

1835 Added:

Section 101-102, statements on marriage and government. Joseph apparently approved of the statement of government, though it was not a revelation, but opposed the statement on marriage. See Cook, Lyndon W. *The Revelations of the Prophet Joseph Smith: A Historical and Bibliographical Commentary of the Doctrine and Covenants*. (Salt Lake City, 1985), p. 348-49, fn. 11.

1844 Added:

103, 105, 112, 119, 124, 127, 128, and 135

1876 Added:

2, 13, 77, 85, 87, 108, 109, 110, 111, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 125, 126, 129, 130, 131, 132, and 136

1981 Added:

137, 138

## 1844 Edition

For this 1844 edition of the Doctrine & Covenants, I wanted a text that was a close to what Joseph Smith approved as possible while also allowing for occasional errors and omissions and allowing for a modern format. While that goal may sound simple and easy, it actually isn't. Here's what that entails:

I use the original, 1844 text but I also retain original capitalizations found in the handwritten revelation or 1830 edition. This may seem odd and counterintuitive, but the early printing presses had much fewer options to emphasize words

than we do so they often used capitalizations to emphasize words. While we cannot be certain that Joseph is responsible for every one of those emphases, I prefer to retain the original capitalization so the reader can see the emphases and decide for themselves whether or not they are doctrinally or historically significant.

I have italicized all major corrections and changes from the original. Instances where “Joseph” was changed to “Joseph Smith” or “pleadeth” was changed to “pleads” or instances where similar modifications were made are not noted in the footnotes or by italics. Nevertheless, the reader should be aware that there are many hundreds of such changes as Joseph was slowly modifying Old English phrases to a more modern English style both in the D&C and in other texts that he was editing. While some changes that I note in the footnotes and in italics may not be groundbreaking, I include as many as I can possibly imagine could create a significant distinction for some rational thinker, whether or not I may agree with them. I’d rather be overly thorough than not thorough enough. All italics in the main body of the D&C are reflective of these changes. None are original.

While some people believe that Joseph was responsible for creating paragraphs in the scriptures he published, there is little to no evidence that there is even a modicum of truth to this idea. Paragraphing appears to have been the effort of the printer in every instance in the Book of Mormon and mostly probably in every instance in the Doctrine and Covenants. Paragraphs in this edition reflect the original versification. I

have made no substantive decisions in paragraph choices beyond this. That may change in future study editions but since I'm trying to retain the most accurate edition that reflects Joseph's hand in its creation, this seems a reasonable, low-invasive methodology. Nevertheless, the reader should be aware that this paragraphing choice does not seem to reflect any doctrinal effort or emphasis. All paragraph breaks produced this way seem purely grammatical or pragmatic in nature.

Headings to each section of the D&C often changed for each printed edition and were sometimes modified multiple times before each edition heading was deemed acceptable as well. I retain the 1844 headings, which seem to have been chosen for simplicity's sake. However, earlier editions often offered much more helpful context so I've included some of those in the footnotes whenever the earlier heading seems useful for the average reader.

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THE COVENANTS AND COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD TO HIS SERVANTS  
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The original header read:

A Preface or instruction unto the Book of Commandments, which were given of the Lord unto his church, through whom he appointed to this work, by the voice of his saints through the prayer of faith: This church being organized according

*Revelation given 1 November 1831*  
*Canonized in 1833*

1 Hearken, O ye people of my Church, saith the voice of him who dwells on high and whose eyes are upon all men; yea, verily I say, hearken ye people from afar, and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together; 2 for verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape, and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated; 3 and the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed; 4 and the voice of warning shall be unto all people by the mouths<sup>2</sup> of my disciples whom I have chosen in these last days, 5 and they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them.

6 Behold, this is mine authority, and the authority of my servants, and my Preface unto the Book of my Commandments, which I have given them to Publish unto you, O Inhabitants of the Earth; 7 wherefore, fear and tremble, O ye People, for what I the Lord have decreed in them shall be fulfilled. 8 And verily, I say unto you, that they who go forth, bearing these tidings unto the Inhabitants of the Earth, to them is power given to seal both on Earth and in Heaven, the unbelieving and rebellious; 9 yea, verily, to seal them up unto the day when the wrath of God shall be poured out upon the wicked without measure; 10 unto the day when the Lord shall come to recompense unto every man according to his work, and measure to every man according to the measure which he has measured to his fellow man.

11 Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends<sup>3</sup> of the earth, that all that will hear may hear; 12 prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh; 13 and the anger of the Lord is kindled, and his sword is bathed in heaven, and it shall fall upon the inhabitants of the Earth; 14 and the arm of the Lord shall be revealed; and the day cometh that they

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to the will of him who rules all things on the sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

<sup>2</sup> The original says "mouth." Subsequent editions changed it to "mouths" and the change was retained.

<sup>3</sup> The original says "end." Subsequent editions changed it to "ends" and the change was retained.

who will not hear the voice of the Lord, neither the voice of his servants, neither give heed to the words of the Prophets and Apostles shall be cut off from among the People; 15 for they have strayed from mine ordinances and have broken mine everlasting Covenant; 16 they seek not the Lord to establish his righteousness, but every man walketh in his own way, and after the Image of his own G<sup>4</sup>od, whose image is in the likeness of the world and whose substance is that of an Idol which waxeth old and shall perish in Babylon, even Babylon the great, which shall fall.

17 Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamity which should come upon the inhabitants of the Earth, called upon my Servant Joseph Smith, Jr. and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments<sup>5</sup>; 18 and also gave commandments to others that they should proclaim these things unto the world; and all this that it might be fulfilled, which was written by the Prophets; 19 the weak things of the world shall come forth and break down the mighty and strong ones, that man should not counsel his fellow man, neither trust in the arm of flesh, 20 but that every man might Speak in the name of God, the Lord, even the Savior of the world; 21 that faith also might increase in the Earth; 22 that mine everlasting Covenant might be established; 23 that the fulness of my Gospel might be proclaimed by the weak and the Simple unto the ends of the world and before kings and Rulers.

24 Behold, I am God and have spoken it; these commandments are of me and were given unto my servants in their weakness, after the manner of their language, that they might come to understanding; 25 and inasmuch as they erred, it might be made known; 26 and inasmuch as they sought wisdom, they might be instructed; 27 and inasmuch as they sinned, they might be chastened that they might repent; 28 and inasmuch as they were

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<sup>4</sup> The original says "God." Subsequent editions changed it to "god" and the change was retained. We retained the capitalized word, as in most instances to show original emphasis. However, in this case, the change could be doctrinally significant so the reader should carefully consider this change as a capitalized "God" usually refers to the one true god whereas an uncapitalized "god" represents a false god. In this instance, either definition could be imputed upon this detail. That is, "God" can be read to mean each man's perception of the true God rather than simply a false idol.

<sup>5</sup> The original says "commandment." Subsequent editions changed it to "commandments" and the change was retained.

humble, they might be made strong, and blessed from on high, and receive knowledge from time to time; 29 and after having received the record of the Nephites, yea, even my servant Joseph Smith, Jr. might have power to translate through the mercy of God, by the power of God, the Book of Mormon; 30 and also, those to whom these commandments were given might have power to lay the foundation of this Church, and to bring it forth out of obscurity, and out of darkness, the only true and living Church upon the face of the whole Earth, with which I the Lord am well pleased, speaking unto the Church collectively and not individually; 31 for I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; 32 nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven, 33 and he that repents not, from him shall be taken even the light which he has received, for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, saith the Lord of hosts.

34 And again, verily I say unto you, O inhabitants of the Earth, I the Lord am willing to make these things known unto all flesh, 35 for I am no respecter of persons and willeth that all men shall know that the day speedily cometh; the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand, when peace shall be taken from the Earth, and the Devil shall have power over his own dominion; 36 and also, the Lord shall have power over his saints, and shall reign in their midst, and shall come down in judgment upon Idumea, or the world.

37 Search these commandments for they are true and faithful and the Prophecies and promises which are in them shall all be fulfilled.

38 What I the Lord have spoken, I have spoken, and I excuse not myself, and though the Heavens<sup>6</sup> and the Earth pass away, my word shall not pass away, but shall all be fulfilled; whether by mine own voice, or by the voice of my Servants, it is the same; 39 for Behold and Lo, the Lord is God, and the Spirit beareth record, and the record is true, and the truth abideth forever and ever. Amen.

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*Revelation given 1 November 1831*

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<sup>6</sup> The original says "Heaven." Subsequent editions changed it to "Heavens" and the change was retained.

*Canonized in 1876*

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REVELATION CONCERNING CERTAIN MANUSCRIPTS ON THE FIRST PART OF  
THE BOOK OF MORMON WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE POSSESSION  
OF MARTIN HARRIS.<sup>7</sup>

*Revelation given July 1828*  
*Canonized in 1833*

1 The works and the designs and the Purposes of God cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught, 2 for God doth not walk in crooked paths, neither doth he turn to the right hand nor to the left, neither doth he vary from that which he hath said. Therefore, his paths are straight and his course is one eternal round.

3 Remember, remember, that it is not the work of God that is frustrated, but the work of men; 4 for although a man may have many Revelations and have power to do many Mighty works, yet if he boasts in his own strength, and Sets at naught the counsels of God, and follows after the dictates of his *own*<sup>8</sup> will and carnal desires, he must *fall*<sup>9</sup> and incur the vengeance of a Just God upon him.

5 Behold, you have been entrusted with these things, but how strict were your commandments<sup>10</sup>; and Remember also the Promises which were

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<sup>7</sup> The original header read:

Given to Joseph the Seer after he had lost certain writings which he had Translated by the gift and Power of God, Saying

Another version read similarly but clarified:

the Manuscript of the forepart of the Book of Mormon, translated from the book of Lehi, which was abridged by. the hand of Mormon, saying

<sup>8</sup> "own" is not in the original text. Apparently it was added to strengthen parallel sentence structure.

<sup>9</sup> The original read "fall to the Earth," but was shortened in the 1844 version.

<sup>10</sup> The original "was your commandment" was changed to plural form.

made unto you if you *did not*<sup>11</sup> transgress them; 6 and behold, how oft you have transgressed *the commandments and*<sup>12</sup> the Laws of God and have gone on in the Persuasions of men; 7 for behold, you should not have feared *man*<sup>13</sup> more than God; although men set at naught the counsels of God and despise his words, 8 yet you should have been faithful and he would have extended his arm, and supported you against all the fiery darts of the adversary; and he would have been with you in every time of trouble.

9 Behold thou art Joseph, and thou wast chosen to do the work of the Lord, but because of transgression, *if thou art not aware*<sup>14</sup>, thou *wilt*<sup>15</sup> fall, 10 but remember, God is merciful; therefore, repent of that which thou hast done, *which is contrary to the commandment which I gave you*<sup>16</sup>, and thou art still chosen, and *art*<sup>17</sup> again called to the work; 11 except Thou do this, thou shalt be delivered up and become as other men and have no more gift.

12 And when thou deliveredst up that *Which*<sup>18</sup> God had given thee *sight and power*<sup>19</sup> to translate, thou deliveredst up that which was Sacred into the hands of a wicked man 13 who has set at naught the Counsels of God and has broken the most sacred promises which were made before God, and has depended upon his own judgment, and boasted in his own wisdom, 14 and this is the reason that thou hast lost thy Privileges for a Season, 15 for thou hast suffered the counsel of thy director<sup>20</sup> to be trampled upon from the beginning.

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<sup>11</sup> The original printing missed the necessary "did not" that was inserted in the 1844 edition. "Transgressed" was similarly changed to "transgress" to make the grammar consistent.

<sup>12</sup> "the commandments and" was added to the 1844 edition.

<sup>13</sup> The original "men" was changed to "man" in the 1844 edition.

<sup>14</sup> The original does not include "if thou art not aware."

<sup>15</sup> The original "mayest" was changed to "wilt."

<sup>16</sup> The original "and he will only cause thee to be afflicted for a season" was replaced with "which is contrary to the commandment which I gave you."

<sup>17</sup> The original "will & will again" was replaced with "art again."

<sup>18</sup> The original "that Which that which" was replaced with "that Which." This is a common scrivener's error when copying text.

<sup>19</sup> The original "right to translate" was replaced with "sight and power to translate."

<sup>20</sup> The original "directors" was changed to "director."

16 *Nevertheless my work shall go forth,*<sup>21</sup> for, inasmuch as the knowledge of a Savior has come unto the world, *through the testimony of the Jews, even so shall*<sup>22</sup> the knowledge of a Savior come *unto*<sup>23</sup> my people; 17 and to the Nephites, and the Jacobites, and the Josephites, and the Zoramites, *through the testimony of their fathers;* 18 *and this testimony shall come to the knowledge of the Lamanites*<sup>24</sup>, and the Lemuelites, and the Ishmaelites, who dwindled in unbelief because of the iniquity of their Fathers, whom *the Lord has*<sup>25</sup> suffered to destroy their brethren *the Nephites*<sup>26</sup>, because of their iniquities and their Abominations; 19 and for this very Purpose are these Plates *preserved*<sup>27</sup> which contain these Records, that the Promises of the Lord might be fulfilled which he made to his People; 20 and that the Lamanites might come to the knowledge of their Fathers, and that they might know the Promises of the Lord, and that they may believe the Gospel and rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ, *and*<sup>28</sup> be glorified through faith on his name, and that *through their repentance they might*<sup>29</sup> be Saved. Amen.

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<sup>21</sup> "Nevertheless my work shall go forth" was not in the original printing.

<sup>22</sup> The original "for as" was replaced with "through the testimony of the Jews, even so shall."

<sup>23</sup> The original "hath come to the world, so shall the knowledge of" was replaced with "unto."

<sup>24</sup> The original "Lamanites come to the knowledge of the Lamanites" was replaced with "Zoramites, through the testimony of their fathers; and this testimony shall come to the knowledge of the Lamanites."

<sup>25</sup> The original "who hath been" was replaced with "whom the Lord has."

<sup>26</sup> "The Nephites" is not in the original.

<sup>27</sup> The original "prepared" was replaced with "preserved."

<sup>28</sup> The original "and that they might be" was replaced with "and be."

<sup>29</sup> The original "they might repent and" was replaced with "through their repentance they might."

*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, Sen. February 1829<sup>30</sup>  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Now, behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men; 2 therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind, and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day; 3 therefore, if ye have desires to serve God, ye are called to the work; 4 for behold, the field is white already to harvest, and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perish not, but bringeth Salvation to his soul, 5 and faith, hope, charity, and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, *qualifies*<sup>31</sup> him for the work.

6 Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, *brotherly kindness, godliness, charity*<sup>32</sup>, humility, diligence. 7 Ask and ye shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Amen.

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*Revelation given March 1829<sup>33</sup>  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold I say unto you, that as my servant Martin Harris has desired a witness at my hand that *you*<sup>34</sup>, my servant Joseph Smith, Jr. have got the

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<sup>30</sup> Other versions added:

the Father of the Seer; he desired to know what the Lord had for him to do and this is what he Received, as follows, Saying

<sup>31</sup> The original "constitutes" was replaced with "qualifies."

<sup>32</sup> The original did not include "brotherly kindness, godliness, charity" but did say "etc."

<sup>33</sup> The original added:

A Revelation given to Joseph and Martin Harris in Harmony, Pennsylvania, March, 1829 when Martin desired of the Lord to know whether Joseph had in his possession the record of the Nephites.

<sup>34</sup> The original does not include the word "you."

plates of which *you have*<sup>35</sup> testified and borne record that you have received of me; 2 and now behold, this shall you say unto him, *He who spake unto you said unto you*,<sup>36</sup> I the Lord am God, and have given these things unto you<sup>37</sup>, my servant Joseph Smith, Jr. and *have commanded you that you should stand*<sup>38</sup> that you should stand as a witness of these things, 3 *and*<sup>39</sup> I have caused you that you should enter into a covenant with me that you should not show them except *to those persons to whom*<sup>40</sup> I command you and you have no power over them except I grant it unto you. 4 And you have a gift to translate the *plates*<sup>41</sup>, and this is the first gift that I bestowed upon you, and I have commanded that you should pretend to no other gift *until my purpose is fulfilled in this*,<sup>42</sup> for I will grant unto you no other gift *until it is finished*<sup>43</sup>.

5 Verily I say unto you, that woe shall come unto the inhabitants of the earth if they will not hearken unto my words, 6 for *hereafter, you shall be ordained and go forth and deliver my words unto the children of men*<sup>44</sup>. 7 Behold, if they will not believe my words, they *would*<sup>45</sup> not believe *you*<sup>46</sup>, my servant Joseph, if it were possible that you could show them all these things *which I*

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<sup>35</sup> The original "he has" was changed to "you have." The same change is made in the following phrase of this sentence.

<sup>36</sup> The original does not include the words "He who spake unto you said unto you."

<sup>37</sup> The original does not include the word "you."

<sup>38</sup> The original "I have commanded him that he should" was changed to "have commanded you that you should stand." The same stylistic change continues through (and including) verse four.

<sup>39</sup> The original "nevertheless" was replaced with "and."

<sup>40</sup> The original does not include "to those persons to whom."

<sup>41</sup> The original "book" was changed to "plates."

<sup>42</sup> The original does not include "until my purpose is fulfilled in this."

<sup>43</sup> The original does not include "until it is finished."

<sup>44</sup> The original does not include verse six in its entirety excepting the word "for."

<sup>45</sup> The original "will" is replaced with "would."

<sup>46</sup> The original does not include the word "you."

have committed unto you<sup>47</sup>. 8 Oh, *this*<sup>48</sup> unbelieving and<sup>49</sup> stiff-necked generation, mine anger is kindled against *them*<sup>50</sup>.

9 Behold verily, I say unto you<sup>51</sup>, I have reserved those *things*<sup>52</sup> which I have entrusted unto you<sup>53</sup>, my servant Joseph, for a wise purpose in me, and it shall be made known unto future generations; 10 but this generation shall have my word through you<sup>54</sup>; 11 and in addition to your testimony<sup>55</sup>, the testimony of three of my servants whom I shall call and ordain, unto whom I will show these things; and they<sup>56</sup> shall go forth with my words that are given through you<sup>57</sup>; 12 yea, they<sup>58</sup> shall know of a surety that these things are true, for from heaven will I declare it unto them.<sup>59</sup> 13 I will give them power that they may behold and view these things as they are, 14 and to none else will I grant this power, to receive this same testimony, among this generation, in this, the beginning of the rising up, and the coming forth of my church out of the wilderness, clear as the moon and fair as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners.<sup>60</sup> 15 And the testimony of three witnesses will I send forth of<sup>61</sup> my

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<sup>47</sup> The original does not include "which I have committed unto you."

<sup>48</sup> The original "ye" was changed to "this."

<sup>49</sup> The original "ye" was changed to "and."

<sup>50</sup> The original "you" was changed to "them."

<sup>51</sup> The original does not include "unto you."

<sup>52</sup> The original "the things of which I have spoken" were replaced with "those things."

<sup>53</sup> The original does not include "you."

<sup>54</sup> The original does not include "through you."

<sup>55</sup> The original "yeah" was replaced with "and in addition to your testimony."

<sup>56</sup> The original does not include "whom I shall call and ordain, unto whom I will show these things; and they."

<sup>57</sup> The original "unto this generation" was replaced with "that are given through you."

<sup>58</sup> The original "three" was changed to "they."

<sup>59</sup> The original does not include "from heaven will I declare it unto them."

<sup>60</sup> The original does not include "in this, the beginning of the rising up, and the coming forth of my church out of the wilderness, clear as the moon and fair as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

<sup>61</sup> The original "and" was changed to "of."

word 16 and behold, whosoever believeth on my words<sup>62</sup>, them will I visit with the manifestation of my Spirit, and they shall be born of me, *even of water and of the Spirit.* 17 *And you must wait yet a little while, for ye are not yet ordained;*<sup>63</sup> 18 and their testimony shall also go forth *unto the condemnation of this generation if they*<sup>64</sup> harden their hearts *against them,* 19 *for a desolating scourge shall go forth among the inhabitants of the earth and shall continue to be poured out, from time to time, if they repent not, until the earth is empty, and the inhabitants thereof are consumed away, and utterly destroyed by the brightness of my coming.*<sup>65</sup> 20 Behold, I tell you these things even as I also told the people of the destruction of Jerusalem, and my word shall be verified at this time as it hath hitherto been verified.

21 And now I command *you*<sup>66</sup>, my servant Joseph, to repent and walk more uprightly before me, and yield to the persuasions of men no more, 22 and that *you*<sup>67</sup> be firm in keeping the commandments wherewith I have commanded you, and if you do this, behold I grant unto you eternal life, even if you should be slain.

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<sup>62</sup> The original "word" was changed to "words."

<sup>63</sup> The original does not include "even of water and of the Spirit. And you must wait a little while, for ye are not yet ordained."

<sup>64</sup> The original "And thus, if the people of this generation" was replaced with "unto the condemnation of this generation if they."

<sup>65</sup> A lengthy deletion and insertion begins at the end of verse 18. The original reads:

harden not their hearts, I will work a reformation among them and will put down all lyings, and deceivings, and priestcrafts, and envyings, and strifes, and idolatries, and sorceries, and all manner of iniquities, and I will establish my church, like unto the church which was taught by my disciples in the days of old. And now, if this generation do harden their hearts against my word, behold I will deliver them up unto Satan, for he reigneth and hath much power at this time, for he hath got great hold upon the hearts of the people of this generation; and not far from the iniquities of Sodom and Gomorrah, do they come at this time; and behold, the sword of justice hangeth over their heads, and if they persist in the hardness of their hearts, the time cometh that it must fall upon them.

The foregoing was replaced with "against them" and the entirety of verse 19.

<sup>66</sup> The original does not include "you."

<sup>67</sup> The original "he" was changed to "you." Similar changes were made through verse 22.

23 And now again I speak unto *you, my servant Joseph*,<sup>68</sup> concerning the man that desires the witness. 24 Behold, I say unto him, he exalts himself and does not humble himself sufficiently before me, but if he *will*<sup>69</sup> bow down before me and humble himself in mighty prayer and faith, in the sincerity of his heart, then will I grant unto him a view of the things which he desires to *see*<sup>70</sup>. 25 And then he shall say unto the people of this generation, behold I have seen the things *which the Lord has shown unto Joseph Smith, Jr.*<sup>71</sup> and I know of a surety that they are true, for I have seen them, for they have been shown unto me by the power of God and not of man. 26 And I *the Lord*<sup>72</sup> command him, *my servant Martin Harris*<sup>73</sup>, that he shall say no more unto them concerning these things except he shall say I have seen them and they have been shown unto me by the power of God; and these are the words which he shall say. 27 But if he deny this, he will break the covenant which he has before covenanted with me and behold, he is condemned. 28 And now, except he humble himself, and acknowledge unto me the things which he has done which are wrong, and covenant with me that he will keep my commandments, and exercise faith in me, behold, I say unto him, he shall have no such views, for I will grant unto him no views of the things of which I have spoken. 29 And if this be the case, I command *you, my servant Joseph, that you shall say unto*<sup>74</sup> him that he shall do no more, nor trouble me any more concerning this matter.

30 And if this be the case, behold I say unto thee Joseph, when thou hast translated a few more pages, thou shalt stop for a season, even until I command thee again; then, thou mayest translate again. 31 And except thou do this, behold, thou shalt have no more gift and I will take away the things which I have entrusted with thee. 32 And now, because I foresee the lying in wait to destroy thee; yea, I foresee that if my servant Martin Harris humbleth not himself and receive a witness from my hand, that he will fall into transgression; 33 and there are many that lie in wait to destroy

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<sup>68</sup> The original does not include "you, my servant Joseph."

<sup>69</sup> The original "will go out" was shortened to "will."

<sup>70</sup> The original "know" was changed to "see."

<sup>71</sup> "which the Lord has shown unto Joseph Smith, Jr." is not in the original.

<sup>72</sup> The original does not include "the Lord."

<sup>73</sup> The original does not include "my servant Martin Harris."

<sup>74</sup> The original does not include "you, my servant Joseph, that you shall say unto."

thee from off the face of the earth; and for this cause, that thy days may be prolonged, I have given unto thee these commandments; 34 yea, for this cause I have said, stop and stand still until I command thee, and I will provide means whereby thou mayest accomplish the thing which I have commanded thee; 35 and if thou art faithful in keeping my commandments, thou shalt be lifted up at the last day. Amen.

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*Revelation given April 1829 to Oliver Cowdery and Joseph Smith, Jr.<sup>75</sup>  
Canonized in 1833*

1 A great and marvelous work is about to come forth unto the children of men; 2 behold, I am God, and give heed unto my word, which is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow. Therefore, give heed unto my words.

3 Behold, the field is white, already to harvest; therefore, whoso desireth to reap, let him thrust in his sickle with his might and reap while the day lasts, that he may treasure up for his soul everlasting salvation in the kingdom of God; 4 Yea, whosoever will thrust in his sickle and reap, the same is called of God. 5 Therefore, if you will ask of me, you shall receive; if you will knock, it shall be opened unto you.

6 Now, as you have asked, behold I say unto you, keep my commandments and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion. 7 Seek not for riches but for wisdom and behold, the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you, and then shall you be made rich. Behold, he that hath eternal life is rich.

8 Verily, verily I say unto you, even as you desire of me, so shall it be unto you; and if you desire, you shall be the means of doing much good in this generation. 9 Say nothing but repentance unto this generation. Keep my commandments and assist to bring forth my work according to my commandments and you shall be blessed.

10 Behold, thou hast a gift and blessed art thou because of thy gift.

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<sup>75</sup> The original added that the revelation was given to Oliver "when employed [as] a scribe for Joseph, while translating the Book of Mormon."

Remember, it is sacred and cometh from above; 11 and if thou wilt inquire, thou shalt know mysteries which are great and marvelous. Therefore, thou shalt exercise thy gift that thou mayest find out mysteries, that thou mayest bring many to the knowledge of the truth; yea, convince them of the error of their ways. 12 Make not thy gift known unto any save it be those who are of thy faith. Trifle not with sacred things. 13 If thou wilt do good, yea, and hold out faithful to the end, thou shalt be saved in the kingdom of God, which is the greatest of all the gifts of God; for there is no gift greater than the gift of salvation.

14 Verily, verily I say unto thee, blessed art thou for what thou hast done, for thou hast inquired of me and behold, as often as thou hast inquired, thou hast received instruction of my Spirit. If it had not been so, thou wouldst not have come to the place where thou art at this time.

15 Behold, thou knowest that thou hast inquired of me and I did enlighten thy mind. And now, I tell thee these things that thou mayest know that thou hast been enlightened by the Spirit of truth. 16 Yea, I tell thee that thou mayest know that there is none else save God that knowest thy thoughts and the intents of thy heart. 17 I tell thee these things as a witness unto thee that the words or the work which thou hast been writing is true.

18 Therefore, be diligent, stand by my servant Joseph faithfully in whatsoever difficult circumstances he may be, for the word's sake. 19 Admonish him in his faults and also receive admonition of him. Be patient; be sober; be temperate; have patience, faith, hope, and charity.

20 Behold, thou art Oliver and I have spoken unto thee because of thy desires; therefore, treasure up these words in thy heart. Be faithful and diligent in keeping the commandments of God and I will encircle thee in the arms of my love.

21 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I am the same that came unto my own and my own received me not. I am the light which shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not.

22 Verily, verily I say unto you, if you desire a further witness, cast your mind upon the night that you cried unto me in your heart that you might know concerning the truth of these things. 23 Did I not speak peace to your mind concerning the matter? What greater witness can you have than from God? 24 And now behold, you have received a witness, for if I have told you things which no man knoweth, have you not received a witness?

25 And behold, I grant unto you a gift, if you desire of me, to translate even as my servant Joseph.

26 Verily, verily I say unto you, that there are records which contain much of my gospel, which have been kept back because of the wickedness of the people; 27 and now I command you, that if you have good desires, a desire to lay up treasures for yourself in heaven, then shall you assist in bringing to light, with your gift, those parts of my scriptures which have been hidden because of iniquity.

28 And now, behold I give unto you, and also unto my servant Joseph, the keys of this gift, which shall bring to light this ministry; and in the mouth of two or three witnesses, shall every word be established.

29 Verily, verily I say unto you, if they reject my words, and this part of my gospel and ministry, blessed are ye, for they can do no more unto you than unto me; 30 and if they do unto you even as they have done unto me, blessed are ye for you shall dwell with me in glory; 31 but if they reject not my words, which shall be established by the testimony which shall be given, blessed are they; and then shall ye have joy in the fruit of your labors.

32 Verily, verily I say unto you, as I said unto my disciples, where two or three are gathered together in my name as touching one thing, behold, there will I be in the midst of them; even so am I in the midst of you. 33 Fear not to do good my sons, for whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap: therefore, if ye sow good, ye shall also reap good for your reward.

34 Therefore, fear not little flock, do good, let earth and hell combine against you, for if ye are built upon my Rock, they cannot prevail. 35 Behold, I do not condemn you, go your ways and sin no more; perform with soberness the work which I have commanded you; 36 look unto me in every thought, doubt not, fear not; 37 behold the wounds which pierced my side, and also the prints of the nails in my hands and feet; be faithful; keep my commandments and ye shall inherit the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

## 7

### ACCOUNT OF JOHN

*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, Jr. and Oliver  
Cowdery, in Harmony, Pennsylvania,  
April, 1829 when they desired to know whether John the beloved disciple, tarried on  
earth.*

*Translated from parchment, written and hid up by himself.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 And the Lord said unto me: John, my beloved, what desirest thou? *For if ye shall ask what you will, it shall be granted unto you.*<sup>76</sup> 2 And I said unto him<sup>77</sup>, Lord, give unto me power *over death*<sup>78</sup>, that I may *live and*<sup>79</sup> bring souls unto thee. 3 And the Lord said unto me, Verily, verily I say unto thee, because thou desirest this, thou shalt tarry until I come in my glory, *and shall prophecy before nations, kindreds, tongues, and people*<sup>80</sup>.

4 And for this cause, the Lord said unto Peter, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? For he desiredst of me that he might bring souls unto me, but thou desiredst that thou might *speedily*<sup>81</sup> come unto me in my kingdom. 5 I say unto thee, Peter, this was a good desire, but my beloved *has desired that he might do more, or*<sup>82</sup> a greater work *yet among men than what he has before done, 6 yea, he has undertaken a greater work; therefore, I will make him as flaming fire and a ministering angel; he shall minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation who dwell on the earth; 7 and I will make thee to minister*

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<sup>76</sup> The original did not include "For if ye shall ask what you will, it shall be granted unto you." This change appears to have been made by Oliver Cowdery but the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>77</sup> The original did not include "unto him." This change appears to have been made by Oliver Cowdery but the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>78</sup> The original did not include "over death." This change appears to have been made by Oliver Cowdery but the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>79</sup> The original did not include "live and." This change appears to have been made by Oliver Cowdery but the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>80</sup> The original did not include "and shall prophecy before nations, kindreds, tongues, and people." This change appears to have been made by Oliver Cowdery but the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>81</sup> The original "mightest" was changed to "might speedily."

<sup>82</sup> The original "hath undertaken" was changed to "has desired that he might do more, or." This change appears to have been made by Oliver Cowdery but the change was retained by Joseph.

*for him and thy brother James; and unto you three, I will give this power and the keys of the ministry until I come.*<sup>83</sup>

8 Verily I say unto you, ye shall both have according to your desires, for ye both Joy in that which ye have desired.

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*Revelation given April 1829<sup>84</sup>  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Oliver Cowdery, verily, verily I say unto you that as Surely, as the Lord liveth, who is your God and your Redeemer, even so sure shall you receive a knowledge of whatsoever things you shall ask *in faith*<sup>85</sup>, with an honest heart, believing that you shall receive a knowledge concerning the engravings of the old Records, which are ancient, which contain those parts of my Scripture of which have been spoken by the manifestation of my Spirit; 2 yea, Behold, I will tell you in your mind and in your heart by the Holy Ghost which shall come upon you and which shall dwell in your heart.

3 Now, Behold, this is the Spirit of Revelation. Behold, this is the Spirit by which Moses brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea on dry ground; 4 therefore, this is thy gift; apply unto it and blessed art thou for it shall deliver you out of the hands of your enemies when, if it were not so, they would slay you and bring your soul to destruction.

5 Oh, remember these words and keep my commandments. Remember, this is your gift. 6 Now, this is not all thy gift for you have another gift,

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<sup>83</sup> The original did not include the long phrase spanning from “yet among men” until “keys of the ministry until I come.” This change appears to have been made by Oliver Cowdery but the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>84</sup> Earlier versions added:

Revelation to Oliver Cowdery, he being desirous to know whether the Lord would grant him the gift of Translation.

<sup>85</sup> The original does not include “in faith.”

which is the gift of *Aaron*<sup>86</sup>; behold, it has told you *many*<sup>87</sup> things; 7 behold, there is no other power save *the power of*<sup>88</sup> God that can cause this *gift of Aaron to be with you*; 8 *therefore, doubt not for it is the gift of God, and you shall hold it in your hands and do marvelous works; and no power shall be able to take it away out of your hands* <sup>89</sup>for it is the work of God. 9 And therefore, whatsoever you shall ask *me*<sup>90</sup> to tell you by that means, that will *I*<sup>91</sup> grant unto you *and*<sup>92</sup> you shall *have knowledge concerning it*;<sup>93</sup> 10 remember that without faith, you can do nothing. Therefore, ask in faith. Trifle not with these things; do not ask for that which you *ought not*<sup>94</sup>; 11 ask that you may know the mysteries of God and that you may *Translate and receive knowledge from*<sup>95</sup> all those ancient Records which have been hid up, that are Sacred,

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<sup>86</sup> The original "gift of working with the sprout" was changed to "gift of working with the rod" was changed to "gift of Aaron." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>87</sup> The original does not include "many." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>88</sup> The original does not include "the power of." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>89</sup> The original "thing of Nature to work in your hands" was changed to "rod of nature ..." which was replaced by "gift of Aaron to be with you; therefore, doubt not for it is the gift of God, and you shall hold it in your hands and do marvelous works; and no power shall be able to take it away out of your hands." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>90</sup> The original does not have "me." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>91</sup> The original "he" was changed to "I." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>92</sup> The original "that" was changed to "and." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>93</sup> The original "know" was replaced with "have knowledge concerning it." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>94</sup> The original "had not ought ask" was changed to "ought not." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>95</sup> The original does not include "and receive knowledge from." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

and according to your faith shall it be done unto you. 12 Behold, it is I that have spoken it and I am the same who spake unto you from the beginning. Amen.

## 9

*Revelation given to Oliver Cowdery April 1829<sup>96</sup>  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold I say unto you, my Son, that because you did not Translate according to that which you desired of me, and did commence again to write for my servant Joseph Smith, Jr., even so I would that you Should continue until you have finished this Record which I have entrusted unto *him*<sup>97</sup>; 2 and then Behold, other Records have I, that I will give unto you power that you may assist to Translate.

3 Be patient my Son, for it is wisdom in me and it is not expedient that you should translate at this *present*<sup>98</sup> time. 4 Behold, *the*<sup>99</sup> work which you are called to do is to write for my Servant Joseph; 5 and Behold, it is because that you did not continue as you commenced, when you *began*<sup>100</sup> to Translate, that I have taken away this privilege from you. 6 Do not murmur my Son for it is wisdom in me that I have dealt with you after this manner.

7 Behold, you have not understood; you have Supposed that I would give it unto you when you took no thought save it was to ask me; 8 but Behold I say unto you, that you must study it out in your mind; then, you must

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<sup>96</sup> Later versions added:

he was desirous to know the reason why he could not Translate. Thus said the Lord unto him.

<sup>97</sup> The original "you" was changed to "him." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>98</sup> The original did not include "present." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>99</sup> The original "this is the" was shortened to "the." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>100</sup> The original "commenced" was changed to "began." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

ask me if it be right, and if it is right, I will cause that your bosom shall burn within you; therefore, you shall feel that it is right; 9 but if it be not right, you shall have no such feelings, but you shall have a stupor of thought that shall cause you to forget the thing which is wrong; therefore<sup>101</sup>, you cannot write that which is sacred save it be given you *from me*<sup>102</sup>.

10 Now if you had known this, you could have translated; nevertheless, it is not expedient that you should translate now. 11 Behold, it was expedient when you commenced but you feared and the time is past, *and*<sup>103</sup> it is not expedient now 12 for do you not behold that I have given unto my servant Joseph sufficient strength whereby it is made up? and neither of you have I condemned.

13 Do this thing which I have commanded you and you shall prosper. Be faithful and yield to no temptation. 14 Stand fast in the work wherewith I have called you, and a hair of your head shall not be lost, and you shall be lifted up at the last day. Amen.

## 10

*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, Jr. May, 1829,  
informing him of the alteration of the Manuscript of the fore part of the book of  
Mormon.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Now, behold I say unto you that because you delivered up *those*<sup>104</sup> writings which you had power *given unto you*<sup>105</sup> to translate, *by the means of the Urim and Thummim*<sup>106</sup>, into the hands of a wicked man, you have lost

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<sup>101</sup> The original "the" was changed to "therefore." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>102</sup> The original did not include "from me." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>103</sup> The original "that" was changed to "and." Apparently, this change was made by Oliver Cowdery and was retained by Joseph.

<sup>104</sup> The original "so many" was changed to "those."

<sup>105</sup> The original does not include "given unto you."

<sup>106</sup> The original does not include "by the means of the Urim and Thummim."

them; 2 and you also lost your gift at the same time and your mind became darkened; 3 nevertheless, it *is now*<sup>107</sup> restored unto you again; therefore, see that you are faithful and *continue on*<sup>108</sup> unto the finishing of the remainder of the work *of translation*<sup>109</sup> as you have begun; 4 do not run faster *or labor more*<sup>110</sup> than you have strength and means provided *to enable you*<sup>111</sup> to translate; be diligent unto the end; 5 *pray always*<sup>112</sup> that you may come off conqueror; yea, that you may conquer satan and *that you may escape the hands of the servants of satan*<sup>113</sup> that do uphold his work. 6 Behold, they have sought to destroy you; yea, even the man in whom you have trusted *has sought to destroy you*<sup>114</sup>. 7 And for this cause I said that he is a wicked man for he has sought to take away the things wherewith you have been entrusted; and he has also sought to destroy your gift, 8 and because you have delivered the writings into his hands, behold *wicked men*<sup>115</sup> have taken them from you; 9 therefore, you have delivered them up, yea, that which was sacred unto wickedness. 10 And behold satan has put it into their hearts to alter the words which you have caused to be written or which you have translated, which have gone out of your hands; 11 and behold I say unto you that because they have altered the words, they read contrary from that which you translated and caused to be written; 12 and on this wise, the devil has sought to lay a cunning plan that he may destroy this work 13 for he has put into their hearts to do this, that by lying, they may say they have caught you in the words which you have pretended to translate.

14 Verily, I say unto you that I will not suffer that satan shall accomplish his evil design in this thing 15 for behold, he has put it into their hearts to get thee to tempt the Lord *thy*<sup>116</sup> God *in asking to translate it over again*; 16 *and then*<sup>117</sup> behold, they say *and think*<sup>118</sup> in their hearts, we will see if God has

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<sup>107</sup> The original "has been" was replaced with "is now."

<sup>108</sup> The original "go on" was changed to "continue on."

<sup>109</sup> The original does not include "of translation."

<sup>110</sup> The original does not include "or labor more."

<sup>111</sup> The original does not include "to enable you."

<sup>112</sup> The original does not include "pray always."

<sup>113</sup> The original "those" was replaced with "that you may escape the hands of the servants of satan."

<sup>114</sup> The original does not include "has sought to destroy you."

<sup>115</sup> The original "they" was changed to "wicked men."

<sup>116</sup> The original "their" was replaced with "thy."

given him power to translate; if so, he will also give him power again; 17 and if God giveth him power again or if he translates again, or in other words, if he bringeth forth the same words, behold, we have the same with us and we have altered them; 18 therefore, they will not agree, and we will say that he has lied in his words, and that he has no gift, and that he has no power; 19 therefore, we will destroy him, and also the work, and we will do this that we may not be ashamed in the end, and that we may get glory of the world.

20 Verily, verily I say unto you that satan has great hold upon their hearts; he stirreth them up to iniquity against that which is good, 21 *and their hearts are corrupt, and full of wickedness and abominations, and they love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil; therefore, they will not ask of me.* 22 *Satan stirreth them up*<sup>119</sup> that he may lead their souls to destruction. 23 And thus he has laid a cunning plan, *thinking*<sup>120</sup> to destroy the work of God, *but I will require this at their hands, and it shall turn to their shame and condemnation in the day of judgment;*<sup>121</sup> 24 yea, he stirreth up their hearts to anger against this work; 25 yea, he saith unto them, Deceive and lie in wait to catch that ye may destroy; behold this is no harm, 26 and thus he flattereth them and telleth them that it is no sin to lie that they may catch a man in a lie, that they may destroy him and thus he flattereth them and leadeth them along until he draggeth their souls down to hell; and thus he causeth them to catch themselves in their own snare; 27 and thus he goeth up and down, to and fro in the earth, seeking to destroy the souls of men.

28 Verily, verily I say unto you, woe be unto him that lieth to decieve because he supposes that another lieth to deceive, for such are not exempt from the justice of God.

29 Now, behold they have altered these words because satan saith unto them, He hath deceived you; and thus he flattereth them away to iniquity

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<sup>119</sup> The original does not include the long addition: "and their hearts are corrupt, and full of wickedness and abominations, and they love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil; therefore, they will not ask of me. Satan stirreth them up."

<sup>120</sup> The original does not include "thinking."

<sup>121</sup> The original does not include "but I will require this at their hands, and it shall turn to their shame and condemnation in the day of judgment."

to get thee to tempt the Lord *thy*<sup>122</sup> God.

30 Behold, I say unto you that you shall not translate again those words which have gone forth out of your hands; 31 for behold, they shall not *accomplish their evil designs in lying*<sup>123</sup> against those words. For, behold, if you should bring forth the same words, they will say that you have lied, that you have pretended to translate, but that you have contradicted yourself<sup>124</sup>; 32 and behold they *will*<sup>125</sup> publish this and satan will harden the hearts of the people to stir them up to anger against you that they *will*<sup>126</sup> not believe my words. 33 Thus satan *thinketh to*<sup>127</sup> overpower *your testimony in*<sup>128</sup> this generation that the work may not come forth in this generation; 34 but behold, here is wisdom, and because I show unto you wisdom and give you commandments concerning these things, what you shall do, show it not unto the world until you have accomplished the work *of translation*<sup>129</sup>.

35 Marvel not that I said unto you, here is wisdom, show it not unto the world, for I said, show it not unto the world, that you may be preserved. 36 Behold, I do not say that you shall not show it unto the righteous; 37 but as you cannot always judge the righteous, or as you cannot always tell the wicked from the righteous, therefore, I say unto you, hold your peace until I shall see fit to make all things known unto the world concerning the matter.

38 And now, verily I say unto you that an account of those things that you have written, which have gone out of your hands, are engraven upon the plates of Nephi; 39 yea, and you remember it was said in those writings that a more particular account was given of these things upon the plates of Nephi.

40 And now, because the account which is engraven upon the plates of Nephi is more particular concerning the things, which in my wisdom I

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<sup>122</sup> The original "their" was replaced with "thy."

<sup>123</sup> The original does not include "accomplish their evil designs in lying."

<sup>124</sup> The original "words" was replaced with "self."

<sup>125</sup> The original "would" was changed to "will."

<sup>126</sup> The original "might" was replaced with "will."

<sup>127</sup> The original "would" was changed to "thinketh to."

<sup>128</sup> The original does not include "your testimony in"

<sup>129</sup> The original does not include "of translation."

would bring to the knowledge of the people in this account; 41 therefore, you shall translate the engravings which are on the plates of Nephi, down even till you come to the reign of king Benjamin, or until you come to that which you have translated, which you have retained; 42 and behold, you shall publish it as the Record of Nephi, and thus I will confound those who have altered my words. 43 I will not suffer that they shall destroy my work; yea, I will show unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the Devil.

