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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;"*

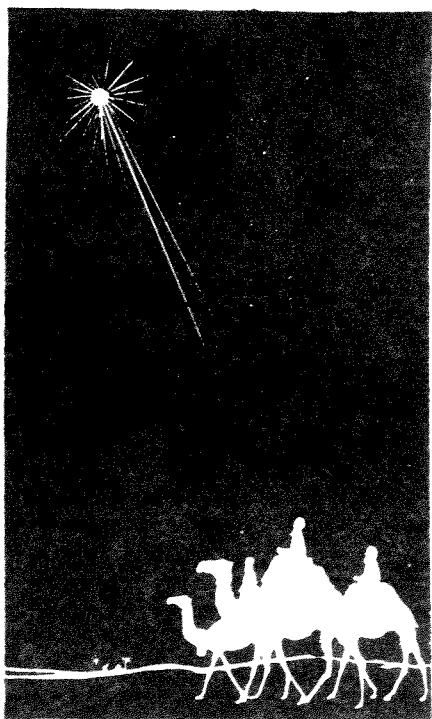
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In The Stillness of The Night



The stars shone bright and clear
that night,
The wind brought fragrance
sweet and light;
The sheep grazed lazily 'neath the
herders sight,
Close knit the circle bedded for
the night.

A star rose in yonder sky
brightness seen by naked eye,
Small and bright piercing with
its might;
Seen afar by all both great and
small, a boon for night.
Gave elegance to the scene that
night.

The lowly shepherds ear was
sharp to catch the sound,

Intruders stealthy step his sheep
to harm,
Amazed to hear, instead of
stealthy footstep, music
Bursting forth across the hills,
ringing rock and rill.

With clear sweet tones the
Angels sang, an anthem
To the new-born King, "Glory
to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, good will
toward men."
"Fear not:...I bring you good
tiding of great joy."

Let us then with angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled."

—Kenneth J. Smith, 1968

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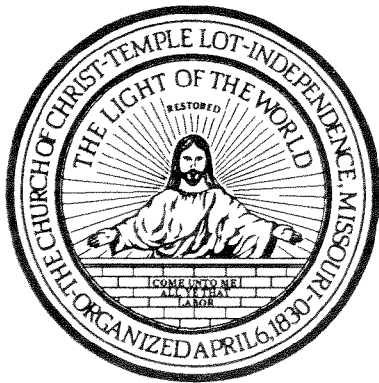
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To be a voice of warning to His people; to be Zion's advocate.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Whose Birthday Is It?

By Don W. Housknecht

An incident of a few years back has been refreshed to my memory and I would like to tell it here. It has to do with a little candy shop, in Fargo, North Dakota, and a little lad named Ito, in far away Japan.

After World War II it was necessary to leave troops in Japan to maintain the peace. At Christmas time our boys could often be found gathered in groups here and there, and singing Christmas carols with all their might and always on the day before and on Christmas day they could be seen going about acting as Santa Claus and often dressed as such. They had great fun in holding parties for the children and passing out toys and candy. It was at one of these parties that a little lad named Ito was heard to ask the question,—"Whose birthday is it? The man with the whiskers?" and someone told him that they were celebrating the Savior's birthday. But the little fellow was quite confused, for, from what he could see, SANTA WAS THE MAIN ATTRACTION.

Now, we ask the question again. Whose birthday is it? Is there anything in the millions of dollars worth of advertising that would tell us? Look into the store windows and see the lavish displays therein, see the elaborate things that decorate the windows, lights and spangles, fir trees fairly bristling with tinsel and bells and glistening imitation snow. And you see Santas everywhere, some of them begging alms and others sitting in stores telling falsehoods to innocent children. Do these tell the story of the Man whose birthday we celebrate?

Where in all the lavish displays do you see the picture of Him who has given us this day to celebrate? You have but to go down to any of the main streets of your city or town and look about you and peer into the windows, from one end of the street to the other, but can you see the supposed likeness pictured there of the One who once lay in a humble stall, to whom came men from afar to pay Him homage? Can you see anything that indicates that it is for Him that we are buying gifts (or are we?).

What manner of gifts are we laying at His feet? Is it not ridiculous to commemorate a person's birthday by buying gifts, and then GIVE THE GIFTS TO SOMEONE ELSE,

"Whose birthday is it, anyway. The man with the whiskers?"

whose birthday is likely a long way off?

