

The Rise of Same Sex Relationships (15 pages, 3/7/2020)

This paper features two lists of events with dates, along with a commentary tied to increasing same-sex relationships in our world. The first list showcases seven important decisions (four of them involving the U.S. Supreme Court), all occurring in the month of **June**. Why **June**? The second list of events with dates showcases the growing acceptance of same-sex relationships within the LDS church and the state of Utah, from 2009 to 2020. Both lists reveal a transition that is cause for great concern among those who love God, His holy word in scripture, and His law.

A. Legalizing Same Sex Relationships in America Note the seven decisions below made in the month of **June**. Four of them are on the 26th of **June**.

1. **June 26**, 1945 / This was the date when the charter for creation of **the United Nations** was signed by the representatives of 50 nations, *effectively transferred authority* away from the inspired Constitution of this blessed land (see D&C 101:80), to a non-Christian, one-world governing council – the United Nations, perhaps known in the book of Revelation as “the Great Whore Babylon” (see Rev. 17:5, 19:2).
2. **June 25**, 1962 / This is the date the U.S. **Supreme Court** officially *banned prayer* from public schools, removing free exercise of religion *and* God from our public educational institutions.
3. **June 29**, 1963 / According to former Jesuit Priest, Catholic theologian, and Vatican-Masonic whistle-blower Malachi Martin, this was the date of *the formal enthronement of the fallen angel Lucifer* as leader of the Vatican, the Roman Catholic Citadel. Martin stated that a complimentary “Black Mass” installation ceremony was conducted at the same time in Charleston, S.C., the Masonic “Mother Lodge of the World.” This particular lodge is the U.S. Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, headed by **Satanist** Albert Pike. Freemasonry has since infiltrated and corrupted nearly all major institutions, including the leadership of most Christian faiths (the vast majority of all adult males in Navuoo in 1844 were Freemasons). Today June 29 is “The Feast of Saints *Peter and Paul*.” A total of 33 days (a Masonic sacred number) after the installation of Pope John Paul (the VI), Jesuit Pope Francis was installed. Many believe he will be the last Pope, perhaps the “False Prophet” of the book of Revelation. Pope Francis is pushing for unity among all faiths (Islam, Christianity, etc.) in a new One World Religion. The fifteen leaders of modern Mormonism met with him in Rome in April of 2019, following the dedication of Rome Temple.
4. **June 1**, 2009 / It was on this date that Pres. Barak Hussein Obama declared **June** as “*Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender Pride month*.” It was put in place by his **executive order**. Evidence suggests his early years included a gay lifestyle, with drug and alcohol abuse. Obama’s 8-year administration saw many negative affects on relations between the U.S. and Israel, removal of once honored Christian traditions in the Whitehouse, and increased favor towards Islam worldwide. It was just two months earlier on April 6th of 2009 that President Obama declared this nation to no longer be a Christian nation. We are certainly moving in that direction.
5. **June 26**, 2003 / It was on this date that the U.S. **Supreme Court** *invalidated sodomy laws for all 50 states*, legalizing sexual perversions that had formerly been outlawed.
6. **June 26**, 2013 / It was on this date that the U.S. **Supreme Court** overturned *The Defense of Marriage Act* (DOMA), paving the way for gay or lesbian partners to be married.
7. **June 26**, 2015 / It was on this date that the U.S. **Supreme Court** *re-defined marriage for all 50 states*, taking away their right to individual governance in such laws.

Why Changes in **June**?

There are two probable reasons for the **June** changes legalizing same-sex relationships in our land.

(1) **Attack on God’s Law of Marriage** The first appears to be Satan’s attack on **God’s word and law** and specifically in reference to **His definition of marriage**, the pure relationship He established between one man and one woman - with Adam and Eve in Eden (see Gen. 2:24-25). In the **June 26th**, 2015 Supreme Court decision, man

has redefined what marriage can be, by-passing God's law and definition which is given us in scripture. Note too that **June** is the month many Brides choose to be **married**, and that in Roman mythology **Juno**, the wife of Jupiter was the goddess of **marriage** and childbirth. Throughout scripture our LORD is often represented as the Bridegroom. He loves us and wants a close, fruitful relationship, as symbolized in the pure love of a good marriage. The first and great commandment is to love God with all of our heart, might, mind, and soul. Satan wants to keep us from this relationship, by focusing on self-love (gratification) over the love of God, and His superior wisdom and law. Lucifer is jealous of the pure love wise virgins have for the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. Wise virgins have more oil in their lamps, symbolized by the Spirit of God with them.

(2) **Breaching the Walls of Morality** A second reason for many changes in our laws in **June** is found as we convert **June 26th** on our Gregorian calendar to God's calendar in the Bible. What happened on that date ancient? **June 26** on our current Gregorian Calendar - is **the 9th of Tammuz** on the fourth month of the modified Hebrew calendar, the one the Jews put in place after their 70 years of captivity in Babylon. It was in 423 BC that king Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian army **breached the walls** of Jerusalem, entering the Holy City. The walls of morality had long been breached by the covenant people. Now they were physically breached. Prophets like Jeremiah and Isaiah had warned the people that God's justice would come upon them if they didn't repent and turn fully to God.

Eight days later on the 17th day of Tammuz, the Temple services were disrupted and the daily sacrificial offerings were discontinued. Exactly one month later, **Solomon's Temple was destroyed on the 9th of Av** (Av is the 5th month). The Jews were then exiled to Babylon for 70 years.¹ Thereafter, **the 9th of Av** became a day of mourning and fasting throughout the land. Upon their return to their homeland, the second temple (that of Zerubbabel) was later built. Some 500 years later, Jerusalem fell again as Israel embraced the ways of the world again. This time Israel fell on the 17th of Tammuz, just prior to destruction of **Herod's Temple** which occurred again on **the 9th of Av**.

Israel's new modified calendar (after 70 years in Babylon) featured their renaming the fourth month of their calendar "Tammuz" (God's calendar in the Bible and the Book of Mormon features "*numbered*" months to avoid idolatrous "names"). Tammuz was a Babylonian God, said to be the reincarnation of Nimrod, the enemy of God who built the Tower of Babel. Nimrod means, "he rebelled" or literally, "he returned to Baal" or Satan. Baal worship had began much earlier with Cain (see Moses 5). In Nimrod's day, the tower was built to reach heaven and destroy the God of the Bible. Nimrod wanted to take His power, as did the fallen angel Lucifer (see Isaiah 14; Gen. 10:8-12, 11:2).

The Old Testament reveals a number of occasions when the covenant people Israel succumbed to the sexual perversions of the cultures around her, perversions often tied to ancient Baal worship. It included **idolatry** (worship of a false god), rampant **sexual perversion**, and the **sacrifice of innocent children**. All three are increasing today. As ancient Israel lost her resolve to follow God's word and direction, embracing the ways of the world and the lusts of the flesh, He then removed his protective hedge of protection upon them, symbolized in the walls surrounding Jerusalem (see Isaiah 5). Simply put, it led to cursings rather than blessings, including invasion, lost of covenant lands, captivity, and death.

I believe Satan (known as Lucifer before he fell) and perhaps some in the secret combinations of our day (who honor him) are aware of this ancient date, using it to put their new, changed laws in place. They advance **lawlessness** in legalizing same-sex relationships. They breach the protective walls of morality among us, a downward slide that begins with **idolatry**, forsaking God, and replacing Him with men, **self-love** and their declining ways. The descent is happening again today.²

The rise in the worship of the false lord Baal in the Old Testament is simply worshipping the creature or beast within us, the one dedicated to the lusts of the flesh, the things of the world, and the honors of men (see 1 Ne. 22:23). As we turn away from God, we take "**the mark of the beast**" upon us, when we could receive "**the seal of the living God**" – the salvation seal of protection tied to the one true God and His precious Son Jesus. Love of them and one another are the first two great commandments, a summary of all others.

