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“Would to God, brethren,  
I could tell you **who** I am!  
Would to God I could tell you **what** I know!  
But you would call it **blasphemy** . . .”

(Joseph Smith)

# What is blasphemy?

“ . . . the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

“And Jesus said, **I am**: and ye shall see the **Son of [M]an** sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

“Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses?

“Ye have heard the **blasphemy**: what think ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death.” (Mark 14:64)

# Joseph Smith in Scripture

- Elias to restore all things
- Two Prophets in Revelation 11
- Two Sons in Isaiah
- The Servant in Jacob 5
- Davidic prince
- Joseph in Egypt foreshadows Joseph Smith
- Ancient Joseph prophesies of Joseph Smith
- Servant in D&C 101
- Astronomical Witness of Joseph Smith
- Malachi's messenger
- Revelation 14:6 Angel
- Book of Mormon prophets foreshadow Joseph Smith
- Israelite sacrifices foreshadow Joseph Smith
- Messiah Ben Joseph
- Moses foreshadows Joseph Smith
- Gog and Magog
- Joseph Smith's noble ancestry
- Witnesses of Joseph Smith: Eliza R. Snow & Brigham Young
- Joseph Smith reveals Celestial Marriage
- Servant in Isaiah
- Servant in 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi

**... and more!**

Revelation 11

*Two Prophets*





“The book of Revelation  
is one of the plainest books  
God ever caused to be written.”

(Joseph Smith, *TPJS* pg.290)



The image shows two figures in the foreground, seen from behind, wearing white robes with hoods. They are looking out over a vast, ancient stone city wall, likely the Wall of Jerusalem. The wall is made of large, light-colored stone blocks and stretches across the horizon. In the distance, a large crowd of people is visible, gathered in an open area. The scene is set in a dry, hilly landscape under a clear sky.

Two sons in Isaiah . . .

Two prophets in Revelation 11



# Two Presidents, **this is unheard of!**

In accord with this calling and commandment, the Prophet Joseph Smith conferred upon Hyrum Smith **all the keys, authority and gifts of the priesthood which he, the Prophet, held**, and which were formerly held by Oliver Cowdery. The Lord also revealed to Hyrum Smith all that was necessary to make him completely and to the full degree, **a witness with** his brother Joseph, as a **prophet, seer, revelator and president of the Church**, and to stand through **all time and all eternity** at the head of this dispensation **with** his brother Joseph, a witness for Jesus Christ. (In Conference Report, Apr. 1930, 91–93; see also *Doctrines of Salvation*, ed. Bruce R. McConkie, 3 vols. (1954–56), 1:216–19.)

# Isaiah 51:19-20, 2 Nephi 8:19-20

These **two sons** are come unto thee, who shall be **sorry for thee**—thy desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword—and by whom shall I comfort thee?

Thy sons have **fainted, save these two**; they lie at the **head of all the streets**; as a **wild bull** in a net, they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.

- How is this different in the Book of Mormon than in Isaiah?

## Compare Isaiah 51:19 w/ 2 Nephi 8:19

:19 These **two sons** are come unto thee, who shall be **sorry for thee**—thy desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword—and by whom shall I comfort thee?

:19 These **two things** are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee?

## Compare Isaiah 51:20 w/ 2 Nephi 8:20

- :20 Thy sons have **fainted, save these two**; they lie at the **head of all the streets**; as a **wild bull** in a net, they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.
- :20 Thy sons have fainted, ~~save these two~~; they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of thy God.





... they lie at the head of all the streets;

# Known by all nations

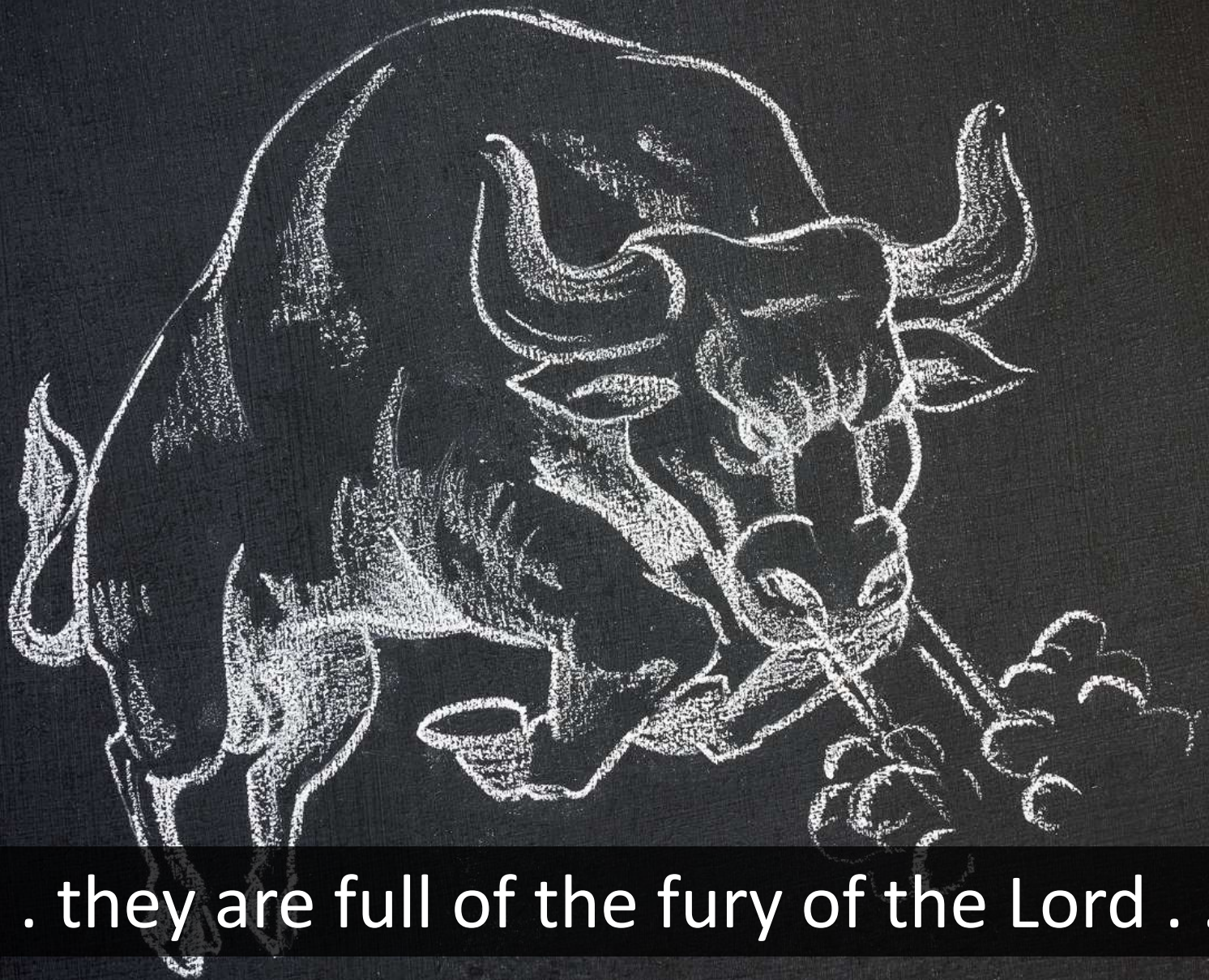
“God had a work for me to do; and that my name should be had for **good** and **evil among all nations, kindreds, and tongues**, or that it should be both **good** and evil spoken of among all people.” (Joseph Smith History 1:33)





