

**The True Biblical Profile of Joseph Smith
and the Un-sanitized History of the LDS Restoration Movement
Part One version 2**

Preface

When I began this project, the goal was to create a short outline of the amazing prophetic events that took place during the 14 year ministry of Joseph Smith. I wanted an outline to use in speaking with *skeptics* and Latter day Saints who have experienced a *crisis in faith*, to show them that Joseph Smith and the events of his ministry were expressly foretold in the Bible.

I wanted to show Biblical prophecies supporting not just the faith promoting events of the LDS restoration movement, but also the ones that are so bizarre, inconsistent with LDS theology and embarrassing to believers in the mission of Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon.

I wanted to be able to have a simple, understandable outline with associated documentation providing scriptural and historical answers for every disturbing question that is commonly brought up by antagonists.

Later, it was suggested by someone that the outline might also be used as a study guide by study groups who want to learn the answers to these difficult questions and have a better understanding about the original doctrines of the restored church and the true history of the LDS restoration.

As with almost everything I write, this outline ended up being much longer than anticipated. Nevertheless, it provides an outline of sorts, and a person using it to speak with skeptics of the restoration as well as Latter day Saints who are in a state of crisis can easily pick and choose which concepts they want to address.

Once the topic of interest is chosen, links provide access to additional related scriptural and historical documentation. Eventually, I will have over two hundred links to related posts and articles for those who desire greater supporting documentation for a given topic within this presentation.

This presentation is not finished and will continue to be a work in progress for some time however it contains enough information to get someone started. I am therefore making it available to anyone that wants to begin studying it. I am also making it available to the public at this time because I am inviting comments and suggestions from believers and skeptics on how to present this in a more clear fashion. (get more current updates as time goes by, check this link <http://thechiefinspector.wordpress.com/2011/03/14/the-church-goes-into-the-wilderness/>)

I want to acknowledge that many people have contributed to this project. Some have done so unknowingly over the years by simply sharing articles, books, blogs posts and by making comments on blogs and articles I have written that have provided additional pieces of the puzzle. Others continue to provide critique and suggestions for which I am grateful.

Ultimately, anything that is true in this presentation is provided by the grace and mercy of God through fallible humans. Any concepts contained herein that are false are the errors and precepts of man, based on uninspired interpretations of the scriptures and church history.

I want to emphasize that the commentary and interpretations contained herein that are true cannot convert anyone to the gospel of Jesus Christ or convince them that the work that Joseph Smith and others were involved in was authentic. *Only belief in the word of God can open the door to that knowledge and to the spiritual rebirth that is required to enter into the highest kingdom of God.*

It is hoped that some of the concepts provided herein may motivate readers to get back into a deeper study of the scriptures.

A Secret Prophetic Biblical Storyline

This presentation will document the major events and revelations taking place during the public ministry of the Prophet Joseph Smith which lasted approximately 14 years. It will also provide a prophetic context for the 14 year ministry by spotlighting and analyzing 12 prophetic declarations that the Lord made in revelations to Joseph Smith *before* his public ministry actually began.

Although the secret, prophetic storyline provided herein is largely one that has never shown up in a written commentary before, (to my knowledge) it has been extracted from scripture and credible historical documentation.

The prophetic storyline has largely been a secret to those living during the last four generations and yet it has been prophesied of since Old Testament times. Not only is it presented in ancient scripture, it was reiterated by God in modern revelation *before* Joseph officially began his 14 year ministry.

Hopefully this presentation will drive the reader into a *contextual study* of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the true history of the LDS restoration movement. We encourage the reader to accept the word of God in scripture over any conflicting doctrines and teachings by uninspired mortal men regardless of what priesthood positions or authority they claim.

It is hoped that the use of *keyword search technology* will be employed by those who take this study seriously. Any commentary and opinions contained herein should be tested and weighed against the word of God as the standard by which we judge every man's doctrines. To this end, we find the following declaration by Joseph Fielding Smith to be a true key that will never rust.

“ It makes no difference what is written or what anyone has said, if what has been said is in conflict with what the Lord has revealed, we can set it aside. My words, and the teachings of any other member of the Church, high or low, if they do not square with the revelations, we need not accept them. Let us have this matter clear. We have accepted the four standard works as the measuring yardsticks, or balances, by which we measure every man’s doctrine.” (Joseph Fielding Smith Doctrines of Salvation, 3:203).

The LDS Restoration Was Built on the Foundation of Biblical Christianity

This presentation presumes and will scripturally substantiate that the God of Israel in the Old Testament is the only true and living God and that He is the same God that sent His only begotten Son to the earth to atone for the sins of the world, as documented in the New Testament.

It also assumes and will also testify to the fact that God's inspired word in the Old and New Testaments provide an accurate description of:

- 1) The fall of Adam and the literal reality of the creation story
- 2) Israel's history,
- 3) The covenant relationships God has with Israel
- 4) The fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 5) The truth about the restoration of the Church of Christ and the priesthoods and the laying of the foundation for a future Marvelous Work that took place during Joseph Smith's public ministry in the 1830's

It will demonstrate and document that the revelations received by Joseph Smith and the events of the LDS restoration movement are deeply and intricately interconnected with the prophecies and events contained in the Old and New Testaments. These doctrinal and prophetic interconnections between the Bible, Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants are diverse, multi-layered, and exact.

It becomes apparent after doing thousands of keyword, key phrase and key topic searches that no mortal intelligence could possibly have crafted and meticulously, (sometimes even cryptically), interwoven the countless doctrines and prophesies contained within the four standard works.

It will be seen that the doctrine, history and prophecy in the Book of Mormon and the D&C cohesively interconnect with those in the Bible with such precise and harmonious consistency that only a higher intelligence could have inspired such a work in scripture. Furthermore, the interconnected doctrines are not only consistent, but they clarify and expand upon each other synergistically.

Much of the context for the interrelationships between various scriptural passages and historical documentation that is presented in this work was made possible through the use of computers and scripture searching software. This amazing technology enables the student of the gospel to make keyword connections that otherwise would take significantly longer to observe.

In some cases it is doubtful that all of these keyword and associated doctrinal associations and interconnections could ever be achieved through chronological readings or even from topical and keyword research using manual concordances and indexes.

Computers and word crunching software with searching algorithms almost appear to represent a form of transhumanism that results in a technological singularity in understanding the prophetic storyline of what really took place during Joseph Smith's ministry. This is accomplished in part, by identifying otherwise hidden word patterns and keyword interrelationships critical in searching the deeper things while studying the gospel and church history.

It must be remembered however that the *conclusions* drawn from the technological grouping of related passages and historical entries does not come from *artificial intelligence* and therefore does not result in the use of science rather

than faith. The final deductions and conclusions ultimately must be made from the mortal mind and heart and must be inspired from the right source.

Avoiding Deception

The conclusions made from the use of technological assistance are predicated upon the level of a person's spiritual awareness, their diligence on studying the word of God and how well they are adhering to the warnings on how to avoid being deceived.

