

**Revelations in the Restoration Movement**  
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**James J. Strang**

**January 17, 1845**

**On the seventeenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-five, the word of the Lord came unto James J. Strang the Prophet of the Most High God and revelator unto the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, saying,**

**Let all the saints humble themselves before me, and obey my commandments. Let them not forget my Law nor make my precepts of small account. Let them give heed unto the Gospel and be continual witnesses for me before the world. Behold, I the Lord God have spoken it. Let him that regards my voice obey. I have required this service of you, and I am not impoverished that you should lose your reward. I have given you a trial of your faith in that you are few in number that you might have a witness before the world that your hearts are single towards me, and that you seek not your own advantages, but I will remember you in mercy and in blessings, for I will reward the faithful for all they shall suffer; many fold on earth, and more than ye have thought to ask in heaven.**

**Behold for the trial of your faith and that my Church might be purified, have I sent lying spirits unto those whose hearts are set for gain and not for the flock, and strong delusion unto those who have lifted themselves up in pride and power, and have forgotten the Law of the Lord, even my Law which their own lips have taught. Behold now have they their reward but shame and swift destruction followeth. The reward of the righteous is with me and unto the faithful are the promises. And now I am your God, I require this service of all the Saints; that they go unto Voree and the country round about, and gain inheritance as they are severally able. When they hear let them obey with prudence and speedily. And there let them assemble together on the first day of every week, to strengthen one another, and to receive instruction and blessings from me. Again I require of all who have received the Priesthood, that they go out and preach the Gospel, and teach as they are sent the first day of every week.**

**And this tithing do I require now of all my Saints to the end that Voree may be established and may be a holy City unto me. Yea verily I the Lord God require of all the Saints besides the assembling themselves together and going out to preach and to teach on the first day of the week, that they shall consecrate unto me one tenth of their time and labor. Yea, let those who will, go out and preach the Gospel and the gathering unto Voree, according as I have commanded. Yea, let those who will consecrate unto me and pay into the Treasury of the Church, which is at Voree of their labor. Yea, let those who will labor for the support of my servants who labor continually for me. Yea, let those who will serve me continually while they have wherewith to support their families, and the Saints shall minister unto them while they preach the Gospel and gathering as they shall severally need. Yea let the Saints give liberally according as they shall possess, but let none excuse himself that he consecrate unto me one tenth his time and labor for thus shall my holy city be established. Yea verily and the reward of the faithful is with me, and I will repay him many fold on earth and in Heaven with everlasting life.**

**Yea and let my servant James J Strang send out the Elders and those who have received the Priesthood far and near as my spirit shall teach him; and they shall go and bear witness in my name for thus shall my Church be built up till all the quorums assemble together in my holy city. Be ye faithful, O ye children of the Kingdom, for this is the Covenant between me and you. I will remember you in mercy and in blessings if ye serve me. And this will I do. Behold I the Lord have spoken it. I will give unto my servant James the plates of the Book that was sealed, that he may translate them for you. Yea unto the faithful is this promise. Serve and obey me and I will give unto him the plates of the ancient records which are sealed np [up], and he shall translate them unto you; and this shall be a witness between me and those that serve me faithfully, yea unto whom I will shall he show the plates and they shall be faithful witnesses unto me, and thus shall my words be established.**

*Voree Herald 1 (August 1846):1-2, Voree, Wisconsin Territory.*

**William E. McLellin**

**Revelation given to William E. McLellin on February 10, 1847 at Kirtland, Ohio**

**Verily I the Lord say unto those who are now present, who have bowed before me and unitedly asked in the name of Jesus, to know my will, I am not angry with you, but the Angels rejoice over you when they behold your faith in me; and your willingness to receive light and truth at my hand. And if you will continue to be united in my name, and keep the covenant which you have now made that you will always obey my voice, and always seek unto me when you lack wisdom; verily I the Lord, will lift you up, and no power of evil shall ever prevail against you: but I will bless you and lead you, and I will be your Ruler in time, and in eternity you shall dwell with me in peace. It is my will that in as much as you have taken upon you my name that you should now be freed from all your dead works, from all evil spirits, and from all unrighteousness, by being born into the church by obedience to the ordinances of baptism and confirmation, that I may build up unto myself a holy people, zealous of good works; who will walk with me by faith, and be prepared when the face of the covering shall be taken off of all flesh, and heaven be revealed unto men. Come then unto me and I will own you. Let me servant William [E. McLellin], who has separated himself unto me, to obey the voice of my spirit, though all manner of evil be spoken against him therefor, repent and turn away henceforth from all blindness of mind, and harshness of spirit, and fear of evil doers; and let him trust in me continually for deliverance, and I the Lord will hold him in mine own hands, and fulfil all my promises to him.**

