

"And also that nation whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterward they shall come out with great substance."

"And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age."

"But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full." Gen. xv, 13, 14, 15, 16,

verses. There are two passages in the above quotations which are brought prominently to our notice, and which I propose to treat in their order.

1st. "And they shall afflict them 400 years."

2nd. "But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again."

The first impression that a reader gets by perusing these two quotations, is that they are synonymous in their meaning; but by careful investigation he will find a difference.

Abraham was born in the year 2,004, according to Bible chronology, dating from the creation. The above revelation was given to him after he returned to Canaan the second time, which occurred in the year 2,083, and must have been given to him before he was 100 years old, because he as yet had no children, for he had but just passed a 100 years when Isaac was born. The children of Israel were delivered from Egyptian bondage in about 2,504, or about 400 years from the time that God spoke to Abraham in Canaan, which was in fulfillment of the 400 years spoken of in the above quotation; this is also sustained by Josephus who refers to it as follows: "And 400 years did they spend under these afflictions; for they strove one against the other which should get the mastery, the Egyptians desiring to destroy the Israelites by these labors, and the Israelites desiring to hold out to the end unto them." All Bible commentators agree that the 400 years had reference to the period from which God spoke to Abraham in Canaan, to the time of the deliverance of the children of Israel from bondage by Moses, and not the 215 years, from the time that Jacob and his family went down to Egypt to the time that Moses led them out. Exodus xii chapter, 40 verse; and Josephus xv chapter, also Chamber's Cyclopaedia, under the heading of "Jews." A careful research will show that Abraham's posterity was more or less depending upon Egypt until the time of entire deliverance. See Harding's work on "The Patriarchs and Prophets."

Now as to the latter part of the quotation: "But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again." Here evidently it will not do to apply the same definition to "generation" that we did in the forepart of this article. By applying the second definition of generation we will find that instead of coming out in the fourth generation, it is the eighth generation; and if we conclude that it has reference to the generations which should follow after the death of Abraham, we would find ourselves in error again, for we would find it to be in the sixth generation. But it evidently has reference to a period of time. Here, however, some have advocated the theory that it had reference to the age of man, which at that period was one hundred and twenty years; Gen. vi chapter, 3d verse, "And the Lord said, my spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he is also flesh; yet his days shall be 120 years." Now while this might be made to harmonize in this particular, it would fall in subsequent revelations of a similar character, we must therefore seek another rule by which we can solve the question agreeable with other revelations of the same nature; and to do this, let us apply the key which President Young gave in company of twenty Elders, and which will be more fully explained in another place. Let us call each generation, century and date from the time or century in which Abraham was gathered to his fathers, and not from the time the revelation was given; for the verse preceeding the last in the quotation will lead us to this conclusion; "Thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age." "But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again." Now Abraham was born in the year 2,004, from the creation; or, as we are reckoning by centuries, in the beginning of the 21st century; he was

gathered to his fathers in the year 2179, or in the 22nd century: the children of Israel entered Canaan under Joshua in 2549, or in the 26th century, and in the fourth century after the death of Abraham, or in the fourth generation. Here then is no longer a mystery and the word of God like all other prophecies, predicted by him, has been fulfilled to the letter. I must here state that the above prophecy has been carefully omitted in all Bible references as well as Scriptural concordances that have fallen under my observation.

Let us now follow up the subject in the Book of Mormon, both as a proof that that Book is in accordance with the Bible, and in substantiation of the premises assumed.

Nephi, in referring to the destruction of his people after the crucifixion of the Savior, as shown to him in a vision, uses the following language:

"And the angel said unto me look! And I looked, and beheld three generations pass away in righteousness; and their garments were white, even like unto the Lamb of God. And the angel said unto me, these are made white in the blood of the Lamb, because of their faith in him. And I Nephi also saw many of the fourth generation, who passed away in righteousness."

"And it came to pass that I saw the multitudes of the earth gathered together. And the angel said unto me, behold thy seed, and also the seed of thy brethren! And it came to pass that I looked and beheld the people of my seed gathered together in multitudes against the seed of my brethren; and they were gathered together to battle \* \* \* and because of the pride of my seed, and the temptations of the devil, I beheld that the seed of my brethren did overpower the people of my seed. And it came to pass that I beheld and saw the people of the seed of my brethren, that they had overcome my seed; and in wars and rumors of wars I saw many generations pass away.—Book of Mormon, page 22.

This needs but little comment, as all who are acquainted with the latter part of the Book of Mormon know what transpired in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th centuries; and that the entire destruction of the Nephites took place in the fourth century. In further proof of the same prophecy, let us now quote the words of the Savior, in the same book, on page 487, over six centuries afterwards:

"And now behold, my joy is great, even unto fulness, because of you, and also this generation. \* \* \* Behold, I would that ye should understand; for I mean them who are now alive of this generation: and none of them are lost; and in them I have fulness of joy. But behold, it sorroweth me because of the fourth generation from this generation, for they are led captive by him, even as was the son of perdition; for they will sell me for silver, and for gold, and for that which moth doth corrupt, and which thieves can break through and steal. And in that day will I visit them, even in turning their works upon their own heads." The reader will please notice that day and generation are used here in the same sense.

In verification of the above, let us now examine what Nephi says, page 493, at the close of the first century or generation, and see how beautifully the words of the Savior were fulfilled.

