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Prophetic Revelations.

From the greatly beloved Prophet Daniel, and others
of the ancient Prophets.

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Introduction.

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Beloved Ministry & Elders,

On the 16th of January past, the ancient Prophet Daniel appeared to the writer, and gave him a view of the following Revelation, which he desired to have written, as soon as time and circumstances would admit. The writer being at that time, engaged on a previous communication, could ^{not} then attend to it. The beloved ^{prophet}, gave notice, that when the time came for it to be brought forward, he would attend, and make the necessary communication, so that it might be correctly written.

This blessed prophet, at that time, appeared to the writer inexpressibly beautiful, glorious and lovely. Indeed he seemed all glory, beauty and love. He then showed the field of his revelation, and it appeared exceedingly beautiful. But he gave leave to delay writing it for a season. For, said he, there is much that is now unfinished.

And there is a great deal which your heavenly Parents are about to communicate to their children, and the time will be fully occupied; therefore it is proper to delay writing this, until the way is prepared.

1. The prophet is now present, and says, the time is come, when I am permitted by your heavenly Parents, to have that revelation written which I have made, and shall further make known to thee. Therefore be thou willing to devote thy feelings to sense aright, thy sight to see, and bow down thine ears to hear, all that shall be communicated to thee; and bear patiently all tribulation which may be laid upon ^{thee}, to prepare thyself to write it in the true sense and spirit intended; for the things contained therein are precious and true.

2. I rejoice, saith the prophet, to be permitted by your heavenly Parents, to make known this prophetic revelation to their children on earth, in addition to some communications which I have heretofore made, according to their desire.

3. I have come, at this time, to bear witness to the testimonies of my beloved brethren, the ^{other} three prophets, namely, Elisha, Joel and Ezekiel, for whom thou hast written. Yea, the things which they have revealed, are all sure and certain truths; and how dark soever they may appear, ^{they} will surely be fulfilled in their times and

seasons. They are from the records of the "Scripture of truth," from which the holy and glorious Angel revealed many prophecies unto me, while I was on earth.

4. And I shall now proceed to show many things further, from the same holy scriptures, which thou must faithfully write.

5. Therefore, saith he whom the holy Angel calls, "The greatly beloved and wise prophet," Hearken unto my voice, all ye children of the holy spiritual creation, wherein all things must become new. Yea, and whereby all things must yet be set in their new and proper ^{order;} both of things on earth, and also of things in the Heavens.

6. Yea, and give ear, all ye children of men; for the Lord God hath spoken by me, and his word can never fail. Know ye, for certainty, that all gifts of Divine inspiration, are given by the operations of the Holy Spirit of the God of all power, wisdom and knowledge.

7. And they are, by that Spirit, designed as testimonies of his work in all ages, and to show to his creatures, the correspondent harmony and connective relation of all the works of the Divine Power and Wisdom, in all dispensations, from the beginning to the present day, and to reveal the same correspondent order and rela-

tion to the end; that thereby all souls may finally be left without excuse.

8. For, by those inspired revelations, man hath, from the beginning, been taught the present duty required of him, according to the day and time in which it fell to his lot to live. And all souls have ever been justified by obedience to the light manifested to them, in their day. If they sincerely sought, and honestly practiced according to that light, they were blameless: for more than this, a just God never required.

9. Therefore many will say, even in this last dispensation of the work of God, I chose to live as those before me did, who were acknowledged as righteous, in their day and generation. But know ye not that to be righteous in the day of generation, and to be righteous in the day of regeneration, are two very different works? The work of generation, and all that belongs to that order, is a natural work. But the work of regeneration, and all that belongs to that order, is a spiritual work.

10. If a soul were perfectly righteous, in the natural order, he could no more be justified nor accepted of God, should he continue in ^{that state} ~~the~~, when the day of regeneration and spiritual work came to him, than a servant who had been set by his master, to prepare the ground, and sow ^{plant} seeds, could be justified and accepted of his master, should he contin-

ue that same work, upon the same ground, when the harvest was ripe, and he was called to gather the crop.

Chapter III.

1. The God of power and wisdom created all things in the beginning, in a natural or temporary ground and order. But in this ground was planted the seeds of an eternal and everlasting state and order. And the Allwise Creator appointed the times and seasons, which should progress into increasing degrees of Order and perfection, until the time should come for the eternal work to begin to supplant the natural order, and progressively bring in the superior spiritual work, which should finally create all things anew, after the character of God, in an everlasting state of righteousness and true holiness.

2. In this state, every soul, being and spirit, and the existing life and powers of all things shall be raised to their highest dignity, and be set in the most useful, glorious and beautiful order, that their powers and genius are capable of attaining.

3. But by measure hath he measured the times, and by number hath he numbered all things in their orders, and he doth not move nor stir them, until their measure is fulfilled, and the number of each, in its order, is accomplished. Then no power in existence, can prevent

a further degree from taking place; nor a further measure of more perfect order of his work from being accomplished.

4. All that men or Angels can do, is to work with the light and power of God, according to the present degree and measure of his work. If they do this, they are justified by the light of that order; or they can refuse thus to work with God, in the measure of light which he hath measured unto them; and thereby fall into corresponding darkness, condemnation and judgments. ^{he} For allows all souls, finally, a free choice, and a just reward of their own doings.

5. All the works of the ~~works~~ of the Divine Spirit, have been progressively increasing, from the beginning, into greater and greater degrees of perfection; thus preparing the way for the continual growth of all things that he hath created, in regular degrees, towards their final lot and place. ~~that~~

6. These progressive degrees are as regular, and as necessary as are the progressive degrees of the growth of plants and trees of the field towards maturity, and of fruits towards ripeness. Yea, and the progress of the order and growth of the Kingdom of God, proceeds in this same manner.

7. This the blessed Father of the spiritual creation showed, by likening it to seed cast into the earth, that should spring up and grow; first the blade, then

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that is may be left,
inspiration from Heaven,

the ear; and after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, then the sickle is immediately put in; because the harvest is come. So it is with all things which God hath created; all have a progressive growth until ripe; then they must be gathered or lost.

8. O ye children of nature! Consider this; (saith the wise prophet,) exercise that reason which the Creator hath given you, to be a receptacle for light and truth, and which raiseth you above the mere animals. If ye do this, impartially, to seek after truth, ye will learn by the things that your natural eyes can see, and your senses comprehend, the distinction between the natural work and order, and that which is spiritual. It is the will of God that these*

9. Of what use are the most beautiful trees of the field,^{or forest}, while growing from the life of the earth? So long as they are in that state in which they can produce seeds to propagate their offspring, they cannot possibly be put to any higher use. If they bear fruits which are useful to man, this fruit is gathered, and put to use; and trees, while growing, are valued in proportion to the usefulness of their fruit.

10. But the most beautiful trees of the forest, and those possessing the best properties for use, before they can be put to the use of man, their superior, must be

cut off from the life of the earth, and become wholly dead to that state in which they can propagate their like. Then, when they are properly formed and shaped for the order designed, they can be put into their proper place in the buildings of man, and not before. But the most beautiful cedar of Lebanon could never be put to any such use, without great labor to prepare it.

11. Consider also the stones, and precious metals; none of them can be of any use, until they are wholly separated from the earth. Even the most precious gems require great labor to separate them from the earthly connection, and to cut and polish them, before they are of any use or value.

12. All these things are figurative representations, and are designed by the Creator to show the natural and spiritual work and order; and that the spiritual must supplant the natural, before the things and spirits, therein contained, can be of any final use in the eternal creation of God.

13. When a tree, or any thing that grows from the earth, dies, it goes back to the earth; and its life, tho' separated from the tree in its growing state; yet it still continues in the same elementary order as before; ^{and can never rise to a superior state, but must be lost;} unless it hath been put to a higher use, by the lord of all these things; for man is their lord. ^{But they can never be put to a higher use while growing in the earth.}

14. Even so it is with you, O ye children of men! While ye have the life of nature, and continue in that state in which ye propagate a natural offspring, ye cannot possibly be of any

ure in the spiritual Kingdom of God, your Creator; nor find a lot and place in his buildings of eternal order and glory, among the spirits who are in the superior and heavenly life. Nay, ye cannot do this, in that state, any more than beasts can find a place with intelligent man, and a lot with him, in the same order.

15. Your life must first be taken from the earth, or the natural state; even as was the life of the first-born of the new creation: for, "Who shall declare his generation? for his life was taken ~~away~~ from the earth."* He rejected that life, and lived in a superior life to the life of the earth, or of nature; therefore he had no earthly or natural generation; of course none could be declared.

16. Here is the example of the spiritual Father, and no soul can ever dwell in his Kingdom, and find a lot and place there, until they rise into the same life, and are prepared, by being wholly separated from all the propensities and inclinations of the natural, earthly life. Let that life be never so good in its own order, it does not prevent the necessity of this work. They must be fashioned anew, according to the order of the spiritual house of God, or they can never have a place in it.

17. But, like the similitude of the trees and plants of the field, all the good fruits that man brings forth, while in a natural state, are fruits conformable to the order of good

* Acts viii. 33.

principles, appointed by the author of all good, for man in that state. These fruits will be gathered by the Angels of God's providence, and put to use in the operations of his natural creation.

18. Thus they will gain a rich increase for him who produces them. And if he obeys the spiritual call, when it comes to him, and thereby rises into the Kingdom of God, he will there find all these good fruits, and their increase laid up in store for him. And they will be stars of glory, and shining gems of beauty, which will ornament and glorify his heavenly crown and ^{robes of} eternal ^{yea,} drops. And for every seed of such virtuous fruit, he shall be fed with heavenly fruit, that will be more delicious to his taste than the natural senses can ever know, saith the God of all virtue.

19. But on the contrary, those who, in the natural state, seek only their own pleasure, and disregard the counsels of virtuous principles, which I have placed in their souls, in the order of my creation, and in violation of the order which I have placed in nature, bring forth corrupt fruit. The same shall meet all these things in a future state; or whenever, by divine light, I call them to judgment, before the tribunal of the superior spiritual order.

20. For no soul is ever called to the true judgment, until he is arraigned by eternal light. When therefore,

such souls are thus arraigned, there will they find that all such fruits have been gathered by the angels of darkness, and put to use, and have thus yielded a great increase of wickedness, by the influence of those wicked spirits in the world.

21. All these fruits are laid up in the shades of darkness; and into those shades such souls will have to be sent. And those shades will be to them as prisons, and there will they be fed with fruits of corresponding bitterness, for every seed that they have thus brought forth, and for the evil which it hath done, saith the Almighty power of Divine Justice; Yea, this will they have to feel, until, by sufferings and repentance, the evil is blotted out. And this cannot be effected until their sufferings and repentance have done as much good, as their evils have done hurt.

22. O children of men! Are not my ways equal? Are not your ways unequal, when ye seek your own pleasure, regardless of my ~~law of my~~ law of light, and regardless of the harm that it may do to your fellow creatures; and thereby knowingly do hurt in my creation? Are not my ways equal, when I leave you to eat the fruit of your own doings, until, by repentance and sufferings ye have blotted out the evils which ye have done and thereby do as much good as hurt, in the natural world, before I admit you into a superior order.

23. Nor shall it be possible to deprive any soul, who obeys

my final call, and comes freely into the spiritual work, from partaking, to the full, the rich increase of every virtue that they have ever brought forth. These I declare unto you all, O ye children of men! are the immutable laws of my creation, which all souls will yet meet, and find to be eternal realities.

24. For consider ye, how much good a virtuous work may do by example, and by its sympathetic effect among mankind. An example of this sort, many times, produces good effects beyond the foresight of the wisest man on earth. And a bad example will have a corresponding bad effect.

25. This may be seen in all things on earth; nor is there any intelligent being, that ever comes into the world, who does not do either good or hurt to others, in this manner; and thereby either benefits or wrongs, in proportion, the whole creation, as a living member thereof.

26. Therefore all these things will appear hereafter, in the final work, and will redound to the honor or dis-honor of the doer, in the sight of all concerned, by their having been effected by the good or bad that hath thus been done. Think of this, ye proud ones of the earth; What will your pride avail you, in that day? Truly it will only serve to increase your shame and disgrace. Ye will then find, that pride is like filthy rags, wherewith ye have attempted to cover your nakedness!

Chapter III.

1. Think not, O man, that thou wilt be any more spiritual, when thou diest a temporal death, than thou art on earth. Nay; when thy soul leaves the body, its life will be just as natural as at the time of death; nor will it know any more of God than thou dost here, nor be any nearer his Kingdom.

2. If the strongest attraction of thy soul is towards good, then wilt thou still continue to increase in good. (For thy soul is the man, thy body is dust, and will never again, have any part with thee.) as light is revealed to thee from a superior order, until thou shalt receive the heavenly call, and rise into thy proper order, in the new and spiritual creation: for this is all the resurrection that ever was, or ever will be found unto life. And this will surely take place; unless thou hearken to the evil spirits and refuse the light when offered.

3. For thou wilt not be deprived of thy free agency thence, any more than in this world. And evil spirits have their alluring charms in the world of spirits, as well as here. But if thou art more attracted in thy feelings towards evil ^{towards} than good, then will thy soul fall further and further towards the powers of darkness, until it fall into the eternal shades, and become the companion of devils and damned spirits.

4. This will assuredly take place in the end; unless thou ^{shalt} be prevented by the shining unto thee of greater light

light than thou hast ever before seen, and close in with it; then thou mayest be saved; yet so as by fire, suffering the loss of thy works, instead of being honored by them.

5. This have I spoken; because of the deception that so extensively prevails among mankind, in believing that the final state of souls is decided at death. The scriptures of truth teach no such doctrine. On the contrary, they teach, that the gospel was preached to souls in prison, in the world of spirits; and that to them that sit in the region of darkness and the shadow of death, light is sprung up.*

6. And I now bear witness, that this testimony is sure and certain truth, saith the prophet; for I myself, by the appointment of my heavenly Father, with many of my brethren, the prophets, have, for many ages, been ministering spirits to souls who were in nature's darkness, in the world of spirits, to minister light unto them, according to their state; and to prophesy unto them of the Redeemer that should come; and thus to administer the promises and hope of a final resurrection to a state of eternal life and order.

7. For tho God, at first, created the natural ~~very~~ world very good, to subserve his future and higher purposes; yet it fell, through the disobedience of man,

* 1 Peter iii. 19. & Matthew iv. 16.

who was placed as its Lord, and by ^{his} yielding to the influence of the evil spirits of darkness, he thereby brought them in to reign in the natural world.

8. These spirits have thus established their high places, principalities and corrupt powers in it. And have obtained the dominion over the world; so that man is a captive in it, and a slave to their will; and must therefore be redeemed and saved, or fall lower and lower, until he falls under the eternal dominion of those spirits and powers of darkness.

9. Nevertheless; the God of all power, will not suffer his purposes to be defeated by his adversaries. But it is his eternal purpose that man should have his free choice; for otherwise, His justice could have no place to operate; nor could man have either honor or dishonor, of himself.

10. But man, when he first transgressed, did it partly in ignorance; for he had not the knowledge of experience; therefore the door of mercy and justice could be opened to him; neither of which could have been exercised by finally rejecting him for that transgression; yet he could not be prevented from suffering its baleful consequences.

11. The death that he died, was his losing the consecutive relation of his soul to the good spirits in the order of spirits above him; for by this means he lost their bless-

ing and protection; and was thereby exposed to many evils, and had to suffer innumerable ills, in this life, which he might have escaped, had he kept his rectitude.

12. He is also exposed to far greater sufferings in the world,^{to come}. Yea, and it is harder for him to rise into the work of the regeneration, than it would have been, had he not fallen from his order; for he would then have been a natural heir to spiritual life; but this heirship he lost by his disobedience.

13. But the posterity of the first natural man, were not, and could not be condemned for his sin; yet, as he had fallen into a corrupted state, his children could not be brought forth otherwise than in that state; and therefore they must partake, more or less, of all the evils and troubles of that state.

14. For, in order to have prevented this, man must ~~either~~ have been cut off, and never been suffered to have any offspring. This the Creator would not suffer, for it would have given the victory, to the prince of darkness, as he would thereby have supplanted the intelligent part of the creation of God on earth; and thus have destroyed the connecting link in the chain of his works, between the natural and spiritual world.

15. Otherwise, the order in which God created ~~all~~ all things, and according^{by} to which the original parents

~~I were to~~ propagate an offspring, according to that life which they possessed, must be changed; -- and this order, that man should have the freedom of will, and receive the reward of his choice, must be reversed - have been reversed.

16. Hence it is that, tho Adam and Eve have found and owned the Parents of the new creation, with great joy; because they ^{have} opened the way of redemption for their own poor fallen race; yet, altho these first natural parents, have found a place in the spiritual kingdom; still they suffer grief, to this day, for their children, and always will, more or less, as a necessary consequence of the state in which they are, until the final state of the last of their descendants is fixed.

17. As no soul ever came into existence by its own will, but was made in that ^{state} by superior power; therefore all souls that come into life, in whatever state it may be, are, by that very existence, according to the principles of Divine justice, entitled to the right to have all the duties of the order of that state clearly shown to them, with all the consequences thereof; and, ^{also} to a freedom of choice accordingly, before any final consequences shall result therefrom. And this is the unalterable law of the Creator.

18. But hear my word, ye great and learned of the world, saith the just God, ye who profess to know much about

my works and laws; ye talk a great deal about my eternal decrees, of which ye know nothing as you ought to know.

These are my eternal decrees, That all souls, without exception, that ever came into the world which I have created, shall, in due time, have light to see, and ^{knowledge to} know all that is required of them; that they shall have a free agency in all things which shall finally affect them; and that no soul shall finally ^{be} honored or dishonored for any thing, except in exact proportion to the perfect freedom with which he or she has acted in the case.

19. Therefore cease your blasphemous doctrine, ye hypocrites, saith the Lord of all, which represents me as the author and fountain of injustice, by teaching that I have decreed children to eternal damnation and unutterable misery, for the sin of their parents; yea, and that I am far more partial, in my injustice, than ^{was} any natural parent ever on earth.

20. For by this doctrine you teach, that I have selected from among the children of my creation, some, to whom I have decreed eternal joys and happiness, without their having done any thing to entitle them to ^{this distinction}, and that I effect this, without any of their freedom of choice.

21. And that I have doomed all the rest, by irresistible power, to eternal wo, and unspeakable torments, for my favored few to feast their eyes upon, and to rejoice in the horrible state of their brethren, who have been as good as themselves, as to any thing they had power to do. Thus they represent the holy Creator as the author of all injustice, cruelty and iniquity of all kinds.

Chapter IV.

1 Thus saith the Divine Spirit, the Great Creator, I am the fountain of all goodness, of all love and all justice; and not any thing ever did, or ever can flow from me, contrary to the plain import of those principles, as I have revealed them, by my Spirit, to man.

2. For why thinkest thou, O man, that I should have revealed those principles unto thee, if it were not that thou shouldest understand their nature; that thou ~~were~~ mightest thereby have rules, by which thou couldst be able to try the spirits; and thus know the spirits that come from me, according to thy light and understanding, in whatever state thou art?

3. Of what use would it be to thee to know the existence of such principles, if thou canst not understand their nature? But if thou wilt exercise the understanding which I have given thee, O child of my creation; according to thy best light, and impartially seek after truth, thou shalt know, in due time, the true nature of all my revealed attributes, as far^{as} their operation will ever affect thee: for I am not the God of darkness and ignorance, but of light and knowledge, saith the good Creator of Heaven and earth. Yea, the eternal source of light I AM.

4. Of all the doctrines that ever came from the shades of eternal darkness, there ^{are} none which my Holy Spirit

more abhors than that which teaches that I ever make any distinction in the rewards or punishments of the children of my creation, otherwise than in exact proportion to their works freely done, according to their light, and the privileges which I have given them; for there are none that so blaspheme my holy and glorious name.

5. Have I not, from the beginning, through my inspired messengers, taught you, O children of men! that the righteousness of the righteous should be upon him? and that the wickedness of the wicked should be upon him? Not my righteousness nor my wickedness shall be upon him! For know ^{that} they who teach such doctrines, do thereby ascribe to the Almighty God, the fountain of ^{all} goodness, all the wickedness of men, yea, and of devils.

6. Shall I hold my peace for these ~~these~~ things? — saith He that is holy, He that is just. Have I not taught "That all souls are mine? the soul of the son, as of the father? that the son should not bear the iniquities of the father? nor the father the iniquities of the son? But that every one ~~one~~ should bear his own iniquities, and receive the just reward of his own righteousness?"

7. The contrary doctrine came from the dark and fallen spirits, to propagate their unrighteous kingdom

in the world, with all its unholy fruits of injustice, cruelty, and the dark works of all manner of wickedness among men. There never was anything taught which so hardens the heart, and shuts up the mind against the reception of the true light, as this doctrine, nor any that has so firmly rooted the powers of darkness in the world.

8. Therefore hear this testimony of your God; all ye souls that I have made; know ye for certainty, that no such doctrine ever came from me, even in the most remote sense. But wherever ye hear it, know ye that it comes from the spirits of darkness, my enemies and your enemies; and that it is for the purpose of leading your souls into their dark abodes, however ignorant the agent may be who teaches it.

9. Therefore I warn you, as a merciful parent, that each and every soul who shall teach such doctrines ignorantly, are presumptuous; because they undertake to teach the character of a righteous God, when they know it not. "I have not sent them," saith the Lord; yet they run; I have not spoken; yet they say, "He saith," when they know not the truth.

10. Hence every such one that thus teaches, when they know not the harm that it may do to souls, I will surely visit with scourges, until they learn my charac-

ter as a just and merciful God. And these scourges shall continue, until they repent. Then, if they will obey the light given them, they shall be forgiven; because they were ignorant.

11. But whoever teaches such doctrines, from selfish and popular motives, caring ~~not~~^{little} whether they be true or false; such shall surely bear their judgment to the full. I will bring plagues upon them, saith the Lord, that they know not of, and will meet them in a way of which they are not aware. Because for gain, they have destroyed the souls that I have made, and have cut off the tender branches of virtue, that were, by my Spirit, springing ~~forth~~^{upon} their souls, so that they have not brought fruit.

12. And they have ^{thereby} strengthened the spirits of darkness and wickedness; therefore, with them they shall suffer until the debt is paid; nor shall they be released until, by humble repentance, and works of acknowledgement and truth, they have undone the harm that they have done by their presumption.

13. Consider this, O man! that the character of thy Creator is not to be speculated upon for thy pleasure or gain. And if such as do it, will not repent, and make restitution, I will cut them off from any right in my Kingdom of Goodness, and appoint them

their portion with hypocrites, with the unprofitable and wicked servant, who presumptuously called his Lord an "austere master"; for this is what their doctrine teaches.

14. Nay, truly, O man! There is no sin that thou canst commit, which God will more certainly punish, than that which, in its nature, ascribes^a want of mercy and injustice to him. Therefore beware, all ye his creatures; for behold, that work is begun, in this dispensation of my two Anointed Ones, which shall fully reveal the right^{counseLS of God.}

15. In this day of the marvellous outpourings of my spirit and power, among my chosen people, I will, by its progressive increase, "remove the veil of the covering, spread over the face of all people"; so that before the increasing degrees of my work, in this ^{dispensation} day, are ended, all souls in this world, and in the world of spirits, shall clearly see and know the true nature of my character, and the order of my work, both natural & spiritual, according to their own order and degree, saith the Lord.

16. Then shall all souls know, in reality, that tho I am the God of all power and wisdom, and can do according to my will; yet that I never will nor do any thing inconsistent with my character of light, love, justice and mercy; and that I am a God of perfect goodness and truth; yea, that eternal power & wisdom is the One Almighty Parentage of lights and perfections; that

every good gift, and every perfect gift comes down from this fountain head; and that no darkness nor evil ever ^{did} flow or can flow ^{from} this source.

17. In this Eternal Fountain there "is no variableness nor shadow of turning;" but from everlasting to everlasting, was and is, and shall forever be the same unvaried source of lights, goodness and truth. Nor can any created being ever dwell in that eternal Kingdom which proceeds from this glorious fountain, nor endure the shining of its ineffable power and glory, until they are made conformable to the nature of those perfections.

18. All the creation, saith the wise prophet, is but as dust and ashes before his Almighty power; and the most mighty, ^{being of his creation} ~~that ever existed~~, is as a grain of sand or a drop from the bucket, in his presence. Yet his love is as great as his power, and his mercy as great as his justice. Yea the Almighty Parents are the fountain head of lowness, true condescension and affability.

19. Yea, verily, they condescend to come to souls, in the lowest state of their loss, and even when they ^{are} in ~~the~~ a state of the greatest rebellion, (except it be final rebellion against their last call,) and affably reason with them; yea, and bestow good gifts and favors upon them, when they are wholly unworthy, and thus manifest their mercy and love, by giving such souls a foretaste of their goodness; so that, if

possible, to draw them to that which is for their own best good.

20. It is not therefore, always the most worthy, who are the most noticed with the good gifts of God; but often the most needy. Yet the true peace of the Heavens, and abiding food of Angels, will, in the end, be given ^{and from only,} to those who have earned these blessings by their faithfulness.

21. Therefore, O ye Angels, souls and spirits, and all things that have life, fear and tremble before your Eternal Parents, for their Almighty Power; bow before them for their wisdom; honor them ~~for their~~ ^{of their glory} for their light, and be thankful, and glorify their names, for their infinite goodness unto you.

22. O ye, ~~the~~ saints! let us love them with all our souls; for they first loved us, and in mercy called us to a far better inheritance than the natural world, with all its glories, can give. Let us praise and worship them in holy devotion, and offer the first fruits of all our powers and faculties to them, for the eternal flow of their goodness and love to all faithful souls and spirits, forever and ever.

23. O ye highly favored children of Zion! saith the loving prophet, hearken to the voice of your brother, who dearly loves you; never had souls such a precious privilege before, since this creation began, as ye have had since the time that the heavens have drawn nigh unto

you, and their doors and windows have been opened, and the holy Angels and ministering spirits of God, have descended upon Zion's walls, loaded with heavenly gifts and precious food, to bestow upon you.

24. Ye cannot too highly prize this glorious time, nor too diligently improve it, to gather a needful store of good things. Gather your vessels full of oil for your lamps, while it is poured out in plenty to you, from "the two olive trees, by the two Anointed Ones." For the times of darkness will come, and ye will need it all, to supply your lamps with constant light; lest ye be taken and snared, unawares, by the adversary. Gather as great a store of food for your souls, as ye are able, in these times of plenty, while the manna falls in abundance, with the precious dews of Heaven, which are distilled upon your camp, from its open windows.

