

# A Chronology: 1816-1844

PALMYRA, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

**1816**

Joseph Smith Sr. arrives in Palmyra, New York

**1817**

April

Joseph Smith, Sr., is living on Main Street in the village of Palmyra, New York, on Road District 26.

**1818**

January 31

*First Lines in Arithmetic, For the Use of Young Scholars* (Hartford, Connecticut, 1818); book signed "Joseph Smiths Book January 31st, 1818."

March 27

Joseph Smith Sr. and Alvin Smith sign a promissory note to Jeremiah Hurlbut for sixty-five dollars.

April

Joseph Sr. is residing in Palmyra village. To pay half of taxes on land of Jeremiah Hurlbut.

ca. July 10