

Come Follow Me 2022
Haggai; Zechariah



COME FOLLOW ME: OLD TESTAMENT



Old Testament Seminary Manual

Haggai was a prophet who lived in Jerusalem not long after the Jews returned from the Babylonian exile (see Bible Dictionary, "Haggai"). It is presumed that he is the author of the book bearing his name. Haggai spoke the prophecies contained in his book around 520 B.C. in Jerusalem (see Bible Dictionary, "Haggai"). If Haggai wrote this book, he most likely wrote it in Jerusalem as well.

The book of Haggai provides helpful insights concerning the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. After the Jews returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, they began to rebuild the city and the temple but stopped when they encountered opposition (see Ezra 1–4). The book of Haggai records the Lord's commandment to the Jews to renew their efforts in rebuilding the temple. The Jews obeyed the word of the Lord through Haggai and succeeded in completing the temple (see Haggai 1–2; Ezra 5–6).

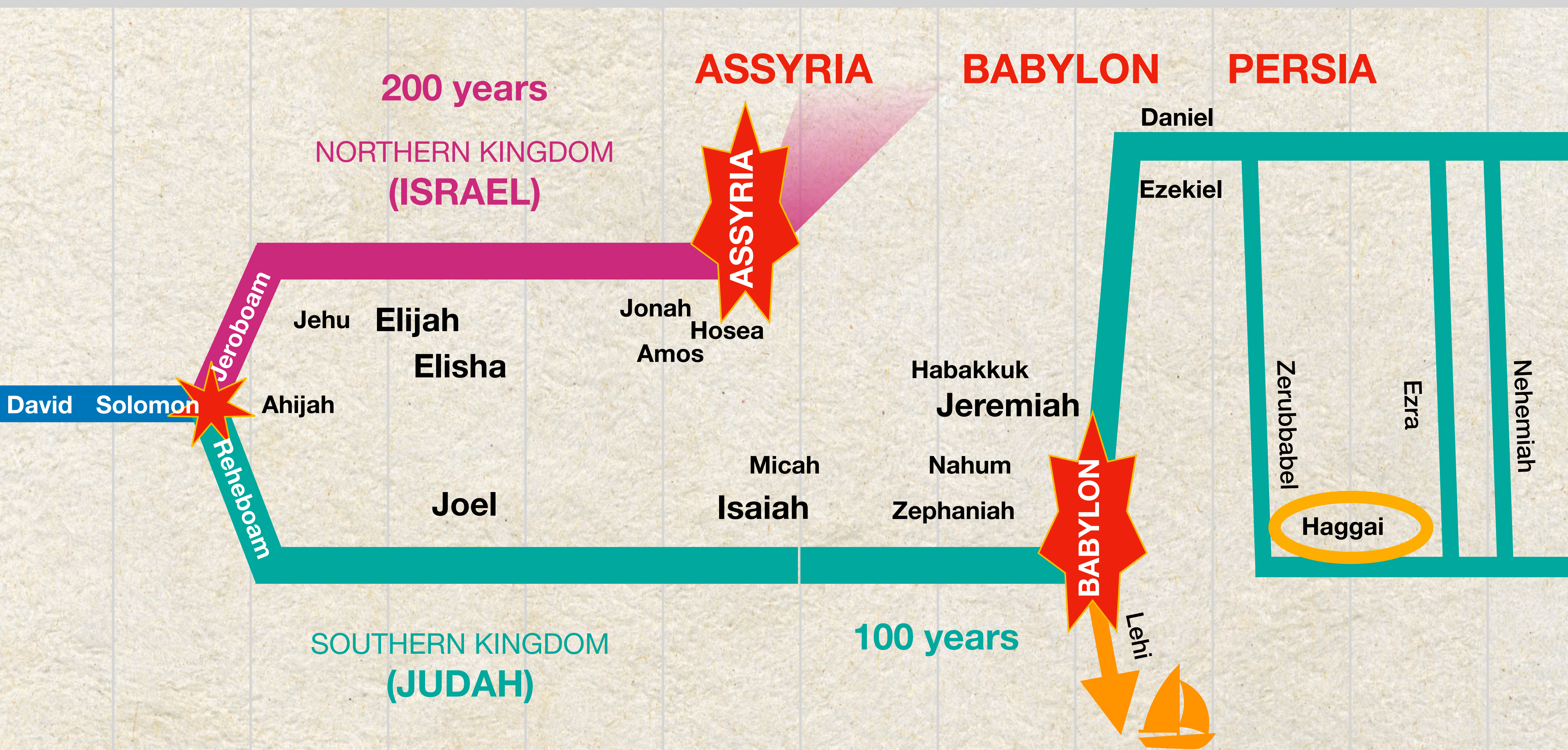
900 BC

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200 years

NORTHERN KINGDOM (ISRAEL)