25. For the days will come when these heavenly windows will be shut; and then will come the times of scarcity; yea, and they are near at hand, when ye will need all the food that ye can lay up in store, to feed yourselves, and to feed the hungry and famished souls, who will flock to you for food, like as they did to Joseph in his day.

26. For a famine shall come in all lands; and truly ye are called to be as the house of Joseph, to all souls. Yea, the days will come, when these things must and will be fulfilled, both spiritually and literally, far beyond what ye are now able to sense.

26. Therefore, let this be an established principle in your souls, surely, to improve the gathering time, whenever there is any extraordinary out-pouring of the gifts of the Divine Spirit. For all who do not do this, and lay up a good store of the precious seeds and heavenly food, that ^{shall} then fall upon your camps. They will as surely have to suffer hunger, want and wantness, as he who neglects seed time & harvest.

27. Therefore, learn ye, all souls, that the way to gather these good things, is to hear with open ears, and see with open eyes, and feel with sincere feelings, all the manifestations of heavenly gifts, counsel, instruction, reproof, and all operations of Divine power, either upon yourselves or others; and then treasure them up in an honest and believing heart, and remember and meditate uprightly upon them.

28. Be careful that ye never resist, reject nor condemn any such gifts, because ye do not understand them. Remember that all understanding cannot be given at once; but wait God's time, and the Lord of all good gifts will show unto you, the true nature and intent of all such gifts, as far as can be for your good.

29. Therefore, if ye treat these sacred things with reverence and holy fear, and labor in this manner, to gather all the good; these holy gifts, tho' never so trying to your natural feelings, will yield to all, a rich harvest of

righteousness, glory, peace, and all needful good, for the life and growth of your souls in the holy work of God.

Chapter V.

1. Thus saith the prophet, I know by the light and word of God, and by the experience of more than two thousand years, that from the beginning of his creation, until the Son of God came into the world, all souls and all things therein, were in a natural state. The greatest righteousness that souls could attain to, was only natural righteousness.

2. By coming up, as near as they were able, to the order of nature, established by the Creator, for his natural creation, they were justified in that day. And in believing the promises which God revealed by his prophets, it was counted to them for righteousness; and they had thereby a hope of a future state and creation, which would be spiritual and eternally abiding, ^{This was a true hope of that order which was to come, and} ~~and that~~ ~~it would~~ as far exceed the natural order in its highest glory, as the substance exceeds the shadow.

3. For the natural was created for a temporary purpose, to serve as the ground for souls to grow first into life and being; and also to bring forth types & shadows of the eternal world, and everlasting order. And its highest use could only be an introduction to this glorious state.

* Whether the several reasoning of men may suggest, the testimony of the scriptures, in this respect, is strictly true.

4. But tho' this natural world was created good in its order; yet it was corrupted. And not one descendant of the earthly parents ever came into life, without being more or less corrupted, according to the state and order in which they were born into the world.

5. Nor was there ever one soul on the earth, that could rise fully out of that corruption, until the real Son of God descended into the natural world, and took upon him human nature. This was Christ the true Spirit and descendant of the Almighty and Eternal Parentage.

6. Therefore it was, as beloved brother Paul said, that "The whole creation groaneth and travelleth in pain together until now." And that even they that were called in that day, were but a kind of first ^{fruity} of the Spirit, and groaned within themselves, waiting for the full redemption of their body; that is, the body of Christ.

7. For in that dispensation they were only saved by hope; but did not see the fullness of those things for which they hoped, only afar off. But the Lord's Christ was truly born of the nature of the Eternal Parentage. For neither the seed nor lust of man had any agency in his being.* Yet he took this seed upon him, thro' the medium of a natural woman; but she was in the highest degree of purity that the then natural state & light of the world could produce.

* Whatever the carnal reasoning of man may suggest, the testimony of the scriptures, in this respect, is strictly true.

8. But through this medium, he was made, in all things, like his brethren, and was touched with the feelings of all their infirmities, and had to struggle with, and overcome all the powers of corrupt nature, and rise from the death of its fallen state. Thus he ~~was~~^{became} the first-fruits of the resurrection into eternal life. Then began the spiritual work, but not before: for then he could dispense the same power and life to all souls, as fast as they were prepared to receive it.

9. All those professed teachers of Christianity, who teach that souls could be saved, and find the Kingdom of Heaven, before Christ descended into human nature, are blind leaders of the blind, and know nothing, in truth, of the order of God's works. Nay, the Kingdom of Heaven was not formed for souls, until Christ formed it; nor was it ever preached, until he preached it. John, who came to prepare the way for him, said, "Repent ye; for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

10. But Christ said, "From the days of John, the Kingdom of Heaven is preached, and every man preareth into it." That is, all who obeyed the call. But wilt thou believe Christ, O man? He said that none had ever been born greater than John the Baptist; yet "he that is least in the Kingdom of Heaven, is greater than he." Surely then, none had ever entered that Kingdom before him.

11. Of the truth of this, saith the prophet, I am a witness in full. For this I sought, uprightly, after righteousness, while on earth, to the extent of my light; and this I sought and groaned for redemption from the fallen state, and labored earnestly, to find a place of abiding order and goodness, for many ages, while in the world of spirits; yet I could never find a heavenly world; that is, a world where the Divine Spirit dwells, and alone bears rule, and where all things are brought into the order of His workmanship, and ^{where} evil has no power.

12. The natural world, with all its properties, both earthly and spiritual, visible and invisible, was created, and designed by the Creator, as a field to plant the seeds of beings and properties, to grow and bear fruit, for a higher and far superior state; therefore it is, both in its visible and invisible orders, a state of trial and probation, wherein all beings and all things, must and will be fitted for an eternal world and abiding order; each and every one, according to the genius, nature and degree, in which the Allwise Creator hath formed them. ^{The} But final reward of all will be according to their works.

13. For this reason it is, that there is placed, in all things, in the natural world, a longing and reaching growth after a superior state and order. This operates in all things, whether rational, instinctive or vegetable. This operating principle is placed in their invisible life, and is derived from the spiritual part, or properties of the natural world; for these only, can ever be formed into an eternal state and order.

14. The properties of all things do show forth their nature and order, while in their natural and probationary state, to such as have wisdom to see it. And before God's heavenly Kingdom is finished, they will all be gathered and placed in their proper order in the eternal creation of God. And here, all the souls of men will be gathered, by the work of this last dispensation of the heavenly Parentage of the new and spiritual creation.

15. And in the progressive degrees thereof, they will be placed, each and every one, in their own proper order. First, according to the properties of their creation; and second, according to their faithful obedience to the final call of the light and power of the heavenly Parents unto them. But on their obedience to this final call, and the degrees of their faithfulness in this work, depend the degrees of their happiness, and the shining forth of their glory.

16. These things are of weighty importance to thee O child of the natural world, that thou mayst thereby know that the good things which thou beholdest on earth, are not made merely for the temporary use of time on earth; but that they have a spirit in them which shall appear in the eternal state, and there be placed in their proper order, and thus compleat the beauty and glory of the heavenly world.

17. And that thou mayst also know that, wherewith thou hast sinned, therewith thou shalt be punished; and wherewith thou hast done good, by the same shalt thou be honored and glorified. For thou shalt not go to some remote and unknown place hereafter, but among the spirits of those things, whose bodies thou dost here behold; there shalt thou find thy proper order and place.

18. If thou obeyest the final call, and art faithful in improving thy time, in bringing thyself into the proper order of God, appointed for thee, in this day of the restoration of all things; and in bringing all things, with which thou are concerned, ^{thou shalt be glorified thereby.} into this true order of God. For thy duty shall, at all times, be taught, according to his present requirement; and thou shalt, in due time, dwell amidst the spiritual properties, of all the beings & things of this creation, set in the eternal order of the Creator.

19. In this state, all such beings and things with which thou hast done good, shall honor and delight thee in proportion to the good thou hast done. There shall the holy Angels and ministering spirits of God, acknowledge and do good to thee, for all the obedience thou hast yielded to their influence, even to the least impression of virtue upon thy mind: For know, that there is never the least impression of that kind, made upon the mind, which does not proceed from good spirits.

20. Therefore beware that thou dost not treat these simple impressions lightly; for if thou obeyest them, the spirits that gave them, will bear witness of it, hereafter; and thou shalt receive of their goodness, and be honored for the same. But if thou disobeyest ^{them}, they will bear witness against thee, and thou wilt be deprived of good, and receive dishonor in proportion thereto.

21. For there never was a soul that obeyed such impressions, who was not noticed and blessed of God, and received good in proportion. Nor was there ever a soul that fell from the gospel in this great day, who did not disobey them. For this, saith the Lord of this day, is the oracle which I place in the soul of every one that I have called, or ever shall, ^{call} into the work of this final dispensation, whereby their duty is always made known, by my heavenly light, thus conveyed. This light will never lead them in disunion to the wisdom of the Head whom I have Anointed, but will bear witness to it.

22. In the eternal ^{state}, all souls, to whom and with whom thou hast done good, will acknowledge it, and bless thee for the same; and thou shalt receive honor and delight for it, to the fullness thereof.

23. And where thou hast used the brutal creatures, according to the order of God, and hast exercised mercy and kindness to them, as thou wouldest, that thy superiors should do unto thee, their spirits will surely there acknow-

ledge it, and delight thee with their harmless love for the same; and thou shalt receive honor and glory, in proportion theremto,^{that} will fully reward thee to thy soul's satisfaction.

24. Yea, and where thou hast done thy duty faithfully, respecting any temporal property, with which, in thy calling, thou hast been concerned, [the eternal property of] that thing will so be brought forward, in the heavenly order [of that state,] that it will delight and honor thee, according to its degree.

25. Thou shalt there be delighted with their beautiful and fragrant flowers, and thy soul shall be fed with their delicious fruits: for my people, saith the Lord, shall not plant, & another eat the fruit; but all faithful souls shall long, yea, forever enjoy the works of their own hands, and dwell in mansions prepared by their own labors.

26. Therefore, know for certainty, that there is nothing which is ever brought under thy concern, in the least degree, that is so trifling, that thy conduct towards it is unnoticed by the guardian spirits of God; and they will bear witness of it; and thou shalt receive honor or dishonor ~~or disonor~~ accordingly, in the eternal order; unless the wrong that thou mayst do, be blotted out by repentance.

27. And finally, if thou shalt find thy true order, according to the properties of thy natural creation, and

shall thus be placed in the new and heavenly creation, which
~~is now begun, and will be perfected by the work of our~~
~~heavenly Parents,~~ then thy everlasting glory and
happiness will be secured, to the full desires of thy soul,
by becoming a living member of the body of the eternal
creation of the Almighty Parents; for all its immeasurable
perfections will flow unto thee, according to thy membership.

Chapter VI.

1. Dearly beloved children of Zion, saith the prophet,
suffer me to speak, plainly, the words of your holy Parents,
whom I own as my Parents, and to whom I esteem it my
greatest honor that I have found my relation, as an
obedient child.

2. Do ye sense the importance of the order of all things,
as has been declared? Do ye know that the eyes of all men,
yea, and of all the spirits in the creation, both in this world
and in the world of spirits, are more and more turned
and directed towards you, as the center of that work of God,
which, in its progressive degrees, will restore the state of
all created things and beings, which are the subjects of it,
from all degeneracy and loss? ^{Yea, and} will also raise them to
their true state of order, in the new and eternal creation
of God; from whence they never can fall, nor be corrupted.

3. And the eyes of all will be increasingly directed

towards you, until this work is effected. Then there will be an everlasting separation between good and evil; between them that serve God, and them that serve him not. And all spirits that finally cleave to the elements of evil, will find their portion in the eternal shades of darkness.

4. Truly this is the work of which the first foundations were laid in the first appearing ^{Christ,} of the Father of the heavenly creation. And tho' much of it was like the growth of seeds hidden in the earth; yet it hath been progressing by increasing degrees to the present day.

5. Do ye ^{seriously consider} ~~see~~ the important part ye are called to fulfill in this work of eternal order? Or the necessity of faithfully performing the labor that the lot in which each one is called doth require? Do ye know that the Lord hath need of each one, in the time and order in which they are called, to work together, with him, in accomplishing this final work?

6. When the Lord of this work, sent his disciples after an ass-colt, for him to ride upon, in triumph, to Jerusalem, he directed them to say to the owners, "The Lord hath need of him." This being done, he rode into Jerusalem, where he cleansed the temple and set it in order. - This work was a type of his future triumphant entrance into the New Jerusalem, which he will cleanse and establish for his eternal abode.

7. ~~Hence~~ it is evident that the Lord had need of one of the lowest species of the brutal creatures, to prefiguring his final triumphant work of taking possession of his Eternal City. And see ye not by this, ^{that the way of entrance into His holy City, is much and lowly? Ps. 133.} that the brutal creatures have their order and place in his final work? Truly; and why doth your Father in Heaven, notice the sparrow that falls to the ground, if its spirit hath no further existence nor use?

8. But ye are of more value than many of those creatures; for ye are the first agents of this work; and by and through you, all other spirits and things in the natural world, must be brought into their final order. Therefore ye must first subdue your ^{own} natures, and render them subservient to the spiritual work, like the obedient animal to man. For this work is the last hope of all spirits.

9. For no ^{created} beings or things were ever brought into their true and final order, until the full manifestation of the spiritual Father of the New-Creation; through and with that chosen female, who is called Mother Ann; In whom was manifested the Holy Bride, the first begotten Daughter of the Eternal Parentage, ^{and} who proceeded from their substance.

10. When this Daughter was prepared, by tasting death for every female, and by overcoming it, in its

* Behold thy King cometh unto thee, much lowly, sitting upon an ass. *Mat. 21:9.*

strongest power and seat, in the natural world; even in the marriage state, which is so perverted in its order, by the prince of darkness, as to be the thickest and the most impenetrable vail under which the serpent can hide his head. She then became the eternal pattern for all the female race.

11. Few indeed, will ever attempt to defend carnal lust, except under a vail of an ordinance of God. And by this, all nations and people are deceived, and ^{great} latitude is thereby taken for the most unbounded licentiousness of that corrupt nature.

12. Therefor it was indispensably necessary, that the manifestation of the holy Bride should be in a female, begotten of the flesh, and lost in the fulness of that nature, and bound in its strongest and darkest covenant; and that she should be redeemed from that state, or the redemption and spiritual order of mankind could never have been effected, nor the eternal Kingdom be established.

13. For nothing that is lost, can be found; unless some agent, with needful sight, ^{can} go where it is, to find it; nor could any prisoners, who were bound in prison, ever be set at liberty, unless some agent, with sufficient power, could come and open the prison doors, and burst or loose their bands. Nor could captives be redeemed, unless a similar work ^{were} effected.

14. So neither could the fallen souls of the race of man ever be redeemed, set at liberty, and raised to the glorious order of the children of God, unless an agent with sufficient power to effect that work should descend to the lowest state of their fall, and find them where they were lost, open the prison doors where they were bound, & break their bands, and say to the prisoners, Go forth, and to the captives, Show yourselves. And unless sight be given to the blind, and the lame and halt be healed, they would never be able to walk ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ the narrow path, which leads to the dwelling place of freedom.

15. I say unto you, O ye fallen race! unless ^{this work} could thus be effected, the redemption and eternal salvation of no soul could ever be brought to pass. And this was foretold by the ancient prophets, to be the peculiar work of the coming of Christ; and of this work, his miracles were a lively figure.

16. Therefore as Christ is the creating power & wisdom of all ^{that} shall ever ~~and~~ come into the new and eternal creation of God, therefore the operations of his spirit must bring them into their true order; let their natural genius and powers be of whatever order of creation they may.

17. Hence, if the ~~Divine elements of the spirit of~~ Christ, in their new creating and parental order,

cannot descent into the state of any soul or of any thing whatever, that is lost or fallen, or in any inferior state to their final; such cases were to be reckoned, saved nor raised to better superior and true order. Therefore,

17. As the root of man's loss was in the flesh; and as the darkest prison and strongest bands were in the root of that nature; Therefore the spirit of Christ, in its parental order, must descend into that state, and there dispense the eternal light, open the prison doors, ~~and~~ set the captives at liberty, and break those bands by which every child of nature is bound, that they may come forth, and rise into the glorious liberty of the eternal children of God.

18. And thus it was, in the beginning of the eternal order of the New Creation, the Holy Lamb descended into the depth of the loss of the natural creation, and there found that the Holy Bride, had taken up her abode in the tabernacle of a chosen female, who had been prepared for this purpose, by the purifying work of the Eternal Parents.

19. And here, at the hour of midnight,* (the darkest time of labor and sufferings, to bring forth the day spring of final light,) the Bride had lighted ^{her} lamp, with ^{divine} heavenly

* See Matt. xxvi. 6.

fire, had arrayed herself in robes of righteousness, made clean and white thro' sufferings, and the washings of the waters of life, and stood ready, waiting the coming of her Lord.

20. Here, in this house of clay, or natural world, in the morning light, the union of the heavenly Bridegroom and Bride took place. This was the marriage of the Lamb,* from which proceeds, in a direct line of heavenly order, the operations of the Divine Parentage, through which souls can be begotten and born of God, into the heavenly state of eternal order.

21. Then the Heavens rejoiced, the holy Angels sounded forth praises of glory, and shouted with exceeding great joy; because the time had come for the eternal order of all things to begin. And thus also, did all souls, who had been faithful to the light of their day, so as to be heirs to the eternal order, rejoice with great joy and thankfulness; because the work for which they had long waited, and which they had hoped to see & have a part in it, had now commenced.

22. For when the marriage of the Lamb took place, and the heavenly Bridegroom and Bride ascended into the Heaven of Heavens, then they sat down upon the throne of their Eternal Parents, far above all principalities and powers. Then they were placed in their order, as the two Anointed Ones above all.

* Rev. xix. 7. 8

23. These are the two olive trees which stand before the God of all the earth: these supply, with their golden oil of light and life, all the lamps of heavenly fire that shall ever go forth into the natural creation. These lamps must go forth thro' the nature and order of the seven ^{manifesting} spirits or attributes of God, to show by their light, the true order of all things; therefore, until this took place, nothing whatever was ever placed in its true order.

24. Even as these things were seen in vision by my beloved brother, the prophet Zechariah*, one of the three prophetic witnesses of the second figurative temple, who is present, as a witness of all that hath been communicated, and assists me in it.

25. And now listen to this word, all ye people; for behold, saith the Lord, it was not, and is not necessary that man should fall under the dominion of the flesh, in order to find redemption from a fallen state; nor for a female to be bound in the flesh, by a marriage covenant, to receive Christ, and be married to that spirit in her order.

26. Nay; on the contrary, those souls, whether male or female, who from devotion to the holiness of my spirit, continue all their lives in a state of virgin purity, shall surely have a place and a name in my house, and within my walls, better than of sons and of

*See Zechariah chap. IV.

daughters: I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

27. Yea, all such souls shall have a gem of ineffable glory affixed to their eternal dress. This will be an everlasting flower of exquisite beauty and delicious fragrance, which shall be an emblem of virgin purity, known by all spirits that behold it, that it is given as an eternal honor for such a life.

Chapter VIII.

1. Nevertheless all souls ^{are} justified and accepted, who come when they are called of God. Souls could not build on the new and spiritual foundation, until it was laid and made manifest; nor could they obey the gospel until it was truly revealed. ~~As we nowe therefore~~

2. In as much, therefore, as mankind were lost in the nature of the flesh; and its seat was veiled under the cloke of the marriage covenant; hence it was necessary that the marriage of the Lamb, ~~should take~~ ~~place~~ with the holy Bride, should take place in a tabernacle that was bound under that covenant; that it might thereby, be disannulled, and a way be made plain for all souls to rise out ^{of} it, with all its effects, and the corruptions which are attached to it, and flow from it.

3. In the same manner as it was necessary for

the holy Son of God to come first into the fallen nature of man, with all its propensities, in order to overcome the prince of this world, and disannul the life of that nature in all his followers; and thus clear the ground to sow and plant the seeds of future growth of eternal life and order.

4. But as the earthly tabernacle of the first-born Son of God, was formed in the most perfect order that the then existing elements of human properties could be formed; so he became truly the son and heir of man, in his most noble qualities; so likewise the earthly tabernacle of the first-born Daughter, was formed of the highest qualities, and the most ^{perfect} powers into which the begotten properties of human nature were capable of being formed.

5. Know ye that the natural powers and faculties of the earthly tabernacles of the Parents of the New Creation, were superior to any that had ever been created on earth, saith the God of knowledge; for how else could they have ^{been able} to suffer above all that should ever be redeemed? Or how could they have had a capacity to receive superior power and wisdom to any created beings, yea, superior ^{to} the most mighty Arch-Angels of God; for this was truly the case.

6. And thus saith the beloved prophet of wisdom, I make known, thro' this medium, to all people, as far as my testimony shall extend, that, until the coming

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of Jesus Christ, in the flesh, all the prophetic testimonies of
~~did and~~ ^{did not bring salvation to man.} These testimonies
 the inspired messengers of God, were but administrations
 of the promises of hope, to the longing desires implanted
 in all intelligent beings, of the future work of a state of
 superior order, ^{In this order it was promised that} In which they could be redeemed from
 all their lost and marred condition, and be raised into
 a state of eternal order, where they could enjoy, in
 everlasting safety, the highest degree of glory, order and
 happiness that their natures were capable of attaining.

7. And the whole creation looked forward to the
 coming of the Messiah; that is, the Anointed and perfect
 One of God, to effect this work; tho the wisest among them
 knew but little of the nature and order of that work; for
 even the Angels did not understand it, and hence they,
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8. And they delivered, by inspiration from God, many
 shadows and signs, by which the work could be under-
 stood when it should come to pass. And mankind
 generally supposed, from these figures, that it would be a
 Great One, from the Great God, whose work would far
 excel, in power and glory, the natural order of things,
 according to their natural sense, & exalted imaginations.

9. But had he come in this manner, it would only
 have exalted the pride and vain glory of the natural
 beings and powers above the true order of God, which
 requires that the natural should be done away, that

the spiritual and heavenly order might be brought in.

10. For it ever was, and ever will be in this exalted sense of greatness and pride, that the prince of this fallen world cometh. Hence he is represented under the figure of Lucifer, son of the morning, who exalteth himself above the stars of God; that is, ^{above} all the orders and lights of God's appointing; and aspires to be like the Most High in greatness and power.

11. Yea, and in order to hinder the work of the meek and lowly Savior in the heart of man, he hath exalted himself above all that is called God, and is worshipped as such; so that he sitteth in man, who is (by the Spirit of Christ,) called to be the temple of God. And thus, by the spirit of Antichrist, he sheweth that he is the God of that temple above any other God, by dispensing with all Divine laws that stand in the way of man's proud and carnal nature.

12. Therefore he is followed by all the children of pride and carnal pleasure. And none but the meek and lowly, who are willing to sacrifice all for Christ's sake, will follow the humble and self-denying Savior.

13. For when the promised Savior, the Holy Anointed One, came into the world, instead of coming in a state of exalted power and splendor, according to the expectations of mankind, he denied all its honors, all its splendor and pleasures, and descended below its powers, and there did

his work, the ~~real~~^{except his Eternal Parents.} real nature of which was out of the sight of all living beings, ^{his work,} Therefore wicked devils knew not where to find ^{his work,} nor how to hinder it: And even good Angels, tho they could minister to him, when sent as messengers by his Father; yet ^{thus} knew not the true order of his work, in its fullness.

14. Hence "his own arm brought salvation, and of the people, there was none with him"; yet his Father was with him and directed his way; and his Eternal Mother, Divine Wisdom, justified him and bore him thro all trials and sufferings, until he was crowned with victory. Therefore as the operations of his work ~~were~~ below the powers and wisdom of nature, [&] out of their sight, he thereby pulled down the two main pillars of the kingdom of Satan in the world. These are lust and pride.

15. Thus the kingdom of darkness was undermined in its central foundation, and hath ever since, been falling. Hence the powers of the world have, ever since that day, been in such ^a confused and clashing state; ^{that} they have never been able to build up any thing that would not divide and subdivide, and be shaken and broken; and which must continue until they shall all finally fall.

16. For altho the children of this dark kingdom destroyed his earthly temple, not only the tabernacle of his body; but in process of time they also destroyed the spiritual temple of the work of his first appearing on earth; yet in three days he began to raise ^{it} again in its eternal order. His resurrection

and appearance in a spiritual body, within three natural days, after his crucifixion, was but a figure of the future and more important work respecting his body the Church.

17. That is, saith the prophet, in three times of times, from the full destruction of the light and order of the primitive Church, and the compleat establishment of the kingdom of the beast, the Divine Spirit of Christ did again begin to raise up the eternal house or temple of his Kingdom, never more to fall.*

18. In his first appearing, where he pulled down the pillars of the natural kingdom, as fast as the rubbish caused by the crash of the falling corrupt systems thereof, was cleared away, he gathered the spiritual properties, and began to prepare them for the eternal life and order of his everlasting Kingdom. And the apostles, for some ages, went forth to plant the seeds of that kingdom, wherever the ground was prepared by the holy angels & the prophets.

19. But when the degrees of the work of that day were fulfilled, and the Son of God had obtained the dominion in the spiritual world, above his ~~his~~ adversary, the Prince of Darkness, so that he received to himself a kingdom, according to the

* The calculation of the record of Ecclesiastical History will verify the time here stated. H^to the writer never thought of this, until it was shewⁿ him by the prophet. For these three times, are three years of days, reckoning each day for a year. This makes nearly eleven hundred years; and from the time of the complete establishment of the universal Kingdom of Antichrist, near the year of our Lord 1000, to the establishment of the liberty of Conscience, ^{near the end of the 17th century}, was about that length of time. This was the first beginning of the raising up of the temple of the latter day.

order of that day. Then they all comparatively slept, or rested from their labors of further extending the work of that dispensation.

20. Nevertheless, the Angels and prophets and Apostles guarded the good seed which had been sown, from being rooted up and destroyed by the spirits of darkness and destruction. Yet they could not prevent them from sowing tares among this good seed. And the heavenly hosts were awakened at times, by the sounds of the trumpet of God, to contend with the spirits of evil, which sought to invade the Kingdom, and destroy what had been gained, and root out the good seed from the world.

21. At such times there always was a renewed and increasing testimony of the two witnesses spoken of, in the Revelations of the beloved disciple, holy brother John. And thereby all that had been gained, or planted, in that dispensation was protected and preserved in holy ground, and nothing was lost; thus fulfilling the Savior's words; that of all that his Father gave him, he should lose nothing; but should raise it up again at the last day.

Chapter VIII.

