



Come Follow Me 2023
Revelation 6-14





President Boyd K. Packer

“If the language of the scriptures at first seems strange to you, keep reading. Soon you will come to recognize the beauty and power found on those pages.”

(“The Key to Spiritual Protection,” Oct 2013 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2013, 27).

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“In Revelation 5, John saw a book with seven seals that only Jesus Christ was worthy to open. Each seal represented a 1,000-year period of the earth’s temporal history (see Doctrine and Covenants 77:7). Beginning in Revelation 6:12, John saw the opening of the sixth seal. The sixth seal represents the thousand years leading up to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and likely includes the time in which we now live.”

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seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of ^aodours, which are the ^bprayers of saints.

9 And they ^asung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast ^bredeemed us to God by thy blood out of every ^ckindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and ^apriests: and we shall reign on the earth.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and ^athousands of thousands;

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the ^aLamb that was slain to receive ^bpower, and riches, and ^cwisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every ^acreature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and ^bpower, *be* unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four *and* twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

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The 144,000 of Israel Sealed

8a GR incense.
b 1 Chr. 23:13;
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11a Dan. 7:10.
12a TG Jesus Christ, Lamb of

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b Isa. 34:4;
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c Rev. 16:20 (17-21).
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7 1a D&C 77:8.
b Ezek. 37:9; Dan. 11:4.
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White horse = Victory

Bow = Warfare

Crown = Conqueror



Commenting on Revelation 6:1–2, Elder Bruce R. McConkie said, “The most transcendent happenings” referred to in these verses “involved Enoch and his ministry. And it is interesting to note that what John saw was not the establishment of Zion and its removal to heavenly spheres, but the unparalleled wars in which Enoch, as a general over the armies of the saints, ‘went forth conquering and to conquer’ [Revelation 6:2; see also Moses 7:13–18]” (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3 vols. [1966–73], 3:477).

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**Red horse = Bloodshed
Sword = War and destruction**



As recorded in the scriptures, widespread wickedness and violence characterized this time period, which included the Great Flood during the days of Noah (see Genesis 6–11; Moses 7:24–43; 8:1–30). The rider of the red horse had power to “take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another” (Revelation 6:4).

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“Who rode the red horse, the red horse of war and bloodshed and a sword, during the second seal? Perhaps it was the devil himself, for surely that was the great day of his power, a day of such gross wickedness that every living soul (save eight only) was found worthy of death by drowning. ...

“Or if it was not Lucifer, perhaps it was a man of blood, or a person representing many murdering warriors, of whom we have no record. Suffice it to say that the era from 3000 B.C. to 2000 B.C., was one of war and destruction” (Bruce R. McConkie, Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3:478).

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Black horse = Famine

Balances = High prices for food



“A measure of wheat” would feed an adult for a day and cost a penny under these famine conditions. “Penny” is translated from the Greek word dēnarion, which referred to a Roman coin that some estimate was worth the typical daily wage of a laborer. A person could purchase only enough food to live on with a whole day’s wages, indicating extreme famine prices. In contrast, barley was less expensive and was thus eaten by the poor. As recorded in the scriptures, famines are characteristic of this time period (see Genesis 41–42; Abraham 1:30; 2:1, 17, 21).

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Pale horse = Death

**Death and hell = Destruction of the wicked
and their reception into spirit prison
(see Isaiah 5:14)**



As recorded in the scriptures, great warring empires characterized this era: Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. Having rejected the warnings of prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Amos, the kingdoms of Israel and Judah often found themselves victims of these conquering empires. Israel and Judah also fought against one another.



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Altar = Sacrifice

Souls = Martyrs, Christians killed for their beliefs

Many early Christians, including nearly all of the original Apostles, gave their lives as martyrs. John saw the Christian martyrs “under the altar,” suggesting that their lives were given in sacrifice to God’s service, much like the sacrificial animals offered upon the altar of the temple. Because they gave up their lives “for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held,” they were given “white robes,” symbolic of purity (see Revelation 7:13–14; 3 Nephi 27:19).

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This thousand-year period will continue until just before Jesus Christ returns in glory and reigns personally on the earth. John noted seven signs that will accompany this time period: an earthquake, the darkened sun, the moon becoming as blood, stars falling, the heavens opening as a scroll (see Joseph Smith Translation, Revelation 6:14 [in Revelation 6:14, footnote a]), mountains and islands moving out of their places, and men seeking to hide themselves. Similar signs of the times are recorded elsewhere in scripture (see Joel 2:10, 30–31; Haggai 2:6–7; D&C 29:14; 43:25; 88:87–91).

Seven groups of men are also identified in these verses: kings, great men, rich men, chief captains, mighty men, bondmen, and free men. The number seven suggests completeness or wholeness: no enemies of God will escape His wrath in the last days.

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8 Of the tribe of Zabulon *were sealed twelve thousand.* Of the tribe of ^aJoseph *were sealed twelve thousand.* Of the tribe of Benjamin *were sealed twelve thousand.*

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and ^akindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and ^bpalms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the elders and the four ^abeasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came ^aout of great ^btribulation, and have ^cwashed their robes, and made them ^dwhite in the ^eblood of the ^fLamb.

