

PO/GP

APOCALYPTIC THEMES

TESTAMENTS

DISPENSATIONS

Each Dispensation

~~insight for living~~  
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~~(Biography or Appad)~~  
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~~Reflections~~  
~~Family~~

BOTH

TWENTY THEMES OF BOM

10 THINGS KEEPING MAN FROM GOD (EXALTATION)

TESTAMENTS (Apoalyptic themes)

(Apoe theme)

- 1) ~~How concerned~~
- 2) ~~Prayer~~
- 3) ~~Theophany & Assumption~~
- 4)

TESTAMENTS

Situation

Prayer

Vision (Theophany)

Return to Preach

Testimony to Family & others

Death

BOTH PO/GP & BOM

The NARRATIVE CALL

theophany CALL

OF A PROPHET

- 1) ~~How concerned~~
- 2) ~~Prayer~~
- 3) ~~Theophany & Assumption~~
- 4)

TESTAMENTS THEMES

Lehi

vs 4 - A) CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION

vs 5 B) PRAYES TO LORD

vs 6 C) VISION

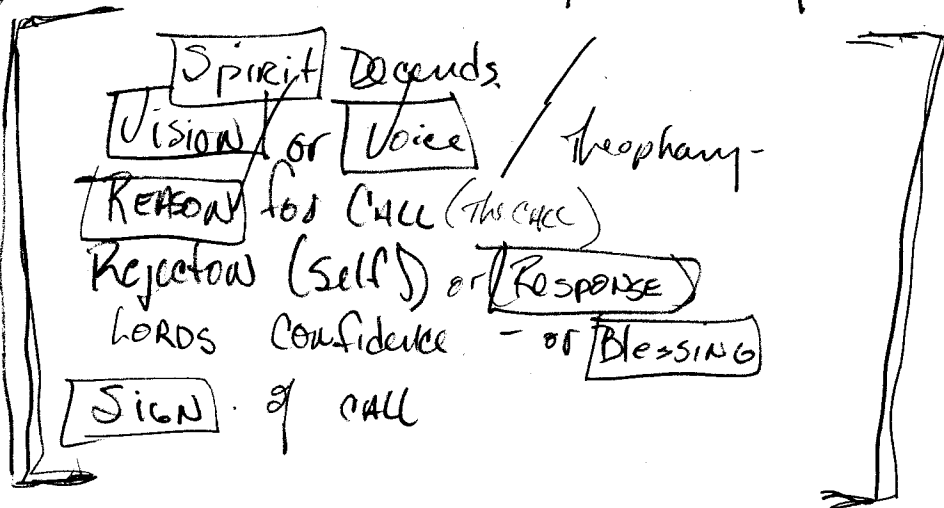
vs 7, 8 D) OVERCOME by spirit

of Assumption  
to THRONE &

- vs. 8-9 F) VISION OF GOD THRONE / cherubim / sharpen / ANGLES
- vs 11-13 G) THE BOOK - & THE FUTURE (REASON OF MESSAGE)
- vs 14 H) PRAISES God for Mercy (HERO'S REACTION)
- vs 18, 19 I) PREACHES (DECLARES REPENTANCE) (TESTAMENT)
- J) Peoples Response
- K) DEATH OF HERO

~~CALL~~ NARRATIVE / theophany

- Israhel
- Levi (before)
- Godaan
- Jerimiah
- Enoch
- Moses
- Joseph
- Smith
- Levi



Dispensational HERO?  
or AFTER The Loss  
OF The Gospels  
at time of Apostasy

### Prophetic utterance

- Vision or Voice / Spirit
- Reason or sins (obedience)
- Cursings of wicked
- Blessing of Repentant.
- Messianic Prophecies - or Knowledge of God if Good or Bad.

### Covenants

- A) preamble
- B) Historical Prologue
- C) W. H. nesses
- D) Blessings
- E) curses
- F) + ...

