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Aprophetic Warning.

Given in the church at New Lebanon, Sabbath morning, July 18th 1841.

Early this morning, the prophet Daniel appeared to the writer and said; I am sent once — more, from my Heavenly Father, to deliver a solemn warning to the children of Zion.

2. Beloved relations; have ye not often been warned by your heavenly Parents, and the holy prophets and messengers of God, in the most solemn and earnest manner, of approaching heavy judgments, which would shortly take place in the world? — ^{Add}that judgments must begin at the house of God, and roll through the land, and continue to operate until they shall go through the earth? And ^{also}that the children of Zion could not escape feeling a portion of these judgments; that they may know how to feel for the poor lost children of men?

3. And now, saith the prophet, what use have ye made of these warnings? Have ye made use of them to prepare and make ready for that day? — to repent of all wrongs? to humble yourselves, and pray to your Heavenly Father, in a low and dependent spirit? — to seek his mercy, as ye have been taught, if peradventure his hand may pass lightly over Zion, with a stroke of mercy, that ye may learn wisdom thereby, to know your duty, and save all that can be saved, and lay up a useful ^{store} of good things, with which ye have been blessed, both spiritual and temporal?

4. Have ye not been warned that ye will need all these things that ye could lay up in store, to feed yourselves and the hungry children of men, who would yet flock to you for help, in the days that are coming? Truly, says the prophet, my spirit is grieved, and the spirits of ^{heavenly} your Parents are grieved at the careless neglect that overshadows the feelings of many, in these respects.

5. For what purpose, beloved children, say your heavenly Parents, do ye suppose that these warnings were given? Were they given merely to inform you of the judgments that were about to come upon the world? And think ye that ye have no duty to do to prepare for these things? — Did not wisdom direct that ye should lay up a good store of the necessaries of life, when these things were plenty & cheap?

6. Hath not the uncommon drouth, as well as the frequent warnings of your heavenly Parents and spiritual messengers, admonished you of an approaching scarcity? Yea, this drouth is a warning voice of God to prepare for heavy judgments. And have ye made any provision of these things on this account?

7. Ye could much better have done without some other things, and laid out the expense in this way; and it would have been far more pleasing to your heavenly Parents; and ye would have obtained a greater blessing, and made yourselves more comfortable.

8. And now hearken, my dear friends, it is not yet

too late to remedy, in some measure, this neglect, if ye will labor for wisdom, and set about it without delay. For tho' ye will have to suffer more by these judgments than ye would, if ye had taken warning, and improved it wisely, in this respect; yet a blessing will now attend this labor, and ye may escape much that will fall upon you, if ye do not improve it: for these judgments upon the ^{earth} cannot be escaped.

9. And there will be a great scarcity; in many places approaching near to, and in some a real famine. And if ye do not conduct yourselves humbly and wisely, ye will assuredly suffer that loss of which you are not aware.

10. Therefore be wise, O my children, saith Divine Wisdom: for if ye will hearken to my voice, in all things, I will work for you, in ways that ye know not; and your labors shall be blessed, and the fruits of the earth shall yield beyond that which ye have reason to expect. *

11. The holy prophet Elijah ^{being} present, said, "Children of Zion, do ye not believe these things? Surely it is the truth. It is the word of God, that will certainly be fulfilled. Yea, the work hath now begun which was prefigured by the fire that was three times brought down from Heaven, by my ministration on ~~the~~ earth.

12. "The fire of God hath come down upon earth, and will cleanse Zion from all that is unclean and offensive to her holy God. And it will operate in the world,

* The season of 1841, proved fruitful, with us, beyond expectation, notwithstanding the drought.

both naturally and spiritually, and convince the fallen race, and cut off the ungodly, until all the inhabitants of the earth shall know that it is the hand of God that is dealing with them.

13. For thus, saith the holy prophet, "The Lord God hath begun a work in this day, such as was never before seen on earth. Yea, he hath come down, with his avenging and mighty sword, to plead with all the nations of the whole earth, for their unrighteousness. And his sword of fire shall not cease their work, until all nations and people shall be humbled before him. The present time commences the most solemn period that the children of men have ever seen; and it will prove the most decisive work that hath ever taken place among the fallen race of man."

