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yet intrusted the greatest unto his servants, but it shall be, for all must learn the full plan of God.

6. "As I have told you, there are those that are called for special work. There are those that have been raised up that this work might be carried on. Many have been true, some have not. The hearts that are honest before the Lord will find place with him as they obey his wise design.

7. "Fear not, the words I bring are from the Lord. I speak at his command. Greater things shall be revealed for in principle and in power by the Spirit of the Lord all righteousness shall be brought about.

8. "Thus saith the Lord your God, 'Let my servant Emmanuel G. Glaeser come into this work and take up his calling and I will be with him. Lo, I have raised him up for my cause. I will bless his home and those of his loved ones, for in joy they shall know I have spoken.

9. "'Come all ye faithful and I will open the way before you, I will bless your efforts, and my Spirit shall fill your souls with joy.

10. "'I have sent my servant John to reveal my will—and he shall yet come, as much shall be done; for this work was he born, to prepare³ the way before me. I am your Lord, I change not. I speak to the ends of the earth. Repent ye, for my kingdom is among men.

11. "'Let peace dwell in your hearts for I shall quicken many and my plan shall be fulfilled, saith your Lord.'

12. "Let these men come into this work in full purpose of heart and take up their work as elders. Let them be set apart: C. D. McCormack, Carl Franks, H. E. Bryant, A. R. Rendon, A. F. Brace, J. E. Taylor, W. N. Lemmon and Paul Costa. The Lord has heard their prayers and felt after them. He will bless them if they will heed his voice; for this is the great responsibility given to man. Let William L. Davis take up his work.

13. "Let Charles B. Harvey and J. W. Derr be set apart as elders for the Lord has need of them. Let Arthur Sheldon be set apart as a deacon. Let Martin Case, as an evangelist, be in the field.

3. Luke 1:76.

14. "Let more be sent into the field for the harvest is white—therefore, as much as possible let all be up and doing.

15. "The Lord knows your burdens. He will provide. Fear not man, this is the Lord's work and I will come to direct as the Lord your God will command. By his Spirit he will search the hearts of mankind, and the greater light and power shall be among you as you prepare for it.

16. "I come from the presence of the Lord. I am your fellow servant and my name is John. I am the Elias. I cried repentance in the wilderness. Again I cry repentance that the plan of God might be fulfilled. Be watchful unto prayer and the Lord will hear you and much shall yet be done to the glory of God.

17. "Let your faith be firm as Job, who humbled⁴ himself before God.

18. "The words I speak are for the Church. Give them to the brethren. Let them be sent that the message of life and Christ's soon coming may go to all mankind.

19. "I leave peace with you and the Church.

20. "I shall come again."

FIFTY-SECOND MESSAGE

The Messenger of the Lord appeared in my room 3:20 a.m., October 4, 1941. He came from the presence of the Lord and spoke as one having authority. I plead with you that know it not as yet, go to God in all humility and ask in faith as to the truthfulness of the coming of John the Baptist, the Elias clothed in light and power, and it will be made known to you by the power of the Holy Ghost.

1. "Awake! Behold I come again. Take the message I will give you. I come from the Lord God for he is over all, even all his wise design. Yea, those that are faithful unto the instructions I bring shall no more be confounded.

2. "This is the day of judgments; and the famines, pestilences and plagues will come and have come as I told you. There will be suffering, because of the evil one, to deceive and hinder. Men will oppose the hand

4. Job 42:1-6.

that feeds them; they will mistrust their fellows because of the evil and unrest among them.

3. "There will be those that contend against the word of the Lord. They shall be accursed, for unto them the Lord will show no greater thing.¹ Those that are not humble and forgiving, obedient to the truth, shall fall by the way.

4. "'But, to the faithful, thus saith the Lord, Harken! Ye, my servants; arise to your calling. Oh, I have plead! Few have heard. If you believe in God believe also in me, for it is my words that shall judge you in the end, for I am the eternal One!