The two great commandments that are linked to the objective of not being deceived are to [treasure up the word of God](#) and to [take the Holy Ghost as ones guide](#). While keyword search technology can only *facilitate* in the human endeavor of reading, studying, searching and treasuring up God's word, there is no technological help or substitute for being inspired from heaven.

We live in a day in age when many Christians have strayed from biblical teachings and lost their faith in the God of the Bible. Many have rejected the Bible as being a credible and accurate cannon scripture that contains Gods word and will. A similar thing is being experienced by many Mormons. Many are losing their faith in God, the Book of Mormon and modern revelation. Some have lost their faith by focusing on the claims of science rather than on believing, searching and dissecting the word of God.

Some people feel that the God depicted in the Old and New Testament, (as well as the Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants) is not logical, rational, believable, approachable or fair. Many feel he is too harsh, rigid and angry. Some feel that modern day science does not support the premise that He exists.

For these and a host of other reasons, many people have rejected the only true God. In short, as warned in section one of the Doctrine and Covenants; many people are uncomfortable with the Biblical God so they have created their own version of what they think God should be like and what they choose to worship.

“Every man walketh in his own way after the image of his own God whose image is in the likeness of the world”.
(D&C 1:16)

This presentation accepts the reality of how God portrays himself and makes no apologies for what the true nature and character of God is as clearly depicted and defined in scripture. It will demonstrate that the God of Joseph Smith is the same God of the Bible and that he is the only true God of Israel.

It will demonstrate that virtually every topic as well as all of the promises and prophecies mentioned in modern revelation and the Book of Mormon are intimately tied to previous declarations in the Old and New Testaments. In short, the biblical God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the same God who commanded Joseph Smith to gather Israel.

Joseph's First Attempt to Gather Israel was an EPIC Failure

Ultimately, Joseph Smith failed to gather Israel during his fourteen year ministry. While that may prove to be a stumbling stone for some people, those intimately familiar with the prophecies contained in Isaiah and other Old

Testament prophets must sit up and take note because Joseph's calling and failure to gather Israel perfectly matches the prophetic pattern given in the Bible of the Davidic servant of the latter days.

The failure of Joseph Smith in gathering Israel is actually one of the profound prophetic and historic evidences that his calling was inspired and authentic. As we shall see in this presentation, his failure was explicitly foretold by Isaiah and other ancient prophets.

Skeptics of the LDS restoration movement who accept the God of the Bible or are still open to the possibility of the existence of a biblical God, are highly encouraged to carefully evaluate the documentation and conclusions contained in this work.

This presentation will provide an *explanation* or *Biblical answer* for *every single one of the objections raised by skeptics of the LDS restoration movement*. Furthermore, it will be shown that the LDS restoration movement has resulted and will continue to result in the fulfillment of major prophesied events contained in books like Deuteronomy, Daniel, Isaiah and all of the other great prophets.

Contextual Declarations

In sections 3, 4 & 5 of the current LDS version of the Doctrine and Covenants, God actually laid the ground work for understanding what was going to happen during the next fourteen years of Joseph Smith's public ministry. **He essentially revealed this information before the church was even completely restored.**

Remarkably, after reviewing these prophetic declarations, it becomes obvious what took place during Joseph Smith's ministry before we even review the contemporary history and revelations of the fourteen year period. Because of this, the process of reviewing the actual history of the early church and ministry of Joseph Smith becomes an exercise in *verifying* the storyline rather than finding out what it is.

Interestingly, much of the content of those three sections was not very understandable to the saints living at that time because:

- 1- They did not have the technological capability to quickly identify keywords and study the interrelationship of associated passages of scripture between and within the Bible, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and Covenants.
- 2- Most did not own a copy of the Book of Mormon and were not intimately familiar with the contents contained therein.
- 3- Most were not intimately familiar with the ancient prophecies within the Old Testament that pertained to the LDS restoration movement.
- 4- Over 95% of the contents of the D&C had not yet been given to the saints yet.

It appears as if the contextual declarations made by God in sections 3, 4 & 5 of the D&C were not given as much for the benefit of the early saints as it was given for those of us that would be living four generations later. We have 20-

20 hindsight enhanced by technology and the grace of God. Frankly, it is time according to the will of God that this information begins to unfold and that blindness begins to come off of Israel.

Following the contextual declarations in sections 3, 4 & 5, which reveal the prophetic storyline of Joseph's ministry, the events of church history then unfolded while God gave a step by step commentary in modern revelation of what was happening as historical events unfolded.

After many of the major events took place, God gave revelations summarizing and documenting what had previously taken place in Kirtland, Jackson and Far West with dire warnings of what would happen in Nauvoo if the saints failed to repent, reform and finish the Nauvoo Temple. Intermingled through the storyline within the passages of ancient and modern revelation is the foretelling of what we are about to experience in our own time. Based on prophecies in the Book of Mormon and D&C, we have the advantage of knowing what is about to happen in our own time before it takes place.

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CONTEXTURE, n. The manner of interweaving several parts into one body; the disposition and union of the constituent parts of a thing, with respect to each other; composition of parts; constitution; as a silk of admirable contexture.

The word contextual in the sense that we will use it in this document means to view information as a whole- both the facts and where they came from. We shall view the events that took place during Joseph Smith's ministry in the context of the declaration that God made leading up to them. We shall also integrate Old and New Testament and Book of Mormon prophecies as well.

The twelve major contextual declarations can be found in the Doctrine and Covenants in sections 3, 4 & 5. (and the original content in section 4 of the Book of Commandments which became section 5 in the Doctrine and Covenants)

Part One

Twelve Contextual Declarations of God *and associated doctrines*

(given as context for the future history of the church before it was legally restored)

- 1- July 1828 section 3 **The work of God cannot be frustrated, only the work of man can be..**
 - 1a- All of God's unconditional promises will come to pass including the return of God's servants. (1:37-38,4-6)
 - 2a- See #4&6.
- 2- July 1828 section 3 **True Prophets can have many revelations, then boast, sin, become carnal, and fall**
 - 2a- Those who become justified by the Law, fall from grace. ([Gal 5:4](#))
 - 2b- Past prophets have temporarily fallen from grace but have not departed from mercy
 - 2c- Because of fallibility God revealed a procedure for excommunicating the President of the Church
 - 2d- See [God will Never Allow...](#)
 - 2e- See [Doctrine of Awareness part 1, 2, 3](#) Also [Law of Succession Part Two](#)