15 Therefore are they before the

throne of God, and serve him day and night in his ^atemple: and he that ^bsitteth on the throne shall ^cdwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither ^athirst any more; neither shall the ^bsun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of ^awaters: and God shall wipe away all ^btears from their eyes.

CHAPTER 8

John sees fire and desolation poured out during the seventh seal and preceding the Second Coming.

AND when he had ^aopened the ^bseventh seal, there was ^csilence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven ^atrumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much ^aincense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the ^aprayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and ^acast *it* into the earth: and there were ^bvoices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels which had the seven ^atrumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and ^afire mingled with

The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

9a D&C 135:7.

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b Ezek. 37:9; Dan. 11:4.

2a D&C 77:9.

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3a Rev. 9:4.

b Rev. 22:4 (1–5).

c TG High Priest, Melchizedek Priesthood;

Servant.

4a D&C 77:11

8a TG Israel, Joseph, People of.

9a Rev. 5:9.

b Ezek. 41:18 (18–19).

11a TG Cherubim.

14a TG Peace of God.

b TG Tribulation.

c 3 Ne. 27:19.

f TG Jesus Christ, Lamb of God.

15a TG Temple.

b Ps. 47:8;

D&C 88:13.

c TG God, Presence of.

16a Isa. 49:10.

b Ps. 121:6.

b TG Jesus Christ, Second Coming; Sabbath.

c TG Silence.

2a D&C 77:12.

3a Lev. 16:13 (12–13);

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President Wilford Woodruff

“God has held the angels of destruction for many years, lest they should reap down the wheat with the tares. But I want to tell you now, that those angels have left the portals of heaven ... and are hovering over the earth waiting to pour out the judgments. And from this very day they shall be poured out. Calamities and troubles are increasing in the earth, and there is a meaning to these things. Remember this, and reflect upon these matters. If you do your duty, and I do my duty, we’ll have protection, and shall pass through the afflictions in peace and in safety” (*The Discourses of Wilford Woodruff*, sel. G. Homer Durham [1946], 230).

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The sealing or marking of “the servants of our God in their foreheads” is a metaphor of their devotion, service, and belonging to God (Revelation 7:3; see also Revelation 9:4; 14:1). “Seal” is the same term used earlier in the New Testament to describe faithful, baptized Saints who had received the Holy Spirit of Promise (see 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13; 4:30). Bearing this seal protects the faithful from divine judgments upon the wicked (see Revelation 9:4; 16:2). In this sense, the seal of God in the forehead symbolizes a protection much like the lamb’s blood that ancient Israelites in Egypt placed on their door frames to protect them from the destroying angel (see Exodus 12:13).

The Prophet Joseph Smith taught that the sealing of the faithful in their foreheads “signifies sealing the blessing upon their heads, meaning the everlasting covenant, thereby making their calling and election sure” (in History of the Church, 5:530).

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14 ^aAnd the heaven departed as a ^bscroll when it is rolled together; and every ^cmountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the ^akings 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 ^bdens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the ^amountains 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:

17 For the great ^aday of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to ^bstand?

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John also sees in the sixth seal the Restoration of the gospel, the sealing of the 144,000, and the hosts of the exalted from all nations.

AND after these things I saw four ^aangels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four ^bwinds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

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9a D&C 135:7.
b TG Martyrdom; Persecution.

10a Deut. 32:43.

11a Rev. 3:4.

b TG Apparel.

c TG Paradise.

12a D&C 77:10.

TG Last Days.

b Rev. 16:18.

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b Isa. 34:4;

D&C 88:95.

c Rev. 16:20 (17–21).

15a TG Kings Earthly

7 1a D&C 77:8.

b Ezek. 37:9; Dan. 11:4.

2a D&C 77:9.

b TG Seal.

3a Rev. 9:4.

b Rev. 22:4 (1–5).

c TG High Priest, Melchizedek Priesthood;

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4a D&C 77:11.

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6 And I saw the dead, both small and great, standing before God, and they were given ^awhite robes, and they stood ^bbefore the throne, and they were not hurt.

7 And I said unto the angel, Tell me, who are these? And he said unto me, These are the souls of them which were slain for the witness of Jesus Christ.

