

LIVING PROPHETS



... and their mysteries!

I often visit with LDS friends who love to discuss temples. Standing thirteenth in line from Joseph Smith, Gordon Hinckley leads the way for temples. The Midwest has eight. So what is mysterious? What happened to the four that were revealed by Joseph Smith?

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

AN INDEPENDENCE TEMPLE

Doctrine & Covenants 57:1-3

1 HEarken, O ye elders of my church, saith the Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to my commandments, in this land, which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the gathering of the saints.

2 Wherefore, this is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion.

3 And thus saith the Lord your God, if you will receive wisdom here is wisdom. Behold, the place which is now called Independence is the center place; and a spot for the temple is lying westward, upon a lot which is not far from the court-house.

Dated July 20, 1831. The missing temple is not to be confused with the temple in St. Louis. He points to his best "wisdom" as Joseph Smith established the exact spot.

PRESERVED IN MISSOURI

Doctrine & Covenants 62:6,9

6 Behold, I, the Lord, have brought you together that the promise might be fulfilled, that the faithful among you should be preserved and rejoice together in the land of Missouri. I, the Lord, promise the faithful and cannot lie.

9 Behold, the kingdom is yours. And behold, and lo, I am with the faithful always. Even so. Amen.

Dated Aug. 13, 1831. Would God lie about preserving them? Is it evident that God was "with" them? Picture any people rejoicing while fleeing. This deity was not to be trusted and yet here claims the LDS to be "my church" (vs. 1). The head of the LDS is not Jesus according to the D&C 28:6-7. What "kingdom"? History from 1837-1847 demonstrates that this revelation was a total failure.

POSSESSING ZION

Doctrine & Covenants 69:8

8 Preaching and expounding, writing, copying, selecting, and obtaining all things which shall be for the good of the church, and for the rising generations that shall grow up on the land of Zion, to possess it from generation to generation, forever and ever. Amen.

Dated as Nov. 1831. Generations rising from these people are to possess it "forever"? Fast forward and we can see what happened. God's Word always stands to last forever, but Joseph's could not last a generation. (Psalm 119:89) If Joseph Smith is right, then he is right for all eternity, but if he is wrong he is wrong for all eternity.

TEMPLE DEADLINE

Doctrine & Covenants 84:1-5

1 A REVELATION of Jesus Christ unto his servant Joseph Smith, Jun, and six elders, as they united their hearts and lifted up their voices on high.

2 Yea, the word of the Lord concerning his church, established in the last days for the restoration of his people, as he has spoken by the mouth of his prophets, and for the gathering of his saints to stand upon Mount Zion, which shall be the city of New Jerusalem.

3 Which city shall be built, beginning at the temple lot, which is appointed by the finger of the Lord, in the western boundaries of the State of Missouri, and dedicated by the hand of Joseph Smith, Jun, and others with whom the Lord was well pleased.

4 Verily this is the word of the Lord, that the city New Jerusalem shall be built by the gathering of the saints, beginning at this place, even the place of the temple, which temple shall be reared in this generation.

5 For verily this generation shall not all pass away until the house shall be built unto the Lord, and a cloud shall rest upon it, which cloud shall be even the glory of the Lord, and shall fill the house.

Dated Sep. 22-23, 1832. Must we really charge "Jesus Christ" with this false prophecy? "Restoration"? If this is "New Jerusalem", where are the 1400 mile walls (Rev. 21:14-16)? Did Independence citizens see God's Shekinah "Glory"? Can the LDS church find men over 170 years old to slap its brick and mortar? If God appointed it, Joseph Smith's "generation" has to build it. Men claiming to speak for God can lie, but God never lies (Num. 23:19; Titus 1:2). The Community of Christ or RLDS built a modern temple, but on the wrong spot. Another Mormon sect, The Church of Christ - Temple Lot, has the right spot and the markers from Joseph Smith's dedication service on Aug. 3, 1831, but no temple. They won't sell to the LDS. We hear, what is a generation? Surely never over 100 up to 170

years! Mormon Apostle George Q. Cannon said "30 years" (JD 10:344; 11:269; 13:138 & 362; 17:111). Orson Pratt confirmed this to mean the 1832 generation. (JD 9:71; 10:344; 13:362).