- 3- July 1828 section 3 "...because of transgression, if thou art not aware thou wilt fall [from grace].
3a- see the succession prophecy section 43
3b- see section 90
- 4- July 1828 section 3:6 "And behold, how oft you have transgressed the commandments and the laws of God"
 4b- Joseph and others were given commandments in their weakness [unbelief & transgression]([1:24](#), [38:14](#))
- 5- July 1828 section 3 **My [Marvelous] work shall go forth (when the seed of Lehi accepts the gospel)**
5a- March 1829 Section 4 "Behold, a marvelous work is ABOUT to come forth" at a future time..
 5b- Joseph's 14 yr ministry laid the foundation for the *future* marvelous work. see [doctrine of three watches](#)
 5c- "Ye are laying the *foundation* of a GREAT WORK" (64:33)
 5d- See [1 Nephi 13](#)
- 6- March 1829 Section 5 **Josephs Calling- Stand as a Witness, Deliver Gods Words**
 6a- Isaiah prophesied of the latter day "witness" (Isa 43:10, 55:4)
 6b- [Woe! .. to that man,.. who lift up their hands against God and his Witness in these last days](#)
 6c- "I was in the Grand Council.. chosen... to lay the foundation of God's work (RJSD Pg 853-8 [Boap May 12 44](#))
- 7- March 1829 Section 5 **The Church begins to come out of the wilderness**
 7a- Keyword search: The Church returns into wilderness and will come back at future time ([33:5](#), [109:73](#))
 7b- Related keyword search "priesthood"
 7c- Related keyword search "kingdom"
 7d- Related keyword search "fulness of the gospel"
 7e- See [Seven Signs of the True Church](#)
- 8- March 1829 Section 5 "if the people harden not their hearts ..I will work a [future] reformation..."
 8a- UnPub pg 73 December 5th 1834 and there must needs be a repentance and a **reformation** among you
 8b- WofJS pg 232-3 July 16th 1843 Hyrum held the office of prophet & he was going to have a reformation
- 9- March 1829 Section 5 **and I will establish my church, like unto the church which was taught by my disciples in the days of old."**
9a- This proves that the original church organization of the restored Church of Christ and Church articles in section 20 and the law in section 42 represented the ultimate goal and that the church declined thereafter
- 10- March 1829 Section 5 **If this generation harden their hearts... I will deliver them up unto Satan**
 10a- "The moment we revolt from anything that comes from God, the Devil takes power." (TPJS 214-5)
 10b- And the Lord rejected all the seed of Israel.. until he had cast them out of his sight. [2 Kings 17:20](#)
 10c- And the Lord said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off. [2 Kings 23](#)
- 11- March 1829 Section 5 **God Covenants With Joseph, grants eternal life even if slain [as a transgressor]**
 11a- [Your names] "are recorded in the book of the names of the sanctified.." [88:2](#)
 11b- Joseph is the covenant servant (Isa 42, 49, Section 45)
 11c- Joseph builds the temple, is chastised by the rod of men, retains God's mercy (2nd Sam
 11d- Joseph is the fulfillment of atonement statute prophecy (Blood sacrifice Goat Lev:16)
 11e- see [Four Steps to Losing Your Innocence Part 6](#)
 11f- [The Return of Sidney Rigdon Part 4 final](#)
 11g- [The Doctrine of "AWARENESS"](#)

12- March 1829 Section 5 **Belief in God's words is the only parameter upon which salvation is based**

"Whosoever believeth on my words, them will I visit with the manifestation of my spirit; and they shall be born of me, even of the water and of the Spirit... and the testimony of three witnesses will I send forth of my word... and their testimony shall also go forth unto the condemnation of this generation if they harden their hearts against me."

12a See forthcoming post on how Biblical Christianity is a faith based religion and how according to the word of God, the reliance of science and the learning and wisdom of mortal man places a curse upon a person.

The mind blowing contextual declarations noted above and the astounding passages of scripture and statements of Joseph Smith that they interconnect with; provide the amazing preliminary context for the storyline of Joseph's prophetic 14 year public ministry. Here are some brief observations about the 12 contextual declarations that will be further developed later in the presentation as the true history of Joseph Smith's the ministry is documented and dissected.

#1 The work of God cannot be frustrated, (only the work of man can be...)

The timing and significance of this pronouncement can be more fully appreciated by reviewing the failure of Joseph Smith to gather Israel by the end of his 14 year public ministry.

It is no coincidence that God begins giving us context by informing us that there is a distinct difference between the *work of man* and the *work of God* and that God's work cannot be frustrated. He would follow up this truth in section one by commanding us to search the commandments contained in modern revelation and declaring that every single prophecy and promise within them will categorically be fulfilled.

God, with his infinite foreknowledge, knew that the ministry of Joseph Smith would appear to be a total failure by the time Joseph died. He therefore prefaces the preparatory work of Joseph Smith with the declaration that God's work will not be frustrated. Isaiah and other prophets detailed the future ministry of a servant who initially fails to gather Israel then returns at a later time during the Marvelous Work to complete it. Additional declarations allude to the doctrine of the three watches and how God will fulfill his promises.

#2 True prophets can have many revelations, then boast, sin, become carnal and fall [from grace]

It is truly remarkable that Latter day Saints often have such an unrealistic and inaccurate view of the role of prophets and that they indulge in the practice prophet worship.

The Bible provides accounts of prophets that lied, rejected callings, killed people, broke many of the commandments and disobeyed the Lord. In short, the Bible teaches that God allows true and false revelations to come through prophets to test his people. It teaches that God works through fallible human beings.

The test that prophets provide is not whether God fearing believers will blindly follow them, rather it is to see if we will discern the truthfulness of each message that comes from any given prophet. God wants to see if we will be faithful to *his word* or if we can be seduced into putting a higher priority on following the words and precepts of human beings. Will we put our faith in *God's message* or *God's messenger*?

He wants the saints to understand that they are to put their trust in God, not his fallible servants.

#3 "... because of transgression, if thou are not aware thou wilt fall [from grace]

Those of us that love and revere the Prophet Joseph Smith would love to believe that the above warning that God gave to Joseph Smith was only a hollow warning and not a prophecy.

We shall see however as we progress through this presentation that it was indeed a prophecy.

We will document and analyze all of the similar warnings in modern revelation including the succession prophecy in section 43. We will also identify and interconnect the ancient prophecies that foretold about a latter day Davidic servant who would temporarily fail to gather Israel while acting as an intercessory servant. We will document the sporadic and contradictory behavior and teachings of Joseph Smith. A pattern will emerge showing that many of the doctrines Joseph taught in Nauvoo contradicted the doctrines he taught in Kirtland.

When done, the evidence will be overwhelming that Joseph Smith transgressed. Yet he fell and had his eyes covered because of the sins of latter day Israel and because of his intercessory offering. Many of the prophecies foretelling his initial failure also foretell his future return and triumphant.

#4 "And behold, how oft you have transgressed the commandment and the laws of God

In his contextual declarations God wanted to document and canonize for the world to know that Joseph Smith, like everyone else, was a *habitual transgressor*. He actually gave Joseph Smith and others commandments and revelations in the midst of their weakness. He wanted it understood that Joseph and any other true prophets could fall from grace despite receiving many revelations and doing wonderful works.

Declaration #2 reveals that prophets are fallible and subject to sin just like anyone else. A few verses later in the same section, God makes declaration #3 and gives Joseph a rather sobering warning that he will fall from grace because of transgression if he loses his awareness.