... as a **wild bull** in a net,





... they are full of the fury of the Lord ...





... I will give power unto my two witnesses. . .

Revelation 11:3

11:3 – “And I will give power unto my **two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a **thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth.”

- “For **three and a half years**, the precise time spent by the Lord in his ministry to the ancient Jews.” (Elder Bruce R. McConkie, *Millennial Messiah* pg. 390)
- *Proclamation to the Saints Scattered Abroad* sent by the Prophet Joseph Smith, President Hyrum Smith and Sidney Rigdon published January 15, 1841
- **1260 days later** . . . Joseph & Hyrum were martyred.

# Some points in Proclamation

- Thanks to those who received the Missouri outcasts
- Command to gather to Zion
- The Lord to give instruction in Temple and Priesthood function
- Magna Carta of the Saints
- Military power to enforce law
- University of the City of Nauvoo
- Gathering of Israel

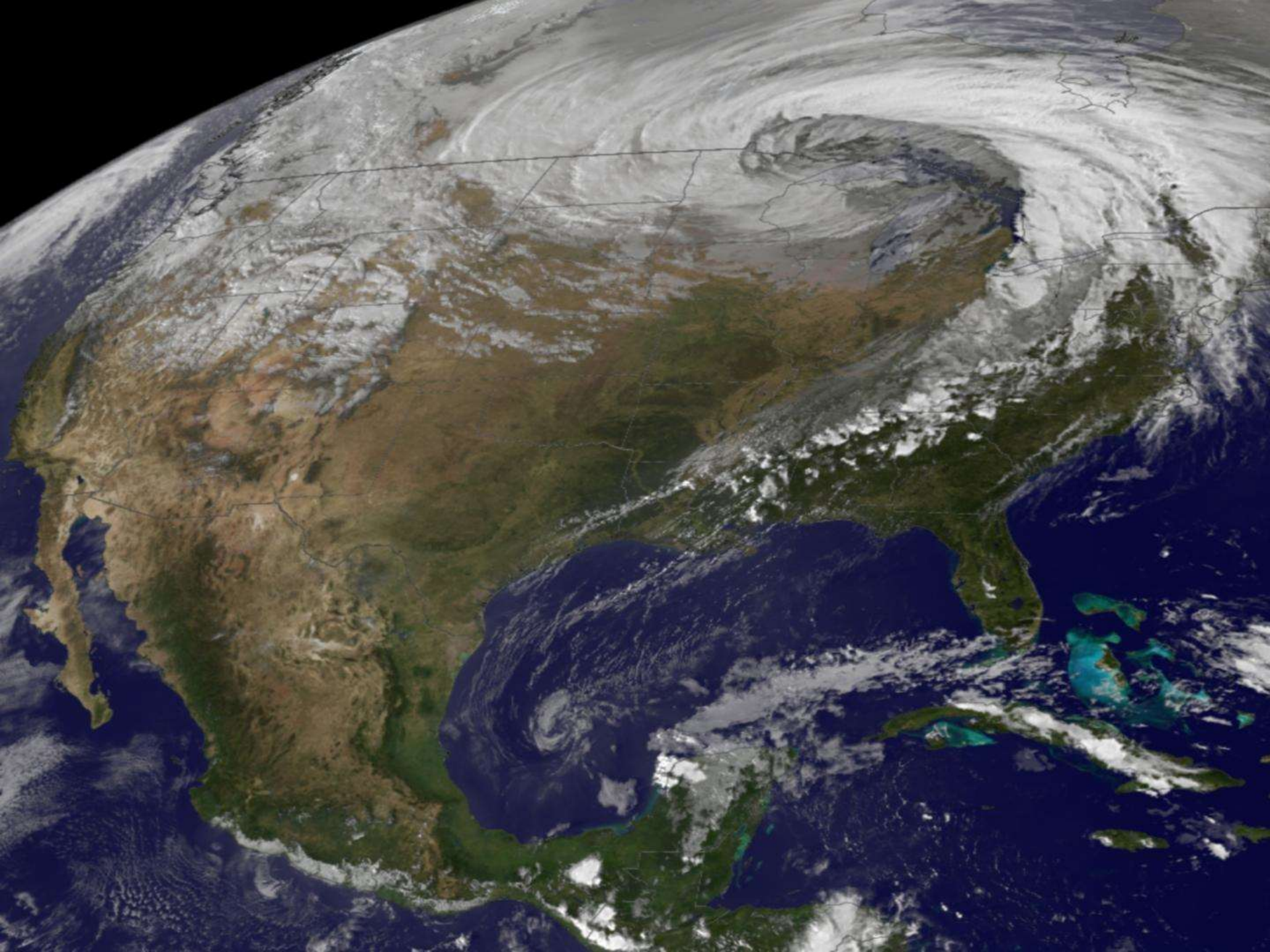
- “as **watchmen** to the **house of Israel**-as **shepherds** over the flock”
- “there is **no other way** for the Saints to be saved in these last days, [than by the **gathering**] as the concurrent testimony of all the holy Prophets clearly proves”
- “this gathering together of all the Saints, must take place before the Lord comes to ‘take **vengeance** upon the **ungodly**,’”
- “let those who can freely make a **sacrifice** of their **time**, their **talents**, and their **prosperity**, for the prosperity of the kingdom, and for the love they have to the cause of truth, bid adieu to their homes and pleasant places of abode, and **unite** with us in the great work of the last days”