**And now in as much as you desire to know my will and how you shall go forward to please me, as you have taken upon you the name of Christ, mine Anointed, then it will be pleasing unto me that you should also take upon you mine ordinances of baptism and confirmation, and then re-ordination - or rather a confirmation of the holy authority of the Priesthood which you have received in my church. Yea, let my servant William [E. McLellin] baptize and confirm, and then re-ordain my servnat [servant] Martin [Harris]. And thus shall be**

confirm his authority upon him by the laying on of hands and saying, Brother Martin I lay my hands upon you in the name of Jesus Christ, and I re-ordain you, and confirm upon you the office of high priest in the church of Christ, after the holy order of the Son of God. And I pray God in the name of Jesus, his son, to give unto you in your calling, all the gifts and blessings and powers thereof, and keep you faithful unto the end, amen. And then let my servant Martin [Harris] administer unto my servant William [E. McLellin] in the same manner, according to the same pattern. And then let my servant Leonard [Rich] likewise receive the same ministration.

Yea, let my servants William [E. McLellin] and Martin [Harris] and Leonard [Rich], do as the spirit of truth now directs them, and in which they feel a clearness, and I the Lord will open the way before you as seemeth to me good, and no power shall stay my hand, but I will accomplish my work and that speedily. For gainsayers shall be confounded, but my people who know my voice and follow me shall rejoice and continue to rejoice; and the glory shall be ascribed unto me, instead of unto man.

And now concerning the authority of my servant David [Whitmer], I would say unto you that no man being directed by my spirit will ever condemn what my spirit now teaches you. Go forward then, that my designs in the work of the last days may prosper in your hands. And now I say unto you, to always trust in me, and you shall never be confounded, worlds without end, amen."

*(The Ensign of Liberty 1 [Aug. 1849]:100-101, Kirtland, Ohio.)*

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### David Whitmer

Revelations given to David Whitmer on September 7-8, 1847 at Far West, Missouri

[No. 1]

Verily, verily thus saith the Lord unto you my servants David [Whitmer], and John [Whitmer], and William [E. McLellin], and Jacob [Whitmer], and Hiram [Page], it is for my name's sake saith the Lord God of hosts, that your sins are now forgiven, and that you shall have my word concerning you. Therefore marvel ye not that I the Lord your God have dealt with you on this wise, concerning you on this land. Behold I have looked upon you from the beginning, and have seen that in your hearts dwelt truth, and righteousness. And now I reveal unto you my friends, through my beloved son, your Savior. And for the cause of my church it must needs have been that ye were cast out from among those who had polluted themselves and the holy authority of their priesthood, that I the Lord could preserve my holy priesthood on earth, even on this land on which I the Lord have said Zion should dwell.

Now marvel not that I have preserved you and kept you on this land. It was for my purpose, yea even for a wise purpose, that the world and my church should not know,

speaking after your manner of language; for my church for a time did not dwell on earth, - speaking of the righteousness of the church of Christ. For verily, verily saith the Lord, even Jesus, your Redeemer, they have polluted my name, and have done continually wickedness in my sight, therefore shall they be led whithersoever I will and but few shall remain to receive their inheritances. Therefore I say unto you my son David [Whitmer], fear not, for I am your Lord and your God; and I have held you in my own hands. You shall continue your inheritance on this my holy land; and it is for a wise purpose in me, which purpose shall be revealed hereafter.

It is even for the testimony that all those who are present have borne and remain honest therein, that the covenants that I the Lord have given you should be kept sacred on this land, and were it not so, you could not now receive wisdom at my hand. For I the Lord had decreed that my people, who had taken upon them my holy name, should not pollute the land by the holy authority of their priesthood. Now I say unto you that my church may again arise, she must acknowledge before me that they all have turned away from me and built up themselves. Even in the pride of their own hearts have they done wickedness in my name, even all manner of abominations, even such that the people of the world never was guilty of.

Therefore I the Lord have dealt so marvelously with my servant William [E. McLellin]. Therefore I have poured out my spirit upon him from time to time, that the 'man of sin' might be revealed through him. To him I have given my Holy Spirit. I have inspired his heart to discern the true principles of my kingdom, that he may again build up my church as from the beginning. Therefore I have inspired him to build it up according to my law. Therefore he shall continue to do all things according to the pattern that I have shown to him. Now I say unto you my servant William [E. McLellin], that you may not err, be meek and humble before me, and you shall always know by my spirit the correct principles of my kingdom. Therefore I the Lord command you to instruct all the honest in heart, and to break down all those false theories and principles of all those who claim to hold authority from my church. - And the work that thou shalt do in my kingdom shall be to preach and to gather out those who are honest in heart, whithersoever thou canst find them. And after this mission thou shalt return towards thy home and preach wherever my spirit commands thee. For I have a work for thee to do in the land where thy family resides. For there shalt thy work commence.