44 Behold they have only got a part, or an abridgment of the account of Nephi. 45 Behold there are many things engraven on the Plates of Nephi, which do throw greater views upon my Gospel; therefore, it is wisdom in me that you should translate this first part of the engravings of Nephi and send forth in this work. 46 And behold, all the remainder of this work does contain all those parts of my Gospel which my Holy Prophets, yea, and also my Disciples, desired in their Prayers should come forth unto this People. 47 And I said unto them that it should be granted unto them according to their faith in their Prayers; 48 yea, and this was their faith, that my Gospel which I gave unto them, that they might Preach in their days, might come unto their Brethren, the Lamanites, and also, all that had become Lamanites, because of their dissensions.

49 Now this is not all, their faith in their Prayers were that this Gospel should be made known also, if it were possible that other Nations should possess this Land; 50 and thus they did leave a blessing upon this Land in their prayers that whosoever should believe in this Gospel, in this land, might have Eternal life; 51 yea, that it might be free unto all of whatsoever Nation, Kindred, Tongue, or People, they may be.

52 And now, Behold, according to their faith in their Prayers, will I bring this part of my Gospel to the knowledge of my People. Behold, I do not bring it to destroy that which they have received, but to build it up.

53 And for this cause have I said, if this generation harden not their hearts, I will establish my Church among them. 54 Now, I do not say this to destroy my Church but I say this to build up my Church; 55 therefore, whosoever belongeth to my Church need not fear, for such shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven; 56 but it is they who do not fear me, neither keep my commandments, but buildeth up Churches unto themselves to get gain; yea, and all those that do wickedly, and buildeth up the Kingdom of the Devil; yea, Verily, Verily I say unto you that it is they that I will disturb and cause to tremble and shake to the centre.

57 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God: I came unto my own and my own received Me not. 58 I am the light which shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not. 59 I am he who said, other sheep have I which are not of this fold, unto my Disciples, and many there were that understood me not.

60 And I will show unto this People that I had other sheep, and that they were a branch of the House of Jacob; 61 and I will bring to light their marvelous works which they did in my name; 62 yea, and I will also bring to light my Gospel which was ministered unto them and behold, they shall not deny that which you have received but they shall build it up, and shall bring to light the true points of my doctrine; yea, and the only doctrine which is in me, 63 and this I do, that I may establish my Gospel, that there may not be so much contention; yea, Satan doth Stir up the hearts of the People to contention concerning the points of my doctrine; and in these things they do err for they do wrest the Scriptures and do not understand them; 64 therefore, I will unfold unto them this great mystery, 65 for Behold, I will gather them as a hen gathereth her Chickens under her wings if they will not harden their hearts; 66 yea, if they will come, they may, and partake of the waters of life freely.

67 Behold, this is my doctrine: whosoever repenteth and cometh unto me, the same is my Church, 68 whosoever declareth more or less than this, the same is not of me, but is against me; therefore, he is not of my Church.

69 And now Behold, whosoever is of my Church and endureth of my church to the end, him will I establish upon my Rock and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against them.

70 And now, remember the words of him who is the life and the light of the world, your Redeemer, your Lord, and your God. Amen.

# 11

*Revelation given to Hyrum Smith, May 1829.*

*Canonized in 1833.*

1 A great and marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of

men; 2 behold, I am God and give heed to my word which is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow; therefore, give heed unto my word.

3 Behold the field is white, already to harvest; therefore, whoso desireth to reap, let him thrust in his sickle with his might and reap while the day lasts, that he may treasure up for his soul everlasting salvation in the kingdom of God; 4 yea, whosoever will thrust in his sickle and reap, the same is called of God; 5 therefore, if you will ask of me, you shall receive; if you will knock, it shall be opened unto you.

6 Now as you have asked, behold, I say unto you: keep my commandments and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion. 7 Seek not for riches, but for wisdom and behold, the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you and then shall you be made rich; behold, he that hath eternal life is rich.

8 Verily, verily I say unto you, even as you desire of me, so shall it be done unto you; and if you desire, you shall be the means of doing much good in this generation. 9 Say nothing but repentance unto this generation. Keep my commandments, and assist to bring forth my work according to my commandments, and you shall be blessed.

10 Behold, thou hast a gift or, thou shalt have a gift if thou wilt desire of me in faith, with an honest heart, believing in the power of Jesus Christ, or in my power which speaketh unto thee; 11 for behold, it is I that speaketh; behold I am the light which shineth in darkness and by my power, I give these words unto thee.

12 And now, verily, verily I say unto thee, put your trust in that Spirit which leadeth to do good; yea, to do justly, to walk humbly, to judge righteously; and this is my Spirit.

13 Verily, verily I say unto you, I will impart unto you of my Spirit, which shall enlighten your mind, which shall fill your soul with joy, 14 and then shall ye know, or by this shall you know all things whatsoever you desire of me, which is pertaining unto things of righteousness, in faith, believing in me that you shall receive.

15 Behold, I command you that you need not suppose that you are called to preach until you are called; 16 wait a little longer until you shall have my word, my Rock, my church, and my gospel, that you may know of a surety

my doctrine; 17 and then behold, according to your desires, yea, even according to your faith shall it be done unto you.

18 Keep my commandments; hold your peace; appeal unto my Spirit; 19 Yea, cleave unto me with all your heart that you may assist in bringing to light those things of which have been spoken; Yea, the translation of my work; be patient until you shall accomplish it.

20 Behold, this is your work, to keep my commandments; Yea, with all your might, mind, and strength; 21 seek not to declare my word but first seek to obtain my word and then shall your tongue be loosed; then, if you desire, you shall have my Spirit and my word; Yea, the power of God unto the convincing of men; 22 but now, hold your peace; study my word which hath gone forth among the children of men and also, study my word which shall come forth among the children of men, or that which *is now*<sup>130</sup> translating; Yea, until you have obtained all which I shall grant unto the children of men in this generation; and then shall all things be added thereunto.

23 Behold, thou art Hyrum, my son; seek the kingdom of God and all things shall be added according to that which is just. 24 Build upon my Rock, which is my gospel; 25 deny not the Spirit of revelation, nor the Spirit of prophecy, for woe unto him that denieth these things; 26 therefore, treasure up in your hearts until the time which is in my wisdom that you shall go forth; 27 Behold, I speak unto all who have good desires and have thrust in their sickle to reap.

28 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God; I am the life and the light of the world; 29 I am the same who came unto my own and my own received me not, 30 but verily, verily I say unto you that as many as receiveth me, them will I give power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on my name. Amen.

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<sup>130</sup> The original "you are" was changed to "is now" by Oliver Cowdery and the change was retained by Joseph.

*Revelation given to Joseph Knight Sr., May 1829<sup>131</sup>.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 A Great and marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men; 2 behold, I am God and give heed to my word which is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow; therefore, give heed unto my word.

3 Behold, the field is white, already to harvest; therefore, whoso desireth to reap, let him thrust in his sickle with his might and reap while the day lasts that he may treasure up for his soul everlasting salvation in the kingdom of God; 4 Yea, whosoever will thrust in his sickle and reap, the same is called of God; 5 therefore, if you will ask of me, you shall receive; if you will knock, it shall be opened unto you.

6 Now, as you have asked, behold, I say unto you, keep my commandments and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion.

7 Behold, I speak unto you and also to all those who have desires to bring forth and establish this work; 8 and no one can assist in this work except he shall be humble and full of love, having faith, hope and charity, being temperate in all things, whatsoever shall be intrusted to his care.

9 Behold, I am the light and the life of the world that speaketh these words; therefore, give heed with your might and then you are called. Amen.

## SECTION 13

THE COVENANTS AND COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD TO HIS SERVANTS  
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.

*Revelation given 1 November 1831  
Canonized in 1876*

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<sup>131</sup> Earlier headers added: "informing him how he must do, to be worthy to assist in the work of the Lord."

# 14

*Revelation given to David Whitmer, June 1829.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 A Great and marvelous work is about to come forth unto the children of men; 2 behold, I am God and give heed to my word which is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of both joints and marrow; therefore, give heed unto my word.

3 Behold, the field is white, already to harvest; therefore, whoso desireth to reap, let him thrust in his sickle with his might and reap while the day lasts that he may treasure up for his soul everlasting salvation in the kingdom of God; 4 yea, whosoever will thrust in his sickle and reap, the same is called of God; 5 therefore, if you will ask of me, you shall receive; if you will knock, it shall be opened unto you.

6 Seek to bring forth and establish my Zion. Keep my commandments in all things; 7 and if you keep my commandments and endure to the end, you shall have eternal life, which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God.

8 And it shall come to pass that if you shall ask the Father in my name, in faith believing, you shall receive the Holy Ghost, which giveth utterance, that you may stand as a witness of the things of which you shall both hear and see, and also, that you may declare repentance unto this generation.

9 Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God who created the heavens and the earth, a light which cannot be hid in darkness; 10 wherefore, I must bring forth the fulness of my gospel from the Gentiles unto the house of Israel. 11 And behold, thou art David and thou art called to assist, which thing if ye do and are faithful, ye shall be blessed both spiritually and temporally, and great shall be your reward. Amen.

# 15

*Revelation given to John Whitmer, June 1829.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Hearken my servant John and listen to the words of Jesus Christ, your Lord and your Redeemer; 2 for behold, I speak unto you with sharpness and with power for mine arm is over all the earth; 3 and I will tell you that which no man knoweth save me and thee alone, 4 for many times have you desired of me to know that which would be of the most worth unto you.

5 Behold, blessed are you for this thing and for speaking my words which I have given you, according to my commandments.

6 And now behold I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father. Amen.

## 16

*Revelation given to Peter Whitmer, June 1829.*

*Canonized in 1833.*

1 Hearken my servant Peter and listen to the words of Jesus Christ, your Lord and your Redeemer; 2 for behold, I speak unto you with sharpness and with power for mine arm is over all the earth; 3 and I will tell you that which no man knoweth save me and thee alone, 4 for many times you have desired of me to know that which would be of the most worth unto you.

5 Behold, blessed are you for this thing and for speaking my words which I have given unto you, according to my commandments.

6 And now behold I say unto you, that the thing which will be of the most worth unto you will be to declare repentance unto this people that you may bring souls unto me, that you may rest with them in the kingdom of my Father. Amen.

## 17

*Revelation given to Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris, June*

*1829, given previous to their viewing the plates containing the Book of Mormon.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Behold, I say unto you that you must rely upon my word, which if you do with full purpose of heart, you shall have a view of the plates, and also of the breastplate, the sword of Laban, the Urim and Thummim which were given to the brother of Jared upon the mount when he talked with the Lord face to face, and the miraculous directors which were given to Lehi while in the wilderness on the borders of the Red Sea; 2 and it is by your faith that you shall obtain a view of them, even by that faith which was had by the prophets of old.

3 And after that you have obtained faith and have seen them with your eyes, you shall testify of them by the power of God; 4 and this you shall do that my servant Joseph Smith, Jr. may not be destroyed, that I may bring about my righteous purposes unto the children of men in this work. 5 And ye shall testify that you have seen them even as my servant Joseph Smith, Jr. has seen them, for it is by my power that he hath seen them and it is because he had faith; 6 and he has translated the book, even that part which I have commanded him and as your Lord and your God liveth, it is true.

7 Wherefore, you have received the same power and the same faith and the same gift like unto him; 8 and if you do these last commandments of mine which I have given you, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you, for my grace is sufficient for you; and you shall be lifted up at the last day. 9 And I, Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God, have spoken it unto you that I might bring about my righteous purposes unto the children of men. Amen.

## 18

*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, Jr., Oliver Cowdery, and David Whitmer, making known the calling of twelve apostles in these last days, and also instructions relative to building up. The church of Christ, according to the fulness of the gospel; given in Fayette, New York, June 1829.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Now behold, because of the thing which you, my servant Oliver Cowdery, have desired to know of me, I give unto you these words; 2

behold, I have manifested unto you, by my Spirit in many instances, that the things which you have written are true; wherefore, you know that they are true; 3 and if you know that they are true, behold I give unto you a commandment that you rely upon the things which are written; 4 for in them are all things written concerning *the foundation of*<sup>132</sup> my church, my gospel, and my rock; 5 wherefore, if you shall build up my church *upon the foundation of*<sup>133</sup> my gospel and my rock, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you.

6 Behold, the world is ripening in iniquity and it must needs be that the children of men are stirred up unto repentance, both the Gentiles, and also the house of Israel; 7 wherefore, as thou hast been baptized by the hand of my servant, Joseph Smith, Jr. according to that which I have commanded him, *he*<sup>134</sup> hath fulfilled the thing which I commanded him. 8 And now, marvel not that I have called him unto mine own purpose, which purpose is known in me; wherefore, if he shall be diligent in keeping my commandments, he shall be blessed unto eternal life, and his name is Joseph.

9 And now Oliver Cowdery, I speak unto you, and also unto David Whitmer, by the way of commandment; for behold, I command all men everywhere to repent and I speak unto you, even as unto Paul mine apostle, for you are called even with that same calling with which he was called. 10 Remember, the worth of souls is great in the sight of God; 11 for behold, the Lord your *Redeemer*<sup>135</sup> suffered death in the flesh; wherefore, he suffered the pain of all men that all men might repent and come unto him. 12 And he hath risen again from the dead that he might bring all men unto him on conditions of repentance. 13 And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth. 14 Wherefore, you are called to cry repentance unto this people. 15 And if it so be that you should labor all your days in crying repentance unto this people and bring save it be one *soul*<sup>136</sup> unto me, how great shall be

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<sup>132</sup> The original text does not include "the foundation of." Oliver Cowdery or the printer introduced this phrase and Joseph retained it.

<sup>133</sup> Oliver Cowdery or the printer changed "and" to "upon the foundation of." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>134</sup> Joseph deleted a nonsensical "wherefore" that was in the earliest manuscripts.

<sup>135</sup> Joseph changed "the Lord your God" to "the Lord your Redeemer."

<sup>136</sup> Joseph changed the original "one soul only" to "one soul."

your joy with him in the kingdom of my Father?

16 And now, if your joy will be great with one soul that you have brought unto me into the kingdom of my Father, how great will be your joy if you should bring many souls unto me? 17 Behold, you *have*<sup>137</sup> my gospel before you, and my rock, and my salvation; 18 ask the Father in my name, in faith believing that you shall receive, and you shall have the Holy Ghost which manifesteth all things which is expedient unto the children of men. 19 And if you have not faith, hope and charity, you can do nothing. 20 Contend against no church, save it be the church of the devil. 21 Take upon you the name of Christ and speak the truth in soberness, 22 and as many as repent and are baptized in my name, which is Jesus Christ, and endure to the end, the same shall be saved. 23 Behold, Jesus Christ is the name which is given of the Father and there is none other name given whereby man can be saved; 24 wherefore, all men must take upon them the name which is given of the Father, for in that name shall they be called at the last day; 25 wherefore, if they know not the same by which they are called, they cannot have place in the kingdom of my Father.

26 And now behold, there are others who are called to declare my gospel, both unto Gentile and unto Jew; 27 yea, even twelve; and the twelve shall be my disciples and they shall take upon them my name; and the twelve are they who shall desire to take upon them my name with full purpose of heart; 28 and if they desire to take upon them my name with full purpose of heart, they are called to go into all the world to preach my gospel unto every creature; 29 and they are they who are ordained of me to baptize in my name, according to that which is written; 30 and you have that which is written before you; wherefore, you must perform it according to the words which are written. 31 And now I speak unto the twelve: Behold my grace is sufficient for you; you must walk uprightly before me and sin not. 32 And behold, you are they who are ordained of me to ordain priests and teachers to declare my gospel, according to the power of the Holy Ghost which is in you, and according to the callings and gifts of God unto men; 33 and I, Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God, have spoken it. 34 These words are not of men, nor of man, but of me; wherefore, you shall testify they are of me and not of man; 35 for it is my voice which speaketh them unto you; for they are given by my Spirit unto you and by my power you can read them one to another; and save it were by my power, you could not have them; 36 wherefore, you can testify that you have heard my voice and know

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<sup>137</sup> Joseph changed "shall have" to "have."

my words.

37 And now behold, I give unto you, Oliver Cowdery, and also unto David Whitmer, that you shall search out the twelve who shall have the desires of which I have spoken; 38 and by their desires and their works, you shall know them; 39 and when you have found them, you shall show these things unto them. 40 And you shall fall down and worship the Father in my name; 41 and you must preach unto the world saying, you must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ; 42 for all men must repent and be baptized; and not only men, but women and children who have arrived to the years of accountability.

43 And now, after that you have received this, you must keep my commandments in all things; 44 and by your hands, I will work a marvelous work among the children of men unto the convincing of many of their sins that they may come unto repentance, and that they may come unto the kingdom of my Father; 45 wherefore, the blessings which I give unto you are above all things. 46 And after that you have received this, if you keep not my commandments, you cannot be saved in the kingdom of my Father. 47 Behold I, Jesus Christ, your Lord and your God and your Redeemer, by the power of my Spirit, have spoken it. Amen.

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*A commandment of God and not of man to Martin Harris, given (Manchester, New York) March, 1830 by him who is eternal.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 *I am Alpha and Omega, Christ the Lord*<sup>138</sup>; Yea, even I am He, the beginning and the end, the Redeemer of the world: 2 I having accomplished and finished the will of him whose I am, even the Father *concerning me*<sup>139</sup>: having done this, that I might subdue all things unto myself: 3 retaining all power, even to the destroying of satan and his works at the end of the world, and the last great day of judgment, which I

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<sup>138</sup> The original includes "I am Alpha and Omega, Christ the Lord" in between "and the end" and "the Redeemer of the world" rather than at the beginning.

<sup>139</sup> The original does not include "concerning me."

shall pass upon the inhabitants thereof, *judging*<sup>140</sup> every man according to his works, and the deeds which he hath done. 4 And surely every man must repent or suffer, for I God am endless: 5 wherefore, I revoke not the judgments which I shall pass, but woes shall go forth, weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth: yea, to those who are found on my left hand: 6 nevertheless it is not written, that there shall be no end to this torment; but it is written endless torment.

7 Again, it is written eternal damnation:—wherefore it is more express than other scriptures, that it might work upon the hearts of the children of men, altogether for my name’s glory: 8 wherefore, I will explain unto you, this mystery, for it is meet unto you, to know even as mine apostles. 9 I speak unto you that are chosen in this thing, even as one, that you may enter into my rest. 10 For behold, the mystery of Godliness, how great is it? for behold I am endless, and the punishment which is given from my hand, is endless punishment, for endless is my name; wherefore—

11 Eternal punishment )  
is God’s punishment: )

12 Endless punishment  
is God’s punishment:

13 wherefore, I command you *to repent, and keep the commandments which you have received by the hand of my servant Joseph Smith, jr. in my name:* 14 *and it is by my almighty power that you have received them:* 15 *therefore*<sup>141</sup> I command you to repent, repent, lest I smite you by the rod of my mouth, and by my wrath, and by my anger, and your sufferings be sore: how sore you know not! how exquisite you know not! yea, how hard to bear you know not! 16 For behold, I God have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer, if they would repent, 17 but if they would not repent, they must suffer even as I: 18 which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit: and would that I might not drink the bitter cup and shrink: 19 nevertheless, glory be to the Father, and I partook and finished my preparations unto the children of men: 20 wherefore, I command you again *to repent lest I humble you with*<sup>142</sup> my almighty power, and that you confess

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<sup>140</sup> The original does not include “judging.”

<sup>141</sup> Early editions added “to repent, and keep the commandments which you have received by the hand of my servant Joseph Smith, jr. in my name: and it is by my almighty power that you have received them: therefore.” The words “by my name, and by my Almighty power” are taken from the following phrase in the original. Joseph retained these changes.

your sins lest you suffer these punishments of which I have spoken, of which in the smallest, yea, even in the least degree you have tasted at the time I withdrew my Spirit. 21 And I command you, that you preach nought but repentance; and show not these things unto the world *until it is wisdom in me*<sup>143</sup>; 22 for they cannot bear meat now, but milk they must receive: wherefore, *they must not know these things lest they perish*<sup>144</sup>: 23 learn of me, and listen to my words; walk in the meekness of my Spirit and you shall have peace in me: 24 *I am*<sup>145</sup> Jesus Christ; *I came*<sup>146</sup> by the will of the Father, *and I do his will*<sup>147</sup>.

25 And again, I command *thee*<sup>148</sup>, that thou shalt not covet thy Neighbor's wife. Nor seek thy Neighbor's life. 26 And again: I command thee, that thou shalt not covet thine own Property, but impart it freely to the printing of the Book of Mormon, which contains *the truth and*<sup>149</sup> the word of God, 27 which is my word to the Gentile, that soon it may go to the Jew, of whom the Lamanites are a Remnant; that they may Believe the Gospel, and look not for a Messiah to come who has already come.

28 And again, I command thee, that thou shalt pray vocally as well as *in thy heart*<sup>150</sup>: yea, before the World as well as in secret; in Public as well as in private. 29 And thou shalt declare glad tidings: yea, Publish it to the Mountains, and upon every high place, and among every People that thou shalt be permitted to see. 30 And thou shalt do it with all humility, trusting in me, Reviling not against Revilers.— 31 And of tenets thou shalt not talk, but thou shalt declare Repentance and faith on the Savior, and Remission of Sins by Baptism and by fire; yea, even the Holy Ghost.

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<sup>143</sup> The original does not include "until it is wisdom in me."

<sup>144</sup> The original does not include "they must not know these things lest they perish."

<sup>145</sup> The original does not include "I am."

<sup>146</sup> The original does not include "I came."

<sup>147</sup> The original does not include "and I do his will."

<sup>148</sup> The original says "you," (a plural form). Joseph changes this to "thee," (a singular form).

<sup>149</sup> The original does not include "the truth and."

<sup>150</sup> The original says "to thyself." Later editions changed it to read "in thy heart." Joseph retained these changes.

32 Behold this is a great, and the last commandment which I shall give unto you *concerning this matter*<sup>151</sup>: for this shall suffice for thy daily walk even unto the end of thy life. 33 And misery thou shalt Receive, if thou wilt slight these Counsels; yea, even the destruction of thyself and Property. 34 Impart a portion of thy Property; yea, even part of thy lands and all save the support of thy family. 35 Pay the *debt thou hast contracted with the printer*<sup>152</sup>. Release thyself from Bondage. 36 Leave thy House and home, except when thou shalt desire to see thy family. 37 And speak freely to all: yea, Preach, exhort, declare the truth, even With a loud voice; with a sound of rejoicing, crying Hosanna! Hosanna! blessed be the name of the Lord God.

38 Pray always and I will pour out my Spirit upon you, and great shall be your Blessing; yea, even more than if you should Obtain treasures of Earth and corruptibleness to the extent thereof. 39 Behold, canst thou read this without Rejoicing and lifting up thy heart for Gladness; 40 or canst thou run about longer as a blind guide; 41 or canst thou be humble and meek and conduct thyself wisely before me: yea, come unto me thy Savior: Amen.

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*Articles and Covenants*<sup>153</sup>, circa April 1830<sup>154</sup>.  
*Canonized in 1833.*

1 The rise of the church of Christ in these last days, being one thousand eight hundred and thirty years since the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh, it being regularly organized and established agreeably to the laws of our country, by the will and commandments of God in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month which is called April: 2 which commandments were given to Joseph Smith jr. who

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<sup>151</sup> The original does not include "concerning this matter."

<sup>152</sup> Early editions replaced "the Printers debt' with "the debt thou hast contracted with the printer." Joseph retained these changes.

<sup>153</sup> Other early versions add "of the Church of Christ."

<sup>154</sup> Earlier versions add; "given to Joseph the seer by the gift and power of God."

was called of God and ordained an apostle of Jesus Christ, *to be the first*<sup>155</sup> elder of this church; 3 and to Oliver Cowdery, who was also called of God an apostle of Jesus Christ, *to be the second*<sup>156</sup> elder of this church, and ordained under his hand: 4 and this according to the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory both now and forever. Amen.

5 After it was truly manifested unto this first elder that he had received a remission of his sins he was entangled again in the vanities of the world; 6 but after repenting, *and humbling himself, sincerely, through faith*,<sup>157</sup> God ministered unto him by an holy angel whose countenance was as lightning, and whose garments were pure and white above all other whiteness, 7 and gave unto him commandments which inspired him, 8 *and gave him power*<sup>158</sup> from on high, by the means which were before prepared, to translate the book of Mormon, 9 which contains a record of a fallen people, and the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, and to the Jews also, 10 *which was given by inspiration, and is confirmed to others by the ministering of angels, and is declared unto the world by them*,<sup>159</sup> 11 proving to the world<sup>160</sup> that the holy scriptures are true, and that God does inspire men and call them to his holy work in *this age*<sup>161</sup> and generation, as well as in *generations*<sup>162</sup> of old, 12 *thereby showing*<sup>163</sup> that he is the same God *yesterday, today,*

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<sup>155</sup> The original "an" was replaced by "to be the first." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>156</sup> The original "an" was replaced by "to be the second." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>157</sup> The original "truly' repenting" was replaced with "repenting and humbling himself, sincerely, through faith." The change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>158</sup> The original "and gave him power" was moved from the succeeding phrase to this location in the text.

<sup>159</sup> Verse 10 is not in the original revelation, though parts of it appear in upcoming phrases in the original..

<sup>160</sup> The original "them" was changed to "the world."

<sup>161</sup> The original "these last days" was replaced with "this age and generation." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>162</sup> The original "days" was changed to "generations." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>163</sup> The original does not include "thereby showing."

and <sup>164</sup>forever.— Amen<sup>165</sup>.

13 Therefore, having so great witnesses, by them shall the world be judged, even as many as shall hereafter *come to a knowledge of*<sup>166</sup> this work; 14 *and those who receive it in*<sup>167</sup> faith and *work*<sup>168</sup> righteousness, shall receive a crown of eternal life; 15 *but those who*<sup>169</sup> harden their hearts in unbelief *and reject it, it shall turn*<sup>170</sup> to their own condemnation, 16 for the Lord God has spoken it; and we, the elders of the church, have heard and bear witness to the words of *the*<sup>171</sup> glorious Majesty on high, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

17 By these things we know that there is a God in heaven who is infinite and eternal, from everlasting to everlasting the same unchangeable God, the *framer*<sup>172</sup> of heaven and earth and all things which are in them, 18 and that he created man male and female; after his own image and in his own likeness created he them, 19 and gave unto *them*<sup>173</sup> commandments<sup>174</sup> that they should love and serve him *the only living and*

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<sup>164</sup> The original does not include "yesterday, today, and."

<sup>165</sup> The original "which Book was given by inspiration is Called the Book of Mormon and is confirmed to others by the ministering of Angels and declared unto the World by them" was deleted.

<sup>166</sup> The original "receive" was replaced with "come to a knowledge of." The change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>167</sup> The original "either to" was replaced with "and those who receive it in." The change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>168</sup> "work" is not in the original. Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>169</sup> The original "or" was changed to "but those who." The change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>170</sup> The original does not include "and reject it, it shall turn." The addition was retained by Joseph.

<sup>171</sup> The original "his" was changed to "the." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>172</sup> The original "Maker" was changed to "framer." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>173</sup> The original "the Children of men" was changed to "them." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>174</sup> The original "a commandment" was changed to "commandments." Joseph retained the change.

*true God, and that he should be* <sup>175</sup>the only being whom they should worship. 20 But by the transgression of these holy laws, man became sensual and devilish, and became fallen man.

21 Wherefore the Almighty God gave his only begotten Son, as it is written in those scriptures which have been given of him; 22 he suffered temptations but gave no heed unto them; 23 he was crucified, died, and rose again the third day; 24 and ascended into heaven to sit down on the right hand of the Father, to reign with almighty power according to the will of the Father, 25 that as many as would believe and be baptized, in his holy name, and endure in faith to the end should be saved: 26 *not only those who believed after he came in the meridian of time in the flesh, but all those from the beginning,* <sup>176</sup> even as many as were before he came, who believed in the words of the holy prophets, *who spake as they* <sup>177</sup> were inspired by the gift of the Holy Ghost, who truly testified of him in all things, *should have eternal life* <sup>178</sup>, 27 as well as those who should come after, who should believe in the gifts and callings of God by the Holy Ghost, which beareth record of the Father, and of the Son, 28 which Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are one God, infinite and eternal, without end. Amen.

29 And we know that all men must repent and believe on the name of Jesus Christ and worship the Father in his name, and endure in faith on his name to the end, or they cannot be saved in the kingdom of God. 30 And we know that justification through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is just and true: 31 and we know, also, that sanctification through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is just and true, to all those who love and serve God with all their mights, minds, and strength; 32 but there is a possibility that man may fall from grace and depart from the living God. 33 Therefore let the church take heed and pray always, lest they fall into temptations; 34 yea, and even let those who are sanctified, *take*

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<sup>175</sup> The original does not contain 'the only living and true God, and that he should be.' Joseph retained the change.

<sup>176</sup> "Not only those who believed after he came in the meridian of time in the flesh, but all those from the beginning" is not in the original. However, some of the phrases were taken from the original and rearranged into a different order.

<sup>177</sup> The original does not include 'who spake as they.'

<sup>178</sup> The original does not include "should have eternal life."

*heed*<sup>179</sup> also. 35 And we know that these things are true and *according*<sup>180</sup> to the revelations of John, neither adding to, nor diminishing from the prophecy of his book, the holy scriptures, or the revelations of God which shall come hereafter by the gift and power of the Holy Ghost, *the*<sup>181</sup> voice of God, or the ministering of angels: 36 and the Lord God has spoken it; and honor, power, and glory, be rendered to his holy name, both now and ever. Amen.

37 *And again by way of commandment to the church concerning the manner of baptism.*

All those who humble themselves before God and desire to be baptized, and come forth with broken hearts and contrite spirits, and witness before the church that they have truly repented of all their sins and are willing to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ, having a determination to serve him to the end, and truly manifest by their works that they have received of the Spirit of Christ unto the remission of their sins, shall be received by baptism into his *church*<sup>182</sup>.

38 *The duty of the elders, priests, teachers, deacons, and members of the church of Christ.*

An apostle is an elder, and it is his calling to baptize, 39 and to ordain other elders, priests, teachers, and deacons, 40 and to administer *bread and wine — the emblems of*<sup>183</sup> the flesh and blood of Christ— 41 and<sup>184</sup> to confirm those who are baptized into the church, by the laying on of hands for the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, according to the scriptures; 42 and to teach, expound, exhort, baptize, and watch over the church; 43 and to confirm the church by the laying on of the hands, and the giving of the Holy Ghost — 44 and to take the lead of all meetings.

45 The elders are to conduct the meetings as they are led by the Holy

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<sup>179</sup> "take heed" is not in the original.

<sup>180</sup> The original "agreeable" was changed to "according." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>181</sup> The original reads "neither by the voice," which clarifies the doctrinal statement here.

<sup>182</sup> The original "Church of Christ" was changed to "his church."

<sup>183</sup> The original does not include "bread and wine — the emblems of."

<sup>184</sup> Verses 41-43 have been rearranged but retain the original phrases.

Ghost, *according to the commandments and revelations of God.*<sup>185</sup>

46 The priest's duty is to preach, teach, expound, exhort, and baptize, and administer the sacrament, 47 and visit the house of each member, and exhort them to pray vocally and in secret, and attend to all family duties: 48 and he *may also*<sup>186</sup> ordain other priests, teachers, and deacons— 49 and he is to take the lead of meetings *when there is no elder present*<sup>187</sup>, 50 but when there is an elder present *he is only to preach, teach, expound, exhort, and baptize, 51 and visit the house of each member, exhorting them to pray vocally and in secret, and attend to all family duties. 52 In all these duties the priest is*<sup>188</sup> to assist the elder *if occasion requires*<sup>189</sup>.

53 The teacher's duty is to watch over the church always, and be with, and strengthen them, 54 and see that there is no iniquity in the church, neither hardness with each other; neither lying, backbiting, nor evil speaking; 55 and see that the church meet together often, and also see that all the members do their duty— 56 and he is to take the lead of meetings in the absence of the elder or priest— 57 and is to be assisted always, in all his duties in the church, by the deacons, *if occasion requires*<sup>190</sup>: 58 but neither teachers nor deacons have authority to baptize, administer the sacrament, *or lay on hands*<sup>191</sup>; 59 they are however to warn, expound, exhort, and teach, and invite all to come unto Christ.

60 Every elder, priest, teacher, or deacon, is to be ordained according to the

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<sup>185</sup> The original does not include "according to the commandments and revelations of God."

<sup>186</sup> "may also" is not in the original.

<sup>187</sup> The original does not include "when there is no elder present," but the following original phrase notes that "none of these offices is he to do when there is an Elder present."

<sup>188</sup> The original does not include "he is only to preach, teach, expound, exhort, and baptize, and visit the house of each member, exhorting them to pray vocally and in secret, and attend to all family duties. In all these duties the priest is."

<sup>189</sup> "if occasion requires" is not in the original.

<sup>190</sup> "if occasion requires" is not in the original.

<sup>191</sup> The original does not include "or lay on hands."

gifts and callings of God unto him: *and he is to be ordained*<sup>192</sup> by the power of the Holy Ghost which is in the one who ordains him.

61 The several elders composing this church of Christ are to meet in conference once in three months, *or from time to time, as said conferences shall direct or appoint: 62 and said conferences are*<sup>193</sup> to do whatever church business is necessary *to be done at the time*<sup>194</sup>.

63 *The elders are to receive their licences from other elders by vote of the church to which they belong, or from the conferences.*<sup>195</sup>

64 Each priest, teacher, *or deacon*,<sup>196</sup> who is ordained by a priest, may take a certificate from him at the time, which certificate when presented to an elder, shall *entitle him to a license, which*<sup>197</sup> shall authorize him to perform the duties of his calling—*or he may receive it from a conference*<sup>198</sup>.

65 No person is to be ordained to any office in this church, where there is a regularly organized branch of the same, without the vote of that church; 66 but the presiding elders, traveling bishops, high counsellors, high priests, and elders, may have the privilege of ordaining, where there is no branch of the church, that a vote may be called.

67 Every president of the high priesthood, (or presiding elder,) bishop, high counsellor, and high priest, is to be ordained by the direction of a high council, or general conference.

68 *The duty of the members after they are received by baptism:*

The elders or priests are to have a sufficient time to expound all things

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<sup>192</sup> The original "them" was changed to "him: and he is to be ordained." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>193</sup> The original does not include "or from time to time, as said conferences shall direct or appoint: and said conferences are."

<sup>194</sup> The original "&c" was changed to "to be done at the time."

<sup>195</sup> Verse 63 was added to the original. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>196</sup> "or deacon" is not in the original.

<sup>197</sup> The original does not include "entitle him to a license, which."

<sup>198</sup> The original does not include "or he may receive it from a conference" or verses 65-67.

concerning the church of Christ to their understanding, previous to their partaking of the sacrament, and being confirmed by the laying on of the hands of the elders; so that all things may be done in order. 69 And the members shall manifest before the church and also before the elders, by a godly walk and conversation, that they are worthy of it, that there may be works and faith agreeable to the holy scriptures—walking in holiness before the Lord.

70 Every member of the church of Christ having children, is to bring them unto the elders before the church, who are to lay their hands upon them in the name of *Jesus Christ*<sup>199</sup>, and bless them in his name.

71 No one can be received into the church of Christ unless he has arrived unto the years of accountability before God, and is capable of repentance.

72 Baptism is to be administered in the following manner unto all those who repent:— 73 The person who is called of God and has authority *from*<sup>200</sup> Jesus Christ to baptize, shall go down into the water with *the person who has presented him or herself for baptism*<sup>201</sup>, and shall say, calling him or her by name: Having *been commissioned*<sup>202</sup> of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen. 74 Then shall he immerse him or her in the water, and come forth again out of the water.

75 It is expedient that the church meet together often to partake of bread and wine in remembrance of the Lord Jesus: 76 and the elder or priest shall administer it: and after this manner shall he administer it: he shall kneel with the church and call upon the Father in solemn prayer, saying, 77 O God, the eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ to bless and sanctify this bread to the souls of all those who partake of it,

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<sup>199</sup> The original "Lord" was changed to "Jesus Christ" and the next phrase was similarly changed from "name of Christ" to "his name." Joseph retained the changes.

<sup>200</sup> "given them of" was changed to "from." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>201</sup> The original "them" was changed to "the person who has presented him or herself for baptism." The change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>202</sup> The original language: "authority given me of Jesus Christ" as pulled from 3 Nephi 11:25 was changed to 'been commissioned of Jesus Christ.'" The change was retained by Joseph.

that they may eat in remembrance of the body of thy Son, and witness unto thee O God, the eternal Father, that they are willing to take upon them the name of thy Son, and always remember him and keep his commandments which he has given them, that they may always have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.

78 The manner of administering the wine: He shall take the cup also, and say, 79 O God, the eternal Father, we ask thee in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, to bless and sanctify this wine to the souls of all those who drink of it, that they may do it in remembrance of the blood of thy Son which was shed for them, that they may witness unto thee, O God, the eternal Father, that they do always remember him, that they may have his Spirit to be with them. Amen.

80 Any member of the church of Christ transgressing, or being overtaken in a fault, shall be dealt with as the scriptures direct.

81 It shall be the duty of the several churches composing the church of Christ, to send one or more of their teachers to attend the several conferences, held by the elders of the church, 82 with a list of the names of the several members uniting themselves with the church since the last conference, or send by the hand of some priest, so that a regular list of all the names of the whole church may be kept in a book, by one of the elders, whoever the other elders shall appoint from time to time:— 83 and also, if any have been expelled from the church; so that their names may be blotted out of the general church record of names.

84 All members removing from the church where *they reside*<sup>203</sup>, if going to a church where they are not known, may take a letter certifying that they are regular members and in good standing; which certificate may be signed by any elder or priest, if the member receiving the letter is personally acquainted with the elder or priest, or it may be signed by the teachers, or deacons of the church.

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*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, 6 April 1830.*

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<sup>203</sup> The original “he belongs” was changed to “they reside.” Joseph retained the change.

*Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold there shall be a record kept among you, and in it thou shalt be called a seer, a translator, a prophet, an apostle of Jesus Christ, an elder of the church through the will of God the Father, and the grace of your Jesus Christ; 2 being inspired of the Holy Ghost to lay the foundation thereof, and to build it up unto the most holy faith; 3 which church was organized and established, in the year of your Lord eighteen hundred and thirty, in the fourth month, and on the sixth day of the month, which is called April.

4 Wherefore meaning the church, thou shalt give heed unto all his words, and commandments, which he shall give unto you, as he receiveth them, walking in all holiness before me: 5 for his word ye shall receive, as if from mine own mouth, in all patience and faith; 6 for by doing these things, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you; yea, and the Lord God will disperse the powers of darkness from before you; and cause the heavens to shake for your good, and his name's glory. 7 For thus saith the Lord God, him have I inspired to move the cause of Zion in mighty power for good; and his diligence I know, and his prayers I have heard: 8 yea, his weeping for Zion I have seen, and I will cause that he shall mourn for her no longer, for his days of rejoicing are come unto the remission of his sins, and the manifestations of my blessings upon his works.

9 For behold, I will bless all those who labor in my vineyard, with a mighty blessing, and they shall believe on his words, which are given him through me, by the Comforter, which manifesteth that Jesus was crucified by *sinful men for the*<sup>204</sup> sins of the world; yea, for the remission of sins unto the contrite heart. 10 Wherefore, it behooveth me, that he should be ordained by you, Oliver Cowdery, mine apostle; 11 this being an ordinance unto you, that you are an elder under his hand, *he being the first*<sup>205</sup> unto you, that you might be an elder unto this church of Christ, bearing my name; 12 and the first preacher of this church, unto the church, and before the world: yea, before the Gentiles; yea, and thus saith the Lord God, lo<sup>206</sup>, lo, to

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<sup>204</sup> The original did not read "sinful men for."

<sup>205</sup> The original did not have "he being the first."

<sup>206</sup> Websters 1828 dictionary says this of the word "lo": Look; see; behold; observe. This word is used to excite particular attention in a hearer to some object of sight, or subject of discourse.

the Jews, also: Amen.

## 22

*Revelation to the church of Christ, which was established in these last days, in consequence of some desiring to unite with the church without rebaptism, who had previously been baptized, 16 April 1830.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold I say unto you, that all old covenants have I caused to be done away in this thing, and this is a new and an everlasting covenant; even that which was from the beginning. 2 Wherefore, although a man should be baptized an hundred times, it availeth him nothing; for you cannot enter in at the straight gate by the law of Moses, neither by your dead works; 3 for it is because of your dead works, that I have caused this last covenant, and this church to be built up unto me; even as in days of old. 4 Wherefore enter ye in at the gate, as I have commanded, and seek not to counsel your God: Amen.

## 23

*Revelation to Oliver Cowdery<sup>207</sup>, Hyrum Smith, Samuel H. Smith, Joseph Smith, Sr. And Joseph Knight, Sr., given April 1830<sup>208</sup>.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold I speak unto you, Oliver, a few words. Behold thou art blessed, and art under no condemnation. But beware of pride, lest thou shouldst enter into temptation. 2 Make known thy calling unto the church, and also before the world; and thy heart shall be opened to preach the truth from henceforth and forever: Amen.

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<sup>207</sup> The original added: "soon after his calling to the Ministry."

<sup>208</sup> Originally, these revelations for different individuals were received and recorded separately. They are separated by paragraphing below. The unpublished revelation that followed in the original revelation book is found at the end of this volume.

3 Behold I speak unto you, Hyrum, a few words: for thou also art under no condemnation, and thy heart is opened, and thy tongue loosed; and thy calling is to exhortation, and to strengthen the church continually. Wherefore thy duty is unto the church forever; and this because of thy family: Amen.

4 Behold I speak a few words unto you, Samuel: for thou also art under no condemnation, and thy calling is to exhortation, and to strengthen the church. And thou art not as yet called to preach before the world: Amen.

5 Behold I speak a few words unto you, Joseph [Smith, Sr.]: for thou also art under no condemnation, and thy calling also is to exhortation, and to strengthen the church. And this is thy duty from henceforth and forever: Amen.

6 Behold I manifest unto you, Joseph Knight, by these words, that you must take up your cross, in the which you must pray vocally before the world, as well as in secret, and in your family, and among your friends, and in all places. 7 And behold it is your duty to unite with the true church, and give your language to exhortation continually, that you may receive the reward of the laborer:— Amen.

## 24

*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, Jr. and Oliver Cowdery<sup>209</sup>, July 1830.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold thou wast called and chosen to write the book of Mormon, and to my ministry; and I have lifted thee up out of thy afflictions, and have counseled thee, that thou hast been delivered from all thine enemies, and thou hast been delivered from the powers of satan, and from darkness! 2 Nevertheless, thou art not excusable in thy transgressions; nevertheless go thy way and sin no more.

3 Magnify thine office; and after thou hast sowed thy fields and secured them, go speedily unto the church which is in Colesville, Fayette and Manchester, and they shall support thee; and I

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<sup>209</sup> The original added: "telling them concerning their calls, etc."

will bless them both spiritually and temporally; 4 but if they receive thee not, I will send upon them a cursing instead of a blessing.

5 And thou shalt continue in calling upon God in my name, and writing the things which shall be given thee by the Comforter, and expounding all scriptures unto the church, 6 and it shall be given thee in the very moment, what thou shalt speak and write; and they shall hear it, or I will send unto them a cursing instead of a blessing.

7 For thou shalt devote all thy service in Zion. And in this thou shalt have strength. 8 Be patient in afflictions, for thou shalt have many: but endure them, for lo, I am with you, even unto the end of thy days. 9 And in temporal labors thou shalt not have strength, for this is not thy calling. Attend to thy calling and thou shalt have wherewith to magnify thine office, and to expound all scriptures. And continue in laying on of the hands, and confirming the churches.

10 And thy brother Oliver shall continue in bearing my name before the world; and also to the church. And he shall not suppose that he can say enough in my cause; and lo I am with him to the end. 11 In me he shall have glory, and not of himself, whether in weakness or in strength, whether in bonds or free: 12 And at all times and in all places, he shall open his mouth and declare my gospel as with the voice of a trump, both day and night. And I will give unto him strength such as is not known among men.

13 Require not miracles, except I shall command you; except casting out devils; healing the sick; and against poisonous serpents; and against deadly poisons; 14 and these things ye shall not do, except it be required of you, by them who desire it, that the scriptures might be fulfilled, for ye shall do according to that which is written<sup>210</sup>. 15 And in whatsoever place ye shall enter, and they receive you not, in my name, ye shall leave a cursing instead of a blessing, by casting off the dust of your feet against them as a testimony, and cleansing your feet by the wayside.

