

SIGN AND A WITNESS for Marriage Revealed in the Second Book of Commandments

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13 For the laws that I gave unto Mine ancient covenant people must be re-established among My people that law and order prevail, especially concerning the law of marriage.

14 For none obey this law in its purity, for even those who have stepped forth to accept My gospel in its fullness do err; and none doeth right in this matter, except those who seek revelation concerning this as My servant William and maidservant Opal have done.

15 And this must be the case in all marriage covenants, otherwise they are not of Me.

16 In this, many mistake desire for revelation and say, "Because I have a great desire for this person, it must needs be that it is of God."

17 I say unto you, that this is a great folly and is ridiculous unto Me, for a woman hath a right for a SIGN AND A WITNESS as to whom she is to marry, if she is otherwise living My commandments.

18 And all those who enter this work and repent and humble themselves before Me will come before Me and seek My will concerning this matter, whether they be married or not.

19 For many are now married to those to whom they do not belong, for they have married according to the customs of men and of Babylon, and they know no other law.

20 And My servant Joseph Smith tried to rectify this law, and for this reason he was martyred.

21 And I command My Servant that he take up where My servant Joseph left off.

22 For he set in order many things, but it was for his efforts to set this law in order that he was martyred, for many who were taught the truth of this doctrine fell away at that time and were the ones who sought his life, and put him to death.

23 Behold, who will stand this setting in order? Only Mine elect, saith the LORD.

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43 And behold Mine anger is kindled against the women who are called to step forth to raise up a righteous generation; and the lamentation I gave unto My servant Steven is correct, for they step

not forth and deny their SIGN AND WITNESS and are damned.

44 Behold I say unto you, that the time will shortly come to pass that all that they now comfort themselves in shall be taken from them, even their mansions and their vehicles; and their fine apparel and their jewelry and gold will avail them nothing.

45 And they shall see all their sumptuous living taken from them in an instant.

46 And they shall lie upon the ground for want of a bed; and they shall fear that which cometh in the night; and they shall weep and wail all the night long, for their children shall be driven through and they shall be ravaged and torn.

47 And where there was once a sweet smell there shall be a stink; and where there once was a girdle and stomacher, there will be a rent.

48 And their fine hair and coiffures shall become as a tanglement; and they shall find no comfort in all the land.

49 For they shall suffer as they have caused My servants to suffer.

50 For the daughters of Zion step not forward to stand beside My holy prophets, but instead are ashamed of them and accuse them of all manner of iniquity.

51 For they seek the praise of the world and are ashamed of Mine holy covenants.

52 Blessed are those few who step forward and take the hand of the prophets and are led by them, for they shall be as Eve; but cursed are those who step not forward, for their cup shall be empty; and only if they are brought down to the depths of hell will they learn obedience.

53 For they rejoice in a man of deceitful lips and turn their backs on the choice men of the earth whom I have called.

54 Oh you blind and stupid daughters of Zion, for ye repent not, neither will ye hearken; and because ye neither repent nor hearken, ye shall be brought low, even unto the depths of humility by that which ye suffer.

55 For a time soon cometh that seven women shall take hold of one righteous man and say, "Behold we will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel, only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach."

56 And even then ye shall be as servants only, begging for that which ye receive and subservient to those who are worthy of a much greater weight of glory.

57 And I have called many to be wives unto My servants the prophets, and what have they done?

58 Behold, after they have received a SIGN AND A WITNESS, the adversary hath come before them with sweet words and they have been deceived, for they desired the things of the earth rather than the joys of Eternal Life.

59 And they have lifted up their heels against My Servant and accused him of iniquity when there hath been no iniquity, for he hath done only what I have commanded, and none else.

60 And those who cry iniquity, behold their hopes will be blasted, and the arm of flesh on which they rely shall fail; and all will be desolation and ruin, for I will not suffer My servants to be mocked longer.

61 And it hath gone forth in a decree from My throne that justice be enacted in behalf of My faithful servants.

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6 And behold, I have given unto some a SIGN AND A WITNESS, yet they relayed it not for interpretation and feared least it be true.

7 And if they repent not, such will be removed; and they shall receive no WITNESS and die in their sins.

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25 For all women are to step forth who hath had a SIGN AND A WITNESS as to who their husband should be.