Covenant  
Reflections

~~History~~

PGP - CONTENTS

Read  
Leadings

- Writings of
- Moses
  - ABR
  - JSMAAT
  - JS HIST
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Apocalyptic theme 1

Eight Dispensations spoken of in  
PGP

- |              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| → A-Temporal | → Moses        |
| → Adam       | → Christ       |
| → Enoch      | → Joseph Smith |
| → Noah       |                |
| → Abraham    |                |

## PREFACE OF THE FIRST EDITION

In the preface of the first edition of the *Pearl of Great Price* Elder Franklin D. Richards states:

The following compilation has been induced by the repeated solicitation of several friends of the publisher, who are desirous to be put in possession of the very important articles contained therein. Most of the Revelations composing this work were published at early periods of the Church, when the circulation of its journals was so very limited as to render them comparatively unknown at present, except to a few who have treasured up the products of the Church with great care from the beginning. A smaller portion of this work has never before appeared in print; and altogether it is presumed, that true believers in the Divine mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith, will appreciate this little collection of precious truths as a *Pearl of Great Price* that will increase their ability to maintain and to defend the holy faith by becoming possessors of it.

Although not adapted, nor designed, as a pioneer of faith among unbelievers, still it will commend itself to all careful students of the scriptures, and detailing many important facts which are therein only alluded to, or entirely unmentioned, but consonant with the whole tenor of the revealed will of God; and, to the beginner in the gospel, will add confirmatory evidence of the rectitude of his faith, by showing him that the doctrines and ordinances thereof are the same as were revealed to Adam for his salvation after his expulsion from the garden, and the same that he handed down and caused to be taught to his generations after him, as the only means appointed of God by which the generations of men may regain his presence.

Nor do we conceive it possible for any unprejudiced person to arise from a careful perusal of this work, without being deeply impressed with a sense of the Divine calling, and holy ordination, of the man by whom these revelations, translations, and narrations have been communicated to us. As impervious as the minds of men may be at present to these convictions, the day is not far distant when sinners, as well as Saints, will know Joseph Smith was one of the greatest men that ever lived upon the earth, and that under God he was the Prophet and founder of the dispensation of the fulness of times, in which will be gathered together into one all things which are in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth.

The following is a reproduction of the title page of the first edition:

The  
PEARL OF GREAT PRICE  
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from the  
REVELATIONS, TRANSLATIONS, AND NARRATIONS  
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JOSEPH SMITH  
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of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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PEARL OF GREAT PRICE ACCEPTED BY PRESIDENT YOUNG

As early as 1857, at least one copy of the first edition of the *Pearl of Great Price* had found its way to Salt Lake City and was placed by the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints among the important doctrinal works of the Church. A statement appears in the *Latter-day Saint Journal History* on August 13 of that year to the effect that "President Brigham Young, president, seer, and revelator of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" had that day deposited in the temple at Salt Lake City a number of church books, pamphlets, and newspapers. A list was made of those publications and the *Pearl of Great Price* was included in that list.

MAKE-UP AND CONTENTS OF THE FIRST EDITION, 1851

A number of suggestions have been given in this book up to this point in regard to the contents of the *Pearl of Great Price*, but it now becomes advisable to make a definite study of the make-up and contents of the various editions that have been published.

The first edition of the *Pearl of Great Price* (published in 1851 in England) was not divided into verses, as is the book at the present time, nor was it divided into double columns. Also, it was a little larger than it is today, because it contained some of the material which is in the *Doctrine and Covenants*. To avoid duplications in our scriptures, that material was later deleted. The *Doctrine and Covenants*' material which appeared in the first edition of the *Pearl of Great Price* was the seventy-seventh section which was entitled at that time "A Key to the Revelation of St. John, written by Joseph Smith;" and also, "A Revelation and Prophecy by the Prophet Joseph Smith given on War, December 25, 1832."<sup>2</sup> In addition to these, it contained from the *Doctrine and Covenants* extracts from the commandments to the Church concerning baptism, the duties of members after they were baptized, methods of administering the sacrament of the Lord's supper, the duties of elders, priests, teachers, and deacons, a revelation on Priesthood, the calling and duties of the Twelve Apostles, the calling and duties of the Seventy, and extracts from the revelation which told of the rise of the Church of Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup> In addition to the foregoing, the last page of the book contained the words to the song "O, Say What is Truth?" which were written by John Jaques.

