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"And 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;" 1 Nephi 3:187

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What Is A Man

Donna Moser

"Rise from the dust, my sons, be men." #

A father spoke once long ago.
What is a man? Today as then
God has a pattern clear to show.

A body tall and strong, upright?
This can be good; it's not required!
Strength to run, to lift with might?
Mere muscle power soon grows tired.

A son of God, a real man
Will find, lift, carry heavy load
With strength, endurance to the end
Of his own destined earthly road.

To know one such, to call him friend
Can make a fellow traveller glad.
My strength I pray that I may spend
On a life as useful as he's had!

2 Nephi 1:36

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EDITORIAL YESTERDAY'S, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Complacency by interpretation means, "quiet satisfaction; contentment; self-satisfaction . . ." (Webster's New World Dictionary) Jesus had been with his disciples and followers prior to the day of Pentecost for some forty days giving commandments to his apostles whom he had chosen: "To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, . . ." (Acts 1:2-3) Among other things he had instructed them to tarry until they should receive the endowment of the power of the Holy Ghost at Jerusalem.

Many times before his crucifixion and resurrection he taught them concerning these things that were to transpire in fulfillment of the marvelous plan of salvation. "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me; because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in me, and I in you." (John 14:15-20) This is a message of comfort and the assurance of an element in life which is extra ordinary and is unable to be obtained in any other way than by complying with the fullness of the plan of salvation.

However, man is prone to hear with his ears and yet deep in his heart fail to understand with conviction. This promise was given to those of His followers who had not yet received the great outpouring of the endowment of the Holy Ghost. Jesus continues to console them, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it come to pass, ye might believe." (John 14:27-29) He not only encouraged them and comforted them but he gave them a definite promise of conviction, ". . . And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it come to pass ye might believe." (John 14:29) For after he made his declaration to them concerning the power of the Holy Ghost upon them, and the charge of the work they were to perform in their ministry, we are told; "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heav-

en, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)

Today, the fallibility or lack of conviction in many respects has not changed from the "Yesterday's". We find ourselves faced with similar spirit of complacency, and in some instances the spirit of doubt attempting to lull us to sleep. We have preached to our people and the peoples of the Restored Gospel for a hundred and forty six years that Jesus will in reality return to the earth in like manner described by the writers of the scriptures, and the account of the two heavenly personages who chided the men of Galilee for their lack of conviction, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up in heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner . . ." (Acts 1:11)

Matthew tells us in the 24th chapter and 44th verse, "Therefore be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made him ruler over his household, to give them meat in the season? Blessed is that servant whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." (Matt. 24:44-46)

Are we ready to greet the extra ordinary circumstances that prevail at his coming? Have we finished

the work that has been assigned to us in preparation of this marvelous event? Another conference year is coming to a close rapidly. We cannot change the happenings of the "Yesterdays". We can take inventory of our position, "Today", and determine to redouble our efforts of "Tomorrow", in carrying forth the message of the fullness of the Gospel to the sin-sick world around us. If we be weighed in the balance we earnestly pray we might not be found wanting, and may indeed be accounted ". . . a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" (Matt. 24:45)

Ah yes, the signs are all around us. There is little doubt that the hour is close at hand. We are within just 23 years of the close of the sixth century or the sixth day of time ushering in the seventh day of rest or the Millennial reign. We are indeed living in that period spoken of in (Matt. 24:21-22) "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." What of the "Tomorrow's?" Will Christ come in 1977? Are we ready as individuals and as a people?

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SOUNDING OF THE TRUMPET

Elder Gary A. Housknecht

Even as Ezekiel was told by God to sound the trumpet of warning to His people lest the blood of those not warned and yet taken by the sword of destruction be required at his own hand, I have felt the urging of the Holy Spirit of God to do likewise. It has been made known unto me, by that still small voice of the Holy Spirit, that a warning need be sounded to all that would listen, for the time is soon at hand when that which was revealed to John the Revelator, "that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name," will be ours to consider, even, that decision which will be required of all living, and which must be made with the prayer of faith and with the gift of discernment, whether to worship the Beast and take upon us the mark that will permit us to buy and sell, or not worship the Beast and not take upon us the mark. It is not mine to go into what the wrath of God might bring to those who worship the beast, for of this you may read, but in this writing I am attempting to warn all those that desire to take upon them the name of the Church of the Lamb of God in these latter days, that a day of decision is at hand.

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads, and that no man might

buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is six-hundred three-score and six." (Revelation 13:16-18)

We can understand then, that by some power of the Devil, man will cause all the living on earth to take upon them some kind of a mark, either on their hand or their forehead, and that without this mark no one will be permitted to buy or sell.

Now I said this force would cause "all" the living . . . But of course we know better, for we will have a choice. That choice may look bleak in outward appearance, but to the learned Christian, having been taught the Gospel message by God's own "chosen" ministry, there is no question as to which is the right choice: **We must at all costs, avoid taking upon us any such mark as might prove to be the mark of the Beast!**

We must be honest with ourselves at this point. Without going into detail as to what conditions might prevail for those who do not take upon them the mark that will permit them to buy or sell, I will mention only this: Any money we have, no matter how much or in what form, will be worthless. Thinking of such basics

as groceries, fuel, utilities, postage, telephone, man-made medicines, etc., our mind will run into endless channels of thought as to how this upcoming situation will influence our lives, both individually and as a Church; THE Church.

So, we must prepare ourselves. How? That is a question only you can answer.. We must immediately examine ourselves and come to an honest decision as to what our greatest weakness is. We have been told that the best weapon against Christians in these latter days (in the hands of the Devil) is "pride of ownership." Whether that be the case with all, I cannot say, but without hesitation I will say that upon any honest examination we will all find a lack of sufficient faith; the kind that moves mountains. But no matter "how" we decide to begin preparation, our greatest, and possibly the only tool is **prayer**; individually and collectively.