[Read entire Proclamation on Joseph Smith Foundation website](#)



# Joseph Smith prophecy

“Then shall the Lord say go tell all **my servants** who are the **strength of mine house my young men** and **middle aged** &c come to the Land of my vineyard and **fight the battle of the Lord** . . . [then] the Foreign saints shall come to fight for the Land of **my vineyard** for in this thing shall be their safety and they will have no power to choose but will come as a man fleeth from a sudden destruction . . . I know these things by the visions of the Almighty.” (Joseph Smith, Sermon delivered at Nauvoo, Illinois July 19, 1840, Source: Howard and Martha Coray Notebook)





11:4 – “These are the two **olive trees**, and the two **candlesticks** standing **before** the **God** of the earth.”

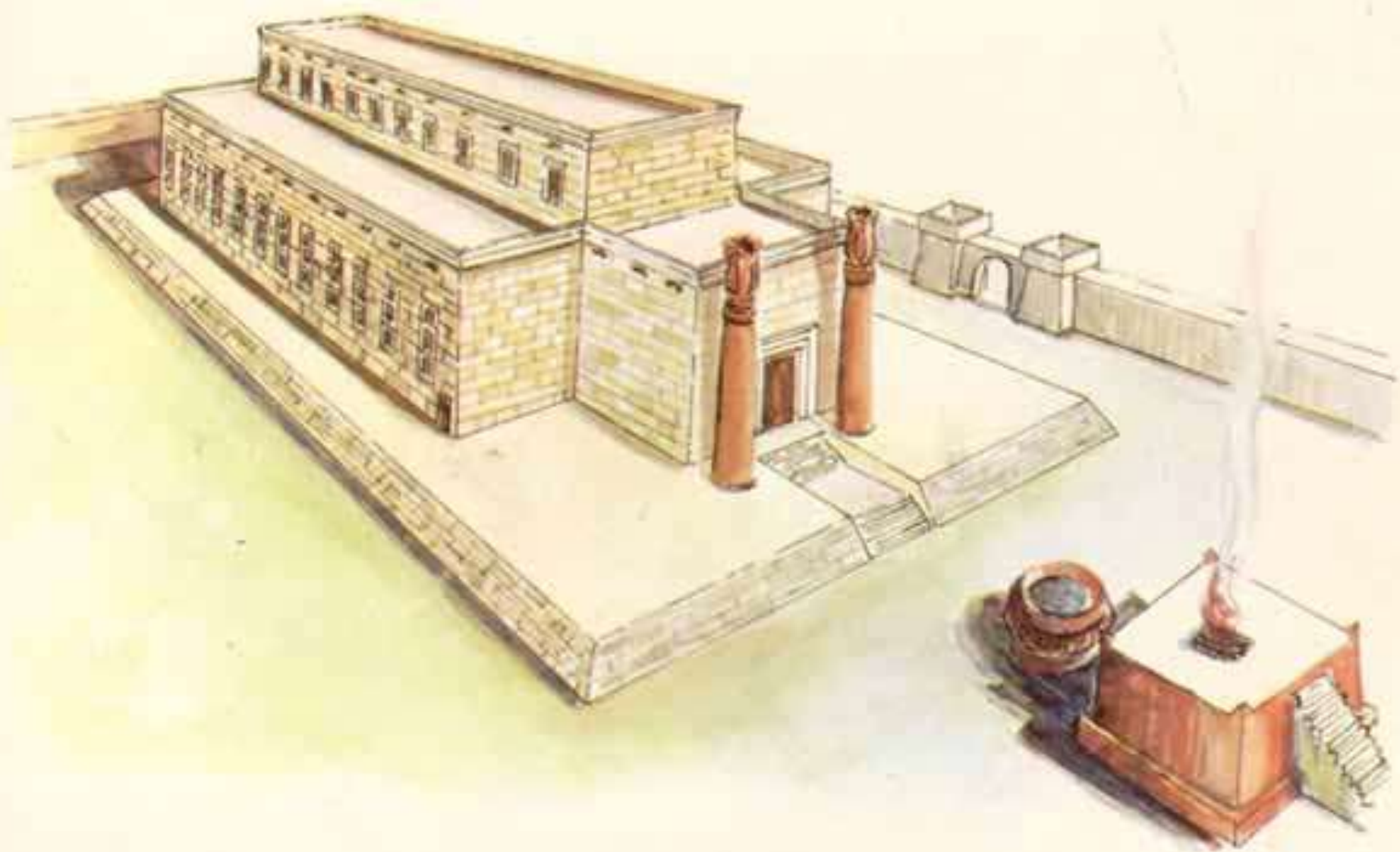
- Standing = histēmi
  - Covenant, establish, present, abide
- Before = enōpion
  - *in the face* of (literally or figuratively) before, in the presence (sight) of,







Statues were originally designed to fit into the “sculpture niches” beside the east temple doors. Those niches held the statues of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, until they were removed to the Joseph Smith Memorial Gardens on June 27, 1911. In Biblical times, entrances to the Jerusalem Temple were carefully guarded by the priests.