16 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall lay their hands upon you by violence, ye shall command to be smitten in my name, and behold I will smite them according to your words, in mine own due time. 17 And whosoever shall go to law with thee shall be cursed by the law. 18 And thou shalt take no purse, nor scrip, neither staves, neither two coats, for the

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<sup>210</sup> The original adds "in the Scriptures."

church shall give unto thee in the very hour what thou needest for food, and for raiment, and for shoes, and for money, and for scrip: 19 for thou art called to prune my vineyard with a mighty pruning, yea, even for the last time. Yea, and also, all those whom thou hast ordained. And they shall do even according to this pattern. Amen.

## 25

*Revelation given July 1830<sup>211</sup>.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 *Hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God, while I speak unto you, Emma Smith, my daughter, for verily I say unto you, all those who receive my gospel are sons and daughters in my kingdom<sup>212</sup>.* 2 *A revelation I give unto you concerning my will, and if thou art faithful and walk in the paths of virtue before me, I will preserve thy life, and thou shalt receive an inheritance in Zion<sup>213</sup>.* 3 *Behold thy sins are forgiven thee, and thou art an elect lady, whom I have called.* 4 *Murmur not because of the things which thou hast not seen, for they are withheld from thee, and from the world, which is wisdom in me in a time to come.*

5 *And the office of thy calling shall be for a comfort unto my servant Joseph Smith, jr. thy husband, in his afflictions with consoling words, in the spirit of meekness.* 6 *And thou shalt go with him at the time of his going, and be unto him for a scribe, while there is no one to be a scribe for him<sup>214</sup>, that I may send my servant Oliver Cowdery, whithersoever I will.* 7 *And thou shalt be ordained under his hand to expound scriptures, and to exhort the*

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<sup>211</sup> Earlier editions added that this was a revelation to Emma Smith “giving her a command to select Hymns &c .”

<sup>212</sup> The entirety of verse one has been added to the original revelation. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>213</sup> Excepting the introductory clause ending with “will,” verse two was added to the original revelation. Verses 1 and 2 in this edition were summarized in the 1833 version with “Emma, my daughter in Zion,” with the retained phrase “a revelation I give unto you” as the beginning of this revelation. Joseph retained the changes.

<sup>214</sup> The original does not contain “while there is no one to be a scribe for him.” Joseph retained the change.

church, according as it shall be given thee by my Spirit: 8 for he shall lay his hands upon thee, and thou shalt receive the Holy Ghost, and thy time shall be given to writing, and to learning *much*<sup>215</sup>. 9 And thou needest not fear, for thy husband shall support thee in<sup>216</sup> the church: for unto them is his calling, that all things might be revealed unto them, whatsoever I will, according to their faith.

10 And verily I say unto thee, that thou shalt lay aside the things of this world, and seek for the things of a better. 11 And it shall be given thee, also, to make a selection of sacred Hymns, as it shall be given thee, which is pleasing unto me, to be had in my church: 12 for my soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me. And it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads. 13 Wherefore lift up thy heart and rejoice, and cleave unto the covenants which thou hast made.

14 Continue in the spirit of meekness, and beware of pride. Let thy soul delight in thy husband, and the glory which shall come upon him. 15 Keep my commandments continually, and a crown of righteousness thou shalt receive. And except thou do this, where I am you cannot come. 16 And verily, verily I say unto you, that this is my voice unto all: Amen.

## 26

*Revelation to Joseph Smith, jr. Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer, given July 1830.*

*Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold, I say unto you, that you shall let your time be devoted to the studying of the Scriptures, and to preaching, and to confirming the church at Colesville; and to performing your labors on the land, such as is required, until after you shall go to the west, to hold the next conference; and then it shall be made known what you shall do. 2 And all things shall be done by common consent in the church, by much prayer and faith; for

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<sup>215</sup> The original "&" was changed to "much." The change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>216</sup> The original "from" was changed to "in." Joseph retained the change.

all things you shall receive by faith: *Amen*<sup>217</sup>.

## 27

*Revelation given September 1830*<sup>218</sup>.  
*Canonized in 1833*

1 Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, your Lord, your God and your Redeemer, whose word is quick and powerful. 2 For behold I say unto you, that it mattereth not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, when ye partake of the sacrament, if it so be that ye do it with an eye single to my glory; remembering unto the Father my body which was laid down for you, and my blood which was shed for the remission of your sins: 3 wherefore a commandment I give unto you, that you shall not purchase wine, neither strong drink of your enemies: 4 wherefore you shall partake of none, except it is made new among you; yea, in this my Father's kingdom which shall be built up on the earth.

5 Behold this is wisdom in me: wherefore marvel not for the hour cometh that I will drink of the fruit of the vine with you on the earth<sup>219</sup>, and with Moroni, whom I have sent unto you to reveal the book of Mormon, containing the fulness of my everlasting gospel; to whom I have committed the keys of the record of the stick of Ephraim; 6 and also with Elias, to whom I have committed the keys of bringing to pass the restoration of all

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<sup>217</sup> The original "and thus it is amen" was shortened to "Amen." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>218</sup> The JSP notes that this revelation should be dated August 1830.

Earlier versions add that this revelation was given to the church through Joseph "at a time that he went to purchase wine for Sacrament and he was stopped by an Angel and he spoke to him as follows Saying."

<sup>219</sup> What few words remaining from the original revelation were here split. It continues in verses 14 and 15 through "gird up your loins." It then splits again and continues in verse 18 where it says "and be faithful until I come."

The new material, (apparently pulled from D&C 50 of the 1835 edition according to the JSP), was fused with the original revelation. Joseph retained the changes.

things<sup>220</sup>, spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began, concerning the last days: 7 and also John the son of Zacharias, which Zacharias he (Elias) visited and gave promise that he should have a son, and his name should be John, and he should be filled with the spirit of Elias; 8 which John I have sent unto you, my servants, Joseph Smith, jr. and Oliver Cowdery, to ordain you unto this first priesthood which you have received, that you might be called and ordained even as Aaron: 9 and also Elijah, unto whom I have committed the keys of the power of turning the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers, that the whole earth may not be smitten with a curse: 10 and also, with Joseph, and Jacob, and Isaac, and Abraham, your fathers; by whom the promises remain; 11 and also with Michael, or Adam, the father of all, the prince of all, the ancient of days.

12 And also with Peter, and James, and John, whom I have sent unto you, by whom I have ordained you and confirmed you to be apostles and especial witnesses of my name, and bear the keys of your ministry: and of the same things which I revealed unto them: 13 unto whom I have committed the keys of my kingdom, and a dispensation of the gospel for the last times; and for the fulness of times, in the which I will gather together in one all things, both which are in heaven and which are on earth: 14 and also with all those whom my Father hath given me out of the world: 15 wherefore lift up your hearts and rejoice, and gird up your loins, and take upon you my whole armor, that ye may be able to withstand the evil day, having done all ye may be able to stand. 16 Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth; having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace which I have sent mine angels to commit unto you, 17 taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked; 18 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of my spirit, which I will pour out upon you, and my word which I reveal unto you, and be agreed as touching all things whatsoever ye ask of me, and be faithful until I come, and ye shall be caught up, that where I am ye shall be also: Amen.

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*Revelation given to Oliver Cowdery, September 1830.*

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<sup>220</sup> "or the restorer of all things" in the 1835 edition was shortened to "things."

*Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold I say unto thee, Oliver, that it shall be given unto thee, that thou shalt be heard by the church, in all things whatsoever thou shalt teach them by the Comforter, concerning the revelations and commandments which I have given.

2 But behold, verily, verily I say unto thee, no one shall be appointed to receive commandments and revelations in this church, excepting my servant Joseph Smith, jr. for he receiveth them even as Moses; 3 and thou shalt be obedient unto the things which I shall give unto him, even as Aaron, to declare faithfully the commandments and revelations, with power and authority unto the church. 4 And if thou art led at any time by the Comforter to speak or teach, or at all times by the way of commandment unto the church, thou mayest do it. 5 But thou shalt not write by way of commandment, but by wisdom: 6 And thou shalt not command him who is at thy head, and at the head of the church; 7 for I have given him the keys of the mysteries, *and*<sup>221</sup> the revelations, which are sealed, until I shall appoint unto *them*<sup>222</sup> another in his stead.

8 And now, behold I say unto you, that you shall go unto the Lamanites and preach my gospel unto them; and *inasmuch as they receive thy teachings, thou shalt*<sup>223</sup> cause my church to be established among them, and thou shalt have revelations but write them not by way of commandment. 9 And now behold I say unto you, that it is not revealed, and no man knoweth where the city shall be built, but it shall be given hereafter. Behold I say unto you, that it shall be on the borders by the Lamanites.

10 Thou shalt not leave this place until after the conference and my servant Joseph shall be appointed to preside over the conference by the voice of it, and what he saith to thee thou shalt tell. 11 And again, thou shalt take thy brother Hiram Page between him and thee alone, and tell him that those things which he hath written from that stone, are not of me, and satan deceiveth him, 12 for behold these things have not been appointed unto him: neither shall any thing be appointed unto any of this church contrary

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<sup>221</sup> The original "of" was changed to "and." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>222</sup> The original "him" was changed to "them." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>223</sup> The original does not include "inasmuch as they receive thy teachings, thou shalt." Joseph retained the change.

to the church *covenants*<sup>224</sup>, 13 for all things must be done in order and by common consent in the church, by the prayer of faith.

14 And thou shalt *assist to*<sup>225</sup> settle all these things according to the covenants of the church before thou shalt take thy journey among the Lamanites. 15 And it shall be given thee from the time thou shalt go, until the time thou shalt return, what thou shalt do. 16 And thou must open thy mouth at all times declaring my gospel with the sound of rejoicing: Amen.

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*Revelation given in the presence of six elders*<sup>226</sup>, 1830.  
*Canonized in 1833*

1 Listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, your Redeemer, the Great I AM, whose arm of mercy hath atoned for your sins; 2 who will gather his people even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, even as many as will hearken to my voice, and humble themselves before me, and call upon me in mighty prayer. 3 Behold, verily, verily I say unto you, that at this time your sins are forgiven you, therefore ye receive these things: but remember to sin no more, lest perils shall come upon you.

4 Verily I say unto you, that ye are chosen out of the world to declare my gospel with the sound of rejoicing, as with the voice of a trump: 5 lift up your hearts and be glad for I am in your midst, and am your advocate with the Father; and it is his good will to give you the kingdom; 6 and as it is written, Whatsoever ye shall ask in faith, being united in prayer according to my command, ye shall receive; 7 and ye are called to bring to pass the

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<sup>224</sup> The original "Articles & Covenants" was shortened to "covenants." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>225</sup> The original does not include "assist to." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>226</sup> The original added "of the Church & three members they understood from Holy Writ that the time had come that the People of God should see eye to eye & they seeing somewhat different upon the death of Adam (that is his transgression) therefore they made it a subject of Prayer & enquired of the Lord & thus came the word of the Lord through Joseph the seer."

gathering of mine elect, for mine elect hear my voice and harden not their hearts: 8 wherefore the decree hath gone forth from the Father, that they shall be gathered in unto one place, upon the face of this land, to prepare their hearts, and be prepared in all things, against the day when tribulation and desolation are sent forth upon the wicked: 9 for the hour is nigh, and the day soon at hand, when the earth is ripe: and all the proud, and they that do wickedly, shall be as stubble, and I will burn them up, *saith the Lord of hosts*<sup>227</sup>, that wickedness shall not be upon the earth: 10 for the hour is nigh, and that which was spoken by mine apostles must be fulfilled; for as they spoke so shall it come to pass; 11 for I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years, and the wicked shall not stand.

12 And again, verily, verily I say unto you, and it hath gone forth in a firm decree, by the will of the Father, that mine apostles, the twelve which were with me in my ministry at Jerusalem, shall stand at my right hand at the day of my coming in a pillar of fire, being clothed with robes of righteousness, with crowns upon their heads, in glory even as I am, to judge the whole house of Israel, even as many as have loved me and kept my commandments, and none else; 13 for a trump shall sound both long and loud, even as upon mount Sinai, and all the earth shall quake, and they shall come forth: yea, even the dead which died in me, to receive a crown of righteousness, and to be clothed upon, even as I am, to be with me, that we may be one.

14 But behold, I say unto you, that before this great day shall come, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall be turned into blood, and *the*<sup>228</sup> stars shall fall from heaven; and there shall be greater signs in heaven above, and in the earth beneath; 15 and there shall be weeping and wailing among the hosts of men: 16 and there shall be a great hailstorm sent forth to destroy the crops of the earth: 17 and it shall come to pass, because of the wickedness of the world, that I will take vengeance upon the wicked, for they will not repent: for the cup of mine indignation is full: for behold my blood shall not cleanse them if they *hear me*<sup>229</sup> not.

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<sup>227</sup> The original does not include "saith the Lord of hosts." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>228</sup> The original "some" was changed to "the." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>229</sup> The original "repent" was changed to "hear me." The change was retained by Joseph.

18 Wherefore I *the Lord God*<sup>230</sup> will send forth flies upon the face of the earth, which shall take hold of the inhabitants thereof, and shall eat their flesh, and shall cause maggots to come in upon them, 19 and their tongues shall be stayed that they shall not utter against me, and their flesh shall fall from off their bones, and their eyes from their sockets: 20 and it shall come to pass, that the beasts of the forests, and the fowls of the air, shall devour them up: 21 and that great and abominable church, which is the whore of all the earth, shall be cast down by devouring fire, according as it is spoken by the mouth of Ezekiel the prophet, which spoke of these things, which have not come to pass, but surely must, as I live, for abomination shall not reign.

22 And again, verily, verily I say unto you, that when the thousand years are ended, and men again begin to deny their God, then will I spare the earth but for a little season; 23 and the end shall come, and the heaven and the earth shall be consumed, and pass away, and there shall be a new heaven and a new earth; 24 for all old things shall pass away, and all things shall become new, even the heaven and the earth, and all the fulness thereof, both men and beasts: the fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea, 25 and not one hair, neither mote, shall be lost, for it is the workmanship of mine hand.

26 But behold, verily I say unto you, before the earth shall pass away, Michael, mine archangel, shall sound his trump, and then shall all the dead awake, for their graves shall be opened, and they shall come forth; yea, even all; 27 and the righteous shall be gathered on my right hand unto eternal life; and the wicked on my left hand will I be ashamed to own before the Father: 28 wherefore I will say unto them, depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

29 And now behold I say unto you, never at any time, have I declared from my own mouth that they should return, for where I am they cannot come, for they have no power; 30 but remember that all my judgments are not given unto men: and as the words have gone forth out of my mouth, even so shall they be fulfilled, that the first shall be last, and that the last shall be first in all things, whatsoever I have created by the word of my power, which is the power of my spirit: 31 for by the power of my Spirit, created I them: yea, all things both spiritual and temporal: 32 firstly spiritual,

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<sup>230</sup> The original does not include "the Lord God."

secondly temporal, which is the beginning of my work: and again, firstly temporal, and secondly spiritual, which is the last of my work: 33 speaking unto you that you may naturally understand, but unto myself my works have no end, neither beginning; but it is given unto you that ye may understand, because ye have asked it of me and are agreed.

34 Wherefore, verily I say unto you, that all things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal, neither any man, or the children of men: neither Adam your father, whom I created: 35 behold I gave unto him that he should be an agent unto himself; and I gave unto him commandment, but no temporal commandment gave I unto him; for my commandments are spiritual; they are not natural, nor temporal, neither carnal nor sensual.

36 And it came to pass, that Adam being tempted of the devil, for behold the devil was before Adam, for he rebelled against me, saying, Give me thine honor, which is my power: and also a third part of the hosts of heaven turned he away from me because of their agency: 37 and they were thrust down, and thus became the devil and his angels; 38 and behold, there is a place prepared for them from the beginning, which place is hell: 39 and it must needs be that the devil should tempt the children of men, or they could not be agents unto themselves, for if they never should have bitter, they could not know the sweet.

40 Wherefore, it came to pass, that the devil tempted Adam and he partook the forbidden fruit, and transgressed the commandment, wherein he became subject to the will of the devil, because he yielded unto temptation.

41 Wherefore, I the Lord God caused that he should be cast out from the garden of Eden, from my presence, because of his transgression; wherein he became spiritually dead: which is the first death, even that same death, which is the last death, which is spiritual, which shall be pronounced upon the wicked when I shall say, Depart ye cursed.

42 But behold I say unto you, that I, the Lord God, gave unto Adam and unto his seed, that they should not die as to the temporal death, until I, the Lord God, should send forth angels to declare unto them repentance and redemption through faith on the name of mine only begotten Son: 43 and thus did I, the Lord God, appoint unto man the days of his probation; that by his natural death, he might be raised in immortality unto eternal

life, even as many as would believe<sup>231</sup>, 44 and they that believe not unto eternal damnation, for they cannot be redeemed from their spiritual fall, because they repent not, 45 for they will love darkness *rather*<sup>232</sup> than light, and their deeds are evil, and they receive their wages of whom they list to obey.

46 But behold I say unto you, that little children are redeemed from the foundation of the world, through mine Only begotten: 47 Wherefore they cannot sin, for power is not given unto satan to tempt little children, until they begin to become accountable before me; 48 for it is given unto them even as I will, according to mine own pleasure, that great things may be required at the hand of their fathers.

49 And again I say unto you, that whoso having knowledge, have I not commanded to repent? 50 and he that hath no understanding, it remaineth in me to do according as it is written. And now, I declare no more unto you at this time. Amen.

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*Revelation<sup>233</sup> given to David Whitmer<sup>234</sup>, Peter Whitmer<sup>235</sup>, Jr., and John Whitmer<sup>236</sup>, September 1830.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold I say unto you David, that you have feared man and have not relied on me for strength, as you ought: 2 but your mind has been on the things of the earth more than on the things of me, your Maker, and the ministry whereunto you have been called; and you have not given heed unto my spirit, and to those who were set over you, but have

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<sup>231</sup> The original "believe on my name" was shortened to "believe." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>232</sup> The original "more" was changed to "rather." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>233</sup> Each individual received a distinct revelation. They were merged together for inclusion in the D&C. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>234</sup> The original added "telling him that he feared man more than god &c."

<sup>235</sup> The original adds: "his calling to the Lamanites &c."

<sup>236</sup> The original adds: "his call to the Ministry &c."

been persuaded by those whom I have not commanded: 3 wherefore you are left to inquire for yourself, at my hand, and ponder upon the things which you have received. 4 And your home shall be at your father's house, until I give unto you further commandments<sup>237</sup>. And you shall attend to the ministry in the church, and before the world, and in the region round about: Amen.

5 Behold I say unto you, Peter, that you shall take your journey with your brother Oliver [Cowdery], for the time has come, that it is expedient in me, that you shall open your mouth to declare my gospel: therefore, fear not but give heed unto the words and advice of your brother, which he shall give you. 6 And be you afflicted in all his afflictions, ever lifting up your heart unto me in prayer, and faith, for his and your deliverance: for I have given unto him power to build up my church among *the*<sup>238</sup> Lamanites: 7 and none have I appointed to be *his counselor*<sup>239</sup>, over him, in the church, *concerning church matters*<sup>240</sup>, except it is his brother Joseph Smith, jr. 8 Wherefore give heed unto these things and be diligent in keeping my commandments, and you shall be blessed unto eternal life: Amen.

9 Behold I say unto you, my servant John, that thou shalt commence from this time forth to proclaim my gospel, as with the voice of a trump. 10 And your labor shall be at your brother Philip Burrough's, and in that region round about: yea, wherever you can be heard, until I command you to go from hence. 11 And your whole labor shall be in Zion, with all your soul, from henceforth; yea, you shall ever open your mouth in my cause not fearing what man can do, for I am with you: Amen.

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*Revelation given to Thomas B. Marsh<sup>241</sup>, September 1830.  
Canonized in 1833.*

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<sup>237</sup> The original "commandment" was changed to plural. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>238</sup> The original "thy Brethren the" was changed to "the."

<sup>239</sup> The original does not include "'his counselor.'" Joseph retained the change.

<sup>240</sup> The original does not include "concerning church matters." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>241</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "his call to the ministry &c."

1 Thomas, my son, blessed are you because of your faith in my *work*<sup>242</sup>. 2 Behold you have had many afflictions because of your family: nevertheless I will bless you, and your family: yea, your little ones, and the day cometh that they will believe and know the truth and be one with you in my church.

3 Lift up your heart and rejoice for the hour of your mission is come; and your tongue shall be loosed; and you shall declare glad tidings of great joy unto this generation. 4 You shall declare the things which have been revealed to my servant Joseph Smith, jr. You shall begin to preach from this time forth; yea, to reap in the field which is white already to be burned: 5 therefore thrust in your sickle with all your soul; and your sins are forgiven you; and you shall be laden with sheaves upon your back, for the laborer is worthy of his hire.— Wherefore your family shall live.

6 Behold, verily, I say unto you, go from them only for a little time, and declare my word, and I will prepare a place for them; 7 yea, I will open the hearts of the people and they will receive you. And I will establish a church by your hand; 8 and you shall strengthen them and prepare them against the time when they shall be gathered. 9 Be patient in afflictions, revile not against those that revile. Govern your house in meekness, and be steadfast.

10 Behold I say unto you, that you shall be a physician to the church, but not unto the world, for they will not receive you. 11 Go your way whithersoever I will, and it shall be given you by the Comforter what you shall do, and whither you shall go. 12 Pray always, lest you enter into temptation, and lose your reward. 13 Be faithful unto the end, and lo, I am with you. These words are not of man nor of men, but of me, even Jesus Christ, your Redeemer, by the will of the Father: Amen.

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<sup>242</sup> The original “words” was changed to “work.” Joseph retained the change.

*Revelation given to Parley P. Pratt<sup>243</sup> and Ziba Peterson, October 1830.  
Canonized in 1835*

1 And now concerning my servant Parley P. Pratt, behold I say unto him, that as I live I will that he shall declare my gospel and learn of me, and be meek, and lowly of heart; 2 and that which I have appointed unto him, is that he shall go with my servants Oliver Cowdery and Peter Whitmer, jr. into the wilderness, among the Lamanites; 3 and Ziba Peterson, also, shall go with them, and I myself will go with them and be in their midst: and I am their Advocate with the Father, and nothing shall prevail. 4 And they shall give heed to that which is written and pretend to no other revelation, and they shall pray always that I may unfold them to their understanding; 5 and they shall give heed unto these words and trifle not, and I will bless them: Amen.

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*Revelation given to Ezra Thayer and Northrop Sweet<sup>244</sup>, October 1830.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold<sup>245</sup> I say unto you, my servants Ezra and Northrop, open ye your ears and hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, whose word is quick and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword, to the dividing asunder of the joints and marrow, soul and spirit: and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 2 For verily, verily I say unto you, that ye are called to lift up your voices as with the sound of a trump, to declare my gospel unto a crooked and a perverse generation: 3 for behold the field is white already to harvest; and it is the eleventh hour, and for the last time that I shall call laborers into my vineyard. 4 And my vineyard has become corrupted every whit: and there is none which doeth good save it be a few; and they err in many instances, because of priestcrafts, all having corrupt minds.

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<sup>243</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "to go to the wilderness."

<sup>244</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "their call to the ministry &c."

<sup>245</sup> The original "Saying" was changed to "Behold." Joseph retained the change.

5 And verily, verily I say unto you, that this church have I established and called forth out of the wilderness: 6 and even so will I gather mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, even as many as will believe in me<sup>246</sup>, and hearken unto my voice: 7 yea, verily, verily I say unto you, that the field is white already to harvest; wherefore thrust in your sickles, and reap with all your might, mind and strength. 8 Open *your*<sup>247</sup> mouths and they shall be filled; and you shall become even as Nephi of old, who journeyed from Jerusalem in the wilderness: 9 yea, open *your* mouths and spare not, and you shall be laden with sheaves upon your backs, for lo I am with you: 10 yea, open your mouths and they shall be filled, saying, Repent, repent and prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths<sup>248</sup> *straight*<sup>249</sup>: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand: 11 yea, repent and be baptized every one of you; for the remission of your sins; yea, be baptized even by water, and then cometh the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost.

12 Behold, verily, verily I say unto you, this is my gospel, and remember that they shall have faith in me, or they can in no wise be saved: 13 and upon this Rock I will build my church; yea, upon this rock ye are built, and if ye continue, the gates of hell shall not prevail against you; 14 and ye shall remember the church articles and covenants to keep them: 15 and whoso having faith you shall confirm in my church, by the laying on of the hands, and I will bestow the gift of the Holy Ghost upon them. 16 And the book of Mormon, and the holy scriptures<sup>250</sup>, are given of me for your instruction; and the power of my Spirit quickeneth all things: 17 wherefore be faithful, praying always, having your lamps trimmed and burning, and oil with you, that you may be ready at the coming of the Bridegroom: 18 for behold, verily, verily I say unto you, that I come quickly; even so: Amen.

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<sup>246</sup> The original "on my name" was changed to "in me." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>247</sup> The original "thy" (singular) was changed to "your" (plural) along with a plural "mouths." The same and similar modifications are made in the following sentences. Joseph retained the changes.

<sup>248</sup> The original "paths" was changed to singular and then restored to plural.

<sup>249</sup> Similar to passages in the Book of Mormon, "strait" was changed to "straight." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>250</sup> The original "Bible" was changed to "holy scriptures." The change was retained by Joseph.

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*Revelation given to Orson Pratt<sup>251</sup>, November 1830.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 My son Orson, hearken and hear and behold what I the Lord God shall say unto you, even Jesus Christ your Redeemer, the light and the life of the world: a light which shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not: who so loved the world that he gave his own life, that as many as would believe might become the *sons*<sup>252</sup> of God: wherefore you are my son, and blessed are you because you have believed, and more blessed are you because you are called of me to preach my gospel; to lift up your voice as with the sound of a trump, both long and loud, and cry repentance unto a crooked and perverse generation; preparing the way of the Lord for his second coming; for behold, verily, verily I say unto you, the time is soon at hand, that I shall come in a cloud with power and great glory, and it shall be a great day at the time of my coming, for all nations shall tremble.

2 But before that great day shall come, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon be turned into blood, and the stars shall refuse their shining, and some shall fall, and great destructions await the wicked: wherefore lift up your voice and spare not, for the Lord God hath spoken. Therefore prophecy and it shall be given by the power of the Holy Ghost; and if you are faithful behold I am with you until I come: and verily, verily I say unto you, I come quickly. *I am* <sup>253</sup>your Lord and your Redeemer; even so: Amen.

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<sup>251</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "his call to the ministry &c."

<sup>252</sup> The original "Sons & daughter" was changed to "sons." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>253</sup> The original grammar here says "even so your Lord & your redeemer." That was modified to "I am your Lord and Redeemer; even so." Joseph retained the change.

*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon<sup>254</sup>, December 1830.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Listen to the voice of the Lord your God, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, whose course is one eternal round, the same today as yesterday and forever. 2 I am Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was crucified for the sins of the world, even as *many as*<sup>255</sup> will believe on my name, that they may become the sons of God, even one in me as I am in the Father, as the father is one in me, that we may be one.

3 Behold, verily, verily I say unto my servant Sidney, I have looked upon thee and thy works. I have heard thy prayers and prepared thee for a greater work. 4 Thou art blessed, for thou shalt do great things. Behold thou wast sent forth even as John, to prepare the way before me, and before Elijah which should come, and thou knew it not. 5 Thou did baptize by water unto repentance, but they received not the Holy Ghost; 6 but now I give unto thee a commandment, that thou shalt baptize by water, and they shall receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, even as the apostles of old.

7 And it shall come to pass, that there shall be a great work in the land even among the Gentiles, for their folly and their abominations shall be made manifest, in the eyes of all people: 8 for I am God, and mine arm is not shortened, and I will show miracles, signs and wonders, unto all those who believe on my name. 9 And whoso shall ask it in my name, in faith, they shall cast out devils; they shall heal the sick; they shall cause the blind to receive their sight, and the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak, and the lame to walk: 10 and the time speedily cometh that great things are to be shown forth unto the children of men: 11 but without faith shall not any thing be shown forth except desolations upon Babylon, the same which has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 12 And there are none that doeth good except those who are ready to receive the fulness of my gospel, which I have sent forth unto this generation.

13 Wherefore, I have called upon the weak things *of the world*<sup>256</sup>, those who

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<sup>254</sup> Earlier versions add: "call to writing for Joseph &c Saying."

<sup>255</sup> The original lacked "many as." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>256</sup> "of the world" was crossed out in the original manuscript but retained in all of the published manuscripts.

are unlearned and despised, to thresh the nations by the power of my Spirit: 14 and their arm shall be my arm, and I will be their shield and their buckler, and I will gird up their loins, and they shall fight manfully for me: and their enemies shall be under their feet; and I will let fall the sword in their behalf; and by the fire of mine indignation will I preserve them. 15 And the poor and the meek shall have the gospel preached unto them, and they shall be looking forth for the time of my coming, for it is nigh at hand: 16 and they shall learn the parable of the fig-tree: for even now already summer is nigh, 17 and I have sent forth the fulness of my gospel by the hand of my servant Joseph: and in weakness have I blessed him, 18 and I have given unto him the keys of the mystery of those things which have been sealed, even things which were from the foundation of the world, and the things which shall come from this time until the time of my coming, if he abide in me, and if not, another will I plant in his stead.

19 Wherefore watch over him that his faith fail not, and it shall be given by the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, that knoweth all things: 20 and a commandment I give unto thee, that thou shalt write for him: and the scriptures shall be given even as they are in mine own bosom, to the salvation of mine own elect: 21 for they will hear my voice, and shall see me, and shall not be asleep, and shall abide the day of my coming, for they shall be purified even as I am pure. 23 And now I say unto you, tarry with him and he shall journey with you; forsake him not and surely these things shall be fulfilled. And inasmuch as ye do not write, behold it shall be given unto him to prophesy: and thou shalt preach my gospel, and call on the holy prophets to prove his words, as they shall be given him.

24 Keep all the commandments and covenants by which ye are bound, and I will cause the heavens to shake for your good: and satan shall tremble; and Zion shall rejoice upon the hills, and flourish; 25 and Israel shall be saved in mine own due time. And by the keys which *I have*<sup>257</sup> given, shall they be led and no more be confounded at all. 26 Lift up your hearts and be glad: your redemption draweth nigh. 27 Fear not little flock, the kingdom is yours until I come. Behold I come quickly; even so; Amen.

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<sup>257</sup> The original "have shall been given" was changed to "I have given." Joseph retained the change.

*Revelation given to Edward Partridge<sup>258</sup>, December 1830.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Thus saith the Lord God, the mighty One of Israel, behold I say unto you, my servant Edward, that you are blessed, and your sins are forgiven you, and you are called to preach my gospel as with the voice of a trump; 2 and I will lay my hand upon you by the hand of my servant Sidney Rigdon, and you shall receive my Spirit, the Holy Ghost, even the Comforter, which shall teach you the peaceable things of the kingdom; 3 and you shall declare it with a loud voice, saying, *Hosanna*<sup>259</sup>, blessed be the name of the most high God.

4 And now this calling and commandment give I unto *you concerning*<sup>260</sup> all men, 5 that as many as shall come before my servant Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith, jr. embracing this calling and commandment, shall be ordained and sent forth to preach the everlasting gospel among the nations, 6 crying repentance, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation, and come forth out of the fire, hating even the garments<sup>261</sup> spotted with the flesh.

7 And this commandment shall be given unto the elders of my church, that every man which will embrace it with singleness of heart, may be ordained and sent forth, even as I have spoken. 8 I am Jesus Christ the Son of God: wherefore gird up your loins and I will suddenly come to my temple; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon<sup>262</sup>, December 1830.  
Canonized in 1833*

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<sup>258</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "his call to the Ministry &c Saying."

<sup>259</sup> "Hosanna" is not in the original. Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>260</sup> The original does not include "you concerning." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>261</sup> The original was singular, not plural. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>262</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "at a time that they went from Fayette to Canandaigua to translate &c ... A Commandment to Sidney & Joseph saying."

1 Behold I say unto you, that it is not expedient in me that ye should translate any more until ye shall go to the Ohio; and this because of the enemy and for your sakes. 2 And again, I say unto you, that ye shall not go until ye have preached my gospel in those parts, and have strengthened up the church withersoever it is found, and more especially in Colesville: for behold they pray unto me in much faith.

3 And again a commandment I give unto the church, that it is expedient in me that they should assemble together at the Ohio, against the time that my servant Oliver Cowdery shall return unto them. 4 Behold here is wisdom, and let every man choose for himself until I come; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given in January<sup>263</sup>, 1831.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Thus saith the Lord your God, even Jesus Christ, the Great I AM, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the same which looked upon the wide expanse of eternity, and all the seraphic hosts of heaven, before the world was made: 2 the same which knoweth all things, for all things are present before mine eyes: 3 I am the same which spake and the world was made, and all things came by me: 4 I am the same which have taken the Zion of Enoch into mine own bosom: and verily I say, even as many as have believed on my name, for I am Christ, and in mine own name, by the virtue of the blood which I have spilt, have I plead before the Father for them: 5 but behold the residue of the wicked have I kept in chains of darkness until the judgment of the great day, which shall come at the end of the earth; 6 and even so will I cause the wicked to be kept, that will not hear my voice but harden their hearts, and wo, wo, wo<sup>264</sup> is their doom.

7 But behold, verily, verily I say unto you, that mine eyes are upon you: I am in your midst and ye cannot see me, 8 but the day soon cometh that ye

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<sup>263</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "A Commandment to the Churches in New York at a conference they being Commandment to flee to Ohio &c Saying."

<sup>264</sup> The original only had two "wo"s. Joseph retained the change.

shall see me and know that I am: for the veil of darkness shall soon be rent, and he that is not purified shall not abide the day: 9 wherefore gird up your loins and be prepared. Behold the kingdom is yours and the enemy shall not overcome.

10 Verily I say unto you, ye are clean but not all; and there is none else with whom I am well pleased, 11 for all flesh is corruptible before me, and the powers of darkness prevail upon the earth, among the children of men, in the presence of all the hosts of heaven, 12 which causeth silence to reign, and all eternity is pained, and the angels are waiting the great command to reap down the earth, to gather the tares that they may be burned: and behold the enemy is combined.

13 And now I show unto you a mystery, a thing which is had in secret chambers, to bring to pass even your destruction, in process of time, and ye knew it not, 14 but now I tell it unto you, and ye are blessed, not because of your iniquity, neither your hearts of unbelief, for verily some of you are guilty before me; *but I will be merciful unto your weakness*<sup>265</sup>. 15 Therefore, be ye strong from henceforth; fear not for the kingdom is yours: 16 and for your salvation I give unto you a commandment, for I have heard your prayers, and the poor have complained before me, and the rich have I made, and all flesh is mine, and I am no respecter of persons. 17 And I have made the earth rich, and behold it is my footstool:—wherefore, again I will stand upon it: 18 and I hold forth and deign to give unto you greater riches, even a land of promise; a land flowing with milk and honey, upon which there shall be no curse when the Lord cometh: 19 and I will give it unto you for the land of your inheritance, if you seek it with all your hearts: 20 and this shall be my covenant with you, ye shall have it for the land of your inheritance, and for the inheritance of your children forever, while the earth shall stand, and ye shall possess it again in eternity, no more to pass away.

21 But verily I say unto you, that, in time, ye shall have no king nor ruler, for I will be your king and watch over you. 22 Wherefore, hear my voice and follow me, and you shall be a free people, and ye shall have no laws but my laws, when I come, for I am your Lawgiver, and what can stay my hand? 23 But verily I say unto you, teach one another according to the office wherewith I have appointed you, 24 and let every man esteem his

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<sup>265</sup> The original did not include “but I will be merciful unto your weakness.” Joseph retained the change.

brother as himself, and practice virtue and holiness before me. 25 And again I say unto you, let every man esteem his brother as himself: 26 for what man among you having twelve sons, and is no respecter to them, and they serve him obediently, and he saith unto the one, be thou clothed in robes and sit thou here; and to the other, be thou clothed in rags and sit thou there, and looketh upon his sons and saith I am just.

27 Behold, this I have given unto you a parable, and it is even as I am: I say unto you, be one; and if ye are not one, ye are not mine. 28 And again I say unto you, that the enemy in the secret chambers seeketh your lives: 29 Ye hear of wars in far countries, and you say<sup>266</sup> that there will soon be great wars in far countries, but ye know not the hearts of men in your own land: 30 I tell you these things because of your prayers: wherefore, treasure up wisdom in your bosoms, lest the wickedness of men reveal these things unto you, by their wickedness, in a manner that shall speak in your ears, with a voice louder than that which shall shake the earth: but if ye are prepared, ye shall not fear.

31 and that ye might escape the power of the enemy, and be gathered unto me a righteous people, without spot and blameless: 32 wherefore, for this cause I gave unto you the commandment, that ye should go to the Ohio: and there I will give unto you my law; and there you shall be endowed with power from on high, 33 and from thence, whomsoever I will, shall go forth among all nations, and it shall be told them what they shall do: for I have a great work laid up in store: for Israel shall be saved, and I will lead them whithersoever I will, and no power shall stay my hand.

34 And now I give unto the church in these parts, a commandment, that certain men among them shall be appointed, and they shall be appointed by the voice of the church; 35 and they shall look to the poor and the needy, and administer to their relief, that they shall not suffer; and send them forth to the place which I have commanded them; 36 and this shall be their work, to govern the affairs of the property of *this*<sup>267</sup> church. 37 And they that have farms that cannot be sold, let them be left or rented as seemeth them good. 38 See that all things are preserved, and when men are endowed with power from on high, and sent forth, all these things shall be gathered

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<sup>266</sup> The original "say in your hearts" was shortened to "say." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>267</sup> The original "this" was crossed out and replaced with "the," which was changed back to "this." The change was retained by Joseph.

unto the bosom of the church.

39 And if ye seek the riches which it is the will of the Father to give unto you, ye shall be the richest of all people; for ye shall have the riches of eternity: and it must needs be that the riches of the earth is mine to give: but beware of pride, lest ye become as the Nephites of old. 40 And again I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both elder, priest, teacher, and also member, go to with his might, with the labor of his hands, to prepare and accomplish *the*<sup>268</sup> things which I have commanded. 41 And let your preaching be the warning voice, every man to his neighbor, in mildness and in meekness. 42 And go ye out from among the wicked. Save yourselves. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord: even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given to James Covel<sup>269</sup>, January 1831.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Hearken and listen to the voice of him who is from all eternity to all eternity, the Great I AM, even Jesus Christ, 2 the light and the life of the world; a light which shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not: 3 the same which came in the meridian of time unto my own, and my own received me not; 4 but to as many as received me, gave I power to become my sons, and even so will I give unto as many as will receive me, power to become my sons.

5 And verily, verily I say unto you, he that receiveth my gospel, receiveth me; *and he that receiveth not my gospel, receiveth not me.*<sup>270</sup> 6 And this is my gospel: repentance and baptism by water, and then cometh the baptism of

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<sup>268</sup> The original "these" was changed to "the." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>269</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "who covenanted with the Lord that he would obey any commandment that the Lord would give through his servant Joseph & he enquired of the Lord & received these words."

<sup>270</sup> The original did not include "and he that receiveth not my gospel receiveth not me." Joseph retained the change.

fire and the Holy Ghost, even the Comforter, which *showeth*<sup>271</sup> all things, and teacheth the peaceable things of the kingdom.

7 And now behold I say unto you, my servant James, I have looked upon thy<sup>272</sup> works and I know thee: 8 and verily I say unto thee, thine heart is now right before me at *this time*<sup>273</sup>, and behold I have bestowed great blessings upon thy head: 9 nevertheless thou hast seen great sorrow, for thou hast rejected me many times because of pride, and *the cares*<sup>274</sup> of the world: 10 but behold the days of thy deliverance are come, *if thou wilt hearken to my voice, which saith unto thee,* <sup>275</sup>arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on my name and you shall receive my Spirit, and a blessing so great as you never have known. 11 And *if thou do this*<sup>276</sup>, I have prepared thee for a greater work. Thou shalt preach the fullness of my gospel which I have sent forth in these last days; the<sup>277</sup> covenant which I have sent forth to recover my people, which are of the house of Israel.

12 And it shall come to pass that power shall rest upon thee; thou shalt have great faith and I will be with thee and go before thy face. 13 Thou<sup>278</sup> art called to labor in my vineyard, and to build up my church, and to bring forth Zion, that it may rejoice upon the hills and flourish. 14 Behold, verily, verily I say unto thee, thou art not called to go into the eastern countries,

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<sup>271</sup> The original "knoweth" was changed to "showeth." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>272</sup> The original "thee and they" was shortened to "thy." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>273</sup> The original "present" was changed to "this time." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>274</sup> The original "because" was changed to "the cares." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>275</sup> The original did not include "if thou wilt hearken to my voice, which saith unto thee." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>276</sup> The original does not include "if thou do this." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>277</sup> The original "yeah, even the" was shortened to "the." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>278</sup> The original "yea thou" was shortened to "thou." Joseph retained the change.

but thou art called to go to *the*<sup>279</sup> Ohio. 15 And inasmuch as my people shall assemble themselves to the Ohio, I have kept in store a blessing such as is not known among the children of men, and it shall be poured forth upon their heads. And from thence men shall go forth into all nations.

16 Behold, verily, verily I say unto you, that the people in Ohio call upon me in much faith, *thinking I will*<sup>280</sup> stay my hand in judgment upon the nations, but I cannot deny my word: 17 wherefore lay to with your might and call *faithful*<sup>281</sup> laborers into my vineyard, that it may be pruned for the last time. 18 And inasmuch as they do repent and receive the fulness of my gospel, and become sanctified, I will stay mine hand in judgment: 19 wherefore go forth, crying with a loud voice, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand; crying Hosanna! blessed *be*<sup>282</sup> the name of the most high God. 20 Go forth baptizing with water, preparing *the way before my face*,<sup>283</sup> for the time of my coming; 21 *for the time*<sup>284</sup> is at hand; the day nor the hour no man knoweth; but it surely shall come, 22 and he that receiveth these things receiveth me; and they shall be gathered unto me in time and in eternity.

23 And again, it shall come to pass, that on as many as ye shall baptize with water, ye shall lay your hands<sup>285</sup>, and they shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and shall be looking forth for the signs of my coming, and shall know me. 24 Behold I come quickly; even so: Amen.

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<sup>279</sup> The original did not include the local "the Ohio," only "Ohio." Joseph retained the change. The next sentence includes "the Ohio" in the original and was not changed.

<sup>280</sup> The original "believing I would" was changed to "thinking I will." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>281</sup> The original "forth" was changed to "faithful." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>282</sup> The original "is" was changed to "be." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>283</sup> The original does not include "the way before my face." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>284</sup> The original does not include "for the time." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>285</sup> The original "in the name of Christ" was omitted. Joseph retained the change.

*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon explaining why James Covel obeyed not the revelation which was given unto him, January 1831.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold, verily I say unto you, that *the heart of my servant James Covel*<sup>286</sup> was right before me, for he covenanted with me, that he would obey my word. 2 And he received the word with gladness, but straightway satan tempted<sup>287</sup> him; and the fear of persecution, and the cares of the world, caused him to reject the word; 3 wherefore he broke *my covenant*<sup>288</sup> and it remaineth with me to do with him as seemeth me good: Amen.

## 41

*Revelation given*<sup>289</sup> 4 February 1831.  
*Canonized in 1833.*

1 Hearken and hear, O ye my people, saith the Lord and your God, ye whom I delight to bless with the greatest blessings; ye that hear me: and ye that hear me not will I curse, that have professed my name, with the heaviest of all cursings. 2 Hearken, O ye elders of my church whom I have called: behold I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall assemble yourselves together to agree upon my word, 3 and by the prayer of your faith ye shall receive my law, that ye may know how to govern my church, and have all things right before me.

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<sup>286</sup> The original "his heart" was changed to "the heart of my servant James Covel." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>287</sup> The original "came and tempted" was shortened to "tempted." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>288</sup> The original "the covenant he had made" was changed to "my covenant." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>289</sup> Earlier manuscripts added "to the Church in these parts it pointing at the office of Edward [Partridge] &c & there was a man by the name of [Leman Copley] in the Township of Thompson who had requested his Brother & Sidney [Rigdon] to live with him & he would furnish them houses & provisions &c."