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (II Timothy 3:12) The idea that Christians will be confronted with difficult times and will suffer persecution is not new, as we read from Apostle Paul's letter to Timothy. But with this knowledge, comes the assurance that I feel God has been prompting His ministry to read aloud to His people of late: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the LORD delivereth him out of them all." (Psalms 34:19 I was personally prompted to read this in recent sermons to those in Collins, Anderson, and Houston, Missouri. Since then I have heard another Brother Oren Caviness quote it twice at least. Also, we can read in 1 Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will, with the temptation, also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

WATCH AND PRAY

Considering our own Spiritual preparation, the Ministers Conference of 1976 stated as an item of chief importance, that we "watch and pray" after the manner of the scripture found in Luke 21:26, "Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

Just what is meant by the instruction to "watch?" For the answer to this, Jesus says in Matthew 24:42, "Watch, therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Jesus goes on to explain this statement saying that it is not good that we know the exact hour that certain things would take place for then we would put off doing what we should be doing until just before the hour. Rather, we have been told of events that would directly precede His coming so that we would have to be on our toes at all times keeping close watch on world events that would tell us the time is close at hand. For example, if you were expecting house guests and were told in advance that they would

arrive this coming Saturday at 6:00 P. M. sharp, you would not need to get your house in order until just before six o'clock. On the other hand, if you were told only that they would arrive on Saturday you would have to have your house in order by Friday night, just in case your guests came early in the day.

We can consider, by comparison to the above parable, that the days in which we live is Friday on the Lord's calendar and that He promised His return sometime Saturday, but we know not the exact hour.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Each paragraph below represents an item that I have observed or that has been brought to my attention over the past few years that foretell the advent of the work of the Beast.

From a Pennsylvania Union magazine in 1974, we read, "At a recent meeting of the United Nations Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, a speaker made the following statement: 'Plans are worked out to dissolve the United Nations to make room for a world tribunal, which will seize all possessions, savings and personal bank deposits. Every man, woman and child will receive a certain amount of money and number. This money is waiting now and is available in deposit in a bank and waiting for distribution.

"Everyone with a number will be employed in the Administration, the Commercial, the Industrial or the Agricultural branch. This project or plan calls for the total unification of state and church, and also provides for a single form of worship for all, the appointed day for all people and all nations will be on Sunday, and the number received by all people will permit them to buy and sell.'

"When the speaker was asked what would happen to the minorities who will not accept the plan, he answered: 'Their numbers will be cancelled with a black line and they shall eventually be destroyed.'" (This came my way in a leaflet I found, printed by the Amazing Prophecy Center in Orange, California.)

Also from the same leaflet mentioned above, comes this brief article published in the Christian Herald magazine in London, England: "If you buy a pair of shoes in the Common Market countries, there is a stamp in them. The stamp consists of a circle with a line through the middle. Above the line is a lamb's head with two horns and a mouth as if speaking, and under the line is the number 666." (Read Revelation 13:11)

From Apostle Robert Jensen came the following three items: (I also have sent items to Brother Jensen which I unfortunately neglected to copy before sending, which pertain to this subject. Also there are many more that you can observe yourself that have not been brought to my attention.)

Dr. Eldeman, Chief Analyst of the Common Market Confederacy announced today from Brussels, that a computerized restoration plan is already underway in the aftermath of world chaos. In the crisis meeting.

Dr. Eldeman unveiled the 'Beast'. The Beast is a gigantic computer that takes up 3 floors at Administration Building of Market Headquarters. This 'monster' is a self programming unit that has over 100 sensing input sources, to be used to computerize all world trade. This master plan involves a digital numbering system for every human on earth. The computer would assign each citizen of the world a number to use for all buying and selling to avoid the problems of ordinary credit cards. The number would be invisibly 'laser-tattooed' on the forehead or back of the hand. It would provide a walking credit card system. The number would show up under infra-red scanners to be placed at all check-out counters and places of business. Dr. Eldeman suggested that by using 3 six digital units, the entire world could be assigned a working credit card number. Other Common Market officials believe that the present chaos and disorder points to the need for a world currency — perhaps a International Mark that would be exchanged through a world bank clearing center. No member could buy or sell without having an assignment of a digital mark. This would include allegiance to an international program of peace and politics, as well as a new world trade numbering system. One man would have at his fingertips the number of every man on earth, therefore it could be a tool for peace or a dictator's weapon. A market leader also stated that people would be forced to accept." (Original source unknown)

"Radio Station KTRH in Houston, Texas, said a Nebraska supermarket has a landmark experiment operation in their store. They were authorized by the FHLBB last January to install electronic terminals in their two supermarkets. It was the first of its kind in Electronic Fund Transfer, where customers could make deposits and withdrawals from their from their accounts via computers while shopping for groceries. In this program also, they are planning on using a number on the wrist or forehead, put in by laser beam, seen only under a special light. The checkstand will pick up the number in the persons body and automatically total the price and deduct the amount from the person's 'Special Drawing Rights' account."

From the Gospel Truth magazine, January 1974, we read the following: "The development of a new world money system began with the formation of the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank. Concrete plans for doing away with all media of exchange and replacing them with a number came out of the IMF meeting in 1948. We alerted those Christians we could reach as far back as 1966, that such a system was in the experimental stage. In Upper Arlington, Ohio, in 1971, the first full-fledged dress rehearsal was carried out, where this modern progressive city sold through the merchants, only to those who had a credit card number (Parade - 12-26-71). There were financial observers in the city at the time from all fifty states and many foreign nations. A United Press report of 8-31-71 told of employers who are

crediting their employees' computer accounts for wages earned without having to issue checks. The 9-4-72 edition of U. S. News and World Report told of banks that were gearing up to do business in the new 'cashless and checkless society.' The 1-2-73 edition of the Daily Oklahoman carried a lengthy article concerning the part the Federal Reserve is playing in preparing for an economic system where all buying, selling and working will be done with a computer number and a system of interconnected computer systems. Of course, if anyone does not have a number, he will automatically be out of business; No work, no buying, no selling.