# Do Joseph & Hyrum guard the presence of God?

No man or woman in this dispensation will ever enter into the **celestial kingdom** of God without the **consent** of **Joseph Smith**. From the day that the Priesthood was taken from the earth to the winding-up scene of all things, every man and woman must have the **certificate** of Joseph Smith, junior, as a **passport** to their entrance into the mansion where God and Christ are . . . He holds the keys of that kingdom for the last dispensation—the keys to rule in the spirit—world; . . . [Joseph Smith] **reigns there** as supreme a being in his sphere, capacity, and calling, as God does in heaven. Many will exclaim—"Oh, that is very disagreeable! It is preposterous! We cannot bear the thought!" But it is true. (Brigham Young)

# D&C 135:3, 6

Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has **done more, save Jesus only**, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it.

...

sealed his mission and his works with his own blood; and so has his **brother Hyrum**. In life they were **not divided**, and in death they were **not separated**!

...

if the fire can scathe a **green tree** for the glory of God, how easy it will burn up the dry trees to purify the vineyard of corruption.

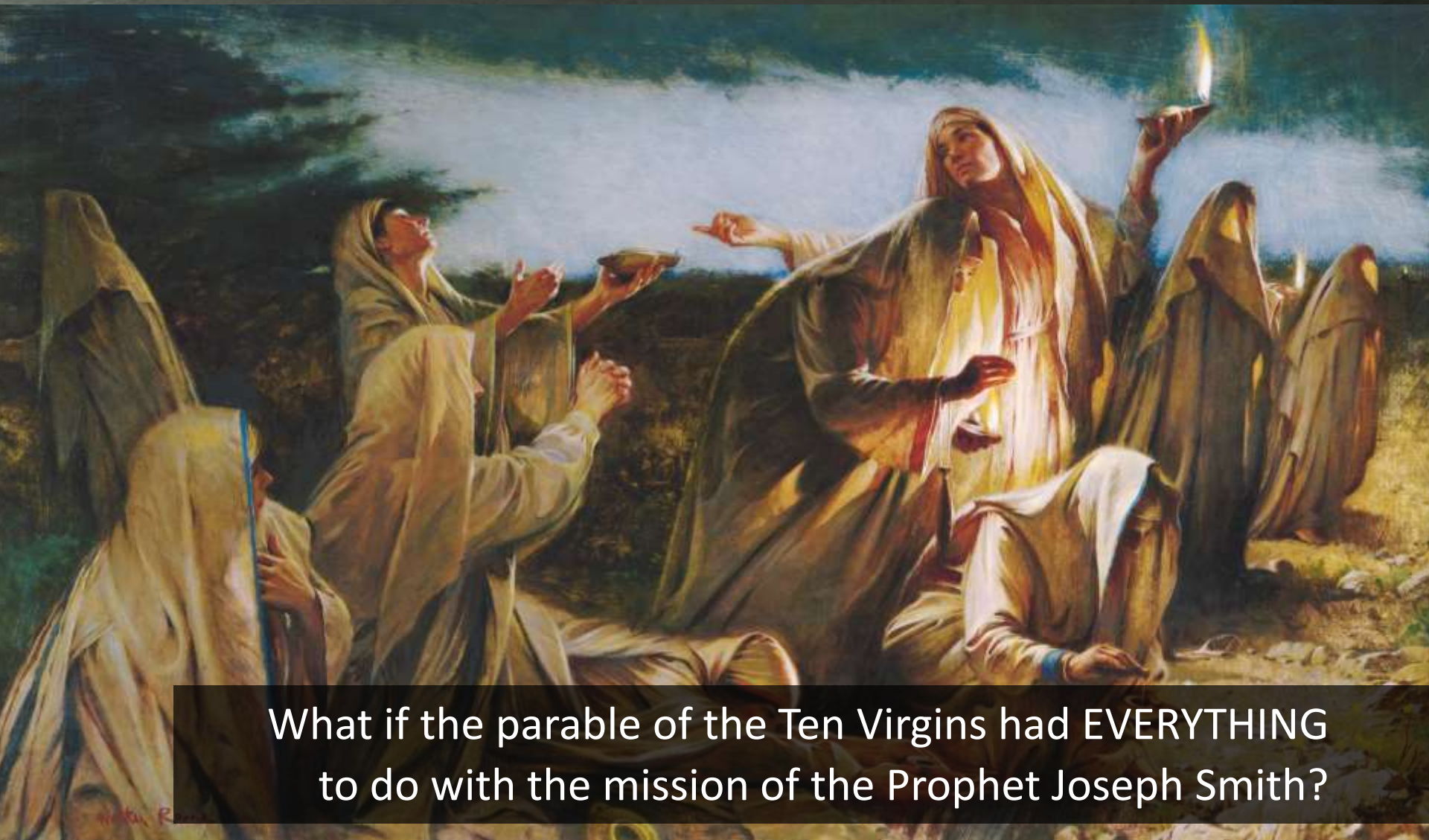


# Candlestick

“the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.” (Revelation 11:4)

- Candlesticks = luchnia
  - a *lamp stand* (literally or figuratively)





What if the parable of the Ten Virgins had EVERYTHING to do with the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith?

# “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins”

“The parable of the ten virgins is intended to represent the second coming of the Son of Man, the coming of the Bridegroom to meet the bride, **the Church**, the Lamb's wife, in the last days; and I expect that the Savior was about right when he said, in reference to the **members of the Church**, that five of them were wise and five were foolish; for when the Lord of heaven comes in power and great glory to reward every man according to the deeds done in the body, if he finds one-half of those professing to be members of his Church prepared for salvation, it will be as many as can be expected, judging by the course that many are pursuing.” (Wilford Woodruff, 12 September 1875, *Journal of Discourses*, 18:110.)