The ancient religion of Baal has returned. "Ba'al" or "Bel" means "**lord**". He is the false lord of this earth, "the father of lies" (John 8:44). His worship is characterized by *self-will* and *self-love* over loving God and honoring His will. It is a complete corruption of the pure principles given Moses and the Israelites. Note its three primary traits below.

1. **Idolatry**, Satan or “Beast” worship, replacing worship of the living God – in Spirit and in Truth
2. **Perverse, physical Love and self will**, replacing self-less love of God and one another as exemplified in the two great commandments
3. **Sacrifice of Children** (abortion, SRA, etc.), as a copy-cat substitute of the merciful blood atonement of the innocent Son of God. He paid for our sins, those who repent, turning themselves wholly over to God.

Baal worship continually plagued the Israelites, as Satan tempted the covenant people with the enticing sexual freedoms and perversions of surrounding, corrupted cultures. Baal was honored in Phoenicia (as was Bel of Babylon, Zeus of Greece). His worship was tied to “the **male generative principle**”, symbolized by both the power of “**the Sun**” and “**the erect male phallus**”. In many architectural settings, temples tied to Baal worship were *aligned with the sun* and had *phallus-like pillars, obelisks, or steeples*. The Washington Monument in our nation’s capital (a city designed by Freemasons) is one modern example today. The Vatican in Rome utilizes an ancient Egyptian obelisk in prominent fashion to symbolize who or what is worshipped.

The female consort of Baal was Ashteroth or Asherah (a female deity also tied to fertility). Her worship often involved ritual prostitution and divination. It was believed that the sexual union of Baal and Asherah produced fertility. Worshipers engaged in ritual sex, ensuring fertile harvests and wombs. The period of the Judges in the Bible (300 years) highlights the connection between sexual sin and Israel’s continuing idolatry. It began when Israel intermarried with the Canaanites. We read in Judges 2 and 3:

“And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD , and served Baalim: And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD , and served Baal and Ashtaroth. And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed. Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken along their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD ; but they did not so” (Judges 2:11-17).

“And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods” (Judges 3:5-6).

With the return of ancient Baal worship today (with focus on “**self love and will**” and the “beast” within us) rather than “God’s will” (Mosiah 5:5), laws are enacted to protect it and spread its influence. And with it there is an increase in child sexual abuse and sacrifice. Some 60 million abortions have occurred in the U.S. since Roe versus Wade was instituted in 1973. Women now have “the right to choose” to kill her own unborn child (see <http://www.numberofabortions.com/>). The state of Utah had 3,200 abortions in 2017 (the figures for 2018 and 2019 are not presented publically). Not only are innocent children murdered in (1) abortions, but (2) their body parts are often sold on the black market. Innocent children are also used (3) as sex slaves, and are (4) offered up as sacrifices in Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA). Some conducting these rituals ingest the blood of frightened children to provide them with youth-sustaining adrenaline, increasing energy and longevity in aging men (the strength of the adrenaline in the child’s blood is heightened by their great fear). This is ancient practice remains among us today.

B. The LDS Church & Same Sex Relationships - 2009 to 2020

According to a PEW research center, the Latter-day Saints have changed their stance on gay rights more than any other Christian group in America during the seven years from 2008 to 2015. In 2008, for example, church leadership encouraged the California Saints to go door to door to fight against any change in the definition of “marriage” (see “DOMA” hereafter). Today, over half of the church population supports gay marriage. The largest change is among our young people, those “**re-educated**” in modern secular institutions. Some believe the downward slide will

eventually lead to same-sex marriage inside LDS temples. Note the 24 changes hereafter occurring from 2009 to 2020, involving changing LDS Church policy or new laws in the State of Utah.

2009 / The LDS Church supports a new Utah State law banning discrimination against gays in public housing.

2011 / The BYU Honor Code office removes the ban on advocacy and promotion of homosexual behavior.

2013 - Sept. 13-15 / Steve Young (BYU & NFL Hall of Fame quarterback) and wife Barb give keynote addresses at the Affirmation International Conference promoting acceptance of gays and lesbians within the LDS community.

2013 – Sept. 21 / Provo Herald front page article, “Provo’s first Gay Pride event”.

2013 / The LDS Church Approves a Gay Support Club at BYU. At this point in time it was estimated that 2-3000 BYU students had some tie to gay or lesbian tendencies, including activism.

2013 / The Boy Scouts of America votes to allow openly gay youth to have BSA membership, yet maintains a ban on openly gay adult leaders. The LDS church supported this decision. The BSA later declared bankruptcy in 2020, due to thousands of expensive law suits against local BSA scout leaders who abused boy scouts.

2015 / LDS Apostle D. Todd Christopherson states that Mormons who support gay marriage are not in danger of losing their temple privileges or church membership. They would only be in trouble for “supporting organizations that promote **opposition** or positions in **opposition** to the church” [in this matter]. In a latter news conference he said, “In our view, it doesn't really become a problem unless someone is out attacking the church and its leaders.....and trying to get others to follow them.” He acknowledged that LDS leaders have **evolved** in their thinking about homosexuality. Todd’s brother Tom is an “gay” active Mormon teaching Gospel Doctrine in his Ward. Tom’s book “*That We May Be One*”, about being gay and Mormon is sold by church-owned Desert Book.

2015 / Kentucky County Clerk Kim Davis would not issue a marriage license to gay couples in 2015 because it violated her personal Christian beliefs. Dallin Oaks said that “Davis was wrong to shirk her responsibilities by invoking her religion. Public officials, ‘are not free to apply personal convictions -- religious or other -- in place of the defined responsibilities of their public offices.’” Oaks added, “Government officials must not apply these duties selectively according to their personal preferences -- whatever their source” (Yahoo News, Oct. 21, 2015). Matt Staver, a lawyer for Davis, told the Associated Press that the Mormon Church’s tactic “may sound nice, but it ends up not pleasing anyone. You need to stand on principle.”

2015 - July 2 / The LDS Church made an official donation to the Utah Pride Center in Salt Lake City.



Left, “Rainbow Sign” at the BYU Football Stadium in connection with the Payson Utah Temple - Youth Celebration – **June 6th**, 2015; Right Top: The Rainbow Sign on The Whitehouse, **June 26th**, 2015 (Pres. Obama did not illuminate The Whitehouse with God’s colors of liberty (red, white, and blue) were not displayed on The Whitehouse on July 4th latter that same year; Right Bottom: 19 additional “Rainbow Signs” were placed on the

*following landmarks, all on **June 26th**, 2015 - the day gay marriage was approved for all 50 States by the U.S. Supreme Court; The Disneyland Castle (CA), Niagara Falls (NY), The Empire State Building (NY City), One World Tower (NY City), Penn Station (NY City), City Hall (San Francisco, CA), and 2 other buildings in San Francisco, 2 more in Cleveland, Ohio, and 1 each in San Diego, Denver, Dallas, Minneapolis, San Antonio (the Alamo), Seattle, Little Rock, and St. Louis. The Prophet Joseph Smith said that the sign of the "Rainbow" – God's token of His "Everlasting Covenant" with man - will be removed just before He returns (in judgment). See TPJS p. 191. Joseph (the Prophet) and Hyrum Smith (the Patriarch) were murdered the next day on **June 27th** (of 1844). Brother Samuel Smith (Bishop at the time) was murdered less than a month latter. Desire for "gain" and sexual sin (polygamy & same-sex relationships), led to murder and secret combinations in the bloodline of Cain. They were all part of the legacy of Satan's influence (see Moses 5).*

2015 - June 6 / The 2015 Payson Utah LDS Temple Youth Celebration took place at BYU's Lavell Edwards Football Stadium (above). It featured Church-approved use of "**rainbow colors**". This youth celebration took place between two "Gay Pride" celebrations held in Provo (**June 4th**) and Salt Lake (**June 7th**). Twenty days latter on **June 26**, 2015 the U.S. Supreme Court forced all 50 states to honor gay marriage. President Obama lit up the Whitehouse with rainbow colors that night. A total of **19** other U.S. landmarks were lit up the same way that night as planned.