"Yea even an hundred years had passed away, and the disciples of Jesus, whom he had chosen, had all gone to the paradise of God, save it were the three who should tarry; and there were other disciples ordained in their stead; and also many of that generation which had passed away. And it came to pass that there was no contention in the land, because of the love of God which did dwell in the hearts of the people. And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness, and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God; there were no robbers, nor murderers, neither were there Lamanites, nor any manner of ites; but they were in one, the children of Christ, and heirs to the kingdom of God; and how blessed were they, for the Lord God did bless them in all things; yea, even they were blessed and prospered, until a hundred and ten years had passed away,

and the first generation from Christ had passed away, and there was no contention in all the land." A literal fulfillment of the words of the Savior, "The Father rejoiceth, and also all the holy Angels, because of you and this generation; for none of them are lost."

But let us see what became of the fourth generation; for the Savior said they would deny him and sell him for silver and gold; but in that day he would visit them, and turn their works upon their own heads.

Moroni, on page 510 says: "Behold four hundred years have passed away since the coming of the Lord and Savior. And behold, the Lamanites have hunted my people, the Nephites, from city to city, and from place to place, even until they are no more; and great has been their fall; yea, great and marvelous is the destruction of my people, the Nephites. And behold it is the hand of the Lord which hath done it." Verily, verily, here are the words of the Lord again fulfilled—"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Here then are Nephi's words also fulfilled, as shown to him in vision a thousand years previous.

One more quotation from this sacred book which needs no comment. "And it came to pass that two hundred years had passed away and the second generation had all passed away, save it were a few." Page 494.

President Young, while visiting in Ogden, was once asked the question: "What is a generation?" His answer was, "You mean, how long is this generation? This generation is just one hundred years."

Hence from the previous quotations it appears that a generation begins with a century, and terminates near its close.

With these remarks I leave each one to conclude when the words of the Savior shall be fulfilled.

L. F. MONCH.

## Correspondence.

The Mormon Battalion.

BEAVER, U. T.  
October 7th, 1879.

### Editors Desert News:

During the living officers and soldiers of the Mormon Battalion, as well as their numerous relations and friends would be pleased to see their muster roll in print, I beg to present the following, received from the Church historian's office, submitted by our delegate, Hon. George Q. Cannon, and carefully revised and corrected by the chief clerk, Adjutant General's office, Washington, D. C. Should any one discover an error he will confer a favor by calling my attention to it, that it may be corrected before appearing in battalion history:

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Musicians.—Elisha; Jos. W. Richards.

Privates.—Allen Rufus C., Allred James R., Allred James T. S., Allred Reuben W., Allen Albert, Brown John, Butterfield Jacob K., Baily James, Brunson Clinton D., Brass Benjamin, Blanchard Morvin S., Beckstead Gordon S., Beckstead Orin W., Bickmore Gilbert, Brown Wm. W., Bevan Jas., Briant John S., Curtis Josiah, Cox Henderson, Chase Hiram B., Calkins Alva C., Casper Wm. W., Calkins James W., Calkins Sylvans, Calkins Edward R., Coleman Geo., Clarke Jos., Clarke Riley G., Decker Zechariah B., Debsen Joseph, Dodson Eli, Earl James C., Egbert Robert C., Fairbanks Henry, Frederick David, Glimes Jas. H., Gardner David, Gordan Gilman, Goodwin Andrew, Skyles Hulet, Holden Elijah E., Hawkins Benj., Hickenlooper Wm. F., Hampton James, Hunt Martial, Hewett Eli B., Hudson Wilford, Hoyt Timothy S., Hoyt Henry P., Ivy Richard A., Jackson Cas. A., Johnson Henry, Kelly William, Kelly Nicholas, Kibby James, Lemon James W., Lake Barnabas,

Moss David, Maxwell Maxie, Mayfield Benj. F., Naile Conrad, (John C. Naile, d. t.), Pyle Melehed, Packard Henry, m. o. corporal, Piereson Ebenezer, Roe Carait C., Ritter John, Sted George E., Sted Isaiah C., Sessions Richard, Shepherd Lafayette, m. o. as corporal, Swartout Hamilton, Sexton George, Sessions John, Sessions Wm. B., Taylor Jos., Thompson John, Vandenberg Adna, Weaver Miles, Wriston John P., Wriston Isaac N., Weaver Franklin, Wilson Alfred, Wheeler Merrill W., White Samuel F., Web Charles, Winn Dennis, Woodworth Lysander, White Joseph, Willay Jeremiah, Weir Thomas.

#### COMPANY B.

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W., Olmstead Hiram, Perkins John, Pickup George, Pick Isaac, Pulsipher David, Purson Judson, Richley Benj., Burt Wm. W., Richmond Benj., Reynolds Wm., Riser John J., Smith Milton, Smith Richard, Shupe James, Shupe Andrew G., Shipley Joseph, Squires Wm., Corporal Shomeway Aurora, Thompson James L., Thomas Nathan T., Thomas Elijah, Tuttle Elanson, Truman Jacob M., Tindell Solomon, Wade Edward D., Wade Moses, Wood William, White John G., Wilcox Matthew, Welsh Madison, Wheeler Henry, Perkins David.

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Capt. Daniel C. Davis; First Lieutenant, James Pace; Second Lieutenant, Andrew Lytle; Third Lieutenant, Samuel L. Gully; First Sergeant, Edmund L. Brown; Second Sergeant, Richard Brazier; Third Sergeant, Ebenezer Hanks; Fourth Sergeant, Daniel Browett; Fifer, Levi W. Hancock.

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