim more than this? He that will not recognize the authority and power I bring, faileth, and his works will not stand the test in the end. Let this evil not be among you for it will not calm the soul nor will it save you.

12 There cometh a day when a true gift will be given. With great wisdom will it work a work and convince, moreover convict, but as yet is not among you in measures of saving grace.

13 Turn away from those things that divide and separate you one from another. The Lord knoweth the hearts and wherein powers of man and deception lies. Except such repent and cleanse their minds of these things they have no part of this work.

14 I have brought and bring a Message for mankind—that he may heed and conform to it; that he might be a part of the Lamb's Bride when He comes to make up His jewels. I speak to fulfill the word of God, to bring all the faithful in Christendom together to one fold⁷, one shepherd, one Spirit of God, one baptism⁸ with power for remission of sins and traditions of man that cannot save.

15 The Lord will call many into this way.

16 Be firm, fret not, hold the peace and your reward will be sure.

17 In time the quorum of twelve apostles will be filled. There are those in the Lord's reserve. Some will fail, others will take their calling when the Lord speaks.

18 Peace I leave with you and the Church. Lift your faith—the way of the Lord is sure. I will come again. Amen.”

1. I Peter 5:8

2. Psalm 14:1-3; Romans 3:23

3. I Nephi 2:16; 7:5; II Nephi 10:18; Alma 24:8 (RN)

4. I John 4:20-21

5. Daniel 2:44-45; 6:26; Matthew 10:6

6. Daniel 7:18, 22,25,27

7. John 10:16; I Nephi 22:25; III Nephi 15:17-24 (RN)

8. Ephesians 4:4-6

MESSAGE 93

JULY 23, 1974 | 3:45 A.M. - 4:50 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 2:20 P.M. | 3 VISITS | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger, John the Baptist came to me at my home in Independence, Missouri, U.S.A. July 23, 1974 at 3:45 a.m. and gave the following Message. He spoke slowly and distinctly as I wrote the words as he spoke. I determined by his expression, where and how to paragraph and punctuate. He left at 4:50 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I come to you with a Message of peace, life, and warning—to all that hear and obey. To all those that humble themselves to hear the whispering of the Lord’s Spirit; all such delight in my coming.

2 Those that hear not will be sad. In the end many will wish they had heeded the warning.

3 The midnight cry is on. Hear, O ye ends of the earth. ‘Come,’ the Spirit says, ‘Come.’ The Lord and the word saith, ‘Come all the way and deliverance will be yours.’ You will stand in holy places and inherit in the will of the Lord. The kingdom and dominion shall be the inheritance of the humble and righteous.

4 Be not disturbed by false claims of my coming to any other. I come from the presence of the Lord at His appointing and I come to you. It is your work to give the Message to the people, the honest in heart will hear.

5 The Lord has heard the prayers in behalf of His people and this assembly. He has blessed and spoken by the spirit of revelation; revealing much.

6 Be harsh with no one. Be not moved by confusion nor emotion, if it doeth not calm the soul.

7 The Lord has caused the colored, the Indian and all that may come together and worship and find the gift of sweet peace and the way the still small voice may speak to mankind, making him into an heavenly nature—after the will of God.

8 Let the Messages be printed and published in German at this time. The Lord has brought His servant Huonker here at this assembly and at this time that the book, *The Word of the Lord*, may speedily be prepared to take to his people in his home land. There are many honest of God’s people there.

9 Great changes in the conditions of the world have been—therefore preach the Gospel of peace and deliverance that souls may be saved from the destruction and death that will come.

10 For the wicked will be destroyed, moreover shall burn as stubble¹ and the time cometh they shall be no more. For the reign of peace will come in and deliverance be the portion and greater to the righteous.

11 Let the work continue in the Lord’s way. Man cannot have his way, unless it be the way of the Lord.

12 Keep peace in the Church as you have done and your brethren will love and support you. Do the Lord’s bidding.

13 Some have been called home and there are vacancies that shall be filled. I leave peace with you and I will come again. Amen.”

After the Messenger had come this morning and given part of the Message, saying he would come again—I was very much overcome by the power of God. I left my home to go to my regular work. I had felt like weeping and to be by myself.

While at work, sitting at my desk weeping and praying, I felt the Spirit of God very strong upon me. It was 9:30 a.m. The Messenger tapped me firmly on the shoulder, and spoke these words:

14 “I will come to you again after you have regained your strength that I might continue the Message.”

He returned at 2:20 p.m. and gave the following:

15 “Let the translation in Portuguese continue. The Lord accepts this work by His handmaiden Idalina Temple. Let the book be published with the cover title, *The Word of the Lord, Brought to Mankind by an Angel*; likewise in other languages. This work is important and must move swiftly forward.

16 Teach the ministry and all to preach and teach the same thing. The Lord will direct.

17 As the way opens, send two men to the African people. The Lord will prove those ready to go.

18 As the way opens, let R. David Temple prepare in the knowledge of law that he may be a help to many from the snares of the world and help to the household of faith.

19 Let the quorums counsel together in this work of love and salvation to mankind. As you and your brethren prepare for greater things to transpire, greater things shall come to pass. Healings, miracles and deliverance shall come but only those that hear His Spirit speak and the words I bring obey, shall find this gift. All shall be of a heavenly nature and all become white and delightful.

20 Then shall be the healing of the breach of His people², no more divided in classes or boundaries.

21 Let help come into the office that others may be trained for this work.

22 Bless the work everywhere, establish the locals more firmly. Send them help.

23 All that show true repentance and come into this way enduring sound doctrine³, let them thrust in the sickle and reap when the call of God comes upon them.

24 Be at peace with all men as much as it lays in your power. Fret not over things you have no control.

25 Let John O’Keefe prepare further to fill a place in the quorum of apostles.

26 Likewise, let Leonard H. Draves be added to the apostles and help in the office in the books, finance records and letter writing. There is much to be planned in the future by all that will help.

27 Let the finances come in that others may go in the fields of labor.

28 Let George Wilkin plan that in the year ahead he may spend more time in the Church work. The Lord has heard his prayers.

29 Let help be sent to the city of Omaha, Nebraska, that the work may

continue there and be fully established.

30 Send help to Colorado for the saints are in need of leadership and help in gathering the flocks.

31 Let the Lord's servant Bernard come all the way in this work and receive this Holy Unction⁴ and power and great peace will be upon him. He shall take his place in the apostles when a vacancy occurs.

32 Let the young people prepare—for the Lord will call a band of elders that will prepare in great love to help swing wide the gate and bring souls unto the Lord.

33 I leave peace with you and strength for the day and to all, a great blessing. I have come in the past. I shall come in the future. I am John the Baptist, the Elias, the Messenger, which was for to come. Amen.”

The Messenger was with me much over an hour.

1. Malachi 4:1
2. Isaiah 30:26; 58:12

3. II Timothy 4:3; Titus 2:1
4. I John 2:20

MESSAGE 94

JUNE 11, 1975 | 4:15 A.M. - 5:05 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The angel Messenger of the Lord appeared in my room in my home, Independence, Missouri, U.S.A., June 11, 1975 at 4:15 a.m. The room was filled with light as has been each time he came before. He spoke as one having authority, he was serious in his words. I wrote the words as he precisely gave them to me, speaking slowly, as I wrote them down—repeating when necessary—to allow me to write exactly what he said. May the Lord bless and reveal to all this the assured way—the Bride of Christ. He was with me about 50 minutes.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, arise and write the words I shall give you, a Message of hope and life to all that follow through. My Message is one of love to those that fully receive it, who are humble and peaceful in the Lord's way.

2 I bring the authority to prepare the way before the Lord's soon coming; before this generation¹ all pass away.

3 Fear not, the Lord is doing a marvelous work² and a wonder and the powers of evil shall lose in the end.

4 Study the words I bring. Teach and study the full word of God and you shall know the truth. Let all follow the instructions I bring and it will be well.

5 I am still at the helm³, for I bring the Gospel of the kingdom to awaken and light the way. All that come this way, repenting of evil ways and the traditions of the world must be humble and be baptized in water in the authority I bring, for the remission of their sins through the atoning blood of Christ Jesus.

6 Let the hands be laid upon all that His Spirit might come in Holy Unction⁴ to them in greater power, for the promise is that He will send His Spirit to all those that are humble and full of love; shaping their lives by the assured way.

7 Let the work continue in all parts. Preserve the good and release the evil

and those planning iniquity.

8 Behold, there is a cry for peace⁵, but there is no peace save in the hearts of them that do the Lord's bidding; hearing His voice, refraining from all contentions that disturb the soul.

9 Only the pure in heart and the humble in spirit shall be able to stand and labor in this work.

10 Blessed are all they that have come and are coming to this work—they shall bear the brightness of saints.

11 Be very watchful unto prayer that evil will not succeed as wolves in sheep clothing.

12 The Lord accepts the publishing of the Messages in other languages.

13 Behold! The book, *The Word of the Lord*—let this continue reaching all nations.

14 There is much yet to be done, more light and further records will come forth—ere time folds in and the brightness of the Lord comes.

15 The Lord accepts the counseling of the quorums of apostles and bishops. Let more be done in love and humility.

16 Hold firm and high the standard—free from confusion and deliverance will come.

17 Much good has come from this assembly of the people of the Lord. I have been with you. Swing wide the gate—go forth, the truth is set before you.

18 As I speak to you so speak I to all.

19 There are some that have rejected this way and have not conformed to this truth. Some will yet come. Others will speak lightly of this work, destroying themselves.

20 My mission was and is to establish The Church of Christ. I bring the authority—the priesthood of God by the touch of my hands to this day and time it stands alive. More power shall be given as the servants prepare for it.

21 Because of faith, many souls shall be brought to this way of salvation, to find eternity with God and dwell in peace.

22 I leave peace with you and all that read these words. I will come again as the Lord directs. Amen.”

1. Matthew 24:32-34

2. Isaiah 29:14

3. Message 31:7

4. I John 2:20

5. I Thessalonians 5:3

MESSAGE 95

JUNE 15, 1976 | 12:00 A.M. - 1:30 A.M.

After the services of the second day of our 1976 General Assembly were finished, I came home at 10:45 p.m. I sat at the table having some refreshments and prepared to retire. I dropped my head to the table to rest a bit and fell asleep. Just after midnight the angel Messenger came and spoke, "Behold!" which awoke me. I arose quickly and got my pad of paper and pencil, prepared to write as he spoke. He moved a chair out from the table and sat down. He spoke slowly and distinctly, waiting upon me to write each word as he spoke sentence after sentence. He wore the same familiar robe. The same light and radiant glow accompanied him as of other occasions and filled the entire house. For a while I sat reading the Message after he left at 1:30 a.m. June 15, 1976. I retired until 4:00 a.m. and I then arose to call the brethren.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold! I come to you with a Message from the Lord. I come from His presence. I speak His will.

2 He has heard the prayers of the faithful and with His warm and consoling Spirit will comfort and heal every whit, even unto the uttermost.

3 Those of your loved ones and those the Lord will give you and all now with you will be a mighty force to send and take to the world the words I bring, *The Word of the Lord*, the book, even to the ends of the earth.

4 The Lord has used many in every clime and nation to bring about this great work, preparing the way that all Christendom shall flow together.

5 'Who will go? Who shall I send?' saith the Lord, 'Run¹, speak again to the man, even to him of a contrite spirit, who is humble before Me. Israel shall be gathered and Zion redeemed² and established.

6 I will put My Spirit upon him and it shall be upon all those that hear and obey this way. As you swing wide the gate, let My people come. He that is filled of this Message and calling, let him thrust in the sickle and reap,' saith the Lord.

7 Let the translating into other languages continue, reaching all nations as fast as it can be done.

8 Your gathering and assemblings have been good in the sight of the Lord. Keep the Lord's Spirit among you. Command peace and stand firm, all you faithful.

9 The brethren have been blessed in standing with you, defending and proclaiming this way of salvation, for deliverance will come. Let all work together.

10 The eyes of mankind hath not seen, nor the ear hath not heard what is in store for them that love the Lord, that do His will, that hear and obey the words I bring; shaping their lives by the great plan and will of God. Love is your mission. Charity suffereth long³ and is kind, is not puffed up and seeketh not for prominence. Neither will she dominate, nor destroy.

11 Where are the men of renown?⁴ Where are those of wisdom? Who knoweth the full plan of God? Who will prepare? Who will qualify to be leaders and carry this work on?

12 These are those that have been faithful to their trust and will carry this

work far and wide. For I proclaim, even with a loud voice⁵ the Gospel of the kingdom of God. It shall be heard the world around saying, ‘Fear God. Obey Him. Give glory to Him for the hour of decision⁶, of judgment is now on to all ye ends of the earth. See the light that I bring.’

13 Many shall be touched by the Lord’s Spirit. Many will soften and hear this way, adding to their good works this authority and trust. To all such their works may stand the test in the end.

14 Be ye humble, be fruitful unto the Spirit—even all. This is the assured way.

15 I bring the Elijah Message. I am the Elias which was for to come. I am John the Baptist. I will come again. Amen.”

1. Zechariah 2:4

2. Isaiah 1:25-27

3. I Corinthians 13:4

4. Genesis 6:4; Numbers 16:2

5. Matthew 4:23; 24:14; Revelation 14:6

6. Joel 3:14; Revelation 14:6-7

MESSAGE 96

JANUARY 8, 1977 | - 8:10 A.M. | KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in Kansas City, Missouri, Saturday morning January 8, 1977. Ordinarily it would be dark as I was hurrying to my basement room at work until I turned on the lights. But this time it was brighter than the daylight outside—I knew at once that the Messenger was there. On entering the room where my desk and chairs were—I saw him sitting there as if he was waiting for me. I spoke to him and he began speaking to me, instructing me to write, as he began to give the Message which follows, speaking in the same distinct and commanding way as before. He had on the same white robe; also seeming to be in a hurry. He left at 8:10 a.m. I never did turn on the electric lights to see to write the Message. The light that radiated from him was all that was needed. The brethren met in the scheduled quorums meeting that afternoon and the Message had been given them.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! Write the words I shall give you at this time.

2 I come to you when you are discouraged and seeking to give up your charge and responsibility. This you must not do.

3 Trials will come and greater grief to the slothful and those that will not work in their place and calling. Let it not be so with you. As I speak to you, I speak to all. Take courage for greater works are before you and those that are with you in this work. You have done the Lord’s bidding; shrink not from your work. The Church is established; keep it so.

4 Let there be no contentions among you, keep the Church at peace. Prepare more to see that the work does not suffer.

5 The great supper¹ is being set. Those that are bidden will not come.

6 Where is the watchman?² Why do so many shrink from the way of truth and light that I bring? Search the words I bring, study them. In them some think they do well to follow but are slow to understand. For all Christendom must flow together in the truth.

