

A WAR PROPHECY.

OR
THE WHITE HORSE

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THE PROPHECY

On about the 6th of May, 1843, a Grand Review of the Nauvoo Legion was held in Nauvoo. The Prophet Joseph Smith complimented them for their good discipline and evolutions performed. The weather being hot, he called for a glass of water. With the glass of water in his hand, he said: "I will drink to your toast to the overthrow of the Mobocrats." which he did in the following language: "Here's wishing they were in the middle of the sea in a stone canoe with iron paddles and that a shark swallowed the canoe and the Devil swallowed the shark and himself locked up in the northwest corner of Hell, the key lost and a blind man hunting it.

The next morning a man who heard the Prophet give the toast returned to visit the mansion of the Prophet and so abused him with bad language that he was ordered out by the Prophet. It was while the two were out that my attention was attracted to them, and hearing the man speaking in a loud tone of voice, I went towards them, the man finally leaving. There was then present the Prophet, Theodore Turley and myself. The Prophet began talking to us of the mobbings and drivings and persecutions we as a people have endured, "but," we will have worse things to see. Our persecutors will have all the mobbings they want. Don't wish them any harm, for when you see their sufferings you will shed bitter tears for them." While this conversation was going on we stood by his south wicket gate in a triangle. Turning to me he said, "I want to tell you something of the future. I will speak in a parable like unto John the Revelator. You will go to the Rocky Mountains

and you will be a great and mighty people established there, which I will call the White-Horse of peace and safety." When the Prophet said, "You will see it," I said, "Where will you be at that time?" He said, "I shall never go there. Your enemies will continue to follow you with persecutions and they will make obnoxious laws against you in Congress to destroy the White-Horse, but you will have a friend or two to defend you and throw out the worst parts of the law so they will not hurt you so much. You must continue to petition Congress all the time, but they will treat you like strangers and aliens and they will not give you your rights, but will govern you with strangers and commissioners. You will see the Constitution of the United States almost destroyed. It will hang like a thread as fine as the finest silk fibre." At that time the Prophet's countenance became sad, because as he said, "I love the Constitution; it was made by the inspiration of God; and it will be preserved and saved by the efforts of the White-Horse, and the Red-Horse who will combine in its defense. The White-Horse will find the mountains full of minerals and they will become rich (at this time, it must be remembered, that the precious metals were not known to exist in either the Rocky Mountains or California). You will see silver piled up in the streets. You will see the gold shoveled up like sand. Gold will be of little value then, even in a mercantile capacity; for the people of the world will have something else to do in seeking for salvation. The time will come when the banks of every nation will fail and only two places will be safe where people can deposit their gold and treasure.. This place will be the White-Horse and England's vaults. A terrible revolution will take place in the land of America, such as has never been before; for the land will be left without a Supreme Government, and every species of wickedness will be rampant. Father will be against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother. The most terrible scenes of bloodshed, murder and rapine that has ever been looked upon will take place. Peace will be taken from the earth and there will be no peace only in the Rock Mountains. This will cause many hundreds of thousands of the honest in heart of the world to gather there, not be-

cause they would be Saints, but for safety and because will be so numerous that you will be in danger of famine, but not for want of seed, time and harvest, but because of so many to be fed. Many will come with bundles under their arms to escape the calamities, for there will be no escape only by fleeing to Zion. Those that come to you will try to keep the laws and be one with you for they will try to keep the laws and be one with you for they will see your unity and the greatness of your organization. The Turkish empire of the Crescent will be the first power to be disrupted, for freedom must be given for the Gospel to be preached in the Holy Land. The Lord took of the best blood of the nations and planted them on the small islands now called England and Great Britain and gave them power in the nations for a thousand years and their power will continue with them that they may keep the balance of power; that they may keep Russia from sweeping her power over the world. England and France are now bitter enemies but they will be allied together and be united to keep Russia from conquering the world. The two popes, Greek and Catholic, will come together and be united. The Protestant Religions do not know how much they are indebted to Henry VIII for throwing off the Pope's bull and establishing the Protestant faith. He was the only monarch who could do so at that time, and he did it because this nation was at his back to sustain him. One of the peculiar features in England is the established Red-coat; a uniform making so remarkable a mark to shoot at, and yet they have conquered wherever they have gone. The reason for this will be known to them some day. The lion and the unicorn of England comes from there being so much of the same blood of Israel in the nation. While the terrible things of which I have mentioned are going on. England will be neutral until it becomes so inhuman that she will interfere to stop the shedding of blood. England and France will unite together to make peace, not to subdue the nations. She will find the nation so broken up and so many claiming government, till there will be no responsible government. Then it will appear to the other nations, or powers, as though England had taken possession of the country. The Black-Horse will flee to the invaders and will join them for they have fear of becoming slaves again;

knowing that England did not believe in slavery, they will flee to them that they believe will make them safe. Armed with British bayonets, the doings of the Black-Horse will be terrible." Here the Prophet said he could not bear to look longer upon the scenes as shown him in vision and he asks the Lord to close the scene.

Continuing, he said: "During this time the great White-Horse will have gathered strength, sending our elders to gather the honest in heart from among the Pale Horse, or people of the United States, to stand by the Constitution of the United States as it was given by the inspiration of God. In these days God will set up a Kingdom never to be thrown down, but for other Kingdoms to come into, and those Kingdoms that will not let the Gospel be preached will be humbled until they will.

England and Germany, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland, Holland and Belgium have a considerable amount of blood of Israel among the people which must be gathered out. Those nations will submit to the nations of God. England will be the last of the Kingdoms to surrender, but when she does she will do it as a whole in comparison as she threw off the Catholic power. The nobility knows that the Gospel is true, but it has not pomp enough, and grandeur and influence for them to embrace it. They are proud and will not acknowledge the Kingdom of God or come into it until they see the power it will have. Peace and safety in the Rocky Mountains will be protected by the Guardians, the White and Red-Horses. The coming of the Messiah among his people will be so natural that only those who see him will know that he has come, but he will come and give his laws unto Zion and minister unto his people. This will not be his coming in the clouds of Heaven to take vengeance on the wicked of the world.

The temple in Jackson county, Missouri, will be built in this generation. The saints will think that there will not be time to build it, but with all the great help you can receive, you can put up a great temple quickly. You will have all the gold, silver and precious stones you need, for these things will only be for the beautifying of the temple. Also, all the skilled mechanics you want and the Ten Tribes of Israel will help build it. When you see this land

bound with iron, you may look forward to Jackson county."

At this point, he made a pause, and looking up as though the vision were still in view, he said: "There is a land beyond the Rocky Mountains that will be invaded by the Heathen Chinese unless great care and protection be given." Speaking of the heathen nations, he said: "Where there is no law there is no condemnation; this will apply to them. Power will be given to the White-Horse to rebuke the nations afar off, and you obey it, for the laws will go forth from Zion. The last great struggle Zion will ever have to contend with will be when the whole of America will be made the Zion of God. Those opposing will be called Gog and Magog. The nations of the earth will be led by the Russian Czar and his power will be great, but all opposition will be overcome and this land will be the Zion of our God. Amen."