No, there is no space available for the picture of Him whose birth we commemorate, but rather is the space occupied by that which is offered for sale. Commercializing on the name of Christ, lining their pockets with gold and silver, making themselves rich of this world's goods, (and we contribute to the delinquency) rather than bestow gifts upon Him who holds out to mankind the greatest gift of all—Eternal Life!

But a few years ago, in Fargo, North Dakota, there was a little old man that eked out a living from his candy store. He used to trust the kiddies and let them have candy when they didn't have any pennies.

Other stores much larger in size and volume of business wouldn't trust the kiddies who didn't have their pennies with them, and their windows held a lavish display of gifts and do-dads and spangles, dolls, toys and trains, but there was nothing to mention the Birth of the

fair Prince of Peace. All these other stores were busy with their great volume of business but nothing to show what it was all about, but the little candy store window was barren of great display, barren except for a lone picture with a candle burning on either side of it, not the picture of the babe in the manger, but the face of a Man who looked dejected and saddened, and somehow it just didn't harmonize with the gay atmosphere of festivity on the outside.

A few shoppers would stop and look into this window which was so different in contrast to that of others around it. It was a cold and bitter winter, very typical of the Dakotas, but some of the shoppers that had stopped to look at this humble display would stand so long that the bitter cold would eventually make them pass on, but the face that they beheld in the window of the little candy store, should long remain in their memory. Truly, the little Japanese lad might ask in bewilderment, "Whose birthday is it?"

If a like sum of money that we spend each Christmas for gifts were turned in for offerings to the Lord, and then on Christmas day, gather ourselves together and give homage to Him whose birthday it is, and join our voices in songs that tell of Him, as the songs of the Angels,— "Joy to the world the Lord is come, for lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever encircling years, shall come the time

foretold, when the new heaven and earth shall own, the Prince of Peace, their King, and the whole world send back the song, which now the Angels sing. Hail! the heaven born Prince of

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Peace! Hail! the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings risen with healing in His wings. Quiet! He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth."

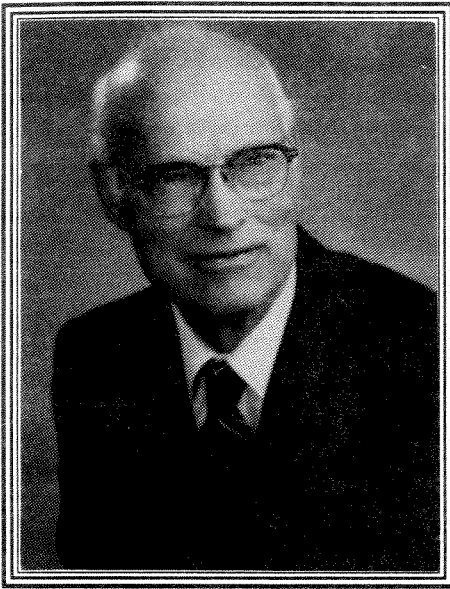
What a glorious feeling it must have been on the day so long ago, to have heard the voice of heaven saying, "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which will be to all people." And then to hear the Angels in chorus sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Need we ask? Whose birthday it is we now commemorate!

—from the *Zion's Advocate*,
December 1967

ARTICLE

THE GATHERING OF ISRAEL



By Apostle Marvin E. Ely

"...He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow anymore at all" Jeremiah 31:10-12.

The Lord will open the way for the redemption of Jacob (Israel). Ransom means to provide a way for their release.

By reading 1 Nephi 7:15-19 we can learn that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation (the United States of America) among the Gentiles upon the face of this land and by them the seed of Lehi will be scattered. And after they are scattered, the Lord God will proceed to do a marvelous work among the Gentiles. This marvelous work is the Book of Mormon. It shall be of great worth unto the seed of Lehi and also unto the Gentiles.

"And not only unto the Gentiles, but unto all the house of Israel, unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham, saying, In thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. And I would, my brethren, that ye should know that all the kindreds of the earth cannot be blessed unless he shall make bare his arm in the eyes of the nations. Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, in bringing about his covenants and his gospel, unto

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those who are of the house of Israel" 1 Nephi 7:20-22.

"Thy watchman shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. Break forth unto joy; sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people; he hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the

ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God”
Mosiah 7:78-80.

We can gather two things out of the above quotation. One is that when the Lord shall bring again Zion, they shall see eye to eye. The other is that all nations shall know when the Lord bares his holy arm.

“Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, the Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land”
Jeremiah 23:7-8.

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“And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian Sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his

people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt” Isaiah 11:15-16.

There are some marvelous blessings for the house of Israel when the Lord gathers his people from where they have been scattered.

“Thus saith the Lord God; when I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God”
Ezekiel 28:25-26.

At the present time Israel is in the midst of those who despise and hate them but one day the Lord will execute judgement upon them and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

“And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanc-

tified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you” Ezekiel 36:23-25.

All of these statements would be contingent upon them being persuaded to believe in Jesus Christ.

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God”
Ezekiel 36:26-28.

In 2 Nephi 11:25 we can read where the Jews shall be scattered among all nations and the Jews shall be scattered by other nations.

“And after they have been scattered, and the Lord God hath scourged them by other nations, for the space of many generations, yea, even down from generation to generation, until they shall be persuaded to be-

lieve in Christ, the Son of God, and the atonement, which is infinite for all mankind; And when that day shall come, that they shall believe in Christ, and worship the Father in his name, with pure hearts, and clean hands, and look not forward any more for another Messiah, then, at that time, the day will come that it must needs be expedient that they should believe these things, And the Lord will set his hand again the second time to restore his people from their lost and fallen state" 2 Nephi 11:26-28.

"Wherefore, he will manifest himself unto them in power and great glory, unto the destruction of their enemies, when that day cometh when they shall believe in him. And none will he destroy that believe in him, And they that believe not in him, shall be destroyed, both by fire, and by tempest, and by earthquakes, and by bloodsheds, and by pestilence, and by famine. And they shall know that the Lord is God, the Holy one of Israel" 2 Nephi 5:37-40.

"Wherefore, the Lord God will proceed to make bare his arm in the eyes of all the nations, in bringing about his covenants and his gospel, unto those who are of the house of Israel. Wherefore, he will bring

them again out of captivity, and they shall be gathered together to the lands of their inheritance; And they shall be brought out of obscurity, and out of darkness; And

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they shall know that the Lord is their Savior and their Redeemer, the mighty one of Israel" 1 Nephi 7:22-25.

In 2 Nephi 12:71-74 we learn that the time will come when the Jews shall have the words of the Nephites and the Nephites shall have the words of the Jews. The Nephites and the Jews shall have the words of the lost tribes of Israel; and the lost tribes of Israel shall have the words of the Nephites and the Jews. The Lord's people shall be gathered home unto the lands of their possessions and the Lord's word shall also be gathered in one. God made a covenant with Abraham that he would remember his seed forever.

"And now, behold, my beloved brethren, I would speak unto you: for I, Nephi, would not suffer

that ye should suppose that ye are more righteous than the Gentiles shall be. For behold, except ye shall keep the commandments of God ye shall all likewise perish; and because of the words which have been spoken ye need not suppose that the Gentiles are utterly destroyed. For behold, I say unto you, That as many of the Gentiles as will repent, are the covenant people of the Lord; and as many of the Jews as will not repent, shall be cast off; For the Lord covenanteth with none, save it be with them that repent and believe in his Son, who is the Holy One of Israel" 2 Nephi 12:75-78.

We can easily understand from the above paragraph that as many as will repent can come into the covenant even though not of Abraham's seed.

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" Galatians 3:27-29.

"But behold, this land, saith God, shall be a land of thine inheritance; and the Gentiles shall be blessed

upon the land. And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles: and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles” 2 Nephi 7:17-18.

In verse 16 of 2 Nephi 7 we learn that promises of the Lord are great unto the Gentiles. These Gentiles are the United States of America and this land has been a land of liberty unto them and there has been no king over them. Also there is the promise that this land would be fortified against all other nations.

“And he that fighteth against Zion, shall perish, saith God; for he that raiseth up a king against me, shall perish. For I the Lord, the King of heaven, will be their king; and I will be a light upon them forever, that hear my words” 2 Nephi 7:20-21.

“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, thus saith our God: I will afflict thy seed by the hand of the Gentiles; Nevertheless, I will soften the hearts of the Gentiles, that they shall be like unto a father to them; wherefore, the Gentiles shall be blessed and numbered among the house of Israel” 2 Nephi 7:27-29.

From the above quotation we learn that “thy seed,” the Indian peoples, will be afflicted by the Gentiles of our nation; however, the repentant Gentiles

can be numbered among the house of Israel.

