

The Ancient of Days

The world at large is in ignorance regarding this wonderful character, the Ancient of Days. Much has been written of him, but mostly without knowledge. He is, so the Lord informs us, no other than Adam, our ancient father. As Michael, the arch-angel, he fought the battles against Lucifer in the beginning, and he shall also sound the trumpet when all the dead shall awake (D. C. 29:26.), and he shall lead the fight in the final battle with Lucifer. (D. C. 88:111-114.) As Adam he was known as the first man on the earth, and by virtue of that honor, he becomes "the father of all, the prince of all, the Ancient of Days." (D. C. 27:11.) He holds the keys of salvation for this earth, under the direction of the Holy One, who is without beginning of days, or end of life," even Jesus Christ.— D. C. 78:16.

Adam's Last Family Gathering

Three years before the death of Adam, he called together his children, including all the faithful down to the generation of Methuselah, all who were high priests, "with the residue of his posterity who were righteous, into the valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman, and there bestowed upon them his last blessing." (D. C. 107:53.) At this grand gathering the Lord appeared and administered comfort unto Adam, and said unto him: "I have set thee to be at the head; a multitude of nations shall come of thee, and thou art a prince over them forever." The assembly arose and blessed Adam, and called him Michael, the prince, the arch-

angel. Then Adam stood up in the midst of the congregation—and no such a gathering on any other occasion has this world ever seen—“and notwithstanding he was bowed down with age, being full of the Holy Ghost, (he) predicted whatsoever should befall his posterity unto the last generation.” All of this is written in the book of Enoch, which shall be revealed in due time.—D. C. 107:54-57.

A Grand Council Soon to Be

Not many years hence there shall be another gathering of high priests and righteous souls in this same valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman. At this gathering Adam, the Ancient of Days, will again be present. At this time the vision which Daniel saw will be enacted. The Ancient of Days will sit. There will stand before him those who have held the keys of all dispensations, who shall render up their stewardships to the first Patriarch of the race, who holds the keys of salvation. This shall be a day of judgment and preparation. Joseph, the Prophet, in speaking of this event, said:

Daniel in his seventh chapter speaks of the Ancient of Days; he means the oldest man, our father Adam, Michael; he will call his children together and hold a council with them to prepare them for the coming of the Son of Man. He (Adam) is the father of the human family, and presides over the spirits of all men, and all that have had the keys must stand before him in this grand council. This may take place before some of us leave this stage of action. The Son of Man stands before him (Adam) and there is given him glory and dominion. Adam delivers up his stewardship to Christ, that which was delivered to him as holding the keys of the universe, but retains his standing as head of the human family.—D. H. C. 3:386-7.

The Keys of the Everlasting Kingdom

It was in the night vision that all this was shown to Daniel, and he saw the Son of Man come to the grand council, as he did to the first grand council in the valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman, and there he received the keys from Adam "and there was given to him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed." (Dan. 7:13-14.) In this council Christ will take over the reigns of government, officially, on this earth, and "the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him," even Jesus Christ.

Thrones to be Cast Down

Until this grand council is held, Satan shall hold rule in the nations of the earth; but at that time thrones are to be cast down and man's rule shall come to an end—for it is decreed that the Lord shall make an end of all nations. (D. C. 87:6.) Preparation for this work is now going on. Kingdoms are already tottering, some have fallen; but eventually they shall all go the way of the earth, and he shall come whose right it is to rule. Then shall he give the government to the saints of the Most High.

By Voice of the Priesthood

This council in the valley of Adam-ondi-Ahman is to be of the greatest importance to this world. At that time there will be a transfer of authority from the usurper and imposter, Lucifer, to the rightful King, Jesus Christ. Judgment will be set and all who have held keys will make their reports and deliver their stewardships, as they shall be required. Adam will direct this judgment, and then he will make his report, as the one holding the keys for this earth, to his Superior Officer, Jesus Christ. Our Lord will then assume the reigns of government; directions will be given to the Priesthood; and He, whose right it is to rule, will be installed officially by the voice of the Priesthood there assembled. This grand council of Priesthood will be composed, not only of those who are faithful who now dwell on this earth, but also of the prophets and apostles of old, who have had directing authority. Others may also be there, but if so they will be there by appointment, for this is to be an official council called to attend to the most momentous matters concerning the destiny of this earth.

When this gathering is held, the world will not know of it; the members of the Church at large will not know of it, yet it shall be preparatory to the coming in the clouds of glory of our Savior Jesus Christ as the Prophet Joseph Smith has said. The world cannot know of it. The Saints cannot know of it—except those who officially shall be called into this council—for it shall precede the coming of Jesus Christ as a thief in the night, unbeknown to all the world.