

He saw that the gospel would be preached among all nations and kingdoms, first to the Jews and then to the gentiles. He saw that after the gospel should be preached by the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb to the Jews and to the gentiles, there would arise a great and abominable church, the most corrupt of all churches upon the face of all the earth, and that that great and abominable church should have power given unto them over the Saints of the Lamb to destroy them, etc., and that they should corrupt the Jewish Scriptures which should issue from the mouth of the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb, and take away from them many parts that were plain and precious and easy to the understanding of all men, and by reason of this great stumbling block, the Scriptures being in such a state, there should be many among the nations of the gentiles in the latter times that should exceedingly stumble and build up numerous churches, after the forms of different doctrines, and they should deny miracles and the power of God, saying, they are done away.

After seeing all these things on the eastern continent, he saw the promised land to which he and his father's family were about to be led; and he beheld his descendants in their various generations, and he saw wars, etc., among them; he saw that Jesus, after his resurrection, made his appearance bodily among them; this took place on the promised land which we call America. He saw the Israelites on this land become righteous, and he saw three generations pass away in righteousness; then the more part of them fell into wickedness and were destroyed, and the records kept among them contained the fullness of the gospel, and many prophecies and visions that were great and precious. He saw that a remnant of the nation should dwindle more and more in unbelief, and have wars and contentions among themselves, and become a degraded people, and be scattered upon all the face of this continent.

Then he saw in the latter days, the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles who should discover this land, and send forth their emigrants and form a great nation of gentiles upon this continent, and he saw that they should have power to free themselves from every nation under heaven.—Then he saw that, by the power of God, the records of his people should come forth and he saw that a church of the Saints should arise, and that it should spread itself upon all the face of the earth, among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles, and he saw also that the great and abominable church that was among all the nations of the gentiles, having dominion among all peoples and tongues should gather together in multitudes among the nations of the earth and fight against the Lamb of God, and against the Saints of the Most High and His covenant people, and he says: I beheld the power of the Lamb that it descended upon the Saints of the Most High that were scattered among all the nations of the gentiles, and they were armed with righteousness and the power of God in great glory.—And then he said, I saw the mother of abominations begin to have wars and rumors of war among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles, and the Lord spake unto him saying, behold the work of God is upon the mother of harlots, etc.

This vision continued down to the end of time. But what I wish to call your attention to at this time is one event which has been, in a measure, literally fulfilled; it is an event that no man, unless he were a prophet inspired by the Most High God, could have had a heart big enough to prophesy of with the least expectation of its fulfillment, and that is, the church of the Lamb of God that was to be raised up after the coming forth of these records of the ancient Israelites, should be among all nations and kingdoms of the gentiles.

This was uttered and printed before the Church of Latter Day Saints was in existence. How could a young man, inexperienced as Joseph Smith was, have had all this foreknowledge of future events unless he was inspired of God?—How did he know that any church believing in the Book of Mormon, would arise? He was then in the act of translating these records, the church had not yet an existence, and he was young, inexperienced and ignorant as regards the education and wisdom of this world. How did he know that after his manuscript was published a church called the Church of the Lamb would arise, and be built upon the fullness of the gospel contained in the book? How did he know that if it did arise, it would have one year's existence? What wisdom, education, or power could have given him this foreknowledge independent of the power of God? How could he know if a church should arise, that it would have any influence beyond his own neighborhood.—How did he know it would extend through the State of New York, where it was first raised?—How could he know that it would extend over the United States, and much more, that it would go to all nations and kingdoms of the gentiles?—And how did he know that the dominions of this church among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles should be small because of the wickedness of the great mother of abominations?—How did he know that the mother of harlots among these gentiles would gather together in great multitudes among all the nations and kingdoms of the earth to fight against the Saints of the Lamb of God? Common sense tells us that this would be taking a stretch far beyond what any false prophet dare take, with any hope of fulfillment.

To prophesy that a church would arise, and have place in all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles, and then to prophesy that the mother of harlots would gather together vast multitudes among all these nations and fight against the Saints, is taking a step far beyond what an impostor would undertake, if he were disposed to successfully impose upon mankind. How far has this been fulfilled? Only in part, so far however, as to give us no possibility of doubting that the balance will be fulfilled, every jot and

title. It is true, the Saints of the Lamb of God are not among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles yet, but there are very many of the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles where this little church that was organized in 1830, actually has a dominion and place.