1. This last day and dispensation hath now commenced. It began by the mighty Angel's sounding the seventh trumpet, which is the last general trumpet. He sounded it so loudly and powerfully that it shook the Heavens and

earth. This began the wonderful shaking in all the institutions and powers of the world; which commenced about the beginning of the eighteenth century, and still continues, and will continue in increasing days of power, until God hath accomplished His whole work with man, and throughout the natural world.

2. This trumpet first sounded in the providential work, and in the preparatory spiritual order. It then called forth the first degree of the eternal, spiritual work of God, about the middle of this ^{[18th] century. This brought forth and prepared the holy Bride; and the marriage of the Lamb took place. And the holy twain, after their perfect union was formed, ascended to the highest Heaven, and were placed before the Throne of God, in their eternal order, forever there to stand.}

3. Here began the eternal order of the new and everlasting creation of God. Yea, these were the first created beings ^{in the natural world} that ever found their final lot and order. Therefore they will stand as the head and first joint Parentage of the new and everlasting creation, forever and ever, thro' endless ages.
O selah sacra mena!

4. Then I saw, saith the prophet, in the visions of God; and behold in the midst of the divine Heaven of heavens of supreme glory, there appeared ^{the} divine city, the holy, holy Jasperina Selan. And her glory as far exceeded the glory of all other things in the creation, as the light of the

sun exceeds the light of the stars of the night; and her beauty as far surpassed all other beauty. Yea, all other glory, beauty and order, were but a reflection of the shining forth of her light and glory, and the work of the power and wisdom which proceeded from her: for she was the central and native source of all these properties in the creation of God.

6. And in the midst of this holy city of glorious light, stood a great white Throne, which by its surpassing clearness, showed the perfect purity of the new and eternal creation of God. And the brightness of the Throne, shone ~~to~~ throughout all the works of Divine Power and Wisdom.
7. And there sat upon the Throne, the Holy Divine Majesty of the Almighty Parents. And their glory was unspeakable, such as no mortal eye can ever look upon. ——————
8. And on the Throne was written, in letters of pure & shining light, the true order and state of all things and all beings in the eternal creation. Before the Throne were seven lamps of eternal fire, which are the lights of the seven Spirits of God, that shine above all other lights, in and through the Heavens and earth, by which the ^{order} eternal is made manifest. And in the midst of the Throne, were the holy mansions of transcendent glory and beauty of the twelve holy Angels, the first messengers of God, who minister in the order of the twelve eternal principles of holy virtue.

7. And nearest the throne, on each side, were placed the Two Anointed Ones, the holy Lamb and blessed Bride, on thrones resembling the Divine Throne. They were crowned with eternal glory, and arrayed in garments of the purest white, which were more beautiful than those of any other created being.

8. And before the throne, and round about it, stood all the holy angels, ministering spirits and messengers of God; and they all bowed down twelve times before the Throne, and worshipped, and sounded forth holy and joyful praises to the Divine Majesty that sat thereon; and acknowledged that their being, ^{glory, blessings, and} all goodness proceeded from this eternal Parentage.

9. Then came there a lovely voice from the Divine throne, saying, bow ^{down} before our blessed Son and Daughter, whom we have ordained the holy Parentage of our new Eternal creation; praise, honor and glorify them, ^{for they are worthy.} Then all the heavenly hosts, before and round about the Throne, bowed twelve times to the holy Son and Daughter, and joyfully acknowledged them as the head and holy Parentage of the New Creation. ^{saying for they are worthy!}

10. Then they rejoiced with exceeding great joy, and sounded forth holy praises and joyful thanksgiving; because the work had now begun whereby they could all find their eternal order, by which they should be secured in their highest glory and happiness forever.

11. After this, there came a great voice from the throne, saying, "Behold the time is come, for all old things to pass away; and for the good properties of all things to be made new, in an everlasting order of abiding goodness & glory." And the mighty sound of this great voice, echoed and reechoed through all the creation, and shook the Heavens and earth to their foundations; yea, all natural intelligencies, spirits and things, that could be shaken, were shaken with a great shaking.

12. Then there went forth a consuming fire from the brightness of the Majesty upon the throne, which was conveyed by the messengers of light, through all the regions of the old creation; and all things were tried by this eternal fire; hence all properties and principles ~~at~~ which could ^{not} abide this fire, were consumed. And thus, from the shining forth of the glory of the face of Divine Power and Wisdom, the old heavens and earth fled away, and were dissolved, so that no place was found for them.

13. But I beheld, and lo! as fast as ^{natural} the order of the things of the old creation passed away, the new & eternal creation arose in perfect order of goodness; and it was inhabited by all good intelligencies and spirits, who were set in their eternal order of life, beauty and glory, by the heavenly Parentage of the New Creation.

14. Then said the glorious, holy Angel, the Prince of prophecy, who was with me; All that thou hast seen, must and will be fulfilled, before the sounds of the seventh trumpet are finished. But these things will be effected thro' many days, ages and orders of operations, each increasing into further and further degrees of perfection, until the whole is accomplished.

15. After this I beheld, that when the heavenly Parents were placed and acknowledged in their order, there was silence in the Heavens for a little season, and the foundation of the eternal work was completed, and blessed by the Majesty upon the Throne. And in this time, the Angels and ministering spirits of God prepared themselves to work in the true heavenly order.

Chapter IX.

The progressive Operations of the work of the New Creation.

1. After these things, the mighty Angel of the seventh trumpet, sounded anew, with a louder and more powerful sound than before, to call forth the first day of the work of the eternal order of the New & spiritual Creation. And the sound shook the heavens and earth, to a greater degree than they ever before had been shaken. Then did the substance, light and power of the holy

city, New Jerusalem descend down from God, out of the Heavens, and began to be built up and prepared, after the pattern of the Holy Selaw, as the tabernacle of God with men.*

2. Yea, and this tabernacle became established as the holy Mount of Zion, the City of the living God, for the refuge of the souls of men, to flee unto, and be safe from the plagues and destructions which are brought upon the world, by the pouring out of the seventh vial of the wrath of God, "into the air." That is, The elements of the life of all natural souls and spirits.

3. For the pouring out of this vial, will cause the most mighty earthquake, in its progressive degrees, that ever was, since the foundation of the world. And it will go through all nations, throughout the earth and the world of spirits, and operate in the natural and providential orders; but more especially in the spiritual order. And these operations will never cease in their times, until all the corrupt institutions and powers of the natural world are overthrown and destroyed.

4. And it came to pass, at this sound of the trumpet, that the Angels of God's providence, and the ancient prophets went forth, by the appointment of the eternal

* This was the establishment in the visible world, of the Church of this Dispensation, in its order and spirit of government.

Power, into the world, to minister and direct the preparatory operations of this day and degree of the great work now begun. And the sound of the trumpet waked louder and louder, and the shaking increased. Many nations were shaken to their foundations; yea, the nations reeled to and fro, like drunkards.

5. Many thrones were overturned, and their governments were overthrown, and a new order of principles and institutions began to take place. These things were brought about by the power of the Angels of Providence; and were designed to subserve the future purposes of God in the work of his New Creation.

b. But the Lion of God increased in order & glory. And the Lord God, thro' the Holy Lamb and Bride, was her light. Yea, she was the center of the light and power that must go forth to all nations and peoples, in due time, according to their order, to effect the final order of the eternal work now begun.

7. Then, after two weeks of times, while the work rolled swiftly on, the work of that day and order, as to its substance, was completed. And there was again silence in the Heavens, for a little season, and the earth rested in general peace. During this season, the new principles and institutions, planted in the world, were gaining strength for future operations. But this

season was short, as it were, a little rest to gain strength
for a more powerful and general convulsion.

8. Then the Angel again sounded the seventh trumpet, louder and more powerful than before. This called forth the operations of a new day or order of work; and the shaking and breaking power, through the ministrations of the Angels of Providence, became more mighty than in the former day.

9. Then there arose a little horn ^{*} in a new order, among the ten horns of the beast, (that is, the ruling powers of the nations of professed Christendom.) This horn being supported for a time, by the Angels of Providence, for a scourge, and favored by the revolutionary spirit among the nations, became mighty and exceeding great in power, and extended towards the east, and towards the west, and towards the south, and swept through the greatest and most enlightened powers of the earth.

8. Yea, for a season, like a roaring lion chased from the woods: (for he was chased from his lair, and roused to action by the goading power of England, which was not one of the original horns of the beast.) In the order of Providence, he chastised the whole eagle, seen in the visions of my brother, the prophet Ezra, (see Ezdras, chap. 12.) and overthrew the power of every horn of that great beast, whose "deadly wound was healed," in its first rise.

* This horn was represented here by Napoleon Bonaparte.

9. For there was no nation in professed Christendom, that was not scourged by this horn, and trembled before his power; and this lion overthrew or greatly weakened the power of antichristian tyranny, and led captive the head of that church.* For it ^{is} one church, tho' it has many branches; yea, it is but the harlot and her daughters.

10. And had he not undertaken to build again the things that he destroyed; but had ^{been considered and} conducted himself, as my minister, in the order of providence, saith the Lord; he should have established a new order of things, through all the powers of the christian Beast;† in which the rights of man, civil and religious, would have been far better understood and enjoyed than they had ever been before.

11. Had he done this, he should have died in peace, and been remembered as a minister of providential good to the human race, preparatory for my law and order to all the nations of the earth.

12. But after a week of times, he, through pride and vain glory, exalted himself, and rose, like Lucifer, above the stars, (providential lights) of the order of his work. And he began to ally himself to the heart of the Beast, and to rebuild that old order, both in civil Ecclesiastical power, which the order of his work had been to pull down.

*The pope. †Antichristian nations.

13. From this time, the angels of Providence began to withdraw their directing power, and suffered him to make those missteps, which, tho they were out of the true order of his work; yet were permitted, for a short season, to scourge the wicked powers of the world, and to open the way for a future work.

14. But these missteps led to his downfall, and to his degrading imprisonment and death on a rock, belonging to that power which had goaded him on to his destruction. This was effected by a league of all the great powers, which were now of, or allied to, the great christian Beast, which, by its power and influence still governed the ~~old~~ world. They hoped thereby, to chain the lion, which God had begun to raise up, in the order of His Providence, to chastise the wickedness, tyranny of the great Eagle and Beast, and by these means to prevent the overthrow of their power.

15. But this they shall not be able to effect. Even in the events which led to the overthrow of His mighty dragon; (For when he rose above his order, he was no longer the lion of Providence; but in power became a great dragon; like Pharaoh who sought to raise up himself over the nations;) Verily, in those events, the Angels sowed the seeds for the overthrow of all the tyrannical powers and corrupt governments, in every nation under the whole heavens.

16. O thou wicked and exalted England! Thou who wast the moving cause of his false steps, and the main spring of his overthrow. The seeds of thy own destruction were planted in that very event, tho' thou knewest it not; ^{for it increased thy pride.} But thou art swiftly hastening the time, by thy injustice and haughtiness, when the vials of the indignation and wrath of God shall be poured out upon thee, as they were never excelled upon any nation under the heavens.

17. Nay, saith the just God, there are no plagues which can be named, of which thou shalt not, in their times, drink deep, until thou art humbled and repent. Then I will show mercy, and make known my law unto thee, as I have before declared by my servants, the prophets and messengers.

Chapter X.

1. Thus saith the Lord of all power and wisdom, I have overruled all the events ^{that} have taken place, in this sounding of the trumpet, to subserve my future purposes. The despotic and tyrannical powers of the world, have thereby received a blow from which they shall never recover. Light and knowledge have been increasing, and the equal rights and

privileges of mankind have been gaining ground, and shall so continue to operate, until the children of men are brought into their proper order.

2. During all these events, this favored land of Columbia hath been preserved from the power of both the dragon and the red lion,^{*} by the guardian power of my Angels of Providence. And this land shall never fall under the dominion of the Beast of despotic and antichristian power. For in this land I had, before these events, planted the tree of liberty, and my holy vine of righteousness, which shall forever be kept sacred from the grasp of his power.

3. And all the nations of the land called America, have been, by these events, emancipated from the government of the Beast; and those of his principles and institutions, which yet remain among them, shall all be disannulled in due time; nor shall any despotic power ever prosper and prevail over them. And that which yet remains shall be overthrown.

4. And now saith the holy prophet, listen unto my words from your Lord and my Lord, O ye holy children of Zion; ye that delight in her glory and seek after righteousness, and the salvation of your fellow souls of men. For they are words of light, full of hope and encouragement to all that love her.

* That is, the conquering power of France & the bloody power of England.

5. Thus hath the Lord shown unto me; and I saw & behold, at the time of silence, which preceded this sound of the trumpet, the Holy Parents looked upon their Zion on earth, and lo! many of her strongest pillars and faithful children had been called home to Zion above. And many of her rising generation, had gone into captivity to the heart ^{of} nature; and very few children were born into her likeness; therefore she was weakened in numbers.

6. Yea, and her enemies began to exult over her, and to call her barren, and say that all that her children ^{had gained}, would fall to them for want of heirs. Therefore these her holy Parents besought the Lord of all power and life, with fervent cries, that he would open the door, and provide ^{the} way, that Zion might travel & bring forth children of her own likeness, to be her heirs, in all things, spiritual and temporal.

7. Then said the Lord of all unto them: Fear not that Zion shall ever fail for want of children. Behold vaska-lozo: for lo! I will bring sons and daughters from afar, who shall be born into the likeness of her life and order. These shall be true heirs, and possess all that she has gained, both spiritual and temporal. "Nourish thy children, O thou good Mother! Take thy numbers; for behold the numbers that are sealed shall be fulfilled."

8. Then did the holy Parents move upon blessed Mother Lucy, the first in the visible Lead of the Church, with the united feelings of the household of Zion, to establish an order for the ingathering of souls to Zion's habitations.* Then the ministering Angels of the preparatory work, did prepare the way, and a few souls were gradually gathered unto Zion, not far from her borders.

9. But after a short season, the Eternal Father said to the spirits of the ancient prophets; Go ye into the world, and seek a people whom ye can prepare to receive the power and wisdom of the New Creation. Ye shall go in the light and power of my consuming fire. For behold the people have become so hardened and lost, in nature's ~~darkness~~ darkness, that they will not be awaked, even by mighty judgments.

10. Therefore ye shall go in the whirlwind & earthquake of the Lord, which shall fall with pain upon the heads of the wicked. Bright rays from Eternal Wisdom shall direct you; and my Angels of prophecy shall attend you, with all needful light and power; and ^{no} enemy shall be able to withstand your work.

11. Therefore cease ye not this work, until ye have made ready a people prepared for the Lord of the New Creation; nor until the Parents of the heavenly order, shall send messengers from my Zion, to sow

* No such order had before been established.

The seeds of the gospel in the hearts which ye have prepared, and ^{shall} gather the fruits.

12. Then the holy prophets and Angels of prophecy, went forth and found a people far off from Zion's borders, whom they were, in general, sunk in darkness, and great loss of nature, and even many of them denying the name of God, and all divine revelation. Yet many leaders among them, were better prepared by a deep ^{sense} of their darkness and loss, than they were, generally, anywhere else; and the people could more easily receive such a work, than those bound in the corruptions of older and more popular places.

12. Therefore, these messengers of God, here began their preparatory work, by causing the whirlwind of the Lord to go forth with fury, and fall with pain upon the heads of these people, for their wickedness and blasphemies. After this, they lighted a spark, & then a flame of divine fire in their souls.

13. This fire arraigned its subjects before the judgment of God; and it felt to them like the fire of hell. This made them cry to God for deliverance, the best way they were able, and promise, if the deliverer would come, to do whatsoever he required. Then followed the mighty earthquake, which shook all the systems of the old heavens and earth, so that many of them passed away with a great noise.

14. And when they had submitted to this light and power, the Angels gave them prophetic light, to see the near approach of the Kingdom of Heaven, and showed them, by many visions and signs, the nature of its requirements and order. Thus many were prepared to receive the Kingdom, when it came unto them.

15. During this time, Zion traveled in sore labor to bring forth children. And when the way was fully prepared, the holy Parents of Zion inspired her visible Lead, to send forth first, three chosen messengers, as witnesses, with the light and power of Zion, to the people.

16. And, at length, a chosen little band was sent forth, to sow the seeds of the gospel, in the ground that was prepared, that is, in the hearts of all who were made ready, and to serve as a pattern of Zion's order; and thereby, to gather the fruit of souls, when it grew to a proper state, into the order of the New Creation.

17. These messengers labored faithfully, through much suffering, and many trying scenes of great tribulation, in planting the gospel, by which the bounds of Zion's dominions were greatly extended, and many souls were born, as children, into her heavenly order.

18. And now saith the holy prophet, hearken unto these words of truth; thus saith the Lord of the harvest; It was not by the wisdom of man nor woman, that those mes-

singers of Zion were sent forth to labor in that distant vineyard of the Lord, in the western land. But it was by the moving directions of the spirit, of the holy Parents of the New Creation, that they were all appointed to that work.

19. And the Lord of the harvest sent his holy Watchers, who directed them in the way that they should go, and the work they were called to do. These Watchers guarded and protected them from the snares and devices of the enemies of the work of God..

20. And the Spirit of Divine Wisdom led these messengers of Zion to the promised land, and showed ^{them} the places where the Father, by His spiritual messenger, in the wind, earthquake and fire, had prepared the ground, to sow the seeds of His holy vine, and to build up and establish extending branches of His everlasting Kingdom, in the eternal order.

21. Yea, and all the heavenly Parents of Zion, often visited, watched over, and directed them, with wisdom and power, in their order; blessed them in their labors; strengthened and supported them in their toils and sufferings; so that a multitude of souls were gathered from a lost and sinful state, and were prepared and built up in the holy order of the New Creation, as true branches of the tabernacle of God upon earth.

22. And the holy prophets and Angels, who administered

istered the preparatory work, when the trumpet of God sounded for them, came at its call, and continued to guard around the camps of Israel, in those places, and protected them from the rage and devices of the wicked, who many times sought the lives of those faithful messengers of Zion, and determined to destroy their children.

23. Yea, truly, when the enemies compassed them about, as with armies, and determined to overthrow the growing work of God: And when they had so devised their plans, that they confidently expected to effect their object, they were, by means, unaccountable to themselves, foiled of all their intentions, and were scattered & confounded.

24. But they knew not that this was the heritage of the Lord, a vineyard planted by the work of His hands, and protected by his guardian spirits. So the wicked were permitted to afflict His children, for the trial of their faith, and to fill up the measure of those ^{and seal their condemnation;} reprobate persecutors; yet the work of God, in that land, could not be overcome, and never shall be.

25. Thus saith the Lord, unto all who have been, or, shall be sent forth, as messengers of the New Creation, who faithfully labor and suffer, to turn souls to right-courses, they shall, in no wise, lose their ^{full} reward, let their trying scenes, and dark times be whatever they may. For all their labors, sorrows and tribulation, which are

unspeakable, are known to their heavenly Parents, and are written by the recording Angels, in the eternal Book of remembrance.

26 And when their work of labor and sufferings is finished on earth, they shall be called to Zion above, and shall find, prepared for them, a happy home, in mansions of ^{everlasting} love, and eternal life and glory. And they shall shine forth as stars of eternal brightness, in the glorious order of the heavens, forever and ever.

27. Then all souls whom they have gathered from the corrupt world, and placed and protected in the heavenly order, shall there acknowledge and honor them, with great honor and thanks, for that everlasting good which they have received through their ^{ministrations} — Yea, and the light which such gospel children shall gain, will reflect with ineffable glory, upon the stars which shall adorn the heavenly dress of those who have thus been their gospel parents.

28. And verily, all who remain in Zion, and by faithfulness maintain her holy order, beauty, and interest, for other souls to inherit, when their work in this vale of labor and sorrow is ended, they shall find a rich reward, in heavenly mansions above: for they shall be pillars in the temple of eternal glory.

29. From such faithful souls, bright rays of eternal

life, light and glory, shall shine forth unto all after generations of Lion's children, by whom they shall forever be acknowledged and honored as the parental order before them, from whose faithful labors they received the rich inheritance of Lion.

30. Then will be fulfilled the promise made by the ^{spirit of} prophecy, through me, while I was on earth; "They that believe shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." And since "the end of the days," ⁱⁿ and I have stood ⁱⁿ my lot, according to the promise ^{and} spirit, I have been a guardian and prophesying ^{spirit} to the messengers of the New Creation; and I have no greater delight than to help and bless them.

Chapter XI.

1. In the work of this day, the angels of the preparatory order opened the way by which many souls were gathered to Lion, in all the original branches of the order of her habitations. And Lion arose and stood up, in increasing light and power; and her glory shone far abroad; yea, for a season, she rejoiced in the rising generation of her children.

2. Then there was again silence in the heavens, for a longer season than before. And the nations of the earth rested in more of a general peace, and for a longer duration than

they had done for ages. This, saith the Lord of all wisdom and knowledge, was for the purpose of manifesting and securing all that had been gained by all preceding degrees and orders of the work of these last days.

3. It was also for the purpose of giving time for all good seeds, which had been sown, to spring up and grow, and take deep root. And for those principles and institutions which had been planted by my Providence, in the natural world, both in an earthly and spiritual state to take deep root also, and bear fruits for the reformation of the world, in the natural order.

4. Yea, and that the ground might be further cleared, in the wilderness of this world, for those seeds of reformation to be sown further and further among the nations of the earth. For this work, in each progressive degree, must be effected in the natural order, before the work of my eternal order can spread, and the seeds of my holy vine be sown, ^{spring} up and bear eternal fruit.

5. This season, ~~is~~ in a peculiar manner, more than ever before, in the natural world, ^{is} the time foretold unto me, by the glorious Angel: "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased;—and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."

6. For never since the world began, have the genius, and all the faculties and powers of man, been so brought into

exercise, and put to use, as since this season of silence commenced; and never has knowledge been so increased. Yea, human nature^{has} been permitted to rise almost to maturity, in such things. But truly, none of the wicked understand these things; nor have they been mindful of the source from whence they spring.

7. But the prince of this fallen world hath claimed all the honor and glory; the children of men have taken all these ~~these~~ things to glorify the natural powers, and to honor and magnify the fleeting things of the fading time of nature's days. Verily they have taken the honor to themselves, and have exalted their own powers and might; and gloried in the mighty deeds which they have done; and have planned what great things they can do, as if they had all powerⁱⁿ their hands.

8. But they have forgotten their Creator, whom they derived all their powers and faculties, and the means by which they have done all these great things. And they have been unmindful of him, who made them in an order above the beasts, and gave them talents^{from}, whence arises all their knowledge to improve their minds and conditions above the inferior animals.

9. Yea, multitudes of them, have robbed me of all honor for my favors; and have bestowed the honor upon nature, or rather the genius of this world, to exalt it above me, and cast me behind their backs.

10. This, saith the Lord, is what they have rendered unto me, for creating them with life and exalted powers. — Few render unto me, even when they pretend to acknowledge me, as the author of all their powers. Few among them, in their real feelings, render unto me any more than a hypocritical, or secondary honor. But they make use of all these things to please and glorify themselves, and to gratify their appetites and propensities, however depraved, and feast their pride, like the brutes; yea, and there have fulfilled their order better than they have.

11. Therefore it is, that with all their learning and knowledge, they have not learned the way of righteousness, nor gained the knowledge from whence good cometh, nor even of the true order of nature, saith the Lord, who knoweth all their devices, and all their works. But tho' they mean not so; neither do they labor for my glory; yet will I overrule all these things, and cause them to be preparatory to the work of my eternal order; by means that the lion knoweth ^{not} and the vulture's eye seeth not.

12. Therefore, hear ye my words, all ye inhabitants of the earth, saith the God of all power; for as much as ye have been unthankful to me, the author of all good things, for the favors and blessings which I have bestowed upon you, and have been the more ungrateful

by reason of their abundance, and have robbed me of the honor. I say unto you, ye shall learn by the judgments of my hand, all of you, that there is a power above you, that giveth and can take away, and turn your own greatness against yourselves, and cause your vain glory, to work your own destruction.

13. For lo! in the days of your visitation, which are fast hastening on, and which no people shall escape in their times ^{of operations}, I will make your splendid works of folly and pride the means of your destruction, and cause them to increase your confusion, shame and disgrace. Yea, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah; so shall many of your cities, and habitations, great and fair, be overthrown.

14. I will execute sore judgments, and all manner of plagues, with fierce rebukes upon all the world. I will let loose the evil angels of destruction upon them. I will shake down their power, and overthrow all wherein they trust, until all nations fear and tremble before me, and acknowledge me as Lord of Heaven and earth. And they shall repent, and render that honor which is due to my great name, from them, according to their order.

15. And all people who will not do this, before their times, allowed by the voice of this trumpet,

are ended, shall be cut off from the earth, and their names shall utterly cease from among the children of men.

16. Behold, this have I seen, saith the prophet, that in this time of silence in the Heavens, many of the young generation of Lions children, allured by the specious good appearance of the growing institutions of knowledge and science of the world, began to depart from the simplicity of the examples, institutions and holy laws and orders ^{that} their Parents, in the New Creation, had appointed for them.

17. For verily they were unwilling to suffer the contempt of the world, in the simple order of Zion, and to bear the full cross, and to suffer the loss of all their goods of nature. Nay, they would not take joyfully, the spoiling of their goods, that they might have a better, and more enduring substance, in the heavenly order. Therefore they sought after the unsanctified knowledge of the world, and the fashions, honors and popularity of its children.

18. For the many things now growing, as principles in the world, arise from the providential operations of my Spirit, saith ^{the} Lord, and are good in their order; yet no person, nor any thing whatever, belongs to the New Creation, that is not sanctified by its Divine Order. And all that cannot be thus sanctified, can have no part therin.

19. Therefore, the bringing in of those things into Zion, opened a door, thro' which the darkness, the elements and the spirits of the world, flowed into her habitations, and gained great power; yea, clouds of darkness overshadowed her; enemies were gathered by the communicating spirits of evil, in a measure, from all nations, against Jerusalem and the Lion of God; for Zion is the center of that work of God, which will yet supplant the power of the dark spirits through all the world.

20. Therefore, the combined spirits of darkness from all nations, center their opposition against her: for they know what will be the result of the work, better than man. And the more Zion's children seek the friendship of the world, the more avenues are opened for them to gather against her; and the more power they will have to afflict her. For these causes, the faithful in Zion were covered with mourning; and they cried mightily unto God for deliverance.

