

“Seat of God’s Throne”

“...And the government shall be upon his shoulder...” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

“Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord...” (Isaiah 35:2)



Revelations and Selection of Writings

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

(Matthew 7:21-23)

“A tempest, unprecedented in its violence, unpredictable in its course, catastrophic in its immediate effects, unimaginably glorious in its ultimate consequences, is at present sweeping the face of the earth. Its driving power is remorselessly gaining in range and momentum. Its cleansing force, however much undetected, is increasing with every passing day. Humanity, gripped in the clutches of its devastating power, is smitten by the evidences of its resistless fury. It can neither perceive its origin, nor probe its significance, nor discern its outcome. Bewildered, agonized and helpless, it watches this great and mighty wind of God invading the remotest and fairest regions of the earth, rocking its foundations, deranging its equilibrium, sundering its nations, disrupting the homes of its peoples, wasting its cities, driving into exile its kings, pulling down its bulwarks, uprooting its institutions, dimming its light, and harrowing up the souls of its inhabitants. . .

The powerful operations of this titanic upheaval are comprehensible to none except such as have recognized the claims of both Bahá'u'lláh and the Báb. Their followers know full well whence it comes, and what it will ultimately lead to. Though ignorant of how far it will reach, they clearly recognize its genesis, are aware of its direction, acknowledge its necessity, observe confidently its mysterious processes, ardently pray for the mitigation of its severity, intelligently labor to assuage its fury, and anticipate, with undimmed vision, the consummation of the fears and the hopes it must necessarily engender...

Not ours, puny mortals that we are, to attempt, at so critical a stage in the long and chequered history of mankind, to arrive at a precise and satisfactory understanding of the steps which must successively lead a bleeding humanity, wretchedly oblivious of its God, and careless of Bahá'u'lláh, from its calvary to its ultimate resurrection...Ours rather the duty, however confused the scene, however dismal the present outlook, however circumscribed the resources we dispose of, to labor serenely, confidently, and unremittingly to lend our share of assistance, in whichever way circumstances may enable us, to the operation of the forces which, as marshalled and directed by Bahá'u'lláh are leading humanity out of the valley of misery and shame to the loftiest summits of power and glory.” (*Call to the Nations*, Extracts from the Writings of Shoghi Effendi; Universal House of Justice)

“Summons of the Lord of Hosts”

(A few Revelations from the vast Bahá'í Sacred Scriptures)

“O SON OF SPIRIT! My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly, and radiant heart, that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable, and everlasting.”

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“The Great Being saith: The Word is the master key for the whole world, inasmuch as through its potency...the doors of heaven, are unlocked.”

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“How couldst thou forget thine own faults and busy thyself with the faults of others?...”

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“How long will discord agitate the face of society?... The winds of despair are, alas, blowing from every direction, and the strife that divideth and afflicteth the human race is daily increasing. The signs of impending convulsions and chaos can now be discerned, inasmuch as the prevailing order appeareth to be lamentably defective.”

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“Humility exalteth man to the heaven of glory and power, whilst pride abaseth him to the depths of wretchedness and degradation.”

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“It is in Our power, should We wish it, to enable a speck of floating dust to generate, in less than the twinkling of an eye, suns of infinite, of unimaginable splendor, to cause a dewdrop to develop into vast and numberless oceans, to infuse into every letter such a force as to empower it to unfold all the knowledge of past and future ages.”

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“The day is approaching when We will have rolled up the world and all that is therein, and spread out a new order in its stead. He, verily, is powerful over all things.”

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“Be a treasure to the poor, an admonisher to the rich, an answerer of the cry of the needy, a preserver of the sanctity of thy pledge.”

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“In this journey the seeker...discovereth the paths of guidance and the ways of his Lord...
When once the seeker hath ascended unto this station, he will enter the
City of Love and Rapture...”

“Summons of the Lord of Hosts”

“Compose your differences, and reduce your armaments, that the burden of your expenditures may be lightened, and that your minds and hearts may be tranquillized. Heal the dissensions that divide you, and ye will no longer be in need of any armaments except what the protection of your cities and territories demandeth.”

