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Freeing Enslaved Israel
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MOSES AND THE EXODUS . . . REPEATED!

- Latter-day Moses
- Latter-day Egypt
- Latter-day Israel
- Latter-day plagues
- Latter-day Exodus
- Latter-day Pharaoh



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“The great majority of those who become members of the Church are literal descendants of Abraham through Ephraim, son of Joseph.”

JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH



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MOSES PROPHECIES OF JESUS CHRIST

“Behold, I am he of whom **Moses** spake, saying: A prophet shall the Lord your God **raise** up unto you of your brethren, **like unto me**; him shall ye **hear** in **all** things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass that every soul who will **not hear** that prophet shall be **cut off** from among the people.”

3 Nephi 20:23



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MOSES' 1ST COMING AS A PRINCE



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SERVANT IS REJECTED AT FIRST

“And [he] said unto me: Thou art my **servant**, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.

“Then I said, **I have labored in vain**, I have spent my strength for naught and in vain; surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.”

1 Nephi 21:3-4, Isaiah 49:3-4

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Doctrine and Covenants 5:8-10

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JESUS CHRIST SPEAKS THROUGH JOSEPH SMITH

“Oh, this **unbelieving** and **stiffnecked** generation—mine **anger** is kindled against them.

“Behold, verily I say unto you, I have **reserved** those things which I have entrusted unto you [physical Nephite plates with complete Book of Mormon record (sealed portion)], my servant Joseph, for a wise purpose in me, and it shall be made known unto **future** generations;

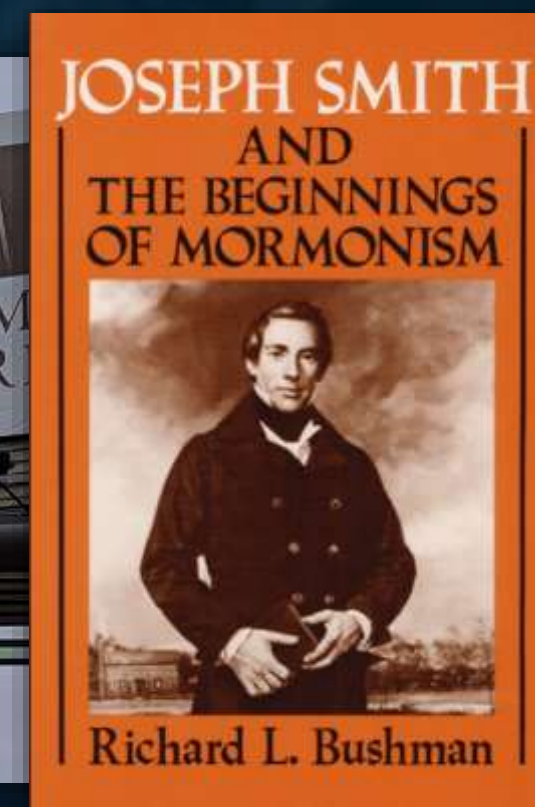
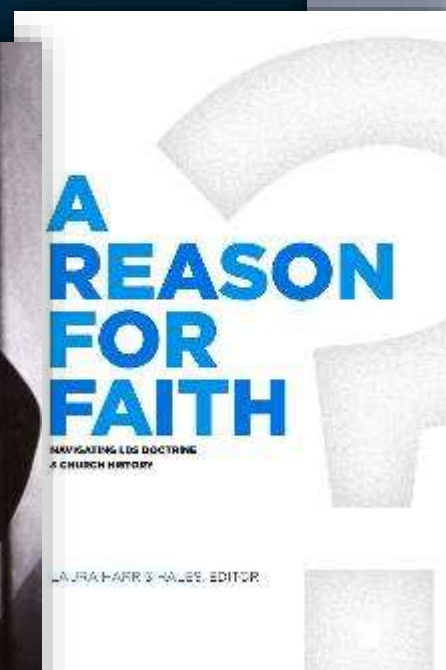
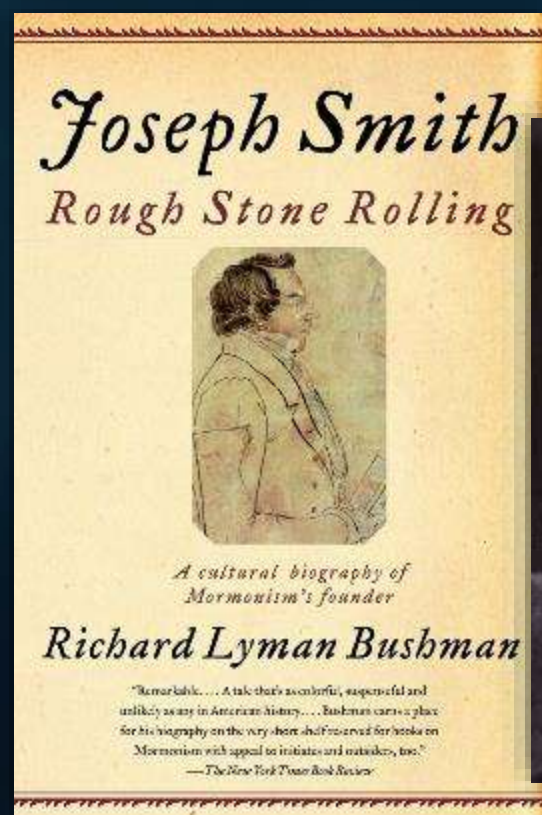
“But **this generation shall have my word through you**.”