“Wherefore, I will consecrate this land unto thy seed, and they who shall be

if the Gentiles will repent and hearken unto the words of Jesus, He will establish His church among them and they shall come into the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob.

numbered among thy seed, for ever for the land of their inheritance: For it is a choice land, saith God unto me, above all other lands; Wherefor, I will have all men that dwell thereon, that they shall worship me, saith God” 2 Nephi 7:30-32.

“And blessed are the Gentiles, because of their belief in me, in and of the Holy Ghost, which witness unto them of me and of the Father. Behold, because of their belief in me, saith the Father, and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel, in the latter day shall the truth come unto the Gentiles, that the fullness of these things shall be

made known unto them” 3 Nephi 7:30-31.

The truth that came forth was the Book of Mormon which came forth to the believing Gentiles, as well as the house of Israel.

The unbelieving Gentiles who were responsible for the scattering of the Lord's people, who are of the house of Israel, will have many judgements upon them when they shall sin against the gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations and above all the people of the whole earth. And when the Gentiles shall be filled with lyings, deceits, mischiefs, all manner of hypocrisy, murders, priestcrafts, whoredoms and of secret abominations, the fullness of the gospel shall be brought forth from among them. (See 3 Nephi 7:32-35.)

“And then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and I will bring my gospel unto them; And I will shew unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you, but I will remember my covenant unto you, O house of Israel, and ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fullness of my gospel. But if the Gentiles will repent, and return unto me, saith the Father, behold, they shall be numbered among my people, O house of Israel; And I will not suffer my people, who

are of the house of Israel, to go through among them, and tread them down, saith the Father" 3 Nephi 7:36-39.

However, if the Gentiles will not repent and turn to the Lord the house of Israel shall go through among them and tread them down.

The Gentiles have received many blessings upon this land and have scattered the Lord's people. If they do not repent the remnant of the house of Jacob shall go forth among them even as a young lion among the flocks and none can deliver. (See 3 Nephi 9:51-53.) An old lion kills what he needs to eat but a young lion kills wantonly for it needs the practice and none can deliver.

"And I will gather my people together, as a man gathereth his sheaves into the floor, for I will make my people with whom the Father hath covenanted, yea, I will make thy horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass. And thou shalt beat in pieces many people; and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord,...And it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that the sword of my justice shall hang over them at that day; and except they repent, it shall fall upon them, saith the Father, yea, even upon all the nations of the Gentiles. And it shall come to pass that I will establish my people, O house of Israel. And be-

hold, this people will I establish in this land, unto the fulfilling of the covenant which I made with your father Jacob; and it

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shall be a new Jerusalem"
3 Nephi 9:54-58.

If the Gentiles will repent and hearken unto the words of Jesus, He will establish His church among them and they shall come into the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob. Establish has several meanings: (1) Bring into existence, (2) To make firm or stable, (3) To set on a firm basis. Since the Church of Christ is already established or in existence, it would appear that the last two meanings would be more applicable. Also the Gentiles shall assist the Lord's people, the remnant of Jacob on this land, and as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem. Also the Gentiles shall assist the Lord's people to be gathered in unto the New Jerusalem. (See: 3 Nephi 10:1-3.)

"And then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst, and then shall the work of the Father commence, at that day even when this gospel shall be preached unto the remnant of this people....At that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people; yea, even the tribes which have been lost,...then shall the work commence, with the Father, among all nations, in preparing the way whereby his people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance....For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited" 3 Nephi 10:4-11.

"Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in cities, and the wastes shall be builded. And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I

the Lord build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the Lord have spoken it, I will do it"
Ezekiel 36:33-36.

After the Book of Mormon came forth many of the Gentiles shall believe it and carry it forth to the remnant of Jacob and the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be declared among them.

"And their scales of darkness shall begin to fall from their eyes: and many generations shall not pass away among them, save they shall be a white and delightsome people. And it shall come to pass that the Jews which are scattered, also shall begin to believe in Christ: and they shall begin to gather in upon the face of the land; and as many as believe in Christ, shall also become a delightsome people. And it shall come to pass that the Lord shall commence his work, among all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, to bring about the restoration of his people upon the earth" 2 Nephi 12:84-87.

