

The Arrival of the "One Mighty and Strong"

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As explained in the Negro Priesthood Issue presentation, the keys of the Priesthood were removed from the Mormons following June 1978. It was promised to Joseph Smith that it would never be removed from the earth again.

It was given to the hands of the One Mighty and Strong prophesized in Doctrine and Covenants.

7 And it shall come to pass that I, the Lord God, will send one mighty and strong, holding the scepter of power in his hand, clothed with light for a covering, whose mouth shall utter words, eternal words; while his bowels shall be a fountain of truth, to set in order the house of God, and to arrange by lot the inheritances of the saints whose names are found, and the names of their fathers, and of their children, enrolled in the book of the law of God;

(D&C 85:7)

The final conclusion of this Official Statement--that the One Mighty and Strong is a future messenger who "will be called and accepted when the time comes"--is the most accepted position by the Church leaders before this 1905 announcement. Apostle Orson Pratt, about two years after the death of Brigham Young, made a public statement in which he said:

About 20 years before the turn of the century, there was a footnote to the words "One Mighty and Strong" in Section 85 stating "a future messenger". This was added by Orson Pratt with official Church approval at that time, and remained in the Doctrine and Covenants for over 40 years. It was removed in 1921 in an effort to eliminate so much speculation among the members.

"The One Mighty and Strong" Chapter 2 by Ogden Kraut

1 WOE to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim (the Mormons), whose glorious beauty [is] a fading flower, which [are] on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, [which] as a tempest of hail [and] a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:

4 And the glorious beauty, which [is] on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, [and] as the hasty fruit before the summer; which [when] he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,

6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble [in] judgment.

(Isaiah 28:1-7)

In a letter from Oliver Cowdery to John Whitmer, January 1, 1834, referring to D & C 85, it states:

“Brother Joseph says that the item in his letter that says that the man that <was> called of God, etc. And puts forth his hand to steady the ark of God does not mean that anyone had at that time, but it was given for a caution to those in high <places> standing to beware lest they should fall by the shaft of death.”
(original in Huntington Library, California)

"The decreed mission of the 'One Mighty and Strong' is the second greatest and the second most glorious doctrine found in holy writ. It is a most logical event. It is divine. If records did not reveal his coming, and the Church offered membership in her institution as the only necessary requirement for one to enter Zion when it is redeemed; then that very principle would prove her a man-made institution. On the other hand, if her doctrines set forth that God has 'one mighty and strong' who is to come and weed out the unworthy, and judge the remainder of us a little more severely, free from all favoritism, then that indicates she is divine."

Francis Michael Darter; *Zion's Redemption* p. 114, 1933; Deseret Book Publishing Co. ;
Lecture No. 1: THE ONE MIGHTY AND STRONG,
ROOT OF JESSE, or MARRED SERVANT.

Further prophecies of the One Mighty and Strong:

"Brethren, this Church will be led on to the very brink of hell by the leaders of this people, then God will raise up One Mighty and Strong (spoken of in the 85th section of the Doctrine and Covenants) to save and redeem this Church." Brigham Young (Attested to by Joshua Jones 1861, Provo Bowery.)

This is confirmed in Journal of Joseph W. Musser:

September 28, 1938. ... Brother Peay also told of hearing Joshua Jones of Provo tell of hearing Brigham Young say, "The time will come when this people are led onto the very brink of apostacy." Jones made an entry of it in his Journal. The speech was made in the Old Bowery at Provo. Learned through Lorin C. Woolley, that his father, John W. Woolley, attended the above meeting, and upon arriving home at Centerville he told Lorin and his mother of the incident. He related it thusly: "President Young, being filled with the Holy Ghost, said, `The time will come when this people will be led onto the very brink of hell by their leaders, then the one mighty and strong will come to set the house of God in order.'"

Other prophecies of the One Mighty and Strong who the cultural Mormon thinks is a fable or some resurrected being:

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

(Isaiah 11:6-10)

5 What is the root of Jesse spoken of in the 10th verse of the 11th chapter?

6 Behold, thus saith the Lord, it is a descendant of Jesse, as well as of Joseph, unto whom rightly belongs the priesthood, and the keys of the kingdom, for an ensign, and for the gathering of my people in the last days.

(D&C 113:5-6)

15 Behold, I say unto you, the redemption of Zion must needs come by power;

16 Therefore, I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel.

17 For ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham, and ye must needs be led out of bondage by power, and with a stretched-out arm.