"The December 10th, 1973 edition of the Oklahoma City Times carried the following report: ' . . . we're rapidly approaching the point where it will cost more to print paper money than it's worth. But our technology wizards have anticipated that day and have a solution devised. You won't need to bother with currency and coins. Friendly computers hooked up between employers, banks and merchants will relieve you of that burden. You'll be told periodically what, if anything, you have left after Uncle Sam and the rest of the governments have skimmed off the top. Then you can spend the balance if you can remember your Social Security number or account number or whatever. No more fooling around with that messy old money. Isn't progress wonderful?'"

While traveling in my car on December 7th, 1976, I heard the following brief statement over the news on the radio:

"Too many forgeries of ID cards by criminals brings the necessity of some kind of Federal ID card or system, that is not tamperable, that all citizens would be required to have on their possession at all times."

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:9-11)

Now, it is extremely unlikely that every man, woman and child will receive the same number, 666, but more likely that this 666 will be the number of the man largely responsible for any worldwide numbering system, or at least it will be some key number that is somehow to do with this numbering system. We will find, with a little investigation, that the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church has received in recent past, gifts from various nations, some of which bear the engraved number 666. One of the newest ships of the fleet of one of the Common Market Countries was tabbed with the identification number 666.

So, rather than fearing the number 666 "tattooed" on our hand or forehead, we should be on the "watch" for any numbering system where we will be forced to wear some number on our bodies that will permit us to buy or sell, etc.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: THE ELEMENTS

Tornadoes. From the April 21st, 1975 issue of U. S. News and World Report: "In the first three months of this year, about 200 tornadoes tore through the Southern States. This is more than twice the number reported for the same period last year and is 50% above the long-term average. There were 35 people killed in this period - which compares with 3 deaths in the first quarter of 1974 and 18 in early 1973. So, 1975 is starting off as a very rough year for tornadoes.

"The U. S. was hit by about 950 tornadoes last year. The National Weather Service described the early-April twisters of 1974 as the 'most devastating outbreak of tornadoes ever recorded anywhere in the world.' In about 18 hours, 148 twisters hit 13 States, killing 307 Americans and 8 Canadians. More than 5,500 people were injured and property damage was put at \$500,000,000.00 (500 million dollars!). About 50 of these twisters were classified as 'maxi' or 'super' tornadoes - the ones likely to kill. All this followed another bad year, 1973, in which more than 1,100 tornadoes were reported. That still is the record.

"There were 361 deaths in 1974. In 1973 the total was 87."

Earthquakes. (From The Plain Truth magazine September 1976) "Killer quakes have hit the headlines with disturbing frequency in recent months. 'Guatemala's 29 Second Eternity of Terror,' 'Death Toll in Hundreds in Italy,' '10,000 Left Homeless by Soviet Quake,' and others in Mexico, Bali, and New Guinea hit in rapid succession. Then China was devastated by the most gigantic quake of the decade, killing tens of thousands.

Even before the China disaster, earthquakes in 1976 had killed over 24,000, making it the deadliest year for quakes since 1970, according to the U. S. Geological Survey.

"One has but to map the geography of large earth tremors or major quakes in the last decade alone to realize that very few regions of the earth have been untouched by upsetting jolts if not some type of tragic destruction. In the last ten years, major quakes have wiped out whole regions and villages in Sicily, Turkey, Pakistan, and Latin America and severely jarred many other areas around the Circum-Pacific 'Ring of Fire.' In this same period, tremblors have been felt in England, France, Austria, and other parts of Europe.

"All but forgotten to most Americans is the tremor that jolted 23 Midwest States in 1968. Ceilings and walls cracked, windows broke, chimneys toppled, and tall buildings swayed over a wide area.

"For years a major earthquake has been forecast

for California on the order of the 1906 magnitude (The San Francisco quake). There will be a big earthquake in California sooner or later,' said one official of the U. S. Geological Survey. 'It could be decades away, but it could occur tomorrow.'"

Already, since the above article was printed, there have been major earthquakes in China (In addition to the one mentioned), Turkey and elsewhere. Thousands of lives lost and thousands injured and complete cities laid flat. Also, sometime this past year, in an area around Prescott, Arizona, there was a good sized quake and after-tremor, but fortunately it was in a thinly populated area.

Having been asked what would precede His coming and the end of the world, Jesus answered saying, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Parade of the Planets. A lengthy article in the December 1974 issue of The Gospel Truth magazine, and a similar article by Harvey Seibel in the February 1975 issue of the Zion's Advocate (page 28), tells that in about the year 1982, all nine planets in our solar system will be virtually in perfect alignment with one another, and "as the planets move into alignment, their gravitational pull may cause huge storms on the Sun. These storms could alter wind directions on earth, reducing the speed of the planets rotation and triggering serious earthquakes."

If you have not read this article before, I advise you to do so now. It is too lengthy to quote here, but very briefly I will summarize its content. "The 9 planets in earth's solar system appear on one side of the Sun every 179 years. However the astronomical effect upon earth's environmental conditions and solar activity doubtless has always depended upon the degree of their alignment. From what Gribbin and Plagemann (two renowned scientists) are projecting for 1982, it appears all nine planets will be in nearly perfect alignment. The powers of heaven will be shaken."

"If the predictions of the scientists who have made a detailed study of the possible consequences of this rare astronomical event measure up to even 25% of expectations, then Christmas 1982 may be a time of desolation and tribulation." Jesus said concerning the period **at the close of the tribulation**, "And there shall be signs in the Sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory. And

when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:25-28)

The article is very well written and does well in relating prophetic Scripture concerning the Sun, the Moon and the Earth and the signs that will surround them in these times.