7 Proclaim this among the people: The great day³ of the Lord is near at hand, and the powers that destroy—them that destroy the earth—shall swing wide in the wind of war, strife and bloodshed; filling the earth with woe.

8 As the powers of evil build for destruction, the way of God will swell in the hearts of the righteous, honest and humble of the Lord.

9 Lo, the Lord has waited long for His bidden⁴ ones to awaken and press forward in preparing their lives for greater things to transpire, and build the kingdom, the Zion of the Lord among mankind, but they have failed. Thus He looks to the remnant⁵, that He shall fulfill His work.

10 Be not shaken nor disturbed, for some will fail, but the humble and patient ones will carry this work on.

11 You see those that are filled with selfishness and bitterness; some you call your friends are seeking to destroy you and the good works you have established. Be firm and your works will stand the test. Fear not what men may say of you and those that are with you. You were born for this cause. Many will follow in this way. Deliverance will be for the faithful.

12 That the quorum of the apostles be filled at this time: let James W. Savage and Seth La Vern Fife be set apart in the twelve.

13 As other vacancies occur: let Mervyn L. Johnson prepare for the twelve. Also, when R. David Temple is prepared, let him be added to the bishops. Likewise, let George Rhodes be added to the bishops.

14 The work will become very heavy in the office and headquarters records and preparing materials to help those that inquire and come to this work. Let more prepare to help in this, that all things may be kept in order and carried on.

15 The Lord has given help when needed. He has prepared the hearts of men and those to desire to work in this cause. He has given faithful companions, and those to support this cause. Likewise, He has given you a faithful companion that will be your help and strength and aid you in your work. Keep the vigilance⁶. Give this Message to the brethren.

16 I leave peace with you and will come again. Amen.”

1. Luke 14:16-21

2. Isaiah 21:6-12; Ezekiel 3:17-21; 33:6-9

3. Zephaniah 1:14-18; Acts 2:19-21

4. Matthew 22:3-8

5. Isaiah 1:7-9; 10:20; 11:11-16

6. I Timothy 3:2

MESSAGE 97

JUNE 2, 1978 | 2:50 A.M. - 3:50 A.M.

I retired to bed early in the evening, rested good for awhile; then awakened. I could not sleep more. So I arose, dressed and went to the kitchen table to read or something or sit and rest.

I dozed off to sleep. I was awakened by hearing the door open and noticed the room filled with light.

The angel Messenger of the Lord walked past me and in doing so he touched my shoulder. He acquired a chair and sat in it, as he spoke. I arose to acquire a pencil, the paper was before me. I wrote as he spoke.

I know this is exactly as he gave the Message. May the Lord prove by His Spirit is my prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen. Peace be with you. He left at 3:50 a.m. June 2, 1978. He was with me over an hour.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold! Arise and write the Message I shall give you. I come at this time from the presence of the Lord. I speak His will. The need of my coming is great and many have prayed that I come and speak the Lord's will—even in this work and the work they should do as to make the choice to serve this way, The Church of Christ, with the Message I bring.

2 I am the angel of the Lord, the Messenger of the covenant, the promised Elias which is for to come. I bring the Elias, or Elijah Message the prophets foretold of to come—lest the earth, mankind, be smitten with the curse.¹ But in my coming the curse is lifted. The way is made sure in deliverance and victory in gaining salvation, the plan Christ has laid, and His Church built upon His revealing power—the rock² of assurance. Christ is the truth and the light, the life and the way; listen to His whispering call.

3 The authority is given that this work move on and salvation be preached in and through the atoning blood³ of Jesus Christ, His resurrection and eternal living; His coming again to reign with mankind.

4 Know you this, the way is prepared that mankind may walk therein and be saved; will they hear it?

5 Come now all ye honest of heart, come all the way: do this work and it will be well with you. You shall be free indeed⁴ and live with God in eternity.

6 See those that could help in this work, but because of the love for the praise of men and seeking prominency have destroyed their hope and wasteth their life away. Let it not be so with you.

7 Read and study the words, *The Word of the Lord* that I bring and have brought and will yet bring: shape your lives by them and it will be well with you.

8 Say not, "The Lord speaks not today," for He does. He will speak greater and more severe. He will shake the heavens and the earth. The necessary evils will run rampant to awaken mankind. Fear and repentance obey; come to the Lord. He will add to this fold such as shall be saved.⁵

9 Be ye no more doubters. He is your Lord and your God.⁶ Moreover, the day comes when there shall be a new heaven and a new earth.⁷ Sin shall not be there for there will be no more satan⁸ to tempt mankind.

10 Let the Lord's handmaiden, Siegfriede Ebensperger, know He has chosen her because of her faith and obedience to this way to proclaim it in writing and in word of mouth to many—bringing them to the knowledge of truth.

11 The Lord has seen the faith and good works of Martin Huonker—it shall bring forth much fruit. Let him know the Spirit and power is upon him and those that work with him. The greater gift shall be upon him and upon Emil Burk. Those that will come, working with them shall likewise find the greater gift of miracles and healings.

12 Let Karl Bumb and Werner Dotschel come into this way and be set apart as elders, moreover evangelists in this work and holy priesthood to labor with the work far and wide.

13 Let Friedrich Zluhan know this work is of the Lord, and the work he is in is established of the Lord, for a wise purpose in His plan. Let him come into this way, receive this baptism and authority as an elder, moreover as an evangelist with this priesthood authority after the order of the Lord God. Let him with all his household and all those with him come into this way and let them be ordained to this authority and trust.

14 They with others have been reserved, preserved and prepared to receive this authority and trust that I bring to mankind. They will see the great hand and power of God moving to bring salvation to all that will hear and obey. Let them publish the words I bring and moreover their works will stand the test in the Lord's way. Many will help in the translating the word in other languages: the Lord will bless them.

15 Let these be ordained evangelists: Larry Gosier Williams, Jeff Turner, Kenneth I. Bartles, Norman Don Lyles, and Ronald Jeffery Revenaugh.

16 Let all learn this doctrine, the Gospel of the kingdom of God—that when they take up their calling they will know what to proclaim.

17 Let these when they come fully in this way be added to the evangelists: Hans H. Hansen, Dr. Reinhold Hermann, Elmer H. Jenkins, Julian E. Whiting, Eugene O. Walton, John J. Schut, Leo Meller, K. K. Kapoor, Carlson John Tuttle, Dale J. Jennings, Dale Mills, Carl E. Goering, David Perry, O. W. Frazelle, Raphael Asouline and Ben Adams.

18 Let the work continue far and near—translating and publishing the work everywhere.

19 If you men will work in love with these the Lord gives you. He will also labor with you that this work will be done.

20 Meet in your assembly in peace, let no contention be among you.

21 I am John the Baptist, a resurrected being. I am body, flesh and bone,⁹ as you see me. I am your fellow servant.¹⁰ I will come again, as the Lord will direct. I leave peace with you. Publish this Message with the rest. Amen.”

1. Malachi 4:6

2. Matthew 16:16-18; I Corinthians 10:4

3. Romans 5:9-11; Mosiah 3:18; 4:2 (RN)

4. John 8:31-36

5. Acts 2:47

6. John 20:28; III Nephi 19:18 (RN)

7. Revelation 21:1

8. Revelation 20:3

9. Luke 24:37-40

10. Revelation 22:8-9

MESSAGE 98

JUNE 7, 1979 | 12:06 A.M. - 1:36 A.M.

After coming home from Church Wednesday evening before 9:00 p.m., my companion was waiting up for me. We had the evening meal's dessert. We mentioned that the Messenger may come before assembly time, which begins Sunday, June 10, 1979. After my evening bath, I retired to bed earlier than usual.

June 7 about 12:06 a.m., I was awakened. I noticed the room became filled with light. I arose and went to the kitchen table where I had paper and pencil. There stood the Messenger. He spoke, "Behold, I am your fellow servant."

I quickly arranged the paper with carbon so as to make a carbon copy along with the original. He repeated the sentence as I was ready to write.

I pray every soul reading this Message will pray and God will speak its truth and value to their souls. The Messenger was with me for about an hour and a half. The following is the Message he gave.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold! I am your fellow servant. I am the servant of the Lord. I am he who sits¹ and refines. It has been prophesied of ancient days² of my mission, and my name is John. I am now resurrected, from the redeemed of the Lord. I am the Elias.

2 I preached repentance and baptism before the Christ—and again I preach and prophesy before His coming. I bring the word, His instructions that a bride, the Church might be prepared, a people in very deed— The Church of Christ.

3 I have come in the past and I will come in the future until the work is finished, and the Christ sits in the right hand³ of power when satan's rules are put down. Then will be rejoicing, for the millennium shall fold in and all nations that live and dwell⁴ shall come to worship the Lord their God, even Jesus Christ their Redeemer.

4 The Lord is mindful of His people, I speak His design. I come from His presence. The words I speak are His words, and they shall have their place among all those that shall be the Lord's Bride in very deed. For the Lord God has turned to His select ones that He might bring about His wise purposes. His kingdom shall roll forth until it fills⁵ the whole earth and righteousness shall prevail and the voice of joy shall be heard everywhere, for then shall be that Zion is redeemed and the reign of peace breaks forth with gladness.

5 I come as the Messenger of the Lord. The Lord has been and will be with His people by His Spirit, and His peace shall long linger with the faithful until they become the jewels⁶ of God, called, chosen and faithful.

6 Lift up, I am the Elias, Christ spoke of. I bring the refining spoken of by the prophets Malachi⁷ and Daniel.⁸ I bring the Elijah Message. I am the forerunner of the Christ. My work is to the ends of the earth. Much shall come to pass, many changes shall take place, the Church must grow, and all mankind may yet be found in the presence of the Lord through obedience to the words and call of God I bring.

7 There are many that have long represented Christ. Those that will hear His voice in very deed will come into The Church of Christ and it be established among them with all its gifts and blessings, and represent Christ

and His Church.

8 The way of deliverance shall be for all those that seek truth, pay their oblations to the Lord and His work. They shall not be in want.

9 Come ye now, that seek truth. Christ will come to His own and His Church. Behold! There is safety in the light that I bring.

10 This is the midnight⁹ cry, prepare make His paths straight. Be wise in the way of the Lord; let all be humble and at peace, seek not after praise of men, nor the love of worldly gain.

11 Let not the contentions of the world destroy hope, for the Lord will stand all His in holy places until the indignation passes over.¹⁰ They shall be called His when He makes up His jewels, for He intercedes for those that love Him.

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

13 I come to bring gladness, not to bruise, not to quench the smoking flax¹¹, but peace. Let the people choose the way to eternity and life with the Lord or go down in their sin, in darkness and that awful rejection of their choice.

14 The righteous shall have victory over the oppressors. Let the ambassadors¹² of the Lord go far and wide proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom—let more be up and doing.

15 The need is great that I speak on this. Many have asked that the Lord speak His will and declare what must be for the good of the Church, the kingdom of God on earth. Let it grow, let it move forward.

16 Many have prayed for my coming and that God will speak on this need. Let this work be established in all nations.

17 Even to the colored and Indians: thus saith the Lord, ‘They shall know that I am the Lord their God, which caused them to be preserved even in captivity, they shall be delivered.’¹³ I shall gather them unto their own nations—neither will I hide My face any more from them.’

18 This is a concise Message, unobtrusive, but modest in every way. Let it be spoken.

19 Let James W. Savage and Seth LaVern Fife go to Africa and set up the Church there. Bring them into the fold in this work.

20 Choose out of them twelve disciples,¹⁴ set them apart, the leading council of ministry among them. In time the need will grow, set up and establish congregational commissions, where ever the need be for the good of the work. Let Churches be set up among them. Let the *Articles of Faith and Practice* be taught among them together with the nations’ rule and support.

21 Let Larry Gosier Williams be set apart on this special work as one of their twelve disciples, until others can be taught and choose you eleven more from among them. Majisu, Imoli and Nazee are good men; let them have their place among them. With their help the Spirit will select others to fill the quorum of disciples.

22 As the need grows, choose out evangelists, pastors, elders and seven commissioned and set apart as special agents to carry and handle the needs of the people—and the finances of the Church, and churches set up among them,

and be in charge of same under the supervision¹⁵ of the council of twelve disciples, under the watchcare¹⁵ of the apostles of the Church in this land, United States of America.

23 Likewise, let James W. Savage and Seth L. Fife go to India and do the same among them—establish twelve disciples, and seven commissioned agents, with evangelists, elders, and pastors to carry the work on.

24 In time, others of the apostles shall follow and aid and support the work and carry the work until such Churches are set up in every nation. The Lord will speak and direct—I shall come again until the work is finished and established in every nation.

25 Swing wide, press forward, let the work move. Let all be in the fields of harvest that can arrange to go. Let the work continue everywhere.

26 The apostle Martin Huonker is favored much of the Lord because of his faith and good works, also all those he labors with. His reward of great peace and joy will be. The Lord will water the seed he has sown, they shall bring forth.

27 Be not weary in well doing, the end is not yet—trying times will make the work firm. Let not the necessary evils sweep none away.

28 I leave peace with you and the Church. I will come again. Amen.”

1. Malachi 3:3

2. Daniel 7:9-13

3. Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62; Hebrews 1:3;
Moroni 9:26 (RN)

4. Zechariah 14:16; Revelation 15:3-4

5. Daniel 2:35

6. Isaiah 61:10; Malachi 3:17

7. Malachi 3:2-3

8. Daniel 12:10

9. Matthew 25:1-6

10. Isaiah 26:20; Zephaniah 3:8; Alma 40:14 (RN)

11. Isaiah 42:3

12. II Corinthians 5:20

13. III Nephi 16:1-7 (RN)

14. III Nephi 11:22; 13:5; 18:36 (RN)

15. Articles of F&P: 13

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JUNE 9, 1980 | 3:28 A.M. - 4:13 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

Monday morning at 3:28 a.m., June 9, 1980, at my home in Independence, I awakened from sleep. My room was all a light from the resurrected Messenger of the Lord. I arose quickly and went to the kitchen table where I had paper ready. As I sat in the chair, the Messenger was walking towards me from the front room. He began to speak as he moved a chair out from the table and sat in it as he gave the Message. The angel Messenger, Elias, that has visited many times delivering The Word of the Lord.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! I come with a Message of life, a Message of hope in the eternity with God; a Message of conviction, a Message of deliverance. Will mankind hear it?

2 There are many looking for this Message I bring that they might be a part of the Bride¹ of Christ. There is something to stir them—this is the divine will of God.

3 Mankind faileth of himself, he faileth to hear and obey. Many set their hearts to be secure and will not hear nor seek further light. What more shall be given to stir mankind, that they may see and learn the truth of the full plan

of God?

4 I have spoken. The Lord has given His Spirit and those to preach the word. More shall be added to this responsibility to set up and establish The Church of Christ among all nations with this authority and the words of instructions that I bring; put them before the people.