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“Say: Teach ye the Cause of God, O people of Bahá, for God hath prescribed unto every one the duty of proclaiming His Message, and regardeth it as the most meritorious of all deeds. Such a deed is acceptable only when he that teacheth the Cause is already a firm believer...”

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“That which the Lord hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith.”

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“The Great Being saith: Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.”

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“The Day Star of Truth that shineth in its meridian splendor beareth Us witness! They who are the people of God have no ambition except to revive the world, to ennoble its life, and regenerate its peoples.”

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“O CONCOURSE of patriarchs! He Whom ye were promised in the Tablets is come.”

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“It is Our wish and desire that every one of you may become a source of all goodness unto men, and an example of uprightness to mankind. Beware lest ye prefer yourselves above your neighbors.”

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“Be fair in thy judgment, and guarded in thy speech.”

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“Let each morn be better than its eve and each morrow richer than its yesterday.”

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“Know thou of a certainty that the Day Star of Truth hath, in this Day, shed upon the world a radiance, the like of which bygone ages have never witnessed.”

“Summons of the Lord of Hosts”

“Say, Lo! The Father is come, and that which ye were promised in the Kingdom is fulfilled!”

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“There can be no doubt whatever that the peoples of the world, of whatever race or religion, derive their inspiration from one heavenly Source, and are the subjects of one God.”

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“If ye meet the abased or the down-trodden, turn not away disdainfully from them, for the King of Glory ever watcheth over them and surroundeth them with such tenderness as none can fathom...”

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“Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts.”

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“Whoso ariseth among you to teach the Cause of his Lord, let him, before all else, teach his own self, that his speech may attract the hearts of them that hear him.... Take heed, O people, lest ye be of them that give good counsel to others but forget to follow it themselves.”

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“The essence of faith is fewness of words and abundance of deeds.”

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“Be an ornament to the countenance of truth, a crown to the brow of fidelity, a pillar of the temple of righteousness, a breath of life to the body of mankind, an ensign of the hosts of justice, a luminary above the horizon of virtue, a dew to the soil of the human heart, an ark on the ocean of knowledge, a sun in the heaven of bounty, a gem on the diadem of wisdom, a shining light in the firmament of thy generation, a fruit upon the tree of humility.”

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“The utterance of God is a lamp, whose light is these words: Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship.”

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“When the victory arriveth, every man shall profess himself as believer and shall hasten to the shelter of God’s Faith. Happy are they who in the days of world-encompassing trials have stood fast in the Cause and refused to swerve from its truth.”

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“Be as a lamp unto them that walk in darkness, a joy to the sorrowful, a sea for the thirsty, a haven for the distressed, an upholder and defender of the victim of oppression.”

“Summons of the Lord of Hosts”

“O POPE! Rend the veils asunder. He Who is the Lord of Lords
is come overshadowed with clouds.”

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“Think not that We have revealed unto you a mere code of laws. Nay, rather, We have
unsealed the choice Wine with the fingers of might and power. To this beareth witness that
which the Pen of Revelation hath revealed. Meditate upon this, O men of insight!...”

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“The purpose of the one true God in manifesting Himself is to summon
all mankind to truthfulness and sincerity, to piety and trustworthiness, to
resignation and submissiveness to the Will of God, to forbearance and kindness,
to uprightness and wisdom. His object is to array every man with the mantle of a saintly
character, and to adorn him with the ornament of holy and goodly deeds.”

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“Consort with all men, O people of Bahá, in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. If ye be aware
of a certain truth, if ye possess a jewel, of which others are deprived, share it with them in a
language of utmost kindness and good-will. If it be accepted, if it fulfil its purpose, your object is
attained. If any one should refuse it, leave him unto himself, and beseech God to guide him.”

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“Open, O people, the city of the human heart with the key of your utterance.”

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“The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and
His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race,
and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men. Suffer it not to become
a source of dissension and discord, of hate and enmity.”

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“Say: Beware, O people of Bahá, lest ye walk in the ways of them whose
words differ from their deeds.”

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“Wert thou to consider this world, and realize how fleeting are the things that pertain unto it,
thou wouldst choose to tread no path except the path of service to the Cause of thy Lord.”

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“Incline your ears to the words of this unlettered One...”