FURTHER EVIDENCE

On Sunday, December 12th, at Collins, Missouri, Priest Larry Shaw delivered a most powerful sermon, I believe, under the guiding influence of the Spirit of God. This sermon, which I have asked him to type out for printing in the Advocate, dealt with the tremendous impact of Communism on the entire world, and more specifically because it involved us, in the United States. The deceiving tactics and brain-washing techniques of the Communists are working, because the general public is falling for all their tricks, which, when continued at its present rate, will prove a near-future world government, to include the United States, that is completely Communist controlled. It too is a warning that must be heeded. Please look for it in a future issue of this paper.

One might ask, "what has Communism to do with the signs of the times?" In answer to this, I will quote from one of the Apostles of the Church of Christ as he felt Spiritually lead to interpret the dream of yet another Apostle in January of 1973, that dealt with the times that we are now in and the very near future: ". . . This would indicate that Communism, and Catholicism will use the Arabs to their advantage . . . The object being brighter the first circumference would indicate that the first year these three powers (Catholic, Communist, and Arab - Catholics have the Common Market, Communists have the munitions and the Arabs have the petroleum) would be together, would be looked upon by the nations of the world, in a favorable light because of the trade advantages they would receive. **Traveling rapidly is dangerous in that it doesn't give time to wisely consider things as they are presented.**

"I had the feeling that the color Scarlet was mixed in with the Red and the Purple. Red is Communism; Purple pertains to a great nation; and Scarlet pertains to disgrace. The mixture of these would indicate a powerful nation engaged with others in disgraceful acts against God. Moslem is the false prophet (Revelation 20:10). The Catholic Church is the whore of all the earth (II Nephi 12:22). It also is the mother of abominations of the earth (Revelations 17:5). Communism came out of the Catholic Church and is the Abomination of Desolation (Matthew 24:15) . . . It appears that there will be three years of Communism, Catholicism, and Moslemism having great influence on the earth. But the fourth year, they will fall and eventually their influence will be destroyed (Isaiah 14:15-17, Revelation 18:1-10)."

I believe that Communism will be the chief tool

in the hands of the Catholic Church to create whatever havoc they will in the coming years, which will include the implementation of a world trade system and people numbering system.

I would now bring to our remembrance an article by Apostle Joe Kidd and printed in the July 1976 issue of the Zion's Advocate. In this article, Brother Kidd refers to a dream that was had by Apostle E. Leon Yates in 1956, where it was given to Brother Yates that it was five minutes until Midnight. Relating this five minutes (my own figures) to a 24 hour clock, or one day, and then comparing this 24 hour clock to the span of time that God has allowed for man before the return of the Son of God and the beginning of the millennial reign, or in other words, 6000 years, we will come up with a very surprising year when the clock is to strike the midnight hour, signifying the end of the world as we know it. (Please read Brother Joe Kidd's article for further proof of this figure of 6000 years.)

Comparing 6000 years to a 24 hour clock, and letting "X" equal the number of years represented by "five minutes," we come up with these figures:

$$\begin{aligned} X \div 6000 &= 5 \text{ minutes} \div 24 \text{ hours} \\ X &= (5 \text{ min. times } 6000 \text{ years}) \div 24 \text{ hours} \\ X &= 1/12\text{th of an hour times } 52,560,000 \text{ hours} \\ &\quad \div 24 \text{ hours} \\ X &= 182,500 \text{ hours or } 20.83 \text{ years} \end{aligned}$$

Now round off the 20.83 years to a simple 21 years and add it to the year of Brother Yates dream (1956) and we come up with 1977.

Now this is not meant to scare anyone, but only to show that the time is near at hand and time for preparation is now. Spiritual preparation. God has never intended for us to know the exact hour of his coming, and I do not pretend to be a prophet, but only through a very generalized correlation of time in relation to Brother Yates dream, do I point out, as have many others, that the hour is approaching swiftly.

In a manifestation of the Spirit, given through Apostle Don Housknecht on November 19th, 1972, we quote, ". . . and in the beginning of the 150th anniversary in the year He restored His authority to earth, the doors of Zion will be opened and you'll be able to visualize and see it." And further, the next week, which was the time for the Phoenix Reunion, we quote from yet another manifestation of that same spirit, "For I so proclaim that within a decade of time the day of salvation of those hopes shall be made known and comfort shall come to those who mourn . . ."

So, we have foreknowledge that 150 years from the restoring of God's authority to earth, or 1830 to 1980, we shall have a glimpse of what Zion will be - possibly as a source of hope for the weary. Also, within ten years from 1972, it is to be made known in what year our salvation would come. This, according to the words of these purported manifestations given, at which time I was present and testify to the power of the Spirit of

God that was at least present in the room.

Still, even if these prove to be the words of God, it doesn't tell us the day or the year of His return, but it does further witness to the fact that the end is near.

EXCERPTS FROM LATTER DAY REVELATION

The Floodgates are lifting - beware of the tide;
Twill sweep o'er the Nations, subduing their pride;
No barrier can stay it - no hand can prevail
For God moves in judgment - His word cannot fail.

Though millions are heedless and scoffers deride,
'Twill come, and come shortly, and who shall abide?
Make answer, O Zion, for surely within
Your borders shall cleansing and judgment begin.

The Father saith "yes," and the Spirit, "Amen;"
Repeat to the nations this warning again;
The end is approaching; redemption is near;
And Jesus, ere long, will in glory appear!

(Given through Joseph Luff, 1907) A remarkably similar revelation came in August of 1957 through Apostle Housknecht.