5 The long planning and covenant of God shall have its fulfillment. His kingdom shall roll forth until it fills² the whole earth and all mankind shall obey His will.

6 I speak light and life, will they hear it?

7 All those that shall shape their lives by the words I bring, shall be blessed. Have faith in the prophets of old and it will be well with you, but heed not the ways of evil men—such will not save you.

8 You have seen those from time to time fail because of promineny seeking; traitors to the Lord's work, making an offense³ for a word. Be not moved by them.

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

10 There are many blind⁴ guides, full well the Lord has been with the word to bless those that learn—but when mankind's mind closes to further light—the truth will not fit their learning. They will not conform to the full plan of God. They come not to deliverance. They are not convicted of their emptiness and they lose in the end. Why do they blind themselves? A stubborn heart and mind cannot please God.

11 When ripened in iniquity they shall slide⁵ into destruction. The necessary evils they cannot overcome.

12 Oh, ye people of the earth, turn a listening ear, hear the loud voice⁶ the Lord has sent—fulfilling His word. All mankind is called to repentance having faith, baptize them, let the hands be laid on that the gifts and promised Spirit shall come upon them—the Holy Unction of God.

13 Before you stands an open door.⁷

14 Let the work continue in Africa that is now underway. The Lord will seal it a blessing. Be not weary in well doing.

15 Let Larry Gosier Williams be added to the bishops and labor in his place and calling. Let the disciples appoint vice-bishops to their aid—even unto seven, in Africa who may aid in keeping the finances and needs of the people.

16 Let Lawrence L. Ray prepare also for the bishops when a vacancy comes. He shall be near you in great help.

17 Remember much is to come forth yet—even more. Adjust to the work and the multitudes.

18 A record⁸ shall yet come forth berating mankind before their fellowmen.

19 Let Karl Bumb be set apart as a disciple and vice-bishop in Germany to aid in the needs there, also of records and missions.

20 How great a vessel of honor⁹ many could be—but not so because of

self-will and seeking prominence.

21 Cast not your efforts to be wasted but use wisdom in your planning.

22 Let the work continue everywhere. Let the women help where they can.

23 As I speak to you I speak to all. I bring peace to all. I will come again. Amen.”

The Messenger was with me forty-five minutes.

1. Revelation 19:7-8

2. Daniel 2:34-35,44-45

3. Isaiah 29:20-21; Matthew 18:6-10; Romans 16:17

4. Matthew 23:16,24

5. Psalm 26:1

6. Revelation 14:6

7. Revelation 3:8

8. Message 52:13

9. II Timothy 2:21

MESSAGE 100

OCTOBER 14, 1981 | 12:00 A.M.

I retired about nine p.m. the evening of October 13, 1981. At about eleven p.m. I was awakened. I felt the Spirit of the Lord in great measure.

I arose quickly and slipped on my day clothing. I sat there on my bed. Soon I laid down and fell asleep.

After midnight beginning October 14, 1981, I was awakened again. I noticed the house was lit up brighter than at noon day. I quickly hurried to the kitchen table where I had paper and pencil. There sat the Messenger, as though he was waiting for me.

He began to speak. I wrote the Message as he gave it. The following are the words he spoke. I hope and pray all who read these lines will have the witness of God's Spirit.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, write the Message I shall give you. I come with a Message as the need may be. I come from the presence of the Lord.

2 I am the Elias¹ that is for to come as the scriptures say. I am John² the Baptist.

3 The world in its changes is fast folding in pace for wars and destructions; yet planning for peace.

4 Satan is at hand in the minds of many everywhere to bring havoc and trouble.

5 Will mankind believe and know there is a way of deliverance?

6 Changes will come. Let those whose days of service times have been spent in faith and good works, when not able to function—their strength has been used for good—let these retire with honor: E. L. Stone and L. Levell.

7 Let the work move onward and the Church image not falter.

8 Let there be added to the apostles, Oren W. Frazelle; and to the bishops, Hans H. Hansen and James Parker as the vacancies occur.

9 Let those that will not come to doctrine be removed from this authority and trust.

10 Let Leonard H. Draves remain in the recording work.

11 Let James W. Savage and Seth L. Fife continue their work in caring and aiding in Africa and India. The Lord will give them strength and open the ways before them as they go there to help.

12 As the need comes, let there be help in the headquarters office.

13 Let the work continue of placing *The Word of the Lord* in libraries—that it may be available when it is known abroad of my coming with the Message to mankind of Christ's soon coming to claim³ His saints and set up His kingdom⁴ on earth in its fullness.

14 Publish peace and the way of the Lord.

15 The hearts of many wax cold because iniquity aboundeth. Let it not be so with you.

16 Give this Message to the brethren, the Church, and abide thereby.

17 I leave peace with you and to all that hear my Message.

18 I will come again. Amen.”

1. Matthew 11:10

2. Matthew 11:11; Luke 1:5, 57-80

3. Matthew 24:29-31

4. Luke 7:24-31

MESSAGE 101

MARCH 11, 1983 | 7:05 A.M. - 8:15 A.M.

This, the year of our Lord, March 11, 1983, on arriving at my work earlier than usual, I did my work to begin the day.

Great joy came in my heart and suddenly by my side, the Messenger of the Lord appeared. Around and by me was paper and proper conditions. He began to speak. Quickly I sat at the table and wrote the words as he spoke them. Slowly and distinctly—repeating when necessary, so as for me to write properly and exactly as he spoke.

I pray that all mankind will pray, learn and know the angel truly comes with The Word of the Lord! His presence was very comforting. He was with me from 7:05 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! I come to you with a Message at this time as the need opens before the Church.

2 There has been many prayers to the Lord that He direct the work by my coming.

3 Let all labor in love,¹ be harsh with no one.

4 The Lord loves and blesses the humble and honest ones that take not honor to themselves.

5 He has spoken. He has sent me to speak His words and will. They shall not return unto Him void.²

6 I am the resurrected John³ the Baptist, I am the Elias, to come. I am he that Christ spoke of and I come to do His will.

7 Let repentance⁴ and faith be taught and remission of sins through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, with authoritative baptisms I bring.

8 The work may move slowly. The young and old will be awakened to this greater light.

9 Praise the Lord for His works and plan of redemption,⁵ salvation and deliverance.

10 Defend the words I bring. Let not the holy rites be hindered. Hold high the standard and the words and work I bring.

11 As you prepare for it, greater peace and power will come to all those

that look for it: the assured way of salvation and deliverance. All else will not save you.

12 It must be the Christ Jesus, His teachings, His words, for salvation⁶ only comes by Him.

13 The Lord has reserved and preserved many that know His voice and their calling when they hear of the words I bring.

14 There are those that preach this word, and stand with you all the way; thus the work moves on in the Lord's will.

15 Be strong, be firm, let the truth be heard everywhere. Declare among the people the Lord's doings.

16 Keep sacred the authority and trust—the holy priesthood after the order of the Son⁷ of God—that is restored to mankind. You that obey my instructions and touch of my hands, established anew amongst you, bring others into this work.

17 Worry not over those that fail to grasp the depth of this work. They hear not the scriptures that foretells the plan of God.

18 How good and great of vessels of honor some could be; but they would not because of pride and love for favor of men, and conditions in their hearts and homes. The works of satan to play havoc and trouble—even in the world of sin.

19 Again I say; let the work continue of placing *The Word of the Lord* book in libraries, that it may be available when it is known abroad of my coming with the Message to mankind of Christ's Church and His soon coming to claim His saints and set up His kingdom on earth in its fullness.

20 Publish peace and the way of the Lord, helping the work in all places.

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

22 Let the quorum of apostles be filled. The Lord has preserved Alfred Beyeler. Set him apart as an evangelist, and in this apostleship to carry the work in his nation, France, and others near and far, when and where the way opens. Ordain him an elder, moreover an apostle.

23 Let these be added to the elders, moreover evangelists: Wolfgang Trombowsky, Luzian Normann Kuehlein, Joseph Burke, David Glass and Richard Massman; and to the elders; Manfred Marks, Norbert Schorf, Herman Block and Michael Wolf. If these men will teach fully this doctrine of the pure Gospel of Christ Jesus, they shall be a blessing to many.

24 Let L. M. Thornton know the Lord has prepared him to go to Europe to help and set up the work where the way opens.

25 A great blessing is upon apostle Martin Huonker, the seed he has sown and will yet sow—bringing forth great results, let him continue. His strength is of the Lord. Peace be upon him and his work.

26 I leave peace with you and the church. I am your fellow servant.⁸ Amen."

1. Matthew 7:12; Luke 6:31
 2. Isaiah 55:11; Alma 42:5 (RN)
 3. Matthew 27:52-53; Luke 1:76
 4. Hebrews 6:1-2 Moroni 7:31; 8:8-10 (RN)
 5. Galatians 3:13; Ephesians 1:7,30; 4:30;
 Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:12-15;
 Alma 24:14; 34:8-39 (RN)

6. Psalm 37:39; John 4:22; Acts 4:12;
 II Corinthians 1:6; 6:2; 7:10
 7. Alma 13:1-20 (RN); Helaman 16:8 (RN)
 8. Revelation 19:10; 22:8-9

MESSAGE 102

APRIL 5, 1985 | 5:30 A.M. - 7:30 A.M.

At about 5:30 a.m., Friday, April 5, 1985, I felt greatly impressed to go over to the Church and begin letter writing, as I had several people on my mind to whom I owed letters. I had just finished a letter and placed it in an envelope, when I felt the presence of the Lord's Spirit in great measure. I was praying and thanking the Lord for His great Spirit and blessings we all had felt and experienced.

Suddenly I looked up and the Messenger was walking towards me from the outer office. I knew he was bringing a Message.

My paper being before me, I was prepared to write, should he speak. He began speaking firmly, a strong voice, the power and light was with him.

What joy, what peace, what serene ecstasy filled my being. He touched me on the left shoulder and proceeded past to move a chair to sit in while he spoke. This all happened in less time than it takes to tell it.

He spoke firmly and slowly as I wrote every word. I hope all who read these words will pray and learn from God, His great working plan. He was with me over two hours. The following is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold! Observe¹ and write the Message I will give to you.

2 The Lord has sent me for this great need. Many hearts are sad because of the deceiving work of satan and man made doctrines with no saving power.

3 Many have prayed to God that I would come with words of instructions from the Lord God, directing in their lives and in the Lord's work.

4 I am your fellow servant.² I am John the Baptist. I am resurrected.

5 I gave the revelation and the vision³ of the Churches to John the Beloved in his day. In its fulfillment, you will see much has passed and much more to come.

6 The Church and work of the Lord is established and set in pace.⁴ Keep the vigilance.⁵ It will be well with all that follow this way.

7 Shape your lives and works by the words I bring, have brought and will yet bring.

8 Redemption and salvation cometh of the Lord, it is Christ's words that will save to the uttermost.

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

10 If mankind seeketh to be of service to God, let him come this way. Suffer⁶ it to be so—receive this authority and the Lord will multiply their good works.

11 Knowledge⁷ cometh from study of the books and grace from much prayer, salvation by obedience, deliverance by endurance⁸.

12 Swing wide the gates, step forth and the way will open.

13 See those that have lost the way, the Spirit of the Lord has been pressed out of their lives. Empty vessels⁹, soon their works will fade away and their efforts come to a sad end.

14 Let the work continue everywhere in the foreign fields where it can be established. Rejoice and be glad for it is the Lord's will. It will yet grow and multiply greatly—adjust to the multitudes.

15 Continue to spread to all nations among the colored in love and justice. Peace will follow and all will be well, let it be the Lord's will and not the ways of man.

16 This is the assured way!

17 Mankind cannot build himself to be the power¹⁰ of God.

18 Prove all things by the words of truth in *The Bible*¹¹, *Record of Nephties* 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.

19 Much sorrow and distress with perplexity¹² will come, striking those that hear not the Gospel¹³ of life, truth and deliverance.

20 Zion¹⁴ shall not be moved from her place nor the Temple¹⁵ from the spot pointed out by the hand and voice of God.

21 Restore and preserve all that will repent and fold into this way. If humility is their mantle and their cloak¹⁶ of walking this way in sobriety, let them follow my instructions and the Lord's commands, He will deliver.

22 Teach not the foolishness, the vanities¹⁷ of man. Some build on man made doctrines and in time destroy themselves; spreading doubt and destruction along the way. Repent—come clean from the powers of falsehood and deceit, it will not save you. It is fallacy,¹⁸ not security. Let all come to the acceptable way of the Lord.

23 Do not be moved by the necessary evils of the waster,¹⁹ the false teachings of the past of many false doctrines: weird and twisted²⁰ teachings. Even yet some err in all such.

24 This record is for all nations, even the lost tribes of Israel²¹ and all the world, all the nations of the earth.

25 The day comes when it will not be said; 'Israel' or 'Gentiles',²² but 'the people of the Lord and them that serve Him not.'

26 I am the servant of the household;²³ I am your fellow servant,²⁴ the Elias, 'that prophet.'²⁵ I speak the Lord's will and words.

27 Christ was lifted up that all mankind will be drawn²⁶ unto Him—even the Father which is the power of God unto salvation.

28 The Lord feels after many that are *Bible* students, leading to all the scriptures for the salvation of mankind as the Holy Spirit speaketh by the angel of God.

29 Worry not about what is said against you by the unlearned and haughty or high minded; they destroy themselves.

30 At this time that the apostle quorum be filled, let Larry Gosier Williams be set apart as an apostle to fill the vacancy. Let him prepare fully to go to Africa and help in the work there, for awhile and return.

31 And as other vacancies come in the quorum of apostles, let him ordain

and set an apostle on each side of the great continent of Africa: James Nabende on the east and Godwin M. Inyang on the west.

32 Let them be the overseers and watchcare over twelve disciples on either side as the need grows and men are prepared. Let them establish headquarters on each side—keeping records and in concurrence and conjunction with the records here. Let them keep records and issue certificates there and copies sent here; establish the remnant among them.

33 In time, other vacancies will come.

34 There are those the Lord is leading this way. Save all that will hear the Message I bring from the Lord, that will heed and obey.

35 Let none take part in this work until they come in by the door, the baptism in water and the laying on of hands for the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

36 There are many who will accept the Message the Lord has sent and the instructions I have brought to you, for the Lord will send His Spirit that will touch the hearts of mankind.

37 The Spirit the Lord will give to His servants will bring peace to many.

38 Behold, the day is and nigh at hand, when the prophecies of old are being fulfilled. Nations shall yet be brought down, and lo, a mighty cry shall come from them that fall.

39 The hearts of mankind must be turned to their maker, the creator of all, even the Lord Christ.

40 The Church is set in pace, let all be up and doing. The vision²⁷ has been uncovered. My words are plain and faithfully given for mankind to find salvation, hope and deliverance.