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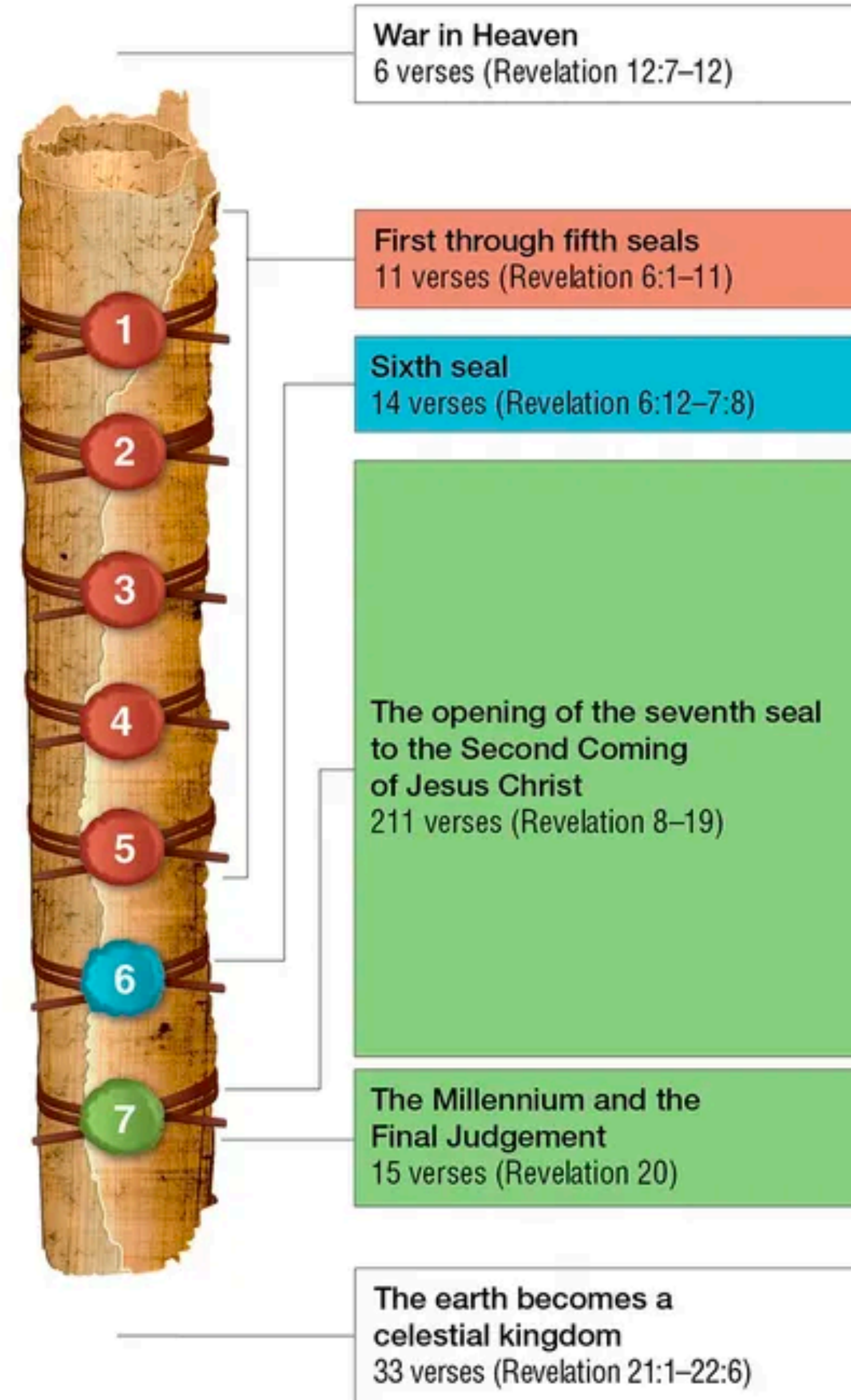
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John beheld a short period of silence when the seventh seal was opened—a time when the angels of heaven are awaiting the command to execute the Lord’s justice (see Revelation 8:1; D&C 38:11–12; 88:95). Zephaniah described a similar period of silence that preceded the ancient destruction of Judah (see Zephaniah 1:7–18). The Lord’s judgment and intervention are described as times when the Lord does not keep silent (see Psalm 50:3–4; Isaiah 65:6). Following this period of silence, John saw fire and desolation poured out during the seventh seal and preceding the Second Coming of Christ. Because the number seven often symbolizes completion, the destructions of the seventh seal may be seen as preparing for the completion of God’s work on earth (see D&C 77:12). These destructions are described in Revelation 8:6–9:21; 11:1–19.

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3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those ^amen which have not the ^bseal of God in their foreheads.

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6 And in those days shall men seek ^adeath, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.



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The smoke in Revelation 9:2–3 is reminiscent of the mists of darkness in Lehi’s vision of the tree of life (see 1 Nephi 8:23; 12:17). The smoke that emerges from the bottomless pit darkens the skies, similar to how the mists of darkness in Lehi’s vision obscured view of the tree of life. The smoke may allude to all of Satan’s false philosophies, temptations, deceptions, and attempts in the last days to destroy righteousness upon the earth (see D&C 93:39).