2015 - Nov. 17 / Citizens of Salt Lake County elect the first Lesbian Mayor of Salt Lake City.

2017 / A Former LDS temple designer and Stake President (now excommunicated) revealed he was a transexual. "He" became a "her" with the new name - Laurie Lee Hall.

2017 / The LDS church offers a public support statement for The LoveLoud Festival. Its goal is to put differences aside between the LGBTQ and faith communities in order to promote love and acceptance of LGBTQ youth.

2018 - June 1 / The LDS First Presidency sponsors the "**Be One**" event (inter-racial relations), saying it is "Time to Renew Our Commitment to Be One." This is the first day of **Gay Pride Month**, as set aside by Pres. Obama on **June 1st**, 2009 (by Executive Order).

2018 - June 13 / The LDS Church announces that the Family Search database will now add same-sex families to their Family Tree structure. The church immediately acknowledged the legality of same sex marriage in the United States after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized it in **June** of 2015. President Dallin H. Oaks of the First Presidency, counseled church members and people of faith to submit to the law because it had been "sustained by the highest available authority." This is not so, as God is our highest authority.

2018 - June 25 / Tim Seelig, director of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, was invited by LDS church leaders to be the guest conductor for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at the Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View, California. The Gay's Men's Chorus mixed in with the LDS Tabernacle Choir singers.

2018 / LDS temple film director and Co-founder of the Sundance Film Festival, Sterling Van Wagenen is convicted of 1st degree child sexual assault.

2018 - June 14 / The world's largest genealogy organization announced that it is redesigning FamilySearch.org so the LDS Church-sponsored database can store and provide better records for same-sex families.

2019 - June 18 / Salt Lake County officials voted to change the definition of "child abuse," adopting a resolution to make it **illegal to for parents** of minor children to have "conversion therapy". This new law, implemented in surrounding states, takes away parental rights. Attached to this same law was a resolution honoring "the achievements of the gay community."

2019 - April 29 / A BYU Political Science valedictorian utilized three-quarters of his graduation speech (in terms of time) to address his "coming out" as a homosexual. The content of his speech was approved before hand by BYU officials. In this same year, BYU female track athlete Emma Gee also "came out" as a bisexual (LGTBQ).

2020 - Jan. 21 / BYU lifts its ban on same sex partners for the Amateur Ballroom Dance Competition held at BYU.

2020 - Jan. 24 / Utah's Miss America contestant for 2020 is a black female bisexual from Park City.

2020 - Feb. 21 / Language in the BYU Honor Code was removed banning the outward display of homosexual behavior. Same sex couples then began holding hands, hugging, and kissing in public settings on campus (one widely shared photograph featured two girls kissing in front of the Brigham Young statue on campus). According to BYU professor Jim Brau, those who are offended by such behavior and make a related comment to the same-sex couple may now be reported to the honor code office for *their* investigation. He added that students within same-sex relationships self-determine their level of “virtue”. He concluded saying counselors are provided in the Honor Code Office to supply additional guidelines (<https://www.sltrib.com/news/education/2020/02/26/popular-video-this-byu/>). Two weeks latter (Mar. 4th) Elder Paul Johnson, Superintendent of the Church Education system clarified church policy, stating “Same-sex romantic behavior cannot lead to eternal marriage and is therefore not compatible with the principles included in the Honor Code. Therefore, any same-sex romantic behavior is a violation of the principles of the Honor Code.” Some 150 students protested the new ban on campus the next day. The door had been opened in the BYU Honor Code changes, and then closed for many students two weeks latter with church policy “clarification”. Will the current confusion bring forth a “new revelation” on additional same-sex church policy?

2020 - Feb. 21 / Utah lawmakers decriminalize polygamy for the first time in 85 years. The legislation reclassifies “bigamy” (polygamy) as simply an infraction in certain circumstances. The Utah House is overwhelmingly Republican and Mormon, a faith with ties to polygamy in early Utah history under Church President Brigham Young, a legacy is on full display in the evolving events from 2009-2020 listed here.

When Mitt Romney ran for President of the United States many were concerned that his LDS temple covenants (tied to the church and its leaders) would take precedence over **his oath of office** as President. Their concern *was* confirmed in the words of U.S. Senator Gordon Smith, a two-term Republican Senator from Oregon (and a temple-endowed Latter-day Saint). Speaking behind closed doors *to the Twelve*, Smith spoke of modern elected LDS Senators and Congressmen and the good that they can do, stating “Having them in there and knowing that their temple recommend **is more important** than their election certificate is of *inestimable value* in terms of what I have seen” (Feb. 18, 2009 statement, Senator Gordon Smith to top church leaders, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TuCWXB9Xg&feature=youtu.be>).

Note the following related statement by Elder Nelson in the October 2014 General Conference. “Our sustaining of [LDS] prophets is a personal commitment that we will do our utmost to uphold **their prophetic priorities**. *Our sustaining* is an **oath**-like indication that we recognize their calling as a prophet **to be legitimate** and **binding upon us**” (Russell M. Nelson, Sustaining the Prophets, Oct. 2014, General Conference Address).

The confusion and controversy of BYU’s honor code versus latter statements by LDS church leadership may be useful in bringing forth a “new revelation” which feature the new “**prophetic priorities**” potentially tied to same-sex relationships. Will it have the **binding power of an oath**-like “**sustaining**” of these *men*? Loyalty to God, His word and law, should have priority over loyalty to men and their ways.

C. Early Polygamy Began the Downward Slide – “*Lying for the lord*”

Lies have been inserted into LDS Church history narrative to make the Prophet Joseph out to be a polygamist, polyandrist, and pedophile, and all to justify the secretive whoredoms of Brigham Young and those following him in Nauvoo. They took power following the murder of the three Smith brothers in 1844. “Spiritual wifery” had been brought in among the Saints in Kirtland Ohio as early as 1832, when the first Cochranite converts were brought to church headquarters. The Cochranites practiced “spiritual wifery” in New York and Maine. It featured new religious beliefs centered on sexual freedoms. It was similar to the practices of the Nicolaitans in the New Testament. Our LORD said He hated “the deeds of the Nicolaitans” which were tied to the ancient doctrines of Baal or Baalim (see Rev. 2:6, 14-16)

The first **murderer** in the Bible was Cain. He killed Abel. Cain rejected God and made an covenant with Satan (Moses 5). The descendants of Cain were also the first to practice **polygamy and same-sex** relationships (“every man **knew** his brother”, see Moses 5:51). In Genesis 4 we read about life outside of the presence of God, where Cain’s descendants fall into a culture of sin and brokenness that included **polygamy**, which first appeared in Cain’s genealogy (see Gen. 4:23-24). It reflected the rapid growth of sexual brokenness among those living outside of God’s presence. Lamech, for example, began exercising sinful dominion over his two wives, threatening them into submission. In time, excess, violence, and murder spread among the people. The flood was sent to clean things up.