41 Let restoration be among those that are humble and repentant and will obey the true doctrine of the Church and of the Message of the faithful brethren, keeping the holy rites sacred.

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.

43 Let there be two of the bishops in Africa to fill vacancies. Let Fanuel Andango, Michael U. Johnson be added to the bishops' office. They shall work with the brethren here and there for the needs among their nations. Use wisdom in all their planning and assiduously choosing in filling their needs.

44 Let Eddie Lee show his humility that he may prepare to fill a vacancy in the bishops when it cometh. Let love be shown and the work move on in the peace of this work, in the Lord's way.

45 Let Larry Paul Crow, David White, Harold James, Andrew Holden, Alan Wade Crownover, Milton Fife, Tom Powell and Peter Modica take up the work as elders in this work. More will be called that the needs be filled for laborers in the field.

46 Let Terry Weaver with those the Lord will give to help, establish the work in Florida.

47 The way of truth will make you free—in obedience to the end.

48 Soon the work will be established in Australia—there is a call for help there now.

49 Many honest hearts are seeking for this final message and fulfilling of scriptures; take to them the way of life.

50 Let the work of translating and spreading the word everywhere continue. The Lord will bless all that help in this way, even in foreign fields.

51 Publish this Message with the rest and place in the book, *The Word of the Lord*.

52 I speak that all Christendom may flow together and abide by the *Bible* revealing great truths; the coming forth of *The Record of the Nephites*, the book, and *The Word of the Lord*: Behold the books²⁸ that will lead all mankind to eternal hope and salvation, deliverance in the Lord.

53 Yea! The Lord has used many that are truly humble to preach Christ, and the hope He provides for salvation, preserving mankind—deliverance from the fall that men might be, and men are that they might have joy.

54 Eternity has place for all that look to the Lord and view Him as their Savior, Lord and King.

55 They that are for us are greater than they that be against us.

56 Fret not, for many will see this way and come unto the full plan of God.

57 I leave peace with you and strength to bear the way. Peace to the brethren, the faithful, The Church of Christ with the Message I bring. Peace upon all.

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

59 Let the teachers and deacons be ordained as elders;²⁹ there are many functions of duties but one plan of authority. See that all preach and teach the same things in the precious way of love in haste.

60 I will come again until the work is finished. I am the Elias. Amen.”

1. Leviticus 19:26; Deuteronomy 5:32; Joshua 1:8; Matthew 23:3; 28:20; Galatians 4:10; 1 Timothy 5:21
2. Revelation 19:10; 22:9
3. Revelation 1:1; Chapters 2 & 3
4. II Nephi 18:17-39 (RN)
5. I Timothy 3:2; I Peter 5:8
6. Matthew 3:15; 19:14; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16
7. I Nephi 1:1; Mosiah 1:5; Alma 12:9-11 (RN)
8. Proverbs 27:24; Ezekiel 22:14; Matthew 10:24; 24:13; Mark 13:13
9. Ecclesiastes 9:10; Jeremiah 51:18; Hosea: 8:8; Acts 19:15; Romans 9:22; Revelation 2:27; Jacob 6:27 (RN)
10. Job 18:17; Psalm 6:5; Ecclesiastes 1:11; 2:17; 3:14,21; Ezekiel 18:24; Matthew 24:27
11. II Nephi 29:3-4,6,7,10,11 (RN)
12. Ecclesiastes 1:4; Isaiah 22:5; Micah 7:4; Luke 21: 25-26
13. Acts 20:24; Romans 2:16; Galatians 1:8-9; Revelations 14:6

14. Message 22:14
15. Malachi 3:1; Revelation 7:15; 11:19; 21:22
16. Isaiah 59:17; Matthew 5:40; Luke 6:29; John 15:22
17. Ecclesiastes 1:14
18. Message 22:16; 31:6
19. Isaiah 54:16; Jeremiah 17:5-7
20. Alma 28:13 (RN)
21. Revelation 7:4; II Nephi 29:13-14; (RN) III Nephi 17:4 (RN)
22. Genesis 10:5; Isaiah 11:10; Romans 15:12
23. Matthew 21:33; Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:19
24. Revelations 19:17; 22:9
25. Luke 1:76; I Nephi 22:20 (RN); II Nephi 31:4; (RN) III Nephi 20:23 (RN)
26. John 12:32; James 4:8; II Nephi 26:24; (RN) III Nephi 27:14-15 (RN)
27. Revelation, Chapters 2 & 3
28. Isaiah, Chapters 28 & 29; Message 90:14
29. Responsibilities of Elders— Message 26:6

MESSAGE 103

MARCH 25, 1987 | 9:40 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.

On Sunday morning, March 22, 1987, at about 3:00 a.m., the Messenger appeared and awakened me by his voice. He said, "Prepare, let your mind be at peace. I shall come to you with a Message."

I quickly arose and had a good look at him, but he suddenly disappeared. The light remained as bright as noon day. The light finally left and I retired to rest. This brought me great comfort. I began fervent prayer in my heart. Before the light left, I looked at the clock and it was 3:23 a.m. On returning home Wednesday morning, March 25, 1987, I found my home filled with the light of the resurrected. I knew the Messenger was close.

There he sat, waiting at the kitchen table. I quickly approached and acquired my writing pad. He said, "I shall give you a Message."

I hope all who read these words will make it a matter of prayer and find this way of truth. The Messenger appeared at 9:40 a.m. and left at 11:15 a.m. The following is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold, and Harken! Write the Message I will give you.

2 I am the Messenger of the Lord, His servant, sent to bring a warning, a cleansing and to continue to prepare a people to be the Lord's Bride when He comes.

3 I bring the priesthood authority, I speak as a fountain of truth, and with power; and with authority.

4 This is the assured way; let it be your way. I bring peace and a way of deliverance. I speak the Lord's words; His ways are just.

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

6 Send the Message and warnings to the ends of the earth and to all nations, tribes and peoples. Translate the Message in all languages. Many will help in this.

7 The warning must go, though burdens be heavy. Let all watch and pray, for trials will come to all. Mankind must come all the way.

8 Know you this, the Lord has been and will be with His people by His Spirit, and His peace shall long linger with the faithful until they become the jewels¹ of God.

9 There are deceptions and untrust.

10 Some have and will deceive. Let it not be so among you. Let peace rule your lives. My Message is one of peace and security to all who humble themselves and obey. For this is the assured way of the Lord and the Elijah Message² so many look for.

11 Let this voice of the Lord be heard. Let the translations continue; even to Jew and Gentile, bond and free, the dispersed and outcast, to Israel, that all may have a chance to hear the warning words.

12 I am your fellow servant. I am the Messenger Christ spake of. I am His forerunner. I am the resurrected John the Baptist.

13 Fear not those who grind their teeth—yet say, "I love the Lord," but show hate to the brethren. Woe unto all such, even in the world. Their house

will be left desolate and their wealth destroyed.

14 Where is the love that rules your lives? Where is the peace that should guide your thoughts?

15 Fear not evil lurking at the heart and thoughts of man's conspiracy, from such turn away.

16 Let the Church, the body of Christ, love one another in the peace of God.

17 Have you robbed God? Have you taken that which is not yours? Would you take from God's treasury and say this is mine?

18 The working of the man of sin³ has long been revealed and ran its course. The evil one is wounded and shall be completely broken, and in the end will not be there.

19 Be you in the circle of the Lord, telling the truth of my coming, in such you do well. The Lord's Spirit will guide and rule if you are humble, even all that hear and obey *The Word of the Lord*.

20 Mankind shall know *The Word of the Lord* is among them. Do not despair, consider your way.

21 Let all be repentant, think again, you that be leaders, lead the people in love and peace. Command peace. Let it be among you in your counsels and in your plans. Unitedly govern together.

22 It is given for man once to live, once to die,⁴ in this life of probation⁵—being judged according to the deeds done in the flesh while here. Each destining his own destiny.⁶

23 Be not discouraged what people may say. This is not your work, but the Lord's. He will provide and direct, but take the Message to the ends of the earth. To some the grace times have closed. There are those that stand in the way and would destroy you and the work you do, if it would not first destroy them. Be you submissive to the will of God. As I speak to you, I speak to all.

24 Remember there are thousands whose hearts are tender, who are looking for *The Word of the Lord*⁷ who will be glad to receive the Message; take to them the Gospel of love.

25 Send help to Africa to build the work more firm and care for the locals. See, too, they are properly established and a proper file in records and registry.

26 It is expedient that Larry Gosier Williams and James Edwin Parker go as soon as it can be arranged. They may visit Alfred Beyeler in France and Martin Huonker on the way and where the call may claim. Encourage them.

27 See, too, that all things are in order for a blessing among the nations there. Speak the truth in love among all people.

28 Let Leonard H. Draves help in the office and records, also in the planning of finances. Let his name also appear on the deposits and signing of checks going out of the office, from the funds out of the monies. Heed the instructions⁸ and it will be well with all, that the quorums, apostles and bishops, may be properly represented in the goings on of the Church work. Instructions given in the past have not been rightly arranged.

29 Let not selfishness nor greed come among you.

30 The Lord has heard the prayers of His people, and I come at His appointment. I have spoken concisely. All will be blessed in obedience.

31 Many will respond to the aid of this work.

32 Let these prepare and be added to the eldership I shall give you: Jeff O'Keefe, Scott Lyles, Thomas R. Paulson, Arlis J. Draves, Edward F. Draves, Gregory Richard, Daniel Weaver, John Jeschke, John Stephen Bulla, Willie D. Coffey, Benjamin O. Draves, Michele Balzo, Richard W. Everts, Matthew Stephens, Mark Stephens, Roy Yowell, Wolfgang Flachsmeyer, Paul Rolfe, Kenneth Parker, Clifford Moss, Ken Pahutski, James Sorgen, Milo Morse, John Shur and Robert Johnson.

33 Let all that come to The Church of Christ be baptized; let the hands be laid on for the gift and gifts of the greater blessing, in the authority I bring. Peace and joy will come.

34 Let Oscar Giles know the Lord hears his prayer and will bless and bring peace in his home.

35 I am the resurrected John the Baptist, the Elias, which was for to come. I am the Messenger of the covenant, of the promise; I bring the Elijah⁹ Message.

36 I will come again as the need may be. I am your fellow servant. I leave peace with you.

37 Give this Message to the brethren and the Church. Publish it that all may know I have spoken the Lord's will. Amen."

1. Isaiah 61:10, Malachi 3:17, I Peter 2:9

2. Malachi 4:5-6

3. Daniel 7:25; John 17:12; II Thes. 2:3-4;

I Timothy 4:1; Revelations 17:1-9

4. Hebrews 9:27-28

5. I Nephi 15:31-32; (RN) II Nephi 2:21; (RN)

II Nephi 33:9 (RN)

6. Alma 12:24 (RN)

7. Isaiah 28:13-14

8. Articles of F&P 19;

9. Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 4:1-6; Matthew 11:9-14;

17:10-17; Luke 1:6-17; John 1:23;

Revelation 14:6-7

MESSAGE 104

MAY 23, 1989 | 5:35 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.

I had gone over to the Church to finish some work when the Messenger appeared and spoke. It was about 5:35 a.m., May 23rd, 1989. He gave me this Message. I had my paper and pencil ready as for many days I have heard many praying for the return of the Messenger to direct the work, so I was ready.

He was clothed in the same robe and the light of the resurrected filled the room. I made no light to see to write. He spoke with power as one having authority. He was with me over an hour. I sat and read the Message over, prayed and pondered awhile, made a phone call and it was 7:00 a.m. Following are his words.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! Hearken and write the words I will give you. I bring peace and a Message of hope, to all that accept my coming, with authority I bring from the Lord. Deliverance is found only in the teachings of Christ. Only through His atoning blood can mankind find remission of sins through obedience to the gospel.

2 I come from the Lord’s presence to fulfill the words of the prophets.

3 I am ‘that prophet’¹ spoken of, the prophet of the highest. I am the elect one, the Messenger sent of the Lord.

4 The planning and covenant of God shall have its fulfillment. The Gospel of the kingdom of God shall roll forth until it fills the earth. Shape your lives by the words of life, in God’s holy plan.

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

6 Through faith, repentance and the baptisms, the deliverance will be upon you.

7 Be no more oppressed and the Lord will bring you through to the truth and work of my coming.

8 It is good to know the scriptures² and learn the fulfilling of all things.

9 You see the move of time, closing of conditions in the world. Israel being established in her land, her cleansing taking place, and Zion, the Americas, she also shall be cleansed.

10 Many of the world will be destroyed, because of sin—the evil is a destroyer. Come out of the world and its ways of discord.

11 The youth of many nations desire peace and a godly way of life. The spirit of good everywhere is working to destroy the adversary.

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.³

13 Some will build which the Lord has not commanded and their works will crumble and fail.

14 Thus saith the Lord, ‘I am the Lord that stayed the hand of Abraham with the sword in his test of faith, obedience and trust.’⁴ Descendants of his seed today will see the hand and power of God move. The adversary’s

powers shall be destroyed in the end.’

15 The revelation of John is being unfolded in the eyes of all nations.

16 There are those the Lord has taken to their reward. Their work on earth has brought forth fruit and will remain.⁵

17 Those that can not function in this work, their service being ended, let them be released of their responsibility and trust. Let the authority be upon those that can work in this cause.

18 Wherefore you may also have hope, and be partakers of the gift if ye will have faith. God has prepared a more excellent way and it is by faith that it has been fulfilled.

19 Let those of the twelve who can arrange to go—plan the work in foreign fields.

20 It is good that Paul Douglas Savage continue as pastor of the flock here at this time. Let all help in this work. Let love and kindness prevail.

21 Let these be added to the elders: Jim Bolan, Terry Laws, Phillip Lopez, Edward Coffey and Dennis M. Jones.

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

23 Let the Message be published every way possible.

24 Names in the past that have not and or will not accept their calling, let their names be removed, lest the enemy make light of the Lord’s work.

25 Satan has great power and has ruined the lives of many.

26 Let all awaken to their calling and help more in this work, attending services,⁶ worship and working among the people.

27 It is good that Dale S. Milne come to Independence to help in the work, now, let him keep tidy the house of the Lord. Let him be appointed the Church historian.

28 As the vacancy comes in the bishops’ quorum, let Jim Sorgen prepare for the office work, love and justice continue to prevail.

29 That the apostles’ quorum may again be filled in the bishopric of the Church now, and as other vacancies come; Norman Lyles, Dale S. Milne, George Wilkin, James E. Parker, and Jim Bolan.

30 There are many, many, many that will help in the building of the Temple of the Lord, if it were not for the unbelief, doubt, bitterness and selfishness, among those that claim to love the Lord.⁷

31 Some have sought to be great in the work of the Lord and have stood in the way. Leave the bitterness depart—come together in peace. The directions will come from the Lord.