4 And I will be your Ruler *when I come: and behold I come quickly:* <sup>290</sup>and ye shall see that my law is kept. 5 He that receiveth my law and doeth it the same is my disciple; and he that saith he receiveth it and doeth it not, the same is not my disciple, and shall be cast out from among you: 6 for it is not meet that the things which belong to the children of the kingdom, should be *given to them that are not worthy, or to dogs, or the pearls to be*<sup>291</sup> cast before swine.

7 And again, it is meet that my servant Joseph Smith, jr. should have a house built, in which to live and translate. 8 And again, it is meet that my servant Sidney Rigdon *should live as seemeth him good, inasmuch as he keepeth my commandments*<sup>292</sup>. 9 And again, I have called my servant Edward Partridge, and give<sup>293</sup> a commandment, that he should be appointed by the voice of the church, and ordained a bishop unto the church, to leave his merchandise and to spend all his time in the labors of the church; 10 to see to all things as it shall be appointed unto him, in my laws in the day that I shall give them. 11 And this because his heart is pure before me, for he is like unto Nathaniel of old, in whom there is no guile.— 12 These words are given unto you, and they are pure before me: wherefore beware how you hold them, for they are to be answered upon your souls in the day of judgment; even so:— Amen.

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*Revelation given 9/23 in 1833.*

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<sup>290</sup> The original does not include “when I come: and behold I come quickly.” Joseph retained the change.

<sup>291</sup> The original does not include “given to them that are not worthy, or to dogs, or the pearls to be.” Joseph retained the change.

<sup>292</sup> The original “should have a comfortable Room to live in” was changed to “should live as seemeth him good, inasmuch as he keepeth my commandments.” Joseph retained the change.

<sup>293</sup> The original “give him” was shortened to “give.” Joseph retained the change.

1 Hearken<sup>294</sup>, O ye elders of my church, who have assembled yourselves together, in my name, even Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, the Savior of the world; inasmuch as they believe on my name and keep my commandments; 2 again I say unto you, hearken and hear and obey the law which I shall give unto you: for 3 verily I say, as ye have assembled yourselves together according to the commandment wherewith I commanded you, and are agreed as touching this one thing, and have asked the Father in my name, even so ye shall receive.

4 Behold, verily I say unto you, I give unto you this first commandment, that ye shall go forth in my name, every one of you, excepting my servants Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon. 5 And I give unto them a commandment that they shall go forth for a little season, and it shall be given by the power of my Spirit when they shall return; 6 and ye shall go forth in the power of my Spirit, preaching my gospel, two by two, in my name, lifting up your voices as with the voice of a trumpet, declaring my word like unto angels of God: 7 and ye shall go forth baptizing with water, saying, Repent ye, repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 And from this place, ye shall go forth into the regions westward, and inasmuch as ye shall find them that will receive you,<sup>295</sup> ye shall build up my Church in every region, 9 until the time shall come when it shall be revealed unto you from on high, when the city of the New Jerusalem shall be prepared, that ye may be gathered in one, that ye may be my people and I will be your God. 10 And again, I say unto you that my servant Edward Partridge shall stand in the office wherewith I have appointed him. And it shall come to pass that if he transgress, another shall be appointed in his stead; even so: Amen.

11 Again<sup>296</sup> I say unto you, that it shall not be given to anyone to go forth to preach my gospel, or to build up my church, except he be ordained by someone who hath authority, and it is known to the church that he has authority, and has been regularly ordained by the heads<sup>297</sup> of the church. 12 And again, the

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<sup>294</sup> Verses 1-10 are in answer to the question: "First: Shall the Church come together into one place or remain as they are in separate bodies?"

<sup>295</sup> The original. "my Disciples" was changed to "them that will receive you." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>296</sup> Verses 11-28 are in answer to the question: "Second: [What is] the Law regulating the Church in her present situation till the time of her gathering?"

elders, priests, and teachers of this church, shall teach the *principles of my gospel*<sup>298</sup> which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, in the which is the fulness of the gospel; **13** and they shall observe the covenants and church articles to do them, and these shall be *their*<sup>299</sup> teachings, as they shall be directed by the Spirit: **14** and the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith, and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach. **15** And all this ye shall observe to do as I have commanded, concerning your teaching, until the fulness of my scriptures are given. **16** And as ye shall lift up your voices by the Comforter, ye shall speak and prophesy as seemeth me good: **17** for behold the Comforter knoweth all things, and beareth record of the Father and of the Son.

**18** And now, behold I speak unto the church: thou shalt not kill; and he that kills shall not have forgiveness in this world, nor in the world to come. **19** And again, I say, <sup>300</sup>thou shalt not kill: but he that killeth shall die. **20** Thou shalt not steal; and he that stealeth and will not repent, shall be cast out. **21** Thou shalt not lie; he that lieth and will not repent, shall be cast out. **22** Thou shalt love thy wife with all thy heart, and shall cleave unto her and none else; **23** and he that looketh upon a woman to lust after her, shall deny the faith, and shall not have the Spirit, and if he repents not, he shall be cast out. **24** Thou shalt not commit adultery; and he that committeth adultery and repenteth not, shall be cast out; **25** but he that has committed adultery and repents with all his heart, and forsaketh it and doeth it no more, thou shalt forgive; **26** but if he doeth it again, he shall not be forgiven, but shall be cast out. **27** Thou shalt not speak evil of thy neighbor, nor do him any harm. **28** Thou knowest my laws *concerning these things*<sup>301</sup> are given in my scriptures: he that sinneth and repenteth not, shall be cast out.

**29** If thou lovest me, thou shalt serve me and keep all my commandments. **30**

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<sup>298</sup> The original "scriptures" was changed to "principles of my gospel." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>299</sup> The original "thy" was changed to third person. Joseph retained this and similar changes throughout the next few verses.

<sup>300</sup> The original does not contain "I say," but the addition was made and retained by Joseph.

<sup>301</sup> The original does not include "concerning these things." Joseph retained the change.

And behold, thou wilt *remember the poor*<sup>302</sup>, and consecrate of<sup>303</sup> thy properties *for their support*,<sup>304</sup> that which thou hast to *impart*<sup>305</sup> unto them,<sup>306</sup> with a covenant and a deed which cannot be broken, **31** *and inasmuch as ye impart of your substance unto the poor, ye will do it unto me*,<sup>307</sup> and they shall be laid before the bishop of my church and *his counselors*,<sup>308</sup> two of the elders, or *high priests*,<sup>309</sup> such as he shall or has<sup>310</sup> appointed and set apart for that purpose. **32** And it shall come to pass, that *after they are laid before*<sup>311</sup> the bishop of my church, and after that he has received *these testimonies concerning the consecration of*<sup>312</sup> the properties of my church, that they cannot be taken from *the church, agreeably to my commandments*,<sup>313</sup> every man *shall be made accountable unto me*,<sup>314</sup> a steward over his own property, or that which he has received *by consecration*,<sup>315</sup> inasmuch as is sufficient for himself and family.

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<sup>302</sup> The original does not include "remember the poor." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>303</sup> The original "all" was deleted and the deletion was retained by Joseph.

<sup>304</sup> The original does not include "for their support." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>305</sup> The original does not include "to impart." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>306</sup> The original "me" was changed to "them" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>307</sup> The original does not include "and inasmuch as ye impart of your substance unto the poor, ye will do it unto me." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>308</sup> The original does not include "his counselors." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>309</sup> The original does not include "or high priests." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>310</sup> The original does not include "or has." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>311</sup> The original does not include "after they are laid before." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>312</sup> The original does not include "these testimonies concerning the consecration of." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>313</sup> The original "you" was changed to "the church, agreeably to my commandments" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>314</sup> The original "appoint every man" was changed to "shall be made accountable unto me" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>315</sup> The original does not include "by consecration." Joseph retained the change.

33 And again, if there shall be properties in the hands of the church, or any individuals of it, more than is necessary for their support, after this first consecration, which is<sup>316</sup> a residue, to be consecrated unto the bishop, it<sup>317</sup> shall be kept to administer unto those who have not, from time to time,<sup>318</sup> that every man who has need<sup>319</sup> may be amply supplied, and<sup>320</sup> receive according to his wants.<sup>321</sup> 34 Therefore, the residue shall be kept in my storehouse to administer to the poor and the needy, as shall be appointed by the high council<sup>322</sup> of the church, and the bishop and his council,<sup>323</sup> 35 and for the purpose of purchasing lands for the public benefit of the church, and building houses of worship,<sup>324</sup> and building up of the New Jerusalem which is hereafter to be revealed, 36 that my covenant people may be gathered in one in that day when I shall come to my temple. And this I do for the salvation of my people.

37 And it shall come to pass that he that sinneth and repenteth not, shall be cast out of the church,<sup>325</sup> and shall not receive again that which he has consecrated unto the poor and the needy of my church, or in other words, unto<sup>326</sup> me, 38

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<sup>316</sup> The original does not include "again, if there shall be properties in the hands of the church, or any individuals of it, more than is necessary for their support, after this first consecration, which is." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>317</sup> The original does not include "to be consecrated unto the bishop." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>318</sup> The original does not include "from time to time." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>319</sup> The original does not include "who has needs." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>320</sup> The original does not include "be amply supplied, and." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>321</sup> The original "as he stands in need" was changed to "to his wants" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>322</sup> The original "Elders" was changed to "high council" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>323</sup> "and his council" was added in later editions and retained by Joseph.

<sup>324</sup> The original does not include "for the public benefit of the church, and building houses of worship." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>325</sup> The original does not include "of the church." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>326</sup> The original does not include "the poor and needy of my church, or in other words, unto." Joseph retained the change.

for *inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these ye do it unto me*,<sup>327</sup> **39** for it shall come to pass, that which I spake by the mouths of my prophets shall be fulfilled; for I will consecrate of the riches of *those who embrace my gospel among*<sup>328</sup> the Gentiles unto *the poor*<sup>329</sup> of my people who are of the house of Israel.

**40** And again, thou shalt not be proud in thy heart, let all thy garments be plain, and their beauty the beauty of the work of thine own hands, **41** and let all things be done in cleanliness before me. **42** Thou shalt not be idle, for he that is idle shall not eat the bread nor wear the garments of the laborer. **43** And whosoever among you are sick, and have not faith to be healed, but believe, shall be nourished with all tenderness with herbs and mild food, and that not by *the hand of an enemy*.<sup>330</sup> **44** And the elders of the church, two or more, shall be called, and shall pray for and lay their hands upon them in my name, and if they die they shall die unto me, and if they live they shall live unto me. **45** Thou shalt live together in love, insomuch that thou shalt weep for the loss of them that die, and more especially for those that have not hope of a glorious resurrection. **46** And it shall come to pass, that those that die in me, shall not taste of death, for it shall be sweet unto them, **47** and they that die not in me, woe unto them, for their death is bitter.

**48** And again, it shall come to pass, that he who has faith in me to be healed, and is not appointed unto death, shall be healed: **49** he who hath faith to see shall see: **50** he who hath faith to hear shall hear: **51** the lame who have faith to leap shall leap: **52** and they who have not faith to do these things, but believe in me, have power to become my sons: and inasmuch as they break not my laws, thou shalt bear their infirmities.

**53** Thou shalt stand in the place of thy stewardship: **54** thou shalt not take thy brother's garment; thou shalt pay for that which thou shalt receive of thy brother;

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<sup>327</sup> The original does not include "inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these ye do it unto me." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>328</sup> The original does not include "those who embrace my gospel among." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>329</sup> The original does not include "the poor." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>330</sup> The original "of the World" was changed to "by the hand of an enemy" and the change was retained by Joseph.

55 and if thou obtainest more than that which would be for thy support, thou shalt give it unto my storehouse, that all things may be done according to that which I have said.

56 Thou shalt ask, and my scriptures shall be given as I have appointed, and *they shall be preserved in safety*; 57 *and it is expedient that* <sup>331</sup>thou shouldst hold thy peace concerning them, *and not teach them*<sup>332</sup> until ye have received them *in full*.<sup>333</sup> 58 And I give unto you a commandment, that then ye shall teach them unto all men: for they shall be taught unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people.

59 Thou shalt take the things which thou hast received, which *have been given unto thee in my scriptures for a*<sup>334</sup> law, to be my law, to govern my church; 60 and he that doth according to these things, shall be saved, and he that doeth them not shall be damned, if he continues.

61 If thou shalt ask, thou shalt receive revelation upon revelation, knowledge upon knowledge, that thou mayest know the mysteries, and peaceable things;<sup>335</sup> that which bringeth joy, that which bringeth life eternal. 62 Thou shalt ask, and it shall be revealed unto you in mine own due time, *where*<sup>336</sup> the New Jerusalem shall be *built*.<sup>337</sup>

63 And behold, it shall come to pass, that my servants shall be sent forth to the east, and to the west, to the north, and to the south;— 64 and even now, let him

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<sup>331</sup> The original “for thy salvation” was changed to “they shall be preserved in safety; and it is expedient that” and the change was retained by Joseph; An earlier version emphasized Joseph’s safety rather than the scripture’s safety.

<sup>332</sup> The original does not include “and not teach them.” Joseph retained the change.

<sup>333</sup> The original does not include “in full.” Joseph retained the change.

<sup>334</sup> The original “thou knowest to have been my” was changed to “have been given unto thee in my scriptures for a” and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>335</sup> The original “of the kingdom” was removed and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>336</sup> The original “when” was changed to “where” and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>337</sup> The original “thou shalt ask and it shall be revealed in mine own due time” was removed and the change was retained by Joseph.

that goes to the east, teach them that *shall be*<sup>338</sup> converted to flee to the west; and this in consequence of that which is coming on the earth, and of secret combinations. **65** Behold thou shalt observe all *things*,<sup>339</sup> and great shall be thy reward; *for unto you it is given to know*<sup>340</sup> the mysteries of the kingdom, but unto the world it is not given to know them. **66** *Ye shall observe*<sup>341</sup> the laws which ye have received, *and be faithful*. **67** *And ye shall hereafter receive church covenants*,<sup>342</sup> such as shall be sufficient *to establish*<sup>343</sup> you, both here, and in the New Jerusalem. **68** *Therefore*,<sup>344</sup> he that lacketh *wisdom*,<sup>345</sup> let him ask of me, and I will give him liberally, and upbraid him not. **69** Lift up your hearts and rejoice, for unto you the kingdom, *or in other words, the keys of the church*,<sup>346</sup> have been given; even so Amen.

**70** The<sup>347</sup> priests and teachers shall have their stewardships, even as the members, **71** and the elders, *or high priests, who are appointed*<sup>348</sup> to assist the

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<sup>338</sup> The original "are" was changed to "shall be" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>339</sup> The original "these" was removed and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>340</sup> The original "thou shalt observe to keep" was changed to "for unto you it is given to know" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>341</sup> The original does not include "Ye shall observe." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>342</sup> The original does not include "and be faithful. And ye shall hereafter receive church covenants." An earlier version suggested laws, not covenants would be received later. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>343</sup> The original "for" was changed to "to establish" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>344</sup> The original "but" was changed to "Therefore" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>345</sup> The original "knowledge" was changed to "wisdom" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>346</sup> The original does not include "or in other words, the keys of the church." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>347</sup> Verses 70-73 are in answer to the question: "Third: How are the Elders to dispose of their families while they are proclaiming repentance or are otherwise engaged in the service of the Church?"

<sup>348</sup> The original does not include "or high priests who are appointed." Joseph retained the change.

bishop as counselors<sup>349</sup> in all things are to have<sup>350</sup> their families supported out of the property which is consecrated to the bishop,<sup>351</sup> for the good of the poor, and for other purposes, as before mentioned: 72 or they are to receive a just remuneration for all their services;<sup>352</sup> either a stewardship, or otherwise, as may be thought best, or decided by the counselors<sup>353</sup> and bishop. 73 And the bishop also, shall receive his support, or a just remuneration for all his services, in the church.<sup>354</sup>

74 Behold,<sup>355</sup> verily I say unto you, that whatever persons among you having put away their companions for the cause of fornication, or in other words, if they shall testify before you in all lowliness of heart that this is the case, ye shall not cast them out from among you; 75 but if ye shall find that any persons have left their companions for the sake of adultery, and they themselves are the offenders, and their companions are living, they shall be cast out from among you. 76 And again I say unto you, that ye shall be watchful and careful, with all inquiry, that ye receive none such among you if they are married, 77 and if they are not married, they shall repent of all their sins, or ye shall not receive them.

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<sup>349</sup> The original does not include "as counselors." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>350</sup> The original "and he [the bishop] is to see that" was changed to "are to have" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>351</sup> The original "Lord" was changed to "bishop" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>352</sup> The original did not include "for the good of the poor and for other purposes, as before mentioned: or they are to receive a just remuneration for all their services." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>353</sup> The original "Elders" was changed to "counselors" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>354</sup> The original did not include "And the bishop also, shall receive his support, or a just remuneration for all his services, in the church." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>355</sup> This whole section was essentially unaltered but it was moved from the end of the original revelation to this location and the change was retained by Joseph. It was placed after a separate revelation heading: "February 23, 1831 - in the presence of seven elders A Commandment how to act in certain cases of adultery."

These additional questions were received as part of the revelation, but were not included in published versions:

4<sup>TH</sup> HOW FAR IS IT THE WILL OF THE LORD THAT WE SHOULD HAVE DEALINGS WITH THE WORLD AND HOW WE SHOULD CONDUCT OUR DEALINGS WITH THEM?

Thou shalt contract no debts with them. And again, the Elders and Bishop shall council together and they shall do by the directions of the spirit as it must needs be necessary.

5<sup>TH</sup>. WHAT PREPARATIONS SHALL WE MAKE FOR OUR BRETHREN FROM THE EAST & WHERE & HOW?

There shall be as many appointed as must needs be necessary to assist the Bishop in obtaining places that they may be together as much as can be and is directed by the Holy Spirit; and every family shall have a place [sic] that they may live by themselves; and every Church shall be organized in as close bodies as they can be in consequence of the Enemy.

Revelation, 9 February 1831 [D&C 42:1–72], p. 6, The Joseph Smith Papers, accessed July 21, 2023, <https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/revelation-9-february-1831-dc-421-72/6#foot-notes>

**78** And again, every person who belongeth to this church of Christ, shall observe to keep all the commandments and covenants of the church: **79** And it shall come to pass, that if any persons among you shall kill, they shall be delivered up and dealt with according to the laws of the land: For remember that he hath no forgiveness; and it shall be proven according to the laws of the land.

**80** And if any man or woman shall commit adultery, he or she<sup>356</sup> shall be tried before two elders of the church or more, and every word shall be established

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<sup>356</sup> The original does not include “or she.” Joseph retained the change. This more inclusive change continues without further footnotes.

against him or her by two witnesses of the church, and not of the *enemy*.<sup>357</sup> But if there are more than two witnesses, it is better: **81** but he or she shall be condemned by the mouth of two witnesses, and the elders shall lay the case before the church, and the church shall lift up their hands against him or her, that they may be dealt with according to the law of God.<sup>358</sup> **82** And if it can be, it is necessary that the bishop is present also. **83** And thus ye shall do in all cases which shall come before you. **84** And if a man or woman shall rob, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land.<sup>359</sup> **85** And if he or she shall steal,<sup>360</sup> he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land.<sup>361</sup> **86** And if he or she shall lie, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land.<sup>362</sup> **87** If he or she do any manner of iniquity, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law, even that of God.

**88** And if thy brother or sister offend thee, thou shalt take him or her between him or her and thee alone; and if he or she confess, thou shalt be reconciled. **89** And if he or she confess not, *thou shalt take another with thee*<sup>363</sup> and thou shalt deliver him or her up unto the church, not to the members but to the elders. And it shall be done in a meeting, and that not before the world. **90** And if thy brother or sister offend many, he or she shall be chastened before many. **91** And if any one offend openly, he or she shall be rebuked openly, that he or she may be ashamed. And if he or she confess not, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of God.<sup>364</sup> **92** If any shall offend in secret, he or she shall be rebuked in secret, that he or she may have opportunity to confess in secret to

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<sup>357</sup> The original "world" was replaced by "enemy" and the change was retained. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>358</sup> The original does not include "of God." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>359</sup> The original does not include "of the land." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>360</sup> The previous "rob" is distinguished from "steal" here. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>361</sup> The original does not include "of the land." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>362</sup> The original does not include "of the land." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>363</sup> The original "thou shalt take another with thee" was missed by typesetters. Although the error was caught and corrected in 1833, the 1835 D&C missed the correction. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>364</sup> The original does not include "of God." Joseph retained the change.

him or her whom he or she has offended, and to God, that the *church*<sup>365</sup> may not speak reproachfully of him or her. **93** And thus shall ye conduct in all things.

## 43

*Revelation given February 1831.  
Canonized in 1833.*

**1** O hearken, ye elders of my church, and give an ear to the words which I shall speak unto you: **2** for behold, verily, verily I say unto you, that ye have received a commandment for a law unto my church, through him whom I have appointed unto you, to receive commandments and revelations from my hand. **3** And this ye shall know assuredly, that there is none other appointed unto you to receive commandments and revelations until he be taken, if he abide in me.

**4** But verily, verily I say unto you, that none else shall be appointed unto this gift except it be through him, for if it be taken from him he shall not have power, except to appoint another in his stead: **5** and this shall be a law unto you, that ye receive not the teachings of any that shall come before you as revelations or commandments: **6** and this I give unto you, that you may not be deceived, that you may know they are not of me. **7** For verily I say unto you, that he that is ordained of me shall come in at the gate and be ordained as I have told you before, to teach those revelations which you have received, and shall receive through him whom I have appointed.

**8** And now behold I give unto you a commandment, that when ye are assembled together, ye shall *instruct and edify each other, that ye may know* <sup>366</sup>how to act and *direct*<sup>367</sup> my church, *how*<sup>368</sup> to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given: **9** and thus ye shall<sup>369</sup>

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<sup>365</sup> The original "brethren" was replaced by "church" and the change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>366</sup> The original "note with a Pen" was changed to "instruct and edify each other, that ye may know." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>367</sup> The original "for" was changed to "direct." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>368</sup> The original does not include "how." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>369</sup> The original "it shall" was changed to "ye." Joseph retained the change.

become instructed in the law of my church, and be<sup>370</sup> sanctified by that which ye have received, and ye shall bind yourselves to act in all holiness before me, 10 that inasmuch as ye do this, glory shall be added to the kingdom which ye have received. Inasmuch as ye do it not, it shall be taken even that which ye have received. 11 Purge ye out the iniquity which is among you: sanctify yourselves before me 12 and if ye desire the glories of the kingdom, appoint ye my servant Joseph Smith, jr, and uphold him before me by the prayer of faith. 13 And again, I say unto you, that if ye desire the mysteries of the kingdom, provide for him food and raiment and whatsoever thing he needeth to accomplish the work, wherewith I have commanded him: 14 and if ye do it not, he shall remain unto them that have received him, that I may reserve unto myself a pure people before me.

15 Again I say, hearken ye elders of my church, whom I have appointed: ye are not sent forth to be taught, but to teach the children of men the things which I have put into your hands by the power of my Spirit: 16 and ye are to be taught from on high. Sanctify yourselves and ye shall be endowed with power, that ye may give even as I have spoken.

17 Hearken ye, for behold the great day of the Lord is nigh at hand. 18 For the day cometh that the Lord shall utter his voice out of heaven; the heavens shall shake and the earth shall tremble, and the trump of God shall sound both long and loud, and shall say to the sleeping nations: Ye saints arise and live: Ye sinners stay and sleep until I shall call again: 19 wherefore gird up your loins, lest ye be found among the wicked. 20 Lift up your voices and spare not. Call upon the nations to repent, both old and young, both bond and free; saying, Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord: 21 for if I, who am a man, do lift up my voice and call upon you to repent, and ye hate me, what will ye say when the day cometh when the thunders shall utter their voices from the ends of the earth, speaking to the ears of all that live, saying: Repent, and prepare for the great day of the Lord! 22 yea, and again, when the lightnings shall streak forth from the east unto the west, and shall utter forth their voices unto all that live, and make the ears of all tingle, that hear, saying these words: Repent ye, for the great day of the Lord is come!

23 And again, the Lord shall utter his voice out of heaven, saying: Hearken,

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<sup>370</sup> The original "a law unto you being" was changed to "instructed in the law of my church, and be." Joseph retained the change.

O ye nations of the earth, and hear the words of that God who made you. 24 O, ye nations of the earth, how often would I have gathered you together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not? 25 How oft have I called upon you by the mouth of my servants, and by the ministering of angels, and *by mine own voice, and by the voice of thunders, and* <sup>371</sup>by the voice of lightnings, and by the voice of tempests, and by the voice of earthquakes, and great hailstorms, and by the voice of famines and pestilences of every kind, and by the great sound of a trump, and by the voice of judgment, and by the voice of mercy all the day long, and by the voice of glory and honor, and the riches of eternal life, and would have saved you with an everlasting salvation, but ye would not? 26 Behold the day has come, when the cup of the wrath of mine indignation is full.

27 Behold, verily I say unto you, that these are the words of the Lord your God: 28 wherefore, labor ye, labor ye in my vineyard for the last time: for the last time call upon the inhabitants of the earth, 29 for in my own due time will I come upon the earth in judgment: and my people shall be redeemed and shall reign with me on earth: 30 for the great Millennial, which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, shall come; 31 for satan shall be bound; and when he is loosed again, he shall only reign for a little season, and then cometh the end of the *earth*<sup>372</sup>: 32 and he that liveth in righteousness, shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye: and the earth shall pass away so as by fire; 33 and the wicked shall go away into unquenchable fire: and their end no man knoweth on earth, nor ever shall know, until they come before me in judgment.

34 Hearken ye to these words; behold I am Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world. Treasure these things up in your hearts, and let the solemnities of eternity rest upon your minds. 35 Be sober. Keep all my commandments; even so: Amen.

## 44

*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, jr. And Sidney Rigdon, February 1831.*

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<sup>371</sup> The original does not include "by mine own voice, and by the voice of thunders, and." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>372</sup> The original "world" was changed to "earth." Joseph retained the change.

*Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold thus saith the Lord unto you my servants, it is expedient in me that the elders of my church should be called together, from the east and from the west, and from the north and from the south, by letter or some other way.

2 And it shall come to pass, that *inasmuch as they are faithful, and exercise faith in me*<sup>373</sup>, I will pour out my Spirit upon them in the day that they assemble themselves together. 3 And it shall come to pass that they shall go forth into the regions round about, and preach repentance unto the people; 4 and many shall be converted, insomuch that ye shall obtain power to organize yourselves, according to the laws of man; 5 that your enemies may *not have power over you, that you may be preserved*<sup>374</sup> in all things; that you may be enabled to keep my laws, that every band may be broken wherewith the enemy seeketh to destroy my people.

6 Behold I say unto you, that ye must visit the poor and the needy and administer to their relief, that they may be kept until all things may be done according to my law which ye have received: Amen.

## 45

*Revelation*<sup>375</sup> *given 7 March 1831.*  
*Canonized in 1833.*

1 Hearken, O ye people of my church to whom the kingdom has been given: hearken ye and give ear to him who laid the foundation of the earth; who made the heavens and all the hosts thereof, and by whom all things were made which live and move and have a being. 2 And again I say, hearken unto my voice, lest death shall overtake you: in an hour when ye think not the summer shall be past, and the harvest ended, and your

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<sup>373</sup> The original does not include “inasmuch as they are faithful, and exercise faith in me.” Joseph retained the change.

<sup>374</sup> The original “be under your feet in” was changed to “not have power over you, that you may be preserved.” Joseph retained the change.

<sup>375</sup> Early manuscripts add that this is a “Prophecy” given to Joseph.

souls not saved. 3 Listen to him who is the Advocate with the Father, who is pleading your *cause*<sup>376</sup> before him; 4 saying Father, behold the sufferings and death of him who did no sin, in whom thou wast well pleased: behold the blood of thy Son which was shed, the blood of him whom thou gavest that thyself might be glorified: 5 wherefore, Father, spare these my brethren that believe on my name, that they may come unto me and have everlasting life.

6 Hearken, O ye people of my church, and ye elders listen together, and hear my voice while it is called today, and harden not your hearts; 7 for verily I say unto you that I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the light and the life of the world; a light that shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not: 8 I came unto my own and my own received me not; but unto as many as received me gave I power to do miracles, and to become the sons of God, and even unto them that believed on my name, gave I power to obtain eternal life. 9 And even so I have sent mine everlasting covenant into the world; to be a light to the world, and to be a standard for my people and for the Gentiles to seek to it; and to be a messenger before my face to prepare the way before me. 10 Wherefore come ye unto it, and with him that cometh I will reason as with men in days of old, and I will show unto you my strong reasoning; 11 wherefore hearken ye together and let me show it unto you, even my wisdom, the wisdom of him whom ye say is the God of Enoch, and his brethren, 12 who were separated from the earth, and were *received*<sup>377</sup> unto myself; a city reserved until a day of righteousness shall come; a day which was sought for by all holy men, and they found it not because of wickedness and abominations: 13 and confessed they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth; 14 but obtained a promise that they should find it, and see it in their flesh. 15 Wherefore hearken and I will reason with you, and I will speak unto you and prophesy, as unto men in days of old, 16 and I will show it plainly as I showed it unto my disciples, as I stood before them in the flesh, and spake unto them saying: As ye have asked of me concerning *the*<sup>378</sup> signs of my coming, in the day when I shall come in my glory in the clouds of heaven, to fulfill the promises that I have made unto your fathers: 17 for as ye have looked upon the long absence of your spirits from your bodies to be a bondage, I will show unto you how the day of redemption

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<sup>376</sup> The original "case" was changed to "cause." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>377</sup> The original "reserved" was changed to "received." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>378</sup> The original "these" was changed to "the." Joseph retained the change.

shall come, and also the restoration of the scattered Israel.

18 And now ye behold this temple which is in Jerusalem, which ye call the house of God, and your enemies say that this house shall never fall. 19 But verily I say unto you, that desolation shall come upon this generation as a thief in the night, and this people shall be destroyed and scattered among all nations. 20 And this temple which ye now see, shall be thrown down that there shall not be left one stone upon another. 21 And it shall come to pass, that this generation of Jews shall not pass away, until every desolation which I have told you concerning them, shall come to pass. 22 Ye say that ye know that the end of the world cometh; ye say also that ye know that the heavens and the earth shall pass away; 23 and in this ye say truly, for so it is; but these things which I have told you, shall not pass away until all shall be fulfilled. 24 And this I have told you concerning Jerusalem, and when that day shall come, shall a remnant be scattered among all nations, 25 but they shall be gathered again; but they shall remain until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

26 And in that day shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars, and the whole earth shall be in commotion, and men's hearts shall fail them, and they shall say that Christ delayeth his coming until the end of the *earth*<sup>379</sup>. 27 And the love of men shall wax cold, and iniquity shall abound; 28 and when the time of the Gentiles is come in, a light shall break forth among them that sit in darkness, and it shall be the fulness of my gospel; 29 but they receive it not, for they perceive not the light, and they turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men; 30 and in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled: 31 and there shall be men standing in that generation, that shall not pass, until they shall see an overflowing scourge; for a desolating sickness shall come over the land: 32 but my disciples shall stand in holy places, and shall not be moved; but among the wicked, men shall lift up their voices and curse God and die. 33 And there shall be earthquakes, also, in divers places, and many desolations, yet men will harden their hearts against me; and they will take up the sword one against another, and they will kill one another.

34 And now, when I the Lord had spoken these words unto my disciples, they were troubled; 35 and I said unto them, be not troubled, for when all these things come to pass, ye may know that the promises which have been made unto you, shall be fulfilled; 36 and when the light shall begin to break

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<sup>379</sup> The original "world" was changed to "earth." Joseph retained the change.

forth, it shall be with them like unto a parable which I shall show you: 37 ye look and behold the fig-trees, and ye see them with your eyes, and ye say when they begin to shoot forth and their leaves are yet tender, that summer is now nigh at hand: 38 even so it shall be in that day, when they shall see all these things, then shall they know that the hour is nigh.

39 And it shall come to pass that he that feareth me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to come, even for the signs of the coming of the Son of man; 40 and they shall see signs and wonders, for they shall be shown forth in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath; 41 and they shall behold blood and fire, and vapors of smoke, 42 and before the day of the Lord shall come, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon be turned into blood, and stars fall from heaven; 43 and the remnant shall be gathered unto this place; 44 and then they shall look for me, and behold I will come: and they shall see me in the clouds of heaven, clothed with power and great glory, with all the holy angels; and he that watches not for me shall be cut off.

45 But before the arm of the Lord shall fall, an angel shall sound his trump, and the saints that have slept, shall come forth to meet me in the cloud. 46 Wherefore if ye have slept in peace, blessed are you, for as you now behold me and know that I am, even so shall ye come unto me and your souls shall live, and your redemption shall be perfected, and the saints shall come forth from the four quarters of the earth.

47 Then shall the arm of the Lord fall upon all nations, 48 and then shall the Lord set his foot upon this mount, and it shall cleave in twain, and the earth shall tremble and reel to and fro, and the heavens also shall shake, 49 and the Lord shall utter his voice and all the ends of the earth shall hear it, and the nations of the earth shall mourn, and they that have laughed shall see their folly, 50 and calamity shall *cover*<sup>380</sup> the mocker, and the scorner shall be consumed, and they that have watched for iniquity, shall be hewn down and cast into the fire.

51 And then shall the Jews look upon me and say, What are these wounds in thy hands, and in thy feet? 52 Then shall they know that I am the Lord; for I will say unto them, these wounds are the wounds with which I was wounded in the house of my friends. I am he who was lifted up. I am Jesus that was crucified. I am the Son of God. 53 And then shall they weep

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<sup>380</sup> The original "cease" was changed to "cover." Joseph retained the change.

because of their iniquities;—then shall they lament because they persecuted their King.

54 And then shall the heathen nations be redeemed, and they that knew no law shall have part in the first resurrection; and it shall be tolerable for them: 55 and satan shall be bound that he shall have no place in the hearts of the children of men. 56 And at that day when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins: 57 for *they that are*<sup>381</sup> wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived, verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day, 58 and the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance: and they shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation, 59 for the Lord shall be in their midst, and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their king and their lawgiver.

60 And now, behold I say unto you, it shall not be given unto you to know any further concerning this chapter, until the new testament be translated, and in it all these things shall be made known: 61 wherefore I give unto you that you may now translate it, that ye may be prepared for the things to come; 62 for verily I say unto you, that great things await you; 63 ye hear of wars in foreign lands, but behold I say unto you, they are nigh, even at your doors, and not many years hence ye shall hear of wars in your own lands.

64 Wherefore I the Lord have said, gather ye out from the eastern lands, assemble ye yourselves together ye elders of my church; go ye forth unto the western countries, call upon the inhabitants to repent, and inasmuch as they do repent, build up churches unto me; 65 and with one heart and with one mind, gather up your riches that ye may purchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed unto you, 66 and it shall be called the New Jerusalem, a land of peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the saints of the most high God; 67 and the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it: and it shall be called Zion.

68 And it shall come to pass, among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor, must needs flee unto Zion for safety. 69 And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under

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<sup>381</sup> The original "he that is" was changed to "they that are." Joseph retained the change.

heaven: and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another. 70 And it shall be said among the wicked, Let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible. Wherefore we cannot stand.

71 And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion singing, with songs of everlasting joy.

72 And now I say unto you, keep these things from going abroad unto the world, *until it is expedient in me*,<sup>382</sup> that ye may accomplish this work in the eyes of the people, and in the eyes of your enemies, that they may not know your works until ye have accomplished the thing which I have commanded you: 73 that when they shall know it, *that they may consider these things*, 74 *for when the Lord shall appear he*<sup>383</sup> shall be terrible unto them, that fear may seize upon them, and they shall stand afar off and tremble: 75 and all nations shall be afraid because of the terror of the Lord, and the power of his might; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given March 1831.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Hearken, O ye people of my church, for verily I say unto you, that these things *were*<sup>384</sup> spoken unto you for your profit and learning; 2 but notwithstanding those things which are written, it always has been given to the elders of my church, from the beginning, and ever shall be, to conduct all meetings as they are *directed*<sup>385</sup> and guided by the Holy Spirit: 3 nevertheless ye are commanded never to cast any one out from your public

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<sup>382</sup> The original does not include "until it is expedient in me." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>383</sup> The original "it may" was replaced with "that they may consider these things, for when the Lord shall appear he shall." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>384</sup> The original "are" was changed to "were." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>385</sup> The original "conducted" was changed to "directed." Joseph maintained the change.

meetings, which are held before the world: 4 ye are also commanded *not*<sup>386</sup> to cast any one, who belongeth to the church, out of your sacrament meetings: nevertheless, if any have trespassed, let him not partake until he makes reconciliation.

5 And again I say unto you, ye shall not cast any out of your sacrament meetings, who is earnestly seeking the kingdom: I speak this concerning those who are not of the church.

6 And again I say unto you, concerning your confirmation meetings, that if there be any that is not of the church, that is earnestly seeking after the kingdom, ye shall not cast them out; 7 but ye are commanded in all things to ask of God who giveth liberally, and that which the Spirit testifies unto you, even so I would that ye should do in all holiness of heart, walking uprightly before me, considering the end of your salvation, doing all things with prayer and thanksgiving, that ye may not be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men, for some are of men, and others of devils.

8 Wherefore, beware lest ye are deceived! and that ye may not be deceived, seek ye earnestly the best gifts, always remembering for what they are given; 9 for verily I say unto you, they are given for the benefit of those who love me and keep all my commandments, and him that seeketh so to do, that all may be benefited, that seeketh or that asketh of me, that asketh, and not for a sign that he may consume it upon his lusts.

10 And again, verily I say unto you, I would that ye should always remember, and always retain in your minds what those gifts are, that are given unto the church, 11 for all have not every gift given unto them: for there are many gifts, and to every man is given a gift by the spirit of God: 12 to some it is given one, and to some is given another, that all may be profited thereby; 13 to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and that he was crucified for the sins of the world; 14 to others it is given to believe on their words, that they also might have eternal life, if they continue faithful.

15 And again, to some it is given by the Holy Ghost to know the differences of administration, as it will be pleasing unto the same Lord, according as the Lord will, suiting his mercies according to the conditions of

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<sup>386</sup> The original "never" was changed to "not." Joseph retained the change.

the children of men. 16 And again it is given by the Holy Ghost to some to know the diversities of operations, whether it be of God, *that*<sup>387</sup> the *manifestation*<sup>388</sup> of the Spirit may be given to every man to profit withal.

17 And again, verily I say unto you, to some it is given, by the spirit of God, the word of wisdom; 18 to another it is given the word of knowledge, that all may be taught to be wise and to have knowledge. 19 And again, to some it is given to have faith to be healed, 20 and to others it is given to have faith to heal. 21 And again, to some it is given the working of miracles; 22 and to others it is given to prophesy, 23 and to others the discerning of spirits. 24 And again, it is given to some to speak with tongues, 25 and to another it is given the interpretation of tongues: 26 and all these gifts cometh from God, for the benefit of the children of God. 27 And unto the bishop of the church, and unto such as God shall appoint and ordain to watch over the church, and to be elders unto the church, are to have it given unto them to discern all those gifts, lest there shall be any among you *professing*<sup>389</sup> and yet be not of God.

28 And it shall come to pass that he that asketh in spirit shall receive in spirit; 29 that unto some it may be given to have all those gifts, that there may be a head, in order that every member may be profited thereby: 30 he that asketh in the spirit, asketh according to the will of God, wherefore it is done even as he asketh.

31 And again I say unto you, all things must be done in the name of Christ, whatsoever you do in the spirit: 32 and ye must give thanks unto God in the spirit for whatsoever blessing ye are blessed with: 33 and ye must practice virtue and holiness before me continually; even so: Amen.

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<sup>387</sup> The original "or not so" was omitted. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>388</sup> The original "manifestations" was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>389</sup> The original "prophesying" was changed to "professing." Joseph retained the change.

*Revelation given to Joseph Smith, jr. and John Whitmer<sup>390</sup>, 7 March, 1831.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold it is expedient in me that my servant John should write and keep a regular history, and assist *you*<sup>391</sup>, my servant Joseph, in transcribing all things which shall be given *you*, until he is called to further duties<sup>392</sup>. 2 Again, verily I say unto you, that *he*<sup>393</sup> can also lift up *his*<sup>394</sup> voice in meetings, whenever it shall be expedient.

3 And again, I say unto you, that it shall be appointed unto him to keep the church record and history continually, for Oliver Cowdery I have appointed to another office.— 4Wherefore it shall be given *him*, inasmuch as he is faithful<sup>395</sup>, by the Comforter, to write these things; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given<sup>396</sup> March 1831.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 It is necessary that ye should remain, for the present time, in your places of abode, as it shall be suitable to your circumstances; 2 and inasmuch as ye have lands, ye shall impart to the eastern brethren; 3 and inasmuch as ye have not lands, let them buy for the present time in those regions round about as seemeth them good, for it must needs be necessary that they have

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<sup>390</sup> Earlier versions add: "in consequence of not feeling reconciled to write at the request of Joseph without a commandment &c."

<sup>391</sup> The original does not include "you." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>392</sup> The original "him" was changed to "you, until he is called to further duties." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>393</sup> The original "ye" was changed to "he." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>394</sup> The original "your" was changed to "his." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>395</sup> The original "thee" was replaced with "him, inasmuch as he is faithful." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>396</sup> Early versions add: "concerning the Brethren in New York how to Manager with their property &c."

places to live for the present time.

4 It must needs be necessary, that ye save all the money that ye can, and that ye obtain all that ye can *in righteousness*<sup>397</sup>, that in time ye may be enabled to purchase lands for an inheritance, even the city. 5 The place is not yet to be revealed, but after your brethren come from the east, there are to be certain men appointed, and to them it shall be given to know the place, or to them it shall be revealed; 6 and they shall be appointed to purchase the lands, and to make a commencement, to lay the foundation of the city; and then ye shall begin to be gathered with your families, every man according to his family, according to his circumstances, and as is appointed to *him*<sup>398</sup> by *the presidency and*<sup>399</sup> the *bishop*<sup>400</sup> of the church, according to the laws and commandments, which ye have received, and which ye shall hereafter receive; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given to Sidney Rigdon, Parley P. Pratt, and Leman Copley*<sup>401</sup>, March 1831.  
*Canonized in 1833.*

1 Hearken unto my word, my servant Sidney, and Parley, and Leman, for behold, verily I say unto you, that I give unto you a commandment, that you shall go and preach my gospel, which ye have received, even as ye have received it, unto the shakers. 2 Behold I say unto you, that they desire to know the truth in part, but not all, for they are not right before me, and must needs repent: 3 wherefore I send you, my servants Sidney and Parley, to preach the gospel unto them; 4 and my servant Leman shall be ordained

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<sup>397</sup> The original does not include "in righteousness." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>398</sup> The original "them" was changed to "him." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>399</sup> The original does not include "the presidency and." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>400</sup> The original "Bishop & Elders" was shortened to "bishop." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>401</sup> Earlier versions add: "their mission to the Shakers & thus saith the Lord unto them as follows."

unto this work, that he may reason with them, not according to that which he has received of them, but according to that which shall be taught him by you, my servants, and by so doing I will bless him, otherwise he shall not prosper: 5 thus saith the Lord, for I am God and have sent mine only begotten Son into the world, for the redemption of the world, and have decreed that he that receiveth him shall be saved, and he that receiveth him not shall be damned.

6 And they have done unto the Son of man even as they listed; and he has taken his power on the right hand of his glory, and now reigneth in the heavens, *and will reign*<sup>402</sup> till he descends on the earth to put all enemies under his feet: which time is nigh at hand: 7 I the Lord God have spoken it: but the hour and the day no man knoweth, neither the angels in heaven, nor shall they know until he comes: 8 wherefore I will that all men shall repent, for all are under sin, except them which I have reserved unto myself, holy men that ye know not of: 9 wherefore I say unto you, that I have sent unto you mine everlasting covenant, even that which was from the beginning, 10 and that which I have promised I have so fulfilled, and the nations of the earth shall bow to it; and, if not of themselves, they shall come down, for that which is now exalted of itself, shall be laid low of power: 11 wherefore I give unto you a commandment, that ye go among this people and say unto them, like unto mine apostle of old, whose name was Peter: 12 Believe on the name of the Lord Jesus, who was on the earth, and is to come, the beginning and the end; 13 repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, according to the holy commandment, for the remission of sins; 14 and whoso doeth this, shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, by the laying on of the hands of the elders of this church.