Note the many sins of our day listed by God in the Book of Mormon in 3 Nephi 30:1-2. The **first three sins listed there** are (#1) **lying**, (#2) **deception**, and (#3) **whoredoms** (followed by other sins). They bore especially bitter fruit in the Nauvoo era when the Prophet Joseph and his two brothers were taken. About half the Saints followed Brigham Young west into a “parched”, “uninhabited” land of “salt” (see Jeremiah 17:6). The Saints had been cursed and driven off their land (see D&C 124:45 and verse 32). For a time the polygamists in Utah Territory evaded legal trouble from Federal authorities by removing themselves from the borders of the United States. Latter Joseph and Emma’s Smith firstborn son - Joseph Smith III, worked with Federal lawmakers to craft the first U.S. laws against the sexual practices that led to his father’s murder. These laws and the two Manifestos put in place by Pres. Woodruff eventually led to the abandonment of Brigham Young’s “spiritual wives” doctrine. Young and those following him justified the **whoredom** in two ways; (1) They first used **new religious tenets or doctrines to justify their actions**, just like the Baal worshippers of the Old Testament, the Nicolaitans of the New Testament, and the Cochranites and Mormons of modern times; And secondly (2) They also **justified** their practices by claiming the Prophet Joseph Smith had instituted it among them. These claims were made after his murder, when he could no longer defend himself. The Prophet Jacob of the Book of Mormon said the Nephites were **justifying** their additional wives and concubines by citing the actions of David and Solomon of old (see Jacob 2:23-24).

Even after the two Manifestos, many secretly continued the practice of polygamy in Utah, **lying** to cover it up - in what eventually became known as “**lying for the Lord**” (the lying lord known as the deceiver Satan). In a 1886 Deseret News story, church leaders freely admitted to the purposeful, *institutional practice* of **lying** to protect their new practice. The 1886 story reveals **13** different deceptive phrases used to *hide* the practice (see farther below). Many simply *parsed* their words to keep guilty parties from being arrested and imprisoned for “unlawful cohabitation” following Woodruff’s first Manifesto in 1890. It didn’t last long, however.

God and the Prophet Jacob in the Book of Mormon called the practice a “**whoredom**”. Jacob said many were **excusing** (*justifying*) themselves in this “**thing**” because of that which was written of David and Solomon. Jacob applied four additional names to the practice, saying it was a “**grosser crime**,” an “**iniquity**” a “**whoredom**,” and an “**abomination**” (see Jacob chapters 2 and 3).

The practice was first known among the Saints as (1) “spiritual wifery” in Nauvoo. There it was practiced secretly by select church leaders behind the backs of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. The Cochranites also called it “spiritual wifery”, a clear tie between religious doctrine and sex all to justify their whoredoms. Later in Utah Territory under Pres. Young, the practice was referenced by 12 additional titles. These include (2) Brigham’s “new order of things”; (3) “the order of the priesthood”; (4) “eternal marriage”; (5) “the divine order of marriage”; (6) “the Holy order of marriage;” (7) “living up to your privileges”; And (8) “a different view of things.” Most of the Saints called it (9) “the plurality of wives”; (10) “plural marriage”; (11) “celestial marriage”; Or (12) “the New and Everlasting Covenant” of marriage. In reality this practice has nothing to do with the “New and Everlasting Covenant” addressed in scripture, the one taught by King Benjamin to his people in Mosiah chapters 1-5. Instead it has everything to do with **salvation** in Christ. The term “polygamy” (13) eventually came to replace this very important **saving** doctrine. Today, because of Young’s false teachings, many Latter-day Saints don’t know what the “New and Everlasting Covenant” really is, believing instead that it has ties to marriage as taught by Young in his modified writings found in D&C 132.

Young and others convinced new converts from Europe that God had put polygamy in place via the Prophet Joseph. Joseph’s good and innocent name was used to **justify** this **lie**. It was and is “**strong delusion**” (2 Thess. 2). Such **lies** are believed when we hold onto various “**idols in our hearts**” – idols based on something we *want* to be true for whatever reason. Seeking and loving **truth** is acquired by seeking God’s **will** above our own (Mosiah 5:5). To obtain **truth** from Him, we need only to turn to scripture and to pure revelation from God in prayer. God said “truth” is things as they really are, past, present, and future” (see Jacob 4:12-18; D&C 93:24). Scripture and pure revelation are often the only way to obtain the **truth** about all “things”. Many want their own “truths” instead.

“And for this cause God shall send them **strong delusion**, that **they should believe a lie**” (2 Thess. 2:11).

“A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness will utter lies” (Prov. 14:5).

“The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so . . .”

(Jer. 5:31).

The Joseph Smith re-translation of Ezekiel 14 (about “idols in the heart”) makes an important change in addressing where **deception** originates, often from our own desires, or from false shepherds seeking “gain” (1 Ne. 22:23). Joseph Smith clarified Ezek. 14:9 to say that when a prophet is **deceived**, “I the LORD have **not** deceived that prophet . . . **they** shall bear punishment of their **iniquity**” (see JST Ezek. 14:9-10). It is a great **lie** that men prophets cannot lead us astray! Wicked leaders do so continually, in governments, schools, and churches. All men sin and are fallible. God is our source of light and truth. He alone is the example we are to hold up before others, not any man (3 Ne. 18:24). Too many men offer up opinions. Many provide purposeful lies. We can obtain “oil” for our lamps, and with it we can be “wise virgins” discerning truth from error. Truth is things AS THEY REALLY ARE, past, present, and future (see Jacob 4:12-18; D&C 93:23-25; 84:45-50).

Today, many use lies and deception, or allow falsehoods to exist without correction. Some do so to avoid damaging truths that might hurt their standing among men, or the image of the church and its leaders. Sadly, **loyalty to mortal, imperfect leaders and their narrative remains more important today than honesty and fear of God**. One former CES employee stated, “In my effort to defend the church from detractors I learned that members get excommunicated precisely because they publish **the truth**, and refuse to adopt **lying, deception**, or suppression of facts as an ethical standard. **Loyalty** [via fear of those in charge] **is more important in the LDS church than honesty**. I found this out the hard way while teaching for the Church Education System. Honesty was referred to as undermining the testimonies of the youth, or undermining the authority of the prophets.” Such are false prophets (Ken Clark, “*Lying for the LORD*,” <http://www.mormonthink.com/files/lying-for-lord-ken-clark.pdf>).

Blind loyalty and obedience is the hallmark of **idolatry**, typical of the Brighamite fear-based control methods we have inherited from him in early Utah Territory. God’s way is “persuasion, long-suffering, and **love** unfeigned,” the way leading to real power in priesthood (see D&C 121:34-46). Demand by leaders for obedience and conformity from the Saints is an inherited “iniquity” from the days of Brigham Young. God works by real love and invitation not “fear”. Young demanded two things from the Saints; “obedience” and their “tithing”. This is much like King Noah and his priests (see Mosiah 11). Alma wisely left King Noah’s employ and was eventually “born again” into a new pathway. He, King Benjamin and their people were focused on God and His salvation. It is the only way.

Homosexuality in Scripture

Departing Egypt, the Israelites were to individually become “holy unto the Lord” (Numbers 6). God stated, “And ye shall be holy unto me; for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine” (Leviticus 20:26; 19:2). The covenant people are to be separate, distinct, and holy. In Leviticus chapter 18, God addressed all sorts of sexual sin that His people were to avoid in becoming “holy unto the LORD”, including homosexuality (verses 22-29). And note how moral righteousness is closely tied to the blessing of remaining on promised, covenant lands, a message made very clear in the Book of Mormon.