Thou shalt build up my church even in the land of Kirtland, and set forth all things pertaining to my kingdom. Thou shalt write concerning the downfall of those who once composed my church, and set forth to the world by the light and power of my spirit, why I the Lord did not prosper them. For verily, verily thus saith the Lord unto you, thine heart have I prepared to do this work. It must needs be, in as much as they have all wandered and been led astray in many instances, that they must now be proven and tried, so that they may learn to keep my law, and do my will, saith the Lord your God. And if they prove themselves holy before me, then they shall have my word and my law from Zion. Therefore have I the Lord said that 'the meek shall inherit the earth,' even so, amen.

*(Ensign of Liberty 1 [Aug. 1849]:101-102)*

[No. 2]

**Behold I the Lord, say unto you my friends, in as much as you have covenanted to be my friends, and to keep all my commandments, I will reveal unto you this mystery, which you have sought for; that in as much as it was expedient in me to preserve my church or a remnant thereof, agreeable to the covenants which I have made with all the holy saints from the beginning of the world. - Therefore as I had built up my kingdom according to my holy order, and placed you upon this land, and consecrated you to the holy order of my priesthood, therefore my servant David [Whitmer] if thou should'st leave this land, and those of thy brethren who have remained with thee, then you shall forfeit your right and make the word of God of none effect. For I have said unto you in days past and gone, that but few should remain to receive their inheritances. Therefore a commandment I give unto you my servant David [Whitmer], and also my servants John [Whitmer], and Hiram [Page], and Jacob [Whitmer], that you must remain until I command you, and then you shall only be permitted to visit the faithful in my kingdom. For now ye do hold the right of this, the consecrated land of Zion, that in the fulness of time your brethren may claim by right of the covenant which ye have kept, inheritances in the land of Zion. Now I say unto you all, that from time to time ye shall see and know by my Spirit all things pertaining to these words which I have now given you. Now I say no more unto you concerning this matter, even so, amen.**

(Ibid., 102-103)

[No. 3]

**Verily, verily thus saith the Lord your God, unto my servant William [E. McLellan], as I have shown unto you at many a time by the power of my spirit, that I have called you to my work. Therefore I admonish you to be meek and lowly in heart, that you may have my spirit always to be with you. For it must needs be that you must have my spirit, even the spirit of discernment. For thou shalt discern between the righteous and the wicked, for there will be many spirits which shall manifest themselves in the church of Christ. And it must needs be that my servants who teach my people must discern all these things. Therefore I have given you the pattern, and the power, and the wisdom, and the understanding, to build up my church in Kirtland, to be a standard and a light to the inhabitants of the earth, that they may know that the church of Christ is established here on earth. And I the Lord will that you should teach my servants at Kirtland, and elsewhere, to adhere to the order of my church as it is written in the holy scriptures; that all who have not obeyed the gospel in my church may be taught the principles of my church in the light of truth and righteousness, in all holiness and meekness before me, saith your God. For it is wisdom in me saith the Lord, that my people who name my name should observe harmony and good order, that the truth of God may prevail among the children of men.**

(Ibid., 103)

[No. 4]

Now again I the Lord say unto you my servant William [E. McLellin], that you must be contented with what you have received concerning Zion. Thou shalt again return to the land of Kirtland, and there thou shalt teach and expound, and write all things concerning my kingdom. For to thee have I given power, and in as much as you ask wisdom concerning those matters relative to my church, thou shalt in no wise stumble. For I the Lord willeth that my people should know the great preparation that must be brought about in establishing this last kingdom. Therefore I command thee to do all things in wisdom; and set forth no points concerning the redemption of Zion, for that matter remaineth with me, and I shall see to it as seemeth me good, that I may have all the glory thereof. Therefore it must needs be that you instruct all my servants concerning these matters, and this for my cause's sake. - And thou shalt teach them to instruct all men that they are only called to preach the gospel, and build up the church of Christ here on earth, according to that which is written. - Now I say unto you, my servant William [E. McLellin], to thee have I given wisdom and light, therefore teach them in spirit and in truth, and thou shalt be blessed in thy calling. And now you know your calling, therefore see to it, and I will bless you forever; Amen.