Finally, declaration #4 is given to alert the whole world that God was working a work through a human being who, like the rest of us, was a habitual transgressor. In later revelations God reveals that he was giving commandments (revelations) to Joseph and others while they were living in a state of weakness which is later defined as being in a state of unbelief and transgression. [1:24](#), [38:14](#))

#5 My [Marvelous] work shall go forth (when the seed of Lehi accepts the gospel)

Observation 5 is the first time of many times in the published revelations that God reveals that the Marvelous Work and a Wonder spoken of in Isaiah and the Book of Mormon was to be a *future* event. In this passage he reveals that it will be ushered in at the time when the seed of Lehi believes in the Book of Mormon. That did not happen during the ministry of Joseph Smith. It will happen when he returns.

Section 4 provides a reiteration of declaration #5 and it is repeated in very similar wording in sections 11, 12 & 13. The fact that God repeats the declaration multiple times is an indication of how important this concept is.

“NOW behold, a marvelous work is about to come forth among the children of men.”

In section 18 Oliver and David are promised that the Marvelous Work and a wonder will be accomplished through their hands:

“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.”

This is to be accomplished in the third watch when the three witnesses along with the 12 apostles who are called and ordained by the three witnesses go forth teaching the gospel and testifying of the Gospel.

Finally, in section 35, after the first two priesthoods and the church had been fully restored, the Lord makes it clear once again that the great work is a future event, not one that was in process:

“And it shall come to pass that there shall be a great work in the land, even among the Gentiles”

It is difficult to understand how the Latter day Saints have deceived themselves into thinking that the Marvelous Work began to go forth nearly 200 years ago and has resulted in an impotent latter day church that is void of the spiritual gifts and no longer attempts to redeem Zion or live the laws of the gospel as set forth in section 42.

#6 Joseph's Calling- Stand as a Witness, Deliver God's Words

Declaration 6 is announcing to the world, by implication, that Joseph is the long awaited for Witness that Isaiah prophesied about:

"Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.... Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" [Isaiah 55](#)

The Lord would eventually give additional revelations verifying that Joseph and his brethren are the witnesses that go forth for the last time and that the saints are to call upon the Lord *while his is near-*

"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—" Section 88

"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 cleanse your hands and your feet before me, that I may make you clean... 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... tarry ye, and labor diligently, that you may be perfected in your ministry to go forth among the Gentiles for the last time.. to bind up the law and seal up the testimony, and to prepare the saints for the hour of judgment which is to come" Section 88 "

#7 The Church begins to come out of the wilderness

In declaration #7 God provides the amazing keywords "church" and "wilderness".

Using keyword searching technology we can use those and other related keyword specific passages that clarify and verify that the restored Church of Christ along with the restored Kingdom, higher administrative priesthood, and fulness of the Gospel, were in fact driven back into the wilderness during Joseph's ministry.

Later in this presentation we shall provide the results of these amazing keyword searches that demonstrate from the word of God that the church, kingdom, priesthood and fulness of the Gospel were all driven back into the wilderness after being restored to the earth.

8 " if the people.. harden not their hearts.. I will work a [future] reformation [in Nauvoo].. "

Although skeptics are quick to point out that the call for a reformation illogically took place *before* the church had even been legally restored, later in this presentation we will use key word search technology to show that declaration #8 was a *prophecy* pertaining to a future time.

It was revealing that the restored Church of Christ would straightway depart from the truth and eventually have the opportunity to have a reformation during the Nauvoo period.

The first part of the passage from which the above statement is taken is extremely helpful in understanding what the goal of reformation was to have a dual fulfillment. The call for reformation would take place in Nauvoo and also when the Marvelous Work begins:

"And thus, if the people of this generation harden not their hearts, I will work a reformation among them, and I will put down all lyings, and deceivings, and priestcrafts, and envyings, and strifes, and idolatries, and sorceries, and all manner of iniquities.."

9 " if the people.. harden not their hearts.. I will establish my church, like unto the church which was taught by my disciples in the days of old. "

"And thus, if the people of this generation harden not their hearts I will establish my church, like unto the church which was taught by my disciples in the days of old."

As you can see, the Lord was establishing or restoring biblical Christianity. The church was to be established just like it was in New Testament times.

The reason this is significant is because Mormonism has strayed from biblical Christianity and has very few similarities. LDS apologists and the modern corporate church teachings claim that we believe in continuous, progressive revelation and use that to imply that we can deviate from previous doctrines and from New Testament church structure and go in a different direction.

Since modern leaders of the Church have strayed from the original teachings of the restoration and have even contradicted each other, apologists claim that we simply need to believe and obey the current president of the church, fully realizing that he is contradicting previous presidents of the church and that future presidents of the church will contradict what he teaches.

The truth is that the true doctrines of God are consistent and have not changed since the days of the New Testament church. The purpose of continuous revelation when it is truly on the earth, is to complement and build upon the foundation of past revelation, not to contradict it. Continuous revelation can add further light, but it cannot negate the truth that has previously been revealed.

When asked how Mormons differ from other Christians churches Joseph Smith said; "We believe the Bible".

Unfortunately, modern Mormonism is completely out of harmony with biblical Christianity.

#10 If this generation harden their hearts... I will deliver them up unto Satan

This ominous and sobering warning was not an idle one. This is exactly what happened in ancient times to the Kingdom of Israel and the Kingdom of Judah. When they rejected God's commandments, God temporarily cast them out of his sight.

This pretty much sums up what happened to the latter day saints after they took the new covenant and associated commandments lightly, collectively broke their covenant of consecration, fell under condemnation and rejected the fulness of the Gospel.

Whenever God's people reject his commandments, he withdraws and turns his face away from them for a time just as he did anciently. When that happens, the God of this world takes control-

"The moment we revolt from anything that comes from God, the Devil takes power." (TPJS 214-5)

"And the Lord rejected all the seed of Israel.. until he had cast them out of his sight." [2 Kings 17:20](#)

"And the Lord said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel." [2 Kings 23](#)

The darkened minds of the Latter day Saints have left them in a state of delusion and in a complete state of denial about their standing before God. This will be verified as we continue in documenting the true history of the ministry of Joseph Smith.

11 God Covenants with Joseph, grants eternal life even if slain [as a transgressor]

This declaration verifies that God had entered into a unique and singular covenant relationship with Joseph. The conditional promise of eternal life was predicated on commandments that had been given prior to the restoration of the church and priesthood and saving ordinances. When connecting all of the related passages, God was clearly identifying Joseph Smith as the intercessory *covenant servant* prophesied of by Isaiah that God would give to the people. (see Isa 42 & 49)

Again, we have a conditional promise that is actually a prophecy linking to over thirty Old Testament prophecies about the Davidic Servant of the last days. As we progress in this presentation we will identify and then expand upon some of the most incredibly revealing prophecies about the latter day servant who does great things and then ultimately appears to fail in gathering Israel, he falls from grace and dies as a transgressor, chastened by the rod of man because of his transgressions. He will however, return and finish his work.