21. Then her heavenly Parents besought the Lord, in humble supplications, that he would stay the wrath and break the power of the enemy, and not suffer his heritage to be given to strangers. Then the mighty Angel sound^d his trumpet, louder and more powerful than ever before; which called forth the third day of the order of the eternal creation. This commenced

a mighty shaking through all the habitations of Zion, and through the whole Israel of God.

22. Then the Lord went forth with His mighty power, and ministering spirits, and fought against all the enemies that were gathered against mount Zion and Jerusalem. And His feet stood on the Mount of Olives; that is, the Mount of her peace.

23. And half of the mountain, (that part which was gathered from nature, and could not be sanctified,) ^{in the midst, from the other,} was cleft, and shaken off, and removed towards the north; to the cold regions of the world, where Divine fire and life is not found; and this carried all the reprobate children into captivity, with it.

24. And the other half, the part that stood firm, in the heavenly light, life, and cleansing fire, remained. And none that cleaved to this part, did go into captivity, nor were taken by the enemy; therefore, this part, in prophetic language, moved further to the south; more towards the warmth of Divine fire and light. And this, "there was a very great valley between them," even an impassable distance from the North to the South.

25. Then the heavenly Parents descended, and began to cleanse the sanctuary, and to build up all that had been destroyed or marred in Zion and

Jerusalem. Yea, the Lord our God came, and a multitude of His saints with him, to cut off the rebels and secure Zion, and to restore to their true order, all parts of the heritage of the Israel of God.

26. And the heavenly Parents, holy Angels, and ministering spirits of God, came down and poured out divine gifts, and heavenly blessings, in such a manner, and in such abundance as were never known before since the creation of man. The valley between the North and the South, shall become so great, that all dark correspondence shall be cut off.

27. For verily, the walls of Zion, which had, in part, been broken down by traitors and enemies, are, and shall ^{be} built up stronger than before, throughout all her habitations. The Holy Laws and Orders of Zion shall be restored, and all her children who keep them, shall be protected forever. Such shall never be taken by any enemy; but they shall thereby be prepared, in this holy tabernacle of God with men, for their final lot & order, in my eternal creation, with the God of Jacob.

The prophet David here suspended his communication.* See blank page 203 pag.

Chapter XII.

1. The ^{here above noted} work, saith the holy prophet Zechariah, is the fulfilment, in the first degree, of the word of the Lord, spoken by me; that all nations should be gathered a-

gainst Jerusalem; that is, the New Jerusalem, or tabernacle of God, and the holy Lion for the refuge of souls; and that the Lord should go forth, and fight against those enemies and overthrow them, and secure his people.**

2. But it must yet be fulfilled in greater degrees, as the light and knowledge of the work of the New Creation spreads through the earth, the enemies will rise in greater and greater power, and renewed struggles; but the Lord will go forth and fight against them; and with his out stretched arm and mighty hand, he will protect the faithful, and with mighty judgments, scatter their enemies; and will increase the glory and power of Lion, in every struggle of her enemies.

3. In the next struggle, the children of Lion will suffer much, for a season, by the persecuting power of the wicked, more than ever before; and there will be a great falling away before the end of this day. For many who are gathered in, but have not taken the shield of faith, and put on the whole armor of God, will not be able to withstand the fiery darts and fierce assaults of the enemy; and such will be taken, and go into captivity.

4. But the Lord will stretch out his hand, and work for his ~~his~~ people, and deliver them,

** Zechariah, chap. xiv.

with such manifest signs, and marvellous displays of power, both natural and spiritual, as were never before made known, in such a manner as to be so evident to all men, that it is the work of an Almighty hand, that none can dispute it.

5. The last struggle of the children of nature against the spiritual Israel, ^{is} which hath been foretold by many ancient prophecies and revelations. This will take place when the vine of the new creation shall have extended its branches thro' all nations, and the gospel trumpet shall have sounded in the ears of all men. Then will all nations rise against Zion, and the great ^{last} trial & struggle that her children ever passed through, will take place. In that day, nothing but the manifestations of Divine Power can save Israel.

6. Nevertheless, this last general struggle will be short: for the Almighty God will protect his heritage, and, by his fiery judgments, destroy the enemy. Then shall all nations fear before the power of Zion, honor her glory, and yield to the law that shall go forth from her. Then the saints shall set the bounds that the wicked cannot pass. For this will be the final great struggle between the natural and spiritual creation, when the Israel of God shall gain the power over Edom forever.

7. You, saith the prophet Daniel, there shall be accomplished, in its fullness, the vision shown unto me; "The kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High." who ^{shall} come in heavenly clouds of the likeness of the Son of man; that is, Christ, in his perfect order.

8. It is not to one^{*} like the Son of Man, as tho it were to some personal being, saith the prophet; ^{it is to be given to} pray, but the true likeness of Christ in man. These are the saints of the Most High, to whom the kingdom of God shall be given, and the dominion over all things shall be theirs, through the eternal light and power of his everlasting Kingdom forever.

9. And now, saith the prophet Zechariah, hear ye the word of God, all ye holy children of Zion! Behold the time is near at hand, yea, at the door, when Jerusalem, the tabernacle of God upon earth, which is now named, the Lion of the living God, the holy Mount, will be prepared to fulfill, in a degree and order that hath never been ^{done} before, the prophecy shown, by the visions of God, unto me.

10. "In that day shall living waters go out from Jerusalem; (or Lion of God;) half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea; in summer & in winter shall it be." For there shall never again, be a cessation of the flowings of these living waters; nor shall

* The word one, is a supply of the translators, & is not in the original. See Daniel 7. 13.

There ever be a season that the sun of righteousness shall cease its warming influences upon the earth, through the order of the Divine work.

11. Half of these waters shall flow from Zion toward the sea of the waters of nature, to restore and establish my laws and order, for all the nations of the earth, in the natural state; and half of them shall flow into the holy sea of the new creation, and shall return again from this living fountain, and flow, and flow, thro' the world; and water all the plants of the seeds of Heaven, and they shall be nourished by the warmth of the genial rays of the sun of righteousness, until they shall grow into the order of my eternal creation, saith the Lord God of all things.

12. The flowing operations of these living waters shall never cease; but they shall increase into greater & greater degrees, in their appointed times, until the day shall come, that the Lord shall be known as king over all the earth. And there shall be one Lord, and his name one, among all nations, according to their order.

Chapter XVIII.

Continuation of the Testimony of the Prophet Zechariah.

The Seven Travels.

1. The sounding of the seventh trumpet, brought forth

the seventh and last age of the world. But this general age will continue during many orders of natural ages, before the final work is finished, and the natural creation is ended. This age was preceded by a preparatory work, and was, in substance, ushered in by the second appearance of the Divine Spirit of Christ, and the union of the Holy Lamb and Blessed Bride.

2. Then, according to the vision which the Lord showed unto me, there was laid a stone before Joshua, the high priest, upon which was engraved seven eyes. That is, this stone was laid before the Anointed Savior, in the order of the holy priesthood of the second gospel temple. This order was represented by the name and priesthood of ^(i.e. Savior) Joshua, in the second figurative temple.

3. And this holy anointed, gospel priesthood shall stand forever; and shall sit in the holy temple of God, in the likeness of the Son of man; yea, in the spirit of the holy Savior, Christ, manifested in both male and female, shall this order forever stand before God, to judge his -
Hour and to keep his Courts, until his whole work of the New Creation is accomplished.

4. In the visions which I saw, of Joshua the high priest, clothed in filthy garments, and Satan standing at his right hand, to resist him; the Angel rebuked Satan, and said, "The Lord rebuke thee O Satan!"

* The two names, Joshua and Iems, have both one meaning i.e. Savior.

even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem, rebuke thee. — Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" *

5. And then the ^{Angl} said unto Joshua, "Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee;" * And he was clothed with a change of raiment, and a fair mitre set upon his head. Then was the promise of the Lord of hosts given unto the high priest and his fellows, which shall be fulfilled in the work of his servant the Branch, signifying Christ in his second appearing.

6. All these things represented the beginning of that everlasting order of the Holy Anointed Head, in the New Creation. For, in the beginning of the work, the parents of this holy priesthood, through which the Savior was first manifested, were clothed with the filthy garments of nature. And Satan stood at their right hand, in the power of the world, to resist them.

7. Then did the mighty Angel, Michael, the great prince, who hath stood with God, from the beginning, and always administered the true order of His works, through all ages. Even this holy Angel did rebuke Satan, and took away his power. Then were these parents cleansed by the perfect work of God, and the purifying fire, from all iniquity.

8. Thus were they like a brand plucked out of the fire, for the sake of the New Jerusalem, which the Lord

* Zechariah chap. iii.

hath chosen. Then were they clothed with beautiful garments, clean and white; and the fair mitre of the holy priesthood being without spot or blemish, was set upon their heads; and they were anointed with the holy power of salvation, for all the children of men. For all people must receive ~~salvation from Sion,~~ or never find it.

9. Here began that everlasting priesthood, in this day, through which only, salvation can be dispensed to a lost world. And the promise of the Angel shall be fulfilled by a succession in the same anointing power, of men of wonder, comprehending male & female. For there are they spoken of by the Angel, who shall be wondered at ^{as} by all the children of men.

10. Because they are not brought forward by the wisdom and learning of the world; but by the simple operations of the Holy invisible Anointing; and yet the whole Israel of God shall be protected thereby; and shall increase in order, glory and beauty, as no people ever did before, and stand to the end of time; therefore it shall be marvellous; and they shall be men of wonder to all generations.

11. Therefore, in the preparation work of the New Creation, in the times preceding any manifestations of the days and orders of the eternal work, when this holy priesthood was first prepared, and established by the ^{by this spirit} living Spirit; then there was laid ^{before} the Holy

* The original is men of wonder. See Zechariah iii, 8

~~age of the New Creation,~~
 Parents, a stone for a foundation; even a stone most precious, the Rock of eternal ages, the true revelation of God, respecting all the orders of his works, in the new and everlasting creation.

12. And upon this one eternal stone, was engraved by the Almighty, "seven eyes," which are the seven manifestations of the progressive days of increasing growth and travels of this eternal work, to accomplish the degrees and orders of the everlasting Kingdom of God. ~~Behold~~ "Behold I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts." Therefore, all the manifestations and revelations of these seven eyes, must be to the work of the Almighty Creator.

13. These seven eyes also represent the Allseeing sight and perception of the seven spirits of God, which are manifested in all his works, and through which he does all his works, and reveals himself. But the engravings upon this precious stone, mark the progressive and distinctive orders of the work of the seven days, in which all the orders and degrees of the New spiritual Creation shall be finished in Heaven and Earth.

14. And then shall they be established in the eternal state. Thus there have been, and will be, seven distinct travels, in the order of the New Creation, each rising into higher and higher degrees of perfections,

before the final victory shall be gained; and ^{the} Kingdom of the saints shall be completed in its power and glory on earth.

15. These days or times of the new creating work, were represented by the seven days or times of the work of creating the material heavens and earth; each one rising into greater ^{and greater} degrees of perfection, until the whole was set in proper order. And they were all ended and blessed 16.) on the seventh day. Not that the Creator ceased all His works on that day: for He did the most important ~~work~~ work of all, on that day, by ending and bestowing His blessing upon all His works. He ceased the creating work of the natural state; for that was now finished, in all its standing elementary orders.

17. But His work on that day was of the sacred order. Yea, it was in that day, that the eternal Parents looked on all that they had made, and ended them. And behold, all was very good! Then the Creator blessed them, and instituted the sabbath as a ^{day of} rest from ~~from~~ natural labors. This was the first representative order of sacred and eternal work.

18. Therefore, as the first type of the sacred and spiritual work of the new and eternal creation, was set in order on the seventh day of the natural creation; so the work of setting in order the New Creation, began in the seventh age of the world.

19. It was for this reason, saith the prophet, that the sabbath was changed, by the moving direction of Divine Providence, (the unknown to man,) from the seventh to the first day of the week, the day on which Christ arose; because the New Creation was, in its order, preferred before the old. And this was a figure of the first beginning of that creation, which, in the work of its progressive days, will supplant the old heavens and earth.

20. And all the elements of this new creation will be completed, in their abiding orders, before that age of times, brought forth by ^{sounding} the of the seventh trumpet, is ended; that is, before the work of all its sounds is fulfilled. "For in the days of the voice of the Angel of the seventh trumpet, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared by all his servants the prophets."

21. But in as much as the New creation, must be brought forth and created anew, by the spiritual and good properties of the old creation, being taken from the natural state, where they have come to ripeness, and then set in their eternal order, by and in the Divine elements of the spirit of Christ.

22. Therefore, in the moving operations of the Father, and the Holy Spirit of Mother Wisdom, upon the great deep of the dark waters of the natural world, which

was like chaos, without form, and in a void state as to the eternal order; the Divine light was first brought forth by ^{the} creating Parentage, and set in its order, as the sun of eternal ~~righteousness~~^{light} righteousness and truth.

23. Then a separation began to be made, between the ground or earth of the New Creation, and the waters of the life of all natural things. And the Son of God was brought forth, as the Lord of the sacred order and work of the new and spiritual creation. Hence he says, "The Son of Man is Lord, even of the sabbath day." For that day was the first representation of his divine and sacred work, which will create all thing anew, in an eternal state of blessedness.

24. This holy ground or ^{earth} ~~new~~ of the spiritual creation, was brought to light and appeared in its elements, in the first manifestation of the spirit of Christ, as the divine light of the world. Yea, and the seeds of the eternal state were sown in it, by this light.

25. Yet the waters or streams of the life of the new heavens, were not divided from the natural waters of the life of the earth, so as to be set each in their proper order; and hence the mixture of natural and spiritual principles, and things among the professed followers of Christ, in that

dispensation. Because the lives of the natural & spiritual were not separated and placed in their distinct orders: For neither the new heaven nor new earth could, in that dispensation, be set in their proper order.

26. Therefore, before these seeds could spring up and bear ^{the} fruits of, and be placed in their eternal orders in the New Creation, the Divine Spirit of Christ must of necessity be manifested, as the new creating power and wisdom of all things, in the eternal state.

27. Nor could any thing else be set in abiding order, until this Divine Parentage of the superior order of intelligencies of the New Creation, were set or placed in their proper order, upon the ground and eternal foundation of this creation. This was effected by the eternal union of the Divine Spirit of Christ ~~of Christ~~, containing all the elements of the New Creation, in the male and female, in the highest intelligencies that the Eternal Parentage had ever formed.

28. This was the marriage of the Lamb. And in the Parentage of the same Divine Spirit, proceeding in a direct line from this holy marriage, all rational beings ^{in a state of nature} must receive a new birth, before they can have an abiding inheritance in the New Creation, and be placed in their eternal order.

Chapter XIV.

The old Creation a Figure of the New—The New Creation set in Order
by the Holy Son and Daughter.

1. The old creation, in the natural order, was not created of nor by man; but by the Spirit of the Eternal Parentage, for the propagation and dwelling place of natural beings; and man was created as the Lord thereof; and it was given him as his heritage in the natural order.

2. But after the Divine Light was sent forth from the Eternal Parentage, the dominion over this heritage was vested in that Light, which was Christ, together with Divine Wisdom, the Spirit of Promise, which bore witness of the truth, and wrought together with him, ^{in his first appearance,} in preparing the holy ground for future increase.

3. This was the same Spirit which was manifested in the female line, in the second appearing of Christ, as the bearing Spirit of all the fruits of the seeds sown by Christ, in the order of the heavenly creation. For no true order could be brought forth, in abiding substance, until Christ was manifested with this Holy Spirit, in the visible order of the Bride.

4. Hear ye, and understand, all ye souls and spirits, that the utmost bounds of the natural world, with all the good

properties that it contains, were given according to the ancient promises* of God, to the Divine Son and Daughter, for their heritage, and the inheritance of their children forever.

5. Therefore the work was given them to create and bring forth all these things anew, into the elements of the Divine Spirit; and thus to set all things in their abiding order and place, according to the true nature of their properties.

6. Hence it is by the operations of the coworking Spirits of His Divine Parentage, that the work of all the seven days of the New Creation will be accomplished; and the ages, and all the orders and perfections thereof, will, by them be adjusted. And tho' the first man was not an agent in setting the elements of the old creation in their order; yet he was appointed to cultivate it, and to set the things therein, in order, and bring them to their highest perfections. In this, man, as male & female, was a figure of the second man, the Lord from Heaven.

7. But the heavenly man, as male and female, being of a higher order than the natural state, when he entered the natural world, had first to set that in a superior order, before it could be his dwelling place, or the dwelling place of the children of his holy Parentage. Yea, and the work of all the six ages of the world, has been preparatory to the sacred work of the seventh age now begun.

8. The seven days, or rather ages, of times, of the work of

* These promises may be found, the first in Psalm ii. 8. the second in Micah iv. 8.

11. Then will joys, before unknown, flow, in increasing streams, unto all souls and beings, who have found their final order, in this New Creation. Because, until that day, there never can be a time that something in the creation, is not, in some degree, out of order and wrong. And this will cause more or less sufferings, in proportion to its magnitude, upon the members thereof.

12. But at that day, all evil and wrong will be separated from the living body of Christ, and can cause no more sufferings, nor alloy the happiness of its members.

creating all things anew, by the Divine Parentage, have and will proceed, as did the work of the creating days of the natural world. Each day, the ^{work} will rise into higher and higher degrees of order and perfection, until in the seventh day, which will be brought forth by the last sound of the seventh trumpet. Then will the new & spiritual heavens & earth be finished, ^{as} _{to} their creating work. And in this seventh day they will be ended and eternally blessed.

9. For then will the Almighty Parents look upon all the works of their first-born Son and Daughter and upon the new heavens and earth which they have formed in such eternal beauty, through the creating power and wisdom, which they have bestowed upon them. And these Eternal Parents will behold ^{all} to be eternally good; for they will see that their children have set all things therein, in orders of the most transcendent usefulness and glory.

10. Then will they rejoice with exceeding great joy, in the work of their holy children, and will end & honor all their creating works, by bestowing upon ^{them} their eternal blessings and love, which will flow and flow, in increasing streams of beauty, light, glory and basiness, to them, and to all things in the creation, which they have formed, and set in everlasting order; yea, they shall flow and flow forever, even forever, without end.

Chapter IV.

Progressive Degrees of the travail in the work of the New Creation.

1. The present day or age of the new creating work is the third. This day began in the year 1837, in the Jubilee^{*} of the Israel of God. For in this year the trumpet of liberty sounded, to proclaim liberty to all the slaves of sin, and dark spirits of the world, throughout all the land of Israel, and to restore to all the families and orders of the chosen people, their original, spiritual possessions; that they might all be set free from bondage to the spirits of the world, and stand in the order in which they were placed, when the holy ground of the New Creation was divided unto them by Divine Revelation.

2. The work of separation then began between the true children and the strangers, who would not conform to the whole law of Christ for Israel, that all the families thereof might possess the whole heavenly inheritance which belongs to their proper order. And also, that all rebels and traitors, who betrayed and hindered the peace of the true children of Zion, might be cut off. Yea, this hath been, and will surely be effected before the present work ceaseth, saith the Divine Spirit.

3. For Israel shall be set free to grow and increase, and extend the work of salvation in the same orders in which they were planted. And no branch of Zion shall

* The 50th year after the gathering of the Church.

nor be overthrown by the enemy. For the same trumpet of liberty is already beginning to sound, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prisons to souls that are bound among the poor lost children of men. And tho' its effects^{now}, but little appear, far, far will this trumpet yet be heard, and the fruits thereof will shortly begin gradually to come forth; and as it progresses, faster and faster will the work extend.

4. Then will the children of Zion be called to exert all the power and wisdom which they have gained, and to spend all the good things, that they can lay up in store, both spiritual and temporal, to gather the harvest and save the good fruit, that nothing be lost. Therefore O ye, children of Israel, prepare, prepare for that day; for let it appear never so far off to you, be assured that it is ~~near~~ near at hand.

5. Therefore, O my people, saith the Lord, make your selves ready for the battle, by putting on the whole gospel armor. For yet greater scenes of tribulation, and of opposition from the powers of darkness, await you, and greater times of persecution and violence, in a general sense, than you have ever seen, will take place before this day is ended; yea, even unto the shedding of blood.

6. This day and travail of Zion, will be longer than either of those that ^{have} preceded it. For the work will be far greater and more extensive, both in the order

of Providence and grace, and there will be four more days and travels of increasing work, before the new creation shall be completed. "Then shall stand the end come".

7. This end must be accomplished by the preaching of the true gospel of the Kingdom, in all the world, visible and invisible, to every creature, for a witness unto them, and by all souls making their free and final choice to obey or disobey.

8. But there shall be a degree and season of darkness, at the close of each day. This hath been the case at the close of each preceding day. This darkness is a time, or "a day known to the Lord, when the light shall be neither clear nor dark." For the faithful have the light of their lamps, which they have lighted by the divine fire of the day. And having well stored their vessels with oil, from "the two olive trees that stand before the God of all the earth," their lamps are well supplied.

9. Therefore these lamps will give them light, that they ^{may} see how to keep the way of God. Yet in these seasons there will be much darkness, respecting the meaning of the present, and the nature of a future work. There will also be great struggles by the dark powers of the world, against Zion; and a dark cloud will arise from the connection of apostates with the dark elements of the world, which will cause mourning, tribulation & humility to the faithful.

Christ died in his dispensation, as was the case in the reign of

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10. For these seasons are times of silence, waiting times of preparation in the heavens, for the work of a future day. And at such times, the contending powers of light and darkness, appear on earth to be nearly balanced; as to visible operations; so that many honest souls will be in doubt, as to the result. And those who desire the pleasures of a fallen nature, will take courage in such seasons.

11. Yet the Lord knoweth the day, and will overrule all these things, to prepare the way for a future work of greater increase.^v "But it shall come to pass, that at ~~evening time~~^{evening time} there shall be light:" for then will the mighty Angels sound the seventh trumpet louder and more powerful than the preceding sounds; and there will be an increasing shaking, to shake off rotten branches from the holy vine.

12. Then will the Divine light shine forth again, with increasing splendor. And at the commencement of each day, there will be a marvellous out pouring of the Spirit, and display of Divine gifts, similar to those which have ushered in the present day.

13. Therefore shall Zion arise with new strength, and stand up in life and power, and gain the victory over her enemies. And all her rebel children shall be cut off, or go into captivity. And she shall come forth and appear in greater power and glory, than in any preceding day.

14. Then will commence a new day, of greater im-

For there shall never be a time of red night of spiritual darkness in His dispensation, as was the case in the reign of Antichrist.

crease; and her holy vine shall further and further extend its branches of salvation among the children of men, in each progressive day. For they shall see the brightness of her rising, and flee to the shadow of her branches, for protection from the fierce judgments which shall come upon all the earth: And thus shall the number of her children increase.

15. In ^{the} work of each succeeding day, the testimony ~~of~~ of the children of ^{the} New creation, hath increased, and will increase, and be honored ^{with} a higher and higher seal. The testimony, while the foundation of the ~~new~~ order of the New creation was laying, and the materials for the building of the New Jerusalem were preparing, was, that Christ has come the second time, and is laying the foundation of his everlasting Kingdom. The church of God, or second gospel temple, is about to be built, never to be destroyed.

16. Yet there was ~~no~~ true order of that Kingdom, which could be pointed out to the sight of the world, as the eye or light and manifest seal of that testimony. But when the trumpet first sounded, to call forth the first day, and travel of order, then the tabernacle of God descended, and was built up in the order of the holy church; that is, a united body of people, in all things, spiritual and temporal.

17. Then the testimony was, The church of Christ is rising in its true order and glory; the second gospel temple is building, for a habitation of God. And the eye and light of the body, in this order, could be seen by all men, and was pointed out to the world, as a manifest seal to this testimony: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

18. Here was seen that practical love which the world could not exhibit; showing thereby, that there was a second spiritual Zion, and temple, built after the order of the first, with increasing perfection.

19. But for a season, this temple and Zion, with her branches, stood alone; and children were not born into her. After this, there was an order established for the ingathering of souls, whereby Zion propagated her likeness upon earth. There was engrained the second eye upon the foundation stone. By this the world could see that this ^{united} body of Zion, ^{and therefore it was a living body,} propagated its own likeness;

20. Then the testimony went forth, saying, The tabernacle of God hath descended from Heaven; and is built up by the Divine spirit of Christ; and is established for the refuge of all souls who seek salvation. Therefore, come and see the church of God, built up and sealed by the workmanship of His own Spirit, through the spiritual Pountage of the new creation.

21. Therefore, by forsaking all things else, whosoever will, may be born into the holy life and order of Zion, and become heirs of the eternal Kingdom of God. And after many branches of Zion had extended far abroad, and became beautiful and glorious; then did natural men try to imitate her outward order, and overthrow her foundation. But tho assisted by apostates, they could not effect it; for the Lord her God arose, with shining light and power, for her help; and the vain plans of fallen man were frustrated.

22. Here began the third travel of Zion, and the third day of the new creating work. And the testimony of this day is, O ye children of nature! All your plans will fail; ye can neither imitate the order of the spiritual creation, nor overthrow its foundations.

23. Therefore, come and see the church of God, His holy tabernacle, which is sealed with such power from on high, that it hath stood the test against all the wiles of the adversary and his hosts; while your labors to imitate her outward order & procure happiness in nature, have all failed.

24. And now, behold the eternal light shine forth in her, with increasing splendor and glory. Therefore, come under the shadow of her extending

branches, if ye desire to be protected from the wreck of all the vain works of natural men, whereby they seek to find happiness; for they will never find the things which they seek. This engraves the third eye upon the eternal stone, which manifests the light of this day to the world.

Chapter XVI.

Great persecutions will follow the openings of the gospel; but Zion shall finally obtain the victory over all her enemies.

1. During this third day and travel, the whore of Babylon's children, that is, the false professors of Christianity, will rise in great opposition against Zion; and will stir up the common people to lawless violence, and influence the governments of the heart, or earthly governments, to exert their powers to overthrow the foundation of the united order of the children of the New Creation, and cause great persecutions, and bring much tribulation and distress upon them,

2. These persecutions will be greater in magnitude than have been experienced in this dispensation; but by the mighty hand & power, and ^{by the} judgements of God, Zion shall be protected. Altho' Antichristians and the wisdom of natural men, will do all in their

power to establish institutions, which shall be designed to show to the eyes of the children of nature, that they can gain happiness, and all the advantages of the outward order of Zion, without the cross of Christ; yet they will fail of all their objects.

3. Then, after a short waiting time of preparation, Zion shall be magnified in the eyes of all people. For the fourth sound of this trumpet will commence, and Zion shall arise and come forth in the light of the fourth day of the creating work of this spiritual creation, in which she will be manifested to the ~~whole~~ world, as the City of the Living God, that cannot be imitated nor overcome.

