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To Our Readers.

We have undertaken the publication of this paper for the purpose of disseminating abroad in the earth, those truths which God has manifested unto us concerning the principles of the doctrine of Christ, and the marvelous work of the Most High in these the latter days which marvelous work is near at hand.

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☞ Our readers are requested to distribute copies of this paper among their friends and acquaintances. We shall send it far and wide into different nations of the earth. Let all who receive it do so too, and come up "to the help of the Lord against the mighty," for soon the sinners in Zion shall be afraid and fearfulness shall surprise the hypocrite; yea,

soon the Lord will come and will destroy the son of perdition "with the brightness of his coming."

The Man of Sin.

In 2d Thes. 2d ch., is a prophecy of Paul concerning an individual who is described as that man of sin, the son of perdition, and that wicked. It is the general opinion of professors of christianity, who are opposed to popery, that this individual is the Pope of Rome. There are several reasons which prevent me from coinciding in this opinion. In the first place, no Pope of Rome ever saw a temple of God, and hence could not sit in the temple of God, as the 4th verse says the man of sin would. Neither could Paul apply this prophecy to all the Popes, for he speaks of one person only, and one who is to be on the earth when the Lord comes for the 8th verse, says, "And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth; and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." Here are two important facts to guide us in the investigation of this subject, namely that there was to be a temple of God on the earth when the son of perdition is revealed, and that his destruction will be at the coming of the Lord. Again, the 4th verse gives us the outlines of the work which the son of perdition would perform in the temple of God. It says of him, "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." It appears then that there is a Being higher than the one called God or that is worshipped, and the son of perdition would represent himself in the character of this Great Personage, the same as in the the-

atrical performances, one person represents another. The proof of this is in the expression here used, "that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." This part of this prophecy was fulfilled in the temple of God, in Nauvoo, by Brigham Young. He is that man of sin, the son of perdition, which Paul here prophesies of. In the pretended endowments in the temple at Nauvoo, (according to the testimony of some who went through those performances,) there was a pretence made to represent the garden of Eden; and Adam and Eve therein, whilst Brigham Young blasphemously personified the God of Gods, answering to his name.

The old sects dont believe in the existence of any being higher than the Father of Jesus Christ, and therefore cannot counterfeit that which they have no idea or belief in. But it is a doctrine of the Church of J. C. of L. D. S. that there is such a being, and Brigham Young has had the daring audacity to personify such a being.

The doctrine of Paul in this chapter shows that there is a being higher than "all that is called God or that is worshipped," and that the man who should represent himself in that capacity should be preceded by another distinguished individual. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th verses, sets forth this idea as follows:—Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you those things? And now you know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way: And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming. The Apostle here