ASSYRIA

BABYLON

PERSIA

Daniel

Ezekiel

Jeroboam

Jehu

Elijah

Jonah

Hosea

Elisha

Amos

David

Solomon

Ahijah

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Jeremiah

Zerubbabel

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Nehemiah

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The Coming Glory of the Temple

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1 1a Probably 520 B.C.
Darius Hystaspes

5a Hag. 2:18.
6a Deut. 28:38 (38–40);
Micah 6:15

8a Ezra 6:3;
D&C 88:119; 95:3.
10a Deut. 28:18

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7a 7b Jesus Christ, Second

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- **What am I not doing now that I should be doing?**

(Elder Kim B. Clark, "Encircled About with Fire", Seminaries and Institutes of Religion Satellite Broadcast • August 4, 2015)

- **What lack I yet?**

(Come, Follow Me - recommends "What Lack I Yet?" Elder Larry R. Lawrence, October 2015 GC)

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Elder David A. Bednar

'I repeat the admonition of the Lord to His people delivered through the Old Testament prophet Haggai: "Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways."

Each of us should evaluate our temporal and spiritual priorities sincerely and prayerfully to identify the things in our lives that may impede the bounteous blessings that Heavenly Father and the Savior are willing to bestow upon us. And surely the Holy Ghost will help us to see ourselves as we really are.'

(Oct 2022 GC)

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ASSYRIA

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NORTHERN KINGDOM
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(33-1) Introduction



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So it was with ancient Judah. When Cyrus, king of Persia, gave permission for the Jews to return from exile in Babylon, he also granted that the city walls and sacred temple of Jerusalem be rebuilt. The returning Jews went to work almost at once. But a good start is not necessarily a good finish. The work on the temple lagged until the Lord sent Haggai and



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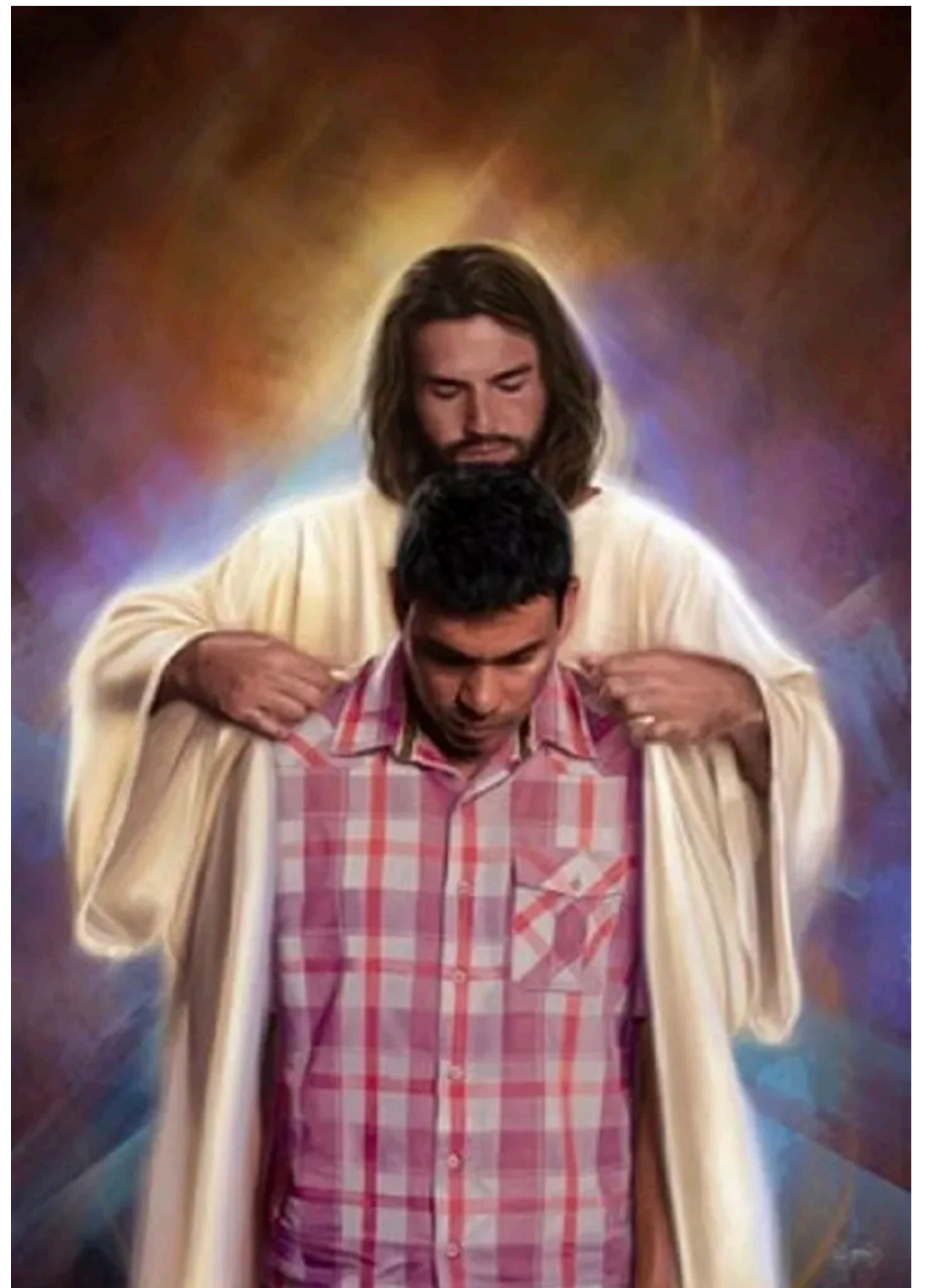
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5 ¶ Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.