“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: **it is abomination**...Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all of these the nations are defiled which **I cast out** before you; And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof **upon it**, and **the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants**...That **the land spue** not you out also, when ye defile it, **as it spued out** the nations that were before you. For whosoever shall commit any of these **abominations**...shall be **cut off** from among their people...commit not any one of these **abominable** customs...that ye *defile* not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.” Those that broke this portion of the law anciently were “put to death” (Lev. 20:13-27). Alma informed us that sexual sin is second only in seriousness to murder and denying the Holy Ghost (Alma 39:5).

Unfortunately, many today, like ancient Israel, ignore these and other warnings for a variety of reasons. Too many embrace the modern ways of Egypt and Babylon. Paul described the last days as “perilous,” partly because there are increasing numbers of people “**without natural affection**” (2 Timothy 3:3). Paul tied such behavior to those who “love themselves”, those that are “covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.” He describes them as “trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.” According to Paul, such are “ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the **truth**” (verses 2-7). He is Jesus Christ. He said, “I am the

way, the **truth**, and the life” (John 14:6). Those who come not unto him are in “the bondage of sin” (D&C 84:50). The way to God and to salvation at His hands is presented us in His simple five word statement, “**repent and come unto me**” (D&C 10:67-68; 1 Ne. 10:18-19; 2 Ne. 9:23-24; 28:31-32; Jacob 1:7; Alma 5:33-34; Ether 4:7-19; Mor. 7:34; D&C 93:1; 3 Ne. 9:14, 22, 51; 11:14; 12:19-20, 23-24; 27:5-21; 30:1-2).

Removal from Covenant Lands

Scripture builds important ties between righteous people and the blessing of remaining on covenant-lands. The LORD has informed us that those living the highest law will eventually inherit this earth. Wickedness, and specifically those with moral impurity are swept off covenant lands in Leviticus 18 and 20. The Prophet Ether also informed us that America is a very choice land, “above all other lands; and he commanded that whoso should possess the land should possess it **unto the Lord**, or **they should be destroyed when they were ripened in iniquity**; for upon such, saith the Lord: I will pour out the fullness of my wrath” (Ether 9:20). Unlike modern American lawmakers, lawmakers in Russia banned gay rights legislation in 2013.³

After blessing his son Helaman, Alma, “blessed the earth for the righteous sake. And he said: Thus saith the Lord God – Cursed shall be the land, yea, this land, unto every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, **unto destruction, which do wickedly, when they are fully ripe**; and I have said so shall it be [sealing power]; for this is the cursing and the blessing of God upon the land, **for the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance**” (Alma 45:15-16). This is because God is the great Lawgiver. He must keep His own law. Fortunately, He also is merciful unto those who repent, and turn wholly to Him. Note also Mosiah 29:27, “And if the time comes that the voice of the people doth choose iniquity, **then is the time that the judgments of God will come upon you**; yea, then is the time **he will visit you with great destruction even as he has hitherto visited this land**.”

Another great sin banishing the wicked from covenant lands, is allowing **secret combinations** to increase among us. They have been used since the very beginning “to murder” and get power and gain. It was Cain’s posterity where we see the first **murder**, the first **polygamy**, and the first **same-sex** relationships (see Moses 5). “And whatsoever nation shall uphold such **secret combinations**, to get power and gain, until they shall spread over the nation, behold **they shall be destroyed**; for the Lord will not suffer that the blood of his saints, which shall be shed by them, shall always cry unto him from the ground for vengeance upon them and yet he avenge them not. Wherefore, O ye Gentiles, it is wisdom in God that these things should be shown unto you, that thereby ye may repent of your sins, and suffer not that these murderous combinations shall get above you...even the work of destruction come upon you, yea, even the sword of the justice of the Eternal God shall fall upon you, **to your overthrow and destruction** if ye shall suffer these things to be. Wherefore, the Lord commandeth you, when ye shall see these things come among you that ye shall awake to a sense of your **awful situation**, because of this **secret combination**...For it cometh to pass that whoso buildeth it up seeketh to overthrow the freedom of all lands, nations, and countries; and it bringeth to pass the destruction of all people, for it is built up by the devil, who is the father of all lies...even that same liar who hath caused man to commit murder from the beginning; who hath hardened the hearts of men that they have murdered the prophets, and stoned them, and cast them out from the beginning...(Ether 8:22-26).

In 2 Nephi 10, the Lord stated that because His covenants must be fulfilled, “I must needs destroy the secret works of darkness, and of murders, and of abominations...Wherefore, he that fighteth against Zion...shall perish; for they are they who are the whore of all the earth; for they who are not for me are against me, saith our God...I will consecrate this unto thy seed...for it is a choice land...above all other lands, wherefore **I will have all men that dwell thereon that they shall worship me**, saith God” (2 Nephi 10:15-19). In D&C 123 the LORD told Joseph and those among the Saints who were righteous, that they should “*wear out their lives*” in order to “*bring to light the hidden things of darkness*” then among them. God said, “For there are many yet on the earth among **all** sects, parties, and **denominations**, who are blinded by the subtle craftiness of men, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, and who are only kept from the truth because they know not where to find it [Jesus as the LIGHT]—Therefore, that we should waste and wear out our lives in bringing to light **all the hidden things of darkness**, wherein we know them; and they are truly manifest from heaven” (D&C 123:12-13).

King Benjamin warned his people to avoid falling into the same condition, by being oppressed by wicked governments ruling the people in injustice. He stated, “I pray that ye should awake to a remembrance of the **awful**

situation of those that have fallen into transgression” (Mosiah 2:40). He expressed that their only hope was the Great Redeemer Jesus Christ, as “there shall be no other name given nor any other way nor means whereby **salvation** can come unto the children of men, only in and through the name of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent” (Mosiah 3:17; 2 Nephi 9:41). Nephi reminded us, “Remember, to be **carnally**-minded is death, and to be **spiritually**-minded is life eternal” (2 Nephi 9:39). Moroni and Mormon witnessed the entire destruction of their people – the Nephites, because they embraced two things; (1) sexual sin, and (2) secret combinations. The Lamanites, though unbelievers, were not removed from their promised, covenant land by the LORD, as the Nephites were (see Jacob 3:1-6; Mormon 8:23-41, 9:28-37). Too many have forgotten these things.

Judgment is Coming Embracing the ways of the world brings curses. Too many see only one side of Christ, the side they want to see, the merciful, gracious, loving LORD Jesus, the lamb of God. God, however, has perfect balance, symbolized in the scales of **mercy and justice**. Those who ignore the true nature of God (and His word and law) do not see His coming judgment on the earth. His coming kingdom here will be one of **law and justice**, along with *love and peace*. He came first in the meridian of time in **mercy** as a **lamb** to save us spiritually via His pure, precious blood. When He returns again, it will be as the great **Lion King**, in **justice and judgment!** As our Creator, Lawgiver, King, and Judge, Christ the LORD is coming to cleanse **His kingdom and His creation** of all unrighteousness. His perfect Kingdom will be established under the **law** He gave. The blood on His robes at that great day will **not** be His this time (as it was in Gethsemane). He tread the great winepress alone (in Gethsemane, the scourging, and the cross). The blood on his robe this time will be that of the wicked, those who seek their own will above all things (see D&C 133:36-74).