4. In the work of this day, the inspired children of Zion will testify with great power and demonstrations of the Spirit, like flames of fire, against all the corrupt institutions and governments of men; and ^{will} declare their overthrow, and the increasing judgments of destruction which shall roll through the earth. And Zion shall stand, surrounded on all sides, by the crashing wrecks among all the governments and institutions of the world.

5. Then will arise from the horns of the natural heart, greater and more powerful struggles against Zion, than in any preceding day. But the Mighty

hand of God will protect His Israel with such manifest wonders and judgments, as to cause all people on the earth to fear and tremble before the power of Zion. Then rulers and people will cease their persecutions, and honor her children as the Anointed Ones of the Almighty God of all the earth.

6. After this will commence the fifth sound of the trumpet, which ~~will~~ will call forth the fifth day of the order of the New Creation. Then shall Zion appear in the light of the fifth eye, engraven upon the stone of the eternal foundation. And her children, the spiritual Israel, shall be manifested to the world, as the everlasting Kingdom of the Saints, to whom all power under the whole heavens shall be given, which shall stand forever.

7. Yea, this all people shall see and fear. Then will the children of Zion refuse to obey the unrighteous laws of man, or to make any compromise to any laws that oppresses them, or in any way impede their rights, as the children of God. Yea, by Divine direction they will assert that the children are free; and disown all allegiance to the corrupt governments of the natural beast.

8. Then will a mighty struggle arise between the old and new creation. For most of the governments and powers of the world will rise in great wrath, and fight against Zion, ^{in all her branches} assisted by traitors; and they will bring

great distress upon her children, who, in deep humiliation, will cry mightily to God, for protection and deliverance.

9. Then will the Lord send forth his mighty hosts of Angels, and compass about his heritage; and the enemies will be affrighted by wonderful supernatural sights and strange sounds; so that they will flee every man to his place; and sore plagues shall fall on them. Similar terrific operations, ^{present} will commence, in some degree, before the travel of this day is ended, and will also be manifested in times of persecution, in divers manners and different places, before the general operation takes place.

10. After this general operation, ^{and stay} the sixth sound of the trumpet will commence, and bring in the sixth day of the new creating work; and Zion will arise and shine forth in the light of that Kingdom to which all power is given. And her children, by Divine inspiration, will set the bounds that the children of nature cannot pass.

11. And the rulers of the earth shall, for a season be subject to the laws which shall go forth from Zion, for people in the order of nature. And those who come to persecute, will be struck dead, or be smitten with sore and incurable plagues.

12. Nevertheless, these things shall not continue to the end. For near the close of this day, —

There will again arise traitors in Zion; and a dark cloud will, by that means, overshadow her for the last time. Then will come exceeding great tribulation, and sore travail, to bring forth the final ^{full birth} redemption of the New Creation.

13. At this time will the people rage, and imagine vain things. And the rulers will take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his Christ, dwelling in Zion, saying, "Let us break their bands, and cast their cords from us."

14. Therefore, in the closing season of this sixth ~~of this sixth~~ day, the general struggle of all nations will take place against Zion, and the whole Israel of God, in all manner of ways that ^{the} powers of darkness can invent, and with all the force that they can command. This will be the last ~~general~~ general struggle between the old and the new creation, before all power shall finally be given to the saints of the Most High.

15. This last ~~day~~ ^{struggle} hath been shown by the spirit of the Lord, under many prophetic figures and signs, by the mouths of his inspired messengers, since the world began. When the Lord our God, by such judgments and visible displays of his mighty power, as were never before known on earth, will overthrow

all the enemies gathered by Satan, from the four quarters of the earth, against the beloved City."

16. Then shall Zion come forth, and stand in triumphant power and glory, from henceforth to the end. In this last day of the seventh trumpet, shall be engraved the seventh Eye upon the eternal foundation stone, by which the everlasting order of the New Creation shall be sealed to perfection; and Zion will appear in the final order of the perfect Church of Christ on earth.

17. "Then shall they call every man his neighbor, under the vine, and under the figtree, and none shall make them afraid." For the children of men shall have no power over the Israel of God; nor shall ~~shall~~ the governments of the world exercise any dominion over them, nor have power to require them to ^{any tribute to them} pay, nor to obey their laws.

18. But the Lord their God will be, their only lawgiver. And the holy Lamb and Bride shall reign in Zion forever and ever. Then shall the law go forth from Zion, to all the nations of the earth; yea, all people shall be struck with awe, and shall bow before her scepter.

19. Then shall all the rulers and people seek to the oracles of Zion for counsel. And they

shall fear to disobey; for if any rebel against her, they shall be cut off by sore judgments, that shall leave them neither root nor branch, saith the Almighty King of Heaven and earth. Then shall this prophecy be fulfilled, "Thy people shall all be righteous, every one. For the Lord will take away all the iniquity of that holy land, in this one eternal day."

20. After this, shall be heard thro' the heavens and earth, the last sound of this seventh trumpet; and the last and sacred day shall begin; And there shall never be any more times ^{which} in darkness shall overshadow the spiritual Israel. But the everlasting light and glorious brightness of the Eternal Parents, and of the Divine Parents of the New Creation, shall shine forth in one eternal day of increasing orders of love, beauty, goodness and eternal glory, thro' everlasting ages, Amen.

21 This seventh day shall operate in many degrees, until the Almighty Parents have finished their probationary ^{work} with this race of man, and there shall be time no longer. Then shall the end come, of which the Savior foretold.

22 O ye beloved Children of Zion! saith the prophet, prepare, prepare and sanctify yourselves

unto the Lord, your God, as his witnesses, and his mouth. For little can ye now sense the great and important work, that ye will yet be called to do, both in this world, and that which is to come.

23. For thus hath the Lord showed unto me, that the times are coming; yea, before this generation passeth away, they will begin; when many of the children of men, and some of the rulers of the land, shall seek the oracles of God from the inspired children of Zion. There they will rejoice to obtain, and many will be led by them.

24. And those who will not obey, when they have received such oracles, will be smitten with sore judgments; so that others shall fear and tremble. These things will increase in every succeeding day, until Zion shall rise to the zenith of her power and glory on earth, and shall stand as the head and law-giver to all things under the whole heavens.

25. I have ^{now} saith the holy prophet, finished the testimony which I was sent to deliver, from my God and your God, by the desire of my Parents and your Parents, to all their holy children in Zion, and thro' them, to be testified, in due time, to all the children of men.

26. O how beautiful, how lovely is the heavenly work of our holy Parents. This from your brother & fellow laborer in the new creation, with my best love The Prophet Zechariah.

Chapter XVIII.

Testimony of the Prophet Haggai, given wednesday March 12th. 1841.

1. The prophet Daniel had informed the writer, that his beloved brother, the prophet Haggai, would have a short testimony to deliver, and desired that it might be written and preserved. And this ancient prophet hath since appeared to the writer.

2. The holy prophet appeared in a beautiful dress, having on his head a beautiful white crown, from which projected something like spires standing in rows. Upon the top of each, there was a brightness, which the spirit said was the prophetic light, that shone upon him, from the heavens; showing that he was the first messenger who received this light in ^{the time of} the building of the second ^{Jewish} temple.

3. And he hath now come to deliver his communication, ^{Thus saith the prophet Haggai} and says, I was a prophetic messenger of God, in the building of the second Jewish temple. The building of ^{Holy} temple, and the work in its times, C.W. Divine Providence & the many striking events which took place

among the chosen people, and among the nations of the earth, was the most special type of the work of the second appearing of Christ, of any of those eventful operations, which ever ^{took} place in the days of ancient Israel.

4. I therefore, greatly rejoice to see the fulfillment, in these last days, of all the types and shadows of the dispensation of the law, and work of typical Israel. For thus hath the Lord shown unto me, that all shall be fulfilled, before the end of the days, which the holy prophets have revealed unto thee.

5. Nay, not one of them shall fail, nor shall any figurative representation, which hath ever been given since the world began, fail of its full accomplishment, in the work of the spiritual creation, that hath now commenced.

6. I have now come to testify, that the accomplishment of the word, which the Lord spake by me,^{in ancient days}, hath been swiftly going on, in the Heavens and earth, ever since the present dispensation.^{It is thereby} thus declared; "Yea once, it is a little while, and I will shake the Heavens & the earth, and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory."^{*}

7. Altho this prophecy was in part fulfilled, by the first appearing of the Son of God, in that house,

* Haggai, Chap. ii. 6.7.

and his cleansing it, and setting it in order, and preaching the gospel of the heavenly Kingdom in it; and by the springing up, and instituting the first spiritual Church in its courts. Yet all this was but as a type of the present appearing of the same Divine Spirit, and his work, with the Holy Bride, in his temple or house of the natural creation.

8 For as it was in the work of that day, after he had begun the work of cleansing and setting in order the outward temple, and had also preached the superior work of the Kingdom in it. He then brought forth, by the agency of the Holy Spirit, that wrought in his name, the institution of the primitive Church—a spiritual people, as a representation of the house of his eternal order and kingdom.

9. Then all nations were shaken; mighty judgments rolled on through the earth, and the Jews, the professed people of God, for their opposition to the holy work of Christ, and for their hypocrisy and abominations, were destroyed and scattered among all nations; and their figurative temple was cast down, so that not one stone was left upon another, as he had foretold.

10 All these things were figurative of the work of the New Creation, that the Holy Parentage have

now begun, and which will be accomplished in these latter days, by the operations of Providence and grace, before these days are fulfilled.

11. For the Divine Spirit of Christ, proceeding from the seed of the Eternal Parentage, hath come in this last dispensation, into the house of the natural world. But he first began his work in the temple of Christianity, tho' it was in a fallen state, as was the temple of the Jews, in his first appearing.

12. And here he first began to cleanse the natural creation, and to purge out all that defiles or works abomination; and he will continue this work until all things are set in their proper order. Yea; and Divine power will shake all nations, and overthrow and utterly cast down all that opposes the work of his New Creation.

13. For the Lord of hosts hath shown unto me, that the shaking which began in the natural world, in the time of the work of preparation for the Divine Spirit of Christ to be made manifest, in the joint Parentage, as the head and creating power and wisdom, to create all things in a new and eternal state, shall continue to shake the sea and dry land.

14. Yea, it shall shake all the regions of the

heavens and earth, until it shall overthrow the thrones of all the kingdoms of the world, and destroy the strength of all the kingdoms of the heathen, even all of them, saith the Lord of all power. For I will raise up the power of the nations, who profess the Christian name, and they shall be instruments in effecting this work.

15. And there shall be many wonderful signs, and displays of Divine power, and operations of light, in the order of my providence; until all nations shall bury their figurative idols, and worship the invisible Lord, the Great God alone, according to their light. And they shall utterly cease their horrid sacrifices, and obscene religious ceremonies throughout all the earth.

16. The nations of professed Christendom are more enlightened than the heathen, thro' the light which reflected from the Son of God upon the earth. And tho' this light among ^{them} hath been greatly adulterated by the principles of fallen nature. Yet it has expanded the genius of man, and thus increased the power of those nations.

17. Therefore they are more capable of being the instruments of this reforming work than any of the heathen nations; yea, and they will

be permitted by Divine Providence, to be executors of destructive violence, in this work, to prepare the way for reformation, by breaking the powers of those governments and priesthoods, which bind the people in heathenish darkness.

18. Yet hear ye this word, all ye professed Christian nations; Thus saith the Lord of light, What have ye made of the superior light which I have given you, and the privileges that ye have enjoyed above your brethren, the Heathen? Have ye made use of these advantages for their good? Or have ye not rather used your power to despoil and destroy them, ~~by~~ for your own vain glory, to enrich yourselves and feast your pride and ambition?

19. Know ye that the righteous Judge of all the earth, will yet call you to a just account for all these things. For your day shall come, ^{when} judgment shall no longer be delayed; it shall be executed according to your perverse ^{ways;} because you have abused your superior light and power, and have perverted them to the most base, unjust and horrid purposes. Thus have ye confirmed the Heathen in their darkness by your wicked examples.

20. Therefore, this God hath overruled your wrath by power, ~~and caused~~ to his praise*, by making them

*Psalms 76. 10.

subservient to his work, in the preparatory order; yet the remainder of your wrath he will restrain; and ye shall not go unpunished.

21. It was necessary for Christ, in the order of the new creating power and wisdom, to arise and do the first work of his second appearing, among those who profess his name, and have sprung from the covenant of his first appearance; for they were looking for his second appearance, notwithstanding their degenerate state.

22. Therefore it was as really necessary for his Divine Spirit to begin his second appearing among them, as it was for him to appear and do his first work among the Jews, who arose from the first covenant of his Father, and who, tho in a degenerated state, were looking for the Son to come, as the desire of all nations, and glorify their temple and exalt their nation above all others.

23. Yet, as the work of that day, was the utter destruction of their temple, in which they trusted, and the overthrow of their nation; because of their wickedness and unbelief in his work of that day; so shall it be in the progressive ^{work} of this last dispensation.

24. For the shaking work and breaking power, which began ^{among} those nations, at the first sounding of the seventh trumpet, shall continue to operate in all their

governments and institutions; and shall never cease until it breaks them all in pieces, like the breaking of a potter's vessel, and shakes down the power of every nation which bears the christian name.

Chapter XVIII.

The prophet declares the overthrow of the Antichristian Babel.

1. Thus saith the Lord of light and truth; The divided sects of the great christian Beast, are now all combining to build a Babel, whose top shall reach unto Heaven, by uniting to evangelize the world, as they call it. And thus they hope to prevent the overthrow of their corrupt kingdom, and the destruction of their defiled temple. And they expect thereby to get the dominion over the whole earth.

2. Thus they confidently anticipate, that when Christ comes, he will honor their temple and exalt their kingdom, with as great glory in their own eyes, as the Jews expected the Messiah, in his appearing, would honor and exalt their nation and temple in their eyes.

3. Yea, those Jews as much expected that the work of the Messiah would extend their power thro' the earth, as do those Christian Babel builders of this day. And I testify, by the word of the Lord, unto the latter, that they will as surely meet with the same

disappointment as the former; for they know not that Christ hath already come, and begun that work which, in its operations, will frustrate all their plans.

4. For when the Lord of hosts hath made use of them, in the order of his Providence, and overruled all their plans to subserve ^{own wise} his purposes, and caused their children to be instruments in spreading his providential work among all the heathen; and hath also established his Israel in the land of those nations who have been enlightened by a reflection ^{of light} from ancient Christianity.

5. Then shall his mighty hand of destruction be turned ~~upon~~ ^{professing Christians} those upon those nations, for their ingratitude, injustice and all manner of abominations; and they shall be shaken in pieces, like the shaking in pieces of a house, by a furious tornado. And God will overthrow their power, like the overthrow of a fortress, by a mighty earthquake.

6. Yea, know for a certainty that many of their mighty towers, splendid cities, and strong fortresses, shall be overthrown, literally, by violent earthquakes, sweeping winds and furious lightnings. The earth shall reel to and fro, until the hearts of the people shall fail, and the remnant shall be affrighted, and tremble before the mighty power of God.

7. And I will raise up a mighty spiritual torna-

-do, and providential earthquake, with powerful thun-
derings and lightnings.* These shall overthrow their
great Babel, and cause it to be a tower of confusion to the
whole world, saith the just and Holy Spirit.

8. In that day will I accomplish, through mighty
enemies, the utter destruction of the seat of all Antichris-
tian power and glory; that is, the temple of national
christianity, which is supported by law, allied to, and
maintained by the power of the governments of the
world.

9. From this corrupt temple hath ever sprung the
greatest opposition to the rights of man and the true
liberty of conscience. And truly it has always been
the main source of persecution, and the strongest
barrier to my reforming work in the world. Therefore
I will utterly destroy this temple from all nations, in
which all the tyrants of the earth have trusted, saith
Divine Power and Justice.

10. Neither shall the shaking work which I have
begun, ever cease, until it overthrows all the lesser
temples of false religion, among all profusions, through-
out all nations: That is, every religious establishment,
of whatever kind, that has any power to bind the
conscience, and the influence of which tends to
fetter and darken the souls of men.

*That is, the operations of natural ^{spiritual} ^{power} light among the children of men.

11. The Catholic hierarchy is the great temple of the scarlet colored whore of Babylon, that rides upon the beast of the same color: That is the earthly governments ~~color~~
which are supported by^{the} bloody sword, and by which she
is supported in her pride and alluring haughtiness.

12. For she hath arrayed herself in the most splendid and alluring appearance, with a specious religion in the name of God, adapted to the carnal propensities of man. By these means she hath attracted both rulers and people to follow after her. And all national religions, areth

13. Therefore have the kings and governments of the world committed fornication with her. She is their goddess under different names; and they have shed the blood of the righteous and just, to support her corrupt temple and worship, as did the Jews of old, ^{wickedly} shed the blood of the prophets and followers of Christ, to support their temple and worship, in its corrupted state.

14. Therefore shall their temple be cast down, as was that of the Jews, so that not one stone, of all its false and corrupt systems, shall be found upon another, throughout the earth. For all its false and soul darkening principles, shall become despised and rejected among all men.

15. And as the work of the first appearing of Christ,
^{who constitute & support}
~~but~~ her daughters, ~~&~~ her lesser temples.

and his first coming into the second temple of the Jews, made it more glorious than the former; not as magnifying its outward structure in greater glory; but because from it arose the first gospel temple, or spiritual ^{house}, as a figure of the second gospel and eternal temple. And when this was effected, then the outward and figurative temple was destroyed; so is, and shall be the work of this dispensation of his second coming.

Chapter XIX.

The manifestation and effects of the Desire of all Nations.

1. In this dispensation, the Divine Spirit of Christ, in the Holy Parentage, which is truly the Desire of all nations, did first come into the temple of Christian professors, where he found witnesses prepared to acknowledge and declare his second appearing.-

2. These were of both sexes. And they testified his coming to all who looked for redemption, and declared ^{that} the day of hope had now begun; as did good Simeon and the prophetess Anna, who acknowledged him the Christ, when he first appeared in the Jewish temple; and they testified it to others: for they "spake of him to all who looked for redemption in Israel." This was the hope, "for which the twelve tribes served God day and night."

3. After this, John the Baptist was raised up, from the order of the priests, as the forerunner of his work, to prepare the way, and usher in his appearance to the people, ^{as the true Messiah.} And thus it will ever be, in this day; there will be witnesses raised up, by the work of the Father, to own and declare the second coming of Christ, in all the successive degrees thereof. And some of the priests and leaders of the people, will be raised up to prepare the way, and declare him to the people, until the whole work is accomplished.

4. But when the Divine Parentage had taken possession of this Christian temple, their work was not to magnify and perpetuate its duration in that fallen state; but to destroy it, and then to raise up an eternal temple of righteousness, glory, beauty and order upon its ruins, in its stead. This holy temple for the dwelling place of the heavenly Parentage of the New Creation, hath been built in the Holy City — The Zion of God.

5. This is the Mother City of the spiritual creation; the head of all the tribes of spiritual Israel, and the place where all these tribes must go up, in person or spirit, to worship the God of their parents; and from the Divine Law must go forth to all souls that ever find an inheritance, and abiding lot in the eternal order of the heavenly creation.

6. The coming of Christ in the parental order, into the natural creation, is in the nature of his ^{work}, as tho it were one natural temple, or house of all natural beings. And this glorifies the house of nature, more than all the silver and gold and precious things ever bestowed upon it.

7. For this raises the house of nature to its highest dignity, and puts it to its highest use, by making it the house from whence the materials and spirits arise, and are taken, to form the eternal creation of everlasting glory and beauty; ^{yet this is not done} 8 by continuing things forever in their natural state, and glorifying them in that order; but by gathering all its good properties, and preparing them, and building them up into an eternal house, for the everlasting habitation of all the souls and spirits thereof, who will submit to the cleansing, purifying and mortifying work of the new creation of righteousness.

9. And by this work, the natural state will be supplanted by one of eternal goodness and love. And thus hath the desire of all nations come; and nature's house will be filled with the glory of salvation, the greatest of all glory, ^{cleansed and} by being put in its proper order by the operation of the Divine Spirit of Christ.

10. The desire of all nations is, and ever hath been

a longing feeling, reaching after a state of abiding goodness and happiness. And, in all ages they have looked and expected this to be accomplished by the coming of the Messiah, or through the agency of a Divine Teacher, sent into the world from the Eternal God; how dark soever their ideas might be of the matter & the manner thereof.

11. But this desire could never be fully effected, until the holy union of the Divine Spirit of Christ, the true Teacher from God, took place in both parts of manhood in the house of nature, and thereby constituting a heavenly Parentage, by and through which souls can be begotten and born into eternal life and order. And thereby will the desire of all nations be fulfilled; for all souls that pass through this work, will forever be secured in a state of abiding happiness.

12. Hear ye, therefore, all ye inhabitants of the world, and understand, that the first coming of the Messiah into the Jewish temple, in their fallen state; tho' it brought that house to its highest use, and was its greatest glory, and fulfilled the highest purpose for which that nation had been so long preserved; yet the progress of his work destroyed that outward temple and fallen people; because from thence proceeded the greatest opposition to his work of that day. And he instituted his first spiritual temple and people in their stead.

13. In the second coming of the same Divine Spirit, in the holy Parentage, into the first ^{temple} of Christianity, in its fallen state; for all under that name are fallen; altho' there were witnesses prepared to receive him, ~~Heaven~~; tho' this appearance brought that temple to its highest use, and was its greatest glory. Yet the progress of the work will destroy that first temple, and all the false systems of that fallen people, from whence proceeds the greatest opposition to the heavenly work of this dispensation.

14. And this Divine, new creating power & wisdom, hath and will continue, by increasing degrees of the work, to raise up, and institute the second gospel temple and spiritual people, in their stead, in an eternal state, which shall never fall; but, as fast as the way is prepared, they shall increase and stand forever.

15. Therefore, O ye chosen children of Zion! the desire of all nations hath truly come unto the holy temple of Zion, forevermore to dwell, and to honor and glorify this holy temple, and the spiritued ~~seed~~ Israel, through eternal ages. O how my soul rejoices, to see the reality of this glorious work, which I saw in prophetic vision, and waited ages and ages for it to come.

16. O how I rejoice to be a companion, a brother,

yea, a fellow laborer and sufferer with the children of Zion, in this holy and blessed work of saving souls from their sins, and raising them into their eternal dignity; and in building up the order of the new and everlasting creation.

17. Had you, ^{my} dear friends, seen what I have seen, and known what I have known, ye would, ~~none~~ none of you, ever turn from this lovely, this blessed way of God. Let whatever trials come upon you, your state is to you, inconceivably better than those who turn from it, at the best that they can ever find. Then believe your dear friend and brother, the ancient prophet Haggai.

Chapter XX.

Testimony of the ^{ancient} Prophet Ezra*. Monday March 15th 1841.

Introduction.

1. The prophet Ezra appeared yesterday (sabbath) in our morning meeting ~~meeting~~. He looked very white and beautiful, and had on his head the ancient priestly mitre, which appeared as white as snow. This holy priest and prophet rejoiced greatly, that he was permitted to see the zeal and beautiful order of Mother's children, and to worship God with them. Surely ~~said~~, said he, this is the glory which I saw a far off, in prophetic vision.

* In the Chaldean language he was called Esdras.

2. This prophet had been previously introduced to the writer by the prophet Daniel, who said, "I have my beloved brother, the righteous prophet Ezra, who passed thro inexpressible sufferings and tribulation, on account of the destruction of Zion, and the fall and low estate of his people of Israel, in their captivity to the power of haughty Babylon.

3. And he has now come as a witness of the truth of that which hath been declared unto thee. He hath also a testimony to deliver, which thou are requested to write. And thou must labor with diligence; for this work of the testimony of the ancient prophets must be hastened; for the time is short, before they must be sent forth to labor among the children of men."

4. Since the appearance of the prophet ~~Ezra~~, ^{in writing,} yesterday, he has made the following communication to the writer, by inspiration.

Chap. 5. I have not come at this time, saith the prophet to give an exposition of all the prophetic visions, which God, by his holy Angel showed unto me; but to expound to the children of Zion, those visions and prophecies which, in a special manner, relate to the work of this last dispensation of the Providence and grace of God to the children of men.

6. And also to testify, that all the ancient prophecies and revelations will have their highest

and final accomplishment in the holy and glorious displays of the work of the new and eternal creation, which began to be set in order in the heavens and earth, by the voice of the Angel of the seventh trumpet. I also bear witness to the truth of all that my holy brethren the prophets have shown to thee.

4. I have looked into the world, and beheld the children ^{of nature}, since the glorious light of Zion, hath shone forth among them. They have seen its outward order, beauty, and glory, proceeding from the unity of her children. Therefore have they labored, by their natural wisdom, to imitate the order of Zion, as respects the things of this life.

5. But they are careful to build on ~~that~~^a foundation, by which they can avoid all cross against a carnal nature, and spare the life of the natural beast; nay, their whole desire and labor is to magnify the glory of the fallen nature of this world, increase its pleasures, and nourish the beastly nature of man.

6. For since the advantages of united and harmonious action and interest, have become apparent to the natural eyes of men, the prince of this world hath given them all his deceptive wisdom, to make them believe that this work can be done by the creating and self-sufficient power of nature, lest their eyes should be opened to the

cross, by which all this union, and these harmonious operations are effected, both spiritual and temporal.

10. But this cross, in its operations and effects, will utterly supplant the wisdom and all the works and powers of the dark and haughty spirits of this world; and will, in its progress, bring in and establish that work and order, which is, and can be wrought only by Eternal Power and Wisdom.

11. For thus saith the Lord, The works which man attempts to do, on this sacred ground, shall not stand. Neither shall the things which they seek, come to pass. It shall be to them, like catching at a shadow, and pursuing a wandering dream. And no man's building can ever stand upon any of the foundations of Zion, the City of the Highest.

Chapter XXI.

The prophet's Visions during his Captivity in Babylon.

1. And now, saith the prophet, while I was in bitter captivity, with the covenant people of that day, to the haughty power of Babylon, and Zion was cast down, and our holy house of prayer and praise was destroyed. And the most haughty and cruel power of the world, that had done ~~that had done~~ this, was building up and fortifying the

height of its power and strength, by our downfall, and raising its glory, as it were, to the heavens.

2. Then was my soul pained; my spirit was greatly set on fire, and I went through sufferings and sorrows for Zion and my people, which no tongue can express, and no pen can portray. Yea, in my anguish I cried earnestly to the God of Heaven and earth, to know wherefore the most naughty and unrighteous people had been suffered to destroy the place of his sanctuary, lay waste his heritage, and lead away, from their own land, his chosen people, and hold them in cruel captivity. And I sought mercy for my people, with all my power and strength.