The Lord God shall cause a great division among the people and the wicked will he destroy, and He will spare His people. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, and the leopard lie down with the kid; and the calf, and the young lion, and the fatling together; and a little child lead them. Even the lion shall eat straw like the ox. No

one shall hurt or destroy and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord. The things of all nations shall be made known. (See 2 Nephi

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12:88-97.)

"Wherefore, all things which have been revealed unto the children of men, shall at that day be revealed; And Satan shall have power over the hearts of the children of men no more, for a long time" 2 Nephi 12:98-99.

This would be the same time as spoken of in Rev. 20:1-6 in which Satan will be bound for a thousand years so that he can not deceive the nations until the thousand years should be fulfilled.

"And he gathereth his children from the four quarters of the earth; And he numbereth his sheep, and they know him; And there shall be one fold and one shepherd: And he shall feed his sheep, and in him they shall find pasture. And because of the right-

eousness of his people, Satan has no power; Wherefore, he can not be loosed for the space of many years; For he hath no power over the hearts of the people, for they dwell in righteousness, and the Holy One of Israel reigneth. And now behold, I, Nephi, say unto you, that all these things must come according to the flesh. But, behold, all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people shall dwell safely in the Holy One of Israel, if it so be that they will repent" 1 Nephi 7:56-64.

In summation we can easily understand the importance and great need for repentance. Those that will love Jesus Christ and keep his commandments have some marvelous blessings promised to them. To live with Christ a thousand years would be a beautiful experience.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Hark the Herald Angels

By Kenneth J. Smith

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN." (St. Luke 2:9-14)

Ah yes, perhaps it is one of the simplest yet most fabulous event in the history of all mankind. It's an event that is celebrated by both the simplest unknown and the greatest celebrity among the thousands of devoted Christians. It's an event scoffed at in private by the orthodox blood descendant of Judah, who does not know Jesus as the Saviour. And perhaps, he looks on with glistening eyes of satisfaction at the possible profit caused by the glamour and glitter of the decorative expressions of the Christian. There's still another class that is blatantly oblivious to the salvation of all mankind, that is uninterested in the story of our Lord Jesus, who are steeped in

the sins of ungodliness, and are aiding and abetting the activities of the great Anti-Christ movement. Last, there's the heathen as he brings his sights to bear upon the defense of the defenseless, and schemes dark and monstrous schemes of conquest and bloodshed.

Ah yes, this is the strong picture of the strange happenings in this great season of the year, when so many turn their eyes towards the altar of worship. It's a season that is fraught with both love and devotion to ideals, and death and destruction of war, which brings misery and commotion endangering the safety of all mankind. The Apostle Paul speaks clearly of the time in which we live: *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be...Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof:..."* (2 Timothy 3:1-5) He continues further with his warning: *"yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. BUT EVIL MEN AND SEDUCERS SHALL WAX WORSE AND WORSE, DECEIVING AND BEING DECEIVED. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been*

assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;" (2 Timothy 3:12) *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."* (2 Timothy 4:2-4)

Ah yes, the message of the heavenly host, *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"* comes down to us with greater import and sweeter significance as the years go by, especially this year of 1968. Our message is not intended to be one of complacency to soothe the ears and eyes of mankind concerning the conditions of our times. Nor is it to add to the alarm that is often sounded by him who brings about division and distrust. Our message is to bring about individual evaluation that will allow those who are looking for stability and understanding to see; and, in seeing, to understand the true values contained in the story of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

The peoples of another civilization of bygone years on this

land also lived and suffered because of their beliefs in the prophecies concerning the birth of Jesus. They had been taught and preached to for many years concerning the great event that was to take place. They were taught that it was to have great influence upon their lives, and the lives of their children, and upon all the creation of God. But alas, there were those in that day, just as there are those in our day, that began to teach against the prophecies concerning his birth, even as they are now teaching contrary to his literal second coming to the earth in this day. They said, "...the time was past for the words to be fulfilled, which were spoken by Samuel, the Lamanite. And they began to rejoice over their brethren, saying, Behold, the time is past, and the words of Samuel are not fulfilled; therefore, your joy and your faith concerning this thing hath been vain." (3 Nephi 1:5-6) And the commotion began to increase and the believers began to waiver just a little, "...and the people who believed, began to be very sorrowful, less by any means those things which had been spoken, might not come to pass. But behold, they did watch steadfastly for that day, and that night, and that day, which should be as one day, as if there were no night, that they might know that their faith had not been in vain." (3 Nephi 1:7-8) Commotion continued to increase and persecution with it, until they were threatened with death because of their belief un-

less the sign should come about. "Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers, that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death, except the sign should come to pass which had been given by Samuel the prophet." (3 Nephi 1:9) Then we find the good man, Nephi, fearful for those of his people who believed, went out and offered up mighty prayer and supplication to the Lord in their behalf. The Lord heard and the sign was given. And great and marvelous was the fulfillment of this prophecy. For, "...at the going down of the sun, there was no darkness; and the people began to be astonished: because there was no darkness when the night came. And there were many who had not believed the words of the prophets, fell to earth, and became as if they dead..."