Pride and self-will are the two primary characteristics that led the advanced angel Lucifer (meaning “light-bearer”) to rebel against God the Father and His precious son, the Creator, Redeemer, and Savior Jesus (see Isa. 14:4-27; Moses 1:1-23, 4:1-13, 5:13-59; Ezek. 28:1-18; D&C 29:34-45, 76:22-39; JST Rev. 12). Lucifer and those following him were cast down to earth in their rebellion. Lucifer then became “Satan” – the great liar, accuser, and tempter of mankind. A third part of the host of heaven followed Lucifer because he promised his version of salvation for all - and freedom to do as they wished without **agency or accountability**. His promises were full of lies. It was all too good to be true. His plan did **not** account for **justice** in connection with God’s **law**. It did not feature the true nature of “**agency**” which is personal **accountability or responsibility** for the choice we make. Lucifer’s plan focused on **choice and freedom** (as does the world today) - to do as one desires (without punishment). God gave Lucifer and all the rebellious the “**freedom**” to “**choose**” to follow Him or Lucifer. They used their “**agency**” (accountability or responsibility) and were thus judged and cast out of God’s presence.

All who rebel against God today, ignore and rebel against His **word and law**. They will not enjoy God’s presence and His *light* and **truth**. Again, God defines “**truth**” as the way things *really are*, past, present, and future (Jacob 4:12-18; D&C 93:23-25). Nor will they enjoy His many other promised blessings, including real **salvation**. The wicked will instead be cast into outer darkness, where there will be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth - among Satan and those following him.

Two Lords – Two Ways The war over “who we will worship” in the last-days is intensifying. We can choose Jesus and “the seal of the living God” (Mosiah 5:15), or the false lord of this earth and “the mark of the beast” (Alma 34:35; Rev. 13:16). The first has ties to **salvation and protection** (see Ezekiel 9). The second marks us as choosing the world and its ways. We read of “the seal of the living God” in the following scriptures (Rev. 7:2-3, 9:3-4, 14:1, 22:4; John 6:27; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:1—14, 4:30; Matt. 16:19; Mosiah 5:15; Hel. 10:7; D&C 1:7-10, 68:9-12; 77:8, 133:17-18). Those who love the LORD and seek His will in their lives are greatly blessed with God’s **name** upon them - a stamp, a seal of approval, along with **salvation and protection**. Those without it are in trouble. One of many things they must endure is five months of pain and suffering at the hands of those evil ones released from the bottomless pit (see Rev. 8:5). They are “marked” for this and other trials, all designed to encourage them to repent. Most won’t.

Seal, Mark, Sign, Token & Name A “seal” may be *defined* as an instrument of **sealing** used by individuals, corporate bodies or states for making impressions on wax (like a “sealed” written document), as evidence of its **authenticity**. This “seal” may be a signet ring, a mark or stamp, or a badge or token. The verb “seal” signifies “To secure to any one, to make sure; to set a seal or mark upon anything in token of its being genuine or **approved**; to

attest, to confirm, to establish, to distinguish by a **mark**.” When we read Genesis 17:11, Romans 4:11, and Revelation 7: 3 - along with Ezekiel 9: 4, we find that the words “token,” “sign,” “seal,” and “mark” are used in the Bible in very similar ways. The “seal of the living God” spoken of in the book of Revelation is given to God’s last-days servants. It is a “mark of distinction” upon them, separating those who love, honor, and serve God - as opposed to those who choose another god (the natural man or “beast” within them, and/or Satan).

The “seal of the living God” is placed upon them to render them valid or authentic as God’s representatives - **under His law**. Similarly, “the mark of the beast” is placed upon those who follow him. For most it is a spiritual marking, seen by God and His angels. In 1 Kings 21:8, we read that Jezebel (a Baal worshipper) “wrote letters in Ahab’s name (her husband, the King over Israel at the time). The letters were sent and **sealed with his seal**.” They then had the full authority of King Ahab among those in their kingdom. In Esther 3:12 we read, “In the name of King Ahasuerus was it written, and **sealed with the king’s ring**.” Note also Esther 8:8. “The writing which is written in the king’s name, and **sealed with the king’s ring**, may no man reverse.”

The King’s **seal** is used in connection with the King’s **law**. It demands obedience. Such “sealed” documents are made legal via the provisions of his **law**. The idea of **God’s law** in His Kingdom is inseparable from **His seal**. And thus, God’s **law** is binding upon those in His sphere of influence, His *coming* kingdom. God’s **seal** provides validity and authenticity to all enactments under **His law**. In Daniel 6:8 we read, “Now, O king, **establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed**, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.” In other words, affixing the signature or seal of royalty reveals that it demands obedience.

In Revelation 6, the 144,000 last-days servants are **sealed with the seal of God in their foreheads**. In Revelation 14:1 they are said to have **the Father’s name written in their foreheads**. King Mosiah taught that when we are “**born again**” in Christ Jesus, we make a **covenant with Him to do his will** (Mosiah 5:5). This includes the *written* commandments in scripture *and* those given us personally in *pure revelation* via the gift and power of the Holy Ghost (see 2 Ne. 32:2-6). This is one important way in which we take His **name** upon us. We are reminded of this special covenant with we listen to the two prayers of the Sacrament. Thus, God’s **seal** has a direct connection to **God’s name**, with His **mark** of authority, power, dominion, and protection upon His people.

God rules and reigns in His kingdom via His law. His **law** is contained in the commandments first given to Moses on Sinai. The first five commandments are tied to loving God and worshipping Him in His way (in Spirit and in truth), that we might avoid all idolatry. The second five are tied to loving one another. These ten commandments, written on two tables of stone, are summarized in the Two Great Commandments (to love God and one another, see Matt. 22:36-40, thus making 12 commandments, to go along with the higher law of the 12 Beatitudes in JST Matt. 5 and 3 Ne. 12; the number 12 is tied to “*governance*” throughout scripture). The fourth of the ten written commandment reads, “For in six days the LORD **made** heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is.” The true God is not the sun or any other created thing. God as **the Creator**, created things on this earth, including men’s bodies, housing our self-existent intelligences or souls. Written by God’s own finger, the fourth commandment contains His signature. It too is a “sign,” “seal,” “token,” or “mark” of **His authority**, of all those worshipping Him on the day He has chosen, the 7th day of the week (as marked by the both the sun and the moon phase, this is the subject of other papers). Most Christians today worship on the 1st day of each week.

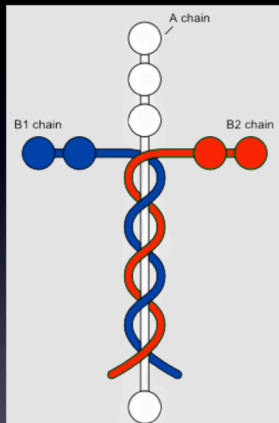
Note Exodus 31:13, where the LORD as Creator states that the Sabbath is a **sign** between Him and His people. “Verily My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for **it is a sign between Me and you** throughout your generations; **that ye may know that I am the Lord** that doth sanctify you” (see also Ezekiel 20:12, 20). The focus of keeping the Sabbath holy is that **we might come to know that He is the true God** – of all **creation**. **Thus, many believe the LORD’s Sabbath is His seal**, not the altered Sabbaths of men tied to commerce, convenience, and the false lord of this earth symbolized by “the sun” (on Sunday), in connection with ancient Baal worship. It is thus a **token or sign** of those who accept and honor **the Creator** God, He who rested on the 7th day. Each day for 14 “waxing” days (from the new moon conjunction [or dark moon] until full moon), there is 7% more sunlight upon the moon (7 x 14 = 98%).

By keeping the fourth commandment we signify that we are true worshipers of the living **Creator** God, not of false gods like Baal, symbolized by the sun (see 2 Kings 19:15; 2 Chron. 2: 12; Neh. 9:6; Psalm 96:5; 115: 4-7, 15; 121:2;

124:8; 134: 3; 146: 6; Isa. 37:16; 42: 5; 44:24; 45: 12; 51:13; Job 9:8; Jer. 10:10-12; 32:17; 51: 15; Acts 4:24; 14:15; 17:23, 24). In Deuteronomy 16:6 we read, “But at the place which the Lord thy God shall chose to place His **name** in, there shalt thou sacrifice the Passover.” What was in the sanctuary where they sacrificed the Passover? Within the Holy of Holies of this structure was the Ark containing the Ten Commandments, the fourth one identifies the one, true God and His name (see Deut. 12: 5, 11, 21; 14: 23, 24).