#### FIRST AMERICAN EDITION, 1878

The first American edition of the *Pearl of Great Price* was published in Salt Lake City in 1878. It agreed in practically every detail with the first edition which was published by Franklin D. Richards in England in 1851. However, it contained the addition of "The Revelation on the Eternity of the Marriage Covenant, including Plurality of Wives, given through Joseph Smith, the Seer, in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, July 12, 1843." This revelation today is found as section 132 of the *Doctrine and Covenants*.

#### 1902 EDITION

In 1902 an edition of the *Pearl of Great Price* was printed which omitted the material duplicating the *Doctrine and Covenants*' revelations. That edition, in contents, was exactly

<sup>3</sup>*Doctrine and Covenants* 87:1-8.

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid.*, 20:71, 37, 72-79, 38-44; 107:11; 20:45-59, 70; 107:1-10, 12-20, 23, 33-35, 93-100; 27:5-18.

like the *Pearl of Great Price* as we have it today. The 1902 edition was the first one to appear in print divided into chapters and verses with references; however, its pages were not divided into double columns. The study helps were prepared by Dr. James E. Talmage under the direction of President Joseph F. Smith. That edition was used for the following nineteen years without further changes being made.

#### 1921 EDITION

In 1921 more changes were made in the make-up of the *Pearl of Great Price*. This edition was the first one to be published in double-column pages with a comprehensive index. Elder James E. Talmage was primarily responsible for making this arrangement of the text and the index. The purpose of dividing the pages into double columns was to shorten the lines and thereby make reading of the scripture easier and more attractive. Also, the book followed the printing pattern used in the *Bible* and the other standard works of the Church. No further changes have been made in the make-up of the *Pearl of Great Price* since 1921; therefore, that edition is the one that the Church uses today.

It would be well to take a copy of the *Pearl of Great Price* published in 1921 or since that date and observe carefully the way in which it is composed. It is interesting to collect all of the editions that have been discussed and compare their make-up and contents with each other.

#### EDITIONS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The *Pearl of Great Price* has also been translated and published in the following foreign languages: Welsh (1852, Wales); German (1882, Bern, Switzerland); Danish (1883, Salt Lake City); Dutch (1911, Rotterdam, Holland); Hawaiian (1914, Honolulu, Hawaii); Maori (1919, Auckland, New Zealand); Samoan (1944, Salt Lake City); Spanish (1948, Salt Lake City).

#### CONTENTS OF THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

The table of contents indicates that our present edition of the *Pearl of Great Price* is composed of four principal items:

X Essay: Describe Apocalyptic Theme in Five Dispensations.

Apocalyptic literature has ten major characteristics.

- (1) Dualism, the good and evil, the light and darkness and the bliss and woe.
- (2) Two Worlds, the spiritual and physical, and life on earth and life before and after death.
- (3) The Dispensation, apocalyptic literature is given in regard to a particular time, or prophet of a given dispensation.
- (4) The Messiahs coming is prophesied.
- (5) Historical Realities, the prophet writing or speaking has a time and place in history.
- (6) The Millennium, the millennial reign of peace is prophesied, a time when "the earth shall rest from her labors".
- (7) Moral Teachings, revelations concerning mans relationship with his God and fellow man.
- (8) Attitude toward the "Sacred", the Temple and its ordanances, instructions to the "elect".
- (9) Nature of Man, where did he come from? Why is man here on earth? Where is he going after death.
- (10) Upheavels of Nature, the judgements of God upon man.

↕ Each Dispensation has "apocalyptic themes" that are common among all dispensations. The themes being: (1) the situation, or social iniquity. (2) The "heros" reaction to the situation. (3) The Lords reply to the "heros" reaction in the form of a revelation. (4) The visions from the Lord, these visions usually in the form of a theophony, and cosmology. (5) The "hero" returns from the



vision to give a "testament and will" to his posterity and mankind.

⑥ The "heros" mission, the preaching of the word of God. (7) The death of the "hero".

X In discussing the five dispensations scriptures will be used in reference to these seven themes of the apocalyptic. Each dispensation will be compared in parallel columns under each theme.

One theme not discussed here or in class is that of the calling of the "Hero" or prophet. Each dispensation begins with this calling, which should be placed between the 'situation' and 'reaction'.

"The situation," the earth is filled with iniquity, man is devilish in nature.