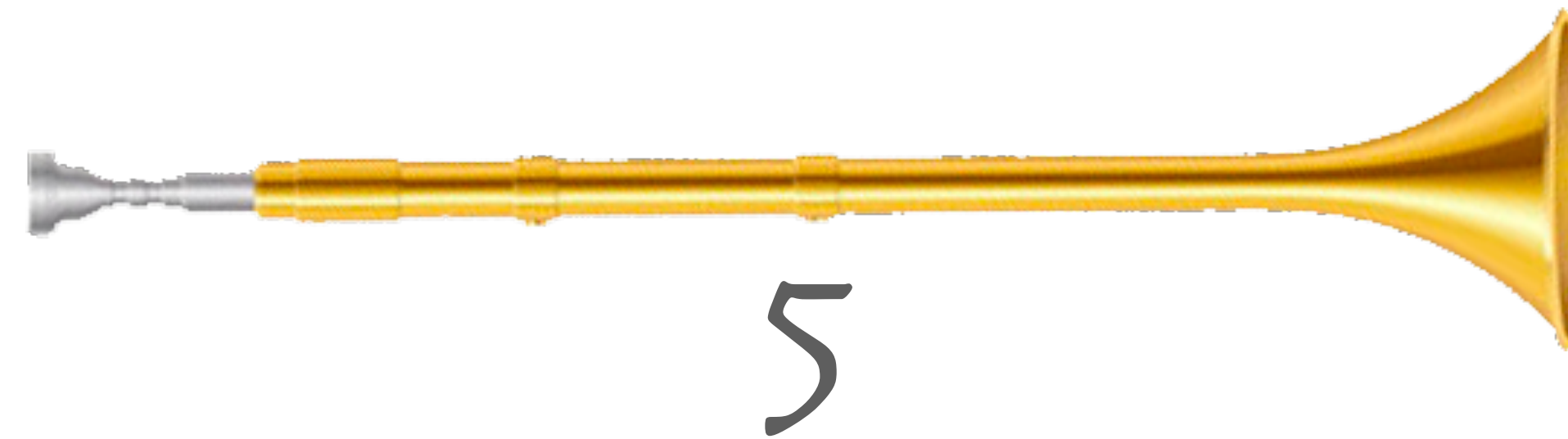
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The descriptions of judgments upon the wicked in Revelation 8 continue in Revelation 9. The Apostle John saw that certain calamities preceding the Second Coming would not affect all the earth or its inhabitants, “but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads” (Revelation 9:4). This corresponds with other scriptural promises that in the last days, those who are faithful will ultimately be protected (see 1 Nephi 22:17–19; D&C 115:5–6).

President Gordon B. Hinckley



“Someone has said it was not raining when Noah built the ark. But he built it, and the rains came.

“The Lord has said, ‘If ye are prepared ye shall not fear’ (D&C 38:30).

“The primary preparation is also set forth in the Doctrine and Covenants, wherein it says, ‘Wherefore, stand ye in holy places, and be not moved, until the day of the Lord come’ (D&C 87:8). . . .

“We can so live that we can call upon the Lord for His protection and guidance. This is a first priority. We cannot expect His help if we are unwilling to keep His commandments” (*“If Ye Are Prepared Ye Shall Not Fear,” Oct 2005 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2005, 62*).



Joseph Smith

“[I] explained concerning the coming of the Son of Man; also that it is a false idea that the Saints will escape all the judgments, whilst the wicked suffer; for all flesh is subject to suffer, and ‘the righteous shall hardly escape’ [see D&C 63:34]; still many of the Saints will escape, for the just shall live by faith [see Habakkuk 2:4]; yet many of the righteous shall fall a prey to disease, to pestilence, etc., by reason of the weakness of the flesh, and yet be saved in the Kingdom of God” (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith [2007], 253).

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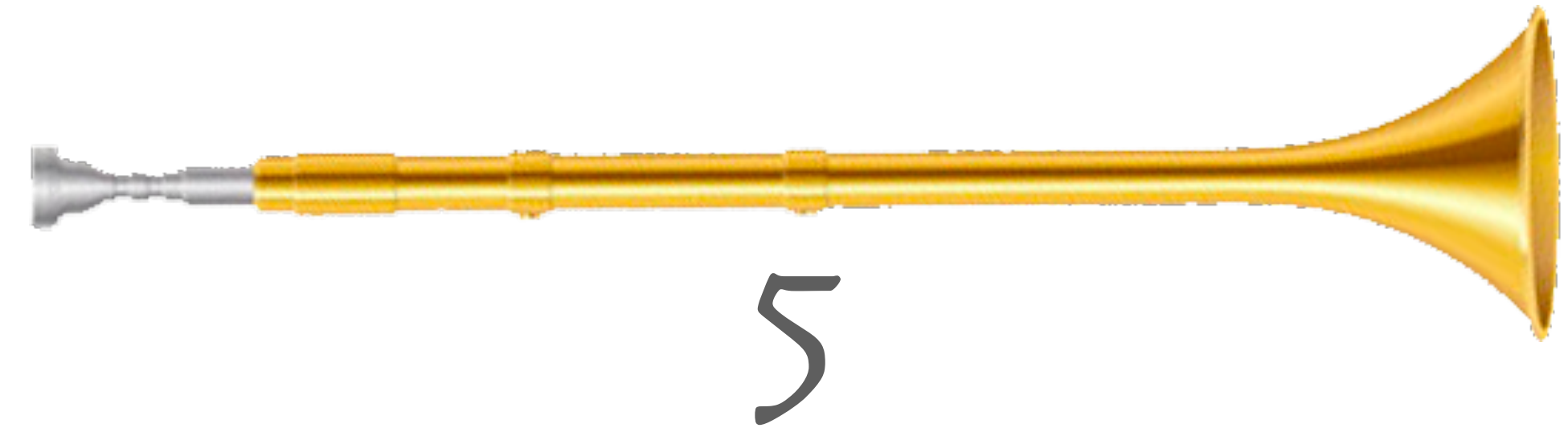
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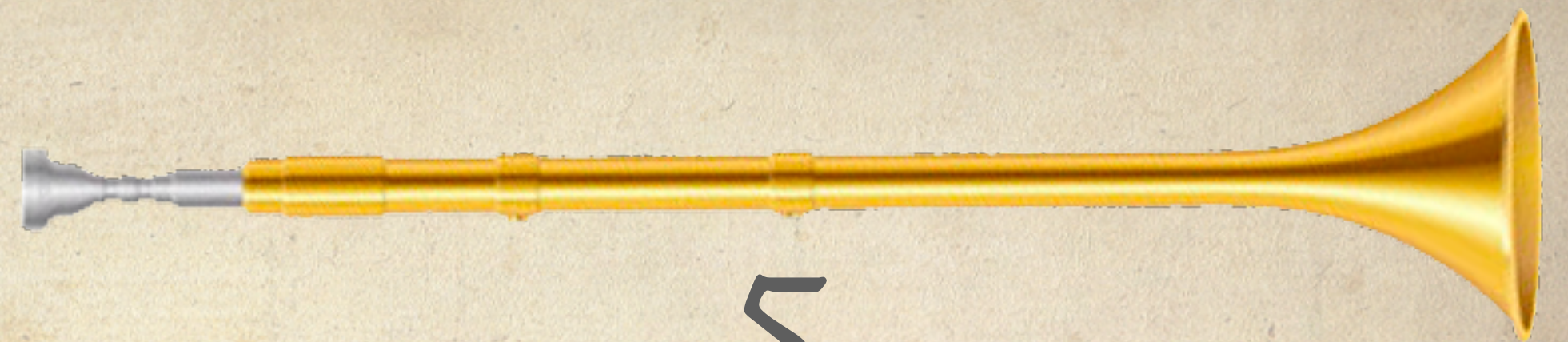
“After showing John the woes that would befall mankind before the Second Coming (Rev. 6:9–17; 7; 8:1–13), the Lord by an angelic ministrant promised three more woes, which were to attend and usher in the reign of the Great King. (Rev. 8:13.) The first of these was the unbelievably destructive series of wars leading up to the final great holocaust. (Rev. 9:1–12.) The second was the final great war itself in which one-third of the hosts of men should be slain. (Rev. 9:12–21; 10; 11:1–14.) And now the third woe is to be the destruction of the remainder of the wicked when the vineyard is burned by divine power and the earth changes from its telestial to its terrestrial state” (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3:511).