26 And when this shall be done by a SIGN AND A WITNESS, to this shall be added the confirmation of the holy Priesthood to confirm again that which hath been received by the woman, that confusion reigneth not, and to expose those who receive not a SIGN AND A WITNESS, and say that they have done so.

27 For My house is a house of order, saith the LORD.

28 And when they have thus received a SIGN AND A WITNESS, they shall be united by My holy Priesthood and live according to the laws of the gospel as contained in the scriptures as pertaining to man and wife.

29 And whom God hath joined together, let no man tear asunder.

30 And let those united in this manner sin not, for have they not come before Me and have

received confirmation and revelation concerning this matter?

31 And whichever is more or less than this is sin.

32 And behold when My church is set in order, behold, shall they not come forth and present themselves before My holy Priesthood and receive the sealing ordinances in Mine holy Temples after they have been cleansed of their filthiness?

33 And not all women who step forward shall receive a SIGN, for not all shall have faith.

34 And then they shall come before My Priesthood and request that they seek the will of the LORD in this matter; and My Priesthood shall seek the will of the LORD and confirmation of the Spirit.

35 And he which they nameth shall present himself and be accepted by My maidservant, and of him she shall receive confirmation of the Spirit, that all may be done in order.

36 But it is better that they seek a SIGN AND WITNESS themselves, for this principle hath been abused in the past, causing much sin.

37 And some have wondered concerning the children. Behold I say unto you, it shall be unto them according to the laws already contained in My holy Scriptures.

38 And after a woman hath thus received a SIGN AND WITNESS which hath been confirmed by My holy Priesthood and makes a covenant with this man, and afterwards repents of this covenant and follows again after the ways of the world, unless she desires a bill of divorcement, a man cannot release her, for she is his and belongeth unto him.

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Section 50 (United Order Laws) October 1979

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64 And I the LORD say unto you, for this I speak and man shall hear and do or perish, that no man can enter into this most Holy Order unless he has first set his own house in order, each man in his place at the head of his family or families.

65 And it was because this was not done in the past that the Order failed.

66 For My servant Brigham Young, who endeavored to set up this Order on several occasions without success, failed to completely set the families that entered into it first in order.

67 And thus it must be determined that each wife in his family have a SIGN AND WITNESS or

revelation ascertaining that she belongeth unto him that no doubt enter therein.

68 Therefore, I command those who have stepped forward at this time to set their houses in order preparatory to their entering Mine Holy Order.

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Section 51 (Law of Adoption) **December 1979**

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38 For I am a just God, and it must needs be that all My children who are of the holy seed be brought up in the light of truth.

39 Yet if a daughter born to them be rebellious, and desireth not to listen to the LORD and seek a SIGN AND WITNESS, she shall be released if she repent not, so that she may choose whom she desireth.

40 But none of My holy Priesthood shall take her unto themselves, for she is as the heathen unless she repent.

41 And no man of My holy Priesthood shall take unto themselves wives, sons, daughters, mothers, brothers, sisters, possessions, unless it be by the WITNESS of the Holy Ghost, for more or less than this is sin, and causeth confusion.

42 None shall take unto themselves wives, sons, daughters, mothers, brothers, sisters, unless they be of the chosen seed, for more or less than this is confusion of the races, and is strange flesh unto Me, saith the LORD.

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Section 54 **February 6, 1980**

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12 Yet women flee to the arms of the wicked, seeking comfort and ease, and they desire possessions and recognition from the world.

13 They seek not for Life Eternal, and cast their inheritance from them as if it were a dirty rag.

14 And I give unto them a SIGN AND A WITNESS, and they trample it under their feet as the swine walloweth in mire, and turn and rend My servants.

15 Behold I say unto you, what reward shall they have, and what sorrow will they suffer?

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Section 61 (United Order Covenants)**July, 1980**

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25 I also covenant to take unto myself all wives, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, goods and possessions that the LORD doth give unto me by revelation and by a SIGN AND WITNESS.

26 I also covenant that I will keep all the other laws pertaining to the marriage covenant now revealed to the children of men, and all that yet may be revealed pertaining to this holy covenant.

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Section 74 **January 1982**

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8 And unto the women I have given the SIGN AND WITNESS, for this identifyeth the true seed of Israel.

9 For none who are not of the house of Israel and of the chosen seed shall receive this SIGN, for it is given unto My people only.

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22 And a SIGN AND A WITNESS shall not be given unto a woman until she repents, and when she repents My Spirit cannot be restrained for it is her right.

