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# A Prophecy.

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The following is copied from the journal of John Roberts of Paradise, Utah. Elder Roberts makes this explanation as a preface:

"On the next page will be found a prophecy by the Prophet Joseph Smith, related to Edin Ashton and Theodore Turley. This prophecy has never been given to the public. I received it from Robert Pierce on Friday February 28, 1902."

## THE PROPHECY

On or about the 6th day of May, 1843, (?) a grand review of the Nauvoo Legion was held in Nauvoo. The Prophet Joseph Smith complimented them on their good discipline and evolution performed. The weather being hot, he called for a glass of water. With the glass of water in his hand, he said: "I will drink to you a toast to the overthrow of the Mobocrats," which he did in the following language: "Here's to the Mobocrats, wishing they were in the middle of the sea in a stone boat with iron paddles, and a shark swallow the canoe, the devil swallow the shark, and himself backed up in the northwest corner of hell, the key lost and a blind man hunting for it." The next morning a man who heard the prophet give the toast returned to visit the Prophet and so abused him with bad language that he was ordered out by the prophet. It was while the two were out that my attention was attracted to them and hearing the man speaking in a loud tone of voice I went toward them, the man finally leaving. There were then present the prophet Joseph Smith, Theodore Turley and myself. The prophet began talking to us of the mobbings and drivings and persecutions that we as a people had endured. "But," said he, "we will have worse things to see. Our persecutors will have all the mobbings they want. Don't wish them any harm, for when you see their sufferings you will shed bitter tears for them."

While this conversation was going on we stood by his south wicket gate in a triangle. Turning to me he said, 'I want to tell you something in the future. I

will speak in parables like unto John the Revelator (Little did I think that the prophet of the Lord would so soon be slain in cold blood.) Continuing he said, "You will go to the Rocky Mountains and you will be a great and a mighty people established there which I will call 'THE WHITE HORSE OF PEACE AND SAFETY.'" When the prophet said "you will see it" I asked him where he would be at the time. He said, "I shall never go there \* \* \* \* \* your enemies will continue to follow you with persecutions and they will make obnoxious laws against you in Congress to destroy the White Horse, but you will have a friend or two to defend you and throw out the worst part of the law so they will not hurt much. You must petition Congress all the time, but they will treat you like Strangers and Aliens and they will not give you your rights but will govern you with strangers and commissioners. You will see the Constitution of the United States almost destroyed. It will hang like a thread as fine as the finest fiber." At that point the prophet's countenance became sad because he said, "I love the Constitution, it was made by the inspiration of God and it will be preserved and saved by the efforts of the White Horse and the Red Horse who will combine in it's defense."

"The White Horse will rise an ensign in the tops of the mountains of peace and safety where all nations will flee for peace and safety. The White Horse will find the mountains full of minerals and they will become very rich. You will see silver piled up in the streets. (At this time, it must be remembered that the precious metals were not known to exist either in the Rocky Mountains or in California.) You will see gold shoveled up like sand. Gold will be of little value even in the mercantile capacity, for the people of the world will have something else to do in seeking for Salvation.

The time will come when the banks in every nation will fail, and only two places will be safe where the people can deposit their gold and treasures. These places will be with the White Horse and in England's Vaults.

A terrible revolution will take place in the land of America such as has never been seen before, for the land will be left without a supreme government and every species of wickedness will be rampant. Father will be arrayed against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother. The most terrible scenes of murder and bloodshed and rapine that have ever been looked upon will take place. Peace will be taken from the earth and there will be no peace only in the rocky Mountains. This will cause many hundreds of the honest of heart of the world to gather there, not because they would be Saint but for safety and because they would not take up sword against their neighbor. You will be so numerous that you will be in danger of famine, but not for the want of seedtime and harvest, but because so many will have to be fed. Many will come with bundles under their arms to escape the calamities, and there will be escape only by fleeing to Zion. Those that come to you will try and keep the laws and be one with you, for they will see your unity and the strenght of your organization.

The Turkish Empire will be one of the first powers that will be disrupted, for

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freedom must be given for the Gospel to be preached in the Holy Land. The Lord took of the best blood of the nations and planted them in the small islands now called England or Great Britain, and gave them great power in the nations for a thousand years, and their power will continue with them that they may keep the Russians' Czar from sweeping power of all the earth.

England and France are now bitter enemies but they will be allied together and be united to keep Russia from conquering the world.

The two Popes, Greek and Roman Catholic, will come together and be united. The Protestant religion does not know how much they are indebted to Henry VIII for throwing off the Pope's bull and establishing the Protestant Faith. He was the only Monarch who could do so at the time and he did it because he had this nation (England) at his back to sustain him. One of the peculiar features of England is the established "Red Coat," a uniform so remarkable a mark to shoot at, and yet they have conquered wherever they have gone. The reason for this will be known by them some day. The Lion and the Unicorn of England comes from there being so much of the blood of Israel in the Nation.

While the terrible things, of which mention has been made, are going on England will be neutral until it becomes so inhumane that she will interfere to stop the shedding of blood. England and France will then unite together to make peace—not to subdue the nations. They will find the nations so broken up and so many claiming governments. Then it will appear to the other nations or powers as though England had taken possession of the country. The Black Horse will flee to the invaders and join with them, for they will fear becoming slaves again. Knowing England did not believe in slavery, fleeing to them, they believe would make them safe. Armed with British bayonets the doings of the Black Horse will be terrible. (Here the Prophet said he could not look longer upon the scene as shown in the vision and asked the Lord to change the scene.)

Continuing he said, "During this time the great White Horse will have gathered strength, sending out Elders to gather together the honest in heart among the Pale Horse or people of the United States, to stand by the constitution of the United States as it was given by inspiration of God. In these days God will set up a kingdom never to be thrown down for other kingdoms to come unto, and those kingdoms that will not let the Gospel be preached will be humbled until they will.

England, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium have a considerable amount of the blood of Israel among their people which must be gathered. These nations will submit to the Kingdom of God. England will be the last of these nations to surrender but when she does she will do it as a whole in comparison as she threw off the Catholic power. The nobility know the Gospel is true but it has not enough pomp and grandeur and influence for them to embrace it. They are proud and will not acknowledge the Kingdom of God or come unto it until they see the power it will have.

Peace and safety in the Rocky Mountains will be protected by a Gordon of

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the White Horse. The coming of the Messiah will be natural that only those who see him will know that He has come. But He will come and give His laws unto Zion and minister unto his people. This will not be his coming in the clouds of Heaven to take vengeance on the wicked of the world.

The Temple in Jackson county will be built in this generation. The Saints think there will not be time to build it but with all the great help you will receive you can put up a great temple quickly. You will have all the gold, silver and precious stones for things only will be used beautifying the temple. All the skilled mechanics and the ten tribes of Israel will help you build it. When you see this land bound with iron you may look toward Jackson county. (At this point he made a pause and looking up as though the vision were still in view he said.) "There is a land by the Rocky Mountains that will be invaded by the heathen Chinese unless great care and protection are given."

Speaking of the heathen nations he said, "Where there is no law given there is no condemnation and this will apply to them."

Power will be given the White Horse to rebuke nations afar off and they will be one with the White Horse, but when the laws go forth they will obey for the law will go forth from Zion. The last great struggle Zion will have to contend with will be when the whole of America will be made the Zion of our God. Those opposing will be called Gog and Magog. The nations of the earth will be led by the Russian Czar and the powers will be great but all opposition will be overcome and this land will be made the Zion of our God.

The End.

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