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ELEMENTS OF “NEW” MORMON HISTORY & PROGRESSIVE NARRATIVES

- Joseph Smith was a **treasure digger**, and he and his family were involved in **magic**.
- Scriptures have some inspiration, but they are **not** pure **divine** word from God. There are errors in Joseph Smith’s revelations.
- Joseph Smith struggled with **pride** and an angry **temper**.
- The Book of Mormon may or may **not** be entirely **historical**, it came through an **occultic seer stone**, through a character flawed “village seer” or **spiritual medium** and Joseph Smith inserted 19th century **content** into the text.
- The First Vision is likely **not literal**, **priesthood** is **evolving**, the temple **endowment** is **evolving**, and the teachings of Joseph Smith are becoming **less relevant**. The Pearl of Great Price may have been a **mistake**.



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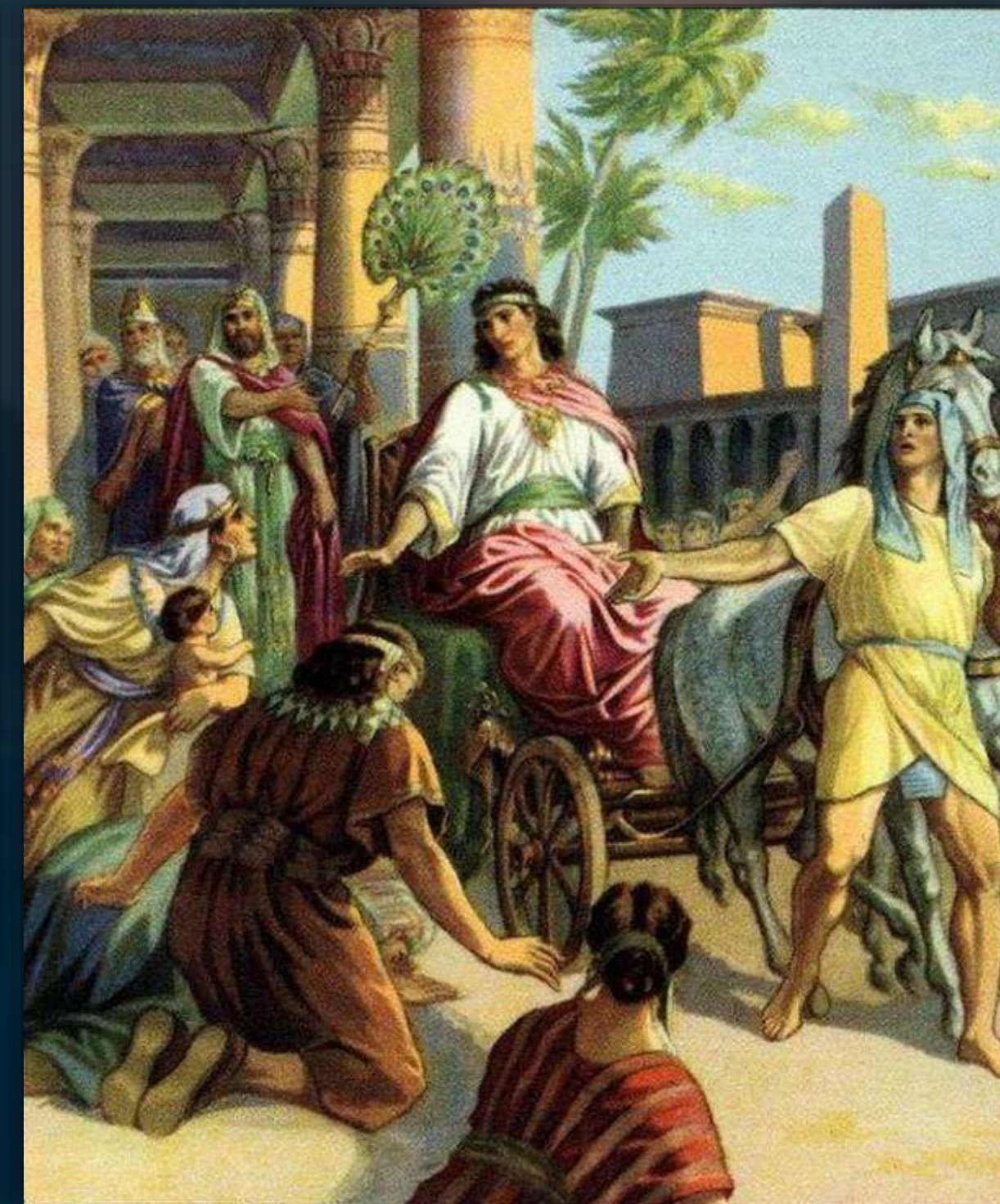
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SAMPLE OF HISTORICAL STATEMENTS IDENTIFYING JOSEPH SMITH AS “LATTER-DAY MOSES”

- “. . . 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 . . .” (1833 blessing)
- “From amid the burning bush, **like Moses of old**, shall he hear the voice, saying, I am the God of thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I have seen, I have seen, the affliction of my people and am come down to deliver them: **go**, thou, and **say to the strength of my house**, To your tents, O Israel: build up the wastes and raise up the foundation of desolation that this generation has made. Thus shall he be honored of the Lord, and thus shall it be recorded of him, that the generations to come may bless his name, in Israel . . .” (1835 blessing)
- “Therefore, I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall **lead them like as Moses led** the children of Israel. . . . Verily, verily I say unto you, that my servant **Joseph Smith, Jun., is the man** to whom I likened the servant to whom the Lord of the vineyard spake in the parable which I have given unto you.” (D&C 103:16, 21)
- “But, behold, verily, verily, I say unto thee, no one shall be appointed to receive commandments and revelations in this church excepting my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., for he receiveth them **even as Moses.**” (D&C 28:2)

