

VISION BY JOHN LANDERS.

After the death of Bro. Joseph there was great confusion among the Saints and many would-be leaders of the people arose. Some believed one thing and some another; some believed one part of the work as established by Joseph Smith, some had faith in another part; some believed he had authority up to a certain time, some to a different date. I believed him and his work entirely.

One evening I was at a meeting where there was much discussion of the subject, and while meditating upon it, about ten o'clock, I was carried away in a vision which lasted all night, and until nine o'clock the next morning.

In the vision I was surrounded by myriads of glorified spirits. They commenced to organize the Church or Kingdom of God. They called four quorums of the greater priesthood and three of the lesser. These they called grand quorums, because they comprised the whole church. Out of these seven quorums there were formed five more, which made the number twelve. When they had completed the organization of the church they began again and organized another after the same order and exactly the same pattern. When the second was completed they organized a third, and thus continued until there were seven such similar organizations. I was informed that the first was the church in the days of Adam; the second in the days of Noah; the third in the days of Abraham; the fourth in the days of Moses, at the foot of Mount Horeb, called the Horeb Covenant; the fifth on the plains of Moab, over against Jericho; the sixth by Jesus Christ; the seventh and last by Joseph the Seer. I noticed throughout all that all these organizations of the church and kingdom were exactly alike. I said to the Lord, "I wonder greatly at the exactness of your works." He

said, "That exactness exists through all the workmanship of God."

Many things that transpired then I might relate, but I shall only say I could be no happier than I was then in the contemplation of the things God had revealed to me. I had no desire to leave that place where the countenances of all shone with love and happiness. I asked the Lord if I might stay, but he said I must return to earth and finish my work.

The order and harmony I saw in the church or kingdom of God I did not find in any of the factions that arose after the death of Bro. Joseph, neither did I ever find it again until the Lord called his servants to reorganize his church.—Autumn Leaves, February, 1900.

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Thus saith the Spirit unto thee my people: Behold, the Lord requires of you a faithful service, this is his hastening time and he requires all to put forth the powers that are with you for the extension of his most glorious work. The Lord is looking for a work from you for he requires your services. This is a time of sacrifice and the conditions of the work financially call for all you can do. Think not it will be loss sustained, for what you may do for this, the Lord's work, but remember with the Lord, giving is part of the law of increase, the day is near when the endowment promises shall be granted the people of God for the work must go forward and his purposes be accomplished. The waste places shall again be builded as the Lord has decreed and his people shall dwell together in peace and the hand of the Lord shall work mightily with his