

principle of safety and success. Any other course will produce sorrow. That God will bless the Saints in this

Stake of Zion and all his people, is my prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT—THE RECORDS OF THE  
PAST—THE TWO STICKS—THE PROMISES AND BLESSINGS OF  
JOSEPH—THE SANCTIFIED EARTH—THERE IS A SPIRIT IN MAN

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I will call the attention of the congregation to a passage in the prophecy of Joel, second chapter, commencing with the 28th verse:

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions:

“And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

“And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.”

These words were spoken by the inspired man long before the first coming of our Savior; they refer to the future condition of the world, a

state of things that has never been known to have existed upon our earth since the Prophet lived here. All flesh should be under the influence of the Spirit of God, and not only all human flesh, but also the animal creation, and all things living. The effect of the outpouring of this Holy Spirit upon mankind will be to cause the young people to prophesy, making revelators of them, and the older ones to dream dreams. This prophecy was quoted by the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost, when under the influence of the same Spirit. It was not referred to, however, with the intention of declaring its fulfillment at that time, but merely to inform the unbelieving Jews that it was the same Spirit which Joel spoke of. It will be remembered that on the morning of the day of Pentecost, about 120 disciples had received this Spirit.