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John used images familiar to him to describe war and destruction in the last days. Locusts and scorpions are often associated in the scriptures with torment and destruction (see Exodus 10:14–15; 1 Kings 12:11). Iron, horses, and chariots are images of warfare (see Joshua 17:16; Ezekiel 39:20; Daniel 11:40).

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“John here seeks to describe a war fought with weapons and under circumstances entirely foreign to any experience of his own or of the people of that day. Joel, subject to the same limitations of descriptive ability, attempted to portray the same scenes in [the words found in Joel 2:1–11].

“It is not improbable that these ancient prophets were seeing such things as men wearing or protected by strong armor; as troops of cavalry and companies of tanks and flame throwers; as airplanes and airborne missiles which explode, fire shells and drop bombs; and even other weapons yet to be devised in an age when warfare is the desire and love of wicked men” (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3:502–3).



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Elder David R. Stone

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11a John 21:22 (20–25).

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d Ex. 30:1; Ezek. 41:22.

2a Neh. 11:1.

Zech. 4:14 (11–14);
2 Ne. 8:19 (18–20);
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6a Ex. 7:17 (17–21).

b TG Plague.

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8a TG Jesus Christ,
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13a Rev. 16:18 (18–19);
D&C 88:89 (87–90).

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CHAPTER 12

John sees the imminent apostasy of the Church—He also sees the War in Heaven in the beginning when Satan was cast out—He sees the continuation of that war on earth.

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2 And she being with ^achild cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

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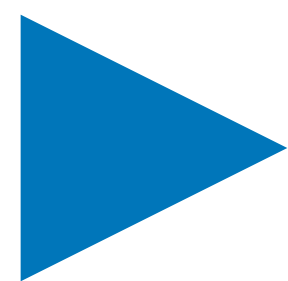
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Q. What is to be understood by the two witnesses, in the eleventh chapter of Revelation?

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For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

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Doctrine and Covenants 45:48–53

48 And then shall the Lord set his foot upon this mount [the mount of Olives], and it shall cleave in twain, and the earth shall tremble, and reel to and fro, and the heavens also shall shake.

49 And the Lord shall utter his voice, and all the ends of the earth shall hear it; and the nations of the earth shall mourn, and they that have laughed shall see their folly.

50 And calamity shall cover the mocker, and the scorner shall be consumed; and they that have watched for iniquity shall be hewn down and cast into the fire.

51 And then shall the Jews look upon me and say: What are these wounds in thine hands and in thy feet?

52 Then shall they know that I am the Lord; for I will say unto them: These wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was crucified. I am the Son of God.

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14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the ^adragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make ^bwar with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 13

John sees fierce-looking beasts that represent degenerate earthly kingdoms controlled by Satan—The devil works miracles and deceives men.

^aAND I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the ^bsea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his ^apower, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as

it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the ^abeast: and they ^bworshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a ^amouth speaking great things and ^bblasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his ^aname, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and ^apower was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the ^abook of life of the ^bLamb slain from the ^cfoundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that ^akilleth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the ^bpatience and the faith of the ^csaints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

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17a TG God, Power of.

