

Chapter 17

Why This Website

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Being a member of the church all my life and a great, great Grandson of Brigham Young through Zina D Huntington Young. I was taught that the Prophet Joseph Smith introduced polygamy via D&C132 and kept **secret** his involvement about it. I believed this because I was taught to follow the prophets and the revelations they received and that a prophet would not lead you astray.

As I began to read the scriptures and ponder its messages, I found inconsistencies with D&C 132 and what the prophet Jacob taught in Jacob 1, 2 and 3 and what was revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith in [D&C 42: 22-26 and D&C 49: 15-17] when it came to morality in marriage. Furthermore, I found that the Lord talked about **“false prophets”** and it appears 17 times in the scriptures, the first one is found in the Sermon on the Mount, where the Lord said:

- ¶ **Beware of false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
- 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
- 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
- 21 ¶ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
- 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work **iniquity**. (New Testament | Matthew 7:15 - 23)

“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.” In the last days. (New Testament | Matthew 24:11)

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect” (New Testament | Matthew 24:24). In the last days.

“For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect.

23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

24 ¶ But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory” (New Testament | Mark 13:22 - 26).

False teachers among the saints are damned—Lustful saints shall perish in their own corruption. (New Testament | 2 Peter 2: Heading)

1 “BUT there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily [in secret] shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not” (New Testament | 2 Peter 2: 1-3).

“BELOVED, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
(New Testament | 1 John 4:1)

Why is the Lord warning us that “many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many” in the last days? I asked myself that question, and wondered how could I tell when a prophet was a “false” one or teaching false doctrines? The Lord answered that question:

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What are the works of “iniquity?” I will let the prophet Jacob answer that question in [Jacob 1,2,3] which he does very well, condemning polygamy as “iniquity” and adultery. After asking myself the question [What are the works of “iniquity?”] I began looking at the scriptures more deeply and I read everything I could find about what the Prophet Joseph Smith said from the LDS view and the saints that stayed behind with Emma and her family. I took particular interest in all the Prophet Joseph Smith’s 1st hand accounts about marriage and polygamy and in every case, I found he spoke against polygamy, denouncing it as adultery and that he remained true to the revelations that he actually received [D&C 42: 22-26 and D&C 49: 15-17]. I found that D&C 132 was not one of God’s revelations to the Prophet Joseph Smith for several reasons that I describe in my essays.

The Prophet Jacob in the Book of Mormon said:

“And were it not that I must speak unto you concerning a grosser crime, (Jacob 2:22) ...his people begin to wax in iniquity; (Jacob 2:23) they understand not the scriptures, for they seek to excuse themselves in committing whoredoms, because of the things which were written concerning David, and Solomon his son (Jacob 2:23) ... many wives and concubines, which thing was abominable before me, saith the Lord (Jacob 2:24). Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none; For I, the Lord God, delight in the chastity of women” (Book of Mormon | Jacob 2:27 - 28). “Behold, the Lamanites your brethren, whom ye hate because of their filthiness and the cursing which hath come upon their skins, are more righteous than you; for they have not forgotten the commandment of the Lord, which was given unto our fathers [“fathers” going all the way back to Adam and forward to every dispensation of time (Book of Mormon 1830 edition page 128. The word “fathers” was changed by the LDS Church to the singular “father” years later, which in my opinion was wrong and misleading]—that they should have save it were one wife, and concubines they should have none, and there should not be whoredoms committed among them”

(Book of Mormon | Jacob 3:5). <https://www.josephsmithpapers.org/paper-summary/book-of-mormon-1830/134>

The Prophet Joseph Smith taught how to know when a “revelation” is not of God but of Satan who deceives:

“There have also been ministering angels in the church which were of Satan appearing as an angel of light:— A sister in the State of New York had a vision who said it was told her that if she would go to a certain place in the woods an angel would appear to her,— she went at the appointed time and saw a glorious personage descending arrayed in white . . . he commenced and told her to fear God and said that her husband was called to do great things, but that he must not go more than one hundred miles from home or he would not return; whereas God had called him to go to the ends of the earth; and he has since been more than one thousand miles from home, and is yet alive. Many true things were spoken by this personage and many things that were false.— **How it may be asked was this known to be a bad angel? . . . by his contradicting a former revelation.**” Times and Seasons 3 [April 1, 1842]: 747

Clearly D&C 132 is contradicting several former revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in [D&C 42: 22-26 and D&C 49: 15-17]. Contradictions are not part of the Restoration. This alone was enough to convince me that God had never, ever commanded any people to practice or live polygamy in any dispensation of time. It is “false prophets” or “fallen” men who **deceive** and **secretly** do things which the Lord describes as **“iniquity.”** It was Emma Smith, who said that her husband, the Prophet Joseph, never received D&C 132. Her family history is clear about this and in the books “Joseph Smith Fought Polygamy” volumes 1,2,3 speaks the truth that really took place, a true history.

<https://restorationbookstore.org/collections/joseph-smith-fought-polygamy>

So, I grew up reading the history that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints produced and then later in my life I read all three books of the Prophet Joseph Smith and his fight against polygamy, which history I find is what really took place, no deception or deceit or lies or secrets. With all this information I was impressed to share these truths and this website was born which gives “A

Scriptural Perspective of Marriage and Polygamy” and shows its origin; where the practice of polygamy actually came from... a fallen people who left the Lord’s moral teachings and it has spread all over the world since.

I know the Church today is on a better path because of the Manifesto and leaving the practice of polygamy. However, what remains on the LDS Church website is the “lie,” the “deception,” the “privily” [secrets that brought] “in damnable heresies” [2 Peter 2: Heading; 2 Peter 2:1-3] like polygamy into the Church, which went West with Brigham Young. The Lord has warned all the prophets of every dispensation that polygamy has never been a “commandment” of God if you follow the truths and eternal patterns found in the scriptures [Matthew 19: 3-6; Mark 10: 2-9; D&C 42: 22-26 & 49:15-17]. The Prophet Joseph Smith has been blamed and accused of many things and I am here to witness that he was true and faithful to Emma and his family. He never engaged in Polygamy, never authored, through a revelation D&C 132 as he has been accused of; but was true and faithful to the integrity of gospel principles and teaching of the Savior as he received them in [D&C 42: 22-26 & 49:15-17].

My testimony is not founded in 2nd hand diaries and 2nd hand journals as evidence for the truth; my testimony is rooted and grounded in the scriptures and what the Prophet Joseph actually said 1st hand on Sunday, May 26, 1844, he said: “What a thing for a man to be accused of committing adultery, and having seven wives, when I can only find one. I am the same man, and as innocent as I was fourteen years ago” (History of the Church Vol.6, p.408-412 Sunday, May 26, 1844). He said this one month and a day before he was murdered by what appears to be a coup from inside the church as the Lord warned in [D&C 38: 13, 28].

http://www.ldsendowment.com/carthage_conspiracy.htm

<https://www.youtube.com/@justin-griffin>

Every person must decide for themselves what they what to believe. I have learned that I must follow prophets in righteousness and holiness only! And the Lord said “by their fruits ye shall know them.” It is those “fruits” of the Spirit coming from the “tree of life” that I must make my foundation on, if I am to become like my Father in Heaven and Christ.

There are others inside the Church and outside who are sharing the same testimony that polygamy is a false doctrine and always has been:

<https://www.youtube.com/@MichelleBStone>

<https://www.youtube.com/@gwendolynwyne>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCds7RV8cvnsTHpqXJvT3Uhw/videos>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/HemlockKnots>

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