5. "'Now, therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my commandments, overcoming in all things, then shall ye be called delightful, and a peculiar² people unto me, for thou wilt be called righteous.

6. "'Sanctify the congregations in my sight, saith your Lord. Great responsibility is given unto you men; fail not, lest the judgment be bitter unto you and the people be left in darkness.'

7. "There shall be deliverance in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem and with the remnant³ whom God shall call, for there shall be a refuge for all those that look to God and obey his design.

8. "All evil shall be destroyed and the earth shall be restored to its former beauty for the time will be shortened,⁴ that the elect of the Lord may be saved. They shall find safety in the Lord in obedience to his will. Sin will not have hold on them and they shall be preserved and arrayed in peace. But the waters of the wicked shall be burned up and their idols shall melt away, for the Lord is God—he is God.

9. "Let love dwell in your hearts that he may dwell in you and his love be perfected, and that you may stand in the day of judgment.

10. "Let all move in the will of the Lord and he will touch them and greater power in love will be theirs to enjoy; bringing together many that shall find peace to their souls in their Redeemer manifested.

1. Ether 4:13, 14, Page 726; Ether 4:8, Page 726.

2. Deut. 14:2; I Peter 2:9.

3. Joel 2:32.

4. Matthew 24:22.

11. "Let the Voice of Warning go in peace as you have done. Keep away from contentions; they will lead to evil doing.

12. "Those that reject me and the words I bring from the Lord have rejected the Lord and his words, and are not in this work because they obey not but oppose and deny that which God has given and called them to proclaim to mankind, that they may not have an excuse at the last day.

13. "Unto the servants of the Lord: except you make ready and quickly prepare your hearts before the Lord the greater light will not come to you. But you that overcome bearing the fruits of his Spirit, do, and shall, understand great things of the plan and design of God. Much will yet be revealed—even the record that shall prove and reprove all men, berating them before God and their fellowmen that a new day may come forth.

14. "Let all be humble and repentant. Grieve not the Lord in slothfulness. Let not your goings displease him, nor become shameful in disobedience and justification⁵ in evil doings and that against the gospel law. Betray not one another, but love your brother. Some have been untrue to their fellows; their end will be sad for in their hearts they know the better way, yet fail to obey. Blessed be those that are true, for they shall shine⁶ forth in brightness in peace of God. All men must overcome besieging sins. The world in sin is retrograde to the plan of God.

15. "At this time let there be added to the quorum of twelve Harold J. Pritchard, let him be humble and at peace, for the day comes when more shall be given. Some will find the greater portion of love because of their faith.

16. "Let H. M. Stonehocker, Robert Wilkins, and C. E. Irwin be set apart as evangelists. Let them be at work; the Lord will reveal his will to them. Let C. E. Irwin work among the Indians for this is his calling and place in this work at this time.

17. "To those that seek to find truth: let them come

5. Luke 16:15.

6. Matthew 13:43.

in by the door and the Lord will bless them, for this is the way to peace and eternity with God.

18. "Therefore; let John Bracken, Lloyd Ford, John S. Seiffert, George William Draves, George T. Morris, David Spittler, William Pearl Brown, and my servant William Branham be set apart as elders. Let them be very humble and swift to obedience, and the greater portion of the Spirit will come over them to lead the way. Let them be at work, for the Lord has heard their prayers.

19. "Thus saith the Lord, 'Yea, my servant Glaeser, I have heard your prayers and yours shall have place with me, as I have called them, and their work is great before me when they come into this way. Yea, I have spoken,' saith the Lord.

20. "Let the work move on—let William Thomas Pascal be set apart as a teacher. Let him teach the word for there are those to hear.

21. "Let Rony Paschall remember he is a servant of the Lord and the Lord has called him and will yet bless him if he will continue in humility to look to his way. His home shall be a blessing unto many, for peace shall be there.