ADAM

ENOCH

NOAH

ABRAHAM

JOSEPH SMITH

MOSES, 5

MOSES, 6

MOSES, 8

ABRAHAM, 1

JOSEPH SMITH, 2

13. And Satan<sup>2b</sup> came among them, saying: I am also a son of God;<sup>2c</sup> and he commanded them, saying: Believe it not; and they believed it not, and they loved Satan more than God.<sup>2d</sup> And men began from that time forth to be carnal, sensual, and devilish.<sup>2e</sup>

Cain took one of his brothers' daughters to wife, and they loved Satan more than God.<sup>3a</sup>

29. And Satan said unto Cain: Swear unto me<sup>3b</sup> by thy throat, and if thou tell it thou shalt die; and swear thy brethren by their heads, and by the living God, that they tell it not; for if they tell it, they shall surely die; and this that thy father may not know it; and this day I will deliver thy brother Abel into thine hands.<sup>3c</sup>

30. And Satan swore unto Cain that he would do according to his commands. And all these things were done in secret.<sup>3d</sup>

31. And Cain said: Truly I am Mahan, the master of this great secret, that I may murder<sup>3e</sup> and get gain. Wherefore Cain was called Master Mahan,<sup>3f</sup> and he gloried in his wickedness.

32. And Cain went into the field, and Cain talked with Abel, his brother. And it came to pass that while they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him.<sup>3g</sup>

33. And Cain gloried in that which he had done, saying: I am free; surely the flocks of my brother falleth into my hands.

49. For Lamech having entered into a covenant with Satan,<sup>4a</sup> after the manner of Cain, wherein he became Master Mahan,<sup>4b</sup> master of that great secret which was administered unto Cain by Satan; and Irad,<sup>4c</sup> the son of Enoch, having known their secret, began to reveal it unto the sons of Adam;

27. And he heard a voice<sup>2a</sup> from heaven, saying: Enoch, my son, prophesy<sup>2b</sup> unto this people, and say unto them—Repent,<sup>2c</sup> for thus saith the Lord: I am angry with this people, and my fierce anger is kindled against them;<sup>2d</sup> for their hearts have waxed hard, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes cannot see afar off;

28. And for these many generations, ever since the day that I created them, have they gone astray, and have denied me, and have sought their own counsels in the dark; and in their own abominations have they devised murder, and have not kept the commandments, which I gave unto their father, Adam.<sup>2e</sup>

29. Wherefore, they have fore-sworn themselves, and, by their oaths,<sup>2f</sup> they have brought upon themselves death; and a hell<sup>2g</sup> I have prepared for them, if they repent not,<sup>2h</sup>

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15. And the giants of the land, also, stood afar off; and there went forth a curse upon all people that fought against God;

16. And from that time forth there were wars and bloodshed among them; but the Lord came and dwelt with his people,<sup>1a</sup> and they dwelt in righteousness.<sup>1b</sup>

26. And he beheld Satan;<sup>2a</sup> and he had a great chain in his hand, and it veiled the whole face of the earth with darkness; and he looked up and laughed,<sup>2b</sup> and his angels rejoiced.

15. And the Lord said' unto Noah: The daughters of thy sons have sold themselves; for behold mine anger is kindled<sup>a</sup> against the sons of men,<sup>b</sup> for they will not hearken<sup>c</sup> to my voice.

16. And it came to pass that Noah prophesied,<sup>d</sup> and taught the things of God, even as it was in the beginning.

17.<sup>e</sup> And the Lord said' unto Noah: My Spirit<sup>f</sup> shall not always strive with man,<sup>g</sup> for he shall know that all flesh shall die; yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years; and if men do not repent,<sup>h</sup> I will send in the floods<sup>i</sup> upon them.

18. And in those days there were giants on the earth,<sup>j</sup> and they sought Noah to take away his life; but the Lord was with Noah, and the power of the Lord<sup>k</sup> was upon him.

22. And God saw that the wickedness of men had become great in the earth; and every man was lifted up in the imagination of the thoughts of his heart, being only evil continually.<sup>2a</sup>

28. The earth was corrupt before God, and it was filled with violence.

29. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth.