7 And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah.

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5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grised go forth toward the south country.

7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

10 Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of

Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

11 Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The Branch; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the LORD.

15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 7

The Lord reproves hypocrisy in fasts—He calls upon the people to show mercy and compassion and to live godly lives.

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chisleu;

2 When they had sent unto the house of God Sherezzer and Regemelech, and their men, to pray before the LORD,

3 And to speak unto the priests which were in the house of the LORD

of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?

4 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying,

5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me?

6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?

7 Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying,

9 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

13 Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

CHAPTER 8

In the last days, Jerusalem will be restored, Judah will be gathered, and the Lord will bless His people beyond anything in the past.

AGAIN the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.

3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

6 5a Heb. 1:14 (7, 14).

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7 5a Matt. 6:16;

3 Ne. 13:16 (16–18).

TG Fast, Fasting.

7a D&C 84:57 (14, 54–57).

8a TG Justice

Mosiah 4:26 (16–26);

Hel. 4:12;

D&C 42:30 (30–39, 71);

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12 For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.

13 And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were a ^acurse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I ^bsave you, and ye shall be a ^cblessing: fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.

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17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no ^afalse oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith the LORD.

18 ¶ And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,

19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth *month*, and the

fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

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4 Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in

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5a Zeph. 2:4.

7a Judg. 1:21.

9a Isa. 62:11.

b Matt. 21:5 (4–11);
John 12:15 (12–16).

c TG Justice.

d TG Jesus Christ,
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c Ps. 72:8;

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“By the blood of thy covenant”—that is, because of the gospel covenant, which is efficacious because of the shedding of the blood of Christ—‘I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.’ (Zech. 9:11–16.) ‘Wherein is no water’—how aptly and succinctly this crystallizes the thought that the saving water, which is baptism, is an earthly ordinance and cannot be performed by spirit beings while they dwell in the spirit world” (The Promised Messiah: The First Coming of Christ [1978], 241).

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“While yet in life, Jesus prophesied that He would also preach to the dead. Peter tells us this happened in the interval between the Savior’s Crucifixion and Resurrection (see 1 Peter 3:18–19). President Joseph F. Smith ... witnessed in vision that the Savior visited the spirit world and ‘from among the righteous [spirits], he organized his forces and appointed messengers, clothed with power and authority, and commissioned them to go forth and carry the light of the gospel to them that were in darkness. ...

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Zechariah prophesied that the Lord's people would be scattered and then gathered in the last days. Zechariah also prophesied that the Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (see Zechariah 11:12). This prophecy refers to the Apostle Judas's betrayal of Jesus for 30 pieces of silver during the final week of the Savior's mortal life (see Matthew 26:14–16). Zechariah also saw that as part of this betrayal, Jesus Christ would be smitten and His followers would be scattered (see Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:31).

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3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.