To honor false gods is take upon us “the mark of the beast”, symbolized by the number **666** in Revelation 13:18. Although it may be tied to an actual modern-day commerce mark like a barcode or chip in or on us - in connection with last-days commerce (in “beast system” nearly upon us), I believe the number **666** is better illustrated in a more basic form within our DNA. As we choose God, submitting our wills to His, and become “**born again**” in Him, the invisible third strand of DNA (tied to light) is activated. We are given greater oil in our lamp’s as “wise” virgins - in the gift and power of the Holy Spirit. We are granted a greater portion of God’s light, Spirit, and influence in our lives. In this, we are forever changed.

Those who are not “**born again**” or cleansed and made new in “the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost” may only have two strands of DNA active, or **66.6%** of what they could have. Joseph Smith may have addressed this when He stated, “The baptism of water, without the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost attending it, **is of no use** . . . They are necessarily and inseparably connected. An individual **must be born of water and the spirit** in order to get into the kingdom of God...You might as well baptize a bag of sand as a man, if not done in view of *the remission of sins* and *getting of the Holy Ghost*. Baptism by water is but *half* a baptism, and is **good for nothing** without the other half—that is, **the baptism of [fire and] the Holy Ghost**” (HC 6:316). Speaking of these two baptisms while addressing John the Baptist in JST Matthew 3:38, Joseph clarified, stating, “I baptize you with water, upon your repentance, but when Jesus Christ – of whom I bear record – comes, who has the power and keys, **He will administer the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost**”.



The DNA Laminin Molecule

is cross-shaped. It serves as a sealing or binding agent in our bodies, much like glue. **DNA** is the biological “record” of who we are on earth from our father and mother.

DNA is said to have *two strands*, but scripture informs us that “a *threefold cord* is not quickly broken” (Eccl. 4:12).

God’s word informs us that there are *three witnesses* on earth (water, blood & spirit) along with *three witnesses* in heaven (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit) - a record of who we are (1 John 5:4-8 & Moses 6:59-61). The third missing strand is that of **light** - which becomes brighter when we are “born again” in Christ Jesus. We become His sons and daughters”.

Body	Red	Blood	Son, here	Heaven
Spirit	White	Light	Father, here	Heaven
Soul	Blue	Water	Mother, here	Heaven

Is having **2/3rds** of the full *three strands* an indication that we have the “**mark of the beast**” or **66.6%** of what we could have as a “Son or Daughter of God”?

Addressing his own baptism and that of Oliver Cowdery in 1829, the Prophet Joseph stated, “Immediately on our coming up out of the water after we had been baptized, we experienced great and glorious blessings from our Heavenly Father. No sooner had I baptized Oliver Cowdery, than **the Holy Ghost fell upon him**, and he stood up and prophesied many things which should shortly come to pass. And again, I also had the spirit of prophecy, when, standing up, I prophesied . . . **We were filled with the Holy Ghost**, and rejoiced in the God of our salvation. *Our minds being now enlightened*, we began to have the scriptures laid open to our

understanding, and the true meaning and intention of their more mysterious passages revealed unto us in a manner which we never could attain to previously, nor ever before had thought of” (JS History 1:73-74).

The Prophet Joseph also taught how being “**born again**” effects a *Gentile* differently than one of the **house or blood of Israel**. Both are part of a “**purging**” event, where sins are remitted. The Gentile, however, has their **blood purged**. They become **of the blood of Israel or Jacob** (the birthright son of Isaac, who was the birthright son of Abraham). Does this mean their DNA is changed? Such then inherit the promised blessings given Abraham and Sarah, becoming the sons and daughters of God, with full inheritance with Christ thereafter. Joseph stated, “The Holy Ghost has no other effect than pure intelligence. It is more powerful in expanding the mind, enlightening the understanding, and storing the intellect with present knowledge, of a man who is of the literal seed of Abraham, than one that is a Gentile, though it may not have half as much visible effect upon the body; for as the Holy Ghost falls upon one of the literal seed of Abraham, it is calm and serene; and his whole soul and body are only exercised by the pure spirit of intelligence; while the effect of the Holy Ghost upon a Gentile, is to purge out the old blood, and make him actually of the seed of Abraham. That man that has none of the blood of Abraham (naturally) must

have a new creation by the Holy Ghost. In such a case, there may be more of a powerful effect upon the body, and visible to the eye, than upon an Israelite, while the Israelite at first might be far before the Gentile in pure intelligence" (TPJS 149-50). The natural man or "beast" within each of us can be removed. We can be made new in Christ (see John 3:3-8). For more on this topic, see *Clear Born Again Scriptures @ www.7witnesses.com*

Conclusion I conclude this paper with **three** who were crying when they saw the coming destruction of so many in the flood of Noah's day. They were Enoch, the Earth, and our LORD. Similar cleansing is coming in our day, with fire. Are you ready for the LORD's fiery return? Do you have "**the seal of the living God**" upon you? We read in Moses 7: "And it came to pass that Enoch looked; and from Noah, he beheld all the families of the earth; and he cried unto the Lord, saying: When shall the day of the Lord come? When shall the blood of the Righteous be shed, that all they that mourn may be sanctified and have eternal life? And the Lord said: It shall be in the meridian of time, **in the days of wickedness and vengeance**. And behold, Enoch saw the day of the coming of the Son of Man, even in the flesh; and his soul rejoiced, saying: The Righteous is lifted up, and the Lamb is slain from the foundation of the world; and through faith I am in the bosom of the Father, and behold, Zion is with me. And it came to pass that Enoch looked upon the earth; and he heard a voice from the bowels thereof, saying: **Wo, wo is me, the mother of men; I am pained, I am weary, because of the wickedness of my children. When shall I rest, and be cleansed from the filthiness which is gone forth out of me? When will my Creator sanctify me, that I may rest, and righteousness for a season abide upon my face?**

And when Enoch heard the earth mourn, he wept, and cried unto the Lord, saying: O Lord, wilt thou not have compassion upon the earth? Wilt thou not bless the children of Noah? And it came to pass that Enoch continued his cry unto the Lord, saying: I ask thee, O Lord, in the name of thine Only Begotten, even Jesus Christ, that thou wilt have mercy upon Noah and his seed, that the earth might never more be covered by the floods. And the Lord could not withhold; and he covenanted with Enoch, and swore unto him with an oath, that he would stay the floods; that he would call upon the children of Noah; And he sent forth an unalterable decree, that a remnant of his seed should always be found among all nations, while the earth should stand; And the Lord said: Blessed is he through whose seed Messiah shall come; for he saith—I am Messiah, the King of Zion, the Rock of Heaven, which is broad as eternity; whoso cometh in at the gate and climbeth up by me shall never fall; wherefore, blessed are they of whom I have spoken, for they shall come forth with songs of everlasting joy (Moses 7:45-53).

Fiery judgment is coming to this earth - instead of water. May each of us have the wisdom to choose the LORD and His ways above all other things, that we might have everlasting joy in the salvation of our God.

