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PREFACE

By way of introduction to the reader, that he may more fully grasp the contents of this little volume and appreciate the underlying principle that has prompted its presentation, as the author, I wish to make the following remarks:

From childhood days my most pleasant moments have been spent in contemplation of the interpretation of the Holy Records and future destiny of man, and although raised in the Christian Church, I did not hesitate to accept the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ as brought forth thru the Prophet Joseph Smith.

After ten years of searching out the glorious principles revealed thru this prophet, and the associated pleasure of teaching and laboring in the Church, I became interested in the redemption of Zion and Final Gathering of Israel.

It was in the year 1914, while laboring in Long Beach, California, in the capacity of Theological Teacher that I met my first opposition in presenting the closing scenes pertaining to the final gathering of our people when Zion of Missouri is redeemed.

This opposition unfortunately came from the leading Brethren of the Church.

Being a lover of harmony and peace within the Church, I made, in due time, the offer to confine my thoughts along these lines to book form. The booklet "The Return of John the Revelator—the Elias and Forerunner of Jesus Christ's Second Coming to Restore All Things and Gather Israel" was the result.

On account of its publication becoming exhausted and the increasing activity of thought along these lines among the Brethren and Saints, and being unable to answer separately their correspondence and the many inquiries from

members of the Church, the present volume has been prepared to take its place, and is dedicated to those who love to contemplate the great future plans and closing events of this dispensation.

A good portion of these great subjects has been treated and many beautiful quotations given, for in them lies the only answer to the controversy. The writer fully appreciates that this little volume will be received by some as a blessing, while others will contest it. Therefore, he has verified each statement from many angles, for he realizes the responsibility connected with portraying the works and plans of God, and additional references are cited for the benefit of those who disagree, in an endeavor to convince them.

To those who question the doctrine as presented, the author has but one request to make, namely, that they check it against the law and testimony as found in our Holy Writ.

Many unpleasant things have been referred to, not from choice but because of inward fear of judgment if the writer failed to raise his voice in warning of the things that God has made plain unto him.

Those who find truth and comfort in the following pages and seek to place a copy within the reach of others, will no doubt enjoy the blessings as promised by the Lord, who said:

"Blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at **that day**, for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost, and if they endure unto the end, they shall be lifted up at the last day, and shall be saved in the everlasting Kingdom of the Lamb." (I Nephi 14:37.)

The disposition of the writer to drive his thoughts home straight from the shoulder, without asking permission or forgiveness, when he knows that he is right, may cause some who are not acquainted with him to draw the wrong conclusion; hence, it may be well to state that his sole purpose in this book is to teach the Gospel and warn the law-breaker without the thought of fear. Those (if there

be any) who undertake to or make it appear otherwise, state that which is not true.

In presenting the future missions of the various apostles and prophets who are coming to bring judgment against the wicked and gather the righteous of Israel and Gentiles, Chapter I has been written to lead the reader's mind up to the question as to the whys and wherefores of their mission.

The book, as a whole, is intended to assist in opening the eyes of all branches of Israel in seeing the mighty approaching judgments and plans of God.

The writer appreciates that many will not concur or have any faith in the fulfillment of the great events referred to, but as time rolls by and these prophets take up their respective missions among men, if the previous reading of these events, as presented in this book, assists the reader to contemplate and appreciate that these prophets are fulfilling the works of God, then the purpose of the book and the efforts put forth in compiling it will have accomplished their purpose.

THE AUTHOR.



Quotations taken from the Bible, the Book of Mormon; the Doctrine and Covenants (Revelations given thru the Prophet Joseph Smith); "Joseph Smith's Teachings," also as quoted in "Compendium;" Pearl of Great Price (Writings of Abraham as found in Egypt); and from history.

CHAPTER I.
THE STATUS OF THE GOSPEL
OF JESUS CHRIST

The Gospel of Jesus Christ has thruout the past ages proved itself to be man's only salvation. Though many have ignored it and have temporarily enjoyed worldly pleasures at the cost of breaking divine laws, yet they pass away, as the flower of the field, and soon find themselves in the valley of death and at the judgment bar of God; hence, it is only those who have lived and obeyed the law of the great law-giver who are able to declare this life a success, and who are ready, when it is completed, to enter a higher degree of glory.

It sufficient to read the Holy Records but once to conclude that God is just and patient, and that He has striven, in many ways, thruout the ages, to develop and sanctify the minds of men.

Thru the fall of Adam, men became spiritually dead—that is, they were cut off from the presence of God, (Hela. 14:14-19); but this condition was essential if children were to be born and made subject to temptation and trials in order that, in the end, they might better enjoy and appreciate greater things, (P. of G. P. Moses 5:6-12); hence, **“Adam fell that men might be; and men are, that they might have joy.”** II Nephi 2:21-27. (Mor. 9:12-14.)

A way of deliverance from the fall and re-entrance into the presence of God was likewise planned and foreordained by a council in heaven before the earth was formed for man. (I Peter 1:18-21.) This deliverance was to be the atonement of Christ on Calvary, connected with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and obedience to the principles of repentance and baptism by immersion, with the laying on of hands by those who hold divine Priesthood authority for the receiving