#12 Belief in God's words is the only parameter upon which salvation is based

Satan is the God of this world. We live in a telestial world where virtually everything we see around us is largely an illusion that entices us into a state of delusion. The whole world is deceived at every imaginable level:

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world" ([Rev 12:9](#))

The Lord tells us time and again in the scriptures that the *natural man is an enemy to God* and that the learning and wisdom of the natural man is folly.

In declaration 12 the Lord gives us the very narrow parameters upon which we can learn the truth, enjoy the manifestation of the Holy Ghost and receive the spiritual rebirth. That one parameter is in believing on the word of God.

Even the testimony of witnesses is only to drive people to the word of God and it ultimately condemns those who fail to believe on God's word... it does not in and of itself convert people. Belief in God's word is the only gate that results in the acquisition of the Holy Spirit and leads to the Kingdom of God.

The learning and wisdom of man including every form of scientific discovery is void of true light and enlightenment.

The Lord has pronounced a curse upon anyone putting their trust in science and the wisdom of mortal man instead of in God's word.

"I know that cursed is he that putteth his trust in the arm of flesh..." 2nd nephi 2: 34

Biblical Christianity is a mystical faith-based religion, not a science based religion. Even good intentioned LDS apologists that attempt to defend the Book of Mormon using scientific reasoning categorically place a curse upon themselves for trusting in science as being a valid and trustworthy source of truth.

Joseph Smith's Failure to Gather Israel

Included in the general commandment to gather Israel, God commanded Joseph Smith to do the following things;

- Translate and publish the Book of Mormon
- Translate and publish the Inspired Version of the Bible
- Facilitate in the restoration of the priesthoods and/or priesthood offices
- Successfully use the saving ordinances of the gospel in the gathering of Israel
- Restore the Church of Christ, (according to the pattern used in the NT)
- Reveal the Law of the Gospel as contained in the fullness of the Gospel, (which categorically mandates living the law of consecration),
- Identify the gathering places for the final gathering of Gods people
- Build four temples
- Establish Zion

At the end of the 14 year public ministry of Joseph Smith he had completely failed in his commission to gather Israel to the designated places of gathering, consecrate them and prepare them the Lord's return. Additionally, he failed in many of the ancillary commandments that were related to or preparatory for the gathering of Israel.

He failed to publish the inspired version of the Bible even though the Lord warned that if the saints did not receive them "**they would yet fail**" (TPJS Pg 9)

He failed to consecrate the Saints and give them their inheritances even though the Lord warned that those who did not receive their inheritances could not "**have their names enrolled with the people of God**". (85:3)

He failed to complete the building of three out of the four temples he was commanded to build.

Although the Kirtland Temple was completed, it became defiled and desecrated and turned over to the enemies of the church within a very short time. Regarding that temple, Sidney Rigdon had proclaimed that "**on it depends the salvation of the church and the world**". (HC 4:449)

In short, Joseph Smith died without successfully gathering Israel and establishing Zion.

The church, kingdom, priesthood, fulness of the gospel and associated ordinances that he was instrumental in restoring were driven back into the wilderness shortly after being restored just as they had been after the New Testament apostles were rejected by the world.

Joseph's initial Failure was Foretold and Explained in the Bible

Virtually every major event in the life of Joseph Smith and in the LDS restoration movement is either specifically prophesied about or doctrinally explained in the Old and New Testaments, Book of Mormon and D&C.

The Bizarre events that are so disturbing to evangelical Christians and Ex-Mormon critics of Joseph Smith actually provide the most powerful, profound and compelling witness that the restored Gospel is true and that Joseph Smith is the prophesied Davidic Servant of the latter days.

For instance, one of the Davidic lamentations which is found in Isaiah 49 documents the *covenant servant* of the latter days proclaiming that **“the Lord hath called me from the womb... he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword... and made me a polished shaft in his quiver.” (1-2)**

Modern day revelation and statements from Joseph Smith make mention of the fact that Joseph Smith was *called of God*. That the word of God that Joseph brought forth was like unto a *sharp sword* and that Joseph Smith would become a *polished shaft* in the quiver of the almighty.

In verse 4 the Davidic Servant cries out **“I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for naught, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord and my work with my God”**

After lamenting about his complete and utter failure to gather Israel, the Davidic servant declares, according to the promise of the Lord, that he will *yet* be successful in gathering Israel at some future time despite his first failure-

“And now sayeth the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious [victorious] in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength”

Those passages represent just one of many Davidic lamentations that prophesied the failed first attempt at gathering Israel prior to the successful fulfillment of God’s promises. Those passages testify to the authenticity of Joseph’s ministry.

Another Davidic prophecy is provided in [2nd Samuel 7](#). In this prophecy by the prophet Nathan, we are given a seven part synopsis of the prophetic failed mission of the Davidic Servant.

Seven Part Prophecy given by Nathan the Prophet

1. **The Davidic King will Appoint the Place and Eventually Plant Israel in it** “Moreover I will **appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them**, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more”
2. **The Davidic King will Establish the Kingdom Forever**. “when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, **I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.... And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever”**

3. **The Davidic King will build the House of the Lord.** “He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.... And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever”
4. **The Davidic King will be sealed up to Eternal Life and thereby Become a Son of God. (calling and election)** “I will be his father, and he shall be my son” .
5. **The Davidic Servant will Commit Iniquity.** “If [when] he commit iniquity..
6. **The Davidic King will be Chastened by Men for the iniquity.** "I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men.."
7. **The Davidic King retains the Mercy of the Lord.** “But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