4 Out of him came forth ^athe corner, out of him the ^bnail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.

5 ¶ And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down *their enemies* in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* the LORD their God, and will ^ahear them.

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9 And I will ^asow them among the people: and they shall ^bremember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.

10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of ^aAssyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead

and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of ^aAssyria shall be brought down, and the ^bsceptre of ^cEgypt shall depart away.

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CHAPTER 11

Zechariah speaks about the Messiah—The Messiah will be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver—They will be cast to the potter in the house of the Lord.

OPEN thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

2 Howl, ^afir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye ^boaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

3 ¶ *There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;

5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not ^aguilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD; for I am ^brich: and their own shepherds pity them not.

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9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.

10 ¶ And I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock ^athat waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.

12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price ^athirty *pieces* of ^bsilver.

13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the ^apotter: a goodly price that I was ^bprised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* ^aBands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 ¶ And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17 Woe to the idol ^ashepherd that

leaveth the flock upon his arm, eye: his arm shall be cut up, and his right hand utterly darkened.

CHAPTER 12

In the final great tribulation, the Lord will defend the Jews who were crucified, and they will mourn.

THE burden of the LORD for Israel, which stretcheth out the ^aearth, and breaketh down the tower of man within the city.

2 Behold, I will ^abring a ^bcup of trembling upon the people round about, when they shall be in the siege, *and* against Jerusalem.

3 ¶ And in that day, Jerusalem shall be as a broken bottle, and all the people that shall be gathered to her shall be as a broken bottle.

4 In that day, I will smite every horse with blindness, and his rider will open his eyes: and I will open the house of Judah, and will bring out the horse of the people.

5 And the governors of Jerusalem shall say in their hearts, The LORD of hosts hath done this to us.

6 ¶ In that day, I will bring a fire among the governors of Judah, and they shall devour the flesh of the king, and shall devour the flesh of the king's son.

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c Ps. 72:8; D&C 58:22; 76:63.
a TG Jesus Christ, Atonement through; Redemption.
b TG Covenants.
c TG Genealogy and Temple Work;

c Isa. 61:7.
14a Dan. 11:40.
16a Ezek. 37:23.
b Isa. 2:11; 52:6; Hosea 2:16 (14–23).
c Mal. 3:17; D&C 60:4.
d Isa. 62:3.
e TG Ensign.

2c TG Shepherd.
4a IE the cornerstone.
Ps. 118:22 (21–22); Matt. 21:42 (42–46)

8a TG Israel, Gathering of.
9a Zech. 13:7 (7–9).
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c Isa. 19:16 (11–25); Joel 3:19.
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11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of ^aAssyria shall be brought down, and the ^bsceptre of ^cEgypt shall depart away.

12 And I will ^astrengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his ^bname, saith the LORD.

CHAPTER 11

Zechariah speaks about the Messiah—The Messiah will be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver—They will be cast to the potter in the house of the Lord.

OPEN thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.

2 Howl, ^afir tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty are spoiled: howl, O ye ^boaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.

3 ¶ *There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;

5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not ^aguilty: and they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD; for I am ^brich: and their own shepherds pity them not.

6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver *them*.

7 And I will feed the flock of

slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called ^aBands; and I fed the flock.

8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one month; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me.

9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.

10 ¶ And I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock ^athat waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.

12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price ^athirty *pieces* of ^bsilver.

13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the ^apotter: a goodly price that I was ^bprised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* ^aBands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 ¶ And the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, *which* shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.

17 Woe to the idol ^ashepherd that

leaveth the flock! the sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

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In the final great war, all nations will be engaged at Jerusalem, but the Lord will defend His people—Then the Jews will look upon the Lord, whom they crucified, and there will be great mourning.

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3 ¶ And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be ^agathered together against it.

4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

6 ¶ In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an ^ahearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the ^bpeople round about, on the right hand and on the left: and ^cJerusalem shall be

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8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

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4 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets shall be ^aashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a ^brough garment to deceive:

5 But he shall say, *I am* no prophet, *I am* an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.

6 And *one* shall say unto him, *What are these* ^awounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was ^bwounded *in* the house of my friends.

7 ¶ Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man ^athat is my fellow, saith the LORD of

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c TG Sheep.

2a Joel 3:14 (9–14); Rev. 16:16. TG Last Days.
b Isa. 13:16.
3a Ezek. 38:22.