22. "The Lord has seen the humility of many and felt after them and blessed their work. Let all pay their oblations to the Lord that the work may move on. There are those that obey his law and are blessed; so shall it be that greater peace will come to them and they shall be delivered when the trying times come.

23. "Rejoice in the work and neglect not your calling. I speak to you, my fellow servant. Remember, many seek the peace that I bring. Write your letters in love and kindness that truth may be the standard with the Spirit of the Lord to direct.

24. "Worry not about those things over which you have no control. Be not led into despair nor contention. The Lord accepts your work and in that of your writings and that to carry the truth. For the Church of Christ shall never again be destroyed,⁷ but the pruning shall come and the true branches survive and bring forth much fruit.

7. Message 13:6.

25. "Be at peace with all men. Pray to the Lord your God; he will deliver the elect.

26. "I leave peace of God with you. I am your fellow servant and my name is John. I am the forerunner of Christ. I come from his presence. I will come again. I come to you and not to another as yet; but I bring peace and a record that others may know the Lord has sent me. I speak in your language as also the word to others in their language that other nations may have the plan of God.

27. "As soon as it can be arranged let the servants the Lord has chosen be on their way to Australia—as there are many there of Israel who will hear.

28. "This is the word of the Lord. I speak his will. Send this to your brethren and the Church. I have come in the past and I will come in the future that the way may be made plain to those that will hear and obey, that they may be saved and united with the righteous of the Lord.

29. "I preached repentance in the wilderness and I cry repentance again amid confusion and distress among the nations, that the way of deliverance may be known. I am the Elias, I am he to deal prudently⁸ and my name is John. Many have prayed that I come again. The evil has hindered but not to destruction. The Lord your God is just. Amen."

FIFTY-THIRD MESSAGE

The Messenger of the Lord appeared to me in my room while at the home of Brother W. C. Lear, near Dayville, Grant County, Oregon, December 2, 1941, at 2:30 a.m. The heavenly light that always accompanies the Messenger filled my room and its presence awoke me. Immediately he appeared and said, "I come with a message." I arose and wrote the words as he spoke them, thus:

1. "I come again from the presence of the Lord your God. I am the Messenger of the Covenant and my name is John. I am sent to bring the message, to prepare the way. I come not of myself but the Lord God has sent me with the warning that the hour¹ of his judgment is on and his coming near. This is the closing time, a time of haste. I bring a warning, and that the restitution of all things might be.

8. Isaiah 52:13.

1. Revelation 14:6, 7.

eign countries. This is done largely at the missionary's own expense and usually for two years. From 1847 to 1947 some 51,622 missionaries went out, and in 1953 some 8,447 were at work. Converts are not made in large numbers, but missionary experience is seen as education and character building for those involved.

The church operates Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. No collections are taken at the church services and the church is supported by tithing. See also SALT LAKE CITY; UTAH.

DISSIDENT LATTER DAY SAINT GROUPS

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.—Of the groups which broke away from the Mormon Church at the time of Joseph Smith's death only five remain in existence. Of these only the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is a large religious body. With its headquarters in Independence, Mo., this group had 146,076 members in 1957. It was organized by Mormons who rejected Brigham Young's leadership and many theological innovations, especially relating to polygamy and temple work. It came together in 1852 and has been recognized by the courts as the successor of the church founded by Joseph Smith, winning title to both the Kirtland Temple and the Temple Lot in Independence. Joseph Smith's widow and his immediate family adhered to this group, and his son became its president in 1860. The presidency has continued to be held by his direct descendants. The organization of the Reorganized Church is similar to that of the Utah church. Like the latter, it emphasizes a social ethic and cooperation and at an earlier time operated a large cooperative unit in southern Iowa. Many who did not go West joined this cooperative venture. The belief in contemporary revelation and its role in running church business is much more striking than in the Utah church. Also, like the latter, the Reorganized Church carries on missionary activity.