14. Therefore, O ye chosen people of God, for whom he hath done so many marvellous things, beware that ye are not charged with the sin of ingratitude, and that ye do not disbelieve the work of his hand; for if ye do, great will be your judgment, far greater than will come upon the lost world that know not God, as ye have known him. Ye will surely suffer until ye know ~~ye know~~ that these things are not mere natural occurrences, but the movements of the special hand of God.

15. Therefore be wise, and hearken unto the voice of Wisdom before it be too late. For as the Lord liveth, he

will deal with you as his peculiar people, both in the order of his providence and grace; and ye shall know it. And the world shall know that ye are the chosen of the Lord, by his ^{and in distinguishing judgments upon the disobedient} dealings with you in mercy, if ye are obedient. But Zion shall never fail; for under all afflictions, her God will provide a way of deliverance for her faithful children."

16. Father Joseph being present, said, "It was by my earnest prayer to my Heavenly Father, that the holy Prophets have been sent to make these communications, as a further confirmation of those things which have been revealed by your heavenly Parents. And all that these prophets have declared, is according to the mind of all your Parents. These things are true; and if you receive them as such, and obey their counsel, ye will thereby find a blessing.

17. Dear children, says Father, my spirit is sorely grieved, to see how lightly many of you have treated the solemn warnings which have been given you! How little you observe the counsel and instruction which hath been so mercifully sent unto you, by all your kind Parents, and which hath been taught and confirmed to you from the beginning, by your visible Head.

18. How oft have ye been taught to save all that could be saved! To gather up the crumbs, that nothing be lost; to beware that ye did not carelessly ^{destroy} the least thing of any value.

19. Nay, there ought not to be one (in this first church, which is called to be an example to all others, as ye have often been taught,) that can destroy the least thing, through a careless and heedless spirit, without feeling admonition, and repentance for it.

20. Yet I have watched over you, and seen many of you carelessly pass by things exposed to ^{loss} and destruction, and feel no more about it than if they were of no value;— and leave many things in that state to be lost or injured, as tho' you had no sense that they were consecrated to God, or that ye should ever suffer any loss thereby; yea, in a heedless sense, destroy or injure things of value, as tho' ye cared nothing about them. But know ye, for all these things, ye will surely have to suffer in the visitation of God.

21. It is for these reasons, and for having gathered many things from the world which God did not own, that ye will have to suffer a great portion of judgments with the world, that ye would have been protected from, had ye not so done, but had hearkened to the voice of your Lead, and the Messengers of God.

22. Therefore, dear children, I exhort you to call to mind, and repent of all these things, in low humility, then in your humiliation your judgment will be taken away. If ye will do this, and gain those careful and prudent principles that ye cannot waste the least thing

that God hath bestowed upon you, nor carelessly destroy any thing whatever, ye shall receive the blessings of your Heavenly Father, and Zion will never suffer for the necessary things of this life, in any great degree.

23. But if ye do not hearken to counsel, and learn wisdom in these things, some of you who are now lavish and wasteful, will yet see the time that ye would be thankful to gather ^{up} the crumbs that ye now waste, when it is too late, and would be glad to possess that which ye now destroy, but will not be able.

24. I desire the counsel of the prophets, respecting prudently improving the time that may still remain, to lay up a store of grain and other necessaries, may be received as the counsel of God, and be carefully attended to, if the Lord feel union therewith.

25. If those who have the temporal charge of these things, will labor to feel a gift, they will gain it. And the good ancient patriarch Joseph, who, by the wisdom of God, saved his people, will attend them, and assist them with wisdom; and they shall prosper in their undertakings, and receive my blessing, and the blessing of ^{all} your heavenly Parents.

26. Then I heard the voice of Brother David Meacham, saying, "I desire that this counsel may be attended to in the fear of God, as the counsel of Wisdom. Let it become a principle, at all times, to be carefully attended to, in due season.

If the temporal stewards of the house of God will obey it,
my spirit shall be with them, and help and bless them."

27. Mother Lucy says, I fully unite with all that hath
been communicated in these matters. It is the counsel of God.
I have felt much grief concerning these things. Dear children,
take warning before it be too late.