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PHARAOH & JOSEPH OF EGYPT

"Thou shalt be over my [Pharaoh's] house, and according unto thy [Joseph's] word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou." (Genesis 41:40)

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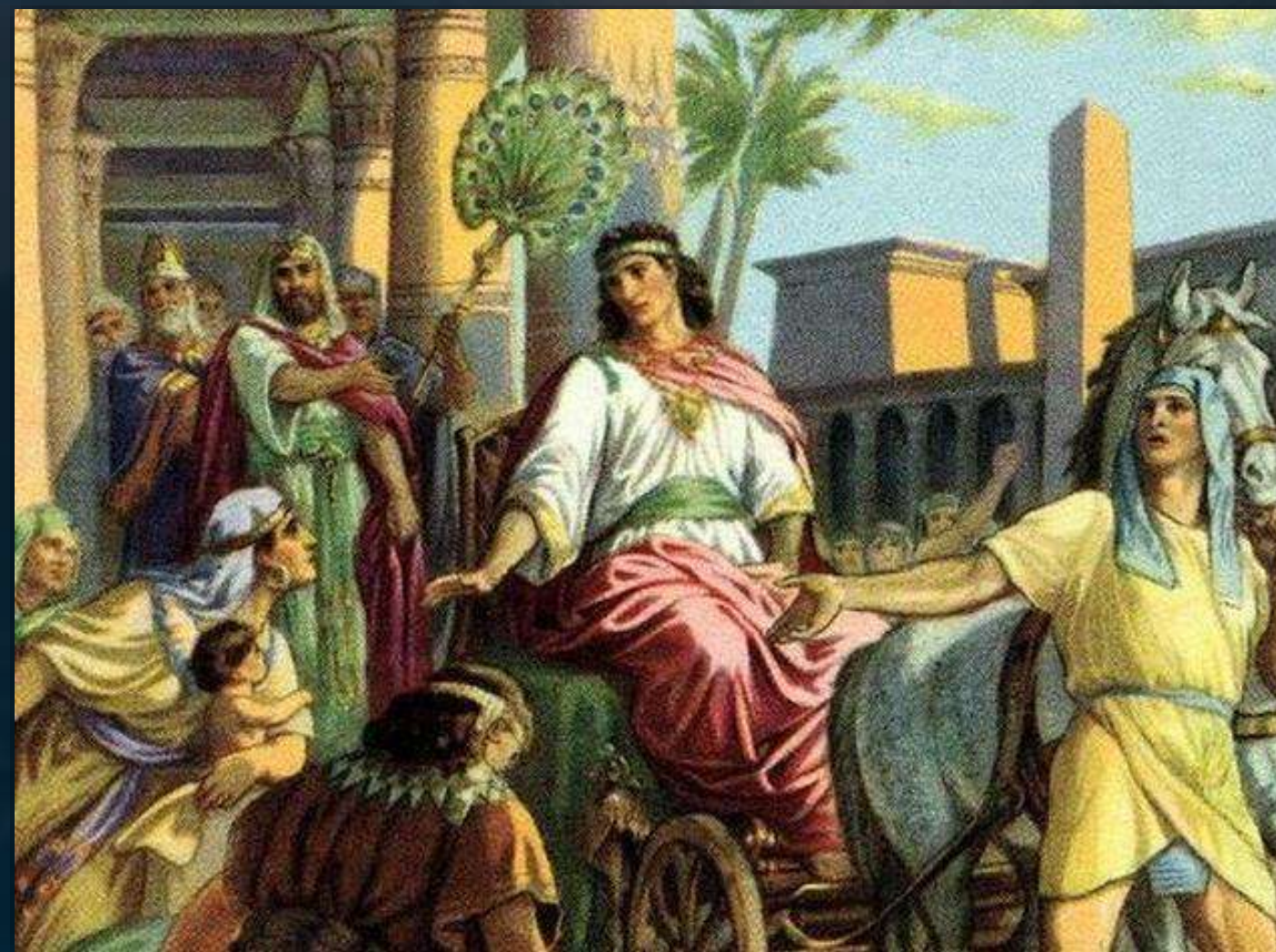
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Pharoah/King —> Jesus Christ



Joseph of Egypt —> Joseph Smith

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“We **link** the names of Jesus Christ and of Joseph Smith.”

Joseph Fielding Smith, Teachings of the Presidents of the Church: Joseph Fielding Smith, p. 107

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Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine, p. 134, also republished in "Joseph Smith: Restorer of Truth," Ensign, December 2003, p. 17

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JESUS CHRIST & JOSEPH SMITH "COUPLED"

"The **day will come**—and it is not far distant, either—when the name of the Prophet **Joseph Smith** will be **coupled** with the name **of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, the Son of God, as his **representative**, as his **agent** whom he chose, ordained and set apart to lay anew the foundations of the Church of God in the world . . ."

