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Hebrew Characteristics of the Record-Why a Portion of the Prophe-Hebrew Characteristics of the Record-Why a Portion of the Prophe-cies of Isaiah Were Transcribed upon the Plates-The English Version eise of Isaiah Were Transcribed upon the Plates-The English Version Not Copied by the Prophet Joseph-Double Fulfilment of Prophecies.

(Continued from Saturday, Sept. 29.) struction, let them once pass that mark, and their doom is sealed. Nob is the valley of decision for that army.

We have found that those whom last days as His children be few, and on acof her comparatively small numbers Zion is exhorted not to fear enemies who shall come against she must, however, be brought ery low, comparable to the straits of the Jews in Egypt. When this comes to pass the time to the end is very brief, for again the omnipotent (26) pelverer is announced, and then shall beneated scenes of awful destruc-tion accompanying (33) the deliver-ing of Zion, similar to those (34) atand of Zion, similar to those (34) at-ingling the taising of the last siege direction in verses 28-32 inclu-direction in verses 28-32 inclu-direction in the second sec these of conquest made by Zion's entries against her. These same statistics against her. These same the shall selze many of the saints the saints the saints the saints the saints saints the saints deruction. When their enemies, hererer, approach so near to final and server, approach so near to final and server, approach so near to final and point their hands against the (32) is lift their hands against that which is least of Zion, against that which is here to stand up against the ents even to stand up against the sints, even to stand up the says they prince of Princes, as Daniel says they grince of Princes, as Daniel says they shall then shall the Almighty God acthe daring but foolish challenge epi the daring out toolish challenge battle, and appear in terror to His ef. The rest of the awful scene ed not be recounted here. That the Almighty, has plowed dead line at Nob. His enemies can etreat without overwheiming de-

ISAIAH XI. Our first view here is of a blessed reign of peace and plenty, that shall succeed the redemption of Zion and of Jerusalem. Here again we find a faith-ful application of Isalah's first historical Unstrained and of other outlines are illustration, and of other outlines else-where given, and hence set this part

where given, and hence set this part down for the seventh reflex from that polished roll of brophecy. Some questions that may arise con-cerning the first portion of this chapter are answered in the Doctrine and Coveare answered in the bottmax and cover nants, section 133, and may be referred to there. We hext find some events mentioned that may be taken as signs of the speedy fulfillment of all prophe-cy. Among them may be noticed briefcy.

ey. Among then may be housed orien-ly: (12) (A) The lifting up of an ensign for the people. This was raised when the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith. (13) (B) The gathering. (C) The unity to prevail in su usas equi (Q) 'asily jo (yohn yo equi) a place for gathering. (14) (E) The spolling of those of the east-that is, gentile systems of religion begin de-cadence after Zion's advent. (15) (F) A highway shall be raised up in the sea to connect the sastern and the western continents together. It is probable that this will be brought about by an elevation of labd in the neighborhood of Behring strait. This opinion is founded on the following consideration: 1-The highway here spoken of is to be 1-The highway here spoken of is to be used by the people of God in passing from one continent to the other, and from one confinent to the other, and since there are multitudes of God's children living in eastern and north-eastern Asia, there would be the most convenient place for the intercontinen-tal highway. S-By its being raised up there, the mountains of ice that are to flow down at the presence of marching Israelites, are at hand.

ISAIAH XIL This chapter speaks of the joy that shall fill the hearts of the saints when I to the lands of their inheritance in antheir redemption is effected. ISAIAH XIII.

This prophecy does not fefer to the Babylon of ancient times—a fact that is very evident from the following con-sideration: 1—The noise of the (4) mul-titudes of this Babylon is caused by the gathering of the hosts of the nations, not of one, and (5) they assemble from the ends of the earth. (6) 2-This gaththe ends of the earth. (6) 2-This gath-ering of these nations is to occur when the great day of the Lord is at hand. 3-It takes (11) place when the Lord shall punish the whole world (10) for its evil. 4-The sign of its fulfillment is the darkening of the sun, moon and stars, a latter-day phenomenon. 5-The destruction of this Babylon (11) shall be (12) effected directly by the Ametery (12) effected directly by the Almighty (13) Himself. 6-When this Babylon is destroyed the heavens shall shake, and the earth be removed (12) out of her present place. 7-The destruction in this case shall be almost universal, few shall be left. These feartur events are to accompany the second coming of the Savior, and the Babylon of this chapter is the Babylon of the inst days. It is the same exactly as that spoken of by St. John, the revelator, in Rev. xviii-or secular Babylon. There is but one circumstance that seems to stand in the circumstance that seems to stand in the way of this interpretation, namely; that the Medes are the enemies to be stirred up against her. 'But since the name Babylon in his prophecy is a name applied to modern peoples, so 'Medes'' is a name to be applied in the same way. As the Medes were an eastern people, so the enemies that God shall stir up against modern Babylon --the gentile nations--are eastern na-tion, and are readily found in the Chition, and are readily found in the Chi-nese, Japanese, and other orientals. The "Yellow Peril" is a real one. The "Medes" are already rousing them-selves. The United States need not hope to escape danger from this quar-ter. It has been stated already that the name Babylon is applicable to the great gentile nations. The term it-self means "confusion." And it fits the gentile race as no other single word could. These people are split up into many different states, warring against one another, and when we come to consider their religious system we find it confusion confounded.

ISAIAH XIV.