“Remember, Latter-day Saints, there were five wise and five foolish, an equal division, and yet **they were all virgins**. The application is a just one and has a direct bearing on us, as **Latter-day Saints**. The wise among us will take heed, will hearken to the instructions and counsels of the servants of God, will pattern after Christ, and thirst after the things of God, and our lamps will be trimmed and burning, and we will be prepared to meet the bridegroom when he comes,” (Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 19, pp. 1-8, April 29th, 1877.)



# Matthew 25:1-4

Then shall the **kingdom of heaven** be likened unto ten virgins, which took their **lamps**, and went forth to meet the **bridegroom**.

And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.



How many were sleeping?





# While the bridegroom “tarried”

*D&C 45: 26*

And in that day shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars, and the whole earth shall be in commotion, and men’s hearts shall fail them, and they shall say that Christ **delayeth his coming** until the end of the earth.

*3 Nephi 1:5-6*

But there were some who began to say that the **time was past** for the words to be fulfilled, which were spoken by Samuel, the Lamanite.

And they began to rejoice over their brethren, saying: Behold the **time is past**, and the words of Samuel are **not fulfilled**; therefore, **your joy and your faith concerning this thing hath been vain**.

# “at midnight”

- Middle of the night, darkest time
- Joseph Smith was born December 23, 1805
- “The evening of 23 Dec 1805 began the Hebrew day 1 Tebeth, the precise day of the **winter solstice** on that calendar.” (John P. Pratt)
- “On the Hebrew calendar, the first day of every month is considered a holy day, so Joseph Smith was not only born on a holy day, but apparently was the **standard bearer** for the **day of the winter solstice** throughout all time.” (John P. Pratt)

# “there was a cry made”

Vrs 6 “. . . there was a **cry** made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.”

“I am the voice of one **crying** in the **wilderness**,  
‘Repent ye of your sins and prepare the way for the coming of the Son of Man; for the kingdom of God has come unto you, and henceforth the ax is laid unto the root of the tree; and every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, God Almighty (and not Joe Smith) shall hew it down and cast it into the fire.’” (Joseph Smith, History of the Church 6:273-74)





Behold the Lamb of God



## Recap

11:4 – “These are the two **olive trees**,  
and the two **candlesticks** standing **before**  
the **God** of the earth.”



11:5 – “And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.”

- Servant in Isaiah is marred





Is this literal or figurative?

# “in this manner”

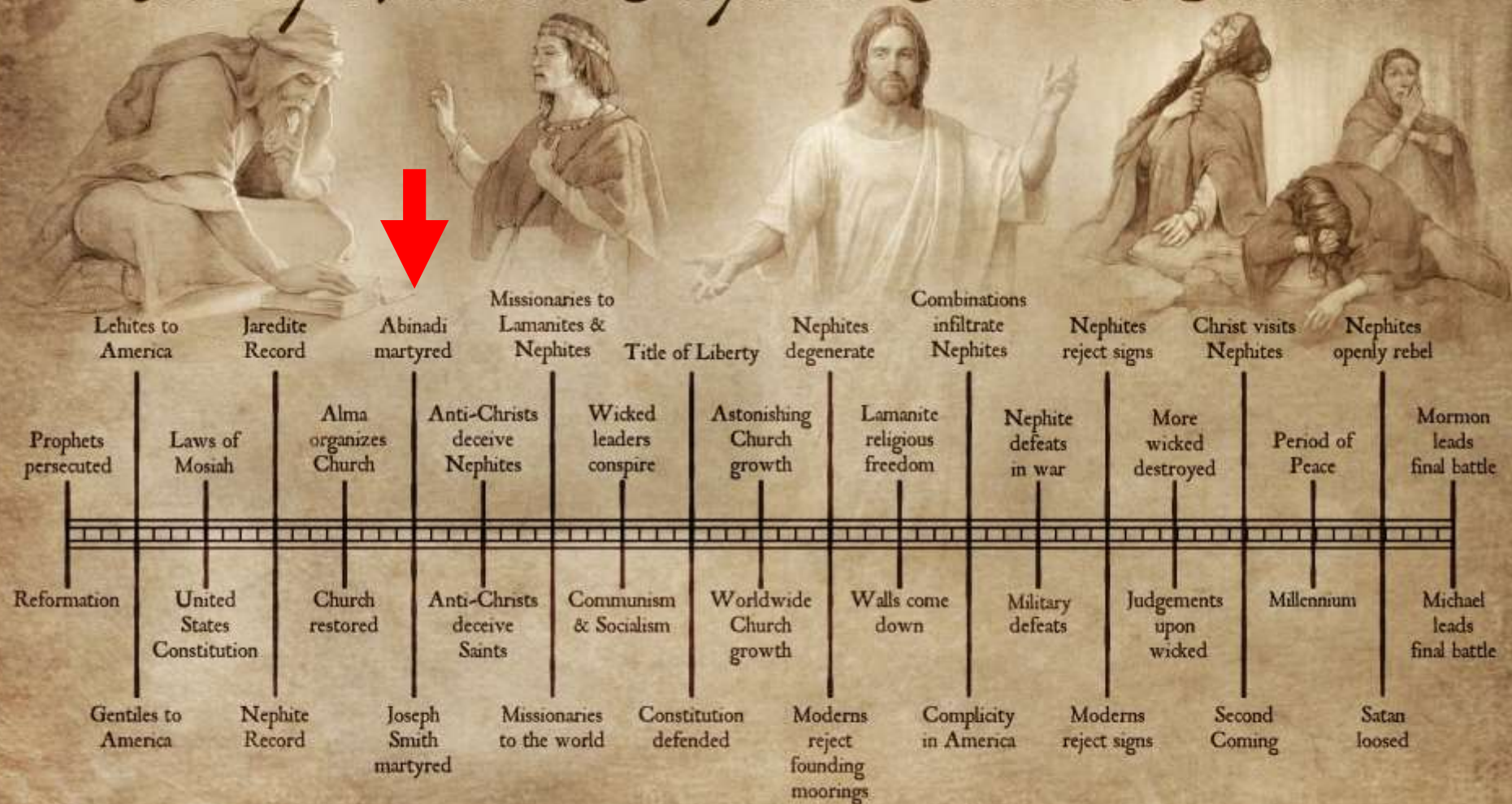
- “and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.”
  - In this manner = houtō
    - *in this way* (referring to what precedes or follows): - like (-wise), (in like manner)