32 This is my mission to bring the plans and directions to those appointed to inquire—that the will⁸ of the Lord be done according to His plan.

33 Much shaking and destructions, the death of many taken to the beyonds, their lives’ work wasted because of their unbelief.

34 God in His power will have His way. The evil will not hinder when the Lord moves to do His work.

35 I have spoken, it is the Lord’s will I have given. Blessings of healing and deliverance will come to all that heed and obey.

36 I will come again as the need may be. I leave peace with you and the Church. Glory to His name.

37 I am John the Baptist. I am a resurrected⁹ being to do my calling. Amen.”

1. Deuteronomy 18:18

2. II Timothy 2:15

3. Luke 9:1

4. Genesis 22:10-13

5. Revelation 14:13

6. Hebrews 10:25,26

7. Matthew 10:37; Luke 6:46-49

8. Matthew 6:10

9. Matthew 22:30; 27:52-53; Mark 12:25

MESSAGE 105

JUNE 17, 1989 | 5:30 A.M.

I was up at 5:30 a.m., June 17, 1989. I had put the coffee to making, when suddenly the whole house lit up with the light of the resurrection. I knew the Messenger was here. He took me by my hand and I moved to the table where my pad and pencil laid, and began speaking. I was ready to write as he spoke. His same white robe and power and spirit accompanied him.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! I come again with a Message of hope and instructions — in furtherance of this work of the Lord.

2 Thus far those that have listened to the word of the Lord, they shall be blessed.

3 I speak the Lord’s will. I bring His words. They that heareth the words of the Lord and obey, shall be His Church in very deed.

4 For behold, the time is nigh at hand when the greater power will be manifested; therefore arise to greater faith you servants of the Lord. Turn more firm to your callings and away from the traditions of men and the ways that bringeth contentions.¹ The Lord will bless those that are humble and do His will.

5 Send what help that can be to the foreign fields, but use wisdom, to whom and where.

6 There will be signs in the earth, the sun and the moon, and great shaping.² Perplexity among the nations, men’s hearts failing for what they must pass through.

7 The Lord has prepared a place and a way for the righteous and those that come this way, through the waters of baptism³ and the laying on of hands⁴ in this authority I bring to you and the Church, keep it sacred.

8 Even now the Lord instructs all to meet in your solemn assembling,⁵ and cry mightily unto Him. He will hear and manifest His will unto you—even concerning Zion.

9 Let the word be taught in its completeness, that the joy of mankind might be full under the plan of redemption. Indeed men are that they might have joy,⁶ and in as much as they have faith in the plan of God, they shall find deliverance.

10 Because of man made doctrines and traditions, the Lord’s work has suffered and many are wandering in darkness.

11 Few there be that behold the truth or are desirous to bring it to pass the

Lord's way.

12 Leave the past behind—its bitterness, its contentions, bring repentance, love and obedience in your hearts. Hasten, be obedient to the words I bring—for so it is spoken to all restoration—all mankind, even unto the world.

13 “To My servants,” saith the Lord, “Come together in love, open the way, hear the words I send by My Messenger, obey them and it will be well with you.”

14 It is good, let Larry Gosier Williams go again to Africa when it can be arranged. Help in the work there.

15 Let John D. Nazee and Festus Anyika arrange as much as possible to go among other nations and kindreds in Africa, bring them the Message of life and hope in this work of God.

16 Let Dale S. Mills arrange in time to go to South Africa, to take this Message to those seeking truth. Let him continue the translation to other languages. This must be done, by all who will and can help.

17 Take the Message to all nations and peoples as much as it can be arranged. Plan the work wisely.

18 The Lord knoweth what He instructs to be done, in as much as obedience is done, it will be well with all. Keep the faith, hold high the standard. Endure to the end.⁷ Love is your mission.

19 In time in the days ahead, let Norman D. Lyles arrange to help in the work in Germany and elsewhere, where needed.

20 In time the Lord will call many more to help in this work. Even now there are those concerned: David Tranbery, Robert Beebe, Fred Kemp, Mark Thomase, Daniel Dalton and David B. Clark. Let them know this work is true and of the Lord.

21 I bring peace and deliverance. Keep it sacred. Amen!”

1. III Nephi 11:29 (RN)

2. Joel 2:3; Matthew 24:29; Luke 21:25-26;
Acts 2:19-20

3. Matthew 28:19

4. Hebrews 6:1-2

5. Joel 1:14; 2:15-17; Alma 15:17 (RN)

6. II Nephi 2:25 (RN)

7. Matthew 24:13

MESSAGE 106

NOVEMBER 25, 1989 | 4:30 A.M. - 6:30 A.M.

The morning of November 25th, 1989, I awoke at 4:30 a.m., I got out of bed, dressed, and was sitting in the front room when the door opened and in walked the angel Messenger of the Lord. The light that accompanied him filled the whole house, brighter than at noonday. He took me by my right hand as he had times before, saying: “Take the Message I will give you.” I quickly stepped to the kitchen table where I had writing pads and a pencil. He sat in a chair facing me and began speaking.

He had on the same white robe and strong countenance as always before. He spoke plainly and with firmness, watching and waiting as I wrote the words he spoke. Following is the Message. He left about 6:30 a.m., the light remaining as I sat reading over the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold! I come from the Lord’s presence. Take the Message I will give you.

2 Yea, take heed at this time, the need is great that I speak on this work

and plans of the Lord. Write the words I speak.

3 Many are praying to know the truth and the will of the Lord. The authority and trust is upon you and your brethren. Keep it sacred.

4 Let none destroy the plan nor the power or sacredness of the holy priesthood.

5 As was my coming anew to the remnant on the Temple lot to the Lord's servant, Otto Fetting, your fellow servant and leader who was faithful in his day of work—yet blindness had befallen them; they sought not further light nor direction, moreover closing their minds to my Message which the Lord has sent me to bring for the work in these latter days—yet they have preserved and kept sacred the holy spot pointed out by the voice, eye and finger of the Lord—this is their blessing.

6 Now hear ye this Message and be firmly established in obedience to the commandment of this baptism I bring to rid yourselves of the sins and traditions of man-made doctrines wherein satan has deceived and befuddled the work of God.

7 Thus blindness has been in part. Now arise above it, bring it to pass of God's great plan. Receive this baptism. Build yourselves in the circle of the Lord. Will it come to pass?

8 Remember the Lord Jesus Christ is the truth, the way of life and salvation—deliverance from all sin. No other way can mankind be saved in the life of the flesh, this life of probation only. Thus mankind chooses this day what his destiny shall be in the hereafter—in the resurrection.

9 All that obey and defend this cause shall be the favored of the Lord. Try the Lord and see if He will open the windows of heaven and make you a delightful people—mighty in His strength.

10 He that hardeneth his heart receives the lesser portion of the word, but he that will not harden his heart, to him is given the greater portion of the word and knowledge of the work in God's plan, until it is given unto him to know the mysteries¹ of God, until he knoweth them in full.

11 Be not deceived nor tied down by the chains² of the devil.

12 Can any justly say in your heart, you know nothing of my coming?

13 I am John the Baptist, a resurrected being, the Messenger of the Lord, the forerunner of the Christ, His comings. I bring the Elias or Elijah Message spoken of by Christ and the prophets. I am the elect one,³ he to give meat in due season,⁴ the Ancient of Days,⁵ the Messenger of the covenant,⁶ the promised one to come. I speak the Lord's will and proclaim the word again before the Christ shall come. I shall be with Him when He comes to claim His Bride, the Church, His jewels.⁷ Let all mankind hear.

14 Behold, seek to please the Lord. Pray not in confusion, nor of a great noise, for God loveth serenity and quiet comity, words well-said, well-spoken from the heart. Who heareth a roaring noise? Can God hear?

15 He will not bless confusion neither will He hear same.

16 The need is great that I speak on this. Swing wide the gate, let the Church grow. Let the work continue everywhere. By His working Spirit great

things will come to pass.

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

18 Those that know the scriptures wherein speaks of my coming, the prophet like unto Moses, and all who will not hear me, “that prophet,”⁸ shall not be there when the Lord counts His jewels.

19 The law and the prophets spoke until I come—now I speak for the Lord, that the work and plans of God will be carried through and accomplished and the holy sanctuary be made possible, the Temple of the Lord.

20 Why is the rejection and contention⁹ of the Lord’s people? Will you accept this baptism I bring? Rid your minds of the sins, traditions and doctrines of men.

21 Thus saith the Lord, “If you will hear and obey I will lift that which has befallen¹⁰ and will close up the breach thereof. I will cleanse the ruins and it shall be built as in the days of old, even the Temple of the Lord.

22 “These are My people. They have kept sacred the special spot for the Temple, the holy sanctuary of My planning,” saith the Lord.

23 Choose a man who is no mocker, who is humble and of good report, to bring up the prints and plans from the instructions I have brought and will bring.

24 Do not bring the wrath of God upon your failing. Your houses will be laid waste — your children void of inheritance — if you come not into the will and circle of the Lord. Hear this Message, obey this baptism, cleanse your minds of bitterness, of separations, of divisions over doctrinal points. Learn the truth, the humble gospel way.

25 The Lord does not change His mind or plans, and is no respecter of persons. He will not forget His promises, nor will He alter His standard¹¹ or ways of values, but merciful and long-suffering, He would that none ignore His laws forever. Yea, not even His chosen people — lo, the work is not yet finished. His Message is valid today as when it was first uttered.

26 Thus saith the Lord, “I will give you a new heart¹² and put a new Spirit within you, and you shall walk in My statutes. I will put My laws in your minds. There shall be peace throughout the land of Zion, and Jerusalem, and the remnant, whom I shall call My strongholds,¹³ deliverance will be there.”

27 The Lord hath power to do all things which is according to His word.

28 Bring forth repentance. Prepare the way of the Lord. Walk in His paths which are straight,¹⁴ for behold, the kingdom of God must come—awaken to His plan. Seek ye the extra oil in your lamps and vessels, your lives and your work.

29 The Lord has waited long and now pleadeth to bring reconciliation and obedience to this way and it will be well with you.

30 Let more be added to be in the fields of labor.

31 Let all labor diligently and great blessings will follow where ever you go. The Lord wills it, and speaks it. So shall it be.

32 Lift high the standard ¹⁴and peace and power will be your portion.

33 Let there be added to the elders, moreover evangelists, and more as they come into this work. Before you stands an open door, enter and receive this authority: Earl Smith, Ronald O'Brien, M. Green, John Brisson and Thomas D. Schwartz.

34 Give this Message to the Church and the brethren of the Temple Lot group, and to all restoration. Hear the call of God.

35 You that shall be spared and favored of the Lord, heed the words I bring. Be converted to this great assured truth and the Lord will heal you.

36 I leave peace with you and will come again as the need may be. Amen."

1. Alma 26:22 (RN)

2. Alma 12:9-11 (RN)

3. Isaiah 42:1; 45:4-6; 65:9,22;

Matthew 24:22-24;

Mark 13:20

4. Malachi 4:5; Matthew 24:25

5. Daniel 7:9-13

6. Malachi 3:1

7. Isaiah 61:10; Malachi 3:17

8. Deuteronomy 18:18

9. III Nephi 11:29 (RN)

10. Amos 9:11

11. Isaiah 49:22; 62:10;

II Nephi 29:2 (RN)

12. Ezekiel 36:25

13. Joel 2:32

14. Matthew 3:3

15. Isaiah 59:19

MESSAGE 107

JUNE 16, 1990 | 2:15 A.M. - 3:15 A.M.

The same Messenger that has delivered The Word of the Lord in the past came with this Message at 2:15 a.m., June 16, 1990, at my home in Independence, Missouri. He was with me over an hour.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold! I come with a Message from the Lord, that the work of the Church and of the Lord's plan will move onward. Many are praying for my coming, the Lord hears their plea. Now, I bring a Message of peace and progress.

2 The hearts that are humble will hear the call of God to be up and doing in this work of hope and salvation. There is much to be accomplished.

3 The power of the adversary has enthroned his influence in the minds of many, ruining the lives of those that will not learn truth and come to doctrine.

4 The Lord changes not¹ and has been God from the beginning, shedding forth His Spirit as holy men in the past have spoken when moved by His Holy Spirit. I am the prophet born from among the brethren like unto Moses² and I speak the words and will of God, the Lord Christ Jesus, creator of the universe and all things that are therein; even mankind that hear my words which the Lord putteth in my mouth.

5 Mankind creates stumbling blocks³ to satisfy their traditions—full well they know their traditions⁴ will come to naught, making the word of God of none effect.

6 The Lord has chosen His scribe⁵ to bring the word to the people. Will mankind hear it?

7 Let the work continue everywhere and more help and more in service for this work. The Lord is with His servant Lyles in Europe, thus calling those to

help in this work of the Lord. As they prepare that come in this way, the Lord has called them by His Spirit. Let these I shall give you be set apart as elders, moreover evangelists, to carry the Message of life to others in their nations and peoples, remembering it is through Christ and His words whereby mankind shall be saved. Through His atoning blood and plan of redemption shall mankind come into His presence.

8 Let all that come into this work be baptized of water under this authority I give and receive the laying on of hands for the Holy Unction and power⁶ to do the work in this closing time; to bring in the reign of Christ on earth, folding in the millennium, the reign of peace, ere there cometh a new heaven and a new earth, when former things will pass away and all things be made new in the eternities.

9 Let Hans Peter Baur be set apart as an elder and evangelist to labor among his people and establish the work, let him hold together the others whom God shall call in those parts.

10 Likewise, let these be added when all come into this work. Let them work among their people and nations: Rudi Hans Renshof in the Netherlands; Paul Musial of Poland; Olaf Hareng among his acquaintance; Norbert Scharf where he can be of help; Wolfgang Flachsmeier whom the Lord has healed, let his testimony ring forth.

11 In Austria; Wolfgang Proksch, the Lord has a great work for him and will bless with great peace and much assurance. He can accomplish much with the help of Horsh Richter, elder and evangelist in his area.

12 Let these prepare for the work: Stanislav Rybarzyk and Benjamin Trambowsky; others shall be called likewise. Spread peace and deliverance everywhere and the Lord will bring all through.

13 Let there be peace in your gatherings and the weakness will turn to love and strength. Arise from lethargy. Swing wide the gate. Let the Lord's people come all the way to this plan of deliverance—receive a new heart and abundance of God's Spirit and deliverance will be made sure.

14 Take courage and boldness in this work. Peace I bring to you. Peace I leave with you and the brethren. Publish peace everywhere. This is the assured way of deliverance. Amen.”