“Summons of the Lord of Hosts”

“O Supreme Pontiff! Incline thine ear unto that which the Fashioner of mouldering bones counselleth thee...”

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“Be unjust to no man, and show all meekness to all men.”

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“Bestir yourselves, that the brief moments that are still yours may not be dissipated and lost. Even as the swiftness of lightning your days shall pass, and your bodies shall be laid to rest beneath a canopy of dust...”

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“Verily I say, in this most mighty Revelation, all the Dispensations of the past have attained their highest, their final consummation.”

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“The Great Being saith: O well-beloved ones! The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch.”

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“We have decreed, O people, that the highest and last end of all learning be the recognition of Him Who is the Object of all knowledge.”

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“Ye are the stars of the heaven of understanding, the breeze that stirreth at the break of day, the soft-flowing waters upon which must depend the very life of all men...”

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“Release yourselves, O nightingales of God...and wing your flight to the rose-garden of unfading splendor.”

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“We love to see you at all times consorting in amity and concord...and to inhale from your acts the fragrance of friendliness and unity, of loving-kindness and fellowship.”

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“The Great Being saith: Blessed and happy is he that ariseth to promote the best interests of the peoples and kindreds of the earth. In another passage He hath proclaimed: It is not for him to pride himself who loveth his own country, but rather for him who loveth the whole world. The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens.”

“Summons of the Lord of Hosts”

“O kings of Christendom! Heard ye not the saying of Jesus, the Spirit of God,
‘I go away, and come again unto you’?”

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“Let not a man glory in that he loves his country;
let him rather glory in this, that he loves his kind.”

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“...Dedicate the precious days of your lives to the betterment of the world.”

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“I bear witness, O my God, that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to worship Thee. I
testify, at this moment, to my powerlessness and to Thy might, to my poverty and to Thy wealth.
There is none other God but Thee, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.”

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“Man’s merit lieth in service and virtue and not in the pageantry of wealth and riches.”

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“Forget your own selves, and turn your eyes towards your neighbor.
Bend your energies to whatever may foster the education of men.”

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“Bestir yourselves, O people, in anticipation of the days of Divine justice,
for the promised hour is now come. Beware lest ye fail to apprehend
its import and be accounted among the erring.”

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“We dare not, in this Day, lift the veil that concealeth the exalted station
which every true believer can attain, for the joy which such a
revelation must provoke might well cause a few to faint away...”

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“The Ancient Beauty hath consented to be bound with chains that mankind may be released
from its bondage, and hath accepted to be made a prisoner within this most mighty Stronghold
that the whole world may attain unto true liberty. He hath drained to its dregs the cup of sorrow,
that all the peoples of the earth may attain unto abiding joy, and be filled with gladness.”

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“HOW long will ye, O concourse of divines, level the spears of hatred at the face of Bahá?
Rein in your pens. Lo, the Most Sublime Pen speaketh betwixt earth and heaven.”

“Summons of the Lord of Hosts”

“I bear witness, O friends! That the favor is complete, the argument fulfilled, the proof manifest and the evidence established. Let it now be seen what your endeavors in the path of detachment will reveal. In this wise hath the divine favor been fully vouchsafed unto you and unto them that are in heaven and on earth. All praise to God, the Lord of all Worlds.”

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“O PEOPLE of the earth! By the righteousness of the One true God, I am the Maid of Heaven begotten by the Spirit of Bahá...” *

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“Say: God sufficeth all things above all things, and nothing in the heavens or in the earth but God sufficeth. Verily, He is in Himself the Knower, the Sustainer, the Omnipotent.” *

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“Immeasurably exalted art Thou, O Lord! Protect us from what lieth in front of us and behind us, above our heads, on our right, on our left, below our feet and every other side to which we are exposed. Verily Thy protection over all things is unfailing.” *

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“For all that hath been exalted in the Bayan is but as a ring upon My hand, and I Myself am, verily, but a ring upon the hand of Him Whom God shall make manifest — glorified be His mention!” *

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“Glorified art Thou, O Lord, Thou forgivest at all times the sins of such among Thy servants as implore Thy pardon. Wash away my sins and the sins of those who seek Thy forgiveness...” *