# Book of Mormon Prophetic Parallels Timeline



“in like manner”

“Then answered all the people, and said, His **blood** be on **us**, and on our **children**.” (Matthew 27:25)

“This nation, by their works said, “Let the **blood** of Joseph the Prophet and of his brethren be upon **us** and our **children**,” and it will be so. If they had known Joseph Smith in his true character, and acknowledged him, **he would have led this nation long before now, and this dreadful war would not have prevailed throughout the land;**” (Brigham Young, *Journal of Discourses*, vol. 10, pp. 282-288, November 6, 1863.)

# D&C 132:46-47

And verily, verily, I say unto you [Joseph Smith Jr.], that whatsoever you **seal** on earth shall be sealed in heaven; and whatsoever you **bind** on earth, in my name and by my word, saith the Lord, it shall be eternally bound in the heavens; and whosoever **sins** you **remit** on earth shall be remitted eternally in the heavens; and whosoever sins you **retain** on earth shall be retained in heaven.

And again, verily I say, whomsoever you **bless** I will bless, and whomsoever you **curse** I will curse, saith the Lord; for I, the Lord, am thy God.



# Revelation 11:6

*These have **power to shut heaven**, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over **waters** to turn them to **blood**, and to smite the earth with all **plagues**, as **often as they will**.*

- “It will be with **them as** it was with **Elijah**, who both called down **fire** from heaven to consume his enemies and **sealed** the **heavens** that there was neither dew nor rain for **three and a half years**. And it will be with them as it was with **Moses**, who turned the **rivers** and **waters** of Egypt into **blood** and who smote the Egyptians with many **plagues**.” (Elder Bruce R. McConkie, p. 391)

# Blessing to Joseph Smith Jr.

"my father anointed my head, and sealed upon me the blessings of **Moses**, to lead Israel in the latter days, **even as Moses led him in days of old**; also the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. All of the Presidency laid their hands upon me, and pronounced upon my head many prophecies and blessings, many of which I shall **not notice at this time**. But as Paul said, so say I, let us come to visions and revelations." (Joseph Smith, History of the Church, 2:379–80.)

# Joseph Smith Translation

## JST, Genesis 50:24–38.

Compare [Genesis 50:24–26](#); [2 Nephi 3:4–22](#)

24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die, *and go unto my fathers; and I go down to my grave with joy. The God of my father Jacob be with you, to deliver you out of affliction in the days of your bondage; for the Lord hath visited me, and I have obtained a promise of the Lord, that out of the fruit of my loins, the Lord God will raise up a righteous branch out of my loins; and unto thee, whom my father Jacob hath named Israel, a prophet; (not the Messiah who is called Shilo;) and this prophet shall deliver my people out of Egypt in the days of thy bondage.*

25 And it shall come to pass that they shall be scattered







# First and Second Exodus Plagues

1. Water into blood
  - Third of the sea becomes blood (Revelation 8:8-9, also Revelation 11:6, 16:3-6)
2. Frogs
3. Lice
4. “swarms of flies”
5. “very severe pestilence on your livestock”
6. “boils breaking out with sores” (Exodus 9:10)
  - “a loathsome and malignant sore on the people” (Revelation 16:2)
7. “hail, and fire flashing continually” (Exodus 9:22-24)
  - “there came hail and fire, mixed with blood” (Revelation 8:7)
8. “I will bring locusts into your territory” (Exodus 10:4-5)
  - “Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth” (Revelation 9:3-4)
9. “. . . darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt.” (Exodus 10:21)
10. Death of firstborn son

# Moses & Joseph Smith

- Strong desire to gather Israel
- Rejected by their own people
- Sentenced to death
- Years later, return to fulfill mission and gather Israel
- Plagues
- Deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage
- Lead Israel to promised land
- Give the law
- Govern restored tribes of Israel



# Revelation 11:7

- :7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall **overcome** them, and **kill** them.
- :8 And their **dead bodies** shall **lie** in the **street** of the great city, which **spiritually** is called Sodom and **Egypt**, where also our Lord was crucified.



# There has not been so great wickedness

I can stretch forth mine hands and hold **all the creations** which I have made; and mine eye can pierce them also, and among all the workmanship of mine hands there has **not been so great wickedness as among thy brethren.**  
(Moses 7:36)

This [Moses 7:32-36] is a terrible arraignment against the inhabitants of this earth. Perhaps this is the reason Jesus Christ was sent here instead of to some other world, for in some other world they would not have crucified Him, and His presence was needed here because of the extreme wickedness of the inhabitants of this earth.  
(Joseph Fielding Smith, Signs of the Times, p.12)



I suppose that God never organized an earth and peopled it that was ever reduced to a lower state of darkness, sin and ignorance than this. I suppose this is **one of the lowest kingdoms** that ever the Lord Almighty created, and on that account is capable of becoming exalted to be one of the highest kingdoms that has ever had an exaltation in all the eternities.

**In proportion as it has been reduced so it will be exalted**, with that portion of its inhabitants who in their humiliation have cleaved to righteousness and acknowledged God in all things. In proportion to our fall through sin, so shall we be exalted in the presence of our Father and God, through Jesus Christ and by living the righteousness of his Gospel. (Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses 10:175)

# Revelation 11:9

- And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies **three days and an half**, and shall **not suffer** their **dead bodies** to be **put in graves**.
- June 27<sup>th</sup>: The Prophet Joseph & his brother Hyrum are martyred
- June 28<sup>th</sup>: The bodies are taken to Nauvoo arriving at 3:00pm. They are taken to the Mansion House and prepared for public viewing.
- June 29<sup>th</sup>: an estimated **10,000 people** view the Prophet and Patriarch
- June 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm: Fake coffins are buried in a mock funeral to protect the bodies.
- June 30<sup>th</sup> ~midnight: The bodies are temporarily buried in the basement of the Nauvoo House
- Allegedly, the bodies were later moved to just south of the Joseph Smith homestead.