In this chapter to the close of verse 3, it is stated that from this Babylonish captivity the whole house of Israel shall be brought back to their own

clent times, and after this there shall follow a period of rest and peace. These events thus correspond to the second historical illustration that we found in the seventh chapter of Isalah, and so the seventh chapter of talah, and so make the eighth reflex in Isalah's mir-ror. But mark it well, that illustra-tion did not show only a a temporal deliverance which was effected under Cyrus, but there accompanied it a spiritual deliverance also from Babylonish fetters. The temple was rebuilt and its service renewed. The altar and its service renewed. The altar of God once more burned with the sacred fires, and He was reconciled to His people again. That was spiritual deliverance, and as such becomes a type of the great spiritual deliverance that God shall effect for His people in the last days. With verse four of this 14th chapter, the prophet begins again to recount the Babylonish story.—a rather singular proceeding, but the one now to be told is not the same as that of the former section. There are penow to be told is not the same as that of the former section. There are pe-culiarities connected with the second narration that make this fact plain. This prophecy is directed against the King of Babylon. (4) who is made here to stand for Satan. To confirm this view notice how Lucifer is intro-duced(12) upon the scene by name, and how much of the prophet's attem. duced (12) upon the scene by name, and how much of the prophets' atten-tion is occupied by him. This proph-ecy tells of his fate which is made cotemporaneous with the fall of the Babylon of the first section. Isaiah is now speaking of Satan's spiritual king-dom, or of all false systems of religion, and their overthrow shall be accom-pliabed simultaneously with the deplished simultaneously with the de-struction of God's secular enemies. This prophecy refers to the same king-This prophecy refers to the same king-dom that St. John does in his revela-tion concerning Babylon the Great mother of harlots and abominations of the earth or the spiritual Babylonish kingdom—a plain truth. Her story is told from the second illustration of the 7th chapter of Isalah through a por-tion of the 14th and onward to St. Laby and agreeably to the principle of John, and agreeably to the principle of revelation already noticed the light under which she is focussed grows inder which she is focussed grows brighter as successive views of her are obtained. (15) The bringing of Lu-cifer down to hell, or to the sides of the pit, shows his confinement in prison during the thousand years of Millennial rest. That he should be cast out of his grave and not be joined with the slain in burial, is a figurative avaraging to point out the fact that

expression to point out the fact that he should not be destroyed as his dupes were, or rendered incapable of further harm at no time. What is said in Innds, just as Cyrus restored the Jews I verse 29 to the close of the chapter is

obscure, but the sense is that the people of God must not think there shall tome no more trouble or danger from His fall when the great Lucifer of the Lord shall come is not to be a finality, for the cockatrice from the serpent's root shall be a fiery, flying serpent, a figure that shows the ser-pent shall come forth again. He shall he loosed for the "little season" at the end of the world. Then, as the symbols signify, he shall be very vicious (flery) and active (flying) for he knows that his time thereafter is short. This fall of spiritual Babylon and consequent release of God's people from its thrall-dom, is the ninth reflex in that divinely appointed, and probably the most wonderful roll of prophecy that was ever written. With this chapter Neever written. With this chapter phi ceased to copy from Isalah, needed no more. He had in these He chapters the whole round of prophecy from beginning to end-trout the covmant made with Abraham to its com enant made with Abraham to its com-plete fulfilment. He had here all the warp and wool decessary to weave a mighty fabric of history from the pro-digal leaving his father's house, to his digal leaving bis father's house, to his beggary, and on to his final return home—from degradation to exaltation— from humiliation to glory—from mis-ery to joy—from darkness to light— from weariness to rest —from a God angered, to a God reconciled— from satan rampart to satan bound— from sin to holiness—from the Alpha of the Jewish and the Christian disof the Jewish and the Christian dis-pensation to their Omega, and a thoupensation to their Omega, and a thou-sand years beyond. What great mat-ter is lacking in these seventeen chap-ters that we have reviewed? They comprise but a small part of the Bi-ble, and yet they are a Bible in them, selves. Not only did the prophet take us the rounds of the world's history for thousands of years in that small compass, but while doing this he showed us time and time again the workings of Ezekiel's wheel within a

workings of Ezekiel's wheel within a wheel. All these facts taken together border on the marvelous and offer a complete vindication of Nephi's course in copying into his book Isaiah's encopied from other portions of Isa-iah's writing, or from Jeremiah, Ho-see, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Micah, Hab-akkuck and Zephania, for these servants of God all prophesied before 600 B. C., but he did not, for none of them offered him a Bible in miniature that those seventeen chapters of Isalar's did. Notice, too, how Nephi ceased to follow his great leader as soon as the binding of satan and the

temporal and spiritual deliverance of

Israel were all assured. Why did Nephi choose these chapters for tran-scription into his book? Why did he arrange them in the order given there? Why did he cease to copy just when he did? Whence comes all this insight into ancient prophecy? Whence the wisdom that avoids all blundering? Who taught the master painter, Nephi, how to produce this perfect picture? Are these things all the result of ignorance? Is chance their father? No, as well might we say that the harmony of the heavens is the product of a blank; God's hand is seen in every ine, and when we think of these strange and wonderful things, these matters that reveal in themselves a wisdom that is more than human, in connection with the assumption that connection with the assumption that they were conceived and executed in the mind of a young man, alleged to be ignorant, wieked, an imposter, and what not of evil, the proposition be-comes to absurd, top silly for consid-eration. O ye unbelievers! why try to conceal your opposition to the Al-mienty beneath the sugar of unfound mighty beneath the gauge of unfound. ed assumption?



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