What "prophets"? (Vs. 2) Prophets of God oppose error (Deut. 13:1-5; 18:20-22; Jer. 14:14; 23:16-32; 27:15; Zech. 13:2-5; Mat. 7:21-23; 1 John 4:4). For our era their purposes are past (Heb. 1:1-2) just as building temples is for a past covenant (Mat. 27:51; Acts 7:48; 17:24; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; Heb. 7-10; Rev. 11:19; 14:17). God's "more sure word of prophecy" is in the Bible (2 Peter 1:19), giving us history in advance hundreds of times.

CHASTEN AND REDEEM

Doc. & Cov. 100:13-15

13 And now I give unto you a word concerning Zion. Zion shall be redeemed, although she is chastened for a little season.

14 Thy brethren, my servants Orson Hyde and John Gould, are in my hands; and insomuch as they keep my commandments they shall be saved.

15 Therefore, let your hearts be comforted; for all things shall work together for good to them that walk uprightly, and to the sanctification of the church.

Dated Oct. 12, 1833. Language cannot be stretched far enough to make any of it true. They lost! Such fantasy! It's like comforting Americans a promise that the USS Arizona would be blessed and redeemed at Pearl Harbor.

ZION - NO OTHER PLACE

Doc. & Cov. 101:17-21

17 Zion shall not be moved out of her place, notwithstanding her children are scattered.

18 They that remain, and are pure in heart, shall return, and come to their inheritances, they and their children, with songs of everlasting joy, to build up the waste places of Zion—

19 And all these things that the prophets might be fulfilled.

20 And, behold, there is none other place appointed than that which I have appointed; neither shall there be any other place appointed than that which I have appointed, for the work of the gathering of my saints—

21 Until the day cometh when there is found no more room for them; and then I have other places which I will appoint unto them, and they shall be called stakes, for the curtains or the strength of Zion.

Dated as Dec. 16, 1833. The preface explains they were driven from their homes in November. Why didn't they return with "their children" for "their inheritances"? To fulfill what "prophets"? Was it fully

populated before settling Utah? Brigham Young claimed Utah is Zion (J.D. 2:253) but the future tense disqualifies it in verse 20.

PREVAILING FOREVER

Doc. & Cov. 103:6-7

6 Behold they shall, for I have decreed it begin to prevail against mine enemies from this very hour.

7 And by hearkening to observe all the words which I, the Lord their God, shall speak unto them, they shall never cease to prevail until the kingdoms of the world are subdued under my feet, and the earth is given unto the saints, to possess it forever and ever.

Feb. 24, 1834. Immediately - until it is complete! The chapter notes read, "The redemption of Zion shall come by power, and the Lord will go before his people". The time span came, is gone, and yet continues "forever". God as revealed to us in the Bible is never weak or deceptive. "Ye shall know them [false prophets] by their fruits" [false prophecies] (Matt 7:15-20). [My brackets].

THE POWER OF THE GUN OR THE POWER OF GOD?

D&C 103:15-17, 20-21, 25

15 Behold, I say unto you, the redemption of Zion must needs come by power;

16 Therefore, I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel.

17 For ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham, and ye must needs be led out of bondage by power, and with a stretched-out arm.

20 But I say unto you: Mine angels shall go up before you, and also my presence, and in time ye shall possess the goodly land.

21 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.

25 And whomsoever ye curse, I will curse, and ye shall avenge me of mine enemies.

Dated Feb. 24, 1834. The LDS were led to think of it as war for God. Like the Roman Crusades, Joseph Smith led his army to Zion's Camp (History of the Church, 3:39), but they failed miserably including a promise to "possess" it (vs. 20). So what does that confirm about verse 21? Are we to "curse" (vs. 24) or pray for our enemies (Mat. 5:44)? The contradictions mount. See the June 22 bait-and-switch (D&C 105:13-15), claiming "as I said" do not fight, "I will fight your battles. Behold, the destroyer I have sent forth to destroy and to lay waste mine enemies." Joseph Smith and the Mormon army got out there and failed. Why was that destroyer so slow if

he had been already sent? Why did the LDS keep disobeying that command as the god failed? Why were the enemies of this deity never destroyed as we see their descendents there today? What kind of a god ever gets defeated in battle? Why were the LDS driven out in five years? Why was Joseph Smith dead in ten?