6a TG Light [noun].
8a TG Living Water.
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Doctrine and Covenants 45:51–52

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14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the ^aheathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

15 ^aAnd so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these ^btents, as this plague.

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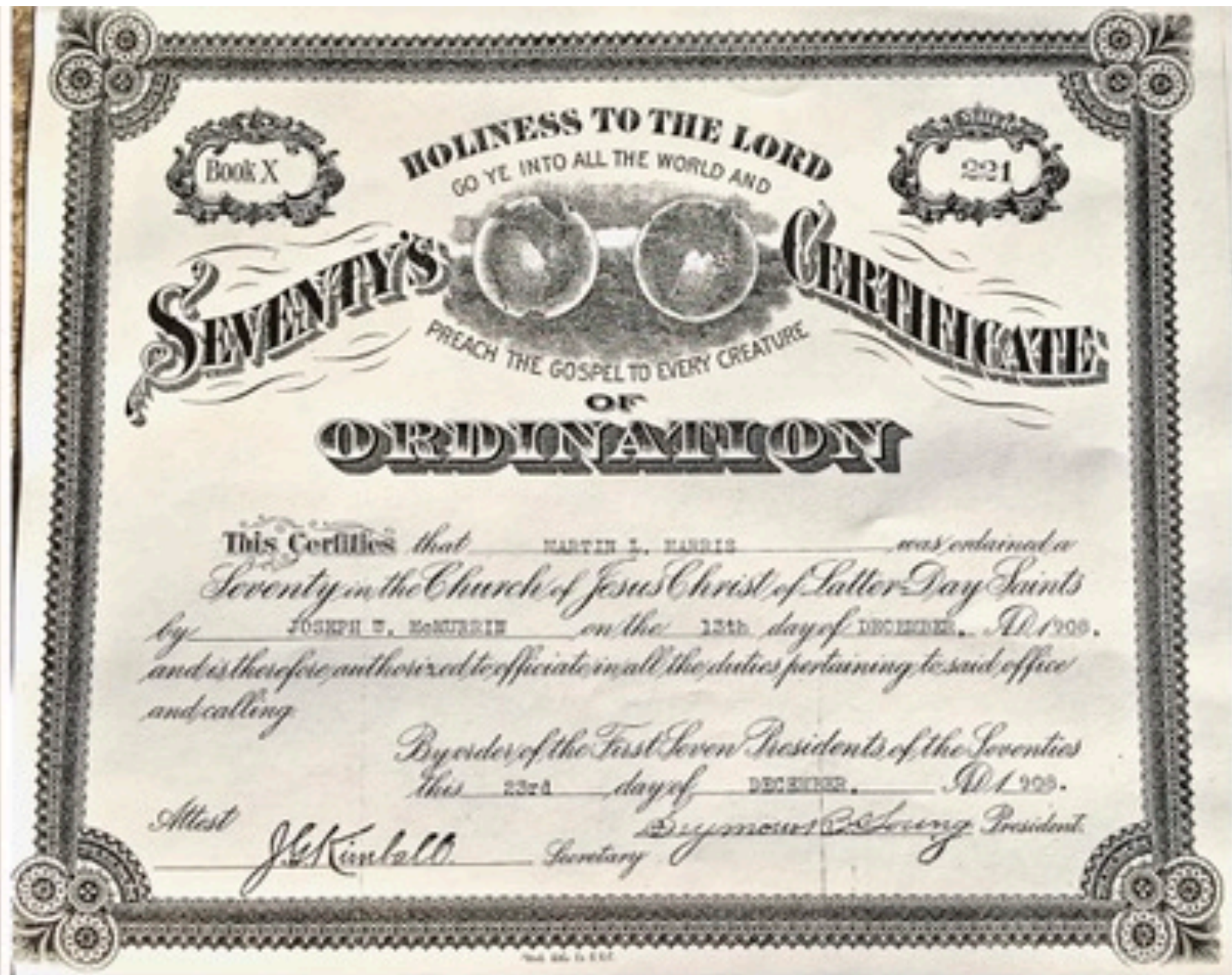
17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no *rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the ^aheathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

20 ¶ In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, ^aHOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be ^aholiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take







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“Holiness is making the choices that will keep the Holy Ghost as our guide. Holiness is setting aside our natural tendencies and becoming ‘a saint through the atonement of Christ the Lord’ [Mosiah 3:19]. ... Our hope for holiness is centered in Christ, in His mercy and His grace” (“The Beauty of Holiness,” Apr 2017 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2017, 9–10).