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## ZION CITY, ITS BUILDER AND MAKER, ITS PLACE AND PURPOSE, AND ITS DIVINE DESTINY IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

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### TEXT.

*They shall call thee the city of Jehovah, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.---Isatah 60:14*

I am to speak to you today concerning our little ZION CITY, Its Builder and Maker, Its Place and Purpose, and Its Divine Destiny in this Twentieth Century.

It is a large program, but all I have to do is to suggest, and I am quite sure that you will see that it is impossible for me to exhaust thought in connection with this subject.

It is some time since I delivered a discourse in connection with this work of city building, in which I am now engaged.

The Christian Catholic Church in ZION has, with me, entered into a compact that we will build God's City at God's command and in God's Way, and on God's own soil, and that it shall fulfil the plans and purposes and the Divine destiny, the Divine final purposes.

### A PORTION OF PROPHECY.

Every student of prophecy who believes in the inspiration of the Word of God will have no difficulty whatever in understanding that God prophesied through all the ages that in the latter days His people would come together from the East, and from the West, and from the North, and from the South; that He would gather them out of all the lands, and bring them unto ZION.

He would begin by taking them "one of a city, and two of a family," and would bring them to Zion.

In the latter days, in the Times of the Restoration of All Things, He would begin to build His Cities, and would prepare the way for the restoration of ZION, Jerusalem, which means the Possession of Peace, and there He would establish the Throne of Jehovah, where Christ Himself should live and reign in visible, personal form for 1000 years—a Millennium.

These things are prophecies.

### JERUSALEM A HERITAGE OF ISRAEL.

Four thousand one hundred and forty years ago, Jerusalem was taken by David, the King of Israel, and made the capital of the Israelitish race. It belongs to Israel.

It does not belong to the Mohammedan whose flag is floating over the Dome of the Rock where Abraham on Moriah offered sacrifice; where Solomon built God's Temple; where Zerubbabel built the temple; where Herod built the temple.

No longer in the hands of God's people, Mount Moriah, the Mosque of Omar, the Dome of the Rock, flies the flag of the Crescent, that horrid power which declares by its religious principles, if principles you can call them, that woman is without a spirit. Horrible, cruel, ignorant, brutal, false to the very heart's core!

The empire of Mahomet must perish. May it perish soon!

The Powers of Europe and this continent must join hands, and make the unspeak-

able Turk yield up Jerusalem, the Possession of Peace, the City of God.

I make no mistake. The little City that we build—may God bless it (Amen)—by the shores of this great unsalted sea is not the final ZION. It is a ZION CITY; but ZION which yonder, even in its decadence, sits upon Acra, Bezetha, Moriah, and ZION, Jerusalem on its four hills, Jerusalem in Palestine, is the coming Capital of the Whole Earth, and Christ shall reign there in bodily presence. (Applause. Amen.)

But there is something to be done before this.

The prophecies all point to the gathering

hence we only lease it.

We bought it for God. He helped us to buy it.

GOD THE OWNER AND BUILDER OF ZION CITY.

God is the Owner of the Land.

God is the Builder of the City.

God is the Maker of the City.

So far as we know, there is not one man who has come to that City who does not own the Lord Jesus Christ as his King, and who is unwilling to obey His requirements.

If we find out one, we have him either repent and do right, or get out; for we have the power to do it.

The lease provides that men shall obey

God and live out their lives in accordance with His Word; that they shall not set up places to sell opium, alcohol, tobacco, or any other poisonous drug; that they shall not sell or use tobacco; that they shall not sell pig, and they shall not sell the filthy scavenger of the sea, the oyster; that there shall be no harlot's dens, no gambling hells, no theaters, no Secret Society lodges where so many thousand men lodge most of the time, who are only occasionally at home. We have none of these, and, God helping us, we shall never have.

ZION CITY has in its leases covenants that forbid these things, and ZION CITY has at its head a man who sees that the covenants are carried out. (Applause.)

And this people will always have such an one at their head. God will see that, though one departs, another is immediately raised up. No man has ever

been indispensable to God, and I am not.

### THE PLACE AND PURPOSE OF ZION CITY.

What are its place and purpose? I will tell you.

I am going to be very simple. I am going to be very practical.

Its place, topographically, is forty-two miles, as I have said, from Chicago on the Northwestern Railway, which runs right through it.

Its place, however, is something more than its mere topographical position.

Its place is unique in the history of the world.

There never has been, so far as I am able to ascertain, a single city which was established like that.

You have had Brook Farms, and you have had Harveys, but in none of these places was the Lord Jesus Christ supreme.

In none of these places was God the Owner in perpetuity of the land.

In none of these places were the Ten Commandments laid down as Fundamental Law, nor did everybody agree that they would obey them.

In none of these places was the Eleventh Commandment supreme.

In none of these places was the Word of God laid down as the rule of faith and practice in the home, in business, and in city government.

In none of these places did the people cooperate as they do in ZION.



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together first of the Spiritual ZION.

ZION STANDS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Christ came preaching THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, and ZION stands for THE KINGDOM OF GOD out of which the Church comes. The Church is but an *ecclesia*, a Gathering out of THE KINGDOM. THE KINGDOM comes first, and THE KINGDOM comes last.

ZION CITY is going to be clean, by the Grace of God, because every foot of ground of ZION CITY belongs to God.

We have not sold an inch of it beyond giving railway facilities to the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company. We shall not dispose of a single inch of the land in ZION CITY except upon leases of 1100 years.

One hundred years, we think, will give ample time for the Lord's Return to take from the world His own, for the Rapture, and for the Return of the Saints to reoccupy the earth, with all who have slept in Jesus.

When Christ comes to reign in ZION at Jerusalem, He will find one little City by the shores of Lake Michigan where He is already supreme. Not one inch of that land has ever been, or will ever be, sold.

ZION CITY LOTS ARE LEASED, NOT SOLD.

We hold that the Divine declaration in Leviticus to the people of Israel applies to us.

God said, "The Land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the Land is Mine"; and