18a Dan. 7:10;
D&C 29:13.

b GR corrupt, waste, pervert.

2a Isa. 66:7 (7–9).

4a D&C 29:36 (36–38).
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5a 1 Ne. 11:25.

6a Amos 8:11 (11–12);

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9a 2 Ne. 9:9 (8–9).

b TG Devil.

10a TG God, Manifestations of.

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God ^aAlmighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be ^ajudged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which ^bdestroy the earth.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ^aark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great ^bhail.

CHAPTER 12

them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a ^arod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the ^awoman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

7 And there was ^awar in heaven: ^bMichael and his ^cangels fought against the dragon; and the ^ddragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in ^aheaven.

9 And the great dragon was ^acast

JST, Revelation 12:7–8

7 And the dragon prevailed not against Michael, neither the child, nor the woman which was the church of God, who had been delivered of her pains, and brought forth the kingdom of our God and his Christ.

8 Neither was there place found in heaven for the great dragon, who was cast out; that old serpent called the devil, and also called Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth; and his angels were cast out with him.



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“The church of God” (JST, Revelation 12:7)

The woman’s child -

“The kingdom of our God and his Christ” (JST, Revelation 12:7)

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The great dragon -

Satan (JST, Revelation 12:8)

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These clarifications confirm that Satan will not prevail in his war against God's kingdom on earth. They also teach that the woman represents the "church of God" and that the child she gives birth to is the "kingdom of our God and his Christ" (Joseph Smith Translation, Revelation 12:7 [in the Bible appendix]). The Church of God is at this time an ecclesiastical organization only, but when the Savior comes again and makes "a full end of all nations" (D&C 87:6), the kingdom of God will also have political jurisdiction over all people on the earth. "The purpose of the Church is to prepare its members to live forever in the celestial kingdom or kingdom of heaven. ... During the Millennium, the kingdom of God will be both political and ecclesiastical" (Guide to the Scriptures, "Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven").

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We learn from latter-day scripture that those who inherit the celestial kingdom will receive glory like unto that of the sun (see D&C 76:70). The image of “a woman clothed with the sun” may symbolize the Church’s role in preparing its members for the future glory of the celestial kingdom (Revelation 12:1). The “crown of twelve stars” upon the head of the woman likely refers to the Twelve Apostles who preside over the affairs of the Church under Jesus Christ’s direction (Revelation 12:1).



Elder Bruce R. McConkie

“As the moon shines by reflected light, so do all earthly churches and kingdoms. They are under, beneath and lower than the true Church. The highest eternal reward they can offer is the terrestrial kingdom, whose glory is like the moon. (1 Cor. 15:40–41.)” (*Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3 vols. [1966–73], 3:517*).

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These verses in Revelation 12 are a parenthetical reference to the War in Heaven. The dragon is a representation of Satan, who with his followers waged the War in Heaven against Heavenly Father and His faithful children (see D&C 29:36–38; Moses 4:1–4). “The third part of the stars of heaven” (Revelation 12:4) are that portion of the hosts of heaven who followed Satan in the premortal war in heaven and were cast out (see Isaiah 14:12–17; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6; D&C 29:37; Abraham 3:27–28).

Elder Bruce R. McConkie

“What kind of war? The same kind that prevails on earth; the only kind Satan and spirit beings can wage—a war of words, a tumult of opinions, a conflict of ideologies; a war between truth and error, between light and darkness. ... And the battle lines are still drawn. It is now on earth as it was then in heaven; every man must choose which general he will follow” (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3:518).

President Boyd K. Packer

“[Satan] is determined to disrupt our Heavenly Father’s plan and seeks to control the minds and actions of all. This influence is spiritual, and he ‘is abroad in the land’ [D&C 52:14].

“But despite the opposition, trials, and temptations, you need not fail or fear. ...

“... Youth today are being raised in enemy territory with a declining standard of morality. But as a servant of the Lord, I promise that you will be protected and shielded from the attacks of the adversary if you will heed the promptings that come from the Holy Spirit” (“Counsel to Youth,” Oct 2011 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2011, 16, 18).

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The woman fleeing into the wilderness represents the Church entering the Great Apostasy and the priesthood being taken from the earth after the Apostles' deaths (see also D&C 86:3).

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6 And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought against Michael;

7 And the dragon prevailed not against Michael, neither the child, nor the woman which was the church of God, who had been delivered of her pains, and brought forth the kingdom of our God and his Christ.

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10 For the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 For they have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; for they loved not their own lives, but kept the testimony even unto death. Therefore, rejoice O heavens, and ye that dwell in them.

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The Joseph Smith Translation adds several words to Revelation 12:11: “They loved not their own lives, but kept the testimony even unto death” (in the Bible appendix). This addition suggests that Christ’s followers valued and loved their testimonies of the Lord and His gospel more than their own lives. There are multiple references in the book of Revelation to individuals who were tested and tried in the war against evil, even unto death (see Revelation 2:10, 13; 6:9–11; 11:7; 16:6; 17:6; 20:4).

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The “loud voice” from heaven continued to speak to John by declaring that the heavens and “ye that dwell in them” should rejoice because of the righteousness of the Saints (Revelation 12:10, 12). The Joseph Smith Translation then adds these further insights:

“And after these things I heard another voice saying, Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, yea, and they who dwell upon the islands of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath” (Joseph Smith Translation, Revelation 12:12 [in the Bible appendix]).