3. Yet, in all this labor, I had respect only to the destruction of the visible sanctuary and City of Zion, and the fall of Israel after the flesh. But I grieved for the effects ^{that} these things would have, according to my views, upon the honor of the great name of my God. For I understood ^{not} the true nature of his works, neither in his providence nor grace.

4. But while I was in this distressing labor, the merciful God heard my voice; and as I was sincere before him, he sent his holy Angel, and taught me many things, whereby I was enlightened into the nature of his works, and the progression of his eternal purposes.

5. And the Lord showed me many prophetic visions of future things, and of the work and order of the

new heavens and new earth, that the eternal creating Power and Wisdom would raise up and set in order, in the latter days, and which should, ^{in the progress of time wholly} supplant the old heavens and earth.

6. And verily the Lord showed me the Divine Parents of this New Creation. For I saw in a field, where no man's building stood, a woman weeping, and in great sorrow and heaviness, for the fall and loss of her only son. And I labored to comfort her; but she refused to be comforted; because, she said, "had been barren many years, until this son was born, whom she nourished and brought up with great care; but he fell down and died, in his marriage chamber, at the time he was about to be married."

7. Therefor she purposed to remain in the field & mourn until she died; but, "of a sudden, her face shone exceedingly, and her countenance glistened with great brightness, so that I was afraid of her. Then she uttered a great cry, very fearful; so that the earth shook at the voice of the woman. After this she appeared no more; but there appeared a city builded in her place."

8. This vision, the Angel who attended me, interpreted, in the figure, as the travel of Israel, the building of Zion, and the outward sanctuary therein, by Solomon. And the death of the woman's son, as the fall

and destruction of that figuratively holy City and Temple.

9. But said the Angel, I knew that the Highest would show this vision unto thee; therefore I commanded thee to go into the field, where no foundation of any building was. For in the place wherein the Highest beginneth to shew his city, there can no man's building be able to stand.

10. Then the Angel said, "Fear not; but go in and see the beauty and greatness of the building, as much as thy eyes are able to see. And then shalt thou hear as much ~~as much~~ as thine ears may comprehend." This I obeyed; for I spent two days and nights, in viewing the buildings, and beholding the glorious beauty of the great city of eternal order and brightness. For this large and wonderful place showed itself from its foundations; so that all could be seen with clearness.

11. Then truly I saw all that my eyes were able to see; and heard all that my ears could comprehend: for here was the pattern of the perfections, beauty, order and glory of the New and everlasting Creation of God; yea, the glory of glories, which is now begun, in these last days; ^{which} ~~be clearly seen from its foundations, and~~ and will extend, by progressive degrees, throughout the whole creation, visible and invisible.

12. Nevertheless, but little of what I saw and heard there, was ever committed to writing, and handed down

to this day: for much of it could not then be understood; and would have been liable to be wrested to hurtful purposes. And much that I wrote by inspiration, hath been lost in the destructions of my people.

13. May have doubted the genuineness of the Book of prophecy which bears my name. But that Book, as far as it hath been preserved, and rightly translated, is as correct as the Books of the prophets are generally, and contains no essential errors, so as materially to alter the sense.

14. But to describe all that I saw and heard, in this great and glorious city, would take a large volume of writing; nor would it be in the power of language to set forth, to the understanding of man, the beauty, order and transcendent brightness and glory of this eternal city of the new creation of God.

15. Here my eyes were satisfied with beholding the endless beauty, goodness, love and strength of this holy, holy City, and of the eternal foundations, and ineffable glory & happiness of all the orders and degrees of that everlasting kingdom and world, which was here shown to me; but which had not ^{then} ~~as yet~~ "awaked."

16. In the midst thereof, stood the eternal Temple and dwelling place of the God of all. Here was placed the Throne of Almighty power and Wisdom; and from thence

shone forth the glory of the Divine Majesty, in living streams and effulgent rays, far brighter than the rays of the sun, through all the creation of God.

17. No mortal eye could endure to look upon the glory and brightness of this City, from the reflection of these rays. But all divine light, all knowledge and wisdom, for all souls and spirits are found therein: for here is the pattern of all beauty, order and government; for all ranks of the creation, both natural and spiritual, according to their proper state.

18. I have learned that Israel's portion was not in the pride, splendor and glory of this natural world; for its glory, in its fallen state, only beclouds the true glory. But the portion & glory of Israel, is in the eternal state of the spiritual world, which had not then been manifested. For Esau is the end of the natural world; or rather the figure of the natural world itself, which shall end in Jacob; that is, the spiritual part and properties in all beings and all things, in this natural state.

19. These will struggle with the natural, for the birth; and will be brought forth into the spiritual world, with the hand hold of the heel, or last end of the natural. Like the figure in the birth of Jacob and Esau, Jacob's hand had hold of the heel of Esau, who was born first. So it is in all things, in this world; that which is natural in

its order, is first; but the spiritual part is joined to it, and has hold of it: for here is the connection between the natural and spiritual world.

20. Were it not for this connection, established by the Creator in the order of all things, nothing that is brought forth in the natural state, could ever rise into the spiritual world; but by this connection, the spiritual properties, like Jacob's, will wrestle with the natural part, until it supplants the natural in its birthright, in all things; because the spiritual claims all good properties and powers therein.

21. And these good properties, after having supplanted the natural order, in all things, will be created anew, by Divine Power and Wisdom, into an eternal world of everlasting, goodness, beauty and loveliness. In this world, all spirits and things will be set in that abiding order and state, which will be most for the honor and glory of the Creator, and the good and happiness of all souls and spirits that dwell therein; so to remain ⁱⁿ increasing ⁱⁿ degrees of goodness and glory, through endless ages of ages.

22. The woman that I saw in the field, represented in the true sense, Holy Mother Wisdom, the eternal bearing spirit of all the works of God. But until ~~the~~ a City was built, as the Mother order of typical Israel,

in which a house was made, wherein were offered sacrifices, as a type of the sacrifice of all ^{by the holy eternal fire;} natural things, whereby was received, in a figure, the blessing, by promise and representation, of an eternal state.

23. Verily, until this was effected, the Holy Spirit of ^{Wisdom} was, as it were, barren in the world, of the true figure of the Son of God, who, through his marriage, in the divine spiritual order, would create all things anew, in a state of eternal blessedness; and also of a figure of the divine offerings and worship in the heavenly temple.

24. But in this figure, the barren then bore a son; and the type of spiritual offerings was manifested; and even this figure caused great joy in its day, to men and angels. But all the travail of that day, could not bring forth the marriage, not even in the figure; tho' this was nourished with great care, by Divine Wisdom; that is, it could not produce a joining to a future work of greater increase; but had first to fall and, as it were die.

25. Hence the fall of Zion, and destruction of that temple, and the suspension of its sacrifices & worship, and the captivity of the chosen people of that day, to the mighty and exalted power of the world. All these things were typical of the fall of the first spiritual Zion, and the sanctuary, of Christ's first appearing;

and also of the captivity of the first spiritual people, raised up by the appearance of the Son of God, whose Mother was Holy Wisdom.

26. For the travel of that day could not produce the marriage of the Lamb; and therefore the eternal foundations of the New Heavens and new earth, could not be gained. Hence, no spiritual children could be born ^{fully} in the true heavenly life and order; nor was the eternal race begun, except in the first born son, whose life was lost from his chosen people, and the holy city & sanctuary, brought forth in that day. Hence they fell and died.

27. Yea, the place of the sanctuary was cast down; the Holy City was trodden under foot, and the spiritual Israel of that day, were scattered and led captive to "great Babylon, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth."

28. This was the catholic hierarchy, that, for many ages, reigned over the kings and peoples of the earth.— This was prefigured by Babylon, where the remnant of Israel was carried captive, and by whose power the figurative Holy City and sanctuary of that day were cast down to the earth.

29. Then spiritual sacrifices and offerings ceased, and the Spirit of Divine Wisdom, which was represented by the Holy Spirit in the witnesses of truth, that

prophesied, during his long captivity, was clothed in sack-cloth, and abode in the field, in mourning, even unto death; and could not be comforted until the resurrection of her Son, into the new life of his second appearance, and his marriage took place, to bring forth the everlasting increase of spiritual offspring, and to build an eternal city and temple, never to fall away.

30. This is the mourning of which Christ foretold; "The days will come when the Bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast (or mourn) in those days." Luke v. 34, 35^x.

Chapter XXIII.

The falling away; and the ^{reviving} Operations of the Work of the New Creation.

1. According to the declaration of the Angel to me, after about four hundred years, from the time of the building of the first spiritual Zion and sanctuary, in the first appearing of the Son of God, who was brought forth by the Holy Spirit of Wisdom, of whom and his work, Solomon was a type, in building the first outward Zion and temple.

2. After these years, did Christ the Son of God die, and all men that had life; that is, all died away, as to the life of the Divine Spirit, in the order of that dispensation, "And the world was turned into its old silence again, like

^x See also John xvi. 20 to 23.

as in the former judgments; that is, into the silence of death and darkness, as to the life of any spiritual work of God, in its abiding order, as in the dark times of the world, before the Divine Light appeared.

3. All that could then be done, was like the moving of the Spirit of God upon the face of the great deep of the waters of the dark natural world, to cause some reflection of light upon them; so that the chain of the work of God might not be broken, and the knowledge thereof be wholly lost from the earth.

4. These were times of darkness and days of waiting, when the witnesses of God were clothed in sackcloth and mourning; because the Bridegroom could not be found, until the Sun of righteousness was brought forth in its abiding order. Then, it set in the firmament, or highest place in the Eternal Heaven, as the everlasting light of the new heavens and earth, even as the sun is the source of light to all natural things.

5. This Sun of righteousness is the Spirit of Christ, which was set in its final order, by the eternal union of the holy Bridegroom and Bride. And as in the creating work of the natural heavens and earth, after the sun was set in its abiding order, all other things, through its reflecting rays, were progressively brought into their order in the world.

6. Even so it hath been, and shall be, in the work of the New Creation. The Divine Light being set in its abiding order, as the eternal Sun of righteousness, and its healing and life giving rays, reflecting all truth and goodness, all other things will thereby be progressively set in their abiding order, in the new and eternal creation of God.

7. The moving of the spirit of revelation and divine prophetic light, upon the dark waters of the great deep of the natural world, centering in human nature, was like the moving of the Spirit of God upon the face of the waters of the dark and great deep, in the beginning, after the world was made in its chaotic and void state, for bringing forth the times of setting it in order.

8. In like manner, by the moving of spiritual ^{light} upon the dark waters which had overflowed the spiritual world, after it was made, as it were, in its void state,^{*} at the first appearance of the Sun of Divine Light,^{The way was prepared for setting it in proper order.} This moving operation of the Spirit, ^{hath & will} continue for seven days, that is, ^{seven} ages of times, struggling to bring forth the order and times of the New Creation.

9. During most of the times through six of those days, the silence of spiritual death, or sleep, reigned in the world, both on earth and in the world of spirits; excepting the above mentioned movements of the Spirit of God upon the dark waters, that is, the

* That is, not brought into order.

fountains and streams of the natural life of the world.

10. But when the mighty sound of the seventh trumpet commenced, the power of its great voice shook the old heavens, ^{and earth} so mightily, that the waters of nature, which had overflowed the ground of the spiritual creation, and for many ages, kept it under their dark and turbid sea, were now ~~now~~ so agitated and convulsed, that the new earth arose and began to appear, and to be set in order by the operating light of the Divine Sun, after that was set in its proper order, but not before.

11. This mighty sound of the trumpet was prefigured in my vision, by the great and fearful voice of the woman, which shook the earth. For the glory of the woman's face shone with exceeding brightness, so that I was afraid of her, before she uttered the loud voice; and the city appeared in her place. This was the voice & work of Eternal Wisdom in ^{& this her holy} Daughter.

12. This glory and brightness was gained by the work of preparatory travail, wherein the Holy Bride, by the work of mourning and sufferings for herself and the fallen race, was redeemed, prepared & made ready for the marriage with the Holy Son of God. For until then, the Divine Sun was not set in its full order as the eternal light. But this preparatory work was necessarily effected before the voice of the woman was heard, or the shaking began, in any great degree.

13. In the first appearing of the Son of God, as the Light of the spiritual world, the ground or foundation of the New heavens and earth was created, but not set in order. But when the mighty shaking power of the seventh Trumpet had raised this spiritual ground above the dark waters; then the waters of spiritual life, in the new Eternal creation, were separated from the waters of the life of nature. But before this, they had been mixed together, and their true order did not appear.

14. Hence the mixture of natural and spiritual principles, in that dispensation, even in times of the greatest light. This continued until the shaking power and operations of Divine Light had divided between these waters, and the heavenly waters ascended, and were placed in their true order in the New Heavens. Then the dry land, or earth of the New Creation began 15. to appear. Thus this holy ground rose dry from the waters of nature, and the darkness of the fallen elements of the world was dispelled by the bright rays of the Sun of Righteousness. And as fast as this dry land appeared; as was prefigured in the creation of the natural heavens and earth, then the New heavens and earth began to be set in their abiding order.

16. This work is begun, and will be completed by the Spirit of the Almighty Parents, through their

Holy Son and Daughter, who are the Divine Parentage and creating Power and Wisdom of the new heavens and earth; that is, the eternal world of order, goodness and glory.

17. The natural world of heavens and earth, and all their hosts, were brought forth and set in their natural order, in seven ages of times, called days; because the works of these different ages or days, were distinct from each other, in their operations, beings growthes of formations, each rising into higher and higher degrees of perfection. The whole was ended in the seventh day, and all parts set in their true operation, which were good, and received the blessing of the Creator.

18. So also the New Creation of heavens and earth, ~~will be brought forth~~ and all their hosts, will be brought forth, and will be set in their everlasting order, as an eternal world wherein dwelleth righteousness and truth, in the seven ages of times, which are the days of the work called forth by the sounds of the seventh ~~one~~ trumpet.

19. But in the seventh day, the mystery of creating the new heavens and earth, and setting all things, and all souls and spirits therin, in their proper order, will be finished. And the sabbath of rest from the labors and sufferings necessary to gain this eternal state, will be instituted.

tuted. In this day, will the Creator bestow upon all these things His eternal blessing, and set them in their true operations, and they shall, in His increasing goodness and love, through everlasting ages.

20. The work of this sabbath will show forth and decide the true state and order of all Angels, souls and spirits; and they will thereby receive their just reward, without varying one jot or tittle, from what each & every creature will own and acknowledge in themselves to be perfectly suited to their works; except that the reward of the righteous, such as ^{have} received no final mark in the order of their creation, (which cannot be without wilful rebellion,) will be far, far greater than they could look for, or conceive of in their hearts.

21. For the God of love and goodness delights far more in showing mercy, than in executing judgments and consigning punishments, even when righteously deserved. Therefore, no punishments or degradations will, in the result of all things, ever fall upon the wicked, either in this world or that which is to come, more than to cast them into that state and order which their own voluntary travel hath led them to, and there to partake of the fruit of their own doings.

22. Yea, there to live upon the fruits of those plants that have sprung from the seeds which they have

sown, cultivated and raised; and to have such spirits for their companions, whether Angels, good or bad, or spirits, either human or brutal, as they have prepared themselves for, by the principles which they have cultivated, and the order into which they have travelled, without any arbitrary appointment in the case.

23. And this, saith the Just God of all, even the fountain of mercy and goodness, they must all possess and partake, or I must alter the principles and the times and seasons, which I have established ⁱⁿ my creation, and in the orders of my work; and that would derange the order of the whole creation, for the disobedience of one, as it were, poor worm of the dust. For all are fitly joined together, and ^{none} can ~~not~~ be altered without a proportionable derangement of the whole.

24. Consider this, all ye souls and spirits, which I have created, or shall ever suffer to be made in my world, and know of a certainty, that all my principles, and times and seasons, and the orders of my work, are unchangeable, and that I will, speedily, show unto every one of you, the work which ye must do, and the path in which ye must walk, by the operations of the light and power of my Spirit; and ye shall have your free and final choice, before your state shall be unchangeably fixed.

25. But after ye have come to the end of the order of growth and travel which is fixed for you, by the measure of times and seasons, according to the order of my works, your state is then forever unchangeable. For ye can never have another day or sphere of action, ^{more} than you can have another day of earthly life, when the first is ended by death.

26. Therefore, saith the Lord, O all ye souls of men! — work while your day lasts, even to the last degree of your probationary time; for even until the last degree, there may be a change. The souls who have lost the order of their creation, through willful rebellion, can never regain it; but such must eternally lose a part of the glory of their order; yet even then, until the measure of their sphere in ^{the} creation hath been filled, they may better their condition, by ^{humble} ^{by} ^{repentance} accepting that which may be for them.

27. For all, in every state, will have all the good which can be given them, if they are willing to receive it. But the awful state of darkness, and dreadful gloom which souls will feel in eternity, who have lost the birth right of their order, or have finally lost any degree of the glory of their creation, can never be conceived by the mortal mind, while in the body, any more than the heart of man can conceive the

great ^{happiness} honor, ~~and~~ glory, of those who are established in the perfection of their order.

Chapter XXIII.

The Kingdom of God on Earth consists not in outward Splendor & Show,
but in inward Virtue and Goodness.

1. And now, hear ye this word, Oye children of Zion, saith the holy prophet, I have learned, in the Eternal City of Wisdom and Light, which I viewed in vision, that God never intended that the glory of his Kingdom upon earth, should consist in splendid edifices and magnificent things, to please the eyes and natural feelings of fallen man.

2. Nay, but all such things which have ever been allowed among God's covenant people, were for the purpose of types and shadows ^{to represent} to natural man, the spiritual glory and ornaments of heavenly things, and ~~the order and~~ the order and beauty of the new spiritual creation.

3. And when these things had answered the purposes for which they were given, then they were all taken away, and the substance must be established in their places. But as long as these figures remained, and were placed in the mind, the substance could have no abiding place there.

4. Therefore, Israel of old, who looked for the

Kingdom of God, to come in the glory of such things, and were so exalted in pride by these splendid figures, that they could not receive the simple substance offered them by the meek Son of God, tho he was the real King of Israel. For this reason, these splendid things were all taken away, and, they themselves were scattered to the four winds; because these figures & figurative people stood in the way of the true substance.

5. These magnificent works were taken and destroyed, by the mighty of the world, which was a clear evidence that they were not the inheritance of the Israel of God. Yea, and the destruction of these splendid works were, for the most part, contrary to the wishes of the conquerors. This was a signal manifestation, that in the days of God's visitation, in the last times, the proud and mighty of the world, shall be deprived of those things which tend to feast the pride and vain glory of fallen man: For they shall be destroyed by divine judgments, and by the hands of each other.

6. The glory of the Kingdom of God on earth consists in all things being placed in their proper order, where they can be the most useful, not the most splendid to nature's eye; so also the greatest glory of all souls consists in their being placed where they can do the most good, in the appointed order of the work of God; not where they can appear the greatest to the natural sense.

7. Therefore those who seek glory in any thing,

because it is splendid to the natural sense, or that seek to please themselves in any manner that feeds their pride and ambition; yea, that seek any other things, otherwise than seeking the honor of God alone, and that which is pleasing to His Divine Spirit, do thereby lose a part of their glory in the eternal state; unless this stain is blotted out by repentance and greater humiliation than would otherwise have been necessary.

8. Therefore beware, all ye that are called to be the holy children of Zion, and the followers of the meek and ~~but~~ humble Parents of the New and Spiritual creation, beware of this dangerous sin, and this exalted spirit; for it can have no place in my Kingdom, saith my God and your God: For the true Kingdom of God is in the spiritual Israel, and not in the natural; and His glory is in the spirit and substance; not in the shadow.

9. Therefore hear ye the word of the Lord of true light and knowledge. Behold the Holy Zion, and the heritage of the spiritual Israel, which is and shall be given to the children of the New Creation, and set in order for their habitation, is an emanation from the Heavens, and a pattern of their eternal order.

10. Hence this, in all its branches, is the tabernacle of God with men, and the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth; that is, the place where heavenly spi-

rits and influences reign, and wherein souls are prepared by humiliation and sufferings, for the exalted state and order of the eternal heavens.

11. Your holy Parents were here prepared, by the deepest humiliation and most severe sufferings; so great, that all the exalted spirits of nature had to flee from them; because they could not endure the holy fire in those first-born children of God.

12. Then these holy children rose out of that nature in which those proud and filthy spirits could work, and ascended, pure, holy and refined, from all the corrupt spirits and principles of a fallen nature, into the highly exalted order of the highest heavens of glory.

13. And all souls must follow their humble and suffering steps, that ever go where they are, and are glorified with them in their exaltation. For those who desire to reign with them, must drink of the cup of which they drank, and be baptized with the baptism wherewith they were baptized; which is of humiliation and sufferings.

14. Therefore, all who seek honor and happiness, by pride and self-exaltation, will surely miss their aim: for I am the God of the meek;

I bless the humble and contrite spirit; yea, my spirit and love dwell with the humble soul, saith the Lord Almighty.

Chapter XXIV.

The Vision of the Man coming up out of the sea explained.

1. Thus saith the prophet, I will now explain the vision that I saw, when I was upon earth, of the man coming up out of the sea. This represented the Son of God, who, in the second appearing of that Divine Spirit, came up out of the midst of the sea of the troubled waters of the world.

2. These waters had been long agitated, until the way was prepared, and this Divine Spirit, in the fulness of the new man, arose and came upon earth. He hath now engraven to himself a high and glorious mountain of strength and salvation, higher in Divine power and holiness, than any mountain ever before founded on earth.

3. And on this mountain he hath placed a beacon of eternal light, for all the nations and people on the earth. For he flew upon this mountain, and there is now his resting place on earth, with all his holy Angels and saints of the Most High. And from thence his voice shall be sounded forth through all the earth; yea, and through all the world, visible and invisible. For the holy ~~man~~

Mountain on earth, is but the visible part of the invisible Mountain in the spiritual world.

4. Therefore, tho the exalted spirits of all nations & people, visible and invisible, with all their powers, will be gathered against him, as fast as they hear his voice, even against him in his holy mountains. And tho from the light that shines forth from this holy mountain, they will be sore afraid; yet they will dare to fight. But by the flame of his words, which he ~~sends~~^{will send} out of his mouth, and the fire of his testimony, and the fiery judgments that shall follow, all his enemies will be destroyed.

5. Then will he come down from the mountain into the world, with his light and power, and gather to himself a peaceable multitude, who tho represented by the lost tribes of Israel; yet they are rather the tribes of spiritual Israel, who are lost in the wilderness of nature. Then shall be called from all nations, kindreds, tongues and people, to dwell in his peaceable habitations forever; even forever and ever. For when they have done their work in the humble vale below, they shall be removed to the eternal, peaceful mansions above.

6. Nevertheless, the Divine Spirit declares, that the descendants of the lost tribes of ancient Israel shall yet be found. For tho many of them have

been swallowed up, by mixing with the nations of the east, and with the aborigines of America, many ages past; yet a remnant is preserved ^{particularly} in the interior of Asia; and they shall be brought to light and made known.

7. These have always retained a measure of their ancient faith and knowledge of the true God, and have generally been a peaceable people, as far as was in their power; hence the Lord their God hath remembered them, as he promised. Therefore they shall hear the voice of the son of God, and shall be gathered among his great and peaceable multitude, and share the blessings of His everlasting Kingdom.

8. Yea, a remnant of them shall yet return to the ancient land of Israel, and obtain possession therein. Then shall the children of Israel and the children of Judah become one people, and appoint them one head in that land: for great shall be the days of their visitation.

9. But at every general opening and extension of the work of the new creation, there will arise persecutions, and struggles from the enemy, against this holy mountain, the habitation of the Lamb and his peaceable people. ^{But the enemy shall never prevail.} And the last struggle will be a combination of all the wicked spirits and people of the earth.

10. This will cause the greatest sufferings and trials to the Israel of God, that ever hath been, or ever shall be. But it will be the most terrible to the enemy. For as it hath been foretold by all the prophets, since the world began, the mighty hand and outstretched arm of the Lord Almighty, will be manifested with such wonders, and will destroy the enemy with such terrible judgments, that the victory of Israel shall be accomplished.

11. Therefore, from henceforth, the spiritual order will have the government of the natural. Then shall many, many people, from all nations, kindreds and tongues, flow unto this peaceable multitude, and there shall be no power to stop the work again, nor to hinder souls from having their free choice to the end of time.

12. This glorious and great mountain, wherein is the seat of Christ, in his Divine Percentage, is the central Mount of power, light and glory of the great city which I saw, standing in the place of the woman. This is Mount Zion, the holy Mount of God,^{*} the head of all the tribes of spiritual Israel, the order of the true Church of God.

13. And from thence the Spirit of Christ will come down to the fallen state of man, and call ^{the} peaceable multitude which I saw coming, "whereof some were glad, and ~~and~~ some were sorrowful." For they appeared

* This title was given by the prophet, some months before it was ^{by that name} known among Believers.

just in the various states in which souls first come when they are called by the gospel.

14. "But I would have seen the region or place from whence the mountain was graven, but I could not." For no man, by natural sight or wisdom, can ever see the region or place from whence ^{wisest} the holy Mount Zion, and the eternal City of God; ~~are~~: for this region, and the foundations thereof, are in the spiritual world, and their substance & elements are spiritual.

15. This peaceable multitude, when gathered to the holy Mountain, and proved, all who are faithful will become the children of the good Mother of the new creation, of whom the Lord said; "Mother embrace thy children, and bring them up with gladness, make their feet as fast as a pillar: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord; be ready to the reward, yea, to the reward of the kingdom: for the everlasting light shall shine upon you forevermore.

16. Embrace thy children until I come, and show mercy unto them." For surely, all who prove themselves faithful in the holy work of Zion, when the Lord of the new creation shall come to call them to an account for all that he hath bestowed upon them, shall obtain everlasting mercy and glory, and eternal food for their souls, with unspeakable joy and gladness.

Chapter XIV.

The Substance of the New Creation and its Work illustrated.

1. For I saw, in the midst of the great City, seven ~~mighty~~ mountains, which are the seven primary foundations of the spiritual creation, arising from the work of the strength and power of the seven spirits of God. On these mountains grow roses and lillies, flowers of joy and purity, wherewith the holy children, shall be adorned and filled with joy and thanksgiving.

2. And there are also, in this holy land, twelve kinds of holy and sanctified trees, laden with all kinds of precious, sweet and lovely fruits; and as many fountains flowing with milk and honey. These precious fruits and holy streams, are for the food and drink of the children of the new and spiritual creation.