(Ibid., 104)

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1851

Gladden Bishop

Extract from a Revelation to Francis Gladden Bishop received in [circa April 8] 1851 at Kirtland, Ohio

KIRTLAND, APRIL 8, 1851.

*A PROCLAMATION From the Lord to His people, scattered throughout all the Earth*

Thus saith the Lord, even Jesus Christ, the everlasting Father-He who was, and is, and is to come-the first and the last: Behold I have again commenced a work on the earth, even that spoken of in the Book of Mormon, when I would bring forth the greater things to those who receive the Book of Mormon

And therefore have I again sent mine Holy Angels even as to Joseph [Smith] at the first and put into the hands of my servant Gladden [Bishop] the same sacred things which I put into the hands of my servant Joseph; and also other sacred things which have been hid up, to come forth when I should set up my Kingdom on the earth.

And therefore that my word might be fulfilled, and also that my people might believe, have I caused that my servant Gladden [Bishop] should call Witnesses of these things; even he,

who was one of the three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon, (viz: my servant Martin [Harris], and also my daughter Phebe [Bishop's wife], whom I have called these many years that she might be a witness in this, my great and glorious work, which I have now begun, and which shall never be overthrown;) and behold! my Witnesses have borne their testimony before my people in this place, yea, and in my house, even that which my people have built and dedicated unto me in Kirtland. . . .

*(A Proclamation From the Lord to His people, scattered throughout all the Earth, 8 April 1851, Kirtland, Ohio)*

### November 18, 1851

Jason W. Briggs:

While pondering in my heart the situation of the Church, on the 18th day of November, 1851, on the prairie, about three miles northwest of Beloit, Wisconsin, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me, and the visions of truth opened to my mind, and the Spirit of the Lord said unto me,

Verily, verily, saith the Lord, even Jesus Christ, unto his servant, Jason W. Briggs, concerning the church:—Behold, I have not cast off my people; neither have I changed in regard to Zion. Yea, verily, my people shall be redeemed, and my law shall be kept which I revealed unto my servant Joseph Smith, Jr., for I am God and not man, and who is he that shall turn me from my purpose, or destroy whom I would preserve? Wolves have entered into the flock, and who shall deliver them? Where is he that giveth his life for the flock? Behold, I will judge those who call themselves shepherds, and have preyed upon the flock of my pastures. And because you have asked me in faith concerning William Smith, this is the answer of the Lord thy God concerning him. I, the Lord, have permitted him to represent the rightful heir to the presidency of the high priesthood of my Church by reason of the faith and prayers of his father, and his brothers, Joseph and Hyrum Smith, which came up before me in his behalf; and to respect the law of lineage, by which the holy priesthood is transmitted, in all generations, when organized into quorums. And the keys which were taught him by my servant Joseph were of me, that I might prove him therewith. And for this reason have I poured out my Spirit through his ministrations, according to the integrity of those who received them.

But as Esau despised his birthright, so has William Smith despised my law, and forfeited that which pertained to him as an Apostle and High Priest in my Church. And his spokesman, Joseph Wood, shall fall with him, for they are rejected of me. They shall be degraded in their lives, and shall die without regard; for they have wholly forsaken my law, and given themselves to all manner of uncleanness, and prostituted my law and the keys of power entrusted to them, to the lusts of the flesh, and have run greedily in the way of adultery.

Therefore, let the Elders whom I have ordained by the hand of my servant Joseph, or by the hand of those ordained by him, resist not this authority, nor faint in the discharge of duty, which is to preach my gospel as revealed in the record of the Jews, and the Book of Mormon, and the Book of Doctrine and Covenants; and cry repentance and remission of sins through obedience to the gospel, and I will sustain them, and give them my Spirit; and in mine own due time will I call upon the seed of Joseph Smith, and will bring one forth, and he shall be mighty and strong, and he shall preside over the high priesthood of my Church; and then shall the quorums assemble, and the pure in heart shall gather, and Zion shall be re-inhabited, as I said unto my servant Joseph Smith;—after many days shall all these things be accomplished, saith the Spirit.

Behold, that which ye received as my celestial law is not of me, but is the doctrine of Baalam. And I command you to denounce it and proclaim against it; and I will give you power, that none shall be able to withstand your words, if you rely upon me; for my Spirit shall attend you.—And the Spirit said unto me, "Write, write, write;—write the revelation and send it unto the Saints at Palestine, and at Voree, and at Waukesha, and to all places where this doctrine is taught as my law;—and whomsoever will humble themselves before me, and ask of me, shall receive of my Spirit a testimony that these words are of me. Even so, Amen.