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“All that I beg of Thee, O my God, is to enable me, ere my soul departeth from my body, to attain Thy good-pleasure, even were it granted to me for a moment tinier than the infinitesimal fraction of a mustard seed.” *

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“O LORD! Thou art the Remover of every anguish and the Dispeller of every affliction. Thou art He Who banisheth every sorrow and setteth free every slave, the Redeemer of every soul.” *

Bahá'u'lláh: ‘Glory of the Lord’

*(Lord of Hosts, 1817-1892)
(Imprisoned and Exiled for 40 years)*

The Báb: ‘The Gate’ *

*(Harbinger and Herald, 1819-1850)
(Executed)*

————— Selection of Writings —————

“When Christ appeared, twenty centuries ago, although the Jews were eagerly awaiting His Coming, and prayed every day, with tears, saying: ‘O God, hasten the Revelation of the Messiah,’ yet when the Sun of Truth dawned, they denied Him and rose against Him with the greatest enmity, and eventually crucified that divine Spirit, the Word of God, and named Him Beelzebub, the evil one, as is recorded in the Gospel. The reason for this was that they said: ‘The Revelation of Christ, according to the clear text of the Torah, will be attested by certain signs, and so long as these signs have not appeared, whoso layeth claim to be a Messiah is an impostor...In this wise did they object to that Sun of Truth, although that Spirit of God was indeed the One promised in the Torah. But as they did not understand the meaning of these signs, they crucified the Word of God.’”

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“Consider! The station and the confirmation of the apostles in the time of Christ was not known, and no one looked on them with the feeling of importance — nay, rather, they persecuted and ridiculed them. Later on it became evident what crowns studded with the brilliant jewels of guidance were placed on the heads of the apostles...”

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“At His first coming Christ also came from heaven, as it is explicitly stated in the Gospel. Christ Himself says: “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven” [John 3:13]. It is clear to all that Christ came from heaven, although apparently He came from the womb of Mary. At the first coming He came from heaven, though apparently from the womb; in the same way, also, at His second coming He will come from heaven, though apparently from the womb. The conditions that are indicated in the Gospel for the second coming of Christ are the same as those that were mentioned for the first coming...”

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“Love is the most great law that ruleth this mighty and heavenly cycle, the unique power that bindeth together the divers elements of this material world, the supreme magnetic force that directeth the movements of the spheres in the celestial realms. Love revealeth with unfailing and limitless power the mysteries latent in the universe. Love is the spirit of life unto the adorned body of mankind, the establisher of true civilization in this mortal world, and the shedder of imperishable glory upon every high-aiming race and nation.”

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“Be trustworthy, sincere, affectionate and replete with chastity. Be illumined, be spiritual, be divine, be glorious, be quickened of God, be a Bahá’í.”

‘Abdul-Bahá: ‘Servant of the Glory’
(Master and Center of the Covenant, 1844-1921)

“As to the position of Christianity, let it be stated without any hesitation or equivocation that its Divine origin is unconditionally acknowledged, that the Sonship and Divinity of Jesus Christ are fearlessly asserted, that the Divine inspiration of the Gospel is fully recognized, that the reality of the mystery of the Immaculacy of the Virgin Mary is confessed, and the primacy of Peter, the Prince of the Apostles, is upheld and defended.” •

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“The emergence of a world community, the consciousness of world citizenship, the founding of a world civilization and culture – all of which must synchronize with the initial stages in the unfoldment of the Golden Age of the Bahá’í Era – should, by their very nature, be regarded, as far as this planetary life is concerned, as the furthestmost limits in the organization of human society, though man, as an individual, will, nay must indeed as a result of such a consummation, continue indefinitely to progress and develop.” •

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“How – we may well ask ourselves – has the world, the object of such Divine solicitude, repaid Him Who sacrificed His all for its sake? What manner of welcome did it accord Him, and what response did His call evoke?...A persecution... mowed down, with tragic swiftness, no less than twenty thousand of its heroic adherents, who refused to barter their newly born faith for the fleeting honors and security of a mortal life.” •

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“The principle of the oneness of mankind is described in the Bahá’í Writings as the pivot round which all the Teachings of Bahá’u’lláh revolve.” *