"Oh my people, oh my people, hear my voice to you this day. I have spoken, few have heeded. Soon will dawn millenium day. Up then to your high tower, view the nations far and near. Ruled by fear midst great confusion thus preparing Zion's war. I have called you, few are chosen, some have fallen by the way; Others slothful and unfaithful call for pity o'er and o'er. Up then to your high station, I have bid you occupy, for my word waits vindication and must spread from shore to shore. Heed, ye then, this timely admonition; Heed, ye not, to follow man's tradition. But walk with me in my domain that I may yet own you as my children; Yea, indeed, my very own. Oh my people, oh my people hear my voice, to you this day I have spoken. Have you heeded? Hark, your coming Lord is near." (Thomas Jordan, 1950's)

"I am able to carry forward my work without you, but ye are not able to go forward in the absence of the blessings which I am ready to pour out upon you, when you keep My commandments, and follow the path that I have appointed. Thus sayeth the Lord to you today - even so, Amen, Amen and Amen!" (James E. Yates, 1953)

"Therefore as thou doest make thyself humble before me in fasting and prayer, thou must nevertheless increase thy devotions in a more meek and submissive manner as thou hast not hitherto done. Unlatch thy purse-strings and give attendance to thy tithes and offerings that my promises of blessing upon you be not withheld." (Don Housknecht, 1967)

"I WOULD PLANT A TREE"

As surely I know the Lord to have given me this message, I earnestly pray us each to head its content. There is a strength and a faith that is going to be need-

ed, that is not going to be obtained by continuing in the contented pattern of life we now live. For those that have scoffed at the idea that church attendance is necessary, I say unto you that you will either soon prove yourself wrong, or you will find yourself on the other side of the fence in the tribulation. God is speaking to us now and we had better listen! Yes, a day of decision is coming, but it is a lot deeper than just refusing to take upon us the mark of the Beast; it is that eternal decision of whether we will lay down our life for His way and take up our crosses and follow Him, or to continue following in the philosophy and traditions of men, loving life and its pleasures more than that eternal walk with God. The rain is to fall on the just and the unjust; all that live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution; the big difference is that the persecution of the saints is near at hand and we know that God will lift us up out of them, but to the ungodly, the persecution is a little further down the road, but has with it the unimaginable wrath of a jealous God and a permanency that cannot be annulled. If we are going to have to suffer at all, which we will, let us heed the admonition of the Apostle Peter (1 Peter 3:17), "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing."

The Holy Spirit has caused a burden to be born on my heart, to be lifted upon rendering myself useful for His purposes and declaring these three admonitions to all that would give ear:

Gather together! There are local branches of the Church in most parts of the country - move to them and strengthen yourselves with the fellowship of the Saints. In a revelation "given to twelve elders assembled in Kirtland, Ohio; and also the law for the government of the church, given in the presence of the same, February, 1831," we were admonished this, "And every church shall be organized in as close bodies as they can be; and this for a wise purpose: - even so. Amen."

Though this message was given long ago, that each church group gather together in as close bodies as can be, it is still wisdom today.

Stay out of debt! The wisdom in this, in light of the message of this writing, is obvious, but cannot be left go unsaid. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15)

Watch for the signs of the times! "But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore, sober-minded, and watch unto prayer." (1 Peter 4:7)

Need we be fearful in these days? Remembering what has happened in the past five years in the way of violence, immorality, lawlessness, destruction and tragedy, imagine what may be in store the next five years! But no, we need not be fearful: God has everything under control. Remember always that the calamities we read about daily are all just part of God's great eternal plan.. And we each have a part in that

plan, the plan of salvation, and our commission is but to walk in the Masters footsteps.

The evangelist D. L. Moody was once asked, "What would you do today if you knew Jesus Christ was coming tomorrow?" His reply was, "I would plant a tree." Yes, we must be up and about His work right up until the very end. Do not put off till tomorrow what you can do today." It has been said that idle hands are hands that work for the Devil; let us keep busy in labor for our Lord.

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing." (Mat-

thew 24:45-46)

My last word then is to the members of the priesthood of this Church of Christ: Now is **not** the time to abandon the saints. Make any permanent change of location a matter of earnest prayer and consideration **before** a decision is made. We must feed the flock and must ourselves be strong. The admonition to pray for our own Spiritual preparation for the tasks of a minister of God in these latter days, is good and need be executed.

May the Lord and Master of Heaven and earth bless us with an outpouring of His strength for our shield, His wisdom for our counsel, and His love for our courage.

CONFERENCE NOTICE

CONFERENCE TO CONVENE APRIL 3, 1977

Following instruction of the 1966 Referendum, the annual conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), will begin on the Sunday of the week in which the 6th of April occurs, which, this year, will be April 3rd.

Business Sessions, however, will start at 10:00 a. m. Monday, April 4th.

As per Bill #1, 1972 Referendum, "all committees and boards etc. of the Church empowered to expend general Church funds or collect the same shall be required to submit an annual report of their activities to include a financial statement of funds received and disbursed and submit to the Joint Council of Twelve and Bishopric at least one week prior to the opening of

Conference a proposed budget for the ensuing year."

Officers and committees, as noted in the directory, should see that their reports are filed with the conference secretary as early as possible. Persons needing a place to stay should contact the Housing and Reception Committee. Those wishing to donate food or money to the conference, should contact the Dining Hall Committee.

We are looking forward with eager anticipation to greeting each one of you and pray that the Lord's Will will be done in all things.

Doris Ratterree
General Church Secretary

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TEMPLE LOT LOCAL NEWS ITEM

On September 5, 1976 we welcomed another member into our church family. Richard Scott Johnson (Rick) was baptized here that day. Rick is the son of Warren Johnson and Mary (Case) Johnson, now in Vandalia, Illinois, but long-time Independence residents. He was baptized by his grandfather, Elder Maynard

Case, who also assisted Elder Marvin Case in the laying on of hands.

The local welcomed Rick into the fold then, and still feels happiness that he is one of us. May God continue to bless him.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH CANCER

In June, 1927, I was troubled with a pain in my right side, which kept getting worse until November. By this time my condition was so bad, that I could hardly dress myself.