1. Malachi 3:6; Message 106:25

2. Deuteronomy 18:18; Message 86:24-25

3. Alma 4:10 (RN); II Nephi 26:20 (RN)

4. Mark 7:9,13

5. Matthew 13:52,57; Message 110:2

6. Luke 9:1

MESSAGE 108

OCTOBER 14, 1990 | 3:30 A.M. - 5:39 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

I was awakened at 3:30 a.m., October 14, 1990, at my home in Independence, Missouri, U.S.A. I noticed the light that accompanies the angel Messenger, the Elias, filled the house brighter than the noon day sun.

I quickly arose, went to the kitchen, there sat the Messenger of the Lord. He arose, took me by the right hand and sat me at the table. He turned the paper tablet that I had on the table, so I could write. He had begun to speak. He repeated so as for me to write the words of the Message as he gave them.

I finished the Message. He arose again, took me by my hand as he left. I followed him to the front door and I noticed the yard was as light as day outside the front of the house.

I sat and read the Message through, feeling greatly blessed because of it for the Church work. Also weakened very much. Having spent last week in the hospital of illness, I decided not to call anyone this early in the morning for help on the Message at this moment, but went back to bed. However, I felt to write this introduction before lying down. It was 5:39 a.m.

I worry about "adjust to the multitude" when so few listen to the angel's Message, the Word of the Lord Brought to Mankind by an Angel.

Bless us all precious Lord Jesus. This same angel has visited me at various intervals for the past 53 years and 10 days.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold! Take the Message I shall give you.

2 I come with a Message of love and instruction. There are many that have prayed that I come and bring instructions and directions for the Church and work at this time.

3 I am the Messenger sent from God. I am the resurrected¹ John the Baptist. Though many of mankind do not believe now, the day comes when they will inquire of my coming. I am the Elias² that is for to come as the scriptures foretell.

4 It was even revealed to Moses³ in his day and he discerned the future plan of the Lord God and spake saying, "a prophet like unto me," meaning himself. Also saying "like unto Moses," again himself, born from among the brethren, earthly parents.⁴

5 The Lord God is Christ and He changes not.⁵ The creator of all things.⁶

6 It is mankind that has created stumbling blocks, failing to grasp the truth, and has ruined the lives of many. Destroying the plan of God to make it one of none⁷ effect among men.

7 Know you this, the Lord Jesus Christ is creator and never a prophet at any time. It is unlearned mankind that speaketh otherwise. Full well they know their traditions⁸ will ease the flow with the doctrine of man, than to heed the humble truth and true traditions.

8 Let mankind respect the Lord Christ, and honor Him; His sacrifice on the cross and resurrection, bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and receive deliverance and salvation.⁹

9 There is no other way but to heed and obey His voice. I speak His will. I bring the Message of life, speaking His words and instructions. Hear, oh hear, all mankind.

10 These days are fulfilling the Elias coming, wherein I am he that Jesus the Lord God spoke of.¹⁰

11 The people perish for lack of knowledge¹¹ to perform properly or progress rightly in the Lord.

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

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

14 Let not man's ideals be taught. The Lord is unchangeable and will not accept the follies, bickering, and ways of mankind.

15 My coming is to guide and hold steady the work of the Church.

16 The works and follies of men destroys hope and brings doubt and mistrust. Some have hardness of heart and will not conform to doctrine and this work. I have relayed the authority that we might destroy the ideals and works of man's own choosing; setting his own laws.

17 See that all come to the church's teaching; all preaching the same things.

18 The work is set in pace, the doctrine and program is given; follow through.

19 The greatest days of tribulations¹³ is yet ahead, when all turmoil will break loose and few there be that shall understand. But be ye peace makers, thus receive the greater blessing.

20 Hold the truth and faith of the Church in great honor—which shall mean salvation to all that will hear this way, assured in the Lord's planning. Peace be unto all. The peace of life is gentle and kind to mankind, if he will but let peace and joy rule and obey the injunctions and words I bring. My words shall have their place in the hearts of the honest.

21 This way of truth is set firm, yet bold and sure, and the Lord will have His way with all.

22 Think again, where is wisdom in this work?

23 Use wisdom in choosing laborers.

24 The Lord accepts the work of Norman D. Lyles—seek out the members in this work. The Lord by His Spirit is with him. Success will be with him.

25 It is not wisdom that John O'Keefe be in the field at this time. Let him find work in Illinois, the Lord will bless him and his family. He shall yet rejoice greatly in this work keeping the faith.

26 I will come again as the need is and the Lord directs.

27 Give this Message to the brethren, the Church, to those called restoration, and to all the world. Amen!"

1. Matthew 27:52

2. Malachi 4:5; Matthew 11:14; 16:14;
Mark 8:28; 9:54

3. Deuteronomy 18:15-18; Isaiah 51:16; 49:2;
John 4:25

4. Exodus 2:1-10

5. Malachi 3:6

6. John 1:1-5

7. Matthew 15:6; Mark 7:13

8. Mark 7:9,13

9. Matthew Chapters 26 & 27; 1 Nephi 10:4; (RN)
II Nephi 9:17-26 (RN)

10. Matthew 11:17; 17:11

11. Mosiah 4:6 (RN)

12. Job 22:21; Proverbs 16:7

13. Matthew 24:21

MESSAGE 109

FEBRUARY 11, 1991 | 6:00 A.M. - 6:45 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

Monday morning, February 11, 1991, I awakened at 6:00 a.m., at my home in Independence, Missouri, U.S.A. Because my brother Lehi is in the hospital I was not resting in my sleep. I arose, dressed and looked out to see what the weather was like. I was sitting by the table thinking of the Church, the Lord, the work, the Messenger —also feeling his coming and suddenly strong presence.

The Messenger opened the door and walked toward me. I arose, we took right hands, and he moved a chair as he began to speak, sat down and gave the Message. As I wrote, he repeated occasionally so as for me to get exactly what he said. Finished, he left at 6:45 a.m. It took my strength so much I retired again to rest.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I come to you again from the Lord’s presence with a Message of life¹ and hope² to all that hear and obey the words I bring from the Lord. Write the Message I will give you.

2 Many prayers³ are uttered that I speak the Lord’s will and bring instructions and hope—deliverance to the faithful.⁴

3 Thus saith the Lord, ‘Come all ye faithful and I will open the way before you. I will bless your efforts and My Spirit shall fill your souls with joy and gladness.⁵

4 I have sent My forerunner,⁶ John the Baptist, to govern the plan before My return to claim the faithful—My jewels—all that obey My commands and instructions, the directions of progress.

5 My servant Norman D. Lyles has searched out many members and of those of this special work; I have called them. My angel⁷ servant John has directed the work.

6 Let Heinrich Repp, Adam Repp, Manfred Marks, and Hans Peter Baur be ordained unto this authority, a double portion of the Holy Unction of God as elders, evangelists and disciples of this work in the Europe area. In time there will be twelve disciples of the work management for Europe. By My Spirit and calling the quorum of twelve disciples shall be filled.

7 Let the printing press be established there and the work to go to other parts and carry this work far and wide,’ saith the Lord.

8 This is the instructions and directions I have been sent to give you and the Church. Give to the brethren and to all. Remember, God is just.⁸

9 Let the quorums meet and plan the work with the Spirit to guide. Use wisdom in all your planning. This is a concise⁹ Message, conveyed upon all them that believe.¹⁰

10 Let the work continue, all preaching and teaching the Church’s doctrine, truth and obedience. Thus obey the instructions and follow through.

11 I will come again as the need be and the Lord will direct. I leave peace with you. Amen.”

1. Luke 9:56; 10:10,15

2. Job 11:18; Psalms 119:43; Hebrews 6:11

3. Romans 15:30; I Timothy 2:1; Revelations 5:8

4. Num. 12:7; Hebrews 3:2; Rev 21:5; Romans 10:4

5. Isaiah 30:29; Proverbs 10:28

6.. Malachi 3:1

7. Matthew 11:17; 17:11; Revelations 14:6; 18:1

8. Isaiah 46:9

9. Message 98:18

10. Matthew 4:4; Romans 3:22

MESSAGE 110

JUNE 19, 1991 | 2:06 A.M. - 3:40 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

I was awakened at my home in Independence, Missouri, U.S.A., June 19, 1991, at 2:06 a.m. by the light of the Messenger. I arose quickly and hurried to the table in the kitchen. There the Messenger was waiting. The whole house was filled with light. He had on the white robe he always wears. We shook hands. He began to speak, I began to write. He was with me until 3:40 a.m. Following is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise, give ear and take the Message I will give you. I come from the Lord’s presence at His command¹ and when there is a need. Many are praying for the furtherance of this work.

2 You are the Lord’s scribe. For this work were you born. The Lord is your shield and preserver. His strength is given to sustain you.

3 Worry not about false claims by ungodly persons; they seek to destroy, but first to destroy themselves.

4 I speak sternly and with concise words to all that will humble themselves before the Lord.

5 Let all turn away from the past of sins and traditions of men that will not save you.

6 God’s peace and power shall reign—for in Zion the place of peace—a nation of righteousness—wherein obedience shall reign and the Gospel of salvation shall be found.

7 Ye that hear the whispering of God’s Spirit how that it mellows the hearts of men—yea, even all that hear and obey, great things shall transpire before you: the sick healed, the lame walk, the blind be made to see. The greater power shall be given.

8 I am John the Baptist, the prophet of the Lord that shall bind God’s work together in the gathering of Israel to their promised land and fully establish in their cleansing their hearts and learning of the Holy One, the deliverer, the Christ.

9 Yea, they shall learn of the Christ, the Savior and Messiah of all mankind, yea all the earth. Those that hear shall be delivered, redeemed and be saved in their inheritance, all that shall be with them serving the Lord. For they need not fear, nor be confounded.

10 It is the kingdom of this world which is ruled by the devil which is built up among men—which are of the flesh—that must come to an end.

11 It is the Lord’s will that the work be helped in Germany that it be developed to govern The Church of Christ there, bringing souls to salvation. Let it continue.

12 Therefore, and elsewhere, many will come into this work; the call is from God. Let these be added to the elders, evangelists, moreover disciples: Bernd Stelter and Robert Beck. By the Spirit of God upon them more will be added to their numbers.

13 In time twelve disciples shall control and be over the work there as I

told you, in concordance with the apostles here, properly represented—always in accord with the rights and laws of the government.

14 Fear not, the Lord has sent me and I have spoken His will.

15 Let all that will as they come in this work, be baptized and receive the gifts of the Spirit, and authority to preach and teach salvation to mankind through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ, for salvation is to all mankind that will hear and obey, all preaching the same truths.

16 It is good that the women help all they can—aiding their companions and the work, aiding in the records and translations into other languages. Let the work spread elsewhere as much as the way opens.

17 Let the sacred rites be preserved and kept holy in the Lord's Spirit. Be ye clean vessels of the Lord.

18 Let these be added to the elders: Jim Bolan, Marvin Zink, Robert Esler, Bruce Easiley, Darrell Bellamy, Carlos Bravo, and Derrick Rodgers.

19 Let these be added elders and evangelists: John Dawson, David Priest, Josef Weber, Joseph Hunter, George Nearing, Wayne Miller, Victor S. Idim, P. L. Osinde, W. John Koysta, and Gideon A. Fedhe.

20 When these come in this work let them be ordained and set apart as elders, evangelists and first disciples in the Philippines: Edward Cakin Simpay and Xavier G. Prado. In time others there will be called, even by the Lord's Spirit. There shall be twelve disciples, the leading ministry in this work there. Others and the plan will be revealed by the Holy Spirit of the Lord.

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

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

23 It is the Lord's will that the two apostles, Norman D. Lyles and Larry Gosier Williams, go to the Philippines baptizing and ordaining and setting up the Church there in those parts that it may grow elsewhere, fast and far, as time is folding in when the Lord's coming shall take place. The powers of darkness must come to an end.

24 "Come out of her,"² saith the Lord, "let this work be fully established. Let the brethren continue their journey on to India, Africa, Germany, and France."

25 Peace I leave with you and the Church. I will come again as the Lord directs. Amen."

1. Deuteronomy 18:18; Malachi 3:1; 4:5

2. Revelation 18:4

MESSAGE 111

SEPTEMBER 22, 1991 | 3:30 A.M. - 4:05 A.M.

On September 22, 1991, Sunday morning, 3:30 a.m., I could not sleep. I arose, dressed, and was sitting at the table when the Messenger of the Lord was near. He walked in the front door saying these words as he approached me. "I come from the Lord's presence." He took my hand and was seated. He was with me about 35 minutes.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Write the Message I shall give you.

2 The work has been accepted thus far of The Church of Christ, with the Message I bring. Let it continue here and elsewhere, far and wide. You have seen the changes in world activities—the powers not of God are going down. A more peaceful way is coming. However, the greatest havoc is yet to come.

3 Lo, the Lord is grieved because of the churches, the people called restoration, not heeding the plan of God; the authority I bring; nor the instructions even of the prophets of old; nor Christ's words—pertaining to the Temple¹ of the Lord, the sanctuary² of the Lord.

4 Thus saith the Lord, 'Where is the house³ built unto Me? You live in your sealed houses — with sealed set minds⁴ — established in your own man made and evil doctrines. Even establishing false teachings of how the God of heaven, creator of the universe is to speak to mankind. Ignoring the plan of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. Therefore your failure is in not hearing the truth as it comes, making *The Word of the Lord* of none effect.

5 I have given the holy priesthood, the power and authority of God, by the hands of My Messenger, Mine angel,⁵ My forerunner, but so called 'restoration' has added to: offices, officers, and creeds I do not accept. Again, without authority, and lack of true authority and doctrine of salvation, because of high prominency and great titles,⁶ you are empty of the Lord.

6 Let all repent and receive this authority I send for mankind, the pure love of God,' saith the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

7 When Howard Leighton-Floyd comes in this work and there cometh a vacancy in the quorum of apostles—let him take his place among them.

8 As these are prepared for this Holy Unction and the eldership, let them be ordained: Howard Leighton-Floyd, Albert Leighton-Floyd, Bruce Staley, James Naslund, John M. Berger and Richard Smith.

9 When there cometh a vacancy in the bishop's quorum—let Jairus Yates be set apart a bishop.

10 As new locals are established, let elders and evangelists be set apart to carry the work on.

11 Again, those called in the past, who will not or have not accepted their calling in this work, remove their names from the records lest the adversary maketh mischief toward this work.

12 Let *The Word of the Lord* bear words of truth and salvation unto victory and deliverance.

13 As I speak to you I speak to all who will hear the voice of one seeking

to remove all confusion.

14 I will come again as the need shall be. I am the resurrected⁷ John the Baptist. Amen.”

1. Articles of F&P 23-24
2. Ether 13:13 (RN) Isaiah 66:1
3. Isaiah 66:1-3

4. Luke 6:39; Isaiah 66:4
5. Revelation 14:6
6. Job 32:21-22

MESSAGE 112

APRIL 4, 1992 | 2:48 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger, John the Baptist, came into my home in Independence, Missouri, April 4, 1992 at 2:48 a.m.