30. And God said unto Noah: The end of all flesh is come before me, for the earth is filled with violence, and behold I will destroy all flesh from off the earth.<sup>3a</sup>

5. My fathers having turned from their righteousness, and from the holy commandments which the Lord their God had given unto them, unto the worshiping of the gods of the heathen,<sup>a</sup> utterly refused to hearken to my voice;

6. For their hearts were set to do evil, and were wholly turned to the god of Elkenah,<sup>b</sup> and the god of Libnah, and the god of Mahmackrah, and the god of Korash, and the god of Pharaoh,<sup>c</sup> king of Egypt;

7. Therefore they turned their hearts to the sacrifice of the heathen in offering up their children unto their dumb idols, and hearkened not unto my voice, but endeavored to take away my life<sup>d</sup> by the hand of the priest of Elkenah. The priest of Elkenah was also the priest of Pharaoh.<sup>e</sup>

8. Now, at this time it was the custom of the priest of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to offer up upon the altar which was built in the land of Chaldea, for the offering unto these strange gods, men, women, and children.

11. Now, this priest had offered upon this altar three virgins<sup>f</sup> at one time, who were the daughters of Onitah, one of the royal descent directly from the loins of Ham.<sup>g</sup> These virgins were offered up because of their virtue; they would not bow down to worship gods of wood or of stone, therefore they were killed upon this altar, and it was done after the manner of the Egyptians.

12. And it came to pass that the priests laid violence upon me, that they might slay me also,<sup>h</sup> as they did those virgins<sup>i</sup> upon this altar; and that you may have a knowledge of this altar, I will refer you to the representation at the commencement of this record.

9. My mind at times was greatly excited, the cry and tumult were so great and incessant. The Presbyterians were most decided against the Baptists and Methodists, and used all the powers of both reason and sophistry to prove their errors, or, at least, to make the people think they were in error. On the other hand, the Baptists and Methodists in their turn were equally zealous in endeavoring to establish their own tenets and disprove all others.

10. In the midst of this war of words and tumult of opinions, I often said to myself: What is to be done? Who of all these parties are right; or, are they all wrong together? If any one of them be right, which is it, and how shall I know it?

19. I was answered that I must join none of them, for they were all wrong; and the Personage who addressed me said that all their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt; that: "they draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof."

51. For, from the days of Cain, there was a secret combination,<sup>39</sup> and their works were in the dark, and they knew every man his brother.

52. Wherefore the Lord cursed Lamech, and his house, and all them that had covenanted with Satan;<sup>40</sup> for they kept not the commandments of God, and it displeased God, and he ministered not unto them, and their works were abominations, and began to spread among all the sons of men.<sup>41</sup>

55. And thus the works of darkness began to prevail among all the sons of men.

56. And God cursed the earth with a sore curse, and was angry with the wicked, with all the sons of men whom he had made;

57. For they would not hearken unto his voice,<sup>42</sup> nor believe on his Only Begotten Son,<sup>43</sup> even him whom he declared should come in the meridian of time,<sup>44</sup> who was prepared from before the foundation of the world.<sup>45</sup>

## MOSES, 6

15. And the children of men<sup>1</sup> were numerous upon all the face of the land. And in those days Satan had great dominion among men,<sup>2</sup> and raged in their hearts; and from thenceforth came wars and bloodshed; and a man's hand was against his own brother,<sup>3</sup> in administering death, because of secret works,<sup>4</sup> seeking for power.

49. Behold Satan hath come<sup>5</sup> among the children of men, and tempteth them to worship him;<sup>6</sup> and men have become carnal, sensual, and devilish,<sup>7</sup> and are shut out from the presence of God.<sup>8</sup>

15. And as they lifted up their hands upon me, that they might offer me up and take away my life,<sup>1</sup> behold, I lifted up my voice unto the Lord my God,<sup>2</sup> and the Lord hearkened and heard, and he filled me with the vision of the Almighty, and the angel of his presence stood by me,<sup>3</sup> and immediately unloosed my bands;

27. Now, Pharaoh<sup>27</sup> being of that lineage by which he could not have the right of Priesthood, notwithstanding the Pharaohs would fain claim it from Noah, through Ham,<sup>28</sup> therefore my father was led away by their idolatry;<sup>29</sup>

## DOCTRINE

## AND COVENANTS, 1

11. Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends 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 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 God, 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, Jun., and spake unto him from heaven, and gave him commandments;

The "Reaction" of the "hero" to the situation.