What of these last days? Will the shock and the turmoil of His second coming have its effect upon the believer and the unbeliever alike? We are told, "...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) Unusual shall be the event of His second coming in these last days: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds,

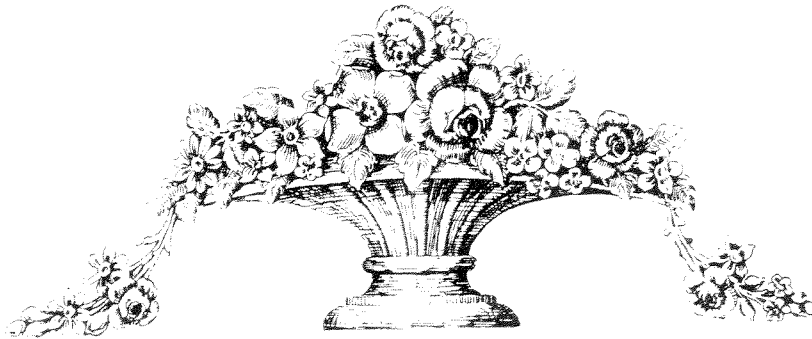
to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thessalonians 4:16-17) And great shall be the consternation of the unbeliever: "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks; Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelations 6:15-17)

So we say to all men, repent and come in unto the covenant, that in the final culmination you may be accounted worthy to partake of that better way of life which leads to the salvation, and the true individual evaluation of the fullness of the story of our Lord Jesus. To the peoples of the restoration, we would continue to plead, arise, shake off the coals from our garments. Come up to that standard that is made possible by that covenant we have partaken of, that we may be able to teach loud and clear the message of the heavenly host, "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN." (Luke 2:14) Come, that together we may be ready when the bridegroom comes, and that we may enter into that rest. (All emph. mine KJS) HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING.

OBITUARY

In Memory of Novella Katherine Cox

March 20, 1924—October 27, 1996



Novella Katherine Cox was born March 20, 1924, to Clint and Myrtle J. (Paschall) Hart and passed from this life on October 27, 1996, at the age of 72 years, 7 months, and 7 days. Katherine had suffered with lymphoma cancer for several months. She died at her home in Paris, Tennessee, where her daughters Janie, Tresia and Robin cared for her. Katherine was a life-long resident of Henry County and was retired from the Home Self-Service Laundry of Paris. She enjoyed quilt piecing and quilting. She sold many quilt tops from her home on 45 highway west of Paris.

Katherine was baptized into Christ on September 27, 1968, by Elder M. Harvey Seibel, and was an active member of the Foundry Hill Church of Christ in Puryear, Tennessee,

where a Memorial Service was held in memory of her on October 29, 1996, at 6 p.m. The little church was filled to capacity with family and friends. Elders Leon Thompson of Puryear, Tennessee, and Leslie Case of Kansas City, Missouri, officiated. Brothers Robert Eddy of Clinton, Missouri, and Sisters Czerna Kauffman of Collins, Missouri, and Wanda Thompson of Puryear, Tennessee, sang *Precious Memories*. Katherine's son sang a song he wrote entitled, *The Promise*, about God's promise that He would never leave us alone, and led the congregation in *Amazing Grace*. Sister Czerna sang the closing song, *I Will Go Where You Want Me To Go*. After the service everyone was invited to a supper at the home of Katherine's daughter, Janie, and husband, Tommy Sim-

mons, located just behind the Foundry Hill Church of Christ in Puryear, on the property once owned by her grandmother, Myrtle.

Katherine is survived by three daughters, Janie and her husband Tommy Simmons of Puryear, Tennessee, Tresia and her husband Tommy Jackson of Memphis, Tennessee, and Robin Cox of the home, and one son, Gary Vaughn, of Memphis, Tennessee; ten grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren, and many other family members and friends.

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