23 And if she receives a WITNESS and later turns from it because of sin and the fear of being ridiculed, behold I say unto you, she shall be turned over to the adversary that perhaps she may learn by what she suffers.

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Section 107 **March 29, 1984**

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3 And I have said previously that if a man lieth with a woman he must then take her unto himself to be his wife, but if it be not by a SIGN AND WITNESS or by My word, then they are out of order.

4 But if it be by a SIGN AND WITNESS then let none forbid, for it is of Me and I shall bless them.

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Section 108 **May 1984**

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4 And what has concerned you was the law in the scriptures which states that when a man enticeth a maid, to lie with her, she was his and he could never put her away.

5 Behold, this was only if she was betrothed to him, and she had received a SIGN AND WITNESS for him.

6 For if a man enticeth a maid without her receiving first a SIGN AND A WITNESS, he committeth a grievous sin.

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Section 146 August 1988

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27 And behold I say unto you, the wives that choose to stay with their righteous husband will be rewarded according to their deeds.

28 Yet I find not yet one of the daughters of Adam that will serve Me; for not one of My maidservants is willing to totally submit herself unto My will, to raise up unto Me a righteous generation-- yea, even a generation that will seek only My will.

29 For they leave not the dead who have forsaken Me for the things of this world, yea even their father, mother, sisters, brothers, friends, possessions, earthly obligations and covenants, but cling unto them rather than unto Me their LORD and Savior.

30 And they accept unto themselves a false SIGN AND WITNESS and at the end will be turned away.

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8 And this I do say unto you that if ye take unto yourselves of the true daughters of Israel and they receive thee by a true SIGN AND WITNESS, behold they are unto thee as true wives and they are thine and none can take them from thee.

9 And if ye take unto thyself a woman from among the Gentiles; behold, they need not a SIGN AND WITNESS, and if they be willing to be unto thee a concubine, then ye shall take and raise up children from them.

10 And behold I say unto you, here is wisdom; for if a woman being a Gentile bring forth Israelitish children, then even though she appeareth as a Gentile, behold she hath Israelitish blood.

11 Then she can request that her Gentile blood be purged from her, and when she hath had this ordinance done, she can become unto this man a wife for she is then an Israelite, and hath all the rights of an Israelite woman.

12 And she need not a SIGN, for the man hath redeemed her for a price.

13 And if her posterity continue faithful in keeping My laws and statutes, and they marry from that time forth only those with true Israelitish blood, behold after four generations will they not then bring forth the pure seed of Israel?

14 Nevertheless, in some cases, ten generations must pass before the Gentile blood is indeed entirely purged from them.

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Section 147 September 1988

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Behold I your Savior and Redeemer do speak unto you again at this time, for ye have wondered more concerning the marriage covenant.

2 And ye had wondered why My servants in olden times took unto themselves wives and concubines, and how they distinguished between the two.

3 Behold I your Savior do give unto you instruction concerning this matter.

4 For if a descendant of Israel took to wife one of his own and she had a SIGN AND A WITNESS from the Father, he then could take this woman unto himself as a wife, and she was a wife indeed unto him.

5 Yet if he took unto himself a woman from among the heathen, she was not unto him as a wife, but as a concubine-- for such it was in ancient Israel.

6 For David and Solomon had many wives and concubines, and in the taking of these they sinned not; only when they received wives that were not given unto them by the Father did they sin.

7 And so it is that the true blood of Israel hath this blessing.

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26 And a woman shall seek a SIGN AND WITNESS to a man, even among their own tribe that each may be identified and stand in his own place.

27 And this shall be the case except it be by direct revelation from Me saith the LORD.

28 Nevertheless, only the righteous and those who totally repent of these tribes shall enter into My rest.

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Section 167 April 2, 1991

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7 For a woman in Israel must choose the man by the Spirit of revelation, and this I have before instructed thee.

8 For I will give unto her a SIGN AND WITNESS, and there is no other way that a man in Israel shall take unto himself a wife.

9 For are ye not Israel, and are ye not the beginning of the gathering of My scattered nation?

10 And am not I your Savior, restoring the laws of Israel that ye may again live them accordingly, that ye may again be acceptable unto Me?

11 For if ye live not these laws, will I not surely leave thee unto your own devices to be cast aside as dross?

12 For it is expedient that ye be instructed in these matters that ye be not led astray into forbidden paths.

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