15 And again, I say unto you, that whoso forbiddeth to marry, is not ordained of God, for marriage is ordained of God unto man: 16 wherefore it is lawful that he should have one wife, and they twain shall be one flesh, and all this that the earth might answer the end of its creation; 17 and that it might be filled with the measure of man, according to his creation before the world was made. 18 And whoso forbiddeth to abstain from meats, that man should not eat the same, is not ordained of God; 19 for behold the beasts of the field, and the fowls of the air, and that which cometh of the earth, is ordained for the use of man, for food, and for raiment, and that he might have in abundance, 20 but it is not given that one man should possess that which is above another: wherefore the world lieth in sin; 21 and

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<sup>402</sup> The original does not include "and will reign." Joseph retained the change.

woe be unto man that sheddeth blood or that wasteth flesh and hath no need.

22 And again, verily I say unto you, that the Son of man cometh not in the form of a woman, neither of a man traveling on the earth: 23 wherefore be not deceived, but continue in steadfastness, looking forth for the heavens to be shaken; and the earth to tremble, and to reel to and fro as a drunken man; and for the valleys to be exalted; and for the mountains to be made low; and for the rough places to become smooth: and all this when the angel shall sound his trumpet.

24 But before the great day of the Lord shall come, Jacob shall flourish in the wilderness; and the Lamanites shall blossom as the rose: 25 Zion shall flourish upon the hills, and rejoice upon the mountains, and shall be assembled together unto the place which I have appointed. 26 Behold I say unto you, go forth as I have commanded you; repent of all your sins; ask and ye shall receive; knock and it shall be opened unto you: 27 behold I will go before you, and be your rereward; and I will be in your midst, and you shall not be confounded: 28 behold I am Jesus Christ, and I come quickly; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given<sup>403</sup> May 1831.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Hearken, O ye elders of my church, and give ear to the voice of the living God; and attend to the words of wisdom which shall be given unto you, according as ye have asked and are agreed as touching the church, and the spirits which have gone abroad in the earth. 2 Behold, verily I say unto you, that there are many spirits which are false spirits, which have gone forth in the earth, deceiving the world: 3 and also satan hath sought to deceive you, that he might overthrow you.

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<sup>403</sup> Earlier versions add: "a revelation to the Elders of this Church given at Kirtland Geauga Ohio in consequence of their not being perfectly acquainted with the different operations of the Spirits which are abroad in the Earth & thus saith the Lord unto them as follows."

4 Behold I the Lord have looked upon you, and have seen abominations in the church, that profess my name; 5 but blessed are they who are faithful and endure, whether in life or in death, for they shall inherit eternal life. 6 But woe unto them that are deceivers, and hypocrites, for thus saith the Lord, I will bring them to judgment.

7 Behold verily I say unto you, there are hypocrites among you, and have deceived some, which has given the adversary power, but behold such shall be reclaimed; 8 but the hypocrites shall be detected and shall be cut off, either in life or in death, even as I will, and woe *unto*<sup>404</sup> them *who are*<sup>405</sup> cut off from my church, for the same are overcome of the world: 9 wherefore, let every man beware lest he do that which is not in truth and righteousness before me.

10 And now come, saith the Lord, by the Spirit, unto the elders of his church, and let us reason together, that ye may understand: 11 let us reason even as a man reasoneth one with another face to face: 12 now when a man reasoneth, he is understood of man, because he reasoneth as a man; even so will I, the Lord, reason with you that you may understand: 13 wherefore I, the Lord, asketh you this question, unto what were ye ordained? 14 To preach my gospel by the Spirit, even the Comforter which was sent forth to teach the truth; 15 and then received ye spirits which ye could not understand, and received them to be of God, and in this are ye justified? 16 Behold ye shall answer this question yourselves, nevertheless I will be merciful unto you: he that is weak among you hereafter shall be made strong.

17 Verily I say unto you, he that is ordained of me and sent forth to preach the word of truth by the Comforter, in the spirit of truth, doth he preach it by the spirit of truth, or some other way? 18 and if it be by some other way, it be not of God. 19 And again, he that receiveth the word of truth, doth he receive it by the spirit of truth, or some other way? 20 if it be some other way, it be not of God: 21 therefore, why is it that ye cannot understand and know that he that receiveth the word by the spirit of truth, receiveth it as it is preached by the spirit of truth?

22 Wherefore, he that preacheth and he that receiveth, understandeth one

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<sup>404</sup> The original "is" was changed to "unto." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>405</sup> The original "that is" was changed to "who are." The same grammatical correction was made in the next phrase as well. Joseph retained the changes.

another, and both are edified and rejoice together; 23 and that which doth not edify, is not of God, and is darkness: 24 that which is of God is light, and he that receiveth light and continueth in God, receiveth more light, and that light groweth brighter and brighter, until the perfect day. 25 And again, verily I say unto you, and I say it that you may know the truth, that you may chase darkness from among you, 26 for he that is ordained of God and sent forth, the same is appointed to be the greatest, notwithstanding he is least, and the servant of all: 27 wherefore he is possessor of all things, for all things are subject unto him, both in heaven and on the earth, the life, and the light, the spirit and the power, sent forth by the will of the Father, through Jesus Christ, his son; 28 but no man is possessor of all things, except he be purified and cleansed from all sin, 29 and if ye are purified and cleansed from all sin, ye shall ask whatsoever you will in the name of Jesus, and it shall be done: 30 but know this, it shall be given you what you shall ask, and as ye are appointed to the head, the spirits shall be subject unto you:

31 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that if you behold a spirit manifested that you cannot understand, and you receive not that spirit, ye shall ask of the Father in the name of Jesus, and if he give not unto you that spirit, that you may know that it is not of God: 32 and it shall be given unto you power over that spirit, and you shall proclaim against that spirit with a loud voice, that it is not of God; 33 not with railing accusation, that ye be not overcome; neither with boasting, nor rejoicing, lest you be seized therewith: 34 he that receiveth of God, let him account it of God, and let him rejoice that he is accounted of God worthy to receive, 35 and by giving heed and doing these things which ye have received, and which ye shall hereafter receive: and the kingdom is given you of the Father, and power to overcome all things, which is not ordained of him: 36 and behold, verily I say unto you, blessed are you *who are now hearing*<sup>406</sup> these words of mine from the mouth of my servant, for your sins are forgiven you.

37 Let my servant Joseph Wakefield, in whom I am well pleased, and my servant Parley P. Pratt, go forth among the churches and strengthen them by the word of exhortation; 38 and also my servant John Corrill, or as many of my servants as are ordained unto this office, and let them labor in the vineyard; and let no man hinder them of doing that which I have appointed unto them: 39 wherefore in this thing my servant Edward

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<sup>406</sup> The original "that hear" was changed to "who are now hearing." Joseph retained the change.

Partridge, is not justified, nevertheless let him repent and he shall be forgiven. 40 Behold ye are little children, and ye cannot bear all things now; ye must grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. 41 Fear not, little children, for you are mine, and I have overcome the world, and you are of them that my Father hath given me; 42 and none of them that my Father hath given me shall be lost: 43 and the Father and I are one: I am in the Father and the Father in me: and inasmuch as ye have received me, ye are in me, and I in you: 44 wherefore I am in your midst; and I am the good Shepherd, (and the stone of Israel: He that buildeth upon this rock shall never fall,) 45 and the day cometh that you shall hear my voice and see me, and know that I am. 46 Watch, therefore, that ye may be ready; even so: Amen.

## 51

*Revelation given May 1831.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Hearken unto me, saith the Lord your God, and I will speak unto my servant Edward Partridge, and give unto him directions: for it must needs be that he receive directions how to organize this people: 2 for it must needs be that they are organized according to my laws, if otherwise they will be cut off<sup>407</sup>: 3 wherefore let my servant Edward Partridge, and those whom he has chosen, in whom I am well pleased, appoint unto this people their portion, every man *equal*<sup>408</sup> according to their families, according to *their circumstances, and*<sup>409</sup> their wants and needs; 4 and let my servant Edward

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<sup>407</sup> The following passage between verses 2 and 3 was deleted from the original: "wherefore let my Servant Edward receive the properties of this People which have covenanted with me to obey the Laws which I have given & let my Servant Edward receive the money as it shall be laid before him according to the covenant & go & obtain a deed or Article of this land unto himself for I have appointed him to receive these things & thus through him the Properties of this Church shall be covenanted unto me." Joseph retained the deletion.

<sup>408</sup> The original "alike" was changed to "equal." Joseph retained the change. No parallel change is made in either instance of this word choice in verse 9.

<sup>409</sup> The original does not include "their circumstances." Joseph retained the addition.

Partridge, when he shall appoint a man his portion, give unto him a writing that shall secure unto him his portion, that he shall hold it, *even this right and this inheritance in*<sup>410</sup> the church, until he transgresses and is not accounted worthy by the voice of the church, according to the laws *and covenants of the church*,<sup>411</sup> to belong to the church: 5 *and if he shall transgress, and is not accounted worthy to belong in the church, he shall not have power to claim that portion which he has consecrated unto the bishop for the poor and the needy of my church: therefore, he shall not retain the gift, but shall only have claim on that portion that is deeded unto him*<sup>412</sup>. 6 And thus, all things shall be made sure according to the laws of the land.

7 And let that which belongs to this people, be appointed unto this people 8 and the money which is left unto this people, let there be an agent appointed unto this people, to take the money, to provide food and raiment, according to the wants of this people. 9 And let every man deal honestly, and be alike among this people, and receive alike, that ye may be one, even as I have commanded you.

10 And let that which belongeth to this people not be taken and given unto that of another church; 11 wherefore if another church would receive money of this church, let them pay unto this church again according as they shall agree; 12 and this shall be done through the bishop or the agent, which shall be appointed by the voice of the church.

13 And again, let the bishop appoint a storehouse unto this church, and let all things, both in money and in meat, which is more than is needful for the want of this people, be kept in the hands of the bishop. 14 And let him also reserve unto himself, for his own wants, and for the wants of his family, as he shall be employed in doing this business. 15 And thus I grant unto this people a privilege of organizing themselves according to my laws; 16 and I consecrate unto them this land for a little season, until I the Lord shall provide for them otherwise, and command them to go hence; 17 and the hour and the day is not given unto them:—wherefore let them act upon

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<sup>410</sup> The original "of" was changed to "even this right and this inheritance in." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>411</sup> The original does not include "and covenants of the church." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>412</sup> The entirety of verse 5 is not found in the original. Joseph retained the change.

this land as for years; and this shall turn unto them for their good.

18 Behold, this shall be an example unto my servant Edward Partridge, in other places, in all churches. 19 And whoso is found a faithful, a just and a wise steward, shall enter into the joy of his Lord, and shall inherit eternal life. 20 Verily I say unto you, I am Jesus Christ, who cometh quickly, in an hour you think not: even so. Amen.

## 52

*Revelation given June 1831<sup>413</sup>.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold, thus saith the Lord unto the elders whom he hath called and chosen, in these last days, by the voice of his Spirit, 2 saying, I the Lord will make known unto you what I will that ye shall do from this time until the next conference, which shall be held in Missouri, upon the land which I will consecrate unto my people, which are a remnant of Jacob, and *them*<sup>414</sup> who are heirs according to the covenant.

3 Wherefore, verily I say unto you, let my servant Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon take their journey as soon as preparations can be made to leave their homes, and journey to the land of Missouri. 4 And inasmuch as they are faithful unto me, it shall be made known unto them what they shall do: 5 and it shall also, inasmuch as they are faithful, be made known unto them the land of *their*<sup>415</sup> inheritance. 6 And inasmuch as they are not faithful, they shall be cut off, even as I will, as seemeth me good.

7 And again, verily I say unto you, let my servant Lyman Wight, and my servant John Corrill take their journey speedily: 8 and also my servant John Murdock, and my servant Hyrum Smith, take their journey unto the same place by way of Detroit. 9 And let them journey from thence preaching the word by the way, saying none other things than that which the prophets and apostles have written, and that which is taught

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<sup>413</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "Directions to Elders of the Church of Christ &c."

<sup>414</sup> The originally grammatical "those" was changed to the ungrammatical "them." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>415</sup> The original "your" was changed to "their." Joseph retained the change.

them by the Comforter, through the prayer of faith. 10 Let them go two by two, and thus let them preach by the way in every congregation, baptizing by water, and the laying on of the hands by the water's side: 11 for thus saith the Lord, I will cut my work short in righteousness: for the days cometh that I will send forth judgment unto victory. 12 And let my servant Lyman Wight beware, for satan desireth to sift him as chaff.

13 And behold, he that is faithful shall be made ruler over many things. 14 And again, I will give unto you a pattern in all things, that ye may not be deceived, for satan is abroad in the land, and he goeth forth deceiving the nations: 15 wherefore he that prayeth whose spirit is contrite, the same is accepted of me, if he obey mine ordinances: 16 he that speaketh, whose spirit is contrite, whose language is meek, and edifieth, the same is of God, if he obey mine ordinances. 17 And again, he that trembleth under my power, shall be made strong, and shall bring forth fruits of praise, and wisdom, according to the revelations, and truths which I have given you.

18 And again, he that is overcome and bringeth not forth fruits, even according to this pattern, is not of me: 19 wherefore by this pattern ye shall know the spirits in all cases, under the whole heavens. 20 And the days have come, according to men's faith it shall be done unto them. 21 Behold this commandment is given unto all the elders whom I have chosen. 22 And again, verily I say unto you, let my servant Thomas B. Marsh, and my servant Ezra Thayer, take their journey also, preaching the word by the way, unto this same land. 23 And again, let my servant Isaac Morley, and my servant Ezra Booth, take their journey, also a preaching the word by the way unto the same land.

24 And again, let my servants Edward Partridge and Martin Harris take their journey with my servants Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith, jr. 25 Let my servant David Whitmer and Harvey Whitlock also take their journey, and preach by the way *unto this same land*<sup>416</sup>. 26 Let my servant Parley P. Pratt and Orson Pratt take their journey, and preach by the way, even unto this same land. 27 And let my servant Solomon Hancock and Simeon Carter also take their journey unto this same land, and preach by the way. 28 Let my servant Edson Fuller and Jacob Scott also take their journey. 29 Let my servants Levi Hancock and Zebedee Coltrin also take their journey. 30 Let my

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<sup>416</sup> The original does not include "unto this same land." Joseph retained the change.

servants Reynolds Cahoon and Samuel H. Smith also take their journey. 31 Let my servants Wheeler Baldwin and William Carter also take their journey.

32 And let my servants Newel Knight and Selah J. Griffin, both be ordained and also take their journey: 33 yea, verily I say, let all these take their journey unto one place, in their several courses, and one man shall not build upon another's foundation, neither journey in another's track. 34 He that is faithful, the same shall be kept and blessed with much fruit.

35 And again, I say unto you, let my servant Joseph Wakefield and Solomon Humphrey Jr. take their journey into the eastern lands. 36 Let them labor with their families, declaring none other things than the prophets and apostles, that which they have seen, and heard, and most assuredly believe, that the prophecies may be fulfilled. 37 In consequence of transgression, let that which was bestowed upon Heman Bassett, be taken from him, and placed upon the head of Simonds Rider.

38 And again, verily I say unto you, let Jared Carter be ordained a priest, and also George James to be ordained a priest. 39 Let the residue of the elders watch over the churches, and declare the word in the regions among them. And let them labor with their own hands, that there be no idolatry nor wickedness practiced. 40 And remember in all things, the poor, and the needy, the sick and the afflicted, for he that doeth not these things, the same is not my disciple. 41 And again, let my servants, Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon and Edward Partridge, take with them a recommend from the church. And let there be one obtained for my servant Oliver Cowdery also: 42 and thus, even as I have said, if ye are faithful, ye shall assemble yourselves together to rejoice upon *the land of Missouri, which is* <sup>417</sup>the land of your inheritance, which is now the land of your enemies. 43 But behold I the Lord will hasten the city in its time, and will crown the faithful with joy and with rejoicing. 44 Behold I am Jesus Christ the Son of God, and I will lift them up at the last day; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given to Sidney Gilbert, June 1831.*

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<sup>417</sup> The original does not include "the land of Missouri, which is." Joseph retained the change.

*Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold I say unto you, my servant Sidney Gilbert, that I have heard your prayers, and you have called upon me, that it should be made known unto you, of the Lord your God, concerning your calling, and election in this church, which I the Lord have raised up in these last days.

2 Behold I the Lord, who was crucified for the sins of the world, giveth unto you a commandment, that you shall forsake the world. 3 Take upon you mine ordinances, even that of an elder, to preach faith and repentance, and remission of sins, according to my word, and the reception of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands. 4 And also to be an agent unto this church in the place which shall be appointed by the bishop, according to commandments which shall be given hereafter.

5 And again, verily I say unto you, you shall take your journey with my servants Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon. 6 Behold these are the first ordinances which you shall receive: and the residue shall be known in a time to come, according to your labor in my vineyard. 7 And again, I would that ye should learn that it is he only who is saved, that endureth unto the end; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given to Newel Knight<sup>418</sup>, June 1831.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold, thus saith the Lord, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, even he who was crucified for the sins of the world. 2 Behold, verily, verily I say unto you, my servant Newel Knight, you shall stand fast in the office wherewith I have appointed you: 3 and if your brethren desire to escape their enemies let them repent of all their sins; and become truly humble before me and contrite: 4 and as the covenant which they have made unto me, has been broken, even so it has become void and of none effect; 5 and woe to him by whom this offense cometh, for it had been

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<sup>418</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "to the Church at Thompson giving them Directions what to do &c."

better for him that he had been drowned in the depth of the sea; 6 but blessed are they who have kept the covenant, and observed the commandment, for they shall obtain mercy.

7 Wherefore, go to now and flee the land, lest your enemies come upon you: and take your journey, and appoint whom you will to be your leader, and to pay monies for you.— 8 And thus you shall take your journey into the regions westward, unto the land of Missouri, unto the borders of the Lamanites. 9 And after you have done journeying, behold I say unto you, seek ye a living like unto men, until I prepare a place for you.

10 And again, be patient in tribulation until I come: and behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, and they<sup>419</sup> who have sought me early, shall find rest to their souls; even so: Amen.

## 55

*Revelation given to William W. Phelps, June 1831.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold thus saith the Lord unto you, my servant William; yea, even the Lord of the whole earth, thou art called and chosen and after thou hast been baptized by water, which if you do with an eye single to my glory, you shall have a remission of your sins, and a reception of the Holy Spirit, by the laying on of hands. 2 And then thou shalt be ordained by the hand of my servant Joseph Smith, jr. to be an elder unto this church, to preach repentance and remission of sins by way of baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God; 3 and on whomsoever you shall lay your hands, if they are contrite before me, you shall have power to give the Holy Spirit.

4 And again, you shall be ordained to assist my servant Oliver Cowdery to do the work of printing, and of selecting, and writing books for schools, in this church, that little children also may receive instruction before me as is pleasing unto me. 5 And again, verily I say unto you, for this cause you shall take your journey with my servants Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon, that you may be planted in the land of your inheritance, to do

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<sup>419</sup> The original "he" was changed to "they." Joseph retained the change.

this work.

6 And again let my servant Joseph Coe also take his journey with them. The residue shall be made known hereafter; even as I will: Amen.

## 56

*Revelation given 15 June<sup>420</sup>, 1831.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Hearken O ye people who profess my name, saith the Lord your God, for behold mine anger is kindled against the rebellious, and they shall know mine arm and mine indignation in the day of visitation and of wrath upon the nations. 2 And he that will not take up his cross and follow me, and keep my commandments, the same shall not be saved.

3 Behold I the Lord commandeth, and he that will not obey shall be cut off in mine own due time: and after that I have commanded and the commandment is broken, 4 wherefore I the Lord command and revoke, as it seemeth me good; and all this to be answered upon the heads of the rebellious saith the Lord: 5 wherefore I revoke the commandment which was given unto my servant Thomas B. Marsh and Ezra Thayer, and give a new commandment unto my servant Thomas, that he shall take up his journey speedily to the land of Missouri; and my servant Selah J. Griffin shall also go with him: 6 for behold I revoke the commandment which was given unto my servants Selah J. Griffin and Newel Knight, in consequence of the stiffneckedness of my people which are in Thompson; and their rebellions: 7 wherefore let my servant Newel Knight remain with them, and as many as will go may go, that are contrite before me, and be led by him to the land which I have appointed.

8 And again, verily I say unto you, that my servant Ezra Thayre must repent

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<sup>420</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "Thomas B. Marsh was desirous to know what he should do as the Lord had commanded him & Ezra Thayer to take their Journey to the land of Missouri but Thayer could not get ready as soon as Thomas wanted that he should & these are the words of the Lord as follows."

of his pride, and of his selfishness, and obey the former commandment which I have given him concerning the place upon which he lives; 9 and if he will do this, as there shall be no divisions made upon the land, he shall be appointed still to go to the land of Missouri; 10 otherwise he shall receive the money which he has paid, and shall leave the place, and shall be cut off out of my church, saith the Lord God of hosts: 11 and though the *heaven*<sup>421</sup> and the earth pass away, these words shall not pass away, but shall be fulfilled.

12 And if my servant Joseph Smith, jr. must needs pay the money, behold I the Lord will pay it unto him again in the land of Missouri, that those of whom he shall receive may be rewarded again, according to that which they do. 13 For according to that which they do, they shall receive; even in lands for their inheritance. 14 Behold thus saith the Lord unto my people, you have many things to do, and to repent of: for behold your sins have come up unto me, and are not pardoned, because you seek to counsel in your own ways. 15 And your hearts are not satisfied. And ye obey not the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness.

16 Woe unto you rich men, that will not give your substance to the poor, for your riches will canker your souls! and this shall be your lamentation in the day of visitation, and of judgment, and of indignation: The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved! 17 Woe unto you poor men, whose hearts are not broken, whose spirits are not contrite, and whose bellies are not satisfied, and whose hands are not stayed from laying hold upon other men's goods, whose eyes are full of greediness, who will not labor with their own hands!

18 But blessed are the poor, who are pure in heart, whose hearts are broken, and whose spirits are contrite, for they shall see the kingdom of God coming *in*<sup>422</sup> power and great glory unto their deliverance: for the fatness of the earth shall be theirs: 19 for behold the Lord shall come, and his recompense shall be with him, and he shall reward every man, and the poor shall rejoice: 20 and their generations shall inherit the earth from generation to generation, forever and ever. And now I make an end of speaking unto you; even so: Amen.

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<sup>421</sup> The original "Heavens" was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>422</sup> The original "with" was changed to "in." Joseph retained the change.

*Revelation given in Zion<sup>423</sup>, July 1831.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Hearken, O ye elders of my church, saith the Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to my commandments, in this land which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the gathering of the saints 2 wherefore this is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion. 3 And thus saith the Lord your God, if you will receive wisdom here is wisdom. Behold the place which is now called Independence, is the centre place, and the spot for the temple is lying westward upon a lot which is not far from the court house: 4 wherefore it is wisdom that the land should be purchased by the saints; and also every tract lying westward, even unto the line running directly between Jew and Gentile. 5 And also every tract bordering by the prairies, inasmuch as my disciples are enabled to buy lands. Behold this is wisdom, that they may obtain it for an everlasting inheritance.

6 And let my servant Sidney Gilbert, stand in the office which I have appointed him, to receive monies, to be an agent unto the church, to buy land in all the regions round about, inasmuch as can be in righteousness, and as wisdom shall direct.

7 And let my servant Edward Partridge, stand in the office which I have appointed him, to divide<sup>424</sup> the saints their inheritance, even as I have commanded: and also those whom he has appointed to assist him.

8 And again, verily I say unto you, let my servant Sidney Gilbert plant himself in this place, and establish a store, that he may sell goods without fraud, that he may obtain money to buy lands for the good of the saints; and that he may obtain whatsoever<sup>425</sup> things the disciples may need to plant them in their inheritance. 9 And also let my servant Sidney Gilbert obtain a license, (behold here is wisdom, and whoso readeth let him understand,)

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<sup>423</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "giving directions to the Bishop & Agent how to proceed concerning purchasing Lands &c."

<sup>424</sup> The original "unto" was changed to "divide." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>425</sup> The original "provisions &" was omitted. Joseph retained the deletion.

that he may send goods also unto the people<sup>426</sup>, even by whom he will as clerks, employed in his service, 10 and thus *provide for my saints, that my*<sup>427</sup> gospel may be preached unto *those who sit in darkness and in the region and shadow of death*<sup>428</sup>.

11 And again, verily I say unto you, let my servant William W. Phelps be planted in this place, and be established as a printer unto the church: 12 and lo, if the world receiveth his writings, (behold here is wisdom,) let him obtain whatsoever he can obtain in righteousness, for the good of the saints. 13 And let my servant Oliver Cowdery assist him, even as I have commanded, in whatsoever place I shall appoint unto him, to copy, and to correct, and select, that all things may be right before me, as it shall be proved by the Spirit through him. 14 And thus let those of whom I have spoken, be planted in the land of Zion, as speedily as can be, with their families, to do those things even as I have spoken.

15 And now concerning the gathering, let the bishop and the agent make preparations for those families which have been commanded to come to this land, as soon as possible, and plant them in their inheritance. 16 And unto the residue of both elders and members, further directions shall be given hereafter:—even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given in Zion, 1 August, 1831.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Harken O ye elders of my church, and give ear to my word, and learn of me what I will concerning you, and also concerning this land unto which I have sent you: 2 for verily I say unto you, blessed is he that keepeth

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<sup>426</sup> The original "lamanites" was changed to "people." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>427</sup> The original "the gospel" was replaced with "provide for my saints, that my." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>428</sup> The original "them" was replaced with "those who sit in darkness and in the region and shadow of death."

my commandments, whether in life or death; and he that is faithful in tribulation the reward of the same is greater in the kingdom of heaven.

3 Ye cannot behold with your natural eyes, for the present time, the design of your God concerning those things which shall come hereafter, and the glory which shall follow, after much tribulation. 4 For after much tribulation cometh the blessings. Wherefore, the day cometh that ye shall be crowned with much glory, the hour is not yet but is nigh at hand.

5 Remember this which I tell you before, that you may lay it to heart, and receive that which shall follow. 6 Behold, verily I say unto you, for this cause I have sent you that you might be obedient, and that your hearts might be prepared to bear testimony of the things which are to come; 7 and also, that you might be honored of laying the foundation, and of bearing record of the land upon which the Zion of God shall stand; 8 and also, that a feast of fat things might be prepared for the poor; 9 yea, a feast of fat things, of wine on the lees<sup>429</sup> well refined, that the earth may know that the mouths of the prophets shall not fail; yea, a supper of the house of the Lord, well prepared unto which all nations shall be invited. 10 Firstly the rich and the learned, the wise and the noble; 11 and after that cometh the day of my power: then shall the poor, the lame and the blind, and the deaf, come in unto the marriage of the Lamb, and partake of the supper of the Lord, prepared for the great day to come.— 12 Behold I the Lord have spoken it.

13 And that the testimony might go forth from Zion; yea, from the mouth of the city of the heritage of God: 14 yea, for this cause I have sent you hither; and have selected my servant Edward Partridge and have appointed unto him his mission in this land: 15 but if he repent not of his sins, which are unbelief and blindness of heart, let him take heed lest he fall.— 16 Behold his mission is given unto him and it shall not be given again. 17 And whoso standeth in *his*<sup>430</sup> mission, is appointed to be a judge in Israel, like as it was in ancient days, to divide the lands of the heritage of God unto his children; 18 and to judge his people by the testimony of the just, and by the assistance of his counselors, according to the laws of the kingdom which

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<sup>429</sup> The 1828 Websters dictionary defines "lees" as follows: The grosser parts of any liquor which have settled on the bottom of a vessel; dregs; sediment. "On the lees" means to age wine on top of spent yeast and particulates.

<sup>430</sup> The original "that" was replaced with "his." Joseph retained the change.

are given by the prophets of God: 19 for verily I say unto you, my *law*<sup>431</sup> shall be kept on this land.

20 Let no man think he is ruler, but let God rule him that judgeth, according to the council of his own will: or in other words, him that counseleth, or sitteth upon the judgment seat. 21 Let no man break the laws of the land, for he that keepeth the laws of God, hath no need to break the laws of the land: 22 wherefore be subject to the powers that be, until He reigns whose right it is to reign, and subdues all enemies under his feet. 23 Behold the laws which ye have received from my hand, are the laws of the church; and in this light ye shall hold them forth. Behold here is wisdom.

24 And now as I spake concerning my servant Edward Partridge: this land is the land of his residence, and those whom he has appointed for his counselors. And also the land of the residence of him whom I have appointed to keep my store-house: 25 wherefore let them bring their families to this land, as they shall counsel between themselves and me: 26 for behold it is not meet that I should command in all things, for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant: wherefore he receiveth no reward. 27 Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness: 28 for the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward. 29 But he that doeth not any thing until he is commanded, and receiveth a commandment with doubtful heart, and keepeth it with slothfulness, the same is damned.— 30 Who am I that made man, saith the Lord, that will hold him *guiltless*<sup>432</sup> that obeys not my commandments? 31 Who am I, saith the Lord, that have promised and have not fulfilled? 32 I command and a man obeys not, I revoke and they receive not the blessing: 33 then they say in their hearts, this is not the work of the Lord, for his promises are not fulfilled. But woe unto such, for their reward lurketh beneath, and not from above.

34 And now I give unto you further directions concerning this land. 35 It is wisdom in me, that my servant Martin Harris should be an example unto the church, in laying his moneys before the bishop of the church. 36 And

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<sup>431</sup> The original "laws" was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>432</sup> The original "guilty" was changed to "guiltless." Joseph retained the change.

also, this is a law unto every man that cometh unto *this*<sup>433</sup> land, to receive an inheritance; and he shall do with his monies according as the law directs. 37 And it is wisdom also, that there should be lands purchased in Independence, for the place of the store-house: and also for the house of the printing.

38 And other directions, concerning my servant Martin Harris, shall be given him of the Spirit, that he may receive his inheritance as seemeth him good. 39 And let him repent of his sins, for he seeketh the praise of the world.

40 And also let my servant William W. Phelps stand in the office which I have appointed him, and receive his inheritance in the land. 41 And also, he hath need to repent, for I the Lord am not well pleased with him, for he seeketh to excel and he is not sufficiently meek *before me*<sup>434</sup>. 42 Behold he who has repented of his sins the same is forgiven, and I the Lord remembereth them no more. 43 By this ye may know if a man repenteth of his sins. Behold he will confess them and forsake them. 44 And now verily I say, concerning the residue of the elders of my church, the time has not yet come for many years, for them to receive their inheritance in this land; except they desire it through the prayer of faith, only as it shall be appointed unto them *of the Lord*.<sup>435</sup> 45 For behold they shall push the people together from the ends of the earth: 46 wherefore assemble yourselves together, and *they who are*<sup>436</sup> not appointed to stay in this land, let them preach the gospel in the regions round about; and after that, let them return to their homes. 47 Let them preach by the way, and bear testimony of the truth in all places, and call upon the rich, the high and the low, and the poor, to repent; 48 and let them build up churches inasmuch as the inhabitants of the earth will repent.

49 And let there be an agent appointed by the voice of the church, *unto the*

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<sup>433</sup> The original "the" was changed to "this." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>434</sup> The original "in his heart" was changed to "before me." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>435</sup> The original does not contain "of the Lord." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>436</sup> The original "he that is" was changed to "they who are." Joseph retained the change.

*church in Ohio, to receive monies to purchase lands in Zion*<sup>437</sup>.

50 And I give unto my servant Sidney Rigdon, a commandment, that he shall write a description of the land of Zion, and a statement of the will of God, as it shall be made known by the Spirit, unto him; 51 and an epistle and subscription, to be presented unto all the churches, to obtain monies, to be put into the hands of the bishop, to purchase lands for an inheritance for the children of God, of himself or the agent, as seemeth him good, or as he shall direct. 52 For behold, verily I say unto you, the Lord willeth that the disciples, and the children of men, should open their hearts even to purchase this whole region of country, as soon as time will permit. 53 Behold here is wisdom; let them do this lest they *receive*<sup>438</sup> none inheritance, save it be by the shedding of blood.

54 And again, inasmuch as there is land obtained, let there be workmen sent forth, of all kinds unto this land, to labor for the saints of God. 55 Let all these things be done in order. And let the privileges of the lands be made known from time to time, by the bishop, or the agent of the church. 56 And let the work of the gathering be not in haste, nor by flight, but let it be done as it shall be counseled by the elders of the church at the conferences, according to the knowledge which they receive from time to time.

57 And let my servant Sidney Rigdon consecrate and dedicate this land, and the spot of the temple, unto the Lord. 58 And let a conference meeting be called, and after that, let my servant Sidney Rigdon and Joseph Smith, jr. return, and also Oliver Cowdery with them, to accomplish the residue of the work, which I have appointed unto them in their own land; and the residue as shall be ruled by the conferences.

59 And let no man return from this land, except he bear record by the way, of that which he knows and most assuredly believes. 60 Let that which has been bestowed upon Ziba Peterson, be taken from him: and let him stand as a member in the church, and labor with his own hands, with the brethren, until he is sufficiently chastened for all his sins, for he confesseth them not, and he thinketh to hide them.

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<sup>437</sup> The original does not include "unto the church in Ohio, to receive monies to purchase lands in Zion."

<sup>438</sup> The original "reserve" was replaced with "recieve." Joseph retained the change.

61 Let the residue of the elders of this church, who are coming to this land, some of whom are exceedingly blessed, even above measure, also, hold a conference *upon this land*. 62 *And let my servant Edward Partridge direct the conference,*<sup>439</sup> which shall be held by them. 63 And let them also return, preaching the gospel by the way, bearing record of the things which are revealed unto them: 64 for verily the sound must go forth from this place into all the world; and unto the uttermost parts of the earth, the gospel must be preached unto every creature, with signs following them that believe. 65 And behold the Son of man cometh: Amen.

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*Revelation given in Zion*<sup>440</sup>, August, 1831.  
*Canonized in 1833*

1 Behold, blessed saith the Lord, are they who have come up unto this land with an eye single to my glory, according to my commandments: 2 for them that live shall inherit the earth, and them that die shall rest from all their labors, and their works shall follow them, and they shall receive a crown in the mansions of my Father, which I have prepared for them; 3 yea, blessed are they whose feet stand upon the land of Zion, who have obeyed my gospel, for they shall receive for their reward the good things of the earth; and it shall bring forth in its strength: 4 and they shall also be crowned with blessings from above; yea, and with commandments not a few; and with revelations in their time: they that are faithful and diligent before me:

5 Wherefore I give unto them a commandment, saying thus: 6 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy might, mind, and strength: and in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt serve him. 6 Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Thou shalt not steal. Neither commit adultery, nor kill, nor do any thing like unto it. 7 Thou shalt thank the Lord thy God in all things. 8 Thou shalt offer a sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in

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<sup>439</sup> The original did not include "upon this land. And let my servant Edward Partridge direct the conference." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>440</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "instructing the saints how to keep the sabbath & how to fast and pray & what it was &c."

righteousness: even that of a broken heart and a contrite spirit. 9 And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unspotted from the world, thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacraments upon my holy day; 10 for verily this is a day appointed unto you to rest from your labors, and to pay thy devotions unto the Most High; 11 nevertheless thy vows shall be offered up in righteousness on all days, and at all times; 12 but remember that on this, the Lord's day, thou shalt offer thine oblations, and thy sacraments, unto the Most High, confessing thy sins unto thy brethren, and before the Lord.

13 And on this day thou shalt do none other thing, only let thy food be prepared with singleness of heart, that thy fasting may be perfect, or in other words, that thy joy may be full. 14 Verily this is fasting and prayer; or, in other words, rejoicing and prayer.

15 And inasmuch as ye do these things, with thanksgiving, with cheerful hearts, and countenances; not with much laughter, for this is sin, but with a glad heart and a cheerful countenance; 16 verily I say, that inasmuch as ye do this the fulness of the earth is yours: the beasts of the fields, and the fowls of the air, and that which climbeth upon the trees, and walketh upon the earth: 17 yea, and the herb, and the good things which cometh of the earth, whether for food or for raiment, or for houses or for barns, or for orchards, or for gardens, or for vineyards; 18 yea, all things which cometh of the earth, in the season thereof, is made for the benefit and the use of man, both to please the eye, and to gladden the heart: 19 yea, for food and for raiment, for taste and for smell, to strengthen the body, and to enliven the soul.

20 And it pleaseth God that he hath given all these things unto man: for unto this end were they made, to be used with judgment, not to excess, neither by extortion: 21 and in nothing doth man offend God, or against none is his wrath kindled, save those who confess not his hand in all things, and obey not his commandments. 22 Behold this is according to the law and the prophets: wherefore trouble me no more concerning this matter, 23 but learn that he who doeth the works of righteousness, shall receive his reward, even peace in this world, and eternal life in the world to come. 24 I the Lord have spoken it and the Spirit beareth record.— Amen.

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*Revelation given August, 1831.*

1 Behold thus saith the Lord unto the elders of his church, who are to return speedily to the land from whence they came. Behold it pleaseth me, that you have come up hither; 2 but with some I am not well pleased, for they will not open their mouths, but hide the talent which I have given unto them, because of the fear of man. Wo unto such, for mine anger is kindled against them.

3 And it shall come to pass, if they are not more faithful unto me, it shall be taken away, even that which they have, 4 for I the Lord ruleth in the heavens above, and among the armies of the earth; and in the day when I shall make up my jewels, all men shall know what it is that bespeaketh the power of God. 5 But verily I will speak unto you concerning your journey unto the land from whence you came. Let there be a craft made, or bought, as seemeth you good, it mattereth not unto me, and take your journey speedily for the place which is called St. Louis. 6 And from thence let my servants Sidney Rigdon, and Joseph Smith, jr. and Oliver Cowdery, take their journey for Cincinnati: 7 and in this place let them lift up their voice, and declare my word with loud voices, without wrath or doubting, lifting up holy hands upon them.— For I am able to make you holy, and your sins are forgiven you.

8 And let the residue take their journey from St. Louis, two by two, and preach the word, not in haste, among the congregations of the wicked, until they return to the churches from whence they came. 9 And all this for the good of the churches; for this intent have I sent them. 10 And let my servant Edward Partridge impart of the money which I have given him, a portion unto mine elders, who are commanded to return; 11 and he that is able, let him return it by the way of the agent, and he that is not, of him it is not required.— 12 And now I speak of the residue who are to come unto this land. 13 Behold they have been sent to preach my gospel among the congregations of the wicked: wherefore, I give unto them a commandment thus: Thou shalt not idle away thy time: neither shalt thou bury thy talent that it may not be known.

14 And after thou hast come up unto the land of Zion, and has proclaimed my word, thou shalt speedily return proclaiming my word among the

congregations *of the wicked*<sup>441</sup>. Not in haste, neither in wrath nor with strife: 15 and shake off the dust of thy feet against those who receive thee not, not in their presence, lest thou provoke them, but in secret, and wash thy feet as a testimony against them in the day of judgment. 16 Behold<sup>442</sup> this is sufficient for you, and the will of him who hath sent you.— 17 And by the mouth of my servant Joseph Smith, jr. it shall be made known concerning Sidney Rigdon and Oliver Cowdery, the residue hereafter; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given*<sup>443</sup> *August, 1831.*  
*Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold, and hearken unto the voice of him who has all power, who is from everlasting to everlasting, even Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. 2 Behold, verily thus saith the Lord unto you O ye elders of my church, who are assembled upon this spot, whose sins are now forgiven you, for I the Lord forgiveth sins, and am merciful unto those who confess their sins with humble hearts: 3 but verily I say unto you, that it is not needful for this whole company of mine elders, to be moving swiftly upon the waters, whilst the inhabitants on either side are perishing in unbelief: 4 nevertheless, I suffered it that ye might bear record: behold there are many dangers upon the waters and more especially hereafter, 5 for I the Lord have decreed, in mine anger, many destructions upon the waters; yea, and especially upon these waters; 6 nevertheless, all flesh is in mine hand, and he that is faithful among you, shall not perish by the waters.

7 Wherefore it is expedient that my servant Sidney Gilbert, and my servant William W. Phelps, be in haste upon their errand and mission: 8 nevertheless I would not suffer that ye should part until you are chastened for all your sins, that you might be one; that you might not perish in wickedness; 9 but now verily I say, it behooveth me that ye should part: wherefore let my servants Sidney Gilbert and William W. Phelps, take

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<sup>441</sup> The original does not include "of the wicked." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>442</sup> The original does not include "Behold." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>443</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "on the Bank of the River Destruction (or Missouri) unfolding some mysteries &c."

their former company, and let them take their journey in haste that they may fill their mission, and through faith they shall overcome; 10 and inasmuch as they are faithful, they shall be preserved, and I the Lord will be with them. 11 And let the residue take that which is needful for clothing. 12 Let my servant Sidney Gilbert take that which is not needful with him, as you shall agree. 13 And now behold, for your good I gave unto you a commandment concerning these things; and I the Lord will reason with you as with men in days of old.

14 Behold I the Lord in the beginning, blessed the waters, but in the last days by the mouth of my servant John, I cursed the waters: 15 wherefore, the days will come that no flesh shall be safe upon the waters, 16 and it shall be said in days to come, that none is able to go up to the land of Zion, upon the waters, but he that is upright in heart. 17 And, as I the Lord in the beginning cursed the land, even so in the last days have I blessed it, in its time, for the use of my saints, that they may partake the fatness thereof. 18 And now I give unto you a commandment that what I say unto one I say unto all, that you shall forewarn your brethren concerning these waters, that they come not in journeying upon them, lest their faith fail and they are caught in her snares: 19 I the Lord have decreed, and the destroyer rideth upon the face thereof, and I revoke not the decree: 20 I the Lord was angry with you yesterday, but today mine anger is turned away. 21 Wherefore let those concerning whom I have spoken, that should take their journey in haste, again I say unto you, let them take their journey in haste, 22 and it mattereth not unto me, after a little, if it so be that they fill their mission, whether they go by water or by land: let this be as it is made known unto them according to their judgments *hereafter*<sup>444</sup>.

23 And now, concerning my servants Sidney Rigdon, and Joseph Smith, jr. and Oliver Cowdery, let them come not again upon the waters, save it be upon the canal, while journeying unto their homes, or in other words, they shall not come upon the waters to journey, save upon the canal. 24 Behold I the Lord have appointed a way for the journeying of my saints, and behold this is the way: that after they leave the canal, they shall journey by land, inasmuch as they are commanded to journey and go up unto the land of Zion; 25 and they shall do like unto the children of Israel, pitching their tents by the way.

26 And behold this commandment you shall give unto all your brethren: 27

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<sup>444</sup> The original does not include "hereafter." Joseph retained the change.

nevertheless unto whom it is given power to command the waters, unto him it is given by the Spirit to know all his ways: 28 wherefore let him do as the Spirit of the living God commandeth him, whether upon the land or upon the waters, as it remaineth with me to do hereafter; 29 and unto you it is given the course for the saints, or the way for the saints of the camp of the Lord, to journey. 30 And again, verily I say unto you, my servants Sidney Rigdon, and Joseph Smith, jr. and Oliver Cowdery, shall not open their mouths in the congregations of the wicked, until they arrive at Cincinnati; 31 and in that place they shall lift up their voices unto God against that people: yea, unto him whose anger is kindled against their wickedness; a people who are well nigh ripened for destruction; 32 and from thence let them journey for the congregations of their brethren, for their labors, even now, are wanted more abundantly among them, than among the congregations of the wicked.

33 And now concerning the residue, let them journey and declare the word among the congregations of the wicked, 34 inasmuch as it is given, and inasmuch as they do this they shall rid their garments, and they shall be spotless before me; 35 and let them journey together, or two by two, as seemeth them good, only let my servant Reynolds Cahoon, and my servant Samuel H. Smith, with whom I am well pleased, be not separated until they return to their homes, and this for a wise purpose in me.— 36 And now verily I say unto you, and what I say unto one I say unto all, be of good cheer little children, for I am in your midst, and I have not forsaken you, 37 and inasmuch as you have humbled yourselves before me, the blessings of the kingdom are yours. 38 Gird up your loins and be watchful, and be sober, looking forth for the coming of the Son of man, *for he cometh*<sup>445</sup> in an hour you think not. 39 Pray always that you enter not into temptation, that you may abide the day of his coming, whether in life or in death; even so: Amen.

## 62

*Revelation given*<sup>446</sup> *August, 1831.*  
*Canonized in 1833.*

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<sup>445</sup> The original does not include "for he cometh." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>446</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "at a meeting of some of the Elders which had not yet arrived at their Journeys end &c."