The phrase “after these things” may indicate that the righteous had a period of rejoicing after the war in heaven, for good had triumphed over evil. However, after this period, there came a time of woe on the earth because Satan and his followers came down to earth with “great wrath.”

Elder James J. Hamula

“Reserved to come forth in these last days and labor for our Father and His Son are some of the most valiant and noble of our Father’s sons and daughters. Their valiance and nobility were demonstrated in the pre-earth struggle with Satan. ...

“With God’s kingdom restored to the earth and your entry into the world, Satan knows that ‘he hath but a short time’ [Revelation 12:12]. Therefore, Satan is marshalling every resource at his disposal to entice you into transgression. He knows that if he can draw you into transgression, he may prevent you from serving a full-time mission, marrying in the temple, and securing your future children in the faith, all of which weakens not only you but the Church. He knows that nothing can overthrow God’s kingdom ‘save it [be] the transgression of [his] people’ [Mosiah 27:13]. Make no mistake about it—the focus of his war is now on you.”

(“Winning the War against Evil,” Oct. 2008 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2008, 50, 51).

Elder Richard G. Scott

“A strong testimony gives peace, comfort, and assurance. It generates the conviction that as the teachings of the Savior are consistently obeyed, life will be beautiful, the future secure, and there will be capacity to overcome the challenges that cross our path. A testimony grows from understanding truth, distilled from prayer and the pondering of scriptural doctrine. It is nurtured by living those truths in faith and the secure confidence that the promised results will be obtained. ...

“... Your personal security and happiness depend upon the strength of your testimony, for it will guide your actions in times of trial and uncertainty” (*“The Power of a Strong Testimony,” Oct 2001 GC, Ensign, Nov. 2001, 87*).

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^aAND I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the ^bsea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as *the feet* of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his ^apower, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as

it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the ^abeast: and they ^bworshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a ^amouth speaking great things and ^bblasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty *and* two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his ^aname, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and ^apower was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the ^abook of life of the ^bLamb slain from the ^cfoundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that ^akilleth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the ^bpatience and the faith of the ^csaints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from

heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And ^adeceiveth them that dwell on the earth by *the means* of those ^bmiracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is ^awisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore *and* six.

CHAPTER 14

The Lamb will stand upon Mount Zion—The gospel will be restored in the last days by angelic ministry—The Son of Man will harvest the earth.

AND I looked, and, lo, a ^aLamb stood on the mount ^bSion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's ^cname written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as

the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 And they sung as it were a new ^asong before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with ^awomen; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were ^bredeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no ^aguile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

6 And I saw another ^aangel fly in the midst of heaven, having the ^beverlasting ^cgospel to ^dpreach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every ^enation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

7 Saying with a loud voice, ^aFear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his ^bjudgment is come: and ^cworship ^dhim that made ^eheaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, ^aBabylon is ^bfallen, is fallen, that great ^ccity, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her ^dfornication.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 The same shall drink of the wine

13a Dan. 7:25; 12:7; D&C 10:32; 132:57.

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7a TG False Priesthoods.
8a TG Book of Life.

14a Matt. 24:24; Rev. 19:20; 2 Ne. 28:21 (6–21); D&C 52:14.
b TG Miracle.
18a D&C 10:34 (34–35); 57:9.

b GR purchased, ransomed, redeemed.
Jude 1:24; D&C 43:29; 77:5.
5a TG Guile.
6a D&C 133:36.
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b D&C 79:1

d TG Missionary Work.
e TG Nations.
7a D&C 88:104.
TG Reverence.
b TG Judgment, the Last.
c TG Worship.
d TG God, Creator.
e Neh. 9:6

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Though the intended meaning of much of the symbolism in Revelation 13 is uncertain, one message seems clear: Satan and those who uphold his work will be at war against the Saints of God (see also 1 Nephi 14:12–14).

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After seeing that Satan went to make war against the remnant of the seed of the woman, John saw a beast rise out of the sea (see Revelation 13:1). The Joseph Smith Translation indicates that the beast is “in the likeness of the kingdoms of the earth” (in Revelation 13:1, footnote a). The beast’s many heads, crowns, and horns suggest many different kingdoms and rulers with great power. The Prophet Joseph Smith (1805–44) taught: “When God made use of the figure of a beast in visions to the prophets He did it to represent those kingdoms which had degenerated and become corrupt, savage and beast-like in their dispositions, even the degenerate kingdoms of the wicked world” (in History of the Church, 5:341).

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Rather than attempting to specify an exact identity of the beast, it may be more profitable to note the following general characteristics about the beast: It had power over many nations (see Revelation 13:1, 7); it opposed God and blasphemed against Him (see verses 5–6); the power it wielded was like the power that predatory animals have over their prey (see verse 2); Satan gave it power (see verses 2, 4); people of the world worshipped or followed the beast (see verse 4); and it was able to overpower many, including the Saints (see verse 7). It could be said that any kingdom or government that exhibits these characteristics manifests the spirit of the beast. Revelation 17:8–12 contains additional information about the beast, including its ultimate destruction.