Determining whether Joseph Smith was a true prophet is quite easy. He said on February 1835, "I prophesy in the name of the Lord God of Israel, unless the United States redress the wrongs committed upon the saints in the state of Missouri and punish the crimes committed by her officers that in a few years the government will be utterly wasted, and there will not be so much as a potsherd left" (History of the Church, Vol.2, p.282). Was he right? And shortly before his death, he preached, "I will come out on the top at last. I have more to boast of than ever any man had. I am the only man that has ever been able to keep a whole church together since the days of Adam. . . . Neither Paul, John, Peter, nor Jesus ever did it," (History of the Church, Vol. 6, p. 408-409). And he died! We find a hundred sects of Mormonism.

KIRTLAND, OHIO

WORLDWIDE FAME

Doc & Cov. 110:10, 16.

10 And the fame of this house shall spread to foreign lands; and this is the beginning of the blessing which shall be poured out upon the heads of my people. Even so. Amen.

16 Therefore, the keys of this dispensation are committed into your hands; and by this ye may know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors.

April 3, 1836. This Kirtland, Ohio temple is not to be confused with the LDS temple in Columbus. We hear about prayer, "I testify that I have prayed about the Book of Mormon, God spoke to me, so I feel and I know. . ." Why should any LDS prayer be more reliable than Joseph Smith's? Recording a vision, the preface tells how the prophet prayed in the temple. "Fame"? Whoever heard of it? The big news is their apostates own it. Jesus has not come. And after 170 years, when was that "near" and "dreadful day" of the Lord?

BUILDING AND SCOURING Doctrine & Covenants 124:83

83 If he will do my will let him not take his family unto the eastern lands, even unto Kirtland; nevertheless, I the Lord,

will build up Kirtland, but I the Lord, have a scourge prepared for the inhabitants thereof.

Jan. 19, 1841. Certain ones were not to go there. How was Kirtland built up when so few returned? The Community of Christ owns the temple. So doesn't it function in apostasy? Such countless threats and hate for the non-LDS!

FAR WEST, MISSOURI

COMMAND TO FINISH

D&C 115:7-8, 11-12, 17

7 Let the city, Far West, be a holy and consecrated land unto me; and it shall be called most holy, for the ground upon which thou standest is holy.

8 Therefore, I command you to build a house unto me, for the gathering together of my saints, that they may worship me.

11 And in one year from this day let them re-commence laying the foundation of my house.

12 Thus let them from that time forth labor diligently until it shall be finished, from the corner stone thereof unto the top thereof, until there shall not anything remain that is not finished.

17 And again, verily I say unto you, it is my will that the city Far West should be built up speedily by the gathering of the saints;

Dated as April 26, 1838. Isn't exaltation thought to be gained in the LDS by obeying commands? The missing temple commanded to be built at Far West is not to be confused with the one built in St. Louis. Why didn't this god know the future? There was only an elaborate ceremony to lay the corner stone. (A Comprehensive History of the Church, B.H. Roberts, p.440). Yet it led to no obedience! No diligence! Not finished! No temple! Not "speedily"! Never stayed! And abandoned "most holy" ground! All of the LDS history and all of Joseph's words are to be compared to these (D&C 1:14; 1:37-38; 3:3; 20:7-9; 42:39; 68:2-4; 132:8,12-14; 1 Nephi 3:7). In contrast, the God of the Bible never ever fails!

NAUVOO, ILLINOIS

BAPTISMS NOT ACCEPTED

Doc. & Cov. 124:31-35

31 But I command you, all ye my saints, to build a house unto me; and I grant unto you a sufficient time to build a house unto me; and during this time your baptisms shall be acceptable unto me.

32 But behold, at the end of this appointment your baptisms for the dead shall not be acceptable unto me; and if you do not these things at the end of the appointment ye shall be rejected as a church, with your dead, saith the Lord your God.

