

of a revelation, by Joseph Smith Junr. given over the boundary, east of Jackson Co. Missouri, on Sunday morning July 17, 1831, when seven Elders, viz: Joseph Smith Junr. Oliver Bowdler, W. W. Phelps, Martin Harris, Joseph Coe, Ziba Peterson and Joshua Leavitt, united their hearts in prayer, in a private place, to inquire of the Lord who should ^{preach} the first sermon to the remnants of the Lamanites and Nephites, and the people of that section, that should assemble that day, in the Indian Country, to hear the gospel and the revelations according to the Book of Mormon.

Among the company there being neither pen, ink, or paper, Joseph remarked that the Lord could preserve his words, as he had ever done, till the time appointed, and proceeded:-

- 1 Verily, verily, saith the Lord, your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ, the light and the life of the world, ye cannot discern with your natural eyes, the design and the purpose of your Lord and your God, in bringing ^{you} this people into wilderness for a trial of your faith, - and to be especial witnesses to bear testimony of this land, upon which the Zion of God shall be built up in the last days, when it is redeemed.
- 2 Verily, inasmuch as ye are united in calling upon my name to know my will concerning who shall preach to the inhabitants that shall assemble this day to hear what new doctrine ye have to teach them, ye have done wisely, for so did the ancient prophets, even Enoch, and Abraham, and others: and therefore, it is my will that my servant Oliver Bowdler should open the meeting with prayer; that my servant W. W. Phelps should preach the discourse; and that my servants Joseph Coe and Ziba Peterson should bear testimony as they shall be moved by the Holy Spirit. This will be pleasing in the sight of your Lord.
- 3 Verily, I say unto you, ye are laying the foundation of a great work for the salvation of as many as will believe and repent, and obey the ordinances of the gospel, and continue faithful to the end; for, as I live, saith the Lord, so shall they live.
- 4 Verily, I say unto you, that the wisdom of man in his fallen state, knoweth not the purposes and the privileges of my Holy Priesthood, but ye shall know, when ye receive a fulness by reason of the anointing: for it is my will, that in time, ye should take unto you wives of the Lamanites and Nephites, that their posterity may become white, delightsome and just; for even now their females are more virtuous than the Gentiles.
- 5 Gird up your loins and be prepared for the mighty work of the Lord - to prepare the world for my second coming - to meet the tribes of Israel according to the prediction of all the holy prophets since the beginning: for the final desolation and decrees upon Babylon: for, as the everlasting gospel is carried from this land in love for peace, to gather mine Elect from the four quarters of the earth for Zion, even so shall rebellion follow after speedily, with hatred for war, until the consumption decreed shall make a full end of all the kingdoms and nations, that strive to govern themselves by the laws and precepts, and force and powers of men, under the curse of sin, in all the world.
- 6 Verily, I say unto you, that the day of vexation and vengeance is nigh at the doors of this nation, when wicked, ungodly and daring men will rise up in wrath and might, and go forth in anger, like as the dust is driven by a terrible wind: and they shall be the means of the destruction of this government, and cause the death and misery of many souls: but ~~they~~ faithful among my people shall be preserved in holy places, during all these tribulations.
- 7 Be patient, therefore, refreshing your souls in peace and love, and keep

...from me to know received into you for the gathering of scattered of Israel, and
to, I am with you, though you cannot see me, till I come. Amen.

Reported by W.M.P.

About three years after this given, I asked brother Joseph privately, how "we" that
were mentioned in the revelation, could take "wives" from the natives, as
we were all married men? He replied instantly, "In the same manner
that Abraham took Hagar and Tamarah; and Jacob took Rachel,
Leah and Zilpah, by revelation: the saints of the Lord are
always directed by revelation."

Respectfully I thank the friends for
as ever,

A. M. W. Phelps

Aug. 12, 1861

Revelation Aug. 12, 1861
to W. Phelps to B. Young

Revelation about preaching the
first sermon to the Lemhites
& Nephtites. Joseph's Remarks
on Polygamy.

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of a revelation by Joseph Smith from given over the boundary, west of Jackson Co. Missouri, on Sunday morning, July 17, 1831, when seven elders, viz: Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery, W. W. Phelps, Martin Harris, Joseph Coe, Ziba Peterson and Joshua Lewis united their voices in prayer, in a private place, to inquire of the Lord who should preach the first ^{German} discourse to the remnants of the Lamanites and Nephites, and the people of that section, that should assemble that day in the Indian country, to hear the gospel, and the revelations according to the Book of Mormon.

Among ^{the company,} there being neither pen, ink or paper, Joseph remarked that the Lord could preserve his words as he had ever done, till the time appointed, and proceeded:—

- 1 Verily, verily, saith the Lord your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ, the light and the life of the world, ye can not discern with your natural eyes, the designs and the purpose of your Lord and your God, in bringing you thus far into the wilderness for a trial of your faith, and to be especial witnesses, to bear testimony of this land, upon which the Zion of God shall be built up in the last days, when it is redeemed.
- 2 Verily, inasmuch as ye are united in calling upon my name to know ^{my} will concerning who shall preach to the inhabitants ~~that~~ shall assemble this day to learn what new doctrine ye have to teach them, ye have done wisely, for so did the prophets anciently, even Enoch, and Abraham, and others: and therefore, it is my will that my servant Oliver Cowdery should open the meeting with prayer, that my servant W. W. Phelps should preach the discourse; and that, ^{my} servants Joseph Coe and Ziba Peterson should bear testimony as they shall be moved by the Holy Spirit. This will be pleasing in the sight of your Lord.
- 3 Verily I say unto you, ye are laying the foundation of a great work for the salvation of as many as will believe and repent, and obey the ordinances of the gospel, and continue faithful to the end: For, as I live, saith the Lord, so shall they live.
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- 6 Verily I say unto you, that the day of vengeance and retribution is nigh at the doors of this nation, when wicked, ungodly and daring men will rise up in wrath and might, and go forth in anger, like as the dust is driven by a terrible wind; and they will be the means of the destruction of the government, and cause the death and misery of man's souls, but the faithful among my people shall be preserved in holy places, during all these tribulations.
- 7 Be patient, therefore, possessing your souls in peace and love, and keep

the faith that is now believed unto you for the gathering of scattered Israel, and
No, I am writing you, though I cannot see you, till I come: even so: Amen.
Respected by M.V.P.

About three years after this was given, I asked brother Joseph privately,
how "we", that were mentioned in the revelation could take wives from
the "nations", as well as all married men? He replied, instantly, "Was this
same message that Abraham took Hagar and Keturah; and Jacob took Rachel,
Bilhah and Zilpah: by revelation—the spirit of the Lord is always
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I thought I would
write for you
I hope you
will be
happy
I am
your
father
Joseph
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Dear Father

Dear Father

Rep. Ward A.B.

I thought I would

write you a few lines while I have time. I have been very sick for this week & am better and hope I will be

Yours affectionately

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As far as you are concerned, I called brother Joseph Smith, and he told me that he had been in the revelation and had seen the same thing. I am with you, though I cannot see you, till I come, even as I am. Reported by Mrs. P.

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