Additional Resources

Homosexuality and Transgenders - *Pastor Voddie Baucham* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loSWMYTd9B8>
The Homosexual Agenda in Education <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILmcuKmq74w>
The Story of Sexual Brokenness <https://chronologicalbibleteaching.com/sample-chapter-the-story-of-sexual-brokenness>
See also http://www.7witnesses.com/uploads/3/8/9/3/38938293/story_of_sexual_brokenness.pdf

End Notes

¹ **70 Years Captivity in Babylon** The 70 years of captivity by the Jews in Babylon represented a **10-fold** time punishment for not honoring God's law in *the Sabbatical Year of Release* every 7th year - when the land was to rest, slaves were to be set free, and all debt forgiven. Christ's mission of redemption for mankind was designed to relieve man's **oppression** on one another - of all kinds. The humble and the repentant are granted a merciful release from sin, death, and hell by our LORD's service in the Atonement ("hell" being separation from God).

² **The Walls of Morality Breached** It is clear that Satan and the secret combinations of our day are aware of the **June 26th** date on God's Bible calendar, somehow coordinating advances for gay rights on this day. It is the tearing down or **breaching of the protective walls of the ancient Holy City Jerusalem and her temple!** The last wall surrounding the sanctity of the family - marriage - has now been breached. The Supreme Court decision to force all 50 states to "marry" same-sex couples insures that Satan's lawlessness will prevail in this world, at least until our LORD comes to clean things up.

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Only 2-3% of the entire population in the United States is believed to be homosexual, transgender, etc, yet the entire population, 72% of which claim to be Christian, must now deal with the consequences of this Supreme Court decision, and not just from a legal standpoint, but from a spiritual one as well. God's Law on sexual relations is clear in the Bible, as seen in Leviticus 18 and Moses 7. Mother Earth is again crying out for the filthiness to be removed. She will be cleansed, this time by fire. The judgment is now set. Twelve special witnesses in the Proclamation on the Family have declared it so. They stated, “The family is ordained of God. Marriage between man and woman is essential to His eternal plan....*we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring upon individuals, communities, and nations the calamities* foretold by ancient and modern prophets”.

Many believe fall of 2015 witnessed a sign tied to the beginning of the end for this nation, following ancient Israel’s civil New Year's Day known as Rosh Hashanah (meaning “head of the year”). It occurred on September 13, New Moon. This day is traditionally tied to coming “judgment” - and a sealing of it - on the Day of Atonement ten days later. Rosh Hashanah ends the 2014-15 *Sabbatical Year of Release* (judgment day on the Stock Market in 2001 and 2008, both times a 7% market drop). It was followed by an important celestial sign two weeks latter at full moon - that of a blood-super moon (a 14% larger than normal total lunar eclipse) on September 28, falling on *the Feast of Tabernacles*, an ancient Holy Day on God's calendar tied to the enthronement of the King and Queen in their just kingdom, and the time of their **marriage**. It was the last or fourth blood-moon of the 2014-15 Tetrad of blood-moons, the eighth Tetrad since the birth of Christ. Another Tetrad falling on the Holy Days (Passover and Tabernacles each year for two years) will not occur for another 500 years.

In the ancient world, eclipses (black suns - *total solar eclipses*, and red or blood-moons - total lunar eclipses) were believed to be an ominous omen of coming change tied to **judgment**, in this case. Like the previous 7 Tetrads, all tied to the covenant people Israel, this omen or sign “follows” is particular event of dark significance. Scripture tells us that “signs follow them that believe” (Ether 4:18, 12:6; D&C 58:64, 63:9, 84:65). How many will repent? Evidence suggests relatively few will. Many will reject God, His ways and laws, choosing political correctness and approval of the world, leading to their own judgment.

On December 20 of 2013, a Federal Judge in **Utah** - *appointed* by Pres. Obama - declared as *unconstitutional* a Utah state law not allowing gay couples to marry. The next day, December 21, the **winter solstice**, the day of least light, hundreds lined up and were all married in Salt Lake County, some by the city’s Mayor. City offices stayed open late into the night, a special accommodation which those seeking traditional licenses *have never been given*. Surprisingly, Boy Scouts in uniform came to serve pizza, some with scarfs around their necks with the six rainbow colors of the LGBT movement. Utah, one of the most conservative states in the union (and where the majority of the citizenry do not want such laws), then became the 18th state to enforce same-sex marriage.

When *the Defense of [traditional] Marriage Act* (DOMA) was overturned nationally, American flags all over San Francisco came down. It was replaced with the six colored rainbow flag of the gay and lesbian community. This was repeated in many places worldwide. The seven colors of the celestial rainbow in Moses 7 is the light-based token God chose for the Everlasting Covenant made with Enoch, one renewed with his grandson Noah, and with all righteous believers.

The 2013 Supreme Court decision effectively reversed the majority decision of *the California people* (Proposition 8, fought for by Latter-day Saints in California door to door), those who had *legally* established marriage as *the* union between one man and woman, **the basis for the family and society**.

Ten years earlier in 2003, the Supreme Court *invalidated* the sodomy laws of all fifty states (including Utah), doing so again on **June 26**. It was a landmark 6 to 3 opinion in *Lawrence vs. Texas*. The change in law reflected the will of designing and corrupt judges and lawyers (see 3 Nephi 6:27-30). Note the words of our first President, a man who honored God. He stated, “**The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself hath ordained.**” George Washington made this statement on April 30th of 1789, during his inaugural address, when our new nation was born and dedicated to God. Our trust was placed in Him on the notes of our currency. As a General in the revolutionary army, Washington had seen God’s hand aiding his rag-tag army against the powerful British army over and over. He concluded, “It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes.”

President Washington’s words speak prophetically of the *peace, prosperity* and *protection* that only occurs with a nation and people who love and worship the God of heaven - on this Promised, Covenant Land. All three of these blessings are taken away when wickedness and abominations increase. Just after taking office in 2009, President Obama declared that *the United States was no longer a Christian nation*. Compare with Washington’s words; “**It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.**” Pres. Obama then replaced the traditional Christian "Day of Prayer" with an Islamic Ramadan dinner that same year. Washington’s words are no longer given to students in school as they are too “religious”. Note the words of this nation’s first two Supreme Court Justices. “Human law must rest its authority upon the authority of that law which is **Divine**...Far from being rivals or enemies, **religion and law are twin sisters**, friends, and mutual assistants” (James Wilson: Signer of the both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; Original Justice of the first Supreme Court). “The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it

and to regulate your life by its precepts...Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and **it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers**" (John Jay: Co-Author of the Federalist Papers; First Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court).

Pres. Obama's changes during his presidency may be like the days of Isaiah who noted that a non-native, black Pharaoh began oppressing the Hebrews in Egypt. Many believe Egypt in the book of Isaiah **is** modern-day America. The horse named "American Pharaoh" won the triple crown in 2015. Was it a sign for modern day oppression of "Israel" today?

³ **Anti-Gay Bill in Russia in 2013** While American lawmakers have changed many laws for gay rights (including gay marriage for all 50 states in 2015), Russian lawmakers have done the opposite. They enacted national laws to protect the sanctity of marriage, rejecting the new morality of the west. The lower house of the Russian Parliament voted **436 to 0** *in favor of* an anti-gay bill on June 11 of 2013. It was then signed into **law** by Vladimir Putin. In addition, Patriarch Kirill, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, stated that recent Western "*legislation of single-sex marriages is bringing the apocalypse closer.*" While the percentage of Christians in traditional churches in America has gone down in the last seven years, they have nearly doubled in the last 17 years in Russia, going from 31% Christian to 72% Christian (China is also seeing greater numbers of Christians). The Prophets of the Book of Mormon saw our day. We read in Ether 14, "And now there began to be a great curse upon all the land because of the iniquity of the people...And thus we see that the Lord did visit them in the fullness of his wrath, and their wickedness and **abominations** had **prepared a way** for their everlasting destruction" (Ether 14:1, 25).