If we go anywhere throughout the nation of the gentiles called the United States, we will find in almost every State and Territory the church of the Saints of the Lamb of God that the world call Mormons, fanatics, impostors, etc. If we go into Canada, we find them there. If we go across the great ocean to the island of Great Britain, we find them there numbering seven or eight hundred churches organized and some four thousand Elders and Priests ordained to preach the gospel contained in the Book of Mormon, as well as in the Bible.

The Saints in that country are scattered throughout England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Tens of thousands of them have shipped for America and tens of thousands still remain. Then cross the sea into that inhospitable region called Norway, and there we find many churches of the Saints. Then return a little south into Denmark, where thousands more will be found. Then go to the North East of Denmark into Sweden, and we still find Latter Day Saints. Then go into Germany and we find them scattered, more or less, throughout that confederation. I do not know that there is any branch of the Saints in Prussia; neither do I know that they extend through all the German States, but we find them in several. Next go into Switzerland and Italy, and we find them there. Then go to France and we find a few there. Then go upon some of the islands of the sea and a few thousands are found rejoicing in this church. In Asia and Africa a few will be found. They are not among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles, but they are scattered here and there among them; and their dominions are really small because of the wickedness of the great and abominable church.

There may be many nations of Asia where the feet of Latter Day Saints have not trod. I do not know that any of the Elders of this Church have gone to Japan. If we go into the South Sea Islands, the Friendly Islands, the Society Islands and the Sandwich Islands, we find Latter Day Saints on almost all of them.

Go into the various governments and kingdoms of South America and we find the Latter Day Saints scarce. I don't know but there may be now and then an Elder that has found his way there, but suffice it to say that the dominions of the Saints in South America are very small.—But we must look for the day when this prophecy shall be fulfilled, that the dominions of the Latter Day Saints shall be upon all the face of the earth among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles; and has there not been enough already fulfilled to show that the man that uttered that before the rise of this Church was indeed truly a prophet of the Most High God.

Again, although the great mother of abominations has not gathered together in multitudes upon the face of the earth among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles to fight against the Lamb of God and his Saints; yet there has been enough fulfilled to show that the balance will be accomplished. Has this great and abominable power, under the name of the mother of harlots, popularly called Christendom, fought against the Saints in this country? Let the history of this church answer that question; let the scenes we have past through in the land of Missouri testify; let the tribulation this people had to endure in the State of Illinois bear witness. We will not refer to persecutions in Utah, for here we have had but little compared with scenes we have past through in former years—suffice it to say multitudes have been gathered together—under the influence of what? Under the influence of that great and abominable church or system called the mother of harlots.

When we come to search to the bottom of this matter we find that has been the great influence which has produced all the persecutions that have come upon the Latter Day Saints since the organization of this church. How many preachers were gathered together in the western part of Missouri at the time we were driven from the state to give their advice in a pretended court marshal to have some fifteen or twenty of the leaders of this people taken out and shot on the public square the next morning? There were not less than seventeen priests advised the measure.

When we come to hunt for the great influence that has existed on the multitudes that gathered to persecute the Saints of the Lamb of God, we find it proceeding from the pulpit; through the falsehoods of priests, and the publishing of false principles they have endeavored to set on the frenzied multitude to put to death the Latter Day Saints, and deprive them of citizenship.

It is not necessary to speak of the scenes of cruelty and bloodshed caused to the Saints by this influence. I can read you in this book (Book of D. C.), before we went to Missouri that it should be the land of our enemies, that they should seek to destroy our lives, and it has been fulfilled to the very letter. We were told in revelations printed in this book and before the prophecy came to pass that we should be persecuted from city to city and but few of those who went up to Jackson county, Missouri, should stand to receive their inheritance. It has been fulfilled to the very letter.

Here then was the beginning, as it were, of the fulfillment of that saying in the Book of Mormon. That abominable church, among one of the nations of the gentiles at least, was gathered together under a religious influence to persecute the Saints contrary to the constitution of our country; they could not do it legally, they could not be upheld in it by true and legal authority, but they could do it illegally, under the sanction of priestcraft, under the advice of those who proclaim from the pulpit.

Let us now go into Canada, and there a religious influence existed, mobs arose, multitudes

were gathered together, and the Saints were stoned, hunted and driven to and fro, and had to flee from place to place. This persecution was raised up by the mother of harlots, the mother of abominations; because of what? Because we told them the Lord had revealed the same kind of religion in our day that he had eighteen hundred years ago. Go to England, and the same has happened there. Multitudes and multitudes started up against us. The Elders have had forty or fifty police to guard them from their meetings to their homes to keep them from being destroyed by the tens of thousands of people that blockaded the streets for miles in length.