I believed the Gospel and had, in the past, experienced some wonderful manifestations of God's power. I knew He could heal me if He wanted to, and if He get well anyway.

One morning I was about to get up, to try to get breakfast, when I suddenly felt the presence of a Heavenly personage about arm's length from me, and a voice said: "Rub your side with salt. Salt will cure cancer." It was broad daylight and I was wide awake. When my husband came in from the barn, I told him of my experience, so we decided to follow the instructions. I made a strong brine; about a tablespoonful of common dairy salt with just enough hot water to dissolve it, and my husband would rub my side until the skin would become tender.

In four days time the pain stopped, although my side still seemed to be very sore. With every treatment I seemed to improve; but after three weeks I became so nauseated, and I felt so discouraged that I was tempted to give up the salt treatment.

I had not expressed my feelings of discouragement to anyone, but I asked my husband to administer to me. He did so, warning me to be diligent and faithful in carrying out the instructions that had been given me.

Soon after this I went to a specialist and had a lot of X-ray pictures taken; he said I was a very sick woman, and sent me home, with orders to have my gall-bladder entirely removed. He would not tell me what the trouble was.

I did not follow the Doctor's instructions, but stayed with the salt treatments. After using the salt treatments five months, my waist measurements lessened four inches, yet I did not lose a pound in weight.

About three years afterward, I saw the Doctors and Nurses where I had the X-rays taken, and they seemed surprised to see me alive, when I told them I had not had an operation.

Whether I had cancer of the liver at the time the X-rays were taken, I did not know, but I did have gallstones, for they passed away. The rubbing with the salt seemed to relax the muscles so they could pass.

After several months I felt so much better, that I gave up using the salt treatments.

About this time I began treating a lady in Sandpoint, Idaho for inside cancer. When she started with the treatments, she could not do her own house work for the family of four. In three weeks time she was not only doing her own housework, but would take the bus to Sagle, walk a mile to our home, take her treatment and go back home again. She looked the

picture of health, and seemed to be improving as rapidly as anyone could; but the Doctors and her husband and friends persuaded her to have the cancer taken out, so she finally gave in, and went back to Savannah, Mo. and had it removed, but she lived only a few months.

Soon after this I began having very severe hemorrhages, although I was past the age of puberty. This proved to be cancer of the female organs, and after months of suffering, I was healed through fasting and prayer, and ministration.

About this time an outside cancer made it's appearance just below my left breast. This one only got about the size of a five cent piece, but it took about seven months to cure it. I would just cover the cancer with dry salt, then bind it on with cotton and a bandage, and in just a short time the acid in the virus from the cancer was so strong it would soon kill the strength of the salt, and I would have to put on fresh salt, three or four times a day. This was very painful. This happened in 1936, and although it left a small purple lump, it never has shown the least sign of soreness, or aggravation.

About the time I had this cancer, we had a dear old Sister living with us who was eighty-four years old, Sister Ann McConnell. One day she told me of a place on her cheek that had itched and formed a scab. She said, "Every time I pick the scab off it comes right back; I'm going to leave it alone." Well, it grew very rapidly, and formed a hard, dark gray lump, that in two month's time, was about one inch long, and one fourth inch across, and looked exactly like a calf's horn. We did not know what it was until it formed a red angry edge around it, and began to run, then we knew it must be a cancer. We finally asked the Doctor what it was, and he said it was what they called a horn cancer.

He wanted to cut it out but Sister McConnell (we always called her Grandma) wouldn't let him cut on it, as her mother-in-law died from having cancer cut out. So we persuaded her to keep salt on it, contrary to the Doctor's instructions "To leave it alone; that she would, more than likely pass on at her age, before it would be apt to give her much trouble." However, after about three weeks of the most diligent effort with the salt, the red angry edge began to fade, and the lower side of the horn began to come loose from her cheek. One morning soon after this, Grandma took her bandage off, and there it was loose in the bandage.

Her cheek healed quite rapidly, and all the scar it left was a small round, rather colorless mark on her skin, that one would think she might have had a boil there.

Grandma lived to be almost ninety years old, but the horn cancer never came back; however, after she had gone to live with her son for about three years, she told me she had killed several small cancers that had started on her face, by just rubbing them quite hard

with the moist salt. Grandma died with pneumonia.

Since that time I have cured seven more cancers on myself; eight in all. Two inside cancers and six outside.

I had three outside cancers on my back, just at the right of the spine, over the liver, in less than three years time. All of these ranged in size from a fifty cent piece to a third larger than a dollar. The larger and last one began to have a very offensive smell, even though it had begun to get better. In spite of our every effort, we seemed unable to stop the putrid smell, until I happened to remember that we had cured some very bad cases of blood poison with alum. So we thoroughly rubbed around the cancer with a strong alum water, then we covered the cancer with dry powdered alum. This not only took away much of the soreness, but formed a thick scab or crust, and stopped the putrid smell.

The application of the salt, after the alum has formed the scab, is not as painful, but penetrates the cancer just the same. In time the thick scab will loosen, and cause a part of the center of the cancer to loosen with it, then when that is removed, it will be necessary to again apply the alum as before, then the salt, as it is the salt that kills the cancer.

During the time that one of these cancers was bad on my back, my stomach and liver began distressing me very much. I got so I could scarcely eat anything, my stomach hurt so badly and I lost over fifty pounds in weight, in just a short time. A hard, muscley condition formed over my stomach, just below the breast bone, and it became almost impossible for me to straighten up and throw my shoulders back. I could hardly raise my arms both at the same time, above my head, as my muscles across my stomach and liver just felt tied down. When we would apply salt to the cancer on my back, sometimes it would be very painful, and the pain would go straight to my liver, and that would pain as badly as the cancer on my back. When the pain would stop on the outside, it usually stopped on the inside. However, with our unceasing effort in rubbing with the salt brine, my stomach and liver began to get better, as did my general condition.