3. And in the midst is the tree of everlasting life, which will bring forth unto them, the holy ointment of sweet savor. And with this ointment they shall all be anointed, every one in their proper order, by which they shall receive ~~know~~ the knowledge of their duty, with holy gifts and blessings, to lead their souls to the eternal birth.

4. Therefore, O holy children of the good Mother, receive the gift that was given you, and be glad, giving

Thanks unto ^{him} that hath called you to the heavenly kingdom. O receive it joyfully: for while ye are on earth, your souls shall be fed by holy Angels and spirits, with all the good things which the good God of all blessings hath here shewn unto you, as a foretaste of the eternal food.

5. But when ye have finished your work below, in faithfulness, all these flowers shall be your ornaments, and shall delight you with their delicious fragrance. And these fruits and living streams shall be your food and drink, as really to your souls, as their figures in natural things, are the food and drink of your bodies.

6. Think not that these things are merely representations of something to be received in the imaginations of the mind. Nay: for I testify unto all, that houses and cities, fields and forests, trees and plants, fruits and flowers, and the streams and food, of which the Lord hath spoken, appear as real to souls and spirits, in the spiritual state, as do similar things in the natural world. And to such as are saved, they are far more lovely and delicious, than the figures are to the children of this world.

7. These things, Holy Wisdom is willing should be made known to her children; and these things she declares by me, are sacred truths; for I earnestly desired of her, the privilege to make them known to my beloved

brethren and sisters, the children of the same holy King & Queen of the heavenly Kingdom.

8. Yea, holy children, all these things will be fulfilled in this last dispensation, unto all who will "flee the shadow of this world", and give up all for the blessings of this holy work, until the numbers of Zion's children, who have fulfilled the law of life, and are therefore clothed in white, are fulfilled.

9. There are the great people whom I saw on Mount Zion, praising God with songs of joy, and who were crowned and received palms by the Son of God, whom they had confessed in the world; and unto whom the Lord promised to send all the ancient prophets, for their help and leaders, as ministering spirits.

10. Therefore, O children of the new creation, it is in fulfilment of these promises, that the ancient prophets are, in this day, made known unto you as helpers, and as messengers of God to the children of men; to prepare the way for the gathering of this great and peaceable multitude.

11. To gather them to the good Mother, that they may be embraced and brought up by her, in the holy path in which she leads all her children; and may thereby be prepared for the eternal order, and be received, and set in their lot and place, and be crowned with everlasting glory & joy, by their holy, holy Father.

12. Therefore saith your God, let this be the seal of your testimony in this day, to the children of men: The Lord God hath begun, in these latter days, to show His eternal City of light and glory, the ~~the~~ everlasting tabernacle which he hath prepared, for the habitations of His children, in the Holy Mountain where He dwells among men, and feeds them with the fruits of the holy fields that he hath planted.

13. But in His field, or on any part of the sacred foundations of this New Creation, shall no man's building nor devices stand: for it is the City, whose foundations and all its buildings, are the workmanship of God, thro' His appointed Order, and not any thing of man's wisdom; for man would never have chosen such a work. Hence all his labors to build, even after the manner of the temporal order thereof, shall surely fail.

14. For thus saith the Lord God, mighty judgments shall roll through the world, like a sweeping wind and an overflowing flood, to clear the ground for this New Creation of righteousness and truth to spread and grow, until it becomes a great mountain, & fills the whole earth, and reaches and joins the eternal order of the Heavens.

15. For behold, the days are begun, "When the Most High is beginning to visit them that dwell

on the earth; and He shall come to the astonishment of all the inhabitants thereof. And one nation shall stand up against another, and one people against another; confusion and dispersion shall increase, and destruction shall spread through the earth.

16. And he will show great signs and wonders; some of which were never before known. He will raise up messengers that shall run to and fro through the earth, and declare his judgments, and foretell the nature of his work among the children of men. Yea, this shall be fulfilled, "and children of a year old shall speak with their voices." They shall speak for their Father who is in Heaven, to the astonishment of all.

17. Neither is there a nation under the whole Heavens, that shall not be visited in their times, with sweeping judgments of all kinds, according to the measure of their iniquities, which shall not cease until they repent, and accept of the law that I will make known unto them, as hath been declared by my servants, the holy prophets and messengers.

18. Therefore, saith the Lord, who is drawing near to visit and judge the world in righteousness and justice. All your works, O ye children of men! of pride and haughtiness, and all your mighty power, pomp, splendor and vain glory, shall be brought

down and laid low, even to the dust. And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day," which has now begun, and is swiftly going on to its accomplishment.

Chapter XXVII.

The Destruction of the great Beasts, and the Glory of Lion.

1. For behold the ~~apparition~~^{power} which ~~hath~~, in many orders of beasts,^{that} ruled and devoured the world! ~~there~~ I will overthrow and utterly consume, in the days of this last trumpet. Yea, three of the four great beasts, that have reigned in my world, are no more, and never shall be in the order of their power, any more on earth.*

2. And the great eagle, which comprehended the fourth beast, both in its pagan & antichristian character, even this beast or eagle, ~~hath~~, ^{or the Roman empire in its rise & all its changes} hath been rebuked by the lion of my Providence, raised up ⁱⁿ the order of nature. Therefore he was seen in my vision, as a lion chased out of the woods; and I saw that he sent out a man's voice to the eagle.

3. For this is that spirit which contiuds for the rights and liberties of man among all people. And when the eagle's power is overthrown by this lion of Providence,

* Alluding to the Babylonian, Medo-Persian & Grecian powers.

Then shall the holy lion rebuke all the wickedness thereof, and judge the world in righteousness; and shall establish His Kingdom as the eagle falls.

4. The great head in the middle, seen in my vision of the eagle, represented the central power of Antichrist, which so long bore rule over the earth, while the other two heads which I saw, that is, first the Gaulic head on the right side, ^{the power} which centered in the Kingdom of France; and on the left, the head in the Teutonic line, which centered its ~~its~~ power in the empire of Germany.

5. These two heads held the balance of power in the world, during the ages in which the papal head reigned over the earth. But these two heads slept, or were passive as to contending against the power of this great antichristian head in the midst. Nay, they ^{were joined with it} were its main supporters; and ~~its~~ power must had it not been for their support, it must have fallen ages before it did.

6. But this great head received a sudden death wound, by the division in its kingdom called the Reformation, and hath appeared no more in the ancient greatness of his power, but hath been, for some ages, gradually dying, as it were, upon his bed; but with great pain and many struggles, and is now dead, as to his reigning power; yet some of the wings and feathers of the eagle still remain, in the covering power of his

* Alluding to the papal power.

principles, and the influence of the catholic religion.

7. But since this great head hath been dying, those two heads upon the right and left side, have in various ways, and through various branches, ruled upon the earth; ~~for~~ even the power of England is a branch of those two heads; for the germ of its present power arose from the Gaulic head;* and her present monarchy descended from Germany, the seat of the Teutonic head.

8. Respecting these two real heads in their seats, the sword of France, (the Gaulic head) thro' its mighty horn,* slew or wounded to death, the German (Teutonic) head; for he destroyed by the sword, the original power of this great empire. And altho another empire arose, under the same emperor, which centered in Germany; yet this, and other divisions of the empire, secures the utter dissolution of the original power and order of the Teutonic head.

9. After this event, did the Gaulic head itself, begin to fall by the sword, and the death of its original power and order, shall be completed. Nor shall these two heads ever be restored to that order of life and power, in which they formerly stood, as the balancing heads or powers of the world; but their real power shall be growing weaker and weaker, until it shall utterly cease to stand in the despotic and Antichristian life.

* The foundation of the present greatness & power of England was laid by William the conqueror, who descended from France, and was Duke of Normandy.

* Napoleon Buonaparte.

10. And England, which is the daughter of these two heads or powers; altho she hath risen to greater power than both of them ever possessed, she shall yet fall by the sword, famine, pestilence and fire, and the raging convulsions of nature, until her Antichristian establishment, the daughter of the great papal head, or whore of Babylon, shall be utterly overthrown.

11. Yea, verily, her monarchal power, which proceeded from the line of the Teutonic head, shall utterly cease, and all her mighty powers shall fall to the dust. For thou, O England hast, for a long time, lifted up thyself upon the wings of the great Eagle, and hast held her hurtful claws, by which thou hast increased in power, and grown great, and ruled and oppressed many nations.

12. But I will break these wings by the work of my Providence. ^{The star of wormwood shall fall on thy head, and thy whole body shall be full of bitterness.} I will raise up mighty enemies against thee, and will destroy thy power by unexpected disasters; yea, I will pluck these hurtful claws from thy grasp, and thou shalt no more hurt the nations therewith; and all thy exalted pride, haughtiness and vain glory shall fall, to rise no more, saith the Lord God, who will surely meet thee in righteous judgment.)

13. And then shall all the horrible wings, wicked feathers and hurtful claws, and all the vain body

of the eagle be destroyed, by degrees, until it ^{shall} appear no more. For these contain the despotic, tyrannical and antichristian power through the earth, comprehending all national religions, and all ecclesiastical institutions, which bind the conscience; yea, and all slavery and oppressive power.

14. But these are now scattered, in various branches, through the earth, and have no body that supports them under one head which rules over all, as hath heretofore been the case. Where therefore, all the hurtful principles, and all the branches that proceeded from this body, shall be consumed and destroyed by the fire of divine judgments, then shall all the earth be refreshed, and hope for the judgment and mercy of him that made her. [Thus far is the explanation of the great eagle.]

15. Then shall Zion flourish, and her holy branches shall extend through all nations; yea, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and shall be the light and glory of all ~~nations~~^{many}; Therefore and all people shall flow unto it.

16. Therefore, O all ye people, nations, kindreds of tongues, "come and see" this city which hath stood firm and unshaken against all the opposition of wicked

* See 2. Esdras chap. 11 & 12.

men and devils; and is increasing in power, in strength, beauty and glory; while all the buildings, institutions and powers of man are falling before it. But ye can have no part in the blessings thereof, unless ye work together with God, after the true order of His work, when it is manifested unto you.

17. O how beautiful! how lovely! how blessed is this holy work of God, through our heavenly Parents! O how my soul rejoices to find a part therein: for it hath been the object of all my hopes and desires, ever since I saw in vision, the glorious, ^{until I found my relation as a child} holy city, to the good Mother of the New Creation.

18. O how beautiful! how lovely! are the ~~the~~ pure virgin sons and daughters of the heavenly King and Queen! my everlasting love shall dwell with them. I love them, ya, I bless them. Therefore receive this as the testimony of your brother and companion, my dear relations, in the labor and sufferings of the work of the New Creation.

The ancient prophet Ezra.

Testimony of the Prophet Urijah.

Written in ^{the} morning of March 18th 1841.

Introduced by the Prophet Daniel.

In our afternoon meeting of sabbath March 14th the writer discerned a beautiful spirit, worshiping with us. His dress and countenance glowed with a pure and pleasing whiteness, and he appeared very pleasant and joyful. The prophet Daniel, who was with him, said, This is our brother, the prophet Urijah, who lost his life for his prophetic testimony; but no writing of his prophecies hath been handed down to this day. Therefore he now desires to make a short communication, which he is permitted by the Divine Spirit to have written.

The good prophet Urijah, since that time, hath given, by the inspiration of his spirit, the following testimony.

Chapter XXVII.

^{prophet} The relates the circumstances of his death, and gives a solemn warning to persecutors.

I was sent, together with the holy prophet Jeremiah, by the spirit of our God, in the days of the wicked -

King Jehoiakim, to reprove the Jews, and to prophecy judgments and destruction upon them, for their wicked transgressions of the law of their God. This we faithfully did do. But when that unrighteous king heard the words of the Lord by us, he sought to slay us. Then I was afraid, and fled into Egypt.

2. But by trusting in the shadow of Egypt, instead of committing myself to the hands of God, I lost my protection. I was betrayed into the hands of that wicked and cruel king, who slew me with the sword. But my brother, the prophet Jeremiah, who committed himself unto God, was protected, until his prophetic testimony was ended.* But my time of ^{bry} prophecy was shortened by this cruel event. And all written testimony from me, was destroyed; so that none hath come down to this day.

3. Therefore I greatly desired to have my testimony of the present dispensation of the work of God, written with the rest of my brethren the prophets; and this desire is now granted unto me, by our heavenly Parents.

4. I greatly rejoice to be made known to the children of Zion; yea, to be known and remembered by them, as a brother in the spiritual creation, and a child of the blessed Mother thereof. For truly I was honest before my God, in my prophetic warnings to my people; tho' I died by their hands.

5. Therefore, tho' I erred in seeking the protection

* See Jeremiah Chapter 26.

of Egypt; yet I obtained mercy of my God, because I was sincere before him. Still I had to suffer, in a measure, on His account; for God had pronounced a woe upon those of his people who trusted in Egypt; and I had to experience a measure of this woe.

6. And may this be a warning, saith the Holy spirit, to all whom I have called out of the world, never to deviate one jot or tittle from my holy laws, to seek the favor or friendship of the great and popular of this world; for this is trusting in the strength of Egypt; and such as do this, will surely be betrayed thereby, into the hands of their enemies, and lose a part of their day of doing good in my work, if they do not lose their spiritual lives.

7. For doing this, I had to repent; but my God accepted me for my uprightness, and I rested in the world of spirits with those who walked in their uprightness. But that unjust man who slew me; because he knew that I testified against his wickedness, died a shameful death; his name was covered with infamy; and even in that day, he descended into the regions of darkness, and was bound in adamantine chains, never to be released, until his sufferings should pray to the uttermost, all that he had inflicted upon the innocent.

8. And now hearken unto the voice of truth, all ye children of men, and know for a certainty, that all persecutions done, wilfully, against the witnesses of God, knowing, or even believing, ~~or ever~~ ~~believing~~ them to be such, the Lord God of Justice will not pardon. Nor can it ever be forgiven; and the souls that do it, be released from judgments without feeling and atoning for all the pain and sufferings which they have thereby caused.

9. Nay, such persecutors never can be released, until the souls of the innocent whom they have thus wronged, are justly satisfied. For altho' their merciful feelings ~~feelings~~ would mitigate the punishment of their persecutors, Divine Justice cannot release them, until it is satisfied.

10. For verily it is not a light matter for souls to rebel against God's mercy, and do despite to the messengers whom his loving kindness sends unto them, to warn them of approaching danger, and to show them the work which they must do to escape the wrath to come. Nay, saith the Lord, it is the greatest sin that souls, according to their light, can commit.

11. This is the cause of the many ages of awful judgments and sufferings, which have fallen

upon the Jews, both in this world and in the world of spirits; because they have all been bound by this persecuting spirit, together in the shades of darkness. The mercy of the divine and beneficent Savior would willingly have forgiven all his persecutors; but justice forbids, until the debt is paid.

12. For verily this is a sin against the divine order of God's eternal work, and none but the Father only can measure its punishment. Beware, ^O beware of this dreadful sin, ~~at~~ all ye children of men! Had you seen, saith the prophet, what I have seen, of the dreadful state and awful horrors of persecutors, ye would shudder at the thought of partaking, in the least degree, of this horrible sin.

13. Wo unto the tyrants and oppressors of the earth, who decree unrighteous decrees, to oppress the poor and needy, and bind the consciences of souls from their right to chase my righteous ways; yea, and seek to overthrow my work and afflict my chosen people, ~~with the sword~~.

14. I will stretch out my hand, and will cut off all the cruel oppressors and persecutors from the earth; and they shall descend into shades of darkness, in degrees according to their works, and there be bound with chains which cannot be broken, until they repent.

and restitution is made for the wrongs which they have done in my world, saith the Lord.

15. But I will gather the poor and needy, whom they have oppressed, and all those who wait for my salvation; and they shall flow to Zion, and my name shall be glorified in them, saith the God of Israel.)

16. There never was a day when all the bitter spirits of persecution were so likely to ^{be} roused to violent action, according to the extent of their power, as they are in the work of this dispensation. For its requirements and work are more contrary to all the carnal feelings and propensities of man than in any former dispensation. Yet there never was a day when it was so dangerous to persecute.

17. Because, if souls sin against all the atoning power of this day, there never will arise a day of greater atoning work, by which they can be restored; which hath been the case in all preceding dispensations. Therefore beware! for even those who fall from this pure work of God, by chasing the portion of Esau; tho' they lose their birthright; yet if they retain so much good as never to persecute in any manner, they will sooner or later, find some relation to the work of the new creation. And know ye, that ever so small a portion of its light & relation, is unspeakably better than the eternal shades of darkness.

19. But if such wilfully rebel against the Divine light placed in their own souls, and persecute and afflict their righteous, former brethren, there remaineth no promise of God for them. For thereby, they forever cut themselves off from all atonement.

Chapter XXVIII.

The prophet's Vision of the future Work of God; ^{he declares the faith of the ancient prophets,} and his travel in
the spiritual World.

1. Altho my day of prophecy on earth was short; yet my prophetic warnings were, in substance, similar to those recorded in the book of my companion, the prophet Jeremiah. And I also saw, by the spirit of prophecy, that the day in which I lived, was but a day of types and shadows of good things to come, in a day of greater light and true spiritual ~~light~~^{work}.

2. Yea, I saw a new spiritual creation, in which the righteous ^{were to} be rewarded in full, for all their labors, toil and sufferings; and ^{in which God had decreed} righteous judgments ~~should be executed~~ upon all the ungodly. That in this ^{spiritual} creation all things would be set right and just by the Son of God.

3. I saw that a glorious work of righteousness would, by the operations of his spirit take place on the earth;

Yea, that a glorious Kingdom would be established by him; and that all souls, as fast as they were called, if they accepted the offer call, would be set free from all binding power; so that they could come into this kingdom, if they chose, and prepare themselves for the eternal state of glory.

4. So that day, my eyes looked in hope; and for this sake I sincerely worshiped the God of my fathers. But I saw that the souls of the righteous, tho' they might rest in peace, "each one walking in his uprightness"; yet they could not be glorified, nor stand in their lot, until the work of the Messiah's Kingdom, "the hope of Israel," was set in order. But the real work of that kingdom, in its true nature, could not be understood ^{nor understood} by any, until it came.

5. This, O ye deceived children of men! was the faith of all the ancient prophets. Yet ye, who now profess ^{to have} the light of Christianity, are so far behind them, that ye generally think there is no distinction as to ~~to~~ salvation, between the dispensations past or present. But ~~that~~ imagine that those who were righteous, according to their light, in past ages, went, immediately after death, to an eternal Heaven of everlasting glory and happiness.

6. But let all the children of men know, saith the Divine Spirit, that no such Heaven for souls ever

existed, until brought to light by the Son of God, after he had done his personal work on earth. The first manifestation of the foundations of such a Heaven & earth for man, was given at the day of Pentecost.

7. And even then, they could not be set in order, for the abiding habitation of souls, until the present dispensation, when the Divine Son appeared in his full manhood, in union with the Holy Bride, as the joint Parentage of the new and spiritual creation.

8. Now when I went into the world of spirits, as I had been honest before God, according to the light of my day, I rested in peace, in the heaven of upright nature. But my soul was not satisfied there: for I earnestly looked and longed for the hope of Israel to come; until after many ages, I found the Son of God; after he had ascended ^{at that time} and sat down at the right of his Father.

9. For the proclaiming Angels sounded aloud their trumpets, to declare that ^{the almighty} King's eternal Son had come into the world of spirits, to receive to himself a kingdom, and establish it in the order of the spiritual world. Then I arose at this joyful sound, and sought for the King of Israel; who received me, and I soon found a part in his kingdom, according to the work and order of that day.

10. 8. And then I was employed by his spirit, with my brethren, the ancient prophets, in preaching the

faith of the Messiah, and preparing souls in the world of spirits, to extend his kingdom according to the nature of the work in that day. But after the work of his kingdom had ceased to extend in that order, I rested with the ancients in peace, as to our labors in the work of that dispensation. — And we all waited in hope, for the future perfect work to appear, which had been declared by the promises of God.

11. ¶ But after many ages of anxious waiting, I heard the long desired trumpet sound in the heavens, to declare the marriage of the Lamb. Then I heard that blessed call; "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come; let him that heareth say Come; and whosoever will, let him come." Then I joyfully arose and did come, and sought my relation to this holy Parentage; yea, and I soon found my relation to my Mother, who is your blessed Mother, and the Mother, ^{of} the New Creation; so that she has, for many years, owned me as an obedient son.

12. Therefore, my dear relations, good children of Mother, I am now a worker together with you, in this blessed work of redemption and salvation of the poor lost souls of men; yea, and I esteem it as my greatest honor. And it is my peculiar delight, when I am sent to be a ministering spirit of the blessed gifts of the present glorious out pouring of the Divine Spirit on earth.

13. Think ye of the dark ages past, when souls —

groped their way in darkness, and could not find the true light, tho' they sought it with tears and anguish; and you must see, that never had children such a precious privilege before, since the world began. O prize it! O prize it above all things, dear friends.

14. And now will ye receive my special love and everlasting blessing, and own and remember your brother

Urijah.

A prophetic Testimony from the Prophet Malachi.

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Chapter XXX.

The Prophet declares that all the ancient prophecies shall be accomplished in this dispensation, particularly the full manifestation of the sum of Righteousness.

1. Thus saith the Prophet Malachi; I was the last prophetic messenger of the covenant of the Old Testament, until the Messiah appeared on earth. I am now sent of God to bear witness to all that the holy prophets have inspired me to write. Yea, I testify unto all men, that it is the record of sacred truths, and will all be fulfilled in due time; and that all the

prophecies of old center to, and will have their final accomplishment in the work of this last dispensation.

2. The Sun of Righteousness, of which, by the Spirit of God I prophesied, hath, in this day, risen in its fulness, in the united parentage of the holy Son and Daughter. And the center of this Divine Sun, is in the Holy Lion of God, which the Lord God hath built and established in these last days, and not man nor woman.

3. From this holy habitation the glorious rays of this Sun will shine forth, in the appointed order of times, through all the world, visible and invisible, "with healing in his wings," of power and life. And all souls who will gather under the shadow of these Divine wings, and work by this holy light, shall be healed from all the infirmities and depraved corruptions of the fallen nature.

4. Yea, they shall be raised by the power, and carried by the life of those wings, into the glorious order of the new creation, and there be set in the highest dignity of the order of their creation, in the eternal world of light and glory, which the eternal Parents are now creating, and progressively setting in everlasting beauty and order by the holy Parents of the spiritual Creation. This will be accomplished in such a manner, as to be for the greatest honor and glory of the Creator, and for the greatest good & happiness of all beings that shall dwell therein.

5. For by the Divine light of this holy and eternal sun, all souls and intelligent spirits will be able to "discern between the precious and the vile, between them that serve God ~~and them that serve God,~~ and them that serve him not." And thus will they be made perfectly acquainted with their duty, and the work which they must do, ^{five} to the measure of the works of their own order, according to the will of God.

6. But who may abide the day of the coming of the messenger of this divine light? For he shall sit as a refiner of Gold and purifier of silver, and will purify the sons of Levi, (the spiritual leaders of Israel,) that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Yea, this divine light shall be like refiner's fire, and as fullers soap to all the children of Israel.

7. "Then shall the offerings of Judeah & Jerusalem," ^{when attend this purifying work}, yea, of Zion and all her children, be holy and pleasant to the Lord. And then shall ^{the} incense of their holy devotions and pure ~~pure~~ praises ascend up before the throne of God, from their golden censers, wholly acceptable to him forever.

8. But all who will not abide this purifying fire, but cleave to the pleasures and abominations of the world, the fire kindled by the light of this divine Sun, will burn them up, saith the Lord, so that it shall leave them

neither root nor branch, in the holy habitations of God forever.

Q. Therefore hear ye this word, all ye people, and know that all who do the work, revealed by the Divine Son of Lion, do the work of God, according to their day and calling. And such cannot possibly fail of finding the Divine mercy, favor and everlasting love. Nor ~~can~~ can any good that their vessels are capable of receiving, be withheld from them, neither in time nor eternity.

10. For the Divine promises are unalterable to all such souls, that they shall shine forth as stars of resplendent light, and ornaments of eternal glory, in the everlasting kingdom of their Almighty Parents, through infinite ages of ages without end.

Chapter XXX.

^{The joy in the present work of God; he}
The prophet derives prayers for the lost children of men, and foretells
the destruction of spiritual Edom, &c.

1. O ye holy children of Lion! I rejoice and am thankful to be permitted by our heavenly Parents, to make myself known unto you, as a child of your Father and my Father, of your Mother and my Mother; yea, a child of the blessed and holy Parents of this new, this spiritual and holy creation of God, and a companion, a brother and fellow Laborer with you.

2. Will you, my dearly beloved relations, own and fellowship me as such? even the ancient prophet Malachi, who has waited many ages for this blessed relation, and suffer me to give this short testimony, thro' you, to all the children of men, when, and as far as it can be done by the directions of wisdom.

3. Oh how I love the children of the new creation! I am often permitted to meet and rejoice with you, in the beautiful worship and holy gifts which our blessed Mother has procured for you, by her prayers and fervent cries to our Heavenly Father, and poured them out almost without measure, upon all her children. My everlasting love and blessing will forever dwell with all the faithful in Zion.

4. But I must soon go forth, for a season, to administer, by the will of God, the rays of the Divine Sun of Zion, to the poor lost children of men. My brethren, the holy prophets, have so fully answered my feelings, in their communications, that I have but little to add at this time.

5. Nevertheless, I have a special request to make at this time, which is, earnestly to desire the fervent prayers of the children of Mother "to the Lord of the Harvest," for their brethren in nature, who are lost in darkness, and know not the way of salvation, that Divine mercy may be ex-

tended to them; that they ^{may} accept their days of visitation, which are now beginning.

6. And ye will ere long be called to begin the gathering of the harvest, which will gradually increase, until the harvest will become truly plenteous. And I pray to my God and your God, that the prepared laborers may not be few.*

7. For thus saith the Lord showed unto me ^{saying}: Behold the professors of Christianity of this day, have become unto me the house of Edom. They are the spiritual descendants of Esau, who sold his birthright, ~~with his birthright~~, saith the God of light; for they seek ^{the bat} of the earth and all the high places of the natural world & walk in nature's paths, seeking ^{its} pride & pleasure, and indulging in all its fallen and corrupt propensities.

8. And altho' they are the most bitter enemies to the creation creation true Israel of God of any among the natural race; yet they claim their descent from the father of my spiritual Israel; as Edom of old did, from the father of Israel; tho' they were the most bitter enemies to my typical Israel of any people on the earth.