("History of the Reorganization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," *The Messenger* 2 (November 1875):1, edited by Jason W. Briggs, quotation marks omitted)

### Martin Harris

Extracts from a Proclamation of Martin Harris received circa May 13, 1851 at Cleveland, Ohio

*A PROCLAMATION And a warning voice unto all people, first to all Kings, Governors and Rulers in Authority, and unto every kindred[,] tongue and people under the whole heavens, to whom this word shall come, greeting:*

MOSES, ELIAS, ELIJAH and JOHN set forth and declare the word of the Lord unto you. Hear ye! Hear ye! Lo the trumpet is sounding-this is the last and eleventh hour-the day of the Lord's controversy with the nations of the earth and all the people of the earth; hear ye! Listen, O islands of the sea and hear the voice of the Lord unto all kings and rilers and to all that in every place that call on the name of the Lord.

A voice from mount zion, the city of the Living God the day is frawing nigh-that awful day-behold this word is spoken by Moses, Elias, Elijah and John, to prepare the way for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in the clouds of heaven . . .

. . . for behold this is the word of the proclamation that we, Moses, Elias, Elijah, and John have appeared unto many to declare unto them and now command it to be written and sent out unto all people . . .



And to my servant and friend whose name is held in sacred remembrance in the councils of the just, and who is called the messenger of the covenant, and who was first called among the sons of Ephraim to set forth in order the dispensation of the fulness of times--he it is to whom the key of knowledge has been given to go forth in the power of Elijah, and to bear off the ark of the Lord in wisdom and in power; for he shall be filled with light and his bowles shall be as a fountain of knowledge; and none shall gainsay or resist his words; nor shall he be confounded, and he shall divide the inheritance to the saints by lot, when Zion shall be established in the glory and power of her king. And all who know the power and glory of this work of the gathering up of the sons of Israel for Zion and for the organization of the Church and house of the Lord, shall know this servant and messenger when they hear his voice, for he speaketh the words of Elijah, and is sent to do the work of Elijah, and feareth not to sacrifice, that the kingdom and the glory thereof might be one. And this my servant is now standing in your midst, and ye know him not. . . . We come to administer to you in spirit, for our bodies are not yet risen from the dead; yet still we are bodies of spirit, or have spiritual bodies.

*(A Proclamation And a warning voice unto all people, first to all Kings, Governors and Rulers in Authority, and unto every kindred[,] tongue and people under the whole heavens, to whom this word shall come, greeting, Cleveland, [Ohio], 13 May 1855)*

1856

Sidney Rigdon

A revelation given by Sidney Rigdon to Stephen Post, March 17, 1856, extract:

And now I the Lord . . . call [thee] to a great work in assisti8ng my servant Sidney Rigdon in preparing the way before me, and Elijah which should come, and I say unto thee, as my servant Sidney Rigdon assisted my servant Joseph Smith with all his might mind and strength . . . I [have] called thee to assist my servant Sidney Rigdon. . . . Thine eyes shall see mine elect gathered and Zion redeemed, and thou shall shout Hosannahs in the midst of my people while Babylon shall shake and tremble, and the inhabitants thereof shall quake with fear, and howl, and weep, and mourn for anguish of soul, even so, amen.

(as cited in Richard S. Van Wagoner, *Sidney Rigdon: A Portrait of Religious Excess* [Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 1994], 403)

Stephen Post wrote:

In March 1856 S Rigdon sent me a rev. calling me to assist in sending forth the word of the Lord &c (Stephen Post Journal, Church History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah)

**1861**

**William Bickerton**

**January 1, 1861, word of the Lord to William Bickerton:**

**Verily verily thus saith the Lord God of Hosts, it is my will that you all bear your testimony to this work and that this is my Church; and that ye be not as reeds shaken with the wind, for if ye be reeds shaken with every wind of doctrine, ye can have no part or lot with me, saith the Lord God Almighty, therefore, bear your testimonies and I will bless, saith the Lord God of Hosts, Amen.**

**(W. H. Cadman [ed.], *A History of The Church of Jesus Christ*, 1945, p. 30)**

**John Whitmer**

**A Revelation Received Far West [Missouri] July 26, 1861**

**Hear o Heavens, and give ear o Earth, for the Lord is God and besides him there is none else. And it behooveth me that I should fulfill that which I have spoken, by the mouth of all the Holy Prophets, Concerning that which should come to pass upon the Earth. in the last days. For the inhabitants of the Earth are well night ripe for destruction. And as I have manifested to you, from time to time, that I am God. And the word that I have spoken, unto you from time to time. that all things pertaining to the Bible and the Book of Mormon, and the Sacred Revelations, that I have caused to be given by my Holy prophets and Apostles. that they truly testify unto you, that destruction should[?] come unto the inhabitants of the Earth. And behold and Lo I say unto you, that now is the beginning of summer[?] And wo shall continue until the inhabitants of the Earth are Chastized for their wickedness, and abominations. I have looked upon them, and I have sought that they might repent. But they would not. I have given unto them laws, that they might enjoy equal rights, and all the blessings that God could bestow upon the inhabitants of this Earth. And behold I say unto you, as a nation they have abused all those blessings, that I the Lord could bestow upon a people.**