# Revelation 11:10

And they that dwell upon the earth shall **rejoice** over them, and make **merry**, and shall send **gifts** one to another; because these **two prophets tormented** them that dwelt on the earth.



. . . rejoice . . .

Mrs. Taylor informed me [John Taylor] that Mr. Hamilton, the father of the Hamilton who kept the house, **rejoiced at the murder**, and said in company that 'it [murder of Joseph and Hyrum] was done up in the **best possible style**, and showed good generalship,' and she farther believed that the other branches of the family **sanctioned it**, These were the associates of the old lady referred to, and yet she could talk of conversion and saving souls in the midst of blood and murder: such is man and such consistency! (History of the Church IX: at the end)

"Wills, Voras, and Gallaher were probably named in the indictment because their wounds, which testimony showed were received at the [Carthage] jail, were irrefutable evidence that they had participated in the mob...

A contemporary witness reported these three as saying that they were the first men at the jail, that one of them shot through the door killing Hyrum, that Joseph wounded all three with his pistol, and that Gallaher shot Joseph as he ran to the window...The **citizens of Green Plains** were said to have **given** Gallaher and Voras **new suits of clothes for their parts in the killing**. [Statement of Jeremiah Willey, August 13, 1844, Brigham Young correspondence, Church Archives]" (Dallin H. Oaks and Marvin S. Hill, Carthage Conspiracy: The trial of the Accused Assassins of Joseph Smith, p. 52-53)

“As we conversed together on the deck, a strange and solemn awe came over me, as if the powers of hell were let loose. I was so overwhelmed with sorrow I could hardly speak; and after pacing the deck for some time in silence, I turned to my brother William and exclaimed--"Brother William, this is a dark hour; the powers of darkness seem to triumph, and the spirit of murder is abroad in the land; and it controls the hearts of the American people, and **a vast majority of them sanction the killing of the innocent.**

My brother, let us keep silence and not open our mouths. If you have any pamphlets or books on the fullness of the gospel lock them up; show them not, neither open your mouth to the people; let us observe an entire and solemn silence, for this is a dark day, and the hour of triumph for the powers of darkness. O, how sensible I am of the spirit of murder which seems to pervade the whole land.” (Autobiography of **Parley P. Pratt**)



. . . merry . . .

“some new passengers came on board and brought the news of the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. Great excitement prevailed on board, there being a general spirit of **exultation** and **triumph** at this **glorious news**, as it was called, much the same as generally shown on the first receipt of the news of a great **national victory in time of war**. . . . Landing in Chicago I found **great excitement**, and the press had issued extras announcing the **triumph** of the murderous mob in killing the Smiths.”

(Autobiography of Parley P. Pratt)



THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

“I walked onward, weighed down as it were unto death. When I could endure it no longer, I cried out aloud, saying: O Lord! in the name of Jesus Christ I pray Thee, show me what these things mean, and what I shall say to Thy people?

On a sudden the Spirit of God came upon me, and filled my heart with joy and gladness indescribable; and while the spirit of revelation glowed in my bosom with as visible a warmth and gladness as if it were fire.

The Spirit said unto me: "Lift up your head and rejoice; for behold! it is well with my servants Joseph and Hyrum. My servant Joseph still holds the keys of my kingdom in this dispensation, and **he shall stand in due time on the earth, in the flesh, and fulfil that to which he is appointed.**"



11:2 – “and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein But the **court** which is without the temple **leave out**, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles.”



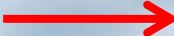












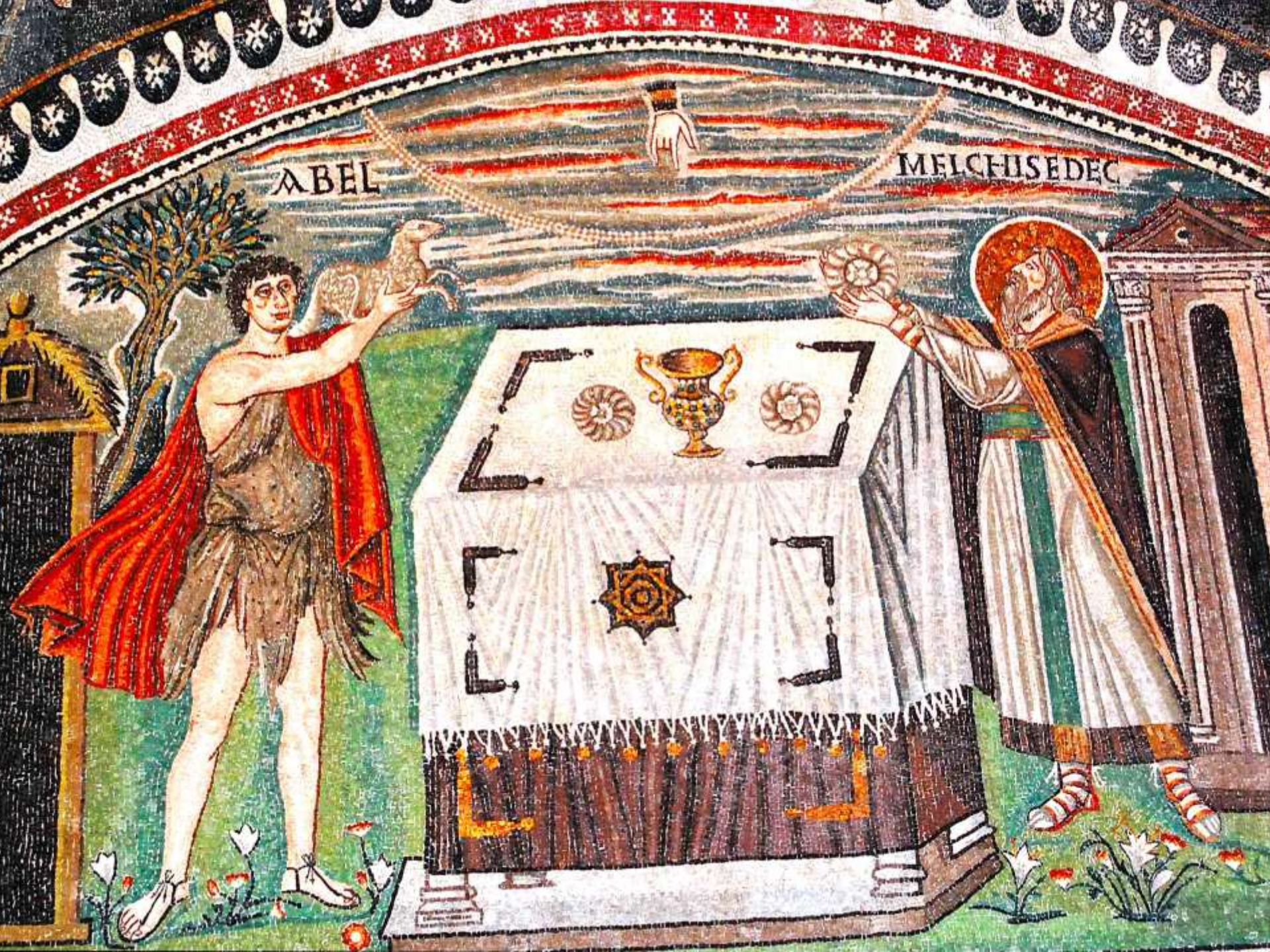
THE HOUSE OF THE LORD  
BUILT  
BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF NAUVOO  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
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TO HIS CHURCH