ADAM

ENOCH

NOAH

ABRAHAM

JOSEPH SMITH

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4. And Adam and Eve, his wife, called upon the name of the Lord, and they heard the voice of the Lord from the way toward the Garden of Eden,<sup>a</sup> speaking unto them, and they saw him not; for they were shut out from his presence.<sup>a</sup>

16.<sup>2a</sup> And Adam and Eve, his wife,<sup>2a</sup> ceased not to call upon God.

27. And Adam and his wife mourned before the Lord, because of Cain and his brethren,

41. And it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Enoch,<sup>3a</sup> and told Enoch all the doings of the children of men; wherefore Enoch knew, and looked upon their wickedness, and their misery, and wept and stretched forth his arms, and his heart swelled wide as eternity; and his bowels yearned; and all eternity shook.

44. And as Enoch saw this, he had bitterness of soul, and wept<sup>3r</sup> over his brethren, and said unto the heavens: I will refuse to be comforted; but the Lord said<sup>3s</sup> unto Enoch: Lift up your heart, and be glad; and look.<sup>3t</sup>

25. And it repented Noah,<sup>2b</sup> and his heart was pained that the Lord had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at the heart.

15. And as they lifted up their hands upon me, that they might offer me up and take away my life,<sup>a</sup> behold, I lifted up my voice unto the Lord my God,<sup>v</sup> and the Lord hearkened and heard, and he filled me with the vision of the Almighty, and the angel of his presence stood by me,<sup>v</sup> and immediately unloosed my bands;

2. And, finding there was greater happiness and peace and rest for me, I sought for the blessings of the fathers,<sup>b</sup> and the right whereunto I should be ordained<sup>c</sup> to administer the same; having been myself a follower of righteousness, desiring also to be one who possessed great knowledge, and to be a greater follower of righteousness, and to possess a greater knowledge, and to be a father of many nations,<sup>d</sup> a prince of peace, and desiring to receive instructions, and to keep the commandments of God, I became a rightful heir, a High Priest, holding the right belonging to the fathers.<sup>e</sup>

13. At length I came to the conclusion that I must either remain in darkness and confusion, or else I must do as James directs, that is, ask of God. I at length came to the determination to "ask of God,"

14. So, in accordance with this, my determination to ask of God, I retired to the woods to make the attempt.

15. After I had retired to the place where I had previously designed to go, having looked around me, and finding myself alone, I kneeled down and began to offer up the desire of my heart to God. I had scarcely done so, when immediately I was seized upon by some power which entirely overcame me, and had such an astonishing influence over me as to bind my tongue so that I could not speak. Thick darkness gathered around me, and it seemed to me for a time as if I were doomed to sudden destruction.

16. But, exerting all my powers to call upon God to deliver me out of the power of this enemy which had seized upon me, and at the very moment when I was ready to sink into despair and abandon myself to destruction—not to an imaginary ruin, but to the power of some actual being from the unseen world, who had such marvelous power as I had never before felt in any being—just at this moment of great alarm, I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me.

17. It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound.

The "Revelation" from the Lord in reply to the "Heros" reaction.

ADAM

MOSES, 5

6. And after many days an angel<sup>6</sup> of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying: Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him: I know not, save the Lord commanded me.<sup>1</sup>

7. And then the angel spake, saying: This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten<sup>m</sup> of the Father, which is full of grace and truth.<sup>a</sup>

8. Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son,<sup>o</sup> and thou shalt repent<sup>r</sup> and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore.

9. And in that day the Holy Ghost<sup>r</sup> fell upon Adam, which beareth record of the Father and the Son,<sup>r</sup> saying: I am the Only Begotten<sup>o</sup> of the Father from the beginning,<sup>l</sup> henceforth and forever, that as thou hast fallen thou mayest be redeemed,<sup>n</sup> and all mankind, even as many as will.<sup>v</sup>

10. And in that day Adam blessed God and was filled, and began to prophesy<sup>n</sup> concerning all the families of the earth, saying: Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened,<sup>z</sup> and in this life I shall have joy, and again in the flesh I shall see God.

59. And thus all things were confirmed unto Adam, by an holy ordinance, and the Gospel<sup>44</sup> preached, and a decree sent forth, that it should be in the world, until the end thereof; and thus it was. Amen.