I know these things to be facts from actual experience. I have passed through them. I have had tens of thousands rush upon me with all the fury of tigers, and they were only restrained by the power of God, but as yet the Lord has spared me, and so he has the most of the Elders that have traveled abroad. Go to Denmark and we find the same opposing power; and whenever this church has been organized, or a branch established, the mother of abominations has marshaled her host. So far the prophecy has been fulfilled in part, but not in full. I will tell you what will come to pass before it is all fulfilled. There must be the interposition of the Almighty to make a change among the nations of the earth before this church can be established among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles. This change will probably be brought about by war overturning all the governments and kingdoms of the gentiles.

A few years ago, many of the Saints, for want of a correct understanding of prophecy, thought that the war between Russia and France, England and Turkey was the great war of extermination, foretold by the prophets. There are prophecies of this kind that the great mother of abominations will go to war, and not a nation under heaven will escape, as they will use each other up by millions. They imagined that perhaps the time had come for the nations of christendom to be nearly exterminated by their great and terrible wars. But I lifted up my voice in England and put it in writing also, that the war then commencing would not thus terminate; it was for another purpose. It was for a chastisement, and in some measure, to ameliorate the condition of mankind that the gospel might more fully go forth among them.

How is it with regard to the war now taking place between Austria and the allied powers of France and Sardinia? How extensive the present European war will be, we do not know; but this we do know from prophecy, it will not result in the downfall of the mother of harlots.—There will be a time of peace, a time that will be more favorable to the promulgation of the gospel, that you and I, and whosoever of the servants of God He pleases, may be sent to these European nations to fulfill the prophecy which I have referred to in the Book of Mormon, and establish the kingdom of God among all the nations of modern Europe; where tyranny and oppression and all the horrors of despotism now reign, will be heard the gospel of peace. Saints must be established in all those countries. Even in Russia, that place where they would almost put you to death if you brought a printed work of a religious nature into the empire, in that country where they will not suffer you to propagate the Bible unmolested, whose religion is established by law, has the gospel of Jesus Christ to be preached. Yes, the church of the Saints is to be established there; and after it is established there they are to gather together in multitudes, like other nations, to fight against it, and so they will in Austria, Spain, Portugal and in all the modern nations of Europe as well as those nations that inhabit Asia and Africa. This war that is now taking place will not result in that dreadful extinction that is foretold in the Book of Mormon, and which will rage among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles, or, in other words, among the nations of christendom. The one is a war preparatory to the proclamation of the gospel; the other is a war of terrible destruction which will not better the condition of those who escape. The wars that are now taking place will have a tendency, in some measure to open the way for the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ to go and establish the church and kingdom of God among those nations.

A great many have prayed unwisely and no wonder they cannot get faith to fulfill their prayers. How have they prayed? "O Lord gather out all thy Saints from those European countries and bring them to Zion with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads, that there may be none left abroad upon the earth."

If the Lord should do this, it would prove the whole system false. When the time comes that the Saints of the Lamb of God are scattered upon all the face of the earth, among all nations and kingdoms of the gentiles and the multitudes gather against them to battles, we shall not find such unwise prayers answered. The Saints, instead of being all gathered out, will still be among the nations; for the power of the Lamb of God to descend upon the Saints of the Most High, that are among all the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles, and not only upon these, but also upon his covenant people, the descendants of Jacob, and they are to be armed with righteousness and the power of God in great glory. But gather them all out and where have you got your Saints? It would completely falsify this saying.

The day will come, when the padions of Europe will have warred among themselves sufficiently long, and those despotic governments are torn down, and when the hand of oppression and tyranny has been eased up, and when the principles of religious liberty have become more fully and more widely spread that the Elders of this church will traverse all these nations, and then we will have use for these Seventies that have been organizing so long; they have apparently been resting upon their oars, waiting to be called out into the vineyard of the Lord; then will be

the time for missions and callings to be given to you.