1 Behold and hearken, O ye elders of my church, saith the Lord your God; even Jesus Christ, your advocate who knoweth the weakness of man and how to succor them who are tempted: 2 and verily mine eyes are upon those who have not as yet gone up unto the land of Zion: wherefore your mission is not yet full: 3 nevertheless ye are blessed, for the testimony which ye have borne is recorded in heaven for the angels to look upon, and they rejoice over you; and your sins are forgiven you.

4 And now continue your journey. Assemble yourselves upon the land of Zion, and hold a meeting and rejoice together, and offer a sacrament unto the Most High; 5 and then you may return to bear record; yea, even all together, or two by two, as seemeth you good; it mattereth not unto me, only be faithful, and declare glad tidings unto the inhabitants of the earth, or among the congregations of the wicked. 6 Behold I the Lord have brought you together that the promise might be fulfilled, that the faithful among you should be preserved and rejoice together in the land of Missouri. I the Lord promised the faithful and cannot lie.

7 I the Lord am willing, if any among you desireth to ride upon horses, or upon mules, or in chariots, he shall receive this blessing, if he receive it from the hand of the Lord, with a thankful heart in all things. 8 These things remain with you to do according to judgment and the directions of the Spirit. 9 Behold the kingdom is yours. And behold, and lo I am with the faithful always; even so: Amen.

## 63

*Revelation given in Kirtland, August, 1831.  
Canonized in 1833*

1 Hearken, O ye people, and open your hearts, and give ear from afar: and listen, you that call yourselves the people of the Lord, and hear the word of the Lord, and his will concerning you: 2 yea, verily, I say, hear the word of him whose anger is kindled against the wicked and rebellious; 3 who willeth to take even them whom he will take, and preserveth in life them whom he will preserve: 4 who buildeth up at his own will and pleasure; and destroyeth when he please; and is able to cast the soul down to hell.

5 Behold I the Lord utter my voice, and it shall be obeyed. 6 Wherefore

verily I say, let the wicked take heed, and let the rebellious fear and tremble. And let the unbelieving hold their lips, for the day of wrath shall come upon them as a whirlwind, and all flesh shall know that I am God. 7 And he that seeketh signs shall see signs, but not unto salvation.

8 Verily I say unto you, there are those among you who seek signs: and there have been such even from the beginning. 9 But behold, faith cometh not by signs, but signs follow those that believe. 10 Yea, signs cometh by faith, not by the will of men, nor as they please, but by the will of God. 11 Yea, signs cometh by faith, unto mighty works, for without faith no man pleaseth God: and with whom God is angry he is not well pleased: wherefore, unto such he showeth no signs, only in wrath *unto their* condemnation.

12 Wherefore I the Lord am not pleased with those among you, who have sought after signs and wonders for<sup>447</sup> faith, and not for the good of men unto my glory: 13 nevertheless, I give<sup>448</sup> commandments and many have turned away from my commandments, and have not kept them. 14 There were among you adulterers and adulteresses; some of whom have turned away from you, and others remain with you: that hereafter shall be revealed. 15 Let such beware and repent speedily, lest judgments shall come upon them as a snare, and their folly shall be made manifest, and their works shall follow them in the eyes of the people.

16 And verily I say unto you, as I have said before, he that looketh on a woman to lust after her, or if any shall commit adultery in their hearts, they shall not have the Spirit, but shall deny the faith and shall fear: 17 wherefore I the Lord have said that the fearful, and the unbelieving, and all liars, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie, and the whoremonger, and the sorcerer, shall have their part in that lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. 18 Verily I say, that they shall not have part in the first resurrection.

19 And now behold, I the Lord saith unto you, that ye are not justified because these things are among you, 20 nevertheless he that endureth in faith and doth my will, the same shall overcome, and shall receive an inheritance upon the earth, when the day of transfiguration shall come; 21 when the earth shall be tranfigured, even according to the pattern which

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<sup>447</sup> The original added "and not for faith." Joseph retained the deletion.

<sup>448</sup> The original "gave" was changed to "give." Joseph retained the change.

was shown unto mine apostles upon the mount: of which account the fulness ye have not yet received.

22 And now, verily I say unto you, that as I said that I would make *known my will*<sup>449</sup> unto you, *behold I will make it known unto you*<sup>450</sup>, not by the way of commandment, for there are many who observe not to keep my commandments, 23 but unto him that keepeth my commandments, I will give the mysteries of my kingdom, and the same shall be in him a well of living water, springing up unto everlasting life.

24 And now, behold this is the will of the Lord your God concerning his saints, that they should assemble themselves together unto the land of Zion, not in haste, lest there should be confusion, which bringeth pestilence. 25 Behold the land of Zion, I the Lord holdeth it in mine own hands: 26 nevertheless, I the Lord rendereth unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's: 27 wherefore I the Lord willeth, that you should purchase the lands, that you may have advantage of the world, that you may have claim on the world, that they may not be stirred up unto anger: 28 for satan putteth it into their hearts to anger *against you*<sup>451</sup>, and to the shedding of blood: 29 wherefore the land of Zion shall not be obtained but by purchase, or by blood, otherwise there is none inheritance for you. 30 And if by purchase behold you are blessed: 31 and if by blood, as you are forbidden to shed blood, lo, your enemies are upon you, and ye shall be scourged from city to city, and from synagogue to synagogue, and but few shall stand to receive an inheritance.

32 I the Lord am angry with the wicked; I am holding my Spirit from the inhabitants of the earth. 33 I have sworn in my wrath and decreed wars upon the face of the earth, and the wicked shall slay the wicked, and fear shall come upon every man, 34 and the saints also shall hardly escape: nevertheless, I the Lord am with them, and will come down in heaven from the presence of *my Father*<sup>452</sup>, and consume the wicked with unquenchable fire. 35 And behold this is not yet, but by and by: 36 wherefore seeing that I

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<sup>449</sup> The original "it known" was changed to "known my will." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>450</sup> The original does not include "behold I will make it known unto you."

<sup>451</sup> The original does not include "against you." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>452</sup> The original "god" was changed to "my Father." Joseph retained the change.

the Lord have decreed all these things upon the face of the earth, I willeth that my saints should be assembled upon the land of Zion; 37 and that every man should take righteousness in his hands and faithfulness upon his loins, and lift a warning voice unto the inhabitants of the earth; and declare both by word and by flight, that desolation shall come upon the wicked. 38 Wherefore let my disciples in Kirtland arrange their temporal concerns, which dwell upon this farm.

39 Let my servant Titus Billings, who has the care thereof, dispose of the land, that he may be prepared in the coming spring, to take his journey up unto the land of Zion, with those that dwell upon the face thereof, excepting those whom I shall reserve unto myself, that shall not go until I shall command them. 40 And let all the monies which can be spared, it mattereth not unto me whether it be little or much, sent up unto the land of Zion, unto them whom I have appointed to receive.

41 Behold I the Lord will give unto my servant Joseph Smith, jr. power that he shall be enabled to discern by the Spirit those who shall go up unto the land of Zion, and those of my disciples who shall tarry.

42 Let my servant Newel K. Whitney retain his store, or, in other words, *the*<sup>453</sup> store yet for a little season. 43 Nevertheless let him impart all the money which he can impart, to be sent up unto the land of Zion. 44 Behold these things are in his own hands, let him do according to wisdom. 45 Verily I say, let him be ordained as an agent unto the disciples that shall tarry, and let him be ordained unto this power; 46 and now speedily visit the churches, expounding these things unto them, with my servant Oliver Cowdery. Behold this is my will, obtaining monies even as I have directed.

47 He that is faithful and endureth shall overcome the world. 48 He that sendeth up treasures unto the land of Zion, shall receive an inheritance in this world, and his works shall follow him; and also a reward in the world to come; 49 yea, and blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, when the Lord shall come, and old things shall pass away, and all things become new, they shall rise from the dead and shall not die *after*<sup>454</sup>, and shall receive an inheritance before the Lord, in the holy city, 50 and he that liveth when the Lord shall come, and have kept the

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<sup>453</sup> The original "his" was changed to "the." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>454</sup> The original does not include "after." Joseph retained the change.

faith, blessed is he; nevertheless it is appointed to him to die at the age of man: 51 wherefore children shall grow up until they become old, old men shall die; but they shall not sleep in the dust, but they shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye: 52 wherefore, for this cause preached the apostles unto the world the resurrection of the dead: 53 these things are the things that ye must look for, and speaking after the manner of the Lord, they are now nigh at hand; and in a time to come, even in the day of the coming of the Son of man, 54 and until that hour there will be foolish virgins among the wise, and at that hour cometh an entire separation of the righteous and the wicked; and in that day will I send mine angels, to pluck out the wicked, and cast them into unquenchable fire.

55 And now behold, verily I say unto you, I the Lord am not pleased with my servant Sidney Rigdon, he exalted himself in his heart, and received not counsel, but grieved the Spirit: 56 wherefore his writing is not acceptable unto the Lord, and he shall make another; and if the Lord receive it not, behold he standeth no longer in the office which I have appointed him.

57 And again, verily I say unto you, those who desire in their hearts, in meekness, to warn sinners to repentance, let them be ordained unto this power: 58 for this is a day of warning, and not a day of many words. For I the Lord am not to be mocked in the last days. 59 Behold I am from above, and my power lieth beneath. I am over all, and in all, *and through all*<sup>455</sup>, and searcheth all things: and the *day*<sup>456</sup> cometh that all things shall be subject unto me. 60 Behold I am Alpha and Omega, even Jesus Christ. 61 Wherefore let all men beware how they take my name in their lips: 62 for behold verily I say, that many there be who are under this condemnation; who useth the name of the Lord, and useth it in vain, having not authority. 63 Wherefore let the church repent *of their sins*<sup>457</sup>, and I the Lord will own them, otherwise they shall be cut off.

64 Remember that, that which cometh from above, is sacred, and must be spoken with care, and by constraint of the Spirit, and in this there is no condemnation; and ye receive the Spirit through prayer: wherefore without this there remaineth condemnation: 65 Let my servant Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon, seek them a home as they are taught through prayer,

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<sup>455</sup> The original does not say "and through all." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>456</sup> The original "days" was changed to "day." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>457</sup> The original does not include "of their sins." Joseph retained the change.

by the Spirit. 66 These things remain to overcome, through patience, that such may receive a more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; otherwise, a greater condemnation: Amen.

## 64

*Revelation given in Kirtland, September, 1831.  
Canonized in 1833.*

1 Behold, thus saith the Lord your God unto you, O ye elders of my church, hearken ye, and hear, and receive my will concerning you: 2 for verily I say unto you, I will that ye should overcome the world: wherefore I will have compassion upon you. 3 There are those among you who have sinned; but verily I say, for this once, for mine own glory, and for the salvation of souls, I have forgiven you your sins.

4 I will be merciful unto you, for I have given unto you the kingdom: 5 and the keys of the mysteries of the kingdom, shall not be taken from my servant Joseph Smith, jr. *through the means I have appointed*, <sup>458</sup>while he liveth, inasmuch as he obeyeth mine ordinances.— 6 There are those who have sought occasion against him without cause; 7 nevertheless he has sinned, but verily I say unto you, I the Lord forgiveth sins unto those who confess their sins before me, and ask forgiveness, who have not sinned unto death. 8 My disciples, in days of old, sought occasion against one another, and forgave not one another in their hearts, and for this evil they were afflicted, and sorely chastened: 9 wherefore I say unto you, that ye ought to forgive one another, for he that forgiveth not his brother his tresspasses, standeth condemned before the Lord, for their remaineth in him the greater sin. 10 I the Lord will forgive whom I will forgive, but of you it is required to forgive all men; 11 and ye ought to say in your hearts, let God judge between me and thee, and reward thee according to thy deeds. 12 And he that repenteth not of his sins, and confesseth them not, then ye shall bring him before the church, and do with him as the Scriptures saith unto you, either by commandment, or by revelation. 13 And this ye shall do that God might be glorified, not because ye forgive not, having not compassion, but that ye may be justified in the eyes of the law, that ye may

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<sup>458</sup> The original does not include "through the means I have appointed." Joseph retained the addition.

not offend him who is your Lawgiver.

14 Verily I say, for this cause ye shall do these things. 15 Behold I the Lord was angry with him who was my servant Ezra Booth: and also, my servant Isaac Morley; for they kept not the law, neither the commandments; 16 they sought evil in their hearts, and I the Lord withheld my spirit. They condemned for evil, that thing in which there was no evil; nevertheless I have forgiven my servant Isaac Morley. 17 And also my servant Edward Partridge, behold he hath sinned, and satan seeketh to destroy his soul; but when these things are made known unto them, they repent of the evil, and they shall be forgiven.

18 And now verily I say, that it is expedient in me that my servant Sidney Gilbert, after a few weeks, should return upon his business, and to his agency in the land of Zion; 19 and that which he hath seen and heard may be made known unto my disciples, that they perish not. And for this cause have I spoken these things. 20 And again, I say unto you, that my servant Isaac Morley may not be tempted above that which he is able to bear, and counsel wrongfully to your hurt, I gave commandment that his farm should be sold. 21 I willeth not that my servant Frederick G. Williams should sell his farm, for I the Lord willeth to retain a strong hold in the land of Kirtland, for the space of five years, in the which I will not overthrow the wicked, that thereby I may save some; 22 and after that day, I the Lord will not hold any guilty, that shall go, with an open heart, up to the land of Zion: for I the Lord requireth the hearts of the children of men.

23 Behold now it is called today, (*until the coming of the Son of man*<sup>459</sup>) and verily it is a day of sacrifice, and a day for the tithing of my people; for he that is tithed shall not be burned (*at his coming*<sup>460</sup>;) 24 for after today cometh the burning: this is speaking after the manner of the Lord; for verily I say, tomorrow all the proud and they that do wickedly shall be as stubble: and I will burn them up, for<sup>461</sup> I am the Lord of hosts; and I will not spare any that remaineth in Babylon. 25 Wherefore, if ye believe me, ye will labor while it is called today. 26 And it is not meet that my servants, Newel K. Whitney and Sidney Gilbert should sell their store, and their possessions

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<sup>459</sup> The original does not include "until the coming of the Son of man." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>460</sup> The original does not include "at his coming." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>461</sup> The original added "saith the Lord" before "for I am the Lord of hosts." Joseph retained the deletion.

here, for this is not wisdom until the residue of the church, which remaineth in this place, shall go up unto the land of Zion.

27 Behold it is said in my laws, or forbidden, to get in debt to thine enemies; 28 but behold it is not said at any time, that the Lord should not take when he please, and pay as seemeth him good: 29 wherefore as ye are agents, and ye are on the Lord's errand; and whatever ye do according to the will of the Lord, is the Lord's business, 30 and *he hath set you*<sup>462</sup> to provide for his saints in these last days, that they may obtain an inheritance in the land of Zion; 31 and behold I the Lord declare unto you, and my words are sure and shall not fail, that they shall obtain it; 32 but all things must come to pass in their time; 33 wherefore be not weary in well doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work. And out of small things proceedeth that which is great.

34 Behold the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind; and the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land of Zion in these last days; 35 and the rebellious shall be cut off out of the land of Zion, and shall be sent away and shall not inherit the land: 36 for verily I say that the rebellious are not of the blood of Ephraim, wherefore they shall be plucked out. 37 Behold I the Lord have made my church in these last days, like unto a judge sitting on an hill, or in an high place, to judge the nations: 38 for it shall come to pass, that the inhabitants of Zion shall judge all things *pertaining to Zion*<sup>463</sup>: 39 and<sup>464</sup> liars, and hypocrites shall be proved by them, and they who are not apostles *and prophets*<sup>465</sup> shall be known.

40 And even the *bishop, who is a*<sup>466</sup> judge, and his councillors, if they are not faithful in their stewardships, shall be condemned, and others shall be planted in their stead: 41 for behold I say unto you that Zion shall flourish, and the glory of the Lord shall be upon her, 42 and she shall be an ensign

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<sup>462</sup> The original "and it is the Lords business" was changed to "and he hath set you." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>463</sup> The original does not include "pertaining to Zion." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>464</sup> The original read "and all liars." Joseph retained the deletion.

<sup>465</sup> The original does not include "and prophets." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>466</sup> The original does not include "bishop, who is a." Joseph retained the change.

unto the people: and *there*<sup>467</sup> shall come unto her out of every nation under heaven. 43 And the *day*<sup>468</sup> shall come, when the nations of the earth shall tremble because of her, and shall fear because of her terrible ones: the Lord hath spoken it: Amen.

## 65

*Revelation on prayer, given October 1831.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Hearken, and lo, a voice as of one from on high, who is mighty and powerful, whose going forth is unto the ends of the earth; yea, whose voice is unto men, Prepare ye the way of the Lord make his paths straight. 2 The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth, and from thence shall the gospel roll forth unto the ends of the earth, as the stone which is *cut out of*<sup>469</sup> the mountain without hands shall roll forth, until it has filled the whole earth; 3 yea, a voice crying, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, prepare ye the supper of the Lamb, make ready for the bridegroom; 4 pray unto the Lord; call upon his holy name; make known his wonderful works among the people, 5 call upon the Lord, that his kingdom may go forth upon the earth; that the inhabitants thereof may receive it, and be prepared for the days to come, in the which the Son of man shall come down in heaven, clothed in the brightness of his glory, to meet the kingdom of God which is set up on the earth: 26 wherefore, may the kingdom of God go forth, that the kingdom of heaven may come, that thou O God may be glorified in heaven, so on earth, that thy enemies may be subdued; for thine is the honor, power and glory, forever and ever: Amen.

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<sup>467</sup> The original "these" was replaced with "there." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>468</sup> The original "days" was changed to the singular. The change was retained by Joseph.

<sup>469</sup> The original "hewn from" was changed to "cut out of." Joseph retained the change.

*Revelation given October 1831.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Behold, thus saith the Lord, unto my servant, William E. McLellin, blessed are you, inasmuch as you have turned away from your iniquities, and have received my truths, saith the Lord your Redeemer, the Savior of the world, even of as many as believe on my name. 2 Verily I say unto you, blessed are you for receiving mine everlasting covenant, even the fulness of my gospel, sent forth unto the children of men, that they might have life, and be made partakers of the glories, which are to be revealed in the last days, as it was written by the prophets and apostles in days of old.

3 Verily I say unto you, my servant William, that you are clean, but not all; repent therefore of those things which are not pleasing in my sight, saith the Lord, for the Lord will show them unto you. 4 And now verily I the Lord will show unto you what I will concerning you, or what is my will concerning you, 5 behold, verily I say unto you, that it is my will that you should proclaim my gospel from land to land, and from city to city; yea, in those regions round about where it has not been proclaimed.

6 Tarry not many days in this place: go not up unto the land of Zion, as yet; but inasmuch as you can send, send; otherwise think not of thy property. 7 Go unto the eastern lands; bear testimony in every place, unto every people, and in their synagogues; reasoning with the people.

8 Let my servant, Samuel H. Smith go with you, and forsake him not, and give him thine instructions: and he that is faithful shall be made strong in every place, and I the Lord will go with you.

9 Lay your hands upon the sick and they shall recover. Return not till I the Lord shall send you. Be patient in affliction. Ask and ye shall receive. Knock and it shall be opened unto you. 10 Seek not to be cumbered. — Forsake all unrighteousness. Commit not adultery, a temptation with which thou hast been troubled. 11 Keep these sayings *for they are* <sup>470</sup> true and faithful, and thou shalt magnify thine office, and push many people to Zion, with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads. 12 Continue in these things, even unto the end. and you shall have a crown of eternal life at the right hand of my Father, who is full of grace and truth. 13 Verily thus saith

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<sup>470</sup> The original did not include “for they are.” Joseph retained the change.

the Lord your God, your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ: Amen.

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*Revelation given 2 November 1831.  
Canonized 1835.*

1 Behold, and hearken, O ye elders of my church, who have assembled yourselves together, whose prayers I have heard, and whose hearts I know, and whose desires have come up before me. 2 Behold and lo, mine eyes are upon you; and the heavens and the earth are in mine hands, and the riches of eternity are mine to give. 3 Ye endeavored to believe that ye should receive the blessing which was offered unto you, but behold, verily I say unto you, there were fears in your hearts; and verily this is the reason that ye did not receive.

4 And now I the Lord give unto you a testimony of the truth of these commandments which are lying before you: 5 your eyes have been upon my servant Joseph Smith, jr.: and his language you have known; and his imperfections you have known; and you have sought in your hearts knowledge, that you might express beyond his language: this you also know: 6 now seek ye out of the book of commandments, even the least that is among them, and appoint him that is the most wise among you; 7 or if there be any among you, that shall make one like unto it, then ye are justified in saying that ye do not know that *they are*<sup>471</sup> true; 8 but if ye cannot make one like unto it, ye are under condemnation if ye do not bear record that *they are*<sup>472</sup> true: 9 for ye know that there is no unrighteousness in them; and that which is righteous cometh down from above, from the Father of lights.

10 And again, verily I say unto you, that it is your privilege, and a promise I give unto you that have been ordained unto this ministry, that inasmuch as you strip yourselves from jealousies and fears, and humble yourselves before me, for ye are not sufficiently humble, the veil shall be rent and you shall see me and know that I am; not with the carnal, neither natural

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<sup>471</sup> The original "is" was changed to "they are." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>472</sup> The original "it is" was changed to "they are." Joseph retained the change.

*mind*<sup>473</sup>, but with the spiritual; 11 for no man has seen God at any time in the flesh, except quickened by the Spirit of God: 12 neither can any natural man abide the presence of God; neither after the carnal mind; 13 ye are not able to abide the presence of God now, neither the ministering of angels: wherefore continue in patience until ye are perfected.

14 Let not your minds turn back; and when ye are worthy, in mine own due time, ye shall see and know that which was conferred upon you by the hands of my servant Joseph Smith, jr. Amen.

## 68

*Revelation given 1 November 1831 to Orson Hyde, Luke Johnson, Lyman Johnson and William E. McLellin. The mind and will of the Lord, as made known by the voice of the Spirit, to a conference concerning certain elders<sup>474</sup>; and also certain items, as made known, in addition to the covenants and commandments. Canonized in 1835.*

1 My servant, Orson Hyde, was called, by his ordinance, to proclaim the everlasting gospel, by the Spirit of the living God, from people to people, and from land to land, in the congregations of the wicked, in their synagogues, reasoning with, and expounding all Scriptures unto them: 2 and behold and lo, this is an ensample unto all those who were ordained unto this priesthood, whose mission is appointed unto them to go forth: 3 and this is the ensample unto them, that they shall speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Ghost; 4 and whatsoever they shall speak when moved upon by the Holy Ghost, shall be scripture; shall be the will of the Lord; shall be the mind of the Lord; *shall be the word of the Lord*<sup>475</sup>; shall be the

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<sup>473</sup> The original does not include "mind." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>474</sup> An earlier manuscript added: "who requested of the Lord to know his will concerning them & also certain items as made known in addition to the Laws & commandments which had been given to the church firstly." This was directly followed by the revelation.

<sup>475</sup> The original did not include "shall be the word of the Lord." Joseph retained the addition.

voice of the Lord, and *the*<sup>476</sup> power of God unto salvation; 5 behold this is the promise of the Lord unto you, O ye my servants: 6 wherefore, be of good cheer, and do not fear, for I the Lord am with you, and will stand by you; and ye shall bear record of me even Jesus Christ, that I am the Son of *the living*<sup>477</sup> God; that I was; that I am; and that I am to come. 7 This is the word of the Lord unto you my servant, Orson Hyde; and also unto my servant, Luke Johnson, and unto my servant, Lyman Johnson, and unto my servant, William E. McLellin; and unto all the faithful elders of my church: 8 Go ye into all the world; preach the gospel to every creature; acting in the authority which I have given you; baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 9 and he that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned; 10 and he that believeth shall be blessed with signs following, even as it is written: 11 and unto you it shall be given to know the signs of the times, and the signs of the coming of the Son of man; 12 and of as many as the Father shall bear record, to you it shall be given *power*<sup>478</sup> to seal them up unto eternal life. Amen.

13 And now concerning the items in addition to the *covenants*<sup>479</sup> and commandments, they are these: 14 There remaineth hereafter in the due time of the Lord, other bishops to be set apart unto the church to minister even according to the first: 15 wherefore *they shall*<sup>480</sup> be high priests who are worthy, and *they shall be appointed by the first presidency of the Melchizedek priesthood*<sup>481</sup>, *except they be literal descendants of Aaron*, 16 *and if they be literal descendants of Aaron, they have a legal right to the bishopric, if they are the first born among the sons of Aaron*: 17 *for the first born holds the right of the presidency*

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<sup>476</sup> The original "shall be the" was shortened to "the." Joseph retained the deletion.

<sup>477</sup> The original does not include "the living." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>478</sup> The original does not include "power." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>479</sup> The original "Laws" was changed to "covenants." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>480</sup> Throughout this description, singular nouns and verbs are changed to plural. Joseph retained the changes.

<sup>481</sup> The original "a conference of high priests" was changed to "the first presidency of the Melchizedek priesthood." Joseph retained the change. The rest of the verse through verse 21 are not in the original revelation. Joseph retained the changes.

over this priesthood, and the keys or authority of the same. 18 No man has a legal right to this office, to hold the keys of this priesthood, except he be a literal descendant and the first born of Aaron: 19 but as a high priest of the Melchizedek priesthood, has authority to officiate in all the lesser offices, he may officiate in the office of bishop when no literal descendant of Aaron can be found; provided he is called and set apart, and ordained unto this power under the hands of the first presidency of the Melchizedek priesthood. 20 And a literal descendant of Aaron, also, must be designated by this presidency, and found worthy, and anointed, and ordained under the hands of this presidency, otherwise they are not legally authorized to officiate in their priesthood: 21 but by virtue of the decree concerning their right of the priesthood descending from father to son, they may claim their anointing, if at any time they can prove their lineage, or do ascertain it by revelation from the Lord under the hands of the above named presidency.

22 And again, no bishop or *high priest*<sup>482</sup>, who shall be set apart for this ministry, shall be tried or condemned for any crime save it be before *the first presidency of the church*<sup>483</sup>; 23 and inasmuch as he is found guilty before *this presidency*<sup>484</sup>, by testimony that cannot be impeached, he shall be condemned, 24 *and if he repents he shall be*<sup>485</sup> forgiven, according to the *covenants and commandments*<sup>486</sup> of the church.

25 And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, *or in any of her stakes which are organized*<sup>487</sup>, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance; faith in Christ the Son of the living God; and of baptism and

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<sup>482</sup> The original "judge" was changed to "high priest." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>483</sup> The original "a conference of high priests" was changed to "the first presidency of the church." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>484</sup> The original "a conference of high priests" was changed to "this presidency." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>485</sup> The original "or" was changed to "and if he repents he shall be." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>486</sup> The original "Laws" was changed to "covenants and commandments." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>487</sup> The original does not include "or in any of her stakes which are organized." Joseph retained the addition.

the gift of the Holy *Ghost*<sup>488</sup> by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the head of the parents, 26 for this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion, *or in any of their stakes which are organized*<sup>489</sup>: 27 and their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands: 28 and they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord. 29 And the inhabitants of Zion shall also observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy. 30 And the inhabitants of Zion, also, shall remember their labors, inasmuch as they are appointed to labor, in all faithfulness, for the idler shall be had in remembrance before the Lord. 31 Now I the Lord am not well pleased with the inhabitants of Zion, for there are idlers among them; and their children are also growing up in wickedness: They also seek not earnestly the riches of eternity, but their eyes are full of greediness. 32 These things ought not to be, and must be done away from among them: wherefore let my servant Oliver Cowdery, carry these sayings unto the land of Zion. 33 And a commandment I give unto them, that he that observeth not his prayers before the Lord in the season thereof, let him be had in remembrance before the judge of my people. 34 These sayings are true and faithful: wherefore transgress them not, neither take therefrom. 35 Behold I am Alpha and Omega, and I come quickly:— Amen.

## 69

*Revelation given November 1831.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Hearken unto me, saith the Lord *your God, for*<sup>490</sup> my servant Oliver Cowdery's sake, it is not wisdom in me that he should be entrusted with the commandments and the moneys which he shall carry unto the land of Zion, except one go with him who will be true and faithful: 2 wherefore I the Lord willeth that my servant John Whitmer, should go with my

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<sup>488</sup> The original "Holy Spirit" was changed to "Holy Ghost." Joseph retained the change. The opposite change is made multiple times in D&C 76.

<sup>489</sup> The original does not include "or in any of their stakes which are organized." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>490</sup> The original "for verily I say unto you for" was changed to "your God, for." Joseph retained the change.

servant Oliver Cowdery. 3 And also that he shall continue in writing and making a history of all the important things which he shall observe and know, concerning my church, 4 and also that he receive counsel and assistance from my servant Oliver Cowdery, and others.

5 And also, my *servants*<sup>491</sup> who are abroad in the earth, should send forth the accounts *of their stewardships*<sup>492</sup> to the land of Zion; 6 for the land of Zion shall be a seat and a place to receive and do all these things; 7 nevertheless, let my servant John Whitmer travel many times from place to place, and from church to church, that he may the more easily obtain knowledge: 8 preaching and expounding, writing, copying, selecting and obtaining all things which shall be for the good of the church, and for the rising generations, that shall grow up on the land of Zion, to possess it from generation to generation, forever, and ever: Amen.

## 70

*Revelation given November 1831.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Behold and hearken, O ye inhabitants of Zion, and all ye people of my church, who are far off, and hear the word of the Lord which I give unto my servant Joseph Smith, jr.: and also unto my servant Martin Harris; and also unto my servant Oliver Cowdery; and also unto my servant John Whitmer; and also unto my servant Sidney Rigdon; *and also unto my servant Wm. W. Phelps:* <sup>493</sup>by the way of commandment unto them, 2 for I give unto them a commandment: wherefore hearken and hear, for thus saith the Lord unto them, 3 I the Lord have appointed them, and ordained them to be stewards over the revelations, and commandments

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<sup>491</sup> The original "Saints" was changed to "servants." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>492</sup> The original does not include "of their stewardships." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>493</sup> The original does not include "and also unto my servant Wm. W. Phelps." His name was explicitly mentioned separately after the end of the revelation, but included the conclusory "even so, Amen" a second time as if to incorporate it into the revelation itself. Joseph retained the change.

which I have given unto them, and which I shall hereafter give unto them; 4 and an account of this stewardship will I require of them in the day of judgment: 5 wherefore I have appointed unto them, and this is their business in the church of God, to manage them and the concerns thereof; yea, the *benefits*<sup>494</sup> thereof:

6 Wherefore a commandment I give unto them, that they shall not give these things unto the church, neither unto the world, 7 nevertheless, inasmuch as they receive more than is *needful*<sup>495</sup> for their necessities, and their wants, it shall be given into my storehouse, 8 and the benefits shall be consecrated unto the inhabitants of Zion, and unto their generations, inasmuch as they become heirs according to the laws of the kingdom.

9 Behold this is what the Lord requires of every man in his stewardship; even as I the Lord have appointed, or shall hereafter appoint unto any man. 10 And behold none are exempt from this law who belong to the church of the living God; 11 yea, neither the bishop, neither the agent, who keepeth the Lord's storehouse; neither he who is appointed in a stewardship over temporal things: 12 He who is appointed to administer spiritual things, the same is worthy of his hire, even as those who are appointed to a stewardship, to administer in temporal things; 13 yea, even more abundantly, which abundance is multiplied unto them through the manifestations of the Spirit: 14 nevertheless, in your temporal things you shall be equal, and this not grudgingly, otherwise the abundance of the manifestations of the Spirit, shall be withheld.

15 Now this commandment I give unto my servants for their benefit while they remain, for a manifestation of my blessings upon their heads, and for a reward of their diligence; and for their security 16 for food and for raiment, for an inheritance; for their houses and for lands, in whatsoever circumstances I the Lord shall place them; and whithersoever I the Lord shall send them: 17 for they have been faithful over many things, and have done well inasmuch as they have not sinned. 18 Behold I the Lord am merciful and will bless them, and they shall enter into the joy of these things; even so: Amen.

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<sup>494</sup> The original "profits" was changed to "benefits." The word "benefits" shows up again in verse 8. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>495</sup> The original does not include "needful." Joseph retained the addition.

# 71

*Revelation given December 1831.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Behold, thus saith the Lord unto you my servants, Joseph Smith, jr. and Sidney Rigdon, that the time has verily come, that it is necessary and expedient in me that you should open your mouths in proclaiming my gospel, the things of the kingdom, expounding the mysteries thereof out of the scriptures, according to that portion of spirit and power, which shall be given unto you, even as I will.

2 Verily I say unto you, proclaim unto the world in the regions round about, and in the church also, for the space of a season, even until it shall be made known unto you. 3 Verily this is a mission for a season, which I give unto you, 4 wherefore, labor ye in my vineyard. Call upon the inhabitants of the earth, and bear record, and prepare the way for the commandments and revelations which are to come. 5 Now, behold this is wisdom; whoso readeth let him understand and receive also; 6 for unto him that receiveth it shall be given more abundantly, even power: 7 wherefore, confound your enemies; call upon them to meet you, both in public and in private; and inasmuch as ye are faithful their shame shall be made manifest. 8 Wherefore, let them bring forth their strong reasons against the Lord. 9 Verily thus saith the Lord unto you, there is no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; 10 and if any man lift his voice against you, he shall be confounded in mine own due time: 11 wherefore, keep my commandments: they are true and faithful, even so: Amen.

# 72

*Revelation given December 1831.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Hearken and listen to the voice of the Lord, O ye who have *assembled*<sup>496</sup>

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<sup>496</sup> The original "called" was changed to "assembled." Joseph retained the change.

yourselves together, who are the high priests of my church, to whom the kingdom and power has been given. 2 For verily thus saith the Lord, it is expedient in me, for a bishop to be appointed unto you, or of you unto the church in this part of the Lord's vineyard: 3 and verily in this thing ye have done wisely, for it is required of the Lord, at the hand of every steward, to render an account of his stewardship, both in time and in eternity. 4 For he who is faithful and wise in time, is accounted worthy to inherit the mansions prepared for them of my Father. 5 Verily I say unto you, the elders of the church in this part of my vineyard, shall render an account of their stewardship, unto the bishop which shall be appointed of me, in this part of my vineyard. 6 These things shall be had on record to be handed over unto the bishop in Zion; 7 and the duty of the bishop shall be made known by the commandments which have been given, and the voice of the *conference*<sup>497</sup>.

8 And now, *verily*<sup>498</sup> I say unto you, my servant Newel K. Whitney is the man who shall be appointed, and ordained unto this power: this is the will of the Lord your God your Redeemer; even so: Amen.

9 The<sup>499</sup> word of the Lord, in addition to the law which has been given, making known the duty of the bishop, which has been ordained unto the church in this part of the vineyard; which is verily this: 10 to keep the Lord's storehouse; to receive the funds of the church in this part of the vineyard; 11 to take an account of the elders as before has been commanded; and to administer to their wants, who shall pay for that which they receive, inasmuch as they have wherewith to pay; 12 that this also may be consecrated to the good of the church, to the poor and needy: 13 and he who hath not wherewith to pay, an account shall be taken and handed over to the bishop of Zion, who shall pay the debt out of that which the Lord shall put into his hands: 14 and the labors of the faithful who labor in spiritual things, in administering the gospel and the things of the kingdom, unto the church, and unto the world, shall answer the debt unto

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<sup>497</sup> The original "conferences" was changed to "conference." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>498</sup> The original does not include the word "verily." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>499</sup> Verses 9-23 were given separately on December 4, 1831. The original "The duty of the Bishop as made known at the same time" was deleted. Joseph retained the deletion.

the bishop in Zion: 15 thus it cometh out of the church, for according to the law every man that cometh up to Zion, must lay all things before the bishop in Zion.

16 And now, verily I say unto you, that as every elder in this part of the vineyard, must give an account of his stewardship unto the bishop in this part of the vineyard, 17 a certificate from the judge or bishop in this part of the vineyard, unto the bishop in Zion, rendereth every man acceptable, and answereth all things, for an inheritance, and to be received as a wise steward, and as a faithful laborer; 18 otherwise *he*<sup>500</sup> shall not be accepted<sup>501</sup> of the bishop in Zion. 19 And now, verily I say unto you, let every elder who shall give an account unto the bishop of the church, in this part of the vineyard, be recommended by the church, or churches, in which he labors, that he may render himself and his accounts approved in all things. 20 And again, let my servants who are appointed as stewards over the literary concerns of my church, have claim for assistance upon the bishop or bishops, in all things, 21 that the revelations may be published, and go forth unto the ends of the earth, 22 that they also may obtain funds which shall benefit the church, in all things; that they also may render themselves approved in all things and be accounted as wise stewards. 23 And now, behold this shall be an ensample for all the extensive branches of my church, in whatsoever land they shall be established. And now I make an end of my sayings: Amen.

24 A few words in addition<sup>502</sup> to the laws of the kingdom, respecting the members of the church; they that are appointed by the Holy Spirit to go up unto Zion; and they who are privileged to go up unto Zion. 25 Let them carry up unto the bishop a certificate from three elders of the church, or a certificate from the bishop, 26 otherwise he who shall go up unto the land of Zion, shall not be accounted as a wise steward. This is also an ensample: Amen.

## 73

*Revelation to Joseph Smith, jr., and Sidney Rigdon, January, 1832. The word of*

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<sup>500</sup> The original did not include "he." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>501</sup> The original "acceptable" was modified to "accepted." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>502</sup> Verses 24-26 were given as a separate revelation.

*the Lord unto them concerning the elders of the church of the living God, established in the last days, making known the will of the Lord unto the elders, what they shall do until conference.*

*Canonized in 1835.*

1 For verily thus saith the Lord, it is expedient in me, that they should continue preaching the gospel, and in exhortation to the churches, in the regions round about, until conference: 2 and then behold it shall be made known unto to them, by the voice of the conference, their several missions.

3 Now verily I say unto you, my servants Joseph Smith jr. and Sidney Rigdon, saith the Lord, it is expedient to translate again, 4 and inasmuch as it is practicable, to preach in the regions round about until conference, and after that it is expedient to continue the work of translation, until it be finished. 5 And let this be a pattern unto the elders until further knowledge, even as it is written. 6 Now I give no more unto you at this time. Gird up your loins and be sober; even so: Amen.

## 74

*Revelation given 1830. An explanation of the epistle to the first Corinthians, 7th chapter, 14th verse.*

*Canonized in 1835.*

1 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband, else were your children unclean, but now are they holy.

2 For in the days of the apostles the law of circumcision was had among all the Jews, who believed not the gospel of Jesus Christ. 3 And it came to pass that there arose a great contention among the people concerning the law of circumcision, for the unbelieving husband was desirous that his children should be circumcised and become subject to the law of Moses, which law was fulfilled.

4 And it came to pass that the children being brought up in subjection to the law of Moses, and give heed to the traditions of their fathers, and believed not the gospel of Christ, wherein they become unholy: 5

wherefore, for this cause the apostle wrote unto the church, giving unto them a commandment, not of the Lord but of himself, that a believer should not be united to an unbeliever except the law of Moses should be done away among them, 6 that their children might remain without circumcision; and that the tradition might be done away, which saith, that little children are unholy: for it was had among the Jews: 7 but little children are holy being sanctified through the atonement of Jesus Christ: and this is what the scriptures mean.

## 75

*Revelation given January 1832.  
Canonized in 1835*

1 Verily, verily I say unto you, I who speak even by the voice of my Spirit; even Alpha and Omega, your Lord and your God: 2 hearken, O ye who have given your names to go forth to proclaim my gospel, and to prune my vineyard. 3 Behold I say unto you, that it is my will that you should go forth and not tarry, neither be idle, but labor with your mights, 4 lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trump, proclaiming the truth according to the revelations and commandments which I have given you, 5 and thus if ye are faithful ye shall be laden with many sheaves, and crowned with honor, and glory, and immortality, and eternal life.

6 Therefore verily I say unto my servant William E. McLellin, I revoke the commission which I gave unto him, to go unto the eastern countries, 7 and I give unto him a new commission and a new commandment, in the which I the Lord chasteneth him for the murmurings of his heart; 8 and he sinned, nevertheless I forgive him and say unto him again, go ye into the south countries; 9 and let my servant Luke Johnson go with him and proclaim the things which I have commanded them, 10 calling on the name of the Lord for the Comforter, which shall teach them all things that are expedient for them, 11 praying always that they faint not and inasmuch as they do this, I will be with them even unto the end. 12 Behold this is the will of the Lord your God concerning you; even so: Amen.

13 And again<sup>503</sup>, verily thus saith the Lord, let my servant Orson Hyde and my servant Samuel H. Smith take their journey into the eastern countries, and proclaim the things which I have commanded them: and inasmuch as they are faithful, lo I will be with them even unto the end. 14 And again, verily I say unto my servant Lyman Johnson, and unto my servant Orson Pratt, they shall also take their journey into the eastern countries: and behold and lo, I am with them also even unto the end. 15 And again, I say unto my servant Asa Dodds and unto my servant Calves Wilson, that they also shall take their journey unto the western countries, and proclaim my gospel even as I have commanded them. 16 And he who is faithful shall overcome all things, and shall be lifted up at the last day. 17 And again, I say unto my servant Major N. Ashley and my servant Burr Riggs, let them take their journey also unto the south country<sup>504</sup>:— 18 yea, let all those take their journey as I have commanded them, going from house to house, and from village to village, and from city to city; 19 and in whatsoever house ye enter, and they receive you, leave your  *blessing*<sup>505</sup> upon that house; 20 and in whatsoever house ye enter, and they receive you not, ye shall depart speedily from that house, and shake off the dust of your feet as a testimony against them; 21 and you shall be filled with joy and gladness and know this, that in the day of judgment you shall be judges of that house, and condemn them; 22 and it shall be more tolerable for the heathen in the day of judgment, than for that house: therefore gird up your loins and be faithful and ye shall overcome all things and be lifted up at the last day; even so: Amen.

23 And again, thus saith the Lord unto you, O ye elders of my church, who have given your names that you might know his will concerning you; 24 behold I say unto you that it is the duty of the church to assist in supporting the families of those, and also to support the families of those who are called and must needs be sent unto the world to proclaim the gospel unto the world: 25 wherefore I the Lord give unto you this commandment, that ye obtain places for your families, inasmuch as your brethren are willing to open their hearts; 26 and let all such as can, obtain places for their families, and support of the church for them, not fail to go into the world; whether to the east, or to west, or to the north, or to the south, 27 let them ask and they shall receive; knock and it shall be opened

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<sup>503</sup> This is the beginning of a second revelation received at the same time and the same place.

<sup>504</sup> The original plural was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>505</sup> The original plural was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

unto them, and made known from on high, even by the Comforter, whither they shall go.

28 And again, verily I say unto you that every man who is obliged to provide for his own family, let him provide and he shall in no wise lose his *crown*<sup>506</sup>; and let him labor in the church. 29 Let every man be diligent in all things. And the idler shall not have place in the the church, except he repents and mends his ways.— 30 Wherefore let my servant Simeon Carter and my servant Emer Harris be united in the ministry. 31 And also my servant Ezra Thayer and my servant Thomas B. Marsh. 32 Also my servant Hyrum Smith and my servant Reynolds Cahoon; 33 and also my servant Daniel Stanton and my servant Seymour Brunson; 34 and also my servant Sylvester Smith and my servant Gideon Carter; 35 and also my servant Ruggles Eames and my servant Stephen Burnett; 36 and also my servant Micah B. Welton and also my servant Eden Smith; even so: Amen.

## 78

*Revelation given March 1832. The order given of the Lord to Enoch [Joseph Smith], for the purpose of establishing the poor.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 *The Lord spake unto Enoch, saying*<sup>507</sup>, Hearken unto me saith the Lord your God, who<sup>508</sup> are ordained unto the high priesthood of my church, who have assembled yourselves together, 2 and listen to the counsel of him who has ordained you, from on high, who shall speak in your ears the words of wisdom, that salvation may be unto you in that thing which you have presented before me, saith the Lord God: 3 for verily I say unto you, the time has come, and is now at hand, and behold, and lo, it must needs be that there be an organization of *my people, in regulating and establishing the*

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<sup>506</sup> The original "reward" was changed to "crown." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>507</sup> The original does not include "The Lord spake unto Enoch, saying." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>508</sup> The original "O ye who" was shortened to "who." Joseph retained the deletion.