We were sure, at last, that we could cure cancers, both inside and out, but what to do to keep them from forming, was the problem, as my system just seemed to feed them. When one's living depends on their labor, and especially farm work, where there are so many chores, we found it impossible to get our necessary work done, do the proper amount of doctoring, and still have our much needed rest.

I will just say, now, that because of the lack of time to devote to the care of the body, is the main reason it has taken so long to obtain the desired results with several of the cancers.

Being confronted with such a condition, there was nothing left for us to do, but to appeal to the One Who gave the instructions in the first place.

So my husband and I both fasted and prayed to know if there wasn't something I could take to keep cancers from forming. I was impressed to take Cream of Tartar. I did so, and found that it not only flushed the kidneys, but caused an unusual amount of virus to collect and run from outside cancers. As the amount of virus diminished, the salt seemed to heal the sore faster.

After taking Cream of Tartar about a week, places on my body that had looked as though they might break out in cancer, cleared up and disappeared, and my health, in general, seemed to improve.

Before we had prayed to know what to take to stop the cancers from forming, we had heard that grapes would cure cancer of the stomach, so after I was impressed to use the Cream of Tartar, we looked in the World Book to see what Cream of Tartar was made from, and we found it was made from grapes.

I have gained back all of the weight I lost, and although I am past sixty-one years of age, I pitched two tons of hay, a day, from the wagon into the barn last summer, besides doing my house work, and my half of the dairy work.

I do not know just how far along a cancer would have to be, that it could not be cured, but I suppose that would depend on how badly it had eaten into the vitals.

The virus in a cancer seems to be an acid, and if a few drops get on healthy, tender skin, it doesn't start another cancer, but it does seem to eat the flesh, something like lye, only it doesn't sting or burn.

People that are subject to cancer, seem to have an acid system especially the digestive organs, and judging from this viewpoint, it would seem almost impossible to operate on cancers with any lasting success.

For several years before my cancers became so bad, I was very nervous, and couldn't either lie still, or sleep nights, so I started testing out different food. I found that sugar was the one thing that was causing my restless, nervous condition and also caused me to dream such miserable, disturbing dreams. What little sleep I was able to get was under the arduous struggle of some dream. When I stopped using sugar, I quit dreaming and slept like a baby.

Honey is a natural sweet and can be used by most people.

As far as I have been able to observe, those that care little for sweets never have cancer, while heavy sugar users almost invariably contract cancers, diabetes, rheumatism, etc.

Doctor Evans of Sandpoint, now deceased, told my husband eight years ago, that I couldn't live but a short time in the condition I was in.

Now, I wish to add that salt and alum, about equal parts, with just hot water enough to dissolve it, and rubbed on the affected parts, is wonderful to relieve neuralgia, sore throat, mastoid, rheumatism of the joints and muscles, pneumonia, pleurisy, lumbago and bunions.

I had gallstones so bad at one time, that when my husband would rub my side, we could both hear the stones grate over each other, and that is all I ever did for them, except take olive oil.

I have been requested to write my experience for publication and I sincerely hope it may prove a blessing to those in need of such help; however, I have only been able to give a brief outline in this article.

I realize that every case is more or less a case by itself, and may require the same treatment as another would need, but would need to be applied differently.

Salt penetrates clear through the live flesh just the same as it does pork, or anything of the kind, and

being a germicide, naturally dispels germs that cause decay.

Never use iodized salt, or lysol, as both of these disinfectants are very poison to a cancerous person.

In taking Cleam of Tartar, start in with only a small amount, no larger than the size of a bean, and gradually increase to not over a half teaspoonful twice a day, as Cream of Tartar is hard on some stomachs.

Lily Shirk
Sagle, Idaho

(This article was published in 1944; Sr. Shirk is now 94 years old!)

AN APPEAL

There will again be a Solemn Assembly preceding this conference of 1977. Having been in attendance at every Solemn Assembly held in previous years, it is my observation and conclusion — that this people has not learned how to wait upon the Lord. It appears that this people does not know how to center their mind, heart and prayers upon and for one purpose, and one only, at a given time. It also appears that this people has not united it's mind as to what purpose the Solemn Assembly is called for.

In past Solemn Assemblies our prayers have included every conceivable thing that the Lord could be sought for. In no way do I mean we should not pray for any or all of these things, but not in the meetings set aside as a Solemn Assembly for a specific purpose only.

In past years some of the meetings have dwindled to or been usurped for song and testimony. There is surely a place in our worship services for both, but neither is the purpose of a Solemn Assembly.

It should be apparent to all that this people needs a transformation in order that it might begin to live holy and sanctified; otherwise there will be no Zion, or, when Zion is built by more obedient peoples it will of necessity exclude us.

It should be apparent to all that there is a great need of recognition and confession before the Lord that

we have thus far proved our nothingness by our obvious failure to bring this purpose of the Lord to fulfillment.

It should be apparent to all that for this year's Solemn Assembly to prove of any more value than those of prior years it is requisite that whoever comes must do so in deep contrition and broken-hearted humility, willing, seeking, pleading that the Lord stretch forth His hand and set us in order; as the Nephites of old joining our hearts and minds so as to cry aloud, as it were, with one voice that the Lord will forgive us our sins, both of commission and omission, and purify our hearts even unto sanctification; confining our prayers to this and this only; forgoing singing of hymns that are not prayers to this end also; foregoing all testimony that is not confession of sin or avowal of utter surrender to the will and purpose of the Lord.

