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Correspondence.

SALT LAKE CITY Feb. 1st, 1868. Editor Descret News:-Are the times of the Gentiles about fulfilled? This is Wenerel La Freerente ans taken-the eu-

a very important question, and in view ofgaining a correct answer, suppose we cite some of the words of our Savior, alluding to this momentous subject. Luke, chap. XXI, ver. 25-26: after declaring that Jerusalem should be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, he says: "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." In another place, he says: "There shall be wars and rumors of wars, commotions, &c., be not terrified, for these things must first come to pass but the end is not bye and bye." In the former instance, he does not seek to all the fears of his followers as in the latter from watch we may reasonably infe that the former signs immediately precede his second advent into the world when men's hearts shall fail them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth. To a certain extent we have always heard of wars and rumors of wars; but have we always heard of nations in distress and perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring? Are not the United States of America in distress by a debt of thousands of millions of dollars? Are they not distressed by the cries of the poor in the South and in the East? Are they not perplexed with the labor of reconstructing the Government? Are they not perplexed with the political intricacies that now exist, and with the divided, acrimonious feelings that now prevail in most sections of the land? Are not tempests and earthquakes more frequent and disastrous than usual? Are not the waves of the sea heaving themselves beyond their bounds with unusual violence? If any doubt this, let them read again an account of the late disasters in the West India Islands. What wise and far-seeing statesman can look forward and contemplate the future with joyful confidence? Do not men's hearts fail them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth, and what people, men for Christ's sake? Is England distressed with the cries of tens of thousands of her poor in Lordon and elsewhere, and is she perplexed with her Fenian subjects, who, armed with the spirit of destruction, go forth publicly and privately to scatter death and ruin in the land? Insignificant as the Fenians may be, yet a wasp can perplex and worry a lion. France also comes in for her share of the cries of the poor, whose chorus is "employment and bread," and by and bye their song may be a little more emphatic-"bread or blood." Is she not also perplexed in her diplomatic relations with other powers? China and Japan are full of distress and revolution. Mexico is also full of turmoil and brigandism, no safety or security there. The South American Governments are locking horns, distress and perplexity reign there also. Can our wise men and rulers see anything ominous in the foregoing and will they govern themselves accordingly? or will the day of the Lord come upon all nations as a thief in the night? "Fear and the pit and the snare are upon ye O! inhabitants of the earth," it is the day of the Lord's vengeance for the controversy of Zion, He will establish His kingdom on the earth and the nations who oppose it or fight against it will crumble like well-burnt lime upon the application of water. Will not the inhabitants of the earth reflect and consider when they feel to pour out their

block in their way. at toquado to driguord Be it remembered that when God sets up His kingdom on the earth, it will be different from any other kingdom that exists; if not so, He would set up no kingdom, but select the one, out of the many that was after the order of his own will. To make the kingdom of Heaven like the kingdoms of this world would be to plan for the Almighty, and not allow Him to plan for Himself.

wrath upon the "Mormons," that God's

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