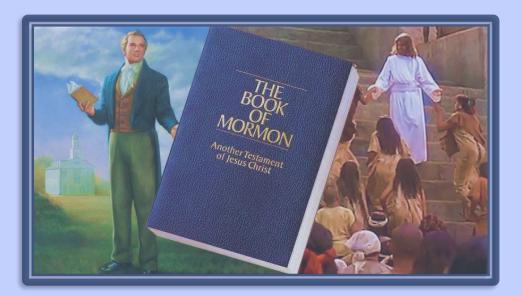
# The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Plain and Precious Truths Restored





This short document is developed with the hope of giving all children of Heavenly Father a ready defense for their beliefs. It has been written from a place of loving faith and joy in our savior, Jesus Christ, with a passionate calling to bare testimony of discovered truths pertaining to the Prophet Joseph Smith, his writings, and more. Brothers and sisters of the LDS Church: Pray unto the Heavenly Father that you may receive wisdom and revelation to an open heart, and may the Holy Ghost be with you as you read.

# FRUIT-FILLED OLIVE TREE

#### LDS Claim: Our Church is the True Church as it has a Modern Day Prophet

- The Bible teaches us that in the past God spoke through prophets, but now we have a mediator between us and God, and that mediator has a Spirit which teaches us all things:

God, who at sundry times spoke unto us by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom He hath appointed heir of things, by whom He also made the worlds. Hebrews 1:1-2

The Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things... John 14:26

# LDS Claim: Modern Bibles Lack Plain and Precious Truths (1 Nephi 13)

- Archaeologists have found thousands of partial and complete ancient, original manuscripts of the Old & New Testaments. Differences between each one are minor, and match modern bibles.
- Among the identified differences, 99% are minor changes such as a missing letter or word variations such as the inscribing of "Jesus Christ" versus "Christ Jesus".
- "Thus, in the Bible as we have it, we do have for practical purposes the very Word of God, inasmuch as the manuscripts do convey to us the complete vital truth of the originals." International Council on Biblical Inerrancy
- The Dead Sea Scrolls reveal an identical Book of Isaiah to that of modern bibles. The Joseph Smith Translation of Isaiah contains numerous extra pages.

## Church History of Plural Marriage: Fact vs Anti-Mormon Agenda

- In Jacob 2:24 (Book of Mormon), plural marriage is described as "abominable". This was transcribed by Smith at the very time that he was practicing polygamy.
- The revelation of plural marriage given to Prophet Joseph Smith was recorded in 1843. His first plural marriage was with 16 yo Fanny Alger, in 1833 ten years before the revelation was shared with the church. Smith was 28 at the time of their secret union.
- Joseph Smith had +/- 40 wives, 1/3 were 14-20 years old. 30% of these wives were married to other men at the time of their union with Joseph Smith. 35% involved sexual relations.
- Brigham Young had 55 wives. Together, 16 of these wives bore him a total of 59 children
- Joseph Smith was ultimately murdered by an angry mob in 1844, while imprisoned for treason and disorderly conduct, for reasons related to the polygamy controversy among other things.

"To receive true revelations (as a prophet), your soul must be pure and clean as a piece of blank paper that lies on the desk." - Brigham Young -

## Prophecies of Joseph Smith: Did He Ever Fail?

- In 1832, Joseph Smith prophecies that within his generation a temple would be built in a new city called "New Jerusalem" in western Independence, Missouri. This is recorded in D&C 84.
- The temple was never built, nor was there a city developed. This is not his only failed prophecy... Among his failed prophecies including predicting the time of Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming-something even Jesus does not know (Matthew 24:36).
- A true Prophet of God must be accurate 100% of the time, in every detail prophesied (Deut. 18). Consistent with Deuteronomy 18, this deems Joseph Smith a false prophet and puts the entirety of Smith's writings and the LDS church into question.

Mormonism, as it is called, must stand or fall on the story of Joseph Smith. He was either a prophet of God, divinely called, properly appointed and commissioned, or he was one of the biggest frauds this world has ever seen. There is no middle ground. - **10**<sup>th</sup> **President Joseph Fielding Smith** -

Many Mormons are shocked to discover these historically documented truths. To learn more: "The Bible Vs Joseph Smith" (Amazon Prime Video), NY Times article "There is a Dark Side to Mormonism", "The Truth About Mormonism" by North American Missions Board, "Character, Motivations, and Death of Joseph Smith" by Sandra Tanner.
ABOVE ALL ELSE, SEEK GOD'S TRUTH IN PRAYER AND STUDY OF HIS TRUE WORD, THE BIBLE.