I could not sleep, because of grieving over the passing of brother L. M. Thornton. I was dressed in my day clothes and was seated by the table reading The Word of the Lord.

He took me by my right hand and seated himself at the table. He was clothed with the resurrection light that filled the entire home.

He spoke slowly as I wrote the Message down, repeating occasionally, so I could be sure to write each word he spoke. Here is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, again I bring a Message¹ of hope and life to all that will accept my coming and the words I bring from the Lord.

2 ‘Yea,’ saith the Lord, ‘I have sent My Messenger. Will the people hear him? I have not spoken in secret² or in hiding. He has spoken My words and will. It shall stand, for this is My pleasure. I know the end from the beginning and I have planned deliverance³ to all that will call on my name in righteousness, in humility before Me.

3 If My people will be faithful and hold to the instructions I send, they will find salvation and deliverance. Many are honest in heart and seek to know the truth. This is truth to learn this marvelous⁴ work. The power of the evil shall lose in the end.

4 Study the words I send that My Messenger brings to you. Let your minds be illuminated in peace, and joy will rule your lives,’ saith the Lord.

5 Let none take part in this work until they come in by the door of baptism⁵ and are repentant of their sins and traditions of men, their manmade doctrines and styles of worship. Let none teach or preach that are not a part of this work. Let all learn the truth and come to this work. Salvation is of the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Let the hands of the faithful carry on. Zion⁶ must come forth.

6 Again I say, let all come together in the service of the Lord, and the Lord will meet with them in the hour of their humility revealing the things of the kingdom, for all have a work to do. Let love fill your hearts⁷ that it will be said, ‘See how they love one another.’

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

8 Seek not for prominence, nor praise of mankind, for such show their nothingness and will not endure the sword⁸ of truth and justice. Those that will not qualify or prepare to work in God's will nor attain to the Holy Spirit, their evils will find them out in their failures.

9 Let the faithful be true, upright, and honest so that the spirit of peace will be upon them. Watch against the days to come wherein many will suffer, but shape your lives by the words I bring and it will be well with you.

10 Let those that reject the Message I bring from the Lord be released from their trust and responsibility—for they deny my coming—and the Lord rejects them. Therefore, let them have no part in this work, for their hearts are not true and not in the Lord's will. All those that oppose and fight against this work, except they repent, their end will be sad. They cannot overthrow the Lord's work.

11 Remember the Lord has called and chose men to direct this work. Keep your calling sacred. What you bind⁹ on earth is bound in heaven. What you loose on earth is loosed in heaven.

12 Trust the Lord, likewise that you may be trusted. Remember, God is just.

13 Let the apostles and disciples the world over know their great responsibility rests with caring for the flock, the saints of God.

14 Before you stands an open door, move onward through it. Go forth, swing wide the gate. Pray much and the way will open. Let all learn this way. Take courage. Keep the vigilance. The Lord will comfort all that come unto Him. Be humble, be not troubled, be overcomers in the Lord's way.

15 The work the brethren have done in the Philippines has been pleasing in the sight of the Lord. Likewise, elsewhere, so far.

16 It is good and the Lord's will these be disciples: Rolando Bucayong, Rodillo Bajao as has been, and Cesario B. Gorres.

17 When Kanasha S. Wilfred cometh this way, let him be an elder, evangelist and disciple; to the evangelist and disciple, Victor Diaz; to the elders as they prepare: Levon David Moore, Edward R. Sechrest Jr., Phillip Meihls, Edgar Padayhag, Jimmy Locsin, John Decker, and Todd H. Hayes when he cometh this way.

18 Those that will prepare to labor in the Lord's work, receive the Message of life and come all the way, shall find peace — deliverance and rest to your souls.

19 I will come again as the need may be. I am 'that prophet,' the Messenger of the Lord, John the Baptist. Amen."

1. Haggai 1:13; John 1:5; Alma 8:14-15 (RN)

2. Isaiah 45:19; 48:16; I Nephi 20:16 (RN)

3. Joel 2:32; Luke 4:18; II Nephi 11:5 (RN)

4. Isaiah 29:14; Habakkuk 1:5; II Nephi 27:26 (RN)

5. Romans 6:4; II Nephi 31:13-14 (RN)

6. Isaiah 2:3; 52:7-8; 66:8; Mosiah 15:29 (RN)

7. I John 4:7-11; Mosiah 4:15-26; (RN)

Moroni 7:45-48 (RN)

8. Hebrews 4:12

9. Matthew 16:19; Helaman 10:7 (RN)

MESSAGE 113

JUNE 15, 1992 | 2:15 A.M. - 4:18 A.M.

I was awakened at 2:15 a.m., June 15, 1992, by the presence and light of the Messenger, John the Baptist.

I arose quickly and proceeded to the kitchen table. The Messenger took my right hand and placed himself, as well as I, at the table. He began to speak.

I wrote as he spoke. The whole house was lit up and the Spirit of God was very strong. He was with me till 4:18 a.m. Following is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "I come with a Message from the Lord. I bring refreshing¹ to all who will hear my words the Lord has put in my mouth. I come to speak His words, complying with His Spirit, will, and plan.

2 I am John the Baptist. I was resurrected² when the Christ arose. I am he to go before the Lord to prepare His way, to prepare a people to be His Bride when He returns to claim His jewels,³ the elect ones.

3 This Message is to the appointed and anointed ones of this work to be taken to all the world. All that hear and obey will find peace to their souls. My Message is one of love to all that obey it.

4 The Lord Jesus is the resurrection⁴ and the life. He is the Savior,⁵ Redeemer,⁶ and King⁷ of all mankind. All that hear and obey have right to the tree of life⁸ and to eternity. His glory shall overshadow them.

5 I bring the authority that His Bride, The Church of Christ, shall be fully established and prepared to bring in the Zion of the Lord; the way of eternal peace.

6 I speak in all due regards. This is the assured way. Make straight the path of the righteous, for the way is one eternal round.⁹

7 May the people of the Lord take on new courage, for He will give a new heart to all that hear and come this way of authority and deliverance. The servants of the Lord speaking kindly to all and to one another.

8 This is a day of gathering and bringing all to see the redemption of mankind, for the Lord gave Himself a ransom¹⁰ that man might be brought back to the will and plan and the Father sees it well done.

9 Publish the Messages I bring, let them go to all the world. Teach repentance and salvation. Forgiveness is to all that repent and obey the call of God. Go forth, do the things the Lord says must be done.

10 Blessed are the meek and all that consecrate themselves to serve the Lord. They shall enter the rest of the Lord and shall be preserved while the indignation¹¹ passes over.

11 Keep the faith, be diligent, hold to vigilance and the sunlight¹² of righteousness shall overshadow with healing in His wings. Study deeply the words I bring and it will work well with you. As you believe the words of the Lord and the prophets, and obey, satan has no power on you.

12 Mankind of the world today is divided and separated by unkind boundaries. Therefore, the need for more governing disciples in the nations.

There are many nations and the need calls for disciples in each nation as the Spirit will call, let it be so. Prayers have been uttered that the Lord speak on this, I speak His will. The time is short, coming to a close.

13 Let the elders and evangelists hold the work together; the disciples to govern and direct. Let all be at work.

14 The time will come when the need will be for Leonard H. Draves to arrange to spend much time in the office and work in headquarters. The letters of encouragement and records will require his time. Let the work not suffer. Move firmly in the adjustment.

15 Work in the fields of harvest will require much attention. Let James E. Parker assist in this.

16 The work in India has been accepted of the Lord.

17 Let all have *The Word of the Lord*. Study and bring all to this great truth for adjustments and corrections. Hold firm and active.

18 Likewise, the work in Africa, is a call for more attention and as the people come into this work, they need the teaching, training and learning the plan and will of God; this authority that I bring must have its flow.

19 The Spirit will reveal to the chosen apostles to know the plan and need of the people, adjusting to the design of haste.

20 In time other changes will come. I will come again, as the need shall be. Amen.”

1. Isaiah 28:12; Acts 3:19
2. Matthew 27:52-53; Mosiah 15:20-23 (RN)
3. Isaiah 61:10; Malachi 3:17; III Nephi 24:17 (RN)
4. John 11:25
5. John 4:42
6. Job 19:25; Psalm 19:14

7. I Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14; 19:16
8. Revelation 2:7; 22:14; Alma 5:34 (RN)
9. I Nephi 10:19; (RN) Alma 7:20 (RN)
10. Matthew 12:28; Mark 10:45; I Timothy 2:6
11. Zephaniah 3:8; Alma 40:14 (RN)
12. Malachi 4:2; III Nephi 25:2 (RN)

MESSAGE 114

AUGUST 23, 1992 | 4:30 A.M. - 6:00 A.M.

I was not able to sleep, so arose and dressed. I felt perhaps the Messenger would come.

On August 23, 1992, at about 4:30 a.m., the Messenger came in as I was seated at the kitchen table. I arose, took his hand and seated him. I had my pad of paper ready. The influence of the spirit and power of the resurrected was very strong. He was with me about an hour and a half.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, I have come as the need is. Take the Message I shall give you, place it with the rest. Publish it to the brethren, the Church and to all that will receive the words I bring.

2 I am the Messenger of the Lord. I come at His command and the need and call of the people. Let the Lord’s will be taught, and your righteous need be laid before the Lord. If He delights in your plea, He lendeth an ear to hear. An answer will come for your victory and deliverance.

3 When mankind lends a listening ear and a heart to please the Lord, He will hear their cry and the mysteries¹ and unknown shall be known and

uncovered in their understanding of mankind.

4 The seed has been planted far and wide, and the work of the brethren, Norman D. Lyles and Larry Gosier Williams, in great regard and due respect, has been seen of the Lord; and what has been accomplished in correcting and establishing the work in the Philippines, helping and managing in India, Africa and Germany, with others where and with whom they labored, has pleased the Lord. Let it be so. Much good will come from the seed sown. Peace and victory in deliverance and salvation will come to all that heed, obey and follow through.

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

6 I am John the Baptist, the Elias which is for to come to bring the Elijah Message.

7 There cometh a day when the open door before you will close. Are you ready for the consummation² of all things; bringing in the Lord's jewels,³ His elect ones—the honest in heart—making ready the Bride of Christ, His church, His Zion?

8 Cast not your efforts to be wasted, but use wisdom in all things.

9 Let your love show forth in the circle of the Lord, bearing good deeds seasoned by the Spirit of God. Be not weary⁴ in well doing. The Lord's will and your joy, lay it before the Lord. In the Lord all things are possible, seasoned by His Spirit.

10 Leave all in the master's hands. It will bring you peace and deliverance. Little by little have I spoken; here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept.⁵ How long I have spoken. Will the world hear it? Will the people hear it?

11 You believe in God, believe also in my coming to prepare the way. I speak eternal words. I am clothed with light⁶ for a covering, gushing forth as a fountain of truth.

12 Declare the word, commanding mankind everywhere to repent and come this way, for the time has come when the way of truth alone shall stand, all else will come to naught. Contend⁷ not over points of doctrine of the gospel, but trust in His words, and He will make you free. Those that be not active in some way in this work will lose and the Lord will call others, for the Message must be taken to the ends of the earth, to all nations.

13 There are many now almost persuaded to believe, but satan whispers for them not to.

14 When these are prepared for this ministry, let them be set apart as elders. Peace, love and power will be given them, likewise to all: Kent Johnson, Reece Johnson, Brad Evans, Jared Smith; and Larry L. Gillreath, elder and evangelist. Also Robert Mey of Germany as elder, evangelist and disciple. The Lord will make them a blessing in this work.

15 Let all teach faith, repentance, baptism and the laying on of hands and the gifts of the Holy Unction shall be upon them.

16 I leave peace with you and will come again as the need shall be. The Lord's Spirit shall lead and function. Amen."

1. I Corinthians 4:1; Mosiah 1:5 (RN); Alma 26:22 (RN)
2. Daniel 9:27
3. Isaiah 61:10; Malachi 3:17; III Nephi 24:17 (RN)
4. Galatians 6:9; Alma 37:34 (RN)

5. Isaiah 28:10-13; II Nephi 28:30 (RN)
6. Luke 24:4
7. III Nephi 11:28-34 (RN)

MESSAGE 115

MARCH 8, 1993 | 2:30 A.M. | INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

The Messenger, John the Baptist, came into my home in Independence, Missouri, March 8, 1993, at 2:30 a.m.

Being not too well from a cold, I was in my front room reading The Word of the Lord. I felt the Spirit of God very strong. I had a light on to see while reading. Suddenly it became very light, the entire house lit up with the light of the resurrection.

I had looked out to see what the weather was like and had left the door unlocked. The Messenger, John the Baptist, walked in. I arose to greet him. He took my right hand as we exchanged a few words in greeting. He said, "Peace to you," and I said, "Likewise, God bless." He sat near as I took my tablet to write.

I hope that all who read these words will know the Spirit of the Lord and seek him to follow this truth. Following is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Write the Message I will give you. I come from the Lord's presence. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, I speak His words, His will. I bring peace for your life and all who will hear me, through the Message I bring to you.

2 Let Norman D. Lyles and Larry Gosier Williams cover the work in foreign areas, and know the Lord works with them and those they labor among. Let Eddie Lee help in the work in Africa.

3 Let Leonard H. Draves know the Lord directs His work to be in the office. There is much that can be accomplished—as has been directed in the past—keeping the recording and files of members, others will help as the work calls for and progresses.

4 Behold! There are many almost persuaded to come into this work knowing the Lord has spoken and speaks the assured way. Deliverance will only come to those that believe, enter this truth and endure to the end.¹ Eternity with God will have place for all such—this is God's planning.

5 When mankind awakens to the program and plan of God, adjusting their lives to the way of life; letting the Holy Spirit ring in their lives, and walk in the ways of righteousness; then salvation will bring them deliverance. Behold the glory of God in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer; resurrected to break the bands² of death. My Message is one of hope in the eternity with God; a Message of conviction, a Message of deliverance. Will mankind hear it and follow through?

6 See those that have lost the way, the Spirit of the Lord has been pressed out of their lives. They become empty vessels. Their efforts fade away and come to a sad end.

7 Hold the peace, let not the contentions of the world destroy hope. The

righteous shall be preserved. The Lord will stand His in holy places until the indignation³ passes over.

8 See those that have set up their own way not believing in what I speak; their actions deny the authority I bring. They seek prominence and their works will all be destroyed.

9 When cares and burdens come up—take them to the Lord in prayer, in wisdom, and deep concern. He will answer to your blessing. You will see His power move.