28. Father and Mother, together with the prophets,
send their best love and blessing to the Ministry & Elders,
of the Church of God, and to all who will receive and ob-
ey this friendly counsel and merciful warning.

29. Brother David Meacham says, "I send my special
love and blessing to the temporal stewards of Zion. Dear
Friends, know ye that I am still your friend & Brother;
that I am often with you, and watch over and help you
in love.

From the prophets Daniel, Elijah and others.

A short prophetic warning from the ancient Prophet Daniel.

Given June 24th 1841.

Introduction by the Inspired writer.

On the 23^d. of June, as I was sitting in a room ⁱⁿ the Office, in silence, I heard a sound as of a trumpet; two or three times repeated. I then discerned the prophet Daniel, with several Angels coming into the room. The prophet informed me that he had a communication to make, but did not then say what it was. The next day (24) he came again, and by the inspiration of his spirit made the following communication..

1. The time has now come for those judgments to commence in the world, of which the children of Zion, have often been forewarned. Judgment hath already begun at the house of God, and hath operated in divers manners, by arraigning all before the judgment seat of God, to give a just account of their state, and by showing unto all their true standing before God; and also by purging out those who would not come to the truth, and repent, so as to find the mercy of the Divine Spirit.

2. And now the time is come for the work of judgment to begin among the children of men. The

ministering spirits of judgment are now sent forth into the world, under the direction of the Angels that came with me. And judgments will take place in divers ~~and~~ manners, at times and ways not looked for.

3. Yea, strange events will take place, by fire, floods, fierce winds and raging storms, by sea and land, and by famines, drouths, pestilence and plagues. These things will increase in such a manner, that the people shall see that they are not ordinary occurrences; but they will be convinced that these events are the effects of an overruling Providence. Then shall many souls be waked up to cry unto God and seek his mercy.

4. Therefore the time is now come, of which your heavenly Parents have warned you, for Zion to put on her mourning garments, and for her children to walk exceeding humble and low, with great circumspection and fear of God, in all they do, and all they say; yea, to be sure that they truly repent of all wrongs, in word & deed.

5. If they do this, and come into such a humble state, that their heavenly Parents are satisfied with them, the judgments of God will pass lightly over Zion, and his distinguishing mercy will be extended to her children.

6. But if any will not do this work, they cannot be sheltered in Zion, but must suffer with the world. It is necessary that Zion should partake, in a measure,

of the judgments which are sent upon the world, that her children may know how to feel for the lost children of men. Yea, they must repent, not only for themselves, but also for those who know not how to repent for themselves.

7. For it is necessary that repentance should first begin at the house of God, that thereby there may be a fountain of repentance in Zion, by which a door of repentance and mercy may be opened, for those who are humbled by the hand of God; so that they desire to repent and seek his mercy. For the power of true repentance, and the door of mercy, can be opened only in Zion, where the Lord of salvation hath placed his name forever to abide.

8. The prophet says, the present drouth is a portion of judgment, as a warning to the children of Zion, of great approaching judgments upon the world, and a call to Zion's children to come into that humble, repentant state, that they may be able to fulfill their duty in these times of judgment.

9. For if they keep in that state, which God, their heavenly Parents, requires, and fervently pray in that dependent spirit which God owns, he will hear them, and they shall not suffer essential loss; but his hand will cover them, so that they will be distinguished in the eyes of the children of men,

as being exempted from a great portion of those judgments which shall come upon the world, who will thereby be convinced that these are the chosen of the Lord.

10. Therefore many, when judgments come upon them, will be waked up by spiritual operations, and will flee to Zion for protection. For soon the sound of judgment will be heard, from east, west, north and south. Yea, during this year, many events will take place, peculiarly alarming and destructive to man.

11. Therefore, O ye children of Zion, prepare, prepare and make ready for the work of these times: for we, we, unto them that bring judgments upon Zion! But blessed, yea, blessed shall thou be who keep her charge, saith the Lord God of righteously and truth.

12. Beloved Leader, the prophet desired that the foregoing might be written as a warning testimony of that which must shortly be made manifest. This with the love and blessing of

The prophet Daniel.