ENOCH

MOSES, 6

26. And it came to pass that Enoch journeyed in the land, among the people; and as he journeyed, the Spirit of God descended out of heaven, and abode upon him.<sup>2c</sup>

27. And he heard a voice<sup>2d</sup> from heaven, saying: Enoch, my son, prophesy<sup>2e</sup> unto this people, and say unto them—Repent,<sup>2f</sup> for thus saith the Lord: I am angry with this people, and my fierce anger is kindled against them;<sup>2g</sup> for their hearts have waxed hard, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes cannot see afar off:

NOAH

MOSES, 8

17.<sup>o</sup> And the Lord said<sup>r</sup> unto Noah: My Spirit<sup>o</sup> shall not always strive with man,<sup>l</sup> for he shall know that all flesh shall die; yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years; and if men do not repent,<sup>n</sup> I will send in the floods<sup>r</sup> upon them.

19. And the Lord ordained<sup>r</sup> Noah after his own order, and commanded him that he should go forth and declare his Gospel<sup>o</sup> unto the children of men, even as it was given unto Enoch.<sup>2a</sup>

ABRAHAM

ABRAHAM, 1

15. And as they lifted up their hands upon me, that they might offer me up and take away my life,<sup>z</sup> behold, I lifted up my voice unto the Lord my God,<sup>v</sup> and the Lord hearkened and heard, and he filled me with the vision of the Almighty, and the angel of his presence stood by me,<sup>o</sup> and immediately unloosed my bands;

16. And his voice was unto me: Abraham, Abraham, behold, my name is Jehovah,<sup>2a</sup> and I have heard thee, and have come down to deliver thee, and to take thee away from thy father's house, and from all thy kins-folk, into a strange land which thou knowest not of;<sup>2b</sup>

17. And this because they have turned their hearts away from me, to worship the god<sup>2c</sup> of Elkenah, and the god of Libnah, and the god of Mahmackrah, and the god of Korash, and the god of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; therefore I have come down to visit them, and to destroy him who hath lifted up his hand against thee, Abraham, my son, to take away thy life.<sup>2d</sup>

18. Behold, I will lead thee by my hand, and I will take thee, to put upon thee my name, even the Priesthood<sup>2e</sup> of thy father, and my power shall be over thee.<sup>2f</sup>

JOSEPH SMITH

JOSEPH SMITH, 2

17. It no sooner appeared than I found myself delivered from the enemy which held me bound.

When the light rested upon me I saw two Personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other—*This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!*

18. My object in going to inquire of the Lord was to know which of all the sects was right, that I might know which to join. No sooner, therefore, did I get possession of myself, so as to be able to speak, than I asked the Personages who stood above me in the light, which of all the sects was right—and which I should join.

19. I was answered that I must join none of them, for they were all wrong; and the Personage who addressed me said that all their creeds were an abomination in his sight; that those professors were all corrupt; that: "they draw near to me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me, they teach for doctrines the commandments of men, having a form of godliness, but they deny the power thereof."

30. While I was thus in the act of calling upon God, I discovered a light appearing in my room, which continued to increase until the room was lighter than at noonday, when immediately a personage appeared at my bedside, standing in the air, for his feet did not touch the floor.

The "Testament or Will" of the "Hero" after his return from the vision. The fact that we have the record of the "Hero" should be evidence enough of his Testament.

ADAM

ENOCH

NOAH

ABRAHAM

JOSEPH SMITH

MOSES, 6

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ABRAHAM, 1

JOSEPH SMITH, 2

5. And a book of remembrance<sup>v</sup> was kept, in the which was recorded, in the language of Adam, for it was given unto as many as called upon God to write by the spirit of inspiration;

46. For a book of remembrance<sup>v</sup> we have written among us, according to the pattern given by the finger of God; and it is given in our own language.

47. And as Enoch spake forth the words of God, the people trembled, and could not stand in his presence.

DOCTRINE AND

COVENANTS, 107

57. These things were written in the book of Enoch and are to be testified in due time.

13. And Noah wrote down all things in a book...

14. And he gave all he had written to Shem

31. But the records of the fathers,<sup>22</sup> even the patriarchs, concerning the right of Priesthood,<sup>2v</sup> the Lord my God preserved in mine own hands; therefore a knowledge of the beginning of the creation, and also of the planets, and of the stars,<sup>22</sup> as they were made known unto the fathers, have I kept even unto this day, and I shall endeavor to write some of these things upon this record, for the benefit of my posterity that shall come after me.