**Therefore I the lord called upon my Servants in the last days, that they should go forth and proclaim unto the children of men, the fulness of my Gospel. and of all the prophecies that were given by my holy prophets, that the time was drawing nigh. And that my word should be fulfilled concerning the wicked and rebellious. And behold and lo. They will not repent. For this cause I let fall the Sword of my indignation upon the land of your inheritance. And it shall continue from time to time, and from day to day, untill the most wicked shall be subdued. And if so be, that the inhabitants of this land will continue to inforse the laws that I the Lord your God have caused to be established by your Fathers. For unto them I have given a law to govern this land. And now I say unto you, if the children of men, will seek to**

**uphold the law, I the Lord your God will sustain and uphold them by my Almighty power. And that the most wicked and rebellious shall be driven out, and cut off from this my holy land.**

**Now I say unto you that I the Lord will preserve all those that seek in righteousness. And uphold the laws which are right and just according to the Constitution of your fathers. And behold and lo I say unto you. These are the desires[?] of this land. And when this be established, then I say unto you. That there shall be those in authority that will acknowledge equal rights. And then I say if any deciples will be wise and humble, the shall the time commence, for the redemption of you my Servants and all those that will come unto the Ensign, that I have caused to be raised, by my Servants in these last days. And then shall the arm of the Lord be revealed unto you, from time to time, and the Lord your God shall commence the redemption of Zion.**

**And the Host of Heaven shall be revealed, for the redemption of my people. And my Elect O house of Israel. Now I say unto you. that I the Lord am God. That my arm is not shortened that I cannot save. Nor is my ear deff that I cannot hear the cries of my people. For this is according to the desires of your father which is in Heaven. And as the Lord your God, and your Redeemer even Jesus Christ liveth and reigneth in Heaven. So shall he also reign on Earth. And so shall you. And your children, and childrens children. And all the saints, and all the faithful now on Earth. Live and reign with him forever and ever.**

**These word[s] are unto you, and your children, for your special benefit, because you have asked of me. Now I say unto you, that wo shall befall the inhabitants of the Earth if they will not repent, even until the Earth shall be cleansed from all her abominations, if they will not come unto me. But if they will seek my face, and observe my laws, and obey my everlasting covenant. I say unto you they shall rejoice upon this land. If they will [illegible] they shall be scourged from time to time ~~until~~ till they acknowledge my love, and my mercy, and my judgments and know that I am God, even in life as in death. Now concerning the wicked and the ungodly, you can see them. You have them before you. And I have told you by the mouths of all my holy prophets. what should be their end. And behold their end draweth nigh and they shall not escape Now I say unto you, fear ye not, ever trusting in me, for the Lord is your God, Even Jesus Christ your Redeemer. Has given these words unto you. Even so Amen.**

### **Joseph Smith III**

**Revelation given through Joseph Smith III, October 7, 1861.**

**In order to place the church in a position to carry on the promulgation of the gospel, and as a means of fulfilling the law, the Twelve will take measures in connection with the Bishop, to execute the law of tithing; and let them before God see to it, that the temporal means so obtained is truly used for the purposes of the church, and not as a weapon of power in the hands of one man for the oppression of others, or for the purposes of self-aggrandizement**

by anyone, be he whomsoever he may be. As I live, saith the Lord, in the manner ye execute this matter, so shall ye be judged in the day of judgment.

Doctrine and Covenants of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Section 114.

### 1863

Revelation given through Joseph Smith III in March 1863.

Hearken unto me, O ye elders of my church. Lo! I have seen your efforts in my cause, and they are pleasing unto me. I declare unto you, It is my will that you ordain and set apart my servant William Marks to be a counselor to my servant Joseph, even the president of my church, that the first presidency of my church may be more perfectly filled. And moreover it is expedient in me that my elders in going to declare my gospel to the nations, shall observe the pattern which I have given. Two by two let them be sent, that they may be a help and a support to each other in their ministry. Press onward, ye elders and people of my church, even my little flock, and as I have spoken to you in times past, so will I speak again to you as my friends, inasmuch as you speak in my name; and lo! I am Alpha and Omega, and will be with you unto the end. Amen.

