

THE CHURCH OF Jesus Christ

“...A seer shall the Lord my God raise up...”

2 Nephi 3:6

A Message from the Quorum of Twelve Apostles

The Church of Jesus Christ stands alone in the belief that this scripture is yet to be fulfilled and that a Choice Seer will come forth in the last days and be used to bring the Seed of Joseph, the Native Peoples of the Americas, who are of the Twelve Tribes of Israel, to the knowledge of the covenants God has made with their fathers. Joseph will then be used to take the message to the remaining Tribes of Israel. Indeed, this will be a part of the “Marvelous Work and a Wonder” proclaimed in the scriptures:

*And the Lord will set his hand again the second time to restore his people from their lost and fallen state. Wherefore, he will proceed to do a **marvelous work and a wonder** among the children of men. Wherefore, he shall bring forth his words unto them which words shall judge them at the last day, for they shall be given them for the purpose of convincing them of the true Messiah, who was rejected by them: and unto the convincing of them that they need not look forward any more for a Messiah to come...” (2 Nephi 25:17-18)*

It is important for *The Church* to understand the timing, magnitude, and work of the *Choice Seer*. Other factions of the Restoration may believe that he has already come forth and that his work is done but the scriptures verify this is not so. Let us search the scriptures to know the exact meaning of the term *Choice Seer* and prepare ourselves to assist with this marvelous work.

1. In the *Bible* the word Seer is synonymous with the word Prophet, that is, one who foretells the future. (1 Samuel 9:9; 2 Samuel 24:11; 1 Chronicles 29:29; Amos 7:12)
2. The *Book of Mormon* explains that a Seer is greater than a Prophet because he can do more than prophesy of future things. A Seer is a revelator, that is, one that reveals the will of God. A Seer can translate ancient records through the gift of God. A Seer can know of things which are past and also of things which are to come, and by them, shall all things be revealed. To be a Seer is the greatest gift one can possess. (Mosiah 8:13-17; 28:16)
3. A Choice Seer will be raised up by God in the latter days. He is called “choice” because he is chosen to do a specific work in delivering his people, a remnant of the *House of Israel*, from spiritual bondage. He will do no other work than that which is commanded of him by God and he will be great in God’s eyes. (2 Nephi 3:6-8)
4. The *Choice Seer* will be from the *Seed of Joseph*. It is clear that the *Choice Seer* is “...not the Messiah but a branch which was to be broken off, nevertheless, to be remembered in the covenants of the Lord that the Messiah should be made manifest unto them in the latter days, in the spirit of power, unto the bringing them out of darkness unto light – yea out of hidden darkness and out of captivity unto freedom.” (2 Nephi 3:4-5)

The *Bible* also clarifies that *Israel's* deliverer in the latter days, the *Choice Seer*, will come from the *Seed of Joseph*: "...that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins." (Romans 11:25-27)

5. The *Choice Seer* is likened to Moses of old and he will have the power to bring forth the *Word of God* to the *Seed of Joseph* and to convince them of the word which shall have already gone forth among them. He will use the *Bible* and *Book of Mormon* and other records that shall come forth to confound false doctrines, lay down contentions, establish peace among them and bring them to a knowledge of God's covenants to Israel. (2 Nephi 3:9-12)
6. Out of weakness he will be made strong. They that seek to destroy him will be confounded. (2 Nephi 3: 13-14)
7. His name and his father's name will be Joseph and God will give him wisdom and power as was given to Joseph of Egypt. (2 Nephi 3:15-16)
8. He will not be powerful in speaking but will have a spokesman to declare the words he shall write. He will be given the wisdom to join together the *Words of the Lord*, given to all of the various tribes of Israel dispersed throughout the world, into a message that will convict the hearts of all Israel. It is written that "...it shall be as if the fruit of their loins had cried unto them from the dust; for I know their faith. And they shall cry from the dust; yea, even repentance unto their brethren, even after many generations have gone by them. And it shall come to pass that their cry shall go, even according to the simpleness of their words. Because of their faith their words shall proceed forth out of my mouth unto their brethren who are the fruit of thy loins; and the weakness of their words will I make strong in their faith, unto the remembering of my covenant which I made unto thy fathers." (2 Nephi 3:17-21; 2 Nephi 29:11-14)

While other restoration churches may believe that the *Choice Seer* has already come forth and completed his work, the preceding information makes it clear that his time has not yet come. *The Church of Jesus Christ* looks forward with an eye of faith to see the day of his appearing! Last month we confirmed that it is the *Divine Commission* of *The Church* to take God's promises in the *Book of Mormon* specifically to the *Seed of Joseph* and to proclaim the *Gospel Message*. We emphasized that the *Choice Seer* will convince them of the word which shall have already gone forth among them. Now is *OUR* time to prepare for his coming and to make the *Divine Commission* a high priority in our outreach programs. We exhort *The Church* to pray for success in these the latter days. May we look forward to the day when these words of Isaiah shall be fulfilled:

Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been? Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Isaiah 49:21-23

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