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ANCIENT EGYPT

- Corrupt, **tyrannical** government
- **Apostate** religions
- **Enslaves** Israel, no freedom
- Agenda to **destroy** Israelite **bloodline**



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MODERN EGYPT

- **Communism**/Socialism/Constitution hanging by a thread, lost liberties
- Deceptive false **philosophies**
- Faith & Christianity **exiled** from public square
- Worldwide Christian **persecution** on the rise
- Financial **bondage**/dependent on world economic system
- Etc. etc. etc.



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MOSES RETURNS 2ND TIME WITH POWER

- Called to deliver Israel from bondage
- “Let my people go!”
- Calls down plagues: frogs, boils, darkness, water to blood, etc.
- Israel delivered through natural disasters
- Opens highway through Red Sea to save Israel from Pharaoh’s army.
- Restores law, tabernacle, and priesthood (Aaronic)



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CALLED TO LEAD ISRAEL AS MOSES

“... 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.**”

JS, History, 1838–1856, vol. B-1, Joseph Smith Papers (also published in History of the Church, 2:379-80)

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JOSEPH SMITH GIVEN MOSES' KEYS

"... the heavens were again opened unto us; and **Moses** appeared before us, and **committed** unto us the **keys** of the **gathering of Israel** from the four parts of the earth, and the leading of the **ten tribes** from the land of the **north**."

Doctrine and Covenants 110:11

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EARLY SAINTS SING OF LATTER-DAY MOSES

“Old Israel that fled from the world for his freedom,
Must come with the cloud and the pillar, amain [great speed]:
A Moses, and Aaron, and Joshua lead him,
And feed him on manna from heaven again.

“We’ll sing and we’ll shout . . .”



Original lyrics of “The Spirit of God,” Collection of Sacred Hymns, 1835

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JST, Genesis 50:24–38. Compare Genesis 50:24–26; 2 Nephi 3:4–22

Joseph in Egypt prophesies of Moses freeing Israel from Egyptian bondage; of a branch of Joseph’s descendants being led to a faraway land, where they will be remembered in the covenants of the Lord; of God calling a latter-day prophet named Joseph to join the records of Judah and of Joseph; and of Aaron serving as a spokesman for Moses.

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 again; and a branch shall be broken off, and shall be carried into a far country; nevertheless they shall be remembered in the covenants of the Lord, when the Messiah cometh; for he shall be made manifest unto them 776
in the latter days, in the Spirit of power; and shall bring them out of darkness into light; out of hidden darkness, and out of captivity unto freedom.

26 A seer shall the Lord my God raise up, who shall be a choice seer unto the fruit of my loins.

27 Thus saith the Lord God of my fathers unto me, A choice seer will I raise up out of the fruit of thy loins, and he shall be esteemed highly among the fruit of thy loins; and unto him will I give commandment that he shall do a work for the fruit of thy loins, his brethren.



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JOSEPH SMITH'S CALL FROM BURNING BUSH

“From amid the burning bush, **like Moses** of old, shall **he hear the voice**, saying, I am the God of thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, I have seen, I have seen, the affliction of my people and am come down to deliver them: **go**, thou, and **say to the strength of my house**, To your tents, O Israel: build up the wastes and raise up the foundation of desolation that this generation has made. Thus shall **he [Joseph Smith] be honored** of the Lord, and thus shall it be **recorded** of him, that the generations to come may **bless his name**, in Israel . . .”



Blessing from Oliver Cowdery to Joseph Smith, September 22, 1835, Patriarchal Blessing Book 1, pp. 15-16, Church History Library (also available on Joseph Smith Papers website)

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JOSEPH LEADS ISRAEL FROM THE NORTH

“In due time shall he go forth toward the **north**, and by the power of his word shall the **deep begin to give way** and the **ice melt before the sun**. By the **keys** of the Kingdom shall he **lead Israel** into the land of Zion while the house of Jacob shouts in the dance and in the song . . . Joy, O my heart, in that day, with thanksgiving and with praise, for thou shalt stand with him before the **hosts of Israel**—the lame shall leap as a hart, the old shall renew his strength, and the virgin of Israel, with the youth, shall exalt the name of our God upon harps and instruments of tens[e] strings.”

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MOSES' EXODUS LIKENED TO LATTER-DAY GATHERING OF ISRAEL

“And they who are in the **north countries** shall come in remembrance before the Lord; and their prophets shall hear his voice, and shall no longer stay themselves; and they shall **smite the rocks**, and the ice shall flow down at their presence.

“And an **highway** shall be **cast up** in the midst of the **great deep**.

“Their **enemies** shall become a **prey** unto them,

“And in the barren **deserts** there shall come forth **pools of living water**; and the parched ground shall no longer be a thirsty land.”