Doctrine and Covenants of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Section 115.

### Background of Granville Hedrick

William W. Blair wrote the following on the religious background of Granville Hedrick:

I have had more acquaintance with Mr. Granville Hedrick than with any other person of their church. As to his character as a citizen I know but little or nothing about it, but with regard to his career in religious matters, I do know some things, as told me by himself, and as seen, read, and heard of him, for myself since June 1857 up to the present time. Mr. Hedrick told me that he joined the church, near where he now lives, not long before Joseph's death. He was brought into the church, (I think he said,) under the labors of Harvey Green. He soon apostatized entirely from the faith, after which he went to a place called "New Diggings" in the lead mines near Galena, where some time after Joseph's death he heard Wm. O. Clark and others, and joined the church under their preaching. After this he moved back into Woodford Co., and after a season became an adherent of Gladden Bishop, after leaving Bishop or just before (I am not positive which,) he became engaged to some extent with the spirit rappings. After this he wrote a little book against polygamy and in advocacy of the priesthood of the church assembling and *voting* to themselves a prophet seer revelator and president of the church and priesthood. This much I write from memory of things he told me.

"Letter from Bro. W. W. Blair," *The True Latter-Day Saints' Herald* 6 (September 15, 1864):90-91, Plano, Illinois)

**Revelation given through Granville Hederick, August 16, 1863:**

**A Revelation given August 16, 1863, To the Church of Christ (of Latter day Saints)**

**Thus saith the Lord God of Israel write. I say unto you inasmuch as you [h]ave asked counsel of me your Father in heaven who knoweth all things concerning you as a people; who have professed my name. therefore prepare yourselves to do that which shall be given unto you, that you may be prepared to escape that which is to come and walk in all righteousness that peace may be again established with all those who love righteousness. Hear then and know of a surety in as much as you keep the commandments that you have received you are the children of light. therefore you shall be led by the counsel of him who rules all things, who is your Father in heaven who will lead and direct his people, that they shall escape the judgements that are to come. This is my promise unto you and was promised unto your brethren at the begin[n]ing, but they strayed from my ordinances, therefore my promise unto them was of none effect for my people cannot enjoy the blessings that I promise unto them except they keep all my commandments Therefore in as much as your brethren at the begin[n]ing forfeited their blessings and were driven out, I have reserved in store those blessings for all who keep my commandments according to the covenant and promise which was made unto the prophets to whom I promised a day of righteousness and peace to all those who love and serve the true & living God, in the day of wrath & indignation, that shall be poured out upon the wicked and unbelieving the day of my reckoning of accounts unto the nations,**

**These judgements which were foretold by the prophets which should fall upon the land: therefore I established my church among the gentiles, that all that would come unto me and receive the covenant according to the principles of my everlasting gospel & walk therein should be deliv[er]ed from those curses and judgements in the burning day of the Lord, and receive the bles[s]ings that I have promised in the covenants which I made unto the church that they might be a blessed people upon the land of promise & covenant which I made with the house of Israel Joseph, that in as much as they would keep their covenant with the Lord according to the fulness of the everlasting gospel they should enjoy the blessings & promises that the Lord has made with the house of Joseph. Therefore in as much as the church to whom these covenants & promises were made in these last days have rendered themselves by transgression, unworthy to enjoy those blessings they they have been scattered & driven from off the land which I the Lord consecrated unto my church & people in the State of Missouri for a beginning of the gathering of my people, from which place they were driven out.**

**Now hear & know my friends for I speak unto you as such, who have sought to know counsel & to have understanding of these things at my hands. I say unto that the driving out of the church from their consecrated lands which I promised unto them for an inheritance if they would keep my covenants & commandments according to the fulness of the of the everlasting gospel which I gave unto them through that Seer whom I blessed with power from on high to bring forth & establish my church among the gentiles, & because of discord and contention among them their minds became darkened consequently they treated lightly the things that were given for their salvation & deliverance of the burning**

day, and in consequence of their not hearkening unto these things, which I, the Lord prepared for them they were not acceptable before me therefore the enemy had power over them to cause them to receive false teachings & doctrine which was not of me, & I suffered them because of their own iniquity to be deceived because they would not walk in the light that I had revealed unto them through my servant whom I had appointed to give revelations & commandments unto my people, and because of their difficulties which fell upon them after they were driven out many began to grow doubtful and fearful. consequently great contentions arose among them, and because of their iniquities I, the Lord designed & purposed to chastin them for their iniquities, which things I revealed unto my servant Joseph concerning the awful chastisements, & calamities that should fall upon them for their disobedience which would subject them to the powers of darkness for a Season & time of the chastening hand of the Lord untill the day & time when the redemptio[n] of my people shall come, which thing I said unto my servant Joseph should come by power