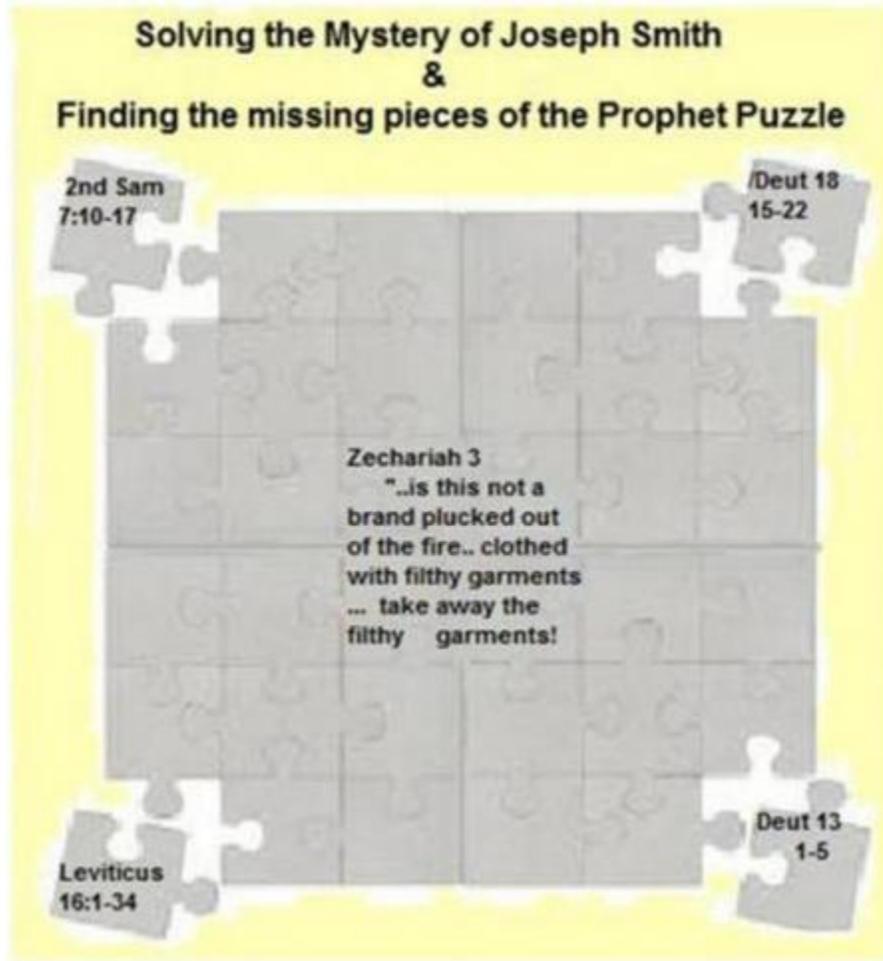
Anyone thinking the events of the LDS restoration movement and the life of Joseph Smith are bizarre must think the above scenario in the Old Testament is as well. How can a true prophet of God appoint the place of gathering, build God's temple, become a *Son of God* and then transgress?

Furthermore, how can such a prophet die in his sins as a result of transgressing and still retain mercy from God?

The prophet Joseph Smith fits perfectly in the above prophecy.

- He appointed the place where Israel will gather and according to his patriarchal blessings and multiple scriptures, he will return to gather Israel.
- He established the Kingdom of God on earth and even though it fled into the wilderness, he has the promise that it will not be destroyed and that he holds the keys of the kingdom in life and death.
- He built the house of the Lord in Kirtland and it was accepted by the Lord with the promise that He would visit his people in it at a future time.
- Joseph was given the promise of eternal life.
- Joseph committed iniquity (more on that later)
- He was chastened by the rod of man because of the Iniquity that he committed.
- Despite committing the iniquity and dying because of his transgressions, he retained the mercy of God.

For a detailed analysis of the above prophecy as it relates to the ministry of Joseph Smith click on the image below



The following article, "[Four Steps... Part Six](#)" will explain how Joseph was given to the people as a *covenant* (Isa 42 & 49) by becoming a "sin offering" that takes the sins of Israel upon itself. (See also the Atonement Statute in [16th chapter of Leviticus](#))

Keyword Search Technology

The "Church", "Priesthood", "Kingdom" and "Fulness of the Gospel"

Additional scriptural documentation reveals that it was before the end of 1834, when the saints collectively broke the everlasting covenant by taking lightly the new covenant and breaking the consecration covenant they had entered into.

Nevertheless, there are a myriad of passages including some of the ones being discussed here that assure us that the *church*, *kingdom priesthood* and *fulness of the Gospel* will once again come out of the wilderness in the third watch when the Marvelous Work finally comes forth.

The screenshot shows the LDS Scriptures application interface. The title bar reads "LDS Scriptures - [Search Results]". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Search", "Go", "Results", "Window", and "Help". The toolbar shows various navigation icons and a zoom level of 115%. Below the toolbar, there are two tabs: "Reference List [10]" and "Selected References [0]". The main content area displays a list of search results for the terms "church" and "wilderness".

Reference List [10] | Selected References [0]

[6] Doctrine and Covenants | Section 5:14

with my words that are given through you.
 12 Yea, they shall know of a surety that these things are true, for from heaven will I declare it unto them.
 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.
 15 And the testimony of three witnesses will I send forth of my word.
 16 And behold, whosoever believeth on my words, them will I visit with the manifestation of my Spirit; and they shall be born of me, even of water and of the Spirit—

[7] Doctrine and Covenants | Section 33:5

3 For behold, the field is white already to harvest; and it is the eleventh hour, and 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.
 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, 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 mouths and they shall be filled, and you shall become even as Nephi of old, who journeyed from Jerusalem in the wilderness.

[8] Doctrine and Covenants | Section 86:3

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, 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;

[9] Doctrine and Covenants | Section 109:73

that their names may be perpetuated and had in everlasting remembrance from generation to generation.
 72 Remember all thy church, O Lord, with all their families, and all their immediate connections, with all their sick and afflicted ones, with all the poor and meek of the earth; that the kingdom, which thou hast set up without hands, may become a great mountain and fill the whole earth;
 73 That thy church may come forth out of the wilderness of darkness, and shine forth fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners;
 74 And be adorned as a bride for that day when thou shalt unveil the heavens, and cause the mountains to flow down at thy presence, and the valleys to be exalted, the rough places made smooth; that thy glory may fill the earth;
 75 That when the trump shall sound for the dead, we shall be caught up in the cloud to meet thee, that we may ever be with the Lord;

Listed above are the four passages in modern revelation that use the exact same keyword terminology to speak of the Church of Christ either coming out of the wilderness or going into it. Section 86 reveals the great secret pertaining to how the meridian Church of Christ was overcome and driven into the wilderness.

"The tares choke the wheat and drive the church into the wilderness."

It then informs us that in the last days, instead of plucking out the tares and having a complete housecleaning like the Nephite Church did when the Savior visited it in 3rd Nephi, the Lord was going to allow the tares to continue mingled among God's wheat until the harvest is ripe:

"pluck not up the tares while the blade is yet tender...lest you destroy the wheat also. 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."

The other three keyword passages speak about the latter day restored Church of Christ. They provide a three part chronology that proves that the restored Church of Christ was also driven back into the wilderness within a very short time after it came out of the wilderness.

The restored church was driven back into the wilderness in the exact same way that the ancient one was. It was choked by the tares.

Listed below are the keyword related passages showing the chronology of the church *beginning* to come out of the wilderness in **1829**, being fully *established* on the earth in **1830** and having gone back into the wilderness again sometime prior to the dedicatory prayer of the Kirtland Temple in **1836**. The dedicatory prayer petitions the Lord that the church may come forth out of the wilderness at a future time when the marvelous work shines forth.

Section 5 March 1829, the **beginning of the rising up and the coming forth** of my church out of the **wilderness**

Section 33 October 1830. This church have I **established** and called forth out of the **wilderness**.

Section 109 March 27, 1836. That thy church **may come forth** out of the **wilderness of darkness...**

The fact that the church was in a state darkness after the rejection of the greater light by the end of 1834 was actually a fact of common knowledge among the leading brethren of the church and any saints that were paying attention.