Church of Christ, Temple Lot.—This group, which lost the lot to the Reorganized Church in a lawsuit in the early 1890's, had only 3,000 members in 1956. It was founded by Granville Hedrick at the time of Joseph Smith's death, and returned to Independence in 1867. It rejects many Mormon beliefs, such as dedication of men after death and polygamy.

The Church of Jesus Christ (Bickertonites).—This group, which had 2,340 members in 1957, descends from those who left the Mormon body with Sidney Rigdon (1793-1876) after the death of Joseph Smith, although it was organized by William Bickerton in 1862. Rigdon was an important leader in early Mormonism and was defeated by Brigham Young for the position of Joseph Smith's successor. This group rejects baptism for the dead, plural marriage, and other Mormon developments. It conducts missionary work among the Indians in the United States and Canada.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints (Strangites).—This body had only 200 members in 1957; but a century earlier, James J. Strang (1813-1856), its founder and a colorful contender for Joseph Smith's position, ruled as "king" over some 3,000 followers on Mackinac Island, Mich. Strang claimed that he was Smith's personal choice for the succession. Despite the striking impression he made on Mormons outside of Nauvoo, his claims did not receive serious support. Strang also claimed revelations. In

1856 he was shot to death by two of his followers, who were hailed as heroes by antagonists on the mainland.

Church of Jesus Christ (Cutlerite)—This is the smallest surviving group, organized by Alpheus Cutler in 1853. There were 22 members in 1957, apparently practicing communal property.

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MORMYRIDAE, mô-mîr'i-dê (from *mormyros*, sea fish), a family of fishes from the Nile River and all fresh waters of tropical Africa except those of Kenya, Tanganyika, and Madagascar. There are some 11 genera. The mouth is small and the jaws are often set at the end of a long snout; the vertical fins are far back on the body whose greatest depth is back of the snout. The eyes are small and covered by a membrane. The skull structure is highly specialized and the brain is larger in proportion to the body than in any other fish.

Though easily recognized as members of the family, some species are fairly normal looking but others—for example, some species of *Mormyrus*—have elephantlike trunks from which hang fleshy filaments. Some species are five feet in length, but most are much smaller. Their rather flat bodies weigh little for their length. They vary in color from brown to white bellies. Some species, particularly those equipped with weak electric organs, are adapted for nonvisual perception of their surroundings.

The mormyrids are mud grubbers in muddy streams and lakes and eating insects and worms. Anglers sometimes hook them but natives eat them, but Hugh Copley once thought he was being poisoned.

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CHRISTOPHER D. MORNAY

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MORNAY, môr-nâ', Philippe de DU PLESSIS-MARNY (commonly known as PLESSIS-MORNAY), French Huguenot, born Bully, Normandy, France, Nov. 5, 1623; died Forêt-sur-Sèvre, Nov. 11, 1623. He was converted to Protestantism by his mother and was studying at Heidelberg and Paris.

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E-52 Now, I'm going to be honest. I was a critic of that one time. I--I didn't criticize at the people, but in my heart I couldn't believe it. And the first time after I got started out amongst the Pentecostal people, I was at San Antonio, Texas. I started walking across the platform my first night, and someone up in the gallery spoke with tongues like it fired from a gun. And another man over here give the interpretation of it. And that man interpreted exactly the same thing that Angel said when He come on me twelve years before that, standing in the Ohio River. And I said, "Do you know me, sir?"

He said, "No sir."

I said, "Do you know that man?"

He said, "No sir." That convinced me.

E-53 And up here at Santa Rosa not long ago, the minister may be standing present now; they was having a Saturday night of a playhouse. We had several people, about like here. And they was trying to put a man out of the prayer line. And he kept saying, "I'm not wanting in the prayer line; I'm wanting to see this minister."

And I said, "Let him alone," down like this. "What do you want, sir?"

And he said, "How do you spell your name?"

And I said, "B-R-A-N-H-A-M."

He said, "Mother, that's it. That's it." And a lady came forth.

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