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“Bahá’u’lláh, the Revealer of God’s Word in this Day, the Source of Authority, the Fountainhead of Justice, the Creator of a new World Order, the Establisher of the Most Great Peace, the Inspirer and Founder of a world civilization, the Judge, the Lawgiver, the Unifier and Redeemer of all mankind, has proclaimed the advent of God’s Kingdom on earth, has formulated its laws and ordinances, enunciated its principles, and ordained its institutions.” *

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“We hold firmly the conviction that all human beings have been created ‘to carry forward an ever-advancing civilization’; that ‘to act like the beasts of the field is unworthy of man’; that the virtues that befit human dignity are trustworthiness, forbearance, mercy, compassion and loving-kindness towards all peoples. We reaffirm the belief that the ‘potentialities inherent in the station of man, the full measure of his destiny on earth, the innate excellence of his reality, must all be manifested in this promised Day of God.’” *

Shoghi Effendi: ‘Guardian’ •
(Sole Interpreter, 1897-1957)

Universal House of Justice: ‘Trustees’ •
(Supreme Elected Governing Body Seated on Carmel by Sharon)

Prophecy Fulfilled

“...Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?” (Matt. 24: 3)

1. “And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars...For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.” (Matt. 24:6-7)

The *Thirty Years War* (1562-1598) and *French Wars of Religion* (1618-1648) between Protestants and Catholics, the *Napoleonic Wars* (1804-1815) and the *Seven Years' War* (1756-1763) involving European Powers, the *American Civil War* (1861-1865), and of course the *World Wars*, among others. The four famines of 1810, 1811, 1846, and 1849. The major Influenza and Cholera pandemics occurring from 1729-1920. Earthquakes have shaken the earth repeatedly—which all reveal that at any moment this prophecy could be seen as fulfilled, and likely in the mid-19th century.

2. “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.” (Matt. 24:14)

Many publications in the mid-1800's stated that the Bible was being preached in every nation (see *A Hundred Years of Missions* by Leonard, *Eight Dissertations* by Faber, *Our Day in the Light of Prophecy* by Spicer, etc...). “In 1816, the American Bible Society was formed. George Storrs, in the newspaper “Midnight Cry,” on the 4th of May, 1843, stated that these two societies [British and American]...were spreading the Gospel of Christ in every part of the world” (see *Thief in the Night* by Sears). As a result, Biblical scholars predicted that this prophecy would be fulfilled by 1844.

3. “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel, stand in the holy place...” (Matt. 24:15)

Daniel prophesies 70 weeks (Dan. 9:24) (A day for a year—Num. 14:34, Ezk. 4:4-6) (70 weeks=490 days=490 years) after the Order to restore Jerusalem (given in 457 BC) (Ezra 7:7-8) the ‘Messiah will be cut off.’ 457 + 33 (Age at Crucifixion) = exactly 490 years (see *Some Answered Questions*). Now, Daniel's prophecy: “...and the abomination of desolation, to give the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?...Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed” (Dan. 8:13-14). 2300 days (years) from year 457 BC (with no year 0) = 1844.

4. “...Jerusalem shall be trodden down...until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled...then they shall see the son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” (Luke 21:24-27)

In 70 AD, Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman Titus, and the Jews were exiled exactly as had been foretold by Christ. The Holy Land was hence occupied and ruled by Gentiles (non-Jews), until the Turkish Empire in 1844, under pressure of Western powers, signed an agreement called the Edict of Toleration (see *Public Record's office—London*) permitting religious freedom in their territory, and for the first time began the *Restoration of the Jews to the Holy Land*, which would later become the state of Israel (also see *Battle of Megiddo—1918*). This promise was fulfilled in 1844.

“But of that day and hour knoweth no man...but my Father only.” (Matt. 24:36)

“For many shall come in my name saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many.” (Matt. 24:5)

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night...” (II Peter 3:10)

“For the son of man shall come in the Glory of His Father.” (Matt 16:27)

“And the glory of the LORD came...by the way of the gate...” (Ezekiel 43:4-5)

“...and I will write upon him my new name.” (Rev. 3:12)

“Ye shall know them by their fruits...” (Matt. 7:16-20)