10 Praise the Lord, let the hands of faith carry on. The Lord's Zion must come forth.

11 See those that rejoice because of my coming. I come not to another, I come to you. This is your work to take the Message and give it to the Church, to the brethren, and the world. Many will accept it and the salvation they must come to.

12 The powers of evil will seek to destroy. Some you feel after would harm the work if it did not first destroy them. Let doubts and fears be removed. Many will join in this work, and the success of the righteous will be great in the Lord's sight.

13 Study deeply the Messages I bring. Illuminate your minds with this power of deliverance—victory in the Lord.

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

15 Repentance and faith is the beginning,⁴ the baptisms, the hands must be laid upon all that the Spirit might come to those that prepare for it. Establish the words I bring in your lives. I will come again as the need might be.

16 It is through and in the atoning blood of Christ that mankind is saved.

17 There are many that have long represented Christ. Take to them the words I bring. Lead them into this way with all its gifts and blessings, representing Christ and His Church. This holy priesthood is the pure love of Christ.

18 Remember you are not alone for far more than ten-thousand⁵ times ten thousands are waiting at the gate to enter and be a part of the kingdom and Zion of God. The outcast shall know where they belong and be delivered.

19 Continue to pay your oblations to the Lord and endure. Peace I leave with you and will come again. Amen.”

1. Matthew 24:13

2. Mosiah 15:8, 20-23 (RN); Alma 4:14 (RN)

3. Nahum 1:6; Zephaniah 3:8

4. Hebrews 6:1-2; 11:6; Ether 12:3-21; (RN)
Moroni 7:21-30 (RN)

5. Daniel 7:10; Revelation 5:11

MESSAGE 116

SEPTEMBER 4, 1993 | 5:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.

On September 4, 1993, I was not sleeping well, praying much of the night. I arose about 5 a.m., was through bathing, dressed and finished shaving, when the light of the Messenger filled the house. He walked in, I turned and we met at the kitchen door. He slapped me on my right shoulder. It was hard at the time but I felt good later. He spoke greetings, I answered, "Bless you." We touched right hands. He left about 7:00 a.m. Following is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 "Behold, I come to you from the Lord's presence. I come at His command, to speak His will. I am John the Baptist that preached repentance in the wilderness. Many of Judea, of Jerusalem, came to me. Even Jesus the Christ came that I should baptize Him, that the fulfilling¹ of the way of righteousness should be fulfilled.

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

3 Let faith, repentance, and the baptism be taught,² with proper authority, and the laying on of hands for the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

4 Fear not those seeking to be prominent, or of outstanding; creating doubts, not feeling the Spirit of God. Be humble in all your thoughts and peacefully worship before God, and your fellowmen. He will reward.

5 When you are in need of light, wash³ yourselves, that you will be clean, consecrate your heart to serve the Lord. Seek Him in earnest prayer and He will give you the light you need.

6 The image of the Church is set in pace. The authority⁴ established, the power given. Let it develop and progress the Lord's way. He will provide and show His hand.

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

8 Let all know to come this way. Those that are almost persuaded, come. Be firm, let not satan beguile you. The authority is given in its channels, let it be so. The Lord gives His Spirit to lead and hold the faith. Where is the progress? Why stand ye still when there is much to cover?

9 Faith, repentance, the baptisms, teaching Jesus Christ and His atoning blood in redemption that salvation will come to all that hear and obey the full plan as taught in *The Bible*, *The Record of the Nephites*, and *The Word of the Lord*, the words I bring as the angel of God. I am His Messenger, a resurrected being. I am John the Baptist, I am the Elias.

10 The pattern and form is placed before you. Who is man to claim to have more than this? Many of the Lord's people will accept the Message, but

remember this is a work of love. It will bring life, happiness and peace to those that accept it, but sorrow to those that reject.

11 Indeed the work is in the hands of the faithful. I give charge that you see that it is directed humbly and in love. The work you do will be recorded in heaven. That which you bind⁵ on earth will be bound in heaven. That which you loose shall be loosed in heaven. Those that do or have spoken lightly and bitter of this work, their charge and responsibility they betray, and it is taken from them. Therefore, they cannot work in the sacred work of the Lord, walking in darkness at noonday. They release and destroy themselves.

12 The earth shall be filled with the light⁶ I bring—keep it sacred—the words I bring. Mankind chooses the way he would go, progressing his own destiny. The Lord knoweth man's heart and those deceiving, not true to the trust of righteousness. Thus, there will be changes in those called to lead. The process of their function has been hindered.

13 Therefore, let James Nabende be released from the apostle's office, function and calling. Also, Fanuel Andango be released from the bishops office, function and calling. Slothfulness has destroyed their calling. The spirit of this work has faded from them. Let the moneys also go where the work is being done.

14 Also, George Rhodes be released from the bishop's office and his charge in the field. Likewise, George Wilkin be released from the apostle's office, function and charge.

15 In time others will be called to fill vacancies as will be proven of God's power. This is a holy work and cannot be frustrated⁷ by the will of man.

16 Man's failures and wasted works must not hinder this Message or its mission. Let the work continue and progress on its way. I will come again as the need will be. Amen."

1. Matthew 3:15; III Nephi 15:8 (RN)

2. Hebrews 6:1-2

3. Matthew 6:17; III Nephi 13:17 (RN)

4. Luke 9:1; Mosiah 8:16-18 (RN); Alma 13:1-18 (RN)

5. Matthew 16:19; Helaman 10:7 (RN)

6. Revelation 18:1; III Nephi 15:9 (RN)

7. III Nephi 1:16 (RN); Alma 12:26; 42:5 (RN)

MESSAGE 117

SEPTEMBER 12, 1993 | 6:10 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.

Sunday morning, September 12, 1993, I was seated at my kitchen table reading the Message book. At about 6:10 a.m., the Messenger walked in. The light of the resurrection filled the home. The Spirit was very strong. We exchanged greetings, he began to speak. He left about 7 a.m. Following is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Behold, my fellow servant. I have come again to you with a Message, a Message of life to the obedient. Remember ye are the body¹ of Christ, the Church, and members in particular.

2 ‘To the humble and obedient,’ saith the Lord, ‘your faith has been exceeding great. You have endured² and shall find My peace in abundance.’

3 The millennium³ is to be the Lord’s reign when all mankind will obey His will the world over, and the Church prepared to be the saints of the most high.

4 Heed the instructions I bring, establish justice in the gates. Let your hearts be filled with peace. Choose the upright and the faithful. Those who qualify is given power⁴ to carry the work onward. The Lord gives as mankind prepares.

5 The Lord calls more to help in this work. Therefore, let Don Kaiser be set apart as an elder and evangelist to work in his area; he will find the Lord’s strength upon him.

6 When Jerome Williams comes into this work, let him be set apart as an elder and evangelist. The Lord will bless him to work among his people and kin.

7 To fill vacancies in the quorum of twelve: let Terry Laws and Charles S. Martin be added to the apostles. Let the hands be laid upon them that the Lord will confirm their callings, likewise to all.

8 Let Edward R. Sechrest and Scott Lyles be set apart as bishops to fill the vacancies.

9 It is the Lord’s will the work be continued everywhere. As the servants go to foreign fields, the Lord will be with them and prepare those they work with. Peace will follow them wherever they go.

10 Let there be twelve disciples on each side in Africa, thus the work shall move smoothly. Likewise, seven bishops agents.

11 I will come again when there is a need. Peace be to all. Give this Message to the brethren. Amen.”

1. I Corinthians 12:25-27

2. Matthew 24:13; Hebrews 6:15;

II Nephi 9:18-24; (RN) III Nephi 27:16-18 (RN)

3. Revelation 20:1-7; III Nephi 21:25 (RN)

4. John 1:12; Jacob 6:2; Acts 6:8; Moroni 2:2 (RN)

MESSAGE 118

MARCH 3, 1994

On March 3, 1994, I arose about 5 a.m. and turned off the door alarm. I felt tired, so I laid on the sofa and slept some more. When the Messenger began to speak I arose—he helped lift me by taking my right hand. My pad being on the table I began to write as he gave the Message. He sat in the chair by the kitchen table near me.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Arise and take the Message I will give you.

2 Fret not nor worry not, this is the Lord’s work, mankind cannot run it his way. I come to you to give encouragement. The authority and trust is upon you. No one or none other can take it from you.

3 Some let satan drive them into bitterness and evil acts¹ against you.

4 My mission is one of love, I come from the Lord’s presence. I bring peace to fulfill the way of the Lord. To cause mankind to be made pure and holy, righteous in the Lord’s sight.² The hand of power and trust are His, He giveth as mankind prepares. I bring glad tidings to the faithful. The word I bring giveth salvation to all that believe and obey. Will mankind hear it?

5 I am the Elias, the forerunner of the Christ. My baptism is to fulfill the way of righteousness. There is no other way for salvation to come to mankind, only to follow the Christ Jesus, only through Him.

6 You have done the Lord’s will and work, preserve it and keep it sacred.³

7 Be pleasant at all times and the Spirit will guide you in all truth. As I speak to you, so speak I to all.

8 Let these I shall give you John O’Keefe, Howard Leighton-Floyd, Charles S. Martin, Edward Sechrest be released of priesthood authority and Terry Laws released of the apostleship.

9 Take your place as an apostle, likewise Leonard H. Draves and Mervyn Johnson. Let Leonard H. Draves keep the records as he has been told to do and other works instructed in the office.

10 Mankind cannot do the Lord’s work his way, it must be the way of the Lord, or therefore their own destruction.⁴

11 Unless there is repentance⁵ from the office of James E. Parker and James Sorgen, they too shall be released from their authority.

12 There will be other changes.

13 In time the Lord will call others to fill vacancies. Be not disturbed of what your brethren sought to do. They destroy and release themselves for lack of believing and or obeying my words I bring and will of the Lord.

14 The work of Larry and Norman is pleasing in the Lord’s sight and the people they work with.

15 I leave peace with you. I will come again when the need be. Amen.”

1. I Peter 5:8
2. Luke 1:17; Isaiah 40:3
3. Alma 37:14-16 (RN)

4. Alma 5:57-60 (RN)
5. II Nephi 9:23-24 (RN); III Nephi 12:19-24 (RN);
Moroni 6:2 (RN)

MESSAGE 119

MARCH 19, 1994 | 6:00 A.M. - 7:15 A.M.

I arose about 6 a.m., Saturday, March 19, 1994 and turned off the door alarm. I was seated at the table, when the Messenger walked in. He laid his hand on my right shoulder as he passed to sit in the chair near me. Following is the Message. He left at 7:15 a.m.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “Take the Message I shall give you. Give it to the brethren of the Church.

2 Many of the members have been hurt over your actions and records you kept—not allowing the brethren’s help.

3 The Lord has heard the prayers of the faithful and peace has come in the hearts of many concerned to consider the words I bring.

4 In the communion:¹ the sacrament of the Lord is salvation to the truly humble and repentant. The Lord has and will forgive. Let your hearts² be clean and your lives pure. Hear the words of comfort and encouragement I bring.

5 Restore those that show forth repentance³ and Terry Laws to the apostleship; in their ministry and position and it will be well to the obedient.

6 Thus saith the Lord, **‘Ye are My friends.⁴ I have tested you as Job⁵ has been tested; yet he loved Me, your Lord. The testing has served its purpose,’** saith the Lord.

7 The work in the foreign field has been well planted and will fill its mission. The word shall go to all nations and the world over. Henceforth it will reach multitudes and bring them salvation in Christ Jesus.

8 Let Robert Esler, Phillip Crownover, Tony Crownover and Russell Lyles, when they come into this work, be set apart as elders to further this cause. The Lord will make a blessing.

9 I leave peace with you and the Church. Amen!”

1. I Corinthians 10:16; II Corinthians 6:14; 13:14

2. Helaman 15:7-8 (RN)

3. II Nephi 28:32 (RN); Alma 12:34 (RN);

III Nephi 12:19-24 (RN);

4. John 15:13-15

5. Job 1:22; 19:25-27

MESSAGE 120

APRIL 22, 1994 | 5:30 A.M.

I was up and in the kitchen reading, when the Messenger walked in. The home was filled with light. It was 5:30 a.m., April 22, 1994. He left before 6 a.m. Following is the Message.

~W.A. DRAVES

1 “I will give you a Message that all may know the Lord has sent me to speak His will. I come from His presence to give instructions so this work may progress.

2 Keep the standard¹ and the work will not suffer. It has been established to move to every nation and the people of this world.

3 Let Anthony Wangai be set apart as a disciple to work among his people.

4 When there cometh vacancies in the bishop quorum, let these prepare to fill vacancies: Richard Massman and Marvin Zink.

5 Likewise of the apostles; Alan Crownover, Jim Rolfe, Darrell Bellamy and Mike Greenwell. The Lord will bless by His Spirit as they take up their calling.

6 The Lord Jesus is the Christ and He changes not.² He is the light of salvation to all that hear His voice.

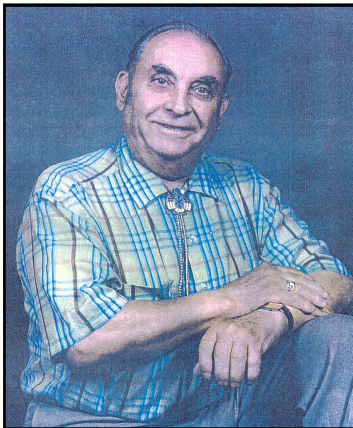
7 Let the work continue in the foreign fields.³ Let it be established everywhere. The Lord will bless and bring success by His Spirit.

8 Give this Message to the brethren. I leave peace with you. Amen.”

1. Jeremiah 51:27; Isaiah 59:19

2. Malachi 3:6

3. Joel 3:13-14; Matthew 28:19-20; John 4:35



Apostle W. A. Draves
1912-1994
The Lord's Chosen Scribe

The Passing of W. A. Draves

William A. Draves was a young man, an elder in The Church of Christ, in 1937, when the angel John the Baptist first appeared to him. He was unassuming and gentle, though he sometimes encountered great opposition to his testimony regarding the

Messenger. He was as eager to learn from the Messages as any other reader. As is revealed in his testimony and the text accompanying each Message, he was always awed by the authority and divine love carried by John the Baptist.

Affectionately known to all as “Oley,” he lived to be 82 years old, and worked diligently to distribute copies of *The Word of the Lord* to libraries around the world, as John the Baptist had encouraged all to do.

Like Otto Fetting, as a humble man, he gave the Messages directly to the Church after he received them, letting others clarify punctuation, spelling, and verse numbers.

W. A. Draves was born on May 12, 1912. He was ordained as an elder in 1932, then as an apostle June 19, 1940. Brother W. A. Draves passed away on June 28, 1994. He received 90 Messages from John the Baptist. Brother W. A. Draves was faithful to his testimony and the divinity of the Messages through his last breath on this earth.

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