*affairs of the storehouse for the poor of my people*,<sup>509</sup> both in this place and in the land of Zion, *or in other words, the city of Enoch*<sup>510</sup>, 4 for a permanent and everlasting establishment and order unto my church, to advance the cause which ye have espoused, to the salvation of man, and to the glory of your Father who is in heaven, 5 that you may be equal in the *bands*<sup>511</sup> of heavenly things; yea, and earthly things also, for the obtaining of heavenly things; 6 for if ye are not equal in earthly things, ye cannot be equal in obtaining heavenly things: 7 for if you will that I give unto you a place in the celestial *world*<sup>512</sup>, you must prepare yourselves by doing the things which I have commanded you and required of you.

8 And now, verily thus saith the Lord it is expedient that all things be done unto my glory, that ye should, who are joined together in this order: 9 or in other words, let my servant *Ahashdah*<sup>513</sup> [Newel K. Whitney], and my servant Gazelam [Joseph Smith], or Enoch, and my servant Pelagoram [Sidney Rigdon], sit in council with the saints which are in Zion; 10 otherwise satan seeketh to turn their hearts away from the truth, that they become blinded, and understand not the things which are prepared for them: 11 wherefore a commandment I give unto you, to prepare and organize yourselves by a bond or everlasting covenant that cannot be broken.

12 And he who breaketh it shall lose his office and standing in the church, and shall be delivered over to the buffetings of satan until the day of redemption. 13 Behold this is the preparation wherewith I prepare you, and the foundation, and the ensample, which I give unto you, whereby you may accomplish the commandments which are given you, 14 that through

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<sup>509</sup> The original "literary and the Mercantile establishments of my Church" was changed to "my people, in regulating and establishing the affairs of the storehouse for the poor of my people." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>510</sup> The original does not include "or in other words, the city of Enoch." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>511</sup> The original "bonds" was modified to "bands." Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>512</sup> The original manuscript had the word "kingdom" stricken and "world" written afterward.

<sup>513</sup> Original manuscripts did not include code names throughout this revelation.

*my providence,*<sup>514</sup> notwithstanding the tribulation which shall descend upon you, that the church may stand independent above all other creatures beneath the celestial world, 15 that you may come up unto the crown prepared for you, and be made rulers over many kingdoms, saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Zion<sup>515</sup>, *who hath established the foundations of Adam-ondi-Ahman; 16 who hath appointed Michael, your prince, and established his feet, and set him upon high; and given unto him the keys of salvation under the counsel and direction of the Holy One, who is without beginning of days or end of life.*

17 Verily, verily I say unto you, ye are little children, and ye have not as yet understood how great blessings the Father has *in*<sup>516</sup> his own hands, and prepared for you; 18 and ye cannot bear all things now, nevertheless be of good cheer, for I will lead you along: the kingdom is yours and the blessings thereof are yours; and the riches of eternity are yours: 19 and he who receiveth all things, with thankfulness, shall be made glorious, and the things of this *earth shall be added unto him*<sup>517</sup>, even an hundred fold, yea more: 20 wherefore do the things which I have commanded you, saith your Redeemer, even the Son Ahman [Jesus Christ], who prepareth all things before he *taketh you*; 21 *for ye are* the church of the first born, and *he will take*<sup>518</sup> you *up*<sup>519</sup> in the cloud, and appoint every man his portion. 22 And he that is a faithful and wise steward shall inherit all things: Amen.

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*Revelation given March 1832.  
Canonized in 1835.*

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<sup>514</sup> The original "the providences of your father" was shortened to "my providence." Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>515</sup> The original "Israel" was changed to "Zion, who hath established the foundations of Adam-ondi-Ahman" and the entirety of verse 16. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>516</sup> The original "put into" was changed to "in." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>517</sup> The original "world" was changed to "earth shall be added unto him." Joseph retained the correction.

<sup>518</sup> The original "cometh and then he will come even with the church of the firstborn and receive" was changed to "taketh you; for ye are the church of the first born, and he will take." Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>519</sup> The original does not include "up." Joseph retained the addition.

1 Verily I say unto you, that it is my will that my servant Jared Carter should go again into the eastern countries, from place to place, and from city to city, in the power of the ordination wherewith he has been ordained, proclaiming glad tidings of great joy, even the everlasting gospel, 2 and I will send upon him the Comforter which shall teach him the truth and the way whither he shall go; 3 and inasmuch as he is faithful I will crown him again with sheaves: 4 wherefore let your heart be glad my servant Jared Carter, and fear not saith your Lord, even Jesus Christ: Amen.

## 80

*Revelation given March 1832.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord, unto you my servant Stephen Burnett, go ye, go ye into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature that cometh under the sound of your voice, 2 and inasmuch as you desire a companion I will give unto you my servant Eden Smith: 3 wherefore go ye and preach my gospel, whether to the north, or to the south; to the east, or to the west, it mattereth not, for ye cannot go amiss: 4 therefore declare the things which ye have heard and verily believe, and know to be true. 5 Behold this is the will of him who hath called you, your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ: Amen.

## 81

*Revelation given<sup>520</sup> March 1832.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily, verily I say unto you my servant *Frederick G. Williams*<sup>521</sup>, listen to

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<sup>520</sup> The original manuscript added "given to Jesse Gause."

<sup>521</sup> The original "Jesse" was changed to "Frederick G. Williams" when it was first canonized in 1835. Joseph retained the change.

the voice of him who speaketh, to the word of the Lord your God, and hearken to the calling wherewith you are called, even to be a high priest in my church, and a counselor unto my servant Joseph Smith, jr. 2 unto whom I have given the keys of the kingdom, which belongeth always unto the presidency of the high priesthood: 3 therefore, verily I acknowledge him and will bless him, and also thee, inasmuch as thou art faithful in *council*<sup>522</sup>, in the office which I have appointed unto you, in prayer always vocally, and in thy heart, in public and in private; also in thy ministry in proclaiming the gospel in the land of the living, and among thy brethren: 4 and in doing these things thou wilt do the greatest good unto thy fellow-beings, and will promote the glory of him who is your Lord: 5 wherefore, be faithful, stand in the office which I have appointed unto you, succor the weak, lift up the hands which hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees: 6 and if thou art faithful unto the end thou shalt have a crown of immortality and eternal life in the mansions which I have prepared in the house of my Father.— 7 Behold, and lo, these are the words of Alpha and Omega, even Jesus Christ: Amen.

## 82

*Revelation given April 1832, showing the order given to Enoch and the church in his day.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily I say unto you, my servants, that inasmuch as you have forgiven one another your trespasses, even so I the Lord forgive you; 2 nevertheless there are those among you who have sinned exceedingly; yea, even all of you have sinned, but verily I say unto you, beware from henceforth and refrain from sin lest sore judgments fall upon your heads: 3 for unto whom much is given much is required; and he who sins against the greater light shall receive the greater condemnation. 4 Ye call upon my name for revelations, and I give them unto you; and inasmuch as ye keep not my sayings which I give unto you, ye become transgressors, and justice and

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<sup>522</sup> The original "counsel" was changed to "council." Joseph retained the change. This spelling issue is mostly resolved the other direction in other places of the D&C and is ignored at other times. This is one of the rare instances where both spellings could be correct.

judgment is the penalty which is affixed unto my law: 5 therefore, what I say unto one I say unto all, watch for the adversary spreadeth his dominions and darkness reigneth; 6 and the anger of God kindleth against the inhabitants of the earth; and none doeth good, for all have gone out of the way.

7 And now verily I say unto you, I the Lord will not lay any sin to your charge: go your ways and sin no more: but unto that soul who sinneth shall the former sins return, saith the Lord your God.

8 And again, I say unto you, I give unto you a new commandment, that you may understand my will concerning you, 9 or, in other words, I give unto you directions how you may act before me, that it may turn to you for your salvation. 10 I the Lord am bound when ye do what I say, but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise.

11 Therefore, verily I say unto you, that it is expedient for my servant<sup>523</sup> *Alam*<sup>524</sup> [Edward Partridge] and *Ahashdah* [Newel K. Whitney], *Mahalaleel* [Sidney Gilbert] and *Pelagoram* [Sidney Rigdon], and my servant *Gazelam* [Joseph Smith], and *Horah* [John Whitmer], and *Olihah* [Oliver Cowdery], and *Shalemanasseh* [William W. Phelps], and *Mehemson* [Martin Harris], be bound together by a bond and covenant that cannot be broken *by transgression except judgment shall immediately follow*<sup>525</sup>, in your several stewardships, 12 to manage *the affairs of the poor, and all things pertaining to*<sup>526</sup> the bishopric both in the land of Zion, and in the land of *Shinehah* [Kirtland], 13 for I have consecrated the land of *Shinehah* in mine own due time for the benefit of the saints of the Most High, and for a stake to Zion: 14 for Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness: her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened; yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments: 15 therefore I give unto you this commandment, that ye bind

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<sup>523</sup> The original plural was modified to singular. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>524</sup> As in previous sections, code names are not found in the original. Joseph retained the changes.

<sup>525</sup> The original does not include “by transgression except judgment shall immediately follow.” Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>526</sup> The original “the literary & Mercantile concerns and” was changed to “the affairs of the poor, and all things pertaining to.” Joseph retained the modification.

yourselves by this covenant, and it shall be done according to the laws of the *Lord*<sup>527</sup>. 16 Behold here is wisdom, also, in me, for your good. 17 And you are to be equal, or in other words, you are to have equal claims on the properties, for the benefit of managing the concerns of your stewardships, every man according to his wants and his needs, inasmuch as his wants are just; 18 and all this for the benefit of the church of the living God, that every man may improve upon his talent, that *every man*<sup>528</sup> may gain other talents; yea, even an hundred fold, to be cast into the Lord's storehouse, to become the common property of the whole church, 19 every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God.

20 This *order*<sup>529</sup> I have appointed to be an everlasting *order*<sup>530</sup> unto you and unto your successors, inasmuch as you sin not: 21 and the soul that sins against *this*<sup>531</sup> covenant, and hardeneth his heart against it, shall be dealt with according to the laws of my church, and shall be delivered over to the buffetings of satan until the day of redemption.

22 And now verily I say unto you, and this is wisdom, make unto yourselves friends with the mammon of unrighteousness, and they will not destroy you. 23 Leave judgment alone with me, for it is mine and I will repay. Peace be with you; my blessings continue with you, 24 for even yet the kingdom is yours, and shall be forever if you fall not from your steadfastness; even so: Amen.

## 83

*Revelation given April 1832.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily thus saith the Lord, in addition to the laws of the church concerning women and children, those who belong to the church,

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<sup>527</sup> The original "Land" was modified to "Lord." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>528</sup> The original "he" was changed to "every man." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>529</sup> The original "firm" was modified to "order." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>530</sup> The original "firm" was modified to "order." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>531</sup> The original "th" was modified to "this." Joseph retained the change.

who have lost their husbands or fathers: 2 women have claim on their husbands *for their maintainance*<sup>532</sup> until *their husbands*<sup>533</sup> are taken; and if they are not found transgressors *they shall have fellowship in the church*; 3 *and if they are not faithful, they shall not have fellowship in the church*; yet<sup>534</sup> they may remain upon their inheritances *according to the laws of the land*.<sup>535</sup>

4 All children have claim upon their parents *for their maintainance* <sup>536</sup>until they are of age; 5 and after that, they have claim upon the church; or, in other words upon the Lord's storehouse, *if their parents have not wherewith to give them*<sup>537</sup> inheritances. 6 *And the storehouse shall be kept by the consecrations of the church, and widows and orphans shall be provided for, as also the poor: Amen.*<sup>538</sup>

## 84

*Revelation given the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 1832.  
Canonized in 1835.*

### ON PRIESTHOOD.

1 A revelation of Jesus Christ unto his servant Joseph Smith, jr. and six elders, as they united their hearts and lifted their voices on high; 2 yea, the

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<sup>532</sup> The original does not include "for their maintenance." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>533</sup> The original "they" was replaced by "their husbands." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>534</sup> The original does not include "they shall have fellowship in the church; and if they are not faithful, they shall not have fellowship in the church; yet." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>535</sup> The original does not include "according to the laws of the land." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>536</sup> The original does not include "for their maintenance." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>537</sup> The original does not include "if their parents have not wherewith to give them." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>538</sup> The original does not include "And the storehouse shall be kept by the consecrations of the church, and widows and orphans shall be provided for, as also the poor: Amen."

word of the Lord concerning his church, established in the last days for the restoration of his people as he has spoken by the mouth of his prophets, and for the gathering of his saints to stand upon mount Zion, which shall be the city New Jerusalem; 3 which city shall be built, beginning at the Temple Lot, which is appointed by the finger of the Lord, in the western boundaries of the state of Missouri, and dedicated by the hand of Joseph Smith, jr. and others, with whom the Lord was well pleased.

4 Verily, this is the word of the Lord, that the city New Jerusalem shall be built by the gathering of the saints, beginning at this place, even the place of the temple, which temple shall be reared in this generation; 5 for verily, this generation shall not all pass away until an house shall be built unto the Lord and a cloud shall rest upon it, which cloud shall be even the glory of the Lord, which shall fill the house. 6 And the sons of Moses, according to the holy priesthood, which he received under the hand of his father-in-law, Jethro, 7 and Jethro received it under the hand of Caleb, 8 and Caleb received it under the hand of Elihu, 9 and Elihu under the hand of Jeremy, 10 and Jeremy under the hand of Gad, 11 and Gad under the hand of Esaias, 12 and Esaias received it under the hand of God; 13 Esaias also lived in the days of Abraham and was blessed of him, 14 which Abraham received the priesthood from Melchizedek, who received it through the lineage of his fathers, even till Noah; 15 and from Noah till Enoch, through the lineage of their fathers, 16 and from Enoch to Abel, who was slain by the conspiracy of his brother, who received the priesthood by the commandments<sup>539</sup> of God by the hand of his father Adam, who was the first man; 17 which priesthood continueth in the church of God in all generations, and is without beginning of days or end of years.

18 And the Lord confirmed a priesthood also upon Aaron and his seed throughout all *their generations*<sup>540</sup>, which priesthood also continueth and abideth forever, with the priesthood which is after the holiest order of God. 19 And this greater priesthood administereth the gospel and holdeth the key of the mysteries of the kingdom, even the key of the knowledge of God. 20 Therefore, in the ordinances thereof the power of godliness is manifest; 21 and without the ordinances thereof, and the authority of the priesthood, the power of Godliness is not manifest unto men in the flesh; 22 for

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<sup>539</sup> The original was changed to plural. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>540</sup> The original "the generations of the Jews" was changed to "their generations." Joseph retained the change.

without this no man can see the face of God, even the Father, and live.

23 Now this Moses plainly taught to the children of Israel in the wilderness, and sought diligently to sanctify his people that they might behold the face of God; 24 but they hardened their hearts and could not endure his presence, therefore, the Lord, in his wrath, (for his anger was kindled against them,) swore that they should not enter into his rest, while in the wilderness, *which rest is the fulness of his glory*<sup>541</sup>. 25 Therefore he took Moses out of their midst and the holy priesthood also; 26 and the lesser priesthood continued, which priesthood holdeth the key of the ministering of angels and the preparatory gospel, 27 which gospel is the gospel of repentance and of baptism and the remission of sins and the law of carnal commandments, which the Lord, in his wrath, caused to continue with the house of Aaron among the children of Israel until John, whom God raised up, being filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb: 28 for he was baptized while he was yet in his childhood, and was ordained by the angel of God at the time he was eight days old unto this power: to overthrow the kingdom of the Jews, and to make straight the way of the Lord before the face of his people, to prepare them for the coming of the Lord, in whose hand is given all power.

29 And again, the office of elder and bishop are necessary appendages belonging unto the high priesthood. 30 And again, the offices of teachers and deacons are necessary appendages belonging to the lesser priesthood, which priesthood was confirmed upon Aaron and his sons.

31 Therefore, as I said concerning the sons of Moses — for the sons of Moses and also the sons of Aaron shall offer an acceptable offering and sacrifice in the house of the Lord, which house shall be built unto the Lord in this generation upon the consecrated spot, as I have appointed; 32 and the sons of Moses and of Aaron shall be filled with the glory of the Lord upon mount Zion in the Lord's house, whose sons are ye; and also many whom I have called and sent forth to build up my church; 33 for whoso is faithful unto the obtaining these two priesthoods of which I have spoken, and the magnifying their calling, are sanctified by the Spirit unto the renewing of their bodies<sup>542</sup>: 34 they become the sons of Moses and of Aaron

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<sup>541</sup> The original did not include "which rest is the fulness of his glory." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>542</sup> The original manuscript has "bodies" stricken and "body" written afterward. This was changed to "bodies." Joseph retained the change.

and the seed of Abraham, and the church and kingdom and the elect of God; 35 and also all they who receive this priesthood receiveth me, saith the Lord, 36 for he that receiveth my servants<sup>543</sup> receiveth me, 37 and he that receiveth me receiveth my Father, 38 and he that receiveth my father receiveth my Father's kingdom. Therefore, all that my Father hath shall be given unto him; 39 and this is according to the oath and covenant which belongeth to the priesthood. 40 Therefore, all those who receive the priesthood receive this oath and covenant of my Father which he cannot break, neither can it be *re*<sup>544</sup>moved; 41 but whoso breaketh this covenant, after he hath received it, and altogether turneth therefrom, shall not have forgiveness *of sins*<sup>545</sup> in this world nor in the world to come. 42 And all those who come not unto this priesthood, which ye have received, which I now confirm upon you who are present, this day<sup>546</sup>, by mine own voice out of the heavens, and even I have given the heavenly hosts and mine angels charge concerning you.

43 And now I give unto you a commandment to beware concerning yourselves, to give diligent heed to the words of eternal life; 44 for you shall live by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God. 45 For the word of the Lord is truth, and whatsoever is truth is light, and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ; 46 and the Spirit giveth light to every man that cometh into the world; and the Spirit *en*<sup>547</sup>lighteneth every man through the world, that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit; 47 and every one that hearkeneth to the voice of the Spirit, cometh unto God, even the Father; 48 and the Father teacheth him *of the covenant*<sup>548</sup> which he has renewed and confirmed upon you, which is

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<sup>543</sup> The original singular form was changed to plural. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>544</sup> The original "moved" was modified to "removed." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>545</sup> The original does not include "of sins." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>546</sup> The original included: "viz. the twenty third day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two eleven high priests save one." Joseph maintained the deletion.

<sup>547</sup> The original "lighteneth" was changed to "enlighteneth." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>548</sup> The original "the covenants" was modified to "of the covenant." Joseph retained the change.

confirmed upon you for your sakes, and not for your sakes only, but for the sake of the whole world: 49 and the whole world lieth in sin, and groaneth under darkness and under the bondage of sin; 50 and by this you may know they are under the bondage of sin, because they come not unto me; 51 for whoso cometh not unto me is under the bondage of sin; 52 and whoso receiveth not my voice is not acquainted with my voice, and is not of me; 53 and by this you may know the righteous from the wicked, and that the whole world groaneth under sin and darkness even now.

54 And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received, 55 which vanity and unbelief hath brought the whole church under condemnation. 56 And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all; 57 and they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written, 58 that they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom, otherwise there remaineth a scourge and a judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion; 59 for shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land? Verily I say unto you, nay.

60 Verily, verily, I say unto you, who now *have*<sup>549</sup> my words, which is my voice, blessed are ye inasmuch as you receive these things: 61 for I will forgive you of your sins with this commandment, that you remain steadfast in your minds in solemnity and the spirit of prayer, in bearing testimony to all the world of those<sup>550</sup> things which are communicated unto you.

62 Therefore go ye into all the world, and whatsoever place ye cannot go into ye shall send, that the testimony may go from you into all the world, unto every creature. 63 And as I said unto mine apostles, even so I say unto you; for you are mine apostles, even God's high priests: ye are they whom my Father hath given me: ye are my friends; 64 therefore, as I said unto mine apostles I say unto you again, that every soul who believeth on your words, and is baptized by water for the remission of sins, shall receive the Holy Ghost; 65 and these signs shall follow them *that believe*<sup>551</sup>.

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<sup>549</sup> The original "hear" was changed to "have." Joseph maintained the modification.

<sup>550</sup> The original "these" was changed to "those." Joseph kept the change.

<sup>551</sup> The original does not include "that believe." Joseph maintained the addition.

66 In my name they shall do many wonderful works; 67 in my name they shall cast out devils: 68 in my name they shall heal the sick: 69 in my name they shall open the eyes of the blind, and unstop the ears of the deaf: 70 and the tongue of the dumb shall speak: 71 and if any man shall administer poison unto them it shall not hurt them: 72 and the poison of a<sup>552</sup> serpent shall not have power to harm them. 73 But a commandment I give unto them, that they shall not boast themselves of these things, neither speak them before the world: for these things are given unto you for your profit and for salvation.

74 Verily, verily, I say unto you, they who believe not on your words, and are not baptized in water, in my name, for the remission of their sins, that they may receive the Holy Ghost, shall be damned, and shall not come into my Father's kingdom, where my Father and I am. 75 And this revelation unto you, and commandment, is in force from this very hour upon all the world, and the gospel is unto all who have not received it. 76 But verily I say unto all those to whom the kingdom has been given, from you it must be preached unto them that they shall repent of their former evil works<sup>553</sup>: for they are to be upbraided for their evil hearts of unbelief: and your brethren in Zion for their rebellion against you at the time I sent you.

77 And again I say unto you, my friends, (for from henceforth I shall call you friends,) it is expedient that I give unto you this commandment, that ye become even as my friends in days when I was with them traveling to preach this gospel in my power; 78 for I suffered them not to have purse or scrip, neither two coats: 79 behold I send you out to prove the world, and the laborer is worthy of his hire. 80 And any man that shall go and preach this gospel of the kingdom, and fail not to continue faithful in all things, shall not be weary in mind, neither darkened, neither in body, limb or joint; and an hair of *his head*<sup>554</sup> shall not fall to the ground unnoticed. And they shall not go hungry, neither athirst.

81 Therefore, take no thought for the morrow, for what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed; 82 for consider the

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<sup>552</sup> The original "the" was changed to "a." Additionally, "serpent" is capitalized in the original.

<sup>553</sup> The original singular was changed to plural. Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>554</sup> The original "your heads" was modified to "his head." Joseph maintained the change.

lilies of the field, how they grow, they toil not, neither do they spin; and the kingdoms of the world, *in*<sup>555</sup> all their glory, are not arrayed like one of these; 83 for your Father who art in heaven, knoweth that you have need of all these things. 84 Therefore, let the morrow take thought for the things of itself. 85 Neither take ye thought beforehand what ye shall say, but treasure up in your minds continually the words of life, and it shall be given you in the very hour that portion that shall be meted unto every man.

86 Therefore let no man among you, (for this commandment is unto all the faithful who are called of God in the church, unto the ministry,) *from*<sup>556</sup> this hour, take purse or scrip, that goeth forth to proclaim this gospel of the kingdom. 87 Behold I send you out to reprove the world of all their unrighteous deeds, and to teach them of a judgment which is to come.— 88 And whoso receiveth you, there will I be also: for I will go before your face: I will be on your right hand and on your left, and my spirit shall be in your hearts, and my angels round about you, to bear you up.

89 Whoso receiveth you receiveth me, and the same will feed you, and clothe you, and give you money. 90 And he who feeds you, or clothes you, or gives you money, shall in no wise lose his reward: 91 and he that doeth not these things is not my disciple: by this you may know my disciples. 92 He that receiveth you not, go away from him alone by yourselves, and cleanse your feet, even with water, pure water, whether in heat or in cold, and bear testimony of it unto your father which is in heaven, and return not again unto that man. 93 And in whatsoever village or city ye enter, do likewise. 94 Nevertheless, search diligently and spare not; and woe unto that house, or that village, or city, that rejecteth you, or your words, or testimony concerning me. 95 Woe, I say again, unto that house, or that village or city, that rejecteth you, or your words, or your testimony of me; 96 for I, the Almighty, have laid my *hands*<sup>557</sup> upon the nations to scourge them for their wickedness; 97 and plagues shall go forth, and they shall not be taken from the earth until I have completed my work which shall be cut short in righteousness; 98 until all shall know me, who remain, even from the least unto the greatest, and shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and shall see eye to eye, and shall lift up their voice, and with the voice together sing this new song, saying,

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<sup>555</sup> The original "and" was changed to "in." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>556</sup> The original adds: "therefore let no man." Joseph maintained the deletion.

<sup>557</sup> The original singular was changed to plural. Joseph maintained the change.

99 The Lord hath brought again Zion:  
The Lord hath redeemed his people, Israel,  
According to the election of grace,  
Which was brought to pass by the faith  
And covenant of their fathers.  
100 The Lord hath redeemed his people,  
And satan is bound, and time is no longer:  
The Lord hath gathered all things in one:  
The Lord hath brought down Zion from above:  
The Lord hath brought up Zion from beneath;  
101 The earth hath travelled and brought forth her strength;  
And truth is established in her bowels;  
And the heavens have smiled upon her;  
And she is clothed with the glory of her God:  
For he stands in the midst of *his*<sup>558</sup> people:  
102 Glory, and honor, and power, and might,  
Be ascribed to our God, for he is full of mercy,  
Justice, grace and truth, and peace,  
For ever and ever Amen.

103 And again<sup>559</sup>, verily, verily I say unto you, it is expedient, that every man who goes forth to proclaim mine everlasting gospel, that inasmuch as they have families and receive monies by gift, that they should send it unto them, or make use of it for their benefit, as the Lord shall direct them, for thus it seemeth me good. 104 And let all those who have not families, who receive moneys, send it up unto the bishop in Zion, or unto the bishop in Ohio, that it may be consecrated for the bringing forth of the revelations and the printing thereof, and for establishing Zion.

105 And if any man shall give unto any of you a coat, or a suit, take the old and cast it unto the poor, and go your way rejoicing. 106 And if any man among you be strong in the Spirit, let him take with him he that is weak, that he may be edified in all meekness, that he may become strong also.

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<sup>558</sup> The original "her" was modified to "his." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>559</sup> Verse 103 represents the beginning of a new revelation received on September 23, 1832. Original manuscripts explicitly identify this as the beginning of a new revelation. Those identifiers were deleted and Joseph maintained the change.

107 Therefore, take with you those who are ordained unto the lesser priesthood, and send them before you to make appointments, and to prepare the way, and to fill appointments that you yourselves are not able to fill. 108 Behold this is the way that mine apostles, in ancient days, built up my church unto me.

109 Therefore let every man stand in his own office, and labor in his own calling; and let not the head say unto the feet, it hath no need of the feet, for without the feet how shall the body be able to stand? 110 *also*<sup>560</sup> the body hath need of every member, that all may be edified together, that the system may be kept perfect.

111 And behold the high *priests shall*<sup>561</sup> travel, and also the elders, and also the lesser priests; but the deacons and teachers should be appointed to watch over the church, to be standing ministers unto the church.

112 And the bishop, *Newel K. Whitney*<sup>562</sup>, also, should travel round about and among all the churches, searching after the poor, to administer to their wants by humbling the rich and the proud: 113 he should also employ *an agent*<sup>563</sup> to take charge and to do his secular business, as he shall direct; 114 nevertheless, let the bishop go into the city of New York, and also to the city of Albany, and also to the city of Boston, and warn the people of those cities with the sound of the gospel, with a loud voice, of the desolation and utter abolishment which awaits them if they do reject these things; 115 for if they do reject these things the hour of their judgment is nigh: and their house shall be left unto them desolate. 116 Let him trust in me and he shall not be confounded; and an hair of his head shall not fall to the ground unnoticed.

117 And verily I say unto you, the rest of my servants, go ye forth as your circumstances shall permit, in your several callings, unto the great and notable cities and villages, reproving the world in righteousness of all their unrighteous and ungodly deeds, setting forth clearly and understandingly

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<sup>560</sup> The original "Alas" was changed to "also." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>561</sup> The original "priesthood should" was changed to "priests." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>562</sup> The original does not include "Newel K. Whitney." Joseph included the addition.

<sup>563</sup> The original plural was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

the desolation of abomination in the last days; 118 for with you, saith the Lord Almighty, I will rend their kingdoms: I will not only shake the earth, but the starry heavens shall tremble: 119 for I, the Lord have put forth my hand to exert the powers of heaven: ye cannot see it now, yet a little while and ye shall see it, and know that I am, and that I will come and reign with my people. 120 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end: Amen.

## 86

*Revelation given 6 December 1832, explaining the parable of the wheat and the tares.*

*Canonized in 1835.*

### ON PRIESTHOOD.

1 Verily thus saith the Lord unto you, my servants, concerning the parable of the wheat, and of the tares: 2 behold, verily I say, that the field was the world; and the apostles were the sowers of the seed; 3 and after they have fallen asleep, the great persecutor of the church, the apostate, the whore, even Babylon, that maketh all nations to drink of her cup, in whose hearts the enemy, even Satan sitteth to reign: Behold he soweth the tares; wherefore the tares choke the wheat and drive the church into the wilderness.

4 But behold, in the last days, even now while the Lord is beginning to bring forth the word, and the blade is springing up and is yet tender, 5 behold, verily I say unto you, the angels are crying unto the Lord day and night, who are ready and waiting to be sent forth to reap down the fields<sup>564</sup>: 6 but the Lord saith unto them, pluck not up the tares while the blade is yet tender: (for verily your faith is weak,) lest you destroy the wheat also: 7 Therefore let the wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest is fully ripe, then ye shall first gather out the wheat from among the tares, and after the gathering of the wheat, behold and lo! the tares are bound in bundles, and the field remaineth to be burned.

8 Therefore, thus saith the Lord unto you, with whom the priesthood hath continued through the lineage of your fathers, 9 for ye are lawful heirs, according to the flesh, and have been hid from the world with Christ in

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<sup>564</sup> The original singular was changed to plural. Joseph retained the change.

God:— 10 therefore your life and the priesthood hath remained and must needs remain through you and your lineage, until the restoration of all things spoken by the mouths of all the holy prophets since the world began.

11 Therefore, blessed are ye if ye continue in my goodness, a light unto the Gentiles, and through this priesthood, a savior<sup>565</sup> unto my people Israel; The Lord hath said it, *Amen*<sup>566</sup>.

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*Revelation given*<sup>567</sup> 27 December and 3 January, 1832.  
*Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you, who have assembled yourselves together to receive his will concerning you. 2 Behold, this is pleasing unto your Lord, and the angels rejoice over you; the alms of your prayers have come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, and are recorded in the book of the names of the sanctified: even them of the celestial world. 3 Wherefore, I now send upon you another comforter; even upon you my friends, that it may abide in your hearts, even the Holy Spirit of promise; which other comforter is the same that I promised unto my disciples, as is recorded in the testimony of John.

4 This comforter is the promise which I *give*<sup>568</sup> unto you of eternal life; even the glory of the celestial kingdom: 5 which glory is that of the church of the first born; even of God the holiest of all, through Jesus Christ his Son:— 6 he that ascended up on high; as also he descended below all things; in that he comprehended all things, that he might be in all, and through all things; the light of truth; 7 which truth shineth. This is the light of Christ. As also

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<sup>565</sup> The original "saveior" was changed to "savor," an obvious misspelling of savior. Joseph maintained the change. To avoid confusion, the spelling is here corrected.

<sup>566</sup> The original did not include "Amen." It did include an unusual accounting of the scribe, transcriber, assistant, etc. Joseph retained the ending.

<sup>567</sup> Earlier manuscripts add "to the first Elders of this church of Christ organized in these last days."

<sup>568</sup> The original "gave" was modified to "give." Joseph retained the change.

he is in the sun, and the light of the sun, and the power thereof by which it was made. 8 As also he is in the moon, and is the light of the moon, and the power thereof by which it was made. 9 As also the light of the stars, and the power thereof by which they were made. 10 And the earth also, and the power thereof; even the earth upon which you stand.

11 And the light which now shineth, which giveth you light, is through him who enlighteneth your eyes, which is the same light that quickeneth your understandings<sup>569</sup>; 12 which light proceedeth forth from the presence of God, to fill the immensity of space. 13 The light which is in all things; which giveth life to all things; which is the law by which all things are governed: even the power of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things.

14 Now, verily I say unto you, that through the redemption which is made for you, is brought to pass the resurrection from the dead. 15 And the spirit and the body is the soul of man. 16 And the resurrection from the dead is the redemption of the soul: 17 and the redemption of the soul is through him who quickeneth all things, in whose bosom it is decreed, that the poor and the meek of the earth shall inherit it. 18 Therefore it must needs be sanctified from all unrighteousness, that it may be prepared for the celestial glory; 19 for after it hath filled the measure of its creation, it shall be crowned with glory, even with the presence of God the Father; 20 that bodies who are of the celestial kingdom may possess it forever and ever; for, for this intent was it made and created; and for this intent are they sanctified.

21 And they who are not sanctified through the law which I have given unto you; even the law of Christ, must inherit another kingdom, even that of a terrestrial kingdom, or that of a telestial kingdom. 22 For he who is not able to abide the law of a celestial kingdom, cannot abide a celestial glory: 23 and he who cannot abide the law of a terrestrial kingdom, cannot abide a terrestrial glory: 24 he who cannot abide the law of a telestial kingdom, cannot abide a telestial glory: therefore, he is not *meet*<sup>570</sup> for a kingdom of glory. Therefore, he must abide a kingdom which is not a kingdom of glory.

25 And again, verily I say unto you, the earth abideth the law of a celestial

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<sup>569</sup> The original singular was modified to plural. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>570</sup> The original "fruit" was changed to "meet." Joseph retained the change.

kingdom, for it filleth the measure of its creation, and transgresseth not the law. 26 Wherefore it shall be sanctified; yea, notwithstanding it shall die, it shall be quickened again, and shall abide the power by which it is quickened, and the righteous shall inherit it: 27 for notwithstanding they die, they also shall rise again a spiritual body: 28 they who are of a celestial spirit, shall receive the same body which was a natural body; even ye shall receive your bodies, and your glory shall be that glory by which your bodies are quickened. 29 Ye who are quickened by a portion of the celestial glory, shall then receive of the same, even a fulness: 30 and they who are quickened by a portion of the terrestrial glory, shall then receive of the same, even a fulness: 31 and also they who are quickened by a portion of the telestial glory, shall then receive of the same, even a fulness: 32 and they who remain shall also be quickened; nevertheless, they shall return again to their own place, to enjoy that which they are willing to receive, because they were not willing to enjoy that which they might have received.

33 For what doth it profit a man if a gift is bestowed upon him, and he receiveth not the gift? Behold he rejoices not in that which is given unto him, neither rejoices in him who is the giver of the gift.

34 And again, verily I say unto you, that which is governed by law, is also preserved by law, and perfected and sanctified by the same. 35 That which breaketh a law, and abideth not by law, but seeketh to become a law unto itself, and willeth to abide in sin, and altogether abideth in sin, cannot be sanctified by law, neither by mercy, justice, or judgment. Therefore they must remain filthy still.

36 All kingdoms have a law given: 37 and there are many kingdoms; for there is no space in the which there is no kingdom; and there is no kingdom in which there is no space, either a greater or lesser kingdom. 38 And unto every kingdom is given a law; and unto every law there are certain bounds also, and conditions.

39 All beings who abide not in those<sup>571</sup> conditions, are not justified; 40 for intelligence cleaveth unto intelligence; wisdom receiveth wisdom; truth embraceth truth; virtue loveth virtue; light cleaveth unto light; mercy hath compassion on mercy, and claimeth her own; justice continueth its

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<sup>571</sup> The original "these" was modified to "those." Joseph maintained the change.

course, and claimeth its own; judgment goeth before the face of him who sitteth upon the throne, and governeth and executeth all things; 41 he comprehendeth all things, and all things are before him, and all things are round about him; and he is above all things, and in all things, and is through all things, and is round about all things: and all things are by him, and of him; even God, forever, and ever.

42 And again, verily I say unto you, he hath given a law unto all things by which they move in their times and their seasons; 43 and their courses are fixed; even the courses of the heavens and the earth; which comprehend the earth and all the planets; 44 and they give light to each other in their times and in their seasons, in their minutes, in their hours, in their days, in their weeks, in their months, in their years: all these are one year with God, but not with man.

45 The earth rolls upon her wings; and the sun giveth his light by day, and the moon giveth her light by night; and the stars also giveth *their*<sup>572</sup> light, as they roll upon their wings, in their glory, in the midst of the power of God. 46 Unto what shall I liken these kingdoms, that ye may understand? 47 Behold, all these are kingdoms, and any man who hath seen any or the least of these, hath seen God moving in his majesty and power. 48 I say unto you, he hath seen him: nevertheless, he who came unto his own was not comprehended. 49 The light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not; nevertheless, the day shall come when you shall comprehend even God; being quickened in him and by him. 50 Then shall ye know that ye have seen me, that I am, and that I am the true light that is in you, and that you are in me, otherwise ye could not abound.

51 Behold, I will liken these kingdoms unto a man having a field, and he sent forth his servants into the field, to dig in the field; 52 and he said unto the first, go ye and labor in the field, and in the first hour I will come unto you, and ye shall behold the joy of my countenance: 53 and he said unto the second, go ye also into the field, and in the second hour I will visit you with the joy of my countenance; 54 and also unto the third saying, I will visit you; 55 and unto the fourth, and so on unto the twelfth.

56 And the lord of the field went unto the first in the first hour, and tarried with him all that hour, and he was made glad with the light of the countenance of his lord; 57 and then he withdrew from the first that he

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<sup>572</sup> The original "her" was modified to "their." Joseph retained the change.

might visit the second also, and the third, and the fourth, and so on unto the twelfth; 58 and thus they all received the light of the countenance of their lord: every man in his hour, and in his time, and in his season; 59 beginning at the first, and so on unto the last, and from the last unto the first, and from the first unto the last; 60 every man in his own order, until his hour was finished, even according as his lord had commanded him, that his lord might be glorified in him, and he in him, that they all might be glorified.

61 Therefore, unto this parable will I liken all these kingdoms, and the inhabitants thereof; every kingdom in its hour, and in its time, and in its season; even according to the decree which God hath made.

62 And again, verily I say unto you, my friends, I leave these sayings with you, to ponder in your hearts with this commandment which I give unto you, that ye shall call upon me while I am near; 63 draw near unto me, and I will draw near unto you; seek me diligently and ye shall find me; ask and ye shall receive; knock and it shall be opened unto you; 64 whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name it shall be given unto you, that is expedient for you; 65 and if ye ask any thing that is not expedient for you, it shall turn unto your condemnation.

66 Behold, that which you hear is as the voice of one crying in the wilderness; in the wilderness, because you cannot see him: my voice, because my voice is spirit; my spirit is truth; truth abideth and hath no end; and if it be in you it shall abound.

67 And if your eye be single to my glory, your whole *bodies*<sup>573</sup> shall be filled with light, and there shall be no darkness in you, and that body which is filled with light comprehendeth all things. 68 Therefore, sanctify yourselves that your minds become single to God, and the days will come that you shall see him: for he will unveil his face unto you, and it shall be in his own time, and in his own way, and according to his own will.

69 Remember the great and last promise which I have made unto you: cast away your idle thoughts and your excess of laughter far from you; 70 tarry ye, tarry ye in this place, and call a solemn assembly, even of those who are the first laborers in this last kingdom; 71 and let those whom they have warned in their traveling, call on the Lord, and ponder the warning in their

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<sup>573</sup> The original singular was modified to plural. Joseph retained the change.

hearts which they have received, for a little season. 72 Behold, and lo, I will take care of your *flocks*<sup>574</sup> and will raise up elders and send unto them.

73 Behold, I will hasten my work in its time; 74 and I give unto you who are the first laborers in this last kingdom, a commandment, that you assemble yourselves together, and organize yourselves, and prepare yourselves; and sanctify yourselves; yea, purify your hearts, and cleans your hands and your feet before me, that I may make you clean; 75 that I may testify unto your Father, and your God, and my God, that you are clean from the blood of this wicked generation: that I may fulfill this promise, this great and last promise, which I have made unto you, when I will.

76 Also, I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall continue in prayer and fasting from this time forth. 77 And I give unto you a commandment, that you shall teach one another the *doctrine*<sup>575</sup> of the kingdom; 78 teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that is expedient for you to understand; 79 of things both in heaven, and in earth, and under the earth; things which have been; things which are; things which must shortly come to pass; things which are at home;— things which are abroad; the wars and the perplexities of the nations; and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also of countries, and of kingdoms, 80 that ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again, to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you.

81 Behold I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned, to warn his neighbor. 82 Therefore, they are left without excuse, and their sins are upon their own heads. 83 He that seeketh me early shall find me, and shall not be forsaken.

84 Therefore, tarry ye, and labor diligently, that you may be perfected in your ministry, to go forth among the Gentiles for the last time, as many as the mouth of the Lord shall name, to bind up the law, and seal up the testimony, and to prepare the saints for the hour of judgment which is to come; 85 that their souls may escape the wrath of God, the desolation of abomination, which await the wicked, both in this world, and in the world

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<sup>574</sup> The original singular was modified to plural. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>575</sup> The original plural was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

to come.— Verily, I say unto you, let those who are not the first elders, continue in the vineyard, until the mouth of the Lord shall call them, for their time is not yet come; their garments are not clean from the blood of this generation.

86 Abide ye in the liberty wherewith ye are made free; entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean, until the Lord come, 87 for not many days hence and the earth shall tremble, and reel to and fro as a drunken man, and the sun shall hide his face, and shall refuse to give light, and the moon shall be bathed in blood, and the stars shall become exceeding angry, and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off a fig-tree.

88 And after your testimony, cometh wrath and indignation upon the people; 89 for after your testimony cometh the testimony of earthquakes, that shall cause groanings in the midst of her, and men shall fall upon the ground, and shall not be able to stand. 90 And also cometh the testimony of the voice of thunderings, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempests, and the voice of the waves of the sea, heaving themselves beyond their bounds. 91 And all things shall be in commotion; and surely, men's hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people; 92 and angels shall fly through the midst of heaven, crying with a loud voice, sounding the trump of God, saying, prepare ye, prepare ye, O inhabitants of the earth; for the judgment of our God is come: behold, and lo, the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.

93 And immediately there shall appear a great sign in heaven, and all people shall see it together. 94 And another angel shall sound his trump, saying, that great church, the mother of abominations, that made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, that persecuteth the saints of God, that shed their blood: her who sitteth upon many waters, and upon the islands of the sea; behold, she is the tares of the earth, she is bound in bundles, her bands are made strong, no man can loose them; therefore, she is ready to be burned. And he shall sound his trump both long and loud, and all nations shall hear it.

95 And there shall be silence in heaven for the space of half an hour, and immediately after shall the curtain of heaven be unfolded, as a scroll is unfolded after it is rolled up, and the face of the Lord shall be unveiled; 96 and the saints that are upon the earth, who are alive, shall be quickened, and be caught up to meet him. 97 And they who have slept in their graves, shall come forth; for their graves shall be opened, and they also shall be

caught up to meet him in the midst of the pillar of heaven: 98 they are Christ's, the first fruits: they who shall descend with him first, and they who are on the earth and in their graves, who are first caught up to meet him: and all this by the voice of the sounding of the trump of the angel of God.

99 And after this another *angel*<sup>576</sup> shall sound, which is the second trump; and then cometh the redemption of those who are Christ's at his coming; who have received their part in that prison which is prepared for them, that they might receive the gospel, and be judged according to men in the flesh.

100 And again, another trump shall sound, which is the third trump: and then cometh the spirits of men who are to be judged, and are found under condemnation: 101 and these are the rest of the dead, and they live not again until the thousand years are ended, neither again, until the end of the earth.

102 And another trump shall sound, which is the fourth trump, saying, these are found among those who are to remain until that great and last day, even the end, who shall remain filthy still.

103 And another trump shall sound, which is the fifth trump, which is the fifth angel who committeth the everlasting gospel,— flying through the midst of heaven, unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people; 104 and this shall be the sound of his trump, saying to all people, both in heaven, and in earth, and that are under the earth; for every ear shall hear it, and every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess, while they hear the sound of the trump, saying, fear God, and give glory to him who sitteth upon the throne, forever, and ever: for the hour of his judgment is come.

105 And again, another angel shall sound his trump, which is the sixth angel, saying, she is fallen, who made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication: she is fallen! is fallen!