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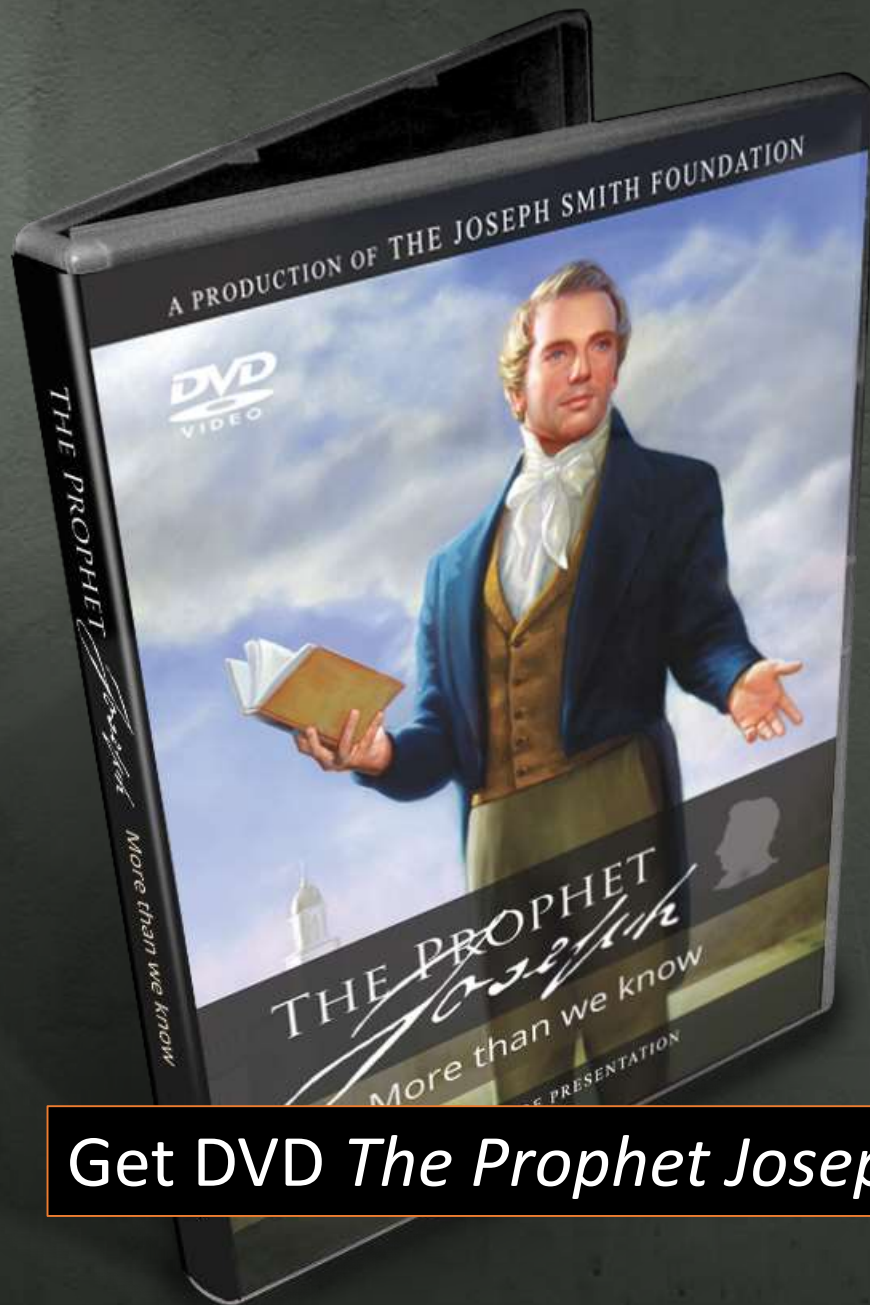
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# Exodus 20:24-25

An **altar of earth** thou shalt make unto me, and shalt **sacrifice thereon** thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt **not build it of hewn stone**: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.



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