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b TG Jesus Christ, Lamb

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Revelation 13:11 tells of a second beast that John saw; he later identified this beast as “the false prophet” (Revelation 19:20). This second beast “had two horns like a lamb” but “spake as a dragon” (Revelation 13:11). This description suggests that the second beast will seek to appear to represent Christ while actually teaching the false doctrines of Satan. The description of the second beast is also reminiscent of the Savior’s warning to “beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matthew 7:15).

President James E. Faust

“Satan is the greatest imitator, the master deceiver, the arch counterfeiter, and the greatest forger ever in the history of the world. He comes into our lives as a thief in the night. His disguise is so perfect that it is hard to recognize him or his methods” (“The Devil’s Throat,” Apr 2003 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2003, 51). “One of the major techniques of the devil is to cause human beings to think they are following God’s ways, when in reality they are deceived by the devil to follow other paths” (Bible Dictionary, “Devil”).

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In contrast to the righteous, who keep their covenants with God and receive His protecting seal on their foreheads (see Revelation 7:2–3; 14:1; 22:4; the commentary for Revelation 7:3; 9:4), the wicked who worship the beast “receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads” (Revelation 13:16). This may symbolize that the wicked show by their actions (hands) and beliefs (heads) that they do the will of the beast and accept his ideology. However, the precise meaning of “the mark” has not been revealed.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore *and* six.

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The Lamb will stand upon Mount Zion—The gospel will be restored in the last days by angelic ministry—The Son

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CHAPTER 14

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The lyrics of the song are in verses 99-102.

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17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the num-

the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 And they sung as it were a new ^asong before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

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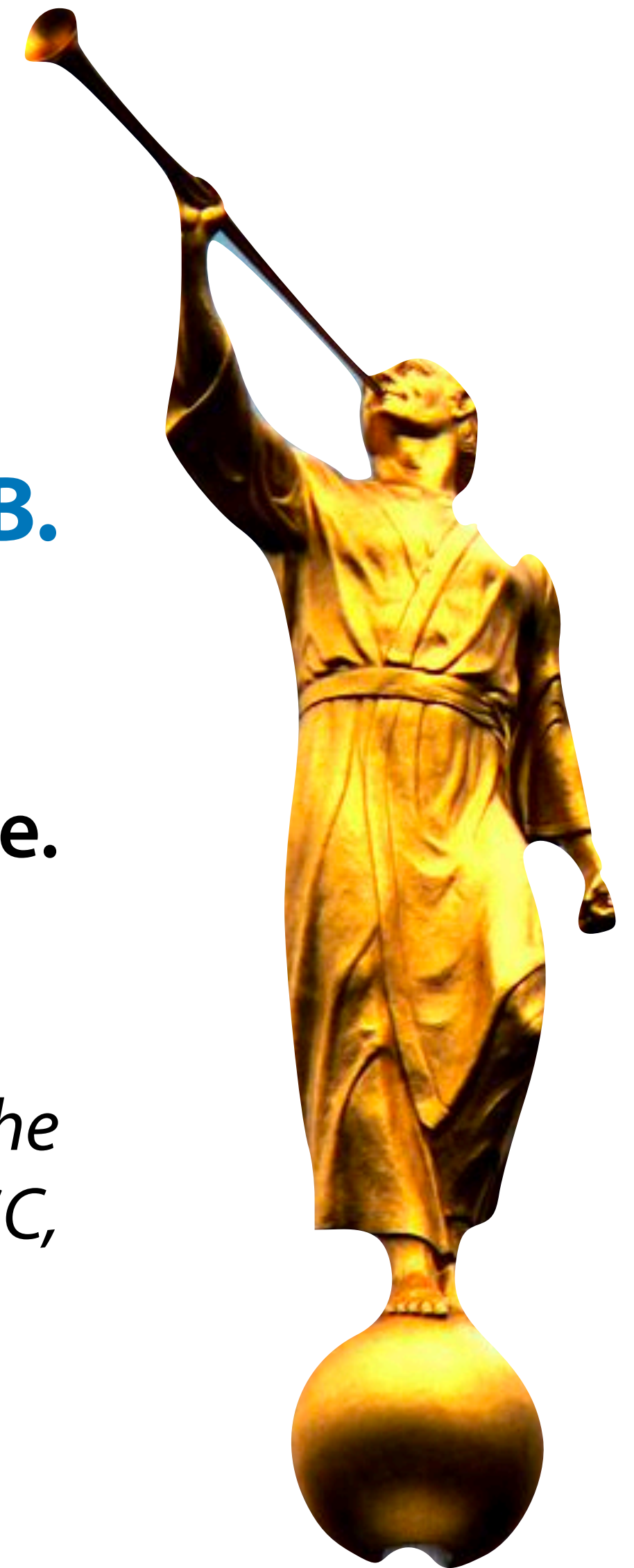
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The angel may also represent a composite of the many heavenly messengers, including Moroni, who have assisted in the latter-day Restoration of the gospel. Elder Bruce R. McConkie pointed out: "The angel Moroni brought the message, that is, the word; but other angels brought the keys and priesthood, the power" (Doctrinal New Testament Commentary, 3:530).



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Prophet Joseph Smith

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(“Preparing for the Second Coming,” New Era, Dec. 2013, 4)