18 And as your fathers were led at the first, even so shall the redemption of Zion be.

(D&C 103:15-18)

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural [branches], be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 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:

(Romans 11:24-26)

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

(Isaiah 52:7)

43 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently; he shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

44 As many were astonished at thee--his visage was so marred, more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men—

45 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him, for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

(3 Nephi 20:43-45)

6 For thus it behooveth the Father that it should come forth from the Gentiles, that he may show forth his power unto the Gentiles, for this cause that the Gentiles, if they will not harden their hearts, that they may repent and come unto me and be baptized in my name and know of the true points of my doctrine, that they may be numbered among my people, O house of Israel;

7 And when these things come to pass that thy seed shall begin to know these things--it shall be a sign unto them, that they may know that the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the people who are of the house of Israel.

8 And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths; for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

9 For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a great and a marvelous work among them; and there shall be among them those who will not believe it, although a man shall declare it unto them.

10 But behold, the life of my servant shall be in my hand; therefore they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them. Yet I will heal him, for I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil.

14 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.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

(Matthew 24:14-15)

The Savior said when these tribulations should take place, it should be committed to a man who should be a witness over the whole world: the keys of knowledge, power and revelations should be revealed to a witness who should hold the testimony to the world. It has always been my province to dig up hidden mysteries-new things-for my hearers. Just at the time when some men think that I have no right to the keys of the Priesthood-just at that time I have the greatest right. The Germans are an exalted people. The old German translators are the most nearly correct-most honest of any of the translators; and therefore I get testimony to bear me out in the revelations that I have preached for the last fourteen years. The old German, Latin, Greek and Hebrew translations all say it is true: they cannot be impeached, and therefore I am in good company.

All the testimony is that the Lord in the last days would commit the keys of the Priesthood to a witness over all people.

(Joseph Smith, Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, selected and arranged by Joseph Fielding Smith, p.364)

Many fundamentalist Mormons including the late Ogden Kraut believe that the One Mighty and Strong will be a resurrected being. Nothing could be more carnal, delusional, and asinine than such an idea. They twist and misinterpret the phrase from D&C 85:7, "And it shall come to pass that I, the Lord God, will send one mighty and strong, holding the scepter of power in his hand, clothed with light for a covering...". The scepter of power is referring to the right of holding the keys of the Priesthood and the "light for a covering" is referring to the Holy Spirit.

When John the Baptist visited Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery on May 1829, he didn't baptize them, he conferred them Aaronic Priesthood giving them the authority to baptize each other which they did.

"Peter could baptize, and angels could not, so long as there were legal officers in the flesh holding the keys of the kingdom, or the authority of the priesthood. There is one evidence still further on this point, and that is that Jesus himself when he appeared to Paul on his way to Damascus, did not inform him how he could be saved. He had set in the church first Apostles, and secondly prophets, for the work of the ministry, perfecting of the saints, etc.; and as the grand rule of heaven was that nothing should ever be done on earth without revealing the secret to his servants the prophets, agreeably to Amos 3:7, so Paul could not learn so much from the Lord relative to his duty in the common salvation of man, as he could from one of Christ's ambassadors called with the same heavenly calling of the lord, and endowed with the same power from on high -- so that what they loosed on earth, should be loosed in heaven; and what they bound on earth should be bound in heaven..."

*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, Section Five 1842-43
Pg.264*

When I first heard about the One Mighty and Strong Prophet in 2000, I thought it was a rather strange and immodest title. I know the Prophet Joseph Smith if he was a liar would not think of such a name because it sounds too corny. But having a brilliant testimony of the OMS by the power of the Holy Spirit that unceasingly strives with me, I know it is true. Looking at the apostasy of the Mormons and the Devil laughing at everyone by deluding them with Darwinism and mixing with the negro race of Cain, the Lord has sent a "One Mighty and Strong" to preserve the Gospel in its unadulterated form passed since Adam first preached it to prepare us for the redemption of Zion, for the return of the Father and the Son.

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26 Even so, come unto me and learn of my ways, and I will give unto you, even as many as shall come, that peace which surpasseth understanding, and if ye shall inquire of me concerning these things, will I the Lord manifest by the influence and power of the Holy Ghost that these things are verily true and are of me, saith the Lord.

Revelations of Jesus Christ sec. 6:26

The Kingdom of God or Nothing