9. Therefore saith the just and equal spirit, the same judgments and the like fate, which fell upon Edom of old, that represented the fallen earthly man,

* This ~~body~~ prophet appeared to the writer several times in the month of July of this year, clothed in garments of a red color, with the impression that this appearance was a sure sign of deep tribulation among the children of Zion, and also of judgment and affliction in the world.

preferring a relation in hypocrisy, to that which is spiritual, while he walks in the ways of fallen nature.

~~Therefore~~ Yea, surely, the like judgments and fate shall fall upon this Edom of fallen Christianity.

10. And such have been falling on them, in a measure, ever since the present dispensation began. Their hypocrisy and enmity to the true work ^{of God,} and to the liberty of souls, and the secret places of their abominations, have been more & more uncovered, like the secret plans of ancient Edom, until their power hath been greatly weakened. Many of their high places and strong holds in the world have been made desolate.

11. Therefore they say, as Edom did of old, "We are impoverished;" but we will return and build again the desolate places.¹³ This they ^{are} laboring to do, by converting the heathen to their corrupt Christianity. And they are striving to build up their mountain and high places of strength and power, by stepping in and taking the lead, in all revivals, where there is any awaking of the spirit.

12. This they do in such a manner, that, if possible, to convert them to their false religion, and gather them to their fallen churches. They also strive to take the lead in all associations which may be

brought forward, for the purposes of moral good; yet, as far as depends on them,^{in a general sense,} their specious ^{support} report is all intended and turned to build up their fallen power, and strengthen the mountains of their corrupt Edom.

13. "Thus saith the Lord, they shall build, but I will throw down; for it is the border of wickedness; the people against whom the Lord hath indignation forever." * And my indignation, ^{shall not cease} to be poured out upon them, with furious rebukes, until, like Edom of old, which they represent, all their hiding places of darkness shall be uncovered, and all their mountains of strength shall be made desolate. For they traffic in the souls of men.

14. Therefore shall sweeping judgments overflow them, and all their traffic in souls shall be cut off, and become as void as ^{is} the ancient traffic of Edom. Yea, all their corrupt powers shall be destroyed from the earth. Then shall your eyes see, O ye children of men! that the Lord hath done this work. Then shall ye say, The Lord will be magnified from the border of his Israel: For the light of Zion, and my holy people Israel, shall shine into all lands.

15. In this work shall be fulfilled the visions of our brother, the prophet Obadiah, who is present, ^{as a witness} and saith by the Divine Spirit; "All ^{the} visions which the Lord showed me concerning Edom, tho' they have had

See Malachi i. 4.

a literal fulfillment upon that people; yet their most important accomplishment will take place in the progress of the work of the present dispensation, called forth by the sounds of the seventh trumpet.

16. For Saviors shall come up on Mount Zion, to judge the mountains of Esau, throughout the earth, and the kingdom shall be the Lord's. And there shall go forth a fire from Israel, and a flame from the house of Jacob,* that shall consume the house of Esau; yea, all the dwellings of Edom, like stubble, and Edom shall be desolate forever. " "

17. Then shall all who seek for safety from the judgments which will swiftly roll on, through all nations. Flee unto Zion, and say unto her children, judge us in righteousness, and teach us the ways of your God. Suffice us to dwell under the protecting shadow of Zion, and we will walk in her paths. And the
 18. times are at hand; Therefore, O ye holy ~~body~~ children, saith Divine Wisdom, be ye always prepared; for ye know not the day nor the hour when ye may be called for: Then be ye ready, that ye may work the work of God, in his time, and great shall be your reward. Fare ye well.

from the ancient prophet Malachi

* This alludes to the fire of the gospel, and the flame of those who in the world zealously contend for the light and power of the Divine Spirit.

The second part of the communication
from the Prophet Daniel, in which his prophetic
^{Not dated, when written, but commenced about 1st April}
Revelation is finished.

Chapter XXXI.

The prophet declares the time when the promise was fulfilled
that he should stand in his lot; and also shows the progressive
operations of the work of God, which will bring all souls into their
final lot.

1. Thus saith the prophet, I have suspended the revelation
which I began to read unto thee, from the holy records of
truth, in order to give some of my brethren, the prophets,
who desired it, an opportunity to leave ^{their} prophetic tes-
timonies written by mortal hand. But as all who were
ready, have finished what they had to communicate, at
this time, I shall proceed to finish all that I am now ready
to make known.

2. What the Holy prophets have inspired thee to write,
is all sacred truths, and all that they have prophesied,
will surely be fulfilled in due time.

3. The glorious Angel of prophecy said unto me,
"Go thy way Daniel; the words are closed up and sealed,

till the time of the end." Therefore none could fully understand the meaning of those parious and prophecies, which had been given, until the end of those days there alluded to. For no creature, nor anything whatever, could be placed in its true lot and order, before that time should come. Hence the true order could not be seen.

4. But at that time, all these things would be manifested in their time, to those who ^{shall} stand in the true nature of the work of God. Therefore the Angel said unto me, "But go thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." The end of these days was at the time that the Zion of God was established on earth, as the center of union for all the families of spiritual Israel. And I had to wait until this time, to come into my lot in the order of the new creation.

5. Altho I arose from my resting place, at the sound of the seventh trumpet, and found my relation, as a child to the blessed Mother of Israel, while she was on earth; yet I could not stand in my lot, till Zion was established in order. But at this time Zion, in the spiritual world, was set in order; and its order on earth, was a corresponding emanation therefrom.

6. Then I found my lot, as a prophet of Wisdom in the New Creation, and a messenger of God, to

guide and protect the messengers of the gospel to the children of men; yea, and a guiding spirit to the ministering spirits, which are sent forth to prepare the way for the increase of the everlasting work of the Kingdom of God.

7. From this time, the work of the eternal order has been going on, and all the ancient prophets have found a place in the new creation, and are prophets and ministering spirits, in the orders of the work of God in these last days. And since the Jubilee of Zion, the work of bringing souls into their lots, and all things into order, in the new creation, hath been more rapidly going on in the spiritual world; hence the great out pouring of the spirit, to establish corresponding order on earth.

8. The shaking and breaking work which commenced at the first sounding of the last trumpet, will, in this third sound, soon begin to increase in many ways; and will continue in one degree of increase after another, to shake and break all things which stand in the way of the everlasting order that God is now bringing forth in all things, visible and invisible.

9. For all that is old and false, must be removed, before that which is new, and created in the order of eternal truth, can take its place. The seeds of the

new creation, in all things, were sown in the old natural creation. But not one ~~soul~~ nor spirit thereof could come into their final order and lot, until the order of Zion was found.

10. The Creator, from the beginning, hath measured all things in an order, according to His eternal Wisdom, applicable to their nature, and hath numbered them according to that order; and that measure and order can never be altered.

11. But souls and spirits, by wilful rebellion, may fall from their order, and then they must suffer eternal loss, or receive an eternal snare. But no soul ~~nor~~ spirit can ever fall into that state without wilful rebellion against their own ^{best} ~~great~~ light.

12. All nations and people that ever existed on earth, are created in an order to fill a certain measure, in the eternal creation of God. And they are all numbered by the Creator, according to that order of genius which fills that measure.

13. Therefore all nations and peoples, who shall attain to the everlasting kingdom, will be glorified together, in their proper order. And all people will enjoy the greatest happiness with those who are in the general class of their creation.

14. Thus all things and all properties, being placed in their proper order, like the constellations of stars in the natural heavens, and all corresponding in the glory of their creation, will reflect bright rays of goodness and divine love, upon each other, and thus circulating correspondent rays of light and glory in their movements of endless orders of increase, will make the everlasting beauty and glory of the eternal creation of light and truth.

15. To prepare the way for this final order, the providential work of God will bring all nations and people into a state of such liberty, that they shall not feel the bondage of oppression from any quarter.

16. For while ^{the} national sense of any people feels the bondage of oppression, it causes a chafing curmudgeon in the soul, which obstructs the free operation of the work of God in that soul. Hence, the gospel of the new creation can never spread to much extent, among any people who do not enjoy a national freedom of natural rights.

17. For this reason, the revolutionary spirit and principles, which are now at work in the world, shall never cease their operations, until every government under heaven shall be so revolutionized

tionized that the people feel themselves in a state of national freedom, and enjoy the rights of conscience.

18. Therefore, whether the people be white or black, whether civilized or savage, God regardeth ^{as creatures of his peculiar care;} them, and His judgments and providential work shall never cease, until all souls shall be set at liberty, freely to choose that work which the righteous God shall shew unto them in their order.)

Chapter XXXIII.

The severe judgments of God against oppression & slavery in this land of Columbia.

1. Hear the word of the Lord, O thou land of Columbia. Thus saith the holy and just God unto thee: Thou that art exalted unto Heaven, by the privileges and favors which I have showered upon thy land, where, by my Providence, the tree of liberty hath been planted, for the deliverance, in due time, of all the human race from tyranny and oppression.

2. In this land, I have planted by my hands, the holy vine of my Kingdom, whose boughs shall extend through the ~~the~~ earth, and whose leaves are for the healing of the nations; and its fruits shall be the food of all souls who shall ever inherit the eternal Kingdom of light and life.

3. Woe, woe, unto thee, O Columbia; because thy children have abjured the liberty wherewith I have set thee free; that thou mightest be for a light, in the order of my Providence, unto all people. But in their pride and their oppressive spirit, they have held millions of souls, as good by nature as themselves, in the most bitter bondage and severe oppression: Yea, and have exercised upon them, such cruel and wanton tyranny as even savages would shrink from perpetrating.

4. Think not, O Columbia, to excuse thyself for this ~~cruel~~ oppression, because slavery had taken deep root in thy land, while under the monarchical power ^{of} Britain. Did not my hand set thee free from the tyrannical sway of that power? And didst not thou, through thy leaders, in that struggle, proclaim before the whole world, "That all men were born free and equal; and that they were endowed by their Creator, with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?" And did they not appeal to me for the justice of their cause?

5. Yea, this was the standard under which they went forth and prospered, and thy deliverance was effected. Wherefore then, O ye rebellious children! have ye presumptuously mocked me, after I had heard their cries, and through my providence had set them at liberty, and have deprived your fellow creatures of all

These blessings, which ye have repeatedly declared to be their unalienable rights, given by their Creator: for on this ground ye have professed to build the fabric of this nation.

6. Even that nation, against the oppression of whom government ye cried unto me, hath burst the bands of the slave, throughout all its dominions. And surely this righteous work shall be remembered by Divine Justice, in the days when I shall visit that nation, & shall stay a just portion of their judgments, and all people shall yet know that all things are weighed by me in a just balance, saith the God of all.

7. But ye have still held fast ^{to} the accursed thing, and still resist the spirit of ~~the spirit~~ of the age, the operations of which are stirred up by the Angels of my providence; and as a nation, thou hast fallen behind, in this respect, nearly all the nations or people on this whole land of America, which, by the work of my providence, have been set at liberty from the tyranny of the old world ^{whereas they ought in this thing, to have taken the lead, according to the station in}, for they have set ^{up} ~~up~~ ^{the} example of breaking the bands of ^{slavery,} ^{which} thou ^{hast} refused to follow.

8. I have given thy children space to repent of this great sin, and to wash away its dark stains from thy land. I have raised ^{up} witnesses, who have borne testimony to thy children against this cruel oppression, as the greatest national

sin of thy people; but thy children have not hearkened unto them.

9. Nay, they have in no wise repented; but multitudes of them have done like Egypt of old, when I sent unto them to let my people go, whom they held in bondage. Yea, they have by their own presumptions and shameless declarations, become more determined to maintain this oppression, and have increased the cruel bondage of the poor victims of their pride, lust, luxury, and cruelty.

10. And they have also persecuted, cruelly abused, and even shed the blood of those who testified ^{wickedness} against them. And while it is thy boast, that thy children enjoy greater liberty and knowledge than any other people, many of them are the greatest advocates and defenders of cruel bondage and ignorance of any people on the face of the earth.

11. Therefore, O ye wicked people! Think ye that, that Almighty power, who set this nation free, hath been blind to these horrid impieties; because he hath suffered you to go on, and fill up your measure of iniquity amidst so many favors? Gladly he not warned you to reform, O ye people? But you have not hearkened to his voice.

12. Therefore saith the Lord God of all power, I will surely deal with thee, Columbia, for this terrible ^{sin} of thy children. I will stretch forth my hand; yea, I have already begun to stretch it forth, and will roll and roll heavy judgments upon thee, with furious rebukes.

The land shall be covered with dark clouds of terror, confusion and bitter depredations.

13. Earth shall tremble and shrink under their polluted feet, until all thy children shall be horribly affrighted; for they are worthy to be punished with judgments, in clouds of thick darkness; because amidst all the light, that hath shined upon this land, which is far greater, both natural and spiritual than hath ever shone on any nation on earth. ^{under this light} ~~yea~~ they have done deeds of darkness without number.

14. Verily, their deeds of darkness are enough to cause the sun to withdraw its shining, and to be covered with a thick vail of darkness, to hide its face from beings made in the image of the merciful Father; but who have filled the character of the dark and accursed spirits; and the nation hath supported this wickedness.

15. Therefore, O thou that hast been so highly favored, were it not for the sake of my chosen, the Lion of my glory, which I have placed in thy land, and because I have done all the works of my Providence in thee, that my spiritual Israel, the people of my new creation, might first rise, and find a permanent foundation in thy land. Yea, were it not for these things the glory of this nation should sink to rise no more.

16. But notwithstanding these things, as thou hast followed the dark and rebellious example of Egypt; thou shalt partake of like plagues and darkness. I will surely deal with thee in darkness, plagues, pestilence, famine, fire and blood. Thy children shall be covered with mourning and woe, until thou art so humbled as to hearken to my voice. But in my judgments I will distinguish between the merciful and the unmerciful.

17. And thou shalt know that thy blessings have not come upon thee, for the goodness or ^{for} any virtue of thy children; but for Lions sake. Yea, for the raising up of my people, ^{that} the souls of the poor, ~~and~~ oppressed and needy may be saved. For thou art ~~one~~, according to thy light, which I have given thee, the most haughty, rebellious nation on the earth.

18. For know, all ye people, that it is not a light thing, to cry unto God in distress, and appeal to him under oppression; and when he hath heard and wrought deliverance, then to abuse that deliverance, by inflicting greater oppression and distress upon others. Nay, it is the greatest moral sin and rebellion which ^{any} people can commit.

19. Therefore, as I live, saith the righteous God, surely the dark stain of this horrible sin of slavery, shall be purged out of this land, if it is washed away by the blood of her children. For in this land where my everlasting Kingdom is rising, all souls shall yet be set free, ^{to} receive the work of my salvation, if they chose.

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20. And when thy children are humbled & repent, I will show mercy unto them. Yet know for a certainty, all ye that have wantonly abused the poor slaves, that ye shall never find mercy, and an inheritance in my kingdom, until those whom ye have thus abused, have found a place therin. And ye shall never find a place there, until ye find it by submission to them, and ^{by} making full atonement.

Chapter XXXIV.

The restoration of a remnant of Israel; a Branch of the Church of Christ shall be established in their ancient Land. &c.

1. He saith the prophet, To fulfill the work of righteously and order, in this glorious dispensation, the remnant of my people, the ancient Israel, for whom while on earth, I often bowed my knees in fervent cry and supplications to my God; and for whom I have never since ceased to supplicate the Father of mercies for their deliverance and restoration to that state, that they might be able to partake of his Divine goodness, shall be remembered in mercy.

2. Yea, I say, God hath heard the fervent prayers of their intercessors, and remembered them. And thus the operations of His Divine Providence among the nations,

many of them shall be gathered to the land of their fathers in peace; so far that they shall enjoy a government of their own, and a state of national freedom.

3. For while in their scattered state, oppressed by all men, and especially by the professors of Christianity, their anguish and misery of spirit is such, that they can receive nothing under the Christian name; nor could they have any idea of a Savior, who would not deliver them, and restore them to a state of national liberty.

4. But when they shall come into a state of national liberty and freedom, they will then have an opportunity of candid consideration; and in the result they will be convinced, that Jesus Christ, whom their fathers persecuted unto death, was the true Messiah, and they will own him as their Lord.

5. Then will the gospel of his second appearing be preached unto them, and many of them will receive it; and a glorious branch of the Church of ~~Christians~~ of Christ, in the order of the new creation, will be built up in that land in which the Savior and his followers were first persecuted.

6. Thus saith Divine Wisdom, the terrible judgments, the awful states of the remnant of Israel, and their cruel oppression among all nations,

and all professions of men, and still surviving, hath been the greatest wonder to all people that ever was made known on earth; nor could the natural wisdom of man ever reconcile it with Divine justice.

7. For God hath declared that the children shall not bear the iniquities of the parents; yet it is generally supposed that the awful fate of the Jews hath, in a great degree, proceeded from the sins of their forefathers. But I say unto all the children of men, that there oppressed children of Israel have never been punished for the sins of their forefathers. Nay in no wise.

8. But they have suffered for their own iniquities; for they have walked in the steps of their fathers, and were bound together, with the spirits of their ancestors, and ~~were led by their influence obeyed them~~, tho' they were gone into the world of spirits; hence they had to suffer with them.

9. Therefore, as they maintained the belief that they were the only people of God, and would not acknowledge any as such who would not submit to their law of outward ceremonies, which were abolished in Christ. So long as they maintained this belief, had they dwelt and prospered, as a nation, in their own land, they would have been a stumbling-block to all people.

10. But they have begun to learn, by ages and ages of bitter disappointment, that God hath not chosen them to the seclusion of all other people, who did not submit to their laws. Before these latter days, had any man rose up and restored them to their own land, whatever his character might ^{have been}, would have been received by them as the Messiah.

11. Nevertheless, the ^{Jews} now begin to expect that they shall be restored by the work of Providence, through the increasing light and tolerant liberality of the nations towards them. And these principles are increasing in the world, as well as this expectation in them, which are caused by the operations of my Spirit, to prepare the way for their deliverance and restoration.

12. For the use and benefit of their cup of sufferings, meted out to them, according to the measure of that order which they filled among the nations of the world, both visible & invisible, is nearly fulfilled. Nor will they now be a stumbling-block to the people, if they are restored; may; but this is a needful part of the chain of that work which shall fulfill all righteousness.

13. And this restoration will be a most convincing example to all nations & people, of the goodness & justice

of the providential work of God, in these latter days, as well as a witness to those who are called in the New Creation, of the universal goodness and blessing of the gospel, in this dispensation, to all people, in an order adapted to the peculiar state of each.

14. Harken unto me, saith Divine Wisdom, all ye people in all the world. Know for certain, that when ye see any nation fall under special judgments on earth, that the spirits of that nation are suffering ~~suffering~~ just judgments in the invisible world, for their wickedness while on earth, particularly for national pride, injustice and cruelty.

15. Therefore, because those of that nation ^{on earth} continue bound in the same spirit, they are thus chastized with them. This visitation is to humble them as a people, or else by the visitation of judgment, to remove them out of the way of the present order of God's work, in its general operations of progressive increase. Hence all their connections & descendants on earth, who are bound with them, must suffer with them, until the object is accomplished. Then will it cease, but cannot before.

16. This, for many ages, hath been the case with the Jews in the world, both visible & invisible. But in this third sound of the trumpet, the object is nearly accomplished. Therefore it would be a stumbling-block in the way of the work of my providence,

17. ~~and~~ ^{to have} Their sufferings continue. / The children of Israel, in the world of spirits, have begun to acknowledge the Son of God as their Savior and King. Yea, many of their ancient leaders in rebellion, and

persecutors of Christ, have suffered until they are humbled, and have repented, and sought the mercy of God; and thus have found the merciful forgiveness of Moses and Jesus Christ; hence their judgment is taken off.

10. And the same work and the same mercy will be extended to their descendants on earth, in proportion as it ^{is} extended in the world of spirits. Thus, as they rise in greater and greater rectitude and glory there; so will the same rectitude and glory reflect in correspondent order upon their poor children on earth.

19. Hear ye this word from the Divine Source of Wisdom and Knowledge, all ye nations of the earth! Hath not the constancy of the remnant of Israel, under the persecutions of all the earth, rather than to deny their God, or mingle with the nations, (which persecutions they might have avoided had they so done,) shown unto all men an integrity which hath never been found in any other people under heaven?

20. And hath not their preservation, when all men have combined to exterminate them, been a standing miracle ~~miracle~~ to all people, of the truth of ancient prophecy? And think ye that this wonderful preservation

is in vain? That their Creator and preserver hath no future purpose, in the order of his work, to accomplish thereby? Nay verily.

21. But as their preservation under such sufferings, as no other nation ever experienced, is one of the greatest evidences of the truth of the Divine Word; so shall their restoration, the purpose for which they have been preserved, be as great an evidence that the word of God can never fail.

22. Yea, verily, all the fruits of their integrity, are laid up in store for them, and shall be placed as constellations of glory and honor to their nation, when they have found their order in my eternal work, and each one shall be honored and glorified in proportion to their sufferings therefor, saith their just and merciful creator.

23. Nevertheless, as Israel stood in the way of the coming in of the Gentiles ^{to} ^{the} faith of the gospel, in that dispensation, their fall and removal was necessary to make room for the Gentiles, that they might come into their order, in the work of God. Thus have they suffered for all nations, that all might have a privilege to find a place in his everlasting Kingdom.

24. But if the fall, and diminishing ^{and sufferings} of Israel have been for the gathering in and fullness of the

Gentiles, ~~be their~~ how much more shall the coming in of the Gentiles be the fullness and glory of Israel, when they shall find and acknowledge their Savior, and be gathered into their order in his new and everlasting creation of righteousness?

25. O how sweet is this vision unto my soul! saith the merciful prophet, to see the deliverance of my poor, oppressed, ever afflicted and suffering brethren, for whom I have suffered so much grief and sorrow! Thus far is the oracle concerning Israel.

* See page 78. and the prophet Zechariah, who had been his witness, delivered the prophetic revelation contained in the five following chapters. This holy prophet hath, several times, been manifested to the writer, both in meeting and out. His appearance was that of a tall man, with a very bright and amiable countenance, clothed in garments covered with small diamonds and silver spangles, which appeared to be interwoven with the cloth. He uniteth with us, very joyfully, in the worship of God.

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* Introduction to the prophet Zechariah, see page 78. Chap. XII.

1 Thus saith the prophet Zechariah, The time hath now come, when it is the will of God, that those things should be more fully revealed, which were in part given thee, by the operations of my spirit, when thou knewest not that spirit as thou now knowest it.

2. These things thou wast not formerly permitted to write; for they could not then go forth with their proper authority. But it is the will of God that they should now be written in their true order, and go forth by inspired authority in due time, for a witness to all men, and especially to the children of Zion. Therefore hearken, and write them truly, all that I shall reveal unto thee.

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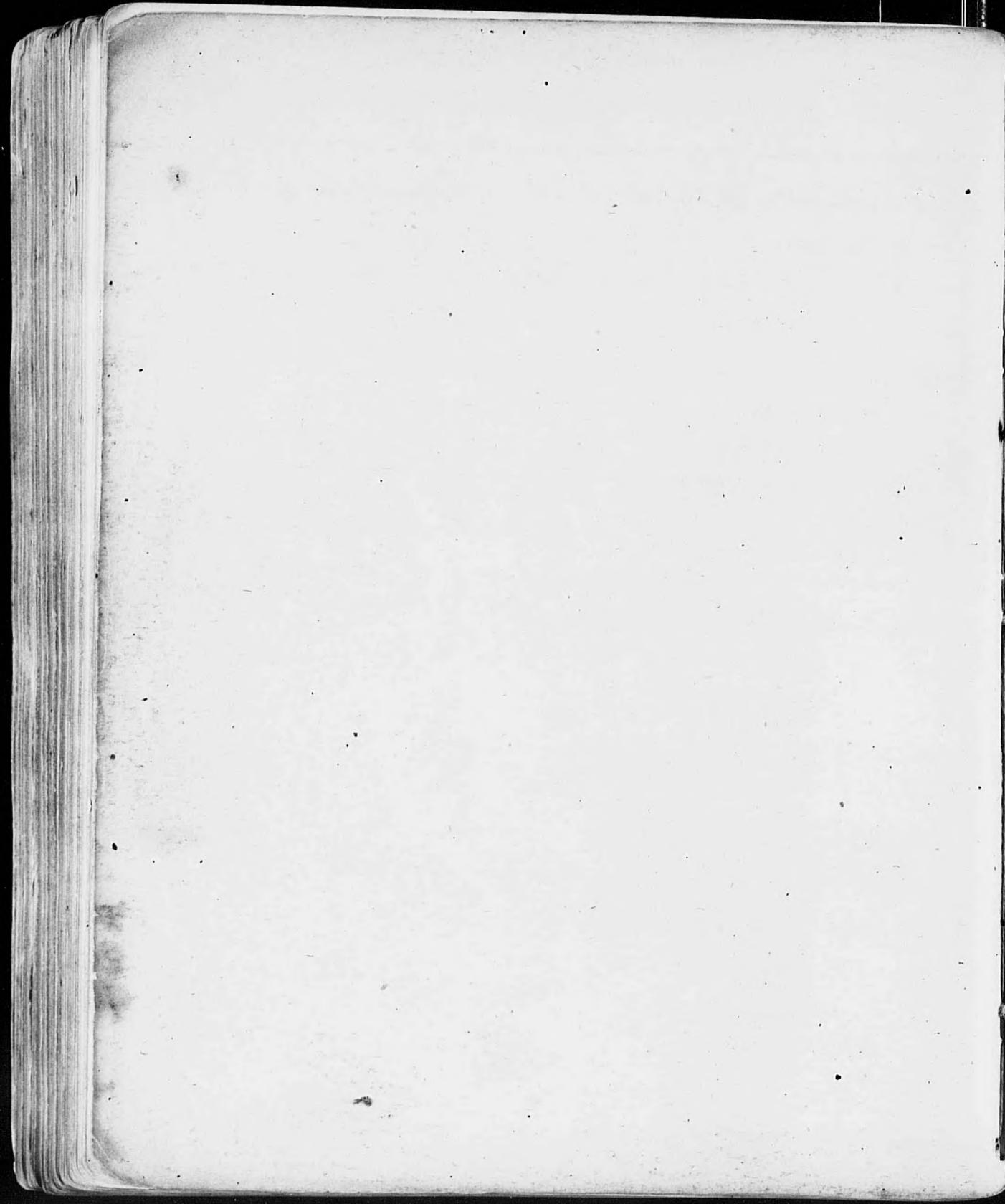
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