1. Owing to the many reports which have been put in circulation by evil-disposed and designing persons, in relation to the rise and progress of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, all of which have been designed by the authors thereof to militate against its character as a Church and its progress in the world—I have been induced to write this history, to disabuse the public mind, and put all inquirers after truth in possession of the facts, as they have transpired, in relation both to myself and the Church, so far as I have such facts in my possession.

2. In this history I shall present the various events in relation to this Church, in truth and righteousness, as they have transpired, or as they at present exist, being now the eighth year since the organization of the said Church.

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS, 76

22. And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

23. For we saw him, even on the right hand of God; and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

The "Death" of the "Hero" or Prophet.

ADAM

ENOCH

NOAH

ABRAHAM

JOSEPH SMITH

MOSES, 6

MOSES, 7

12. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

68. And all the days of Zion,<sup>57</sup> in the days of Enoch, were three hundred and sixty-five years.

69. And Enoch and all his people walked with God,<sup>58</sup> and he dwelt in the midst of Zion; and it came to pass that Zion was not, for God received it up into his own bosom; and from thence went forth the saying, ZION IS FLED.<sup>59</sup>

DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS, 135

1. To seal the testimony of this book and the Book of Mormon, we announce the martyrdom of Joseph Smith the Prophet, and Hyrum Smith the Patriarch. They were shot in Carthage jail, on the 27th of June, 1844, about five o'clock p.m., by an armed mob—painted black—of from 150 to 200 persons. Hyrum was shot first and fell calmly, exclaiming: *I am a dead man!* Joseph leaped from the window, and was shot dead in the attempt, exclaiming: *O Lord my God!* They were both shot after they were dead, in a brutal manner, and both received four balls.

4. When Joseph went to Carthage to deliver himself up to the pretended requirements of the law, two or three days previous to his assassination, he said: "I am going like a lamb to the slaughter; but I am calm as a summer's morning; I have a conscience void of offense towards God, and towards all men. I SHALL DIE INNOCENT, AND IT SHALL YET BE SAID OF ME—HE WAS MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD." —The same morning, after Hyrum had made ready to go—shall it be said to the slaughter? yes, for so it was—he read the following paragraph, near the close of the twelfth chapter of Ether, in the Book of Mormon, and turned down the leaf upon it:

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P. of G. P.

June 4 1837 first missionary to england Heber C. Kimball

by 1840 there was 1671 converts over 1500 of those converts were  
attributed to Kimball

1845--9,637

1848--17,902

1851--32,894

L.D.S. in utah territory (1850) --11,380

SLC county (1850) --6,157



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since the death of the prophet in 1844 the BOM had not been published Most of the saints in England did not have a copy of the Bom

the people cried for material to read in response to the demand Franklin D. Richards who was the mission president of the England mission (succeeding Orson Pratt in february of 1851) wrote a letter to his uncle Levi Richards then serving in Swansea England.

**letter of F.D.Richards:**

first P.of G.P. published on July 11,1851 at 15 Wilton street, Licwepool, England.

The English edition was so popular that John Taylor ask orson

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pratt to prepare an American edition some things were deleted  
and some added.

Sunday October 10 1880 in general conference the P. of G.P. was  
canonized.

1890 The Articles of Faith were canonized in Oct. Conference

1902 James Talmage had completed the ch. and verses under the  
direction of the 1st Pres. sustained in Oct Conf.

1921 PGP was turned to double column and an index was added by  
Talmage.

1976 two revelations were added JS vision of the CK and Joseph F.  
Smith vision of the redemption of the dead.



1979 the two new additions were moved to the D&C

1981 a preface was added and the titles of three of the four books in the book were changed. The book of Moses became "Selections from the Book of Moses. Writings of Joseph Smith 1 was named J.S. Mathew and JS 2 was renamed JS History the 1981 edition used photoprints of the facsimiles as they appeared in the Times and Seasons in 1842 when Joseph first published them.

~~Eight Dispensations~~