106 And again, another angel shall sound his trump, which is the seventh angel, saying, it is finished! it is finished! the Lamb of God hath overcome, and trodden the wine-press alone; even the wine-press of the fierceness of

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<sup>576</sup> The original "trump" was modified to "angel." Joseph retained the change.

the wrath of Almighty God: 107 and then shall the angels<sup>577</sup> be crowned with the glory of his might, and the saints shall be filled with his glory, and receive their inheritance and be made equal with him.

108 And then shall the first angel again sound his trump in the ears of all *living*<sup>578</sup>, and reveal the secret acts of men, and the mighty works of God in the first thousandth year.

109 And then shall the second angel sound his trump, and reveal the secret acts of men, and the thoughts and intents of their hearts, and the mighty works of God in the second thousandth year: 110 and so on, until the seventh angel shall sound his trump: and he shall stand forth upon the land and upon the sea, and swear in the name of him who sitteth upon the throne, that there shall be time no longer, and satan shall be bound, that old serpent, who is called the devil, and shall not be loosed for the space of a thousand years. 111 And then he shall be loosed for a little season, that he may gather together his armies: 112 and Michael, the seventh angel, even the archangel, shall gather together his armies, even the hosts of heaven. 113 And the devil shall gather together his armies; even the hosts of hell, and shall come up to battle against Michael and his armies: 114 and then cometh the battle of the great God! and the devil and his armies shall be cast away into their own place, that they shall not have power over the saints any more at all; 115 for Michael shall fight their battles, and shall overcome him who seeketh the throne of him who sitteth upon the throne, even the Lamb. 116 This is the glory of God, and the sanctified; and they shall not any more see death.

117 Therefore, verily I say unto you, my friends, call your solemn assembly, as I have commanded you; 118 and as all have not faith, seek ye diligently and teach one another words of wisdom; yea, seek ye out of the best books words of wisdom: seek learning even by study, and also by faith. 119 Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing, and establish a house, *even a house*<sup>579</sup> of prayer, a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God; 120 that your incomings may be in the name of the Lord; that your outgoings may be in the name of the Lord; that all your salutations may be in the name of the Lord, with uplifted hands unto the Most High.

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<sup>577</sup> The singular was changed to plural. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>578</sup> The original "beings" was changed to "living." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>579</sup> The original does not include "even a house." Joseph retained the addition.

121 Therefore, cease from all your light speeches; from all laughter; from all your lustful desires; from all your *pride and* <sup>580</sup>lightmindedness, and from all your wicked doings. 122 Appoint among yourselves a teacher, and let not all be spokesmen<sup>581</sup> at once; but let one speak at a time, and let all listen unto his sayings, that when all have spoken, that all may be edified of all, and that every man may have an equal privilege.

123 See that ye love one another; cease to be covetous, learn to impart one to another as the gospel requires; 124 cease to be idle, cease to be unclean; cease to find fault one with another; cease to sleep longer than is needful; retire to thy bed early, that ye may not be weary; arise early, that your bodies and your minds may be invigorated: 125 and above all things, clothe yourselves with the bonds of charity, as with a mantle, which is the bond of perfectness and peace: 126 pray always, that you may not faint until I come: behold, and lo, I will come quickly, and receive you unto myself: Amen.

127 *And again*<sup>582</sup>, the order of the house prepared for the presidency of the school of the prophets, established for their<sup>583</sup> instruction in all things that are expedient for them, even for all the officers of the church,<sup>584</sup> or in other words, those who are called to the ministry in the church, beginning at the high priests<sup>585</sup>, even down to the deacons: 128 and this shall be the order of the house of the presidency of the school<sup>586</sup>: He that is appointed to be *president*,

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<sup>580</sup> The original does not include "pride and." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>581</sup> The original singular was modified to plural. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>582</sup> Verse 127 marks the beginning of a new revelation received on January 3, 1833. The original manuscript clearly delineates this change with dates and identifying information. Joseph retained the deletion of this information.

<sup>583</sup> The original "and" was replaced with "of the school of the prophets, established for their." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>584</sup> The original "them" was changed to "officers, even for all the officers of the church." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>585</sup> The original plural was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>586</sup> The original did not include "of the presidency of the school." Joseph retained the addition.

or<sup>587</sup> teacher, shall be found standing in his place, *in the house*,<sup>588</sup> which shall be prepared for him. 129 *Therefore he shall be first*<sup>589</sup> in the house of God, in a place that the congregation in the house may hear his words *carefully*<sup>590</sup> and distinctly, not with loud speech. 130 And when he cometh into the house of God, (for he should be first in the house; behold, this is beautiful, that he may be an example,)

131 Let him offer himself in prayer upon his knees before God, in token *or remembrance*<sup>591</sup> of the everlasting covenant, 132 and when any shall come in after him, let the teacher arise, and, with uplifted hands to heaven; yea, even directly, salute<sup>592</sup> his brother or brethren with these words:

133 Art<sup>593</sup> thou a brother or brethren, I salute you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in token *or remembrance*<sup>594</sup> of the everlasting covenant, in which covenant I receive you to fellowship, in a determination that is fixed, immoveable, and unchangeable, to be your friend and brother through the grace of God, in the bonds of love, to walk in all the commandments of God blameless, in thanksgiving, for ever and ever. Amen.

134 *And he that is found unworthy of this salutation, shall not have place among you: for ye shall not suffer that mine house shall be polluted by them.*<sup>595</sup>

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<sup>587</sup> The original "a" was changed to "president or." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>588</sup> The original did not include "in the house." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>589</sup> The original did not include "Therefore he shall be first." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>590</sup> The original "correctly" was changed to "carefully." Joseph maintained the modification.

<sup>591</sup> The original does not include "or remembrance." Joseph maintained the addition.

<sup>592</sup> The original "and salute" was modified to "salute." Joseph maintained the deletion.

<sup>593</sup> The original "saying art" was shortened to "art." Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>594</sup> The original does not include "or remembrance." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>595</sup> The original does not include verse 134.

135 And he that cometh in *and is faithful before me*<sup>596</sup>, and is a brother, or if they be brethren, they shall salute the *president or*<sup>597</sup> teacher with uplifted hands to heaven, with this same prayer or covenant, *and*<sup>598</sup> by saying, Amen, in token of the same.

136 Behold, verily I say unto you, this is a sample unto you for a salutation to one another in the house of God, *in the school of the prophets*<sup>599</sup>. 137 And ye are<sup>600</sup> called to do this by prayer and thanksgiving as the Spirit shall give utterance, in all your doings in the house of the Lord, *in the school of the prophets*<sup>601</sup>, that it may become a sanctuary, a tabernacle, of the Holy Spirit to your edification<sup>602</sup>.

138 *And ye shall not receive any among you, into this school, save he is clean from the blood of this generation: 139 and he shall be received by the ordinance of the washing of feet; for unto this end was the ordinance of the washing of feet instituted.*

140 *And again, the ordinance of washing feet is to be administered by the president, or presiding elder of the church. 141 It is to be commenced with prayer: and after partaking of bread and wine he is to gird himself, according to the pattern given in the thirteenth chapter of John's testimony concerning me. Amen.*

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*Revelation given*<sup>603</sup> 27 February 1833.

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<sup>596</sup> The original does not include "and is faithful before me." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>597</sup> The original does not include "president or." Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>598</sup> The original "or" was changed to "and." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>599</sup> The original does not include "in the school of the prophets." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>600</sup> The original "to you the" was changed to "ye are." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>601</sup> The original does not include "in the school of the prophets." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>602</sup> The original ends here (ending with "Amen"). Joseph retained the addition of verses 138-141 before ending in "Amen."

<sup>603</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "for the benefit of the saints."

*Canonized in 1833.*

1 A<sup>604</sup> word of wisdom for the benefit of the council of high priests, assembled in Kirtland, and church; and also, the saints in Zion: 2 to be sent greeting: not by commandment, or constraint: but by revelation and the word of wisdom: showing forth the order and will of God in the temporal salvation of all saints in the last days. 3 Given for a principle with promise, adapted to the capacity of the weak, and the weakest of all saints, who are or can be called saints.

4 Behold, verily thus saith the Lord unto you, in consequence of evils and designs which do, and will exist in the hearts of conspiring men in the last days, I have warned you, and forewarn you, by giving unto you this word of wisdom by revelation, 5 that inasmuch as any man drinketh wine or strong drink among you, behold it is not good, neither meet in the sight of your Father, only in assembling yourselves together, to offer up your sacraments before him. 6 And behold, this should be wine; yea, pure wine of the grape of the vine, of your own make. 7 And again, strong drinks are not for the *belly*<sup>605</sup>, but for the washing of your bodies. 8 And again, tobacco is not for the body, neither for the belly; and is not good for man; but is an herb for bruises, and all sick cattle, to be used with judgment and skill. 9 And again, hot drinks are not for the body, or belly.

10 And again, verily I say unto you, all wholesome herbs God hath ordained for the constitution, nature, and use of man. 11 Every herb in the season thereof, and every fruit in the season thereof. All these to be used with prudence and thanksgiving. 12 Yea, flesh also of beasts and of the fowls of the air, I the Lord hath ordained for the use of man with thanksgiving. Nevertheless, they are to be used sparingly; 13 and it is pleasing unto me, that they should not be used only in times of winter or of cold, or famine. 14 All grain is ordained for the use of man, and of beasts, to be the staff of life, not only for man, but for the beasts of the field, and the fowls of heaven, and all wild animals that run or creep on the earth: 15 and

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<sup>604</sup> In the 1844 version, verses 1-3 were an introduction to the revelation, not part of the revelation itself. The original manuscripts do not seem to treat these verses as an introduction. To retain the 1844 distinction, the text is centered and separated from the revelation by an extra hard return.

<sup>605</sup> The original "body" was replaced with "belly." Joseph retained the change.

these hath God made for the use of man only in times of famine, and excess of hunger.

16 All grain is good for the food of man, as also the fruit of the vine, that which yieldeth fruit, whether in the ground or above the ground. 17 Nevertheless wheat for man, and corn for the ox, and oats for the horse, and rye for the fowls, and for swine, and for all beasts of the field, and barley for all useful animals, and for mild drinks; as also other grain. 18 And all saints who remember to keep and do these sayings, walking in obedience to the commandments, shall receive health in their navel, and marrow to their bones 19 and shall find wisdom, and great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures; 20 and shall run and not be weary, and shall walk and not faint: 21 and I the Lord give unto them a promise, that the destroying angel shall pass by them, as the children of Israel, and not slay them: Amen.

## 90

*A commandment given to Joseph Smith, jr. March 1833.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Thus saith the Lord, verily, verily I say unto you, my son, thy sins are forgiven thee, according to thy petition, for thy prayers and the prayers of thy brethren, have come up into my ears: 2 therefore thou art blessed from henceforth that bear the keys of the kingdom given unto you; which kingdom is coming forth for the last time.

3 Verily I say unto you, the keys of this kingdom shall never be taken from you, while thou art in the world, neither in the world to come: 4 nevertheless, through you shall the oracles be given to another; yea, even unto the church. 5 And all they who receive the oracles of God, let them beware how they hold them, lest they are accounted as a light thing, and are brought under condemnation thereby; and stumble and fall, when the storms descend, and the winds blow, and the rains descend, and beat upon their house.

6 And again, verily I say unto thy brethren Sidney Rigdon, and Frederick G. Williams, their sins are forgiven them also, and they are accounted as equal with thee in holding the keys of this last kingdom: 7 as also through your administration the keys of the school of the prophets, which I

have commanded to be organized, 8 that thereby they may be perfected in their ministry for the salvation of Zion, and of the nations of Israel, and of the Gentiles, as many as will believe, 9 that through your administration, they may receive the word, and through their administration, the word may go forth unto the ends of the earth, unto the Gentiles first, and then behold, and lo, they shall turn unto the Jews: 10 and then cometh the day when the arm of the Lord shall be revealed in power in convincing the nations, the heathen nations, the house of Joseph, of the gospel of their salvation.

11 For it shall come to pass in that day, that every man shall hear the fulness of the gospel in his own tongue, and his own language, through those who are ordained unto this power, by the administration of the Comforter, and shed forth upon them, for the revelation of Jesus Christ.

12 And now verily I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that you continue in the ministry and presidency, 13 and when you have finished the translation of the prophets, you shall from henceforth preside over the affairs of the church and the school; 14 and from time to time, as shall be manifest by the Comforter, receive revelations to unfold the mysteries of the kingdom, 15 and set in order the churches, and study and learn, and become acquainted with all good books, and with languages, tongues and people<sup>606</sup>. 16 And this shall be your business and mission in all your lives to preside in council and set in order all the affairs of this church and kingdom. 17 Be not ashamed neither confounded; but be admonished in all your high-mindedness and pride, for it bringeth a snare upon your souls. 18 Set in order your houses; keep slothfulness and uncleanness far from you.

19 Now verily, I say unto you, let there be a place provided as soon as possible, for the family of thy counselor and scribe, even Frederick G. Williams: 20 and let mine aged servant Joseph Smith, sen. continue with his family upon the place where he now lives, and let it not be sold until the mouth of the Lord shall name. 21 And let *my*<sup>607</sup> counselor, even Sidney Rigdon, remain where he now resides, until the mouth of the Lord shall name. 22 And let the bishop search diligently, to obtain an agent; and let it be a man who has got riches in store; a man of God and of strong faith: 23 that thereby he may be enabled to discharge every debt; that

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<sup>606</sup> The original "&c. &c." was deleted. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>607</sup> The original "thy" was changed to "my." Joseph retained the change.

the storehouse of the Lord may not be brought into disrepute before the eyes of the people. 24 Search diligently, pray always, and be believing, and all things shall work together for your good, if ye walk uprightly, and remember the covenant wherewith ye have covenanted one with another. 25 Let your families be small, especially mine aged servant Joseph Smith, sen. as pertaining to those who do not belong to your families: 26 that those things that are provided for you, to bring to pass my work, are not taken from you and given to those that are not worthy, 27 and thereby you are hindered in accomplishing those things which I have commanded you.

28 And again, verily I say unto you, it is my will that my handmaid, Vienna Jaques, should receive money to bear her expenses, and go up unto the land of Zion; 29 and the residue of *the*<sup>608</sup> money *may be consecrated unto me*<sup>609</sup>, and she be rewarded in mine own due time. 30 Verily I say unto you, that it is meet in mine eyes, that she should go up unto the land of Zion, and receive an inheritance from the hand of the bishop, 31 that she may settle down in peace inasmuch as she is faithful, and not be idle in her days from thenceforth.

32 And behold, verily I say unto you, that ye shall write this commandment, and say unto your brethren in Zion, in love greeting, that I have called you also to preside over Zion in mine own due time: 33 therefore let them cease wearying me concerning this matter. 34 Behold, I say unto you, that your brethren in Zion begin to repent, and the angels rejoice over them; 35 nevertheless, I am not well pleased with many things: and I am not well pleased with my servant William E. McLellin, neither with my servant Sidney Gilbert; and the bishop also: and others have many things to repent of: 36 but verily I say unto you, that I the Lord will contend with Zion and plead with her strong ones, and chasten her, until she overcomes and is clean before me: 37 for she shall not be removed out of her place: I the Lord have spoken it: Amen.

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*Revelation given to Enoch [Joseph Smith] on the order of the church for the benefit of the poor, given to the saints in Kirtland, March, 1833.*

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<sup>608</sup> The original "her" was changed to "the." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>609</sup> The original "I will consecrate unto myself" was changed to "may be consecrated unto me." Joseph retained the change.

*Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord, I give unto the united *order*<sup>610</sup>, organized agreeable to the commandment previously given, a revelation and commandment concerning my servant *Shederlaomach*<sup>611</sup> [Frederick G. Williams], that ye shall receive him into the *order*<sup>612</sup>. What I say unto one I say unto all.

2 And again, I say unto you, my servant *Shederlaomach*, you shall be a lively member in this *order*<sup>613</sup>; and inasmuch as you are faithful in keeping all former commandments, you shall be blessed forever: Amen.

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*Revelation given May 1833.*

*Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily thus saith the Lord, it shall come to pass that every soul who forsaketh their sins and cometh unto me, and calleth on my name, and obeyeth my voice, and keepeth my<sup>614</sup> commandments, shall see my face, and know that I am, 2 and that I am the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world: 3 and that I am in the Father and the Father in me, and the Father and I are one: 4 the Father because he gave me of his fulness; and the Son because I was in the world and made flesh my tabernacle, and dwelt among the sons of men: 5 I was in the world and received of my Father, and the works of him were plainly manifest; 6 and John saw and bore record of the fulness of my glory; and the fulness of John's record is hereafter to be revealed: 7 And he bore record saying, I saw his glory that he was in the beginning before the world was: 8 therefore, in the beginning the Word was; for he was the Word, even the messenger of

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<sup>610</sup> The original "firm" was modified to "order." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>611</sup> The original does not use code names for individuals. It simply says Frederick in each instance.

<sup>612</sup> The original "firm" was modified to "order." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>613</sup> The original "firm" was modified to "order." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>614</sup> The original "all my" was shortened to "my." Joseph retained the change.

salvation, 9 the light and the Redeemer of the world; the Spirit of truth, who came into the world because the world was made by him; and in him was the life of men and the light of men. 10 The worlds were made by him. Men were made by him. All things were made by him, and through him, and of him: 11 And I John bare record that I beheld his glory, as the glory of the Only Begotten<sup>615</sup> of the Father, full of grace and truth; even the Spirit of truth which came and dwelt in the flesh, and dwelt among us.

12 And I John saw that he received not of the fulness at the first, but received grace for grace: 13 and he received not of the fulness at first, but continued from grace to grace, until he received a fulness: 14 and thus he was called the Son of God, because he received not of the fulness at the first. 15 And I John bare record, and lo, the heavens were opened and the Holy Ghost descended upon him in the form of a dove, and *sat*<sup>616</sup> upon him, and there came a voice out of heaven saying, this is my beloved Son. 16 And I John bare record that he received a fulness of the glory of the Father; 17 and he received all power, both in heaven and on earth; and the glory of the Father was with him, for he dwelt in him.

18 And it shall come to pass, that if you are faithful, you shall receive the fulness of the record of John. 19 I give unto you these sayings that you may understand and know how to worship, and know what you worship, that you may come unto the Father in my name, and in due time receive of his fulness, 20 for if you keep my commandments you shall receive of his fulness and be glorified in me as I am in the Father: therefore. I say unto you, you shall receive grace for grace.

21 And now verily I say unto you, I was in the beginning with the Father, and am the first born; 22 and all those who are begotten through me, are partakers of the glory of the same, and are the church of the first born. 23 Ye were also in the beginning with the Father: that which is Spirit, even the Spirit of truth; 24 and truth is knowledge of things as they are, and as they were, and as they are to come: 25 and whatsoever is more or less than this, is the spirit of that wicked one, who was a liar from the beginning. 26 The Spirit of truth is of God: I am the Spirit of truth. And John bore record of me, saying, he received a fulness of truth; yea, even of all truth, 27 and no man receiveth a fulness unless he keepeth his commandments. 28

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<sup>615</sup> The original "Redeemer. Begotten" was shortened to "Begotten." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>616</sup> The original "set" was modified to "sat." Joseph retained the change.

He that keepeth his commandments, receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth, and knoweth all things.

29 Man was also in the beginning with God. Intelligence, or the light of truth was not created or made, neither indeed can be. 30 All truth is independent in that sphere in which God has placed it, to act for itself, as all intelligence also, otherwise there is no existence. 31 Behold here is the agency of man, and here is the condemnation of man because that which was from the beginning is plainly manifest unto them, and they receive not the light. 32 And every man whose spirit receiveth not the light, is under condemnation, 33 for man is spirit. The elements are eternal, and spirit and element, inseparably connected, receiveth a fulness of joy; 34 and when separated, man cannot receive a fulness of joy. 35 The elements are the tabernacle of God; yea, man is the tabernacle of God, even temples; and whatsoever temple is defiled, God shall destroy that temple.

36 The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth: 37 light and truth forsaketh that evil one. 38 Every spirit of man was innocent in the beginning, and God having redeemed man from the fall, men became again in their infant state, innocent before God. 39 And that wicked one cometh and taketh away light and truth, through disobedience, from the children of men, and because of the tradition of their fathers. 40 But I have commanded you, to bring up your children in light and truth: 41 but verily I say unto you, my servant Frederick G. Williams, you have continued under this condemnation; 42 you have not taught your children light and truth, according to the commandments, and that wicked one hath power, as yet, over you, and this is the cause of your affliction. 43 And now a commandment I give unto you, if you will be delivered, you shall set in order your own house, for there are many things that are not right in your house.

44 Verily I say unto my servant Sidney Rigdon, that in some things he hath not kept the commandments, concerning his children: therefore, firstly set in order thy house.

45 Verily I say unto my servant Joseph Smith, jr. or, in other words, I will call you friends, for you are my friends, and ye shall have an inheritance with me. 46 I called you servants for the world's sake, and ye are their servants for my sake, 47 and now verily I say unto Joseph Smith, jr. you have not kept the commandments, and must needs stand rebuked before the Lord. 48 Your family must needs repent and forsake some things, and give more earnest heed unto your sayings, or be removed out of their

place. 49 What I say unto one I say unto all: pray always lest that wicked one have power in you, and remove you out of your place.

50 My servant Newel K. Whitney, also a bishop of my church, hath need to be chastened and set in order his family, and see that they are more diligent and concerned at home, and pray always or they shall be removed out of their place.

51 Now I say unto you, my friends, let my servant Sidney Rigdon go his journey, and make haste, and also proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the gospel of salvation, as I shall give him utterance, and by your prayer of faith with one consent, I will uphold him.

52 And let my *servant*<sup>617</sup> Joseph Smith, jr. and Frederick G. Williams, make haste also, and it shall be given them even according to the prayer of faith, and inasmuch as you keep my sayings, you shall not be confounded in this world, nor in the world to come.

53 And verily I say unto you, that it is my will that you should hasten to translate my scriptures, and to obtain a knowledge of history, and of countries, and of kingdoms, of laws of God and man, and all this for the salvation of Zion: Amen.

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*Revelation given same date [August] 1833.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 And again, verily I say unto you, my friends, a commandment I give unto you, that ye shall commence a work of laying out and preparing a beginning and foundation of the city of the stake of Zion, here in the land of Kirtland, beginning at my house: 2 and behold it must be done according to the pattern which I have given unto you. 3 And let the first lot on the south, be consecrated unto me for the building of an house for the presidency, for<sup>618</sup> the work of the presidency, in obtaining revelations;

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<sup>617</sup> The original plural was changed to singular. Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>618</sup> The original "in obtaining revelations and for" was shortened to "for." Joseph maintained the change.

and for the work of the ministry of the presidency, in all things pertaining to the church and kingdom.

4 Verily I say unto you, that it shall be built fifty-five by sixty-five feet in the width thereof, and in the length thereof, in the inner court; 5 and there shall be a lower court, and an higher court, according to the pattern which shall be given unto you hereafter: 6 and it shall be dedicated unto the Lord from the foundation thereof, according to the order of the priesthood, according to the the pattern which shall be given unto you hereafter: 7 and it shall be wholly dedicated unto the Lord for the work of the presidency. 8 And ye shall not suffer any unclean thing to come in unto it; and my glory shall be there, and my presence shall be there; 9 but if there shall come into it any unclean thing, my glory shall not be there: and my presence shall not come into it.

10 And again, verily I say unto you, the second lot on the south shall be dedicated unto me for the building of an house unto me, for the work of the printing of the translation of my scriptures, and all things, whatsoever I shall command you; 11 and it shall be fifty-five by sixty-five feet in the width thereof, and the length thereof in the inner court; and there shall be a lower and a higher court; 12 and this house shall be wholly dedicated unto the Lord from the foundation thereof, for the work of the printing, in all things whatsoever I shall command you, to be holy, undefiled, according to the pattern in all things, as it shall be given unto you.

13 And on the third lot shall my servant Hyrum Smith receive his inheritance. 14 And on the first and second lots on the north shall my servants<sup>619</sup> Reynolds Cahoon and Jared Carter receive their inheritance, 15 that they may do the work which I have appointed unto them, to be a committee to build mine houses, according to the commandment, which I the Lord God have given unto you. 16 *These two houses are not to be built until I give unto you a commandment concerning them.*<sup>620</sup>

17 And now I give unto you no more at this time: Amen.

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<sup>619</sup> The original singular was modified to plural. Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>620</sup> Verse 16 is not in the original. Joseph retained the addition.

*Revelation given June 1833.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily thus saith the Lord unto you, whom I love, and whom I love I also chasten, that their sins may be forgiven, for with the chastisement I prepare a way for their deliverance, in all things out of temptation: and I have loved you: 2 Wherefore ye must needs be chastened, and stand rebuked before my face, 3 for ye have sinned against me a very grievous sin, in that ye have not considered the great commandment in all things, that I have given unto you, concerning the building of mine house, 4 for the preparation wherewith I design to prepare mine apostles to prune my vineyard for the last time, that I may bring to pass my strange act, that I may pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. 5 But behold, verily I say unto you, there are many who have been ordained among you, whom I have called, but few of them are chosen: 6 they who are not chosen have sinned a very grievous sin, in that they are walking in darkness at noon-day; 7 and for this cause, I gave unto you a commandment, that you should call your solemn assembly: that your fastings<sup>621</sup> and your mourning might come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, which is by interpretation, the Creator of the first day; the beginning and the end.

8 Yea, verily I say unto you, I gave unto you a commandment, that you should build an house, in the which house I design to endow those whom I have chosen with power from on high: 9 for this is the promise of the Father unto you: therefore I commanded you to tarry, even as mine apostles at Jerusalem: 10 nevertheless my servants sinned a very grievous sin; and contentions arose in the school of the prophets, which was very grievous unto me, saith your Lord: therefore I sent them forth to be chastened.

11 Verily I say unto you, it is my will that you should build an house: if you keep my commandments, you shall have power to build it; 12 if you keep not my commandments the love of the Father, shall not continue with you; therefore you shall walk in darkness. 13 Now here is wisdom and the mind of the Lord: let the house be built, not after the manner of the world, for I give not unto you, that ye shall live after the manner of the world: 14 therefore let it be built after the manner which I shall show unto *three of*

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<sup>621</sup> The original singular was modified to plural. Joseph retained the change.

you<sup>622</sup>, whom ye shall appoint and ordain unto this power. 15 And the size thereof shall be fifty and five feet in width, and let it be sixty-five feet in length, in the inner court thereof; 16 and let the lower part of the inner court be dedicated unto me for your sacrament offering<sup>623</sup>, and for your preaching; and your fasting: and your praying, and the offering up your most holy desires unto me, saith your Lord. 17 And let the higher part of the inner court, be dedicated unto me for the school of mine apostles, saith Son Ahman; or, in other words, Alphas; or, in other words, Omegas; even Jesus Christ your Lord: Amen.

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*Revelation given June 1833.*

*Revelation to Enoch<sup>624</sup> [Joseph Smith], showing the order of the city or stake of Zion, Shinehah [Kirtland], given for a sample to the saints in Kirtland [Kirtland]. Canonized in 1835.*

1 Behold, I say unto you, here is wisdom whereby ye may know how to act concerning this matter: for it is expedient in me that this stake that I have set for the strength of Zion, should be made strong: 2 therefore, let my servant *Ahashdah* [Newel K. Whitney] take charge of the place which is named among you, upon which I design to build mine holy house: 3 and again let it be divided into lots according to wisdom, for the benefit of those who seek inheritances, as it shall be determined in *council*<sup>625</sup> among you. 4 Therefore, take heed that ye see to this matter, and that portion that is necessary to benefit *mine order*<sup>626</sup>, for the purpose of bringing forth my word to the children of men, 5 for behold verily I say unto you, this is

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<sup>622</sup> The original "those of" was changed to "three of you." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>623</sup> The original plural was changed to singular. Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>624</sup> As in previous sections, code names are not found in the original.

<sup>625</sup> The original "counsel" was modified to "council." Usually, these spelling errors are not noted in this volume. However, the difference between "in council" and "in counsel" may be read as administratively significant. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>626</sup> The original "the Firm" was changed to "mine order." Joseph retained the change.

the most expedient in me that my word should go forth unto the children of men, for the purpose of subduing the hearts of the children of men, for your good; even so: Amen.

6 And again, verily I say unto you, it is wisdom and expedient in me, that my servant *Zombre* [John Johnson], whose offering I have accepted, and whose prayers I have heard; unto whom I give a promise of eternal life inasmuch as he keepeth my commandments from henceforth; 7 for he is a descendant of *Seth* [Joseph], and a partaker of the blessings of the promise made unto his fathers. 8 Verily I say unto you, it is expedient in me that he should become a member of the *order*<sup>627</sup>, that he may assist in bringing forth my word unto the children of men: 9 therefore ye shall ordain him unto this blessing: and he shall seek diligently to take away encumbrances, that are upon the house named among you, that he may dwell therein; even so: Amen.

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*Revelation given*<sup>628</sup> *August 1833.*  
*Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily I say unto you my friends, I speak unto you with my voice, even the voice of my Spirit, that I may show unto you my will concerning your brethren in the land of Zion, many of whom are truly humble, and are seeking diligently to learn wisdom and to find truth: 2 verily, verily I say unto you, blessed are such for they shall obtain, for I the Lord showeth mercy unto all the meek, and upon all whomsoever I will, that I may be justified, when I shall bring them into judgment.

3 Behold I say unto you, concerning the school in Zion, I the Lord am well pleased that there should be a school in Zion: and also with my servant Parley P. Pratt, for he abideth in me: 4 and inasmuch as he continueth to abide in me, he shall continue to preside over the school, in

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<sup>627</sup> The original "Firm" was changed to "order." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>628</sup> Earlier manuscripts add: "The word of the Lord unto Joseph, Sidney Rigdon, and Frederick G. Williams."

the land of Zion, *until I shall give unto him other commandments*<sup>629</sup>; 5 and I will bless him with a multiplicity of blessings, in expounding all scriptures and mysteries to the edification of the school, and of the church in Zion, 6 and to the residue of the school, I the Lord am willing to show mercy, nevertheless there are those that must needs be chastened, and their works shall be made known:— 7 The axe is laid at the root of the trees, and every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be hewn down and cast into the fire; I the Lord have spoken it. 8 Verily I say unto you, all among them who know their hearts are honest, and are broken, and their spirits contrite, and are willing to observe their covenants<sup>630</sup> by sacrifice; yea, every sacrifice which I the Lord shall command, they<sup>631</sup> are all accepted of me, 9 for I the Lord will cause them to bring forth as a very fruitful tree which is planted in a goodly land, by a pure stream, that yieldeth much precious fruit.

10 Verily I say unto you, that it is my will that an house should be built unto me in the land of Zion, like unto the pattern which I have given you; 11 yea, let it be built speedily by the tithing of my people: 12 behold this is the tithing and the sacrifice which I the Lord require at their hands, that there may be an house built unto me for the salvation of Zion: 13 for a place of thanksgiving, for all saints, and for a place of instruction for all those who are called to the work of the ministry, in all their several callings, and offices: 14 that they may be perfected in the understanding of their ministry: in theory; in principle, and in doctrine, in all things pertaining to the kingdom of God on the earth, the keys of which kingdom have been conferred upon you.

15 And inasmuch as my people build an house unto me, in the name of the Lord, and do not suffer any unclean thing to come into it, that it be not defiled, my glory shall rest upon it; 16 yea, and my presence shall be there, for I will come into it, and all the pure in heart that shall come into it, shall see God: 17 but if it be defiled I will not come into it, and my glory, shall not be there, for I will not come into *unholy temples*<sup>632</sup>.

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<sup>629</sup> The original does not include “until I shall give unto him other commandments.” Joseph retained the addition.

<sup>630</sup> The original singular was modified to plural. Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>631</sup> The original “them” was modified to “they.” Joseph retained the change.

<sup>632</sup> The original “an unholy Temple” was modified to “unholy temples.”

18 And now behold if Zion do these things, she shall prosper and spread herself and become very glorious, very great, and very terrible; 19 and the nations of the earth shall honor her, and shall say, surely Zion is the city of our God; and surely Zion cannot fall, neither be moved out of her place, for God is there, and the hand of the Lord is there, 20 and he hath sworn by the power of his might to be her salvation, and her high tower: 21 therefore verily thus saith the Lord let Zion rejoice, for this is Zion, the pure in heart: therefore let Zion rejoice, while all the wicked shall mourn: 22 for behold and lo, vengeance cometh speedily upon the ungodly, as the whirlwind, and who shall escape it: 23 the Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day; and the report thereof shall vex all people; yet, it shall not be stayed until the Lord come: 24 for the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations, and all their wicked works: 25 nevertheless Zion shall escape if she observe to do all things whatsoever I have commanded her, 26 but if she observe not to do whatsoever I have commanded her, I will visit her according to all her works: with sore affliction; with pestilence; with plague; with sword; with vengeance; with devouring fire: 27 nevertheless, let it be read this once in their ears, that I the Lord have accepted of their offering; and if she sin no more, none of these things shall come upon her, 28 and I will bless her with blessings, and multiply a multiplicity of blessings upon her, and upon her generations, forever and ever, saith the Lord your God: Amen.

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*Revelation given August 1833.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Verily I say unto you, my friends, fear not, let your hearts be comforted; yea, rejoice evermore, and in every thing give thanks, 2 waiting patiently on the Lord: for your prayers have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbaoth, and are recorded with this seal and testament: the Lord hath sworn and decreed that they shall be granted: 3 therefore he giveth this promise unto you, with an immutable covenant, that they shall be fulfilled, and all things wherewith you have been afflicted, shall work together for good<sup>633</sup>, and to my name's glory saith the Lord.

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<sup>633</sup> The original "your good" was shortened to "good." Joseph retained the change.

4 And now verily I say unto you, concerning the laws of the land, it is my will that my people should observe to do all these things whatsoever I command them, 5 and that law of the land, which is constitutional, supporting *that principle*<sup>634</sup> of freedom, *in*<sup>635</sup> maintaining rights and privileges belongs to all mankind and is justifiable before me: 6 therefore I the Lord justifieth you, and your brethren of my church, in *befriending*<sup>636</sup> that law which is the constitutional law of the land: 7 and as pertaining to law of man, whatsoever is more or less than these, cometh of evil. 8 I the Lord God maketh you free: therefore ye are free indeed: and the law also maketh you free: 9 nevertheless when the wicked rule the people mourn: 10 wherefore honest men and wise men should be sought for, diligently, and good men and wise men, ye should observe to uphold; otherwise whatsoever is less than these, cometh of evil.

11 And I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall forsake all evil and cleave unto all good, that ye shall live by every word which proceedeth forth out of the mouth of God: 12 for he will give unto the faithful, line upon line, precept upon precept: and I will try you, and prove you herewith: 13 and whoso layeth down his life in my cause, for my name's sake, shall find it again; even life eternal: 14 therefore be not afraid of your enemies; for I have decreed in my heart, saith the Lord, that I will prove you in all things, whether you will abide in my covenant, even unto death, that you may be found worthy; 15 for if ye will not abide in my covenant, ye are not worthy of me: 16 therefore renounce war and proclaim peace, and seek diligently to turn the hearts of their children to their fathers, and the hearts of the fathers to the children. 17 And again the hearts of the Jews unto the prophets; and the prophets unto the Jews, lest I come and smite the whole earth with a curse, and all flesh be consumed before me. 18 Let not your hearts be troubled, for in my Father's house are many mansions, and I have prepared a place for you, and where my Father and I am, there ye shall be also.

19 Behold I the Lord am not well pleased with many who are in the church at Kirtland, 20 for they do not forsake their sins, and their wicked ways. the

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<sup>634</sup> The original "the principals" was changed to "that principle." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>635</sup> The original "of" was changed to "in." Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>636</sup> The original "defending" was changed to "befriending." Joseph retained the change.

pride of their hearts, and their covetousness, and all their detestable things, and observe the words of wisdom and eternal life which I have given unto them.— 21 Verily I say unto you, that I the Lord will chasten them and will do whatsoever I list, if they do not repent and observe all things whatsoever I have said unto them. 22 And again I say unto you, if ye observe to do whatsoever I command you, I the lord will turn away all wrath and indignation from you, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against you.

23 Now I speak unto you, concerning your families: if men will smite you, or your families, once and ye bear it patiently and revile not against them, neither seek revenge, ye shall be rewarded; 24 but if ye bear it not patiently, it shall be accounted unto you as being meted out a just measure unto you. 25 And again if your enemy<sup>637</sup> shall smite you the second time, and you revile not against your enemy<sup>638</sup>, and bear it patiently, your reward shall be an hundred fold. 26 And again if he shall smite you the third time, and ye bear it patiently, your reward shall be doubled unto you four fold: 27 and these three testimonies shall stand against your enemy, if he repent not, and shall not be blotted out. 28 And now verily I say unto you if that enemy shall escape my vengeance that he be not brought into judgment before me, then ye shall see to it, that ye warn him in my name that he come no more upon you, neither upon your family, *even*<sup>639</sup> your children's children unto the third and fourth generation: 29 and then if he shall come upon you, or your children, or your children's children unto the third and fourth generation: I have delivered thine enemy into thine hands, 30 and then if thou wilt spare him thou shalt be rewarded for thy righteousness; and also thy children and thy children's children unto the third and fourth generation: 31 nevertheless thine enemy is in thine hands, and if thou reward him according to his works, thou art justified, if he has sought thy life, and thy life is endangered by him; thine enemy is in thine hands, and thou art justified.

32 Behold this is the law I gave unto my servant Nephi; and thy father Joseph and Jacob, and Isaac, and Abraham, and all mine ancient prophets and apostles. 33 And again this is the law that I gave unto mine ancients, that they should not go out unto battle against any nation, kindred, tongue, or people, save I the Lord commanded them. 34 And if any nation, tongue,

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<sup>637</sup> The original plural was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>638</sup> The original plural was changed to singular. Joseph retained the change.

<sup>639</sup> The original "either your Children or" was changed to "even." Joseph retained the change.

or people should proclaim war against them, they should first lift a standard of peace unto that people, nation, or tongue, 35 and if that people did not accept the offering of peace, neither the second nor the third time, they should bring these testimonies before the Lord; 36 then I the Lord would give unto them a commandment, and justify them in going out to battle against that nation, tongue, or people, 37 and I the Lord would fight their battles, and their children's battles and their children's children until they had avenged themselves on all their enemies, to the third and fourth generation, 38 behold this is an ensample unto all people, saith the Lord your God, for justification before me.

39 And again verily I say unto you, if, after thine enemy has come upon thee the first time, he repent<sup>640</sup> and come unto thee praying thy forgiveness thou shalt forgive him and shall hold it no more as a testimony against thine enemy, 40 and so on unto the second and third time; and as oft as thine enemy repenteth of the trespass wherewith he has trespassed against thee, thou shalt forgive him, until seventy times seven; 41 and if he trespass against thee and repent not the first time, nevertheless thou shalt forgive him; 42 and if he trespass against thee the second time, and repent not, nevertheless thou shalt forgive him; 43 and if he trespass against thee the third time and repent not thou shalt forgive him; 44 but if he trespass against thee the fourth time, thou shalt not forgive him but shall bring these testimonies before the Lord, and they shall not be blotted out until he repent and reward thee four fold in all things wherewith he has trespassed against you; 45 and if he do this thou shalt forgive him with all your heart, and if he do not this I the Lord will avenge thee of thine enemy an hundred fold; 46 and upon his children, and upon his children's children, of all them that hate me, unto the third and fourth generation: 47 but if the children shall repent, or the children's children and turn to the Lord their God with all their hearts<sup>641</sup>, and with all their might, mind, and strength, and restore four fold for all their trespasses, wherewith they have trespassed, or wherewith their fathers have trespassed or their father's fathers then thine indignation shall be turned away 48 and vengeance shall no more come upon them, saith the Lord your God, and their trespass shall never be brought any more as a testimony before the Lord against them: Amen.

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<sup>640</sup> The original plural was modified to singular. Joseph maintained the change.

<sup>641</sup> The original singular was changed to plural. Joseph maintained the change.

# 99

*Revelation given August 1832.  
Canonized in 1835.*

1 Behold thus saith the Lord unto my servant John Murdock, thou art called to go into the eastern countries from house to house, from village to village, and from city to city, to proclaim mine everlasting gospel unto the inhabitants thereof, in the midst of persecution and wickedness; 2 and whoso receiveth you receiveth me, and you shall have power to declare my word in the demonstration of my Holy Spirit; 3 and whoso receiveth you as a little child, receiveth my kingdom and blessed are they, for they shall obtain mercy; 4 and whoso rejecteth you shall be rejected of my Father and his house: and you shall cleanse your feet in the secret places by the way for a testimony against them.

5 And behold, and lo, I come quickly to judgment, to convince all of their ungodly deeds which they have committed against me, as it is written of me in the volume of the book. 6 And now verily I say unto you, that it is not expedient that you should go until your children are provided for, and kindly sent up unto the bishop in Zion, 7 and after a few years, if thou desirest of me thou mayest go up also unto the goodly land, to possess thine inheritance; 8 otherwise thou shalt continue proclaiming my gospel until thou be taken:— Amen.

# 100

*Revelation given in Perrysburgh, New York to Joseph Smith, jr. And Sidney Rigdon<sup>642</sup>, October 1833.  
Canonized in 1835*

1 Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you my friends, Sidney, and Joseph, your families are well: they are in mine hands, and I will do with them as seemeth me good; for in me there is all power: 2 therefore, follow me,

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<sup>642</sup> Earlier manuscripts add "while on their journey to Canada according to direction of the Spirit."

and listen to the counsel which I shall give unto you: 3 Behold, and lo, I have much people in this place, in the regions round about, and an effectual door shall be opened in the regions round about in *this eastern land*<sup>643</sup>: 4 Therefore, I the Lord have suffered you to come unto this place; for thus it was expedient in me for the salvation of souls: 5 therefore, verily I say unto you, lift up your voices unto this people; speak the thoughts that I shall put into your hearts, and ye shall not be confounded before men; 6 for it shall be given you in the very hour, yea, in the very moment, what ye shall say.

7 But a commandment I give unto you, that ye shall declare whatsoever things ye declare in my name, in solemnity of heart, in the spirit of meekness, in all things. 8 And I give unto you this promise, that inasmuch as ye do this, the Holy Ghost shall be shed forth in bearing record unto all things whatsoever ye shall say.

9 And it is expedient in me that you, *my servant*<sup>644</sup> Sidney should be a spokesman unto this people; yea, verily, I will ordain you unto this calling, even to be a spokesman unto my servant Joseph; 10 and I will give unto him power to be mighty in testimony; 11 and I will give unto thee power to be mighty in expounding all scriptures, that thou mayest be a spokesman unto him, and he shall be a revelator unto thee, that thou mayest know the certainty of all things pertaining to the things of my kingdom on the earth. 12 Therefore, continue your journey and let your hearts rejoice; for, behold, and lo, I am with you even unto the end.

13 And now I give unto you a word concerning Zion: Zion shall be redeemed, although she is chastened for a little season.— 14 Thy brethren, my servants, Orson Hyde and John Gould, are in my hands, and inasmuch as they keep my commandments they shall be saved. 15 Therefore, let your hearts be comforted, for all things shall work together for good to them that walk uprightly, and to the sanctification of the church; 16 for I will raise up unto myself a pure people, that will serve me in righteousness; 17 and all that call on the name of the Lord and keep his commandments, shall be saved; even so: Amen.

#### Minutes of a meeting of the First Presidency and Twelve

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<sup>643</sup> The original "the eastern lands" was modified to "this eastern land." Joseph retained the change.

<sup>644</sup> The original does not include "my servant." Joseph retained the addition.

Revelation to John Taylor, 1883

The following instructions form part of a revelation received by President John Taylor, in Salt Lake City, April 28th, 1883:

These things belong to my Priesthood but more properly to the School of the Prophets, who should be made acquainted with my laws. Let the School of the Prophets be organized, even all such as are worthy, but if they are found unworthy they shall not have a place in my school for I will be honored by my Priesthood; and let my laws be made known unto them as may be deemed expedient.

In order to carry out the word and will of the Lord, as above expressed, President John Taylor at a meeting of the First Presidency and Council of the Apostles, held at the Endowment House, Wednesday, July 25th, 1883, appointed Elders Geo. Q. Cannon and Geo. Reynolds to get together all papers and information that they could obtain relating to the former Schools of the Prophets that were organized under the direction of Presidents Joseph Smith and Brigham Young, so that the School might be properly organized in accordance with the designs of the Almighty.