It should be apparent that there is a great need for those whom the Lord has appointed as shepherds to the flock, to weep and plead, "Spare thy people, oh Lord, and give not Thy heritage to reproach . . ." Joel 2:17

To this end I appeal to all who contemplate attendance, both of the priesthood and the membership, that preparation begin now upon themselves, that there be no wish, desire or habit, contrary to His will, nurtured, which can prove a hindrance to the reception of a sanctifying experience, should it please the Lord to also, wait upon us in this year's assembling.

A Concerned Member

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY NOTICE

By action of the 1976 Ministers' Conference, a solemn assembly has been appointed for two days immediately preceding the 1977 Ministers' Conference. Therefore, on April 1st and the 2nd, the Council of

Apostles wishes to urge all members who can do so to come in the spirit of fasting "for the purpose of seeking God's divine assistance and direction in accomplishing those things which have already been commanded,

as well as in the things pertaining to the future that the Church should accomplish, in order that it might move forward in the work of the Gospel of Christ".

The services will be under the direction of the Council of Apostles, and the first meeting will be at 10:00 a. m. on Friday, April 1, 1977 at the headquarters building on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri. Provision was made for three meetings each day.

A spiritual fast is one in which there is a singleness of purpose toward God; this begins with each person setting aside personal desires and cares, the normal

routine of life, in favor of a matter of over-riding spiritual concern. The children of light well know that the time of tribulation has already begun, in which Zion is to have increased travail to sanctify a people for the Lord's coming. The words of our Master are appropriate for this time:

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

William A. Sheldon, Secy.
Council of Apostles

EAST INDEPENDENCE LOCAL NEWS

It has been quite some time since your Advocate Reporter has given an accounting of the activities in our local.

Since my last report several more families have moved into our local so that each Sunday and Wednesday finds our little chapel nicely filled. Not only have we grown numerically, but new spiritual growth seems also to be present.

We have received some very fine instructive and counseling sermons from our Pastor Elder Roland Sar-ratt, also the other local priesthood. Apostles William A. Sheldon, Archie F. Bell, Elders Frank Fann, Larry Beem, Isaac Brockman Sr., Ray Hunholz, Harry Hutchison and Kenneth J. Smith, Priest Isaac Brockman Jr. Each in turn has been led to counsel and warn us we are indeed living in a time when we must be ever prayerful, watching that we keep the Gospel light burning brightly for all to see. That our lives be cleansed and brought ever nearer the Lamb of God; lest we stray and become lost, in the closing days, in iniquity. We are privileged to view the prophecies foretold of this day close at hand and will our Faith be strong enough so we will remain true and faithful to the end.

There have been several baptisms also this past year and three have taken place in recent weeks, Rita

Barnett, Barbara Ponder, and Smith Brickhouse. As I write Brother Brickhouse's name I can't help feeling a little special joy for I know how much my father, Apostle B. C. Flint and mother too loved this young man. He is Brother Ray Hunholz's son-in-law and Brother Ray had the privilege of conducting him into the waters of baptism.

As we start a new year may we wipe the slate clean and strive earnestly to make more progress as God would have us do this year and not repeat the mistakes of the past year. We are one big family - God's family - and no greater honor can be bestowed upon us. We don't wish to be the one to besmirch that Holy Name so let us each strive more earnestly to do His bidding and forget our own carnal desires.

In closing may I add a personal note of thank you to the Christmas greetings sent us by so many. We didn't send out greetings this year as we have in the past.

May God richly bless each and every one and may we seek your earnest heart felt prayers for our local that we show forth fruit - good fruit that the Master can use to further His Gospel in these latter days.

Your Advocate Reporter
Edna R. Smith

LIVING WATER

"... Whosoever drinketh of the water I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into eternal life." John 4:16

The spirit of man is like a plant that depends on water for survival and growth. A plant that receives an adequate supply of water grows in beauty and stature with each passing year. On the other hand we've all seen the neglected plant that struggles along but never flourishes. The same principle applies to our individual lives. We can "survive" spiritually without

living victorious lives. We can live morally upright, attend church regularly, and experience many blessings — yet fall short of the full potential of our lives.

The well of living water is there. But we must stop and drink of it. We must listen to the still small voice that calls us to prayer in the quiet moments of our lives. We must nourish our minds with the written word of God. If we take time to drink of the living water our lives will bear the fruits of knowledge, joy, and victory.

Marlene Hoare

LIBERTY FOR THE LAMANITES

(A song written by E. E. Long and sung in October, 1921, to the Winnebago Indians, at Old Mission School, Winnebago, Nebraska, to the tune "I will sing of my Redeemer)

When Ma-oo-na comes to Zion,
With ten thousand of His saints,
He will set His house in order
And remove all ill restraints.

He has heard the feeble pleadings
Of Manasseh for his right,
And bestows a Father's blessing
On the lowly Lamanite.

Who for many generations
Pitched his wigwam by the stream,
And in hoary tribal legend
Saw the future as a dream.

Joseph, Nephi, and Moroni,
Each in turn shed bitter tears
For the wayward sons of Laman,
Who have dwindled with the years.

Once those worthy, ancient sages
In Ma-oo-na's presence stood.
And with tears of love entreated
For their children's future good.

True to promise, God has answered
Those petitions, sealed with love,
And today there comes a message
Born of angels from above.

Now the children hear a "whisper,"
'Tis a voice from out the dust —
Words of comfort from their fathers,
Who are numbered with the just.

Give ye heed, then, to this message,
For it bids your courage rise.
God has spoken: Who can hinder
Him who rules the earth and skies?

Our Jehovah, your Ma-oo-na,
Sends this word to comfort you:
That the knowledge of your fathers
With the gospel, full and true,

Might be told to you, their children,
Who have wandered far away —
That with them you might find pleasure
In the straight and narrow way.

'Tis the record from Cumorah —
Hark, ye Lamanites, and hear,
For it bears the word from heaven
That the promised day is near,

When the fetters that have bound you
Shall be broken without hand,
And when He who doth now call you
Shall gather you to Zion's land.

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