33 For verily I say unto you, that after you have had sufficient time to build a house to me, wherein the ordinance of baptizing for the dead belongeth, and for which the same was instituted from before the foundation of the world, your baptisms for the dead cannot be acceptable unto me;

34 For therein are the keys of the holy priesthood ordained, that you may receive honor and glory.

35 And after this time, your baptisms for the dead, by those who are scattered abroad, are not acceptable unto me, saith the Lord.

1841 prophetic ultimatum about Nauvoo. Joseph Smith was shot in 1844 as it was not finished. It was sold, burned, and hit by a storm. Then it was gone until the 21st century. The first paragraph of the introduction in the Book of Mormon bears witness that it has "the fulness of the everlasting gospel," yet baptism for the dead is not in it. Here in the D&C, the LDS deity claims that the LDS "baptisms" are "not acceptable" and the "church" is "rejected" (vs. 32).

LOOKING AFTER THE WELFARE OF THE LDS

Dear reader, please be gentle with the precious LDS people. The following applies to every church, ward, cathedral, Kingdom Hall, lodge, and TV or radio program. How important is "Thus saith the Lord" to you? We must choose between God or religion. God tells us to expose the false, not join it. (2 Sam. 12:7; Jer. 28:15; Mat. 3:7; chapter 23 has strong words from Jesus; John 8:32 & 36; Acts 20:28-32; Rom. 16:17-19; 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Gal. 1:6-9; Eph. 5:10-13; 1 Thes. 5:21; 2 Thess.2:1-3; 3:6-15; 1 Tim. 1:18-20; 6:3-5, 11; 2 Timothy 2:15-19; 3:5-10, 16; 4:10; Titus 1:9-16; 3:10-11; 1 Pet. 4:4; 1 John 4:1; 2 John 6-11; Jude 3; Rev. 2:14-17; 18:4).

"Is there more than one God? . . . No." Alma 11:28-35. (Also D&C 20:17,19,28; 39:1). Joseph Smith was searching for the number of Gods (see D&C 121:28). And he kept changing his cut-and-paste doctrines and finally concluded, "Here, then, is eternal life to know the only wise and true God; and you have got to learn how to be gods yourselves, and to be kings and priests to God, the same as all gods have done before you" (History of the Church, Vol. 6, pp. 305-06). That is simply to fall for the serpent's lie (Gen. 3:1-5; Isaiah 14:12-15; Ez. 28:1-10). God firmly warns us that all other gods will perish! (Jer. 10:10-11)

What does President Hinckley know about God? Asked if God was once a man, he said, "I don't know that we teach it. I don't know that we emphasize it. . . I understand the philosophical background behind it, but I don't know a lot about it, and I don't think others know a lot about it" (Time Magazine, 8-4-97, p.56). Isn't to know the character of God the first principle of the LDS Gospel? Did he fear taking a stand? Yet he wrote Standing for Something, including a chapter on honesty. Tracking more of his false statements in public, it does not match up. God warns about the lake of fire for various evil people and even includes "liars" (Rev. 21:8). We need Jesus Christ for eternal life, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7). Jesus saves.

Question: What are the missing cities from A to Z? - Atlantis to Zarahemla, Iowa (D&C 125). The D&C has many deep prophetic problems. Don't let the Civil War prophecy confuse you in chapter 87. Joseph Smith knew nothing that was not fully obvious to Americans in Dec. 1832, and his prediction includes some obvious errors. Friends may insist that his prophecies will come true, but he set many deadlines. If you would like more evidence, I can email it.

Dear friend, this last paragraph is more important to help people! A religion can love-bomb you when you join but destroy your dignity if you leave. Those who step away from error can be deeply hurt. It's much like Israel leaving Egypt, then to seemingly wander in a wilderness for years, it gets painful and lonely. Israel finally made it to their promised land - and so can you! Read what God says you can "know"; how eternal life is available! "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:11-13). To receive a free copy of a book on intimately knowing God through His Everlasting Gospel, email me, Chuck Brocka. It is nothing about the LDS but about you and Heaven! goal2helpu@yahoo.com