Doctrine and Covenants 133:26-29

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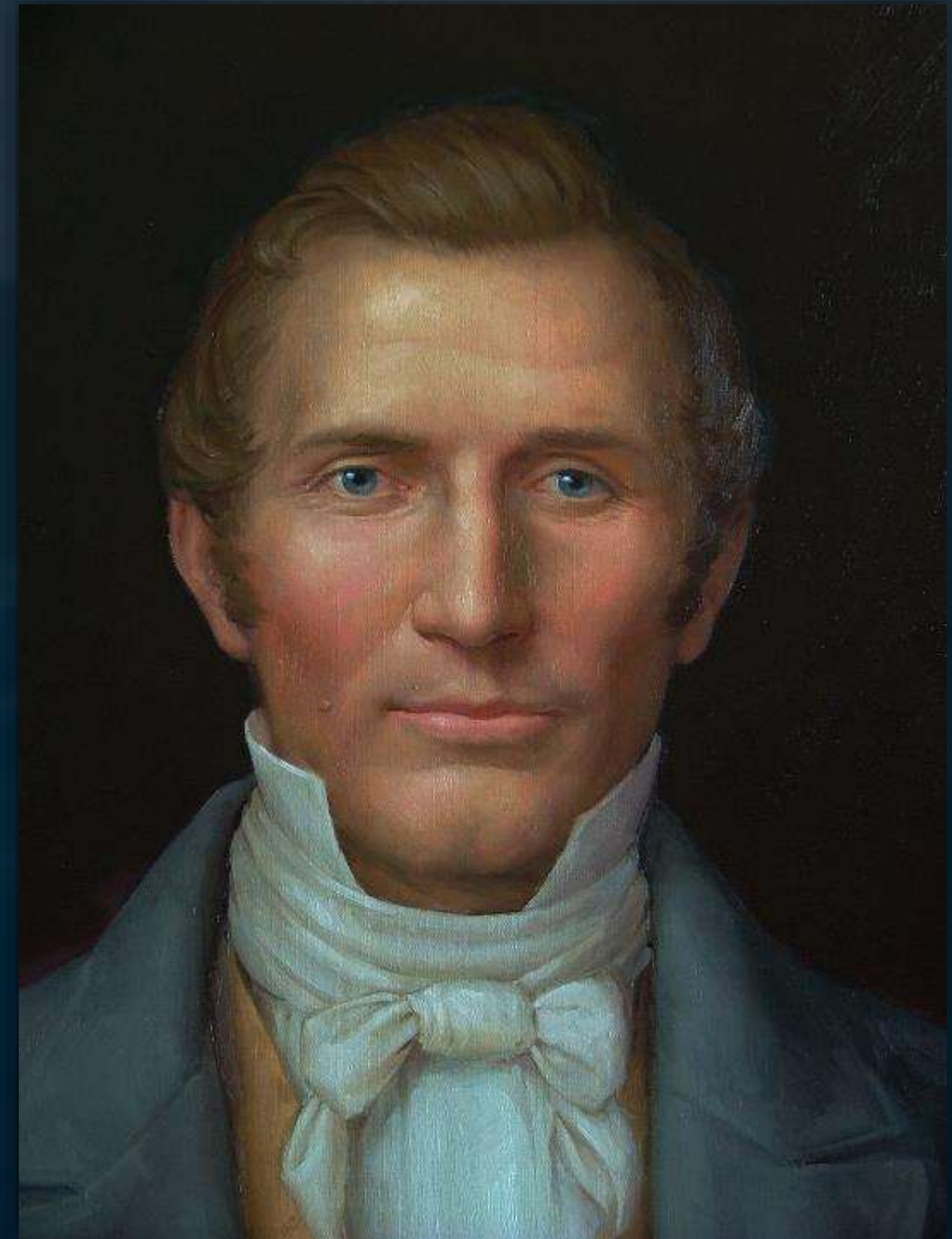
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JOSEPH SMITH AMONG ALL THE PROPHETS

“There were prophets before, but Joseph has the **spirit** and **power** of all the **prophets**.”



Hyrum Smith, History of the Church, 6:346

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JOSEPH SMITH LEADS REDEMPTION OF ZION

“Therefore, I will **raise up** unto my people a **man**, who shall **lead** them **like** as **Moses** led the children of Israel. . . . Verily, verily I say unto you, that **my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., is the man** to whom I likened the **servant** to whom the Lord of the vineyard spake in the parable [D&C 101] which I have given unto you.”

**Read D&C 101 and 103 for full context and incredible prophecies regarding Joseph Smith’s mission & work!*

Doctrine and Covenants 103:16, 21

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“FAR GREATER WORK” THAN MOSES

“We wonder now how it was possible for the Egyptians to reject the testimony of Moses and Aaron. But, to my mind, the **great Work** in which we are engaged is **far greater** than the **work** that was **performed** by **Moses**.

“I **reverence** the work **Moses performed**, I look upon it as a great work. But this Work of the last days is a **far greater work**—the gathering of the Saints together from the various nations, is a **far more stupendous work**, to my mind, than the gathering of Israel from Egypt to the land of Canaan. I would not be guilty of undervaluing the work Moses performed, or of attaching to it a light importance, for I value it highly; but with **Moses** it was **different** to what it has been with the **leaders of Israel in these days.**”

George Q. Cannon, Journal of Discourses 10:345, October 23, 1864.

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MOSES & JOSEPH SMITH AS REVELATORS



“But, behold, verily, verily, I say unto thee, no one shall be appointed to receive commandments and revelations in this church excepting my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., for **he receiveth them even as Moses.**”

Doctrine and Covenants 28:2

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PARALLELS BETWEEN MOSES & JOSEPH

“Elder Brigham Young one of the twelve gave us an interesting exhortation & warned us not to murmur against **Moses (or) Joseph or the heads of the Church.**”