While Joseph was preparing the 12 apostles for the Kirtland Temple endowment he told them that **their minds were so dark that the angel Gabriel could not explain it to them.** (Joseph Smith, Discourse, Kirtland, Ohio, November 12, 1835, Joseph Smith Journal, *Papers of Joseph Smith*, 2:76–77.)

As early as December of 1834 the Lord had informed the leaders of the church that both the leaders and the membership were condemned and that all things were out of order necessitating a reformation in all things:

‘Verily, condemnation resteth upon you, who are appointed to lead my Church, and to be saviors of men; and also upon the Church; and there must needs be repentance and a reformation among you, in all things...’ (Unpublished revelations Pg 73 December 5th 1834)

Out of Obscurity and Darkness

With this new context that the restored Church of Christ was driven back into the wilderness, and the use of keyword search technology, we can now see that section 1:30 actually confirms that fact that the restored church would come forth at a later time when the great and abominable church tumbles to the dust.

"And also those to whom these commandments were given, might have power to lay the foundation of this church, [at this time] and to bring it forth out of obscurity and out of darkness, [in the future during the third watch] 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 individual"

To get a scriptural witness on the above interpretation, use the keywords "**obscurity**" and "**darkness**" to identify [Nephi 1:12](#). A contextual reading of that chapter reveals that the time when the latter day church comes out of

"**obscurity and darkness**" is when God "**makes his arm bare in the eyes of all nations**" and **brings forth his covenants and gospel unto those who are of the house of Israel.**

This all takes place at the day that the **great and abominable church shall tumble to the dust.** Clearly, the latter day restored Church of Christ was driven back into the wilderness and will come back out of the wilderness at a future time, when the Marvelous Work and a Wonder begin.

The Restored Priesthood was also Driven into the Wilderness

It will be restored at a future time

If the restored Church of Christ was driven back into the wilderness during the ministry of Joseph Smith, what about the restored priesthood? Again, using keyword search technology we find that the higher priesthood was also driven back into the wilderness shortly after being restored.

Partial Keyword Search Results on the Keyword "Priesthood"

Dec 1832 Section 86:8-10 "the priesthood hath continued through the lineage of your fathers—For ye are lawful heirs, according to the flesh.. your life and the priesthood ..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

March 1835 Section 107 THERE are, in the church, two priesthoods, namely, the Melchizedek and Aaronic

July 1837 Section 112 For unto you, the Twelve, and those, the First Presidency..is the power of this [Abrahamic] priesthood given..which ye have received..from the fathers, and last of all, being sent down from heaven unto you.

March 1838 Section 113 8 He had reference to those whom God should call in the last days, who should hold the power of priesthood to bring again Zion, and the redemption of Israel; and to put on her strength is to put on the authority of the priesthood, which she, Zion, has a right to by lineage; also to return to that power which she had lost.

Isaiah 52 1 AWAKE, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

March 1838 Section 113 10We are to understand that the scattered remnants are exhorted to return to the Lord from whence they have fallen; which if they do, the promise of the Lord is that he will speak to them, or give them revelation. See the 6th, 7th, and 8th verses. The bands of her neck are the curses of God upon her, or the remnants of Israel in their scattered condition among the Gentiles.

Isaiah 52 2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

July 1838 Section 119 1 VERILY, thus saith the Lord, I require all their surplus property to be put into the hands of the bishop of my church in Zion.. And this shall be the beginning of the tithing [consecration]of my people. And after that, those who have thus been tithed shall pay one-tenth of all their interest annually; and this shall be a standing law unto them forever, for my holy priesthood, saith the Lord.

January 1841 section 124 28 For there is not a place found on earth that he may come to and restore again that which was lost unto you, or which he hath taken away, even the fulness of the priesthood.

August 1843 "Paul is here treating of three different priesthoods, namely the priesthood of Aaron, Abraham, and Melchizedek"

The above passages inform us that patriarch priesthoods such as Aaron and Moses held are always on the earth and are inherited by those of the proper lineage. They also inform us that priesthood *ordinations* are necessary for people to function in dispensing the saving ordinances and in governing the church. It was the *callings* from God and associated *ordinations* and *confirmations* to callings, and associated *keys* of the priesthood, that were actually restored to the earth.

Although section 107 states that there are two general categories of priesthood in the church, Joseph gave greater clarity in a discourse in 1843 on [Hebrews chapter 7](#) and used the words of the apostle Paul to show that there are actually **three distinct divisions of priesthood**. (Aaronic, Abrahamic and Melchizedek. Section 107 was probably grouping the patriarchal priesthood as a division of Melchizedek Priesthood)

While it is easy to document that callings and offices within all three priesthood powers were restored and that the Aaronic priesthood offices were to remain on the earth for a designated period of time, it is also quite easy to document that the offices and rights to the two higher administrative priesthoods were driven back into the wilderness.

In March of 1838 Joseph Smith gave a brief commentary on Isaiah 52, prophesying that the latter day saints would fail to gather and redeem Zion at that time and would become *scattered*. This would result in losing the *power* of the priesthood and would bring a cursing upon the latter day saints. His commentary on Isaiah revealed that in the last days the saints would eventually put on the power of the priesthood *again* and return to the power they had previously lost.

Finally, in January of 1841, the Lord declares in section 124 that the fulness of the priesthood had been lost. While restructuring callings within the church, the same revelation would verify that the patriarchal portion of administrative priesthood previously enjoyed in Kirtland was still on the earth.

In that section, the warning is given that if the saints fail to repent and complete the Nauvoo temple in the appointed time, they would be forced to flee from their appointed place in Nauvoo and would be rejected as a church with their dead resulting in the loss of the administrative patriarch priesthood of Abraham.

The Kingdom was Restored and then Driven into the Wilderness

It will be restored at a future time

Partial Keyword Search using the keyword "Kingdom"

1- section 29 Sept 1830 and it is his good will to give you the kingdom.

2- Section 35 Dec 1830 Fear not.. the kingdom is yours until I come. Behold, I come quickly. Even so. Amen.

3- Section 38:9 Jan 1831 Behold, the kingdom is yours, and the enemy shall not overcome

4- Section 42:69 Feb 1831 rejoice..unto you the kingdom, or in other words, the keys of the church have been given.

5- Section 43:8-10 May 1831 Feb 1831 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.

6- Section 50:35 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..not ordained of him—

7- Section 56: 18 June 1831 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 power and great glory unto their deliverance;

8- Section 65 Jan 1831 go forth crying with a loud voice, saying; the kingdom of heaven is at hand;

9- Section 78:18 March 1832 The kingdom is yours.. and the riches of eternity are yours.

10- Section 82:24 April 1831 For even yet the kingdom is yours, and shall be forever, if you fall not from your steadfastness. Even so. Amen.

11- 103 8inasmuch as [the saints] keep not my commandments..the kingdoms of the world shall prevail against them.