There are some sixty quorums of Seventies; these have been organizing for years, being instructed by their presidents, being taught in the things of the kingdom of God. What is your mission? The Book of Covenants tells me it is among the nations of the earth; that the Twelve are to open the doors, and wherever they cannot go, they were to send; and when they send, they shall call upon the Seventies in preference to any others, because it is more particularly their mission to go and preach to all people under heaven. You have not yet had an opportunity to magnify your calling, your mission has not yet begun, only in preparation; your great mission is still in the future among the nations and kingdoms of the gentiles. Some may have thought that the times of the gentiles was almost fulfilled. If the Lord has fulfilled the times of the gentiles, your calling is good for nothing, it only exists in name. But let me tell you, you have been called to this high and holy calling, and you will have your hands full yet, and the Lord God of Israel by his power will bear you off among the nations, and he it is that will gird up your loins, and give you power among these nations, and he it is that will enable you to go forth from nation to nation, and from kingdom to kingdom and no power will be able to stay your progress; that has all got to be fulfilled as sure as you have that calling upon your heads. And you have got to do a great deal of preaching before the times of the gentiles are fulfilled; you have got to go and build up the church of the Lamb of God among those nations, and set ministers over them and go and build up more, and the High Priests that preside over them have got to purify their own hearts and the branches over whom they preside to be prepared for the power of God that shall rest upon them in great glory; that when the multitudes gather to fight against them they may be armed with the power that comes from heaven, that will cause their thrones and their kingdoms to shake to their very center.

By and bye, after you have fulfilled your missions to the nations of the gentiles and there will not any more of them repent, that is, when you have fully accomplished all that is required of you in relation to them, you will have another mission and so will the Twelve, and that is to the house of Israel, that may be among those nations, I mean the literal descendants of Jacob, the Jews, and the descendants of the other tribes that may be scattered among those nations. There are some from the ten tribes among them, but the body of the ten tribes are in the north country. You will find a few among all these gentile nations, you will have to direct your attention to them as if you have fulfilled your mission among the gentiles, and their times are fulfilled; you will have something to do among the Jews, and then will be a time of great power, such as you and I have not dreamed of; indeed we could not with our narrow comprehensions of mind perceive the power that will then follow. The Lord has told it in a revelation in the Book of Covenants, he has told us before the rise of this Church that in bringing forth this gospel, it is a light that could not be hid in darkness, therefore he says, I must bring the fullness of my gospel from among the gentiles to the house of Israel. Or this light of the fullness of my gospel will, as it were, be covered up and hid in darkness in many respects, and will not shine with that brilliancy, power and greatness, it will not appear in that magnitude that it will when I bring it from the midst of the gentiles to my people, Oh house of Israel. Again the Lord says in another revelation in the Book of Covenants, that when we have preached the gospel faithfully to the gentile nations, then cometh the day of my power, and we already know what the psalmist says in regard to that day: "my people shall be willing in the day of my power." The house of Israel have been unwilling in many generations past to receive the gospel, but in the day of his power you Seventies that will go forth among the nations of gentiles to hunt out the literal descendants of Jacob will be armed with that glory, power and majesty, and clothed upon from on high to that degree, that no power on earth can stay you, and then in that day the seed of Jacob will be willing to receive the testimony of the gospel, then many of the Jews will believe, altho' many of that nation will gather to Jerusalem in unbelief. But the Book of Mormon has told us that the main part of them will believe while yet scattered; they will receive your testimony and gather to Jerusalem, and because of your testimony the gentile believers will gather to Zion, and because of your testimony, all the elect of God of whatever nation, tongue and people, will be gathered out year after year, and by and bye the great and last gathering will be done through instrumentality of angels. There will be two as it were, grinding at a mill, the faithful one will be taken and the other will be left; there will be two as it were sleeping in one bed, one will be picked up by the angels, and the other will be left, and the remnant of the children of God scattered abroad on all the face of the earth, will receive their last gathering by the angels; but between this and that day there will be ship load after ship load gathering continually of the elect of God, of the Israel of God, and of the covenant people of the Lord to Zion and Jerusalem.

By and bye, when the Lord has made bare his arm in signs, in great wonders, and in mighty deeds through the instrumentality of his servants the Seventies, and through the instrumentality of the churches that shall be built up, and the nations and kingdoms of the earth have been faithfully and fully warned, and the Lord has fulfilled and accomplished all things that have been written in the Book of Mormon, and in other revelations pertaining to the preaching of the gospel to the nations of the gentiles and to the nations of Israel, by and bye the Spirit of God will entirely withdraw from those gentile nations, and leave them to themselves, then they will find some-