Wilford Woodruff's Journal, January 10, 1837

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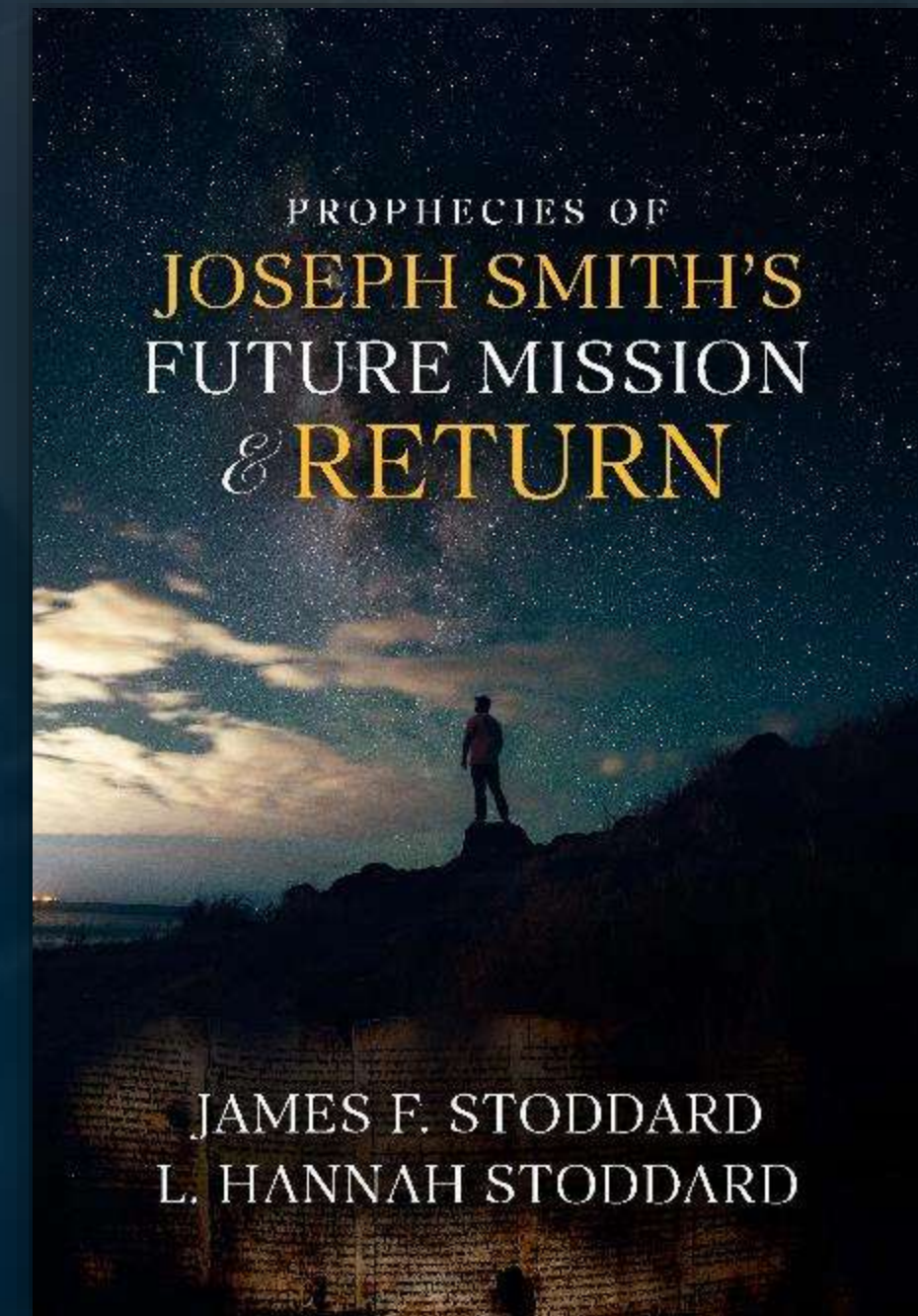
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JOSEPH SMITH'S PATRIARCHAL & PRIESTHOOD BLESSINGS

- Command mountains to move & rivers to turn out of their course
- Put wicked armies to flight
- Save the just from famine
- Translate & publish many ancient records
- Honored for possessing advanced scientific and intellectual knowledge
- Stand upon the necks and ashes of enemies
- Own tens of thousands of animals
- Obtain precious stones/jewels
- Deliver Israel as just as Moses did
- Cause ice to melt and deep to give way in the North



See *Latter-day Answers* article, "[What can we learn from Joseph Smith's patriarchal blessings?](#)"

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WHY IS JOSEPH SMITH'S WORD IMPORTANT?

“Every **dispensation head** is a **revealer** of **Christ** for his day . . . and every other prophet or apostle who comes is a **reflection** and an **echo** and an **exponent** of the dispensation head. All such come to echo to the world and to **expound** and **unfold** what God has revealed **through the man** who was appointed to give his eternal word to the world for that era. Such is the dispensation concept.”

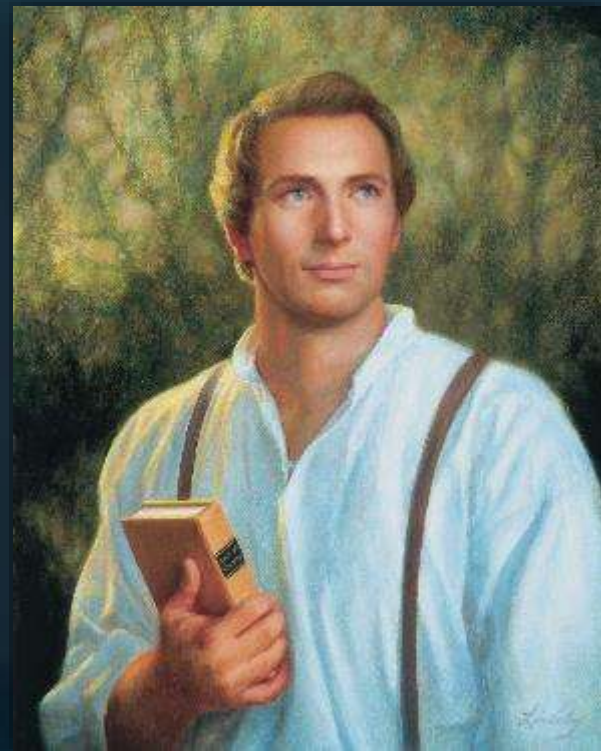


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“WE ECHO THE MESSAGE”