12- HC 4:365, [Boap](#) May 1844 I calculate to be one of the instruments of setting up the kingdom of Daniel

13- Dan 7:21-22 The..horn made war with the saints and prevailed.. until the Ancient of days came and judgment was given to the saintsof the most high and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom

Again, it is easy to document, using keyword search technology, that the Kingdom of God was restored to the earth but also returned back into the wilderness along with the restored church and priesthood. The kingdom is defined in modern revelation as the *keys to govern the church*.

The kingdom of God was initially restored without its full glory. The goal was to receive glory and power so that the kingdom could roll forth in power as Daniel had prophesied. The promise was that the kingdom would remain on the earth until Christ's next visit (which secretly took place in 1836).

Passage #5 documents that the kingdom would be without glory (power) until the saints become faithful. It also warns that the kingdom would be taken if they were not obedient and faithful. #6 also confirms that the kingdom would remain with the saints on earth only if they give head to the commandments. #7 informs us that in the last days, the saints who are pure in heart will see the kingdom of God coming back to the earth. #8 is from a prophetic dream that foretells that the kingdom returns to the earth in glory in the end times. (at a future time)

#10 is another reminder that the retention of the kingdom among the saints on earth is conditional. #11 is a conditional promise that the saints will overcome the kingdoms of the world from that very hour if they are obedient but warned that if the saints keep not the commandments, the kingdoms of the world would prevail against them.

Clearly, the saints did not overcome the kingdoms of the world during the ministry of Joseph Smith. The kingdoms of the world have prevailed over the saints, whose kingdom had not yet received its glory and power during Joseph Smith's ministry.

Just months before his death, Joseph Smith declared that he calculated to be the one of the instruments of setting up the kingdom that Daniel saw. Joseph was acknowledging in 1844, that the kingdom had been taken from the saints and would need to be restored at a future time. Other passages promise Joseph that the *keys* of the kingdom would remain with him in life and death. It now becomes clear why the keys of the kingdom needed to be retained by Joseph after he died. He would need to restore those keys to the earth at a later time.

Finally, the words of Daniels prophecy itself prove that the kingdom is not given to the saints in power until AFTER the return of the Ancient of Days which is clearly a future event.

We see from the extensive keyword search into the scriptures and the history of the church that the kingdom of God was restored to the earth but then was driven into the wilderness to return at a future time.

The Fulness of the Gospel was Rejected by the Saints but will Shine forth Again after the Gentiles Repent

It will be restored at a future time

35:17 Dec 1830 I have sent forth the fulness of my gospel by the hand of my servant Joseph;

3 Nephi 16 10 And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you: At that day when the Gentiles shall sin against my gospel, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, and shall be lifted up in the pride of their hearts above all nations, and above all the people of the whole earth, and shall be filled with all manner of lyings, and of deceits, and of mischiefs, and all manner of hypocrisy, and murders, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, and of secret abominations; and if they shall do all those things, and shall reject the fulness of my gospel, behold, saith the Father, I will bring the fulness of my gospel from among them.

And then will I remember my covenant which I have made unto my people, O house of Israel, and I will bring my gospel unto them.

12 And I will show unto thee, O house of Israel, that the Gentiles shall not have power over you; but I will remember my covenant unto you, O house of Israel, and ye shall come unto the knowledge of the fulness of my gospel.

13 But if the Gentiles will repent and return unto me, saith the Father, behold they shall be numbered among my people, O house of Israel.

Still need to complete and put in boxes

The Church, Kingdom, Priesthood & Fulness of the Gospel all Returned back into the Wilderness

They will all be restored at a future time

We have just documented from four completely different but closely related keyword searches from the word of God that the **Church**, **priesthood**, **kingdom** and **fulness of the Gospel** all emerged during the ministry of the prophet Joseph Smith, only to be driven back into the wilderness.

The good news is that those keyword chronologies all testify that the Church, priesthood, kingdom and fulness of the Gospel will all emerge from the wilderness and return to the earth in the third watch as part of God's marvelous work.

I will work a [future] reformation.. if my people harden not their hearts

One of the ten contextual declarations that God makes is that if the people do not harden their hearts, he will work a reformation among them. Although critics of the church often point out that you cannot have a reformation of the church before it has been restored, keywords are once again given that lead us to additional pieces of the puzzle. One of them is an un-canonized passage of scripture. Another is a statement by Joseph Smith. By looking at these three statements contextually, it becomes apparent that the invitation to reform was a *prophecy* referring to a future time after the restoration and apostasy of the restored gospel.

Historical and Scriptural Keyword Search using "reformation"

B of C 4:5 March 1829 if the people... harden not their hearts, I will work a **reformation** among them

UnPub pg 73 December 5th 1834 there must needs be a repentance and a **reformation** among you, in all things.."

WofJS pg 232-3 July 16th 1843 Hyrum held the office of prophet ... & he was going to have a **REFORMATION**

As you can see from the above chronology of events, the prophesied opportunity for a reformation spoken of in 1829 was to take place *after* the restoration of the Church of Christ. By late 1834, the restored Church of Christ had been driven back into the wilderness necessitating a reformation in *all things*. Everything having to do with the church had become corrupted by the end of 1834.

It would be nice to think that the acceptance of the Kirtland Temple in 1836 by Christ and the visitation of three ministering angels marked a successful reformation of the Fulness of the Gospel of Christ however, it obviously did not. Had it been the triumphant reentry of the church out of the wilderness, Christ or his prophet would have proclaimed it as such and the seven spiritual fruits associated with the true church would have been present in the church thereafter.

Instead, Joseph and Oliver kept the visit by Christ and three ministering angels a secret from the church for the remainder of their lives. After Joseph and Oliver passed away, the saints who fled to Utah with the associated diary containing the account of the visitation were undoubtedly shocked at the account when they read it.

Sixteen years after the experience which is now described in section 110 took place, the details of the event were finally published in a newspaper. 40 years after the event, in 1876, it would finally be canonized in the D&C.

The *anticipated* dispensation to be ushered in at the Kirtland Temple was to be the dispensation of the fullness of times, however since the saints had rejected the fulness of the Gospel and had not yet repented and reformed, a lesser dispensation was in the offing. Hence, as Joseph Smith acknowledged, "**something new must be done for the salvation of the church**". The dispensation that was secretly ushered in was the dispensation of the gospel of Abraham which offered something new. [Isaiah 48 gives an amazing dissertation on this amazing event.](#)

With the advantage of 20-20 hindsight that comes four generations later, the help of scripture searching software and the grace of God, we have now briefly addressed the twelve contextual declarations that God made *before* the church was established in 1830.

It is not expected that readers of this work will readily accept the above interpretations of those declarations or the prophecies they point to at this point however, as we begin documenting and dissecting the five part history of the 14 year ministry of the prophet Joseph Smith, a clearer picture of those interpretations will begin to emerge for those who have the faith to accept a literal interpretation of God's word.

In part two of this work we will dissect the major event of the 14 year public ministry of Joseph Smith. After doing so, it will become clear that the above interpretations of the contextual declarations of God were accurate.