for I said unto him, I would raise up a man who should lead my people by power as I led Israel in the day of her deliverance, therefore I say unto you that Joseph foreseeing that another should arrise & deliver Zion by power, which caused my servant Joseph to fear & quake exceedingly lest he should lose the honor and glory of delivering of my people, which caused him much trouble in thought & mind in which he did not humble himself sufficiently before the Lord wherein Satan had power to dec<sup>^</sup>ive him & lead him astray in coveting & desiring that which was not appointed unto him. therefore I withheld my Spirit from him Satan having power tempted him to practice a fraud by assuming that he was the servant spoken of in the parable of the vin[e]yard which was given concerning that servant of the Lord who should deliver Israel or the Lords peop[le] wherein he suffered himself to be called Bauakl by a name that the Lord gave not. Thus I say u[nto] you my friends, I the Lord withheld my counsel from the church through Joseph Smith because of their iniquities and thus the church was left without a seer from that day. Because of the blindness of his mind & the iniquities of my people, I suffered them to walk in the blindness of their own hearts untill the time should be fulfilled sufficiently for their chastisement that I might redeem my people by power & raise up a righteous multitude unto me, saith the Lord. –

Now I say unto you my friends prepare your hearts and minds to live humble & walk holy before me in keeping all my commandments and counsels unto you which are given for your salvation & preservation in the burning day of the Lord, in as much as you do these things, you are my covenant people and I the Lord your God will give unto you counsel & instruction from time to time, that you may be lead by the hand of your Father in heaven and if you do these things you shall escape all the power & cunning of the wicked one; now I say unto you let all your labors in all your service as ministers in the things that I have appointed unto you be done in the spirit of meekness and condescension before the Lord. I the Lord will make known your duty and preparation towards your brethren wheresoever you shall be required to labor before me in your duty & calling. Thus saith the Lord, amen

Given in a general conference held by the church at the house of Br William Eatons in the presence of the whole congregation of which assembly there were present the Quorum of five Apostles, through one of them it was given

Names of Apostles } Clerk  
John E. Page } A. C. Haldeman  
David Judy }  
A. C Haldeman }  
Granville Hedrick  
Jedidiah Owen

(Crow Creek Record, 18-22, words struck through omitted.)

### 1864

Revelation given through Granville Hedrick, April 24, 1864:

The following Revelation was given in the presence of the above assembly Apr 24<sup>th</sup> 1864

Hear, O, ye people & hearken to the counsel of your Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, who are called by my name and keep my commandments you who have sought to know my will concerning my people, who have professed my name & entered into the new and everlasting covenant, to keep all the counsels & commandments of the only true & living God - hear then these things which are revealed unto you by the power of his holy Spirit, prepare O ye people yourselves in all things, that you may be ready to gather to gather upon the consecrated land which I have appointed & dedicated by my servant Joseph Smith & the first Elders of my church in Jackson county State of Missouri for the gathering to gather of my saints, that they might be assembled in the day of my chastening hand, when your Lord will pour out his wrath & indignation upon the ungodly, and in as much as my church & people have been driven & scattered, therefore take counsel of me your Lord & director who says unto you prepare yourselves & be ready against the appointed time which I have set and prepared for you, that you may return in the year A D. 1867 which time the Lord by your prayers and faithfulness in all things will open & prepare a way before you, that you may begin to gather at that time

hear now O ye people of my church take counsel together that you may escape the awful calamity of war & famine which shall fall upon this people of the northern States begin[n]ing in the year 1871 at which time the sword shall fall heavily upon the people & famine shall quickly follow and thus shall the sword continue to be drawn & by blood shed shall this nation war & contend untill they are overthrown & their liberties taken away from them, which shall terminate in the year A. D. 1878 and thus anarchy and destruction shall reign through out the dominions of the wicked while you the people of my church shall be assembled & grow up into a peaceable multitude where I the Lord your God will raise up a strong & mighty people whose delight will not be to shed blood, but will trust in God and live in peace, for I the Lord God will protect them wherefore all ye people who have covenanted with the Lord your God to keep all his commandments according to the fulness of the everlasting gospel I say unto you lay aside all your contentions & false

**doctrines & teachi[ngs] & turn to the pure principles of as they are given in the everlasting gospel. [If] you do these things you shall be a blessed people.**

**(Crow Creek Record, 23-25, words struck through omitted) The revelation was published in *The Truth Teller* 1 (July 1864):4**