“There are added revelations we could receive, and I hope will receive as we manage to get in tune with the Spirit. But the **great reservoir of revelation** for our dispensation—meaning the things that we need to know to govern our conduct in order to gain an eternal life—these things have **already** been given. And there will not be great added reservoirs of substantive revelation that will come before the Second Coming because of the **wickedness** of the world. Some of that wickedness spills over and prevails among the Latter-day Saints.

“**This generation shall have my word through you**’ (D&C 5:10). Joseph Smith has given the word, and we **echo** the message . . .”

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PRESIDENT HINCKLEY'S TESTIMONY

“... we have a great body of revelation, the vast majority of which came from the Prophet Joseph Smith. We don't need much revelation. **We need to pay more attention to the revelation we've already received.** Now, if a problem should arise on which we don't have an answer, we pray about it, we may fast about it, and it comes ... we don't need a lot of continuing revelation. We have a great, basic reservoir of revelation.”

Gordon B. Hinckley, “Sunday Interview — Musings of the Main Mormon,” interview by Don Lattin, SFGATE, April 13, 1997

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PRESIDENT HINCKLEY LOOKS TO JOSEPH SMITH

“I look to [Joseph Smith]. I love him. I **seek to follow him**. I read his words, and they become the **standards** to be observed in guiding this great Church as it moves forward in fulfilling its eternal destiny.”



Gordon B. Hinckley, First Presidency Christmas Devotional, 7 December 2003

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“I AM THE WAY!”



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“I HAVE SENT MY SERVANT.”

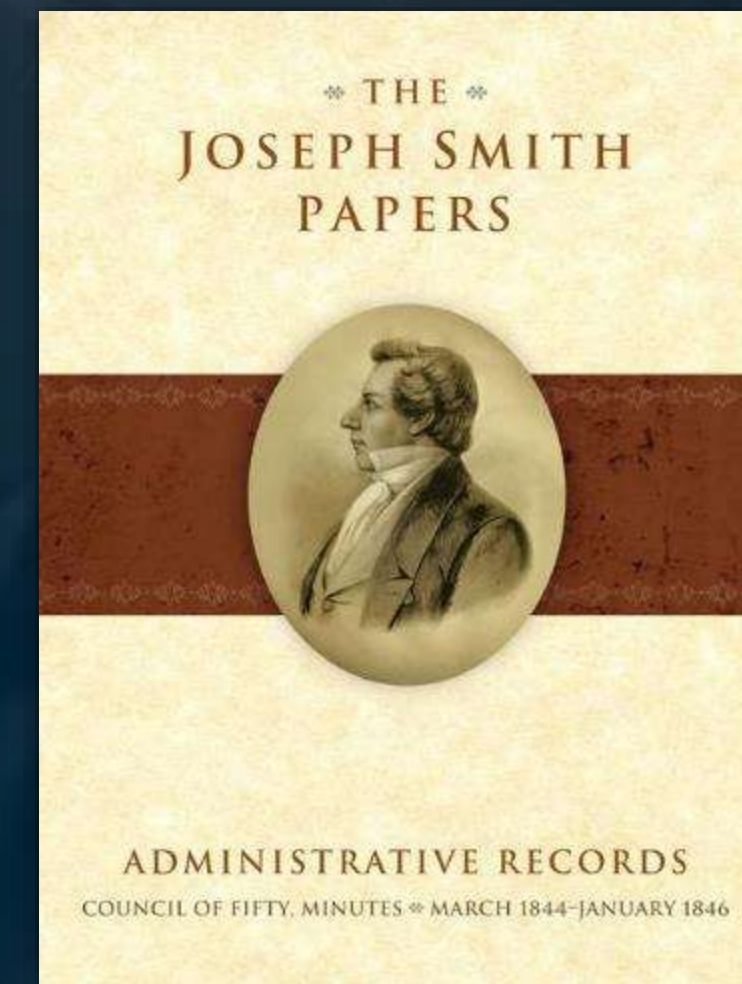
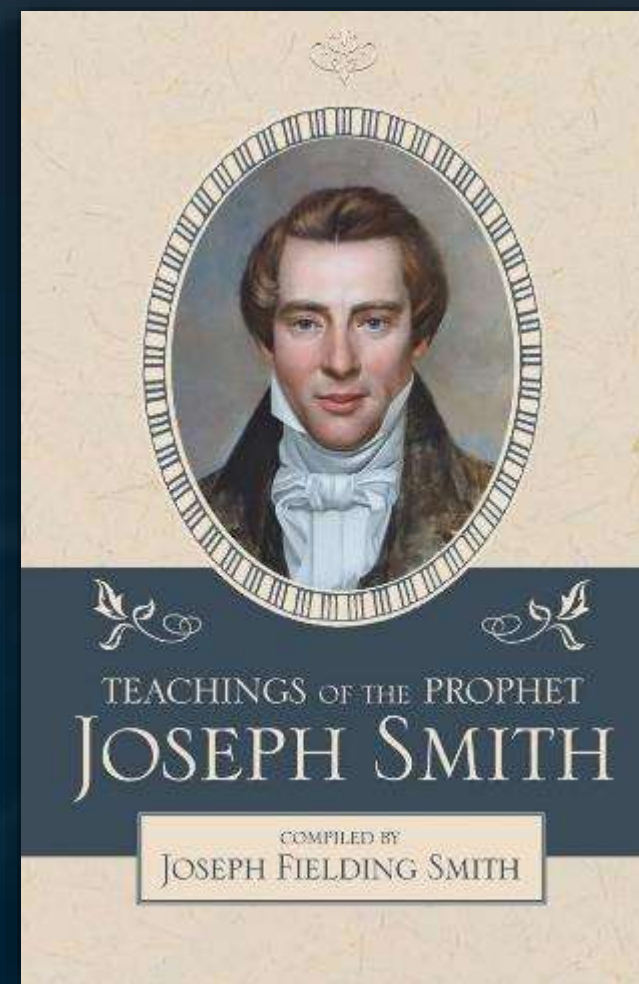
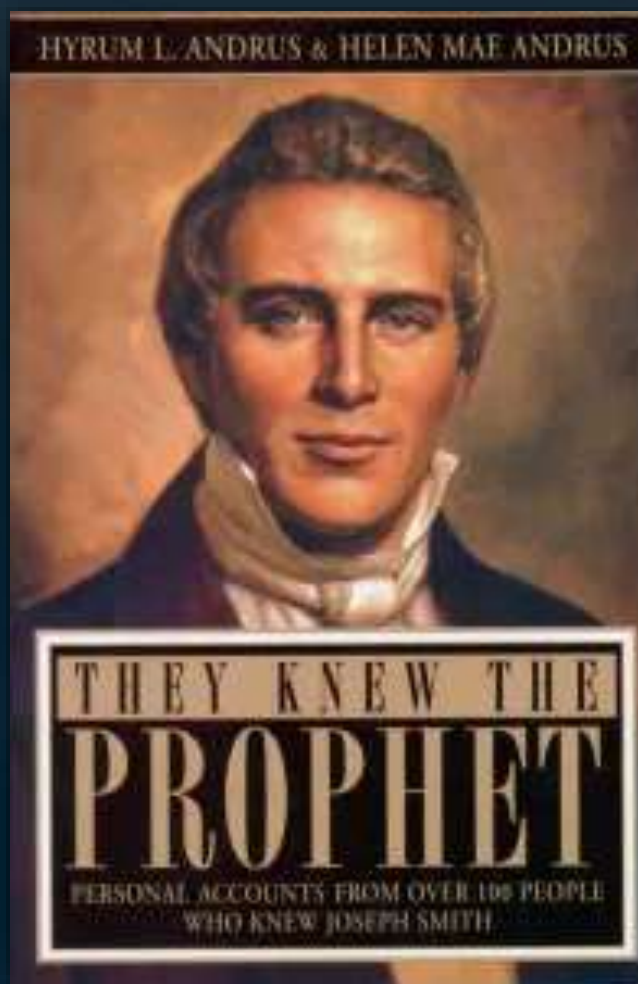
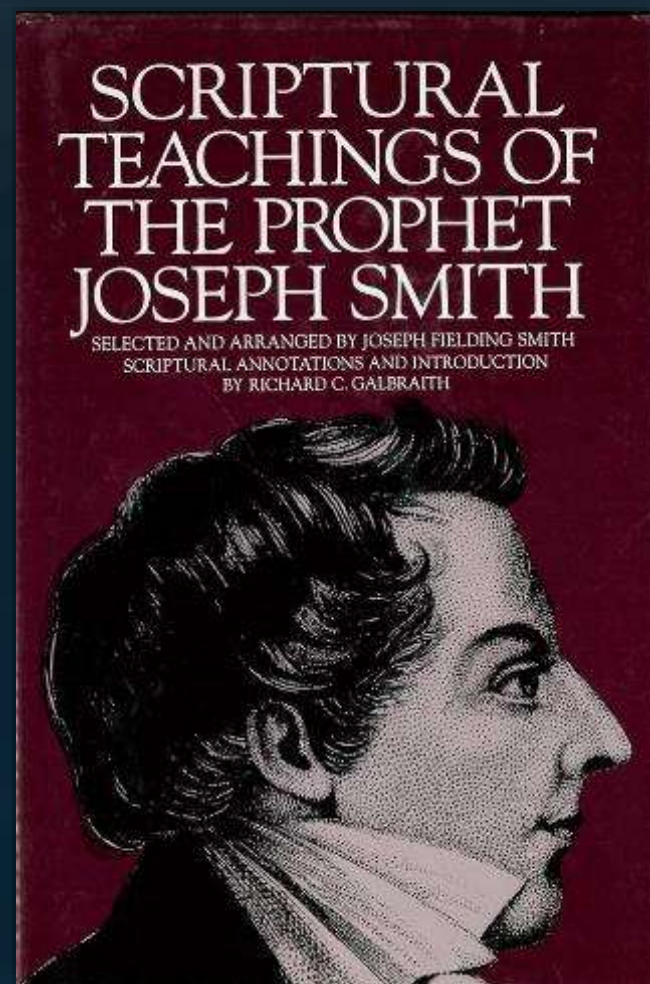
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RECOMMENDED BOOKS ON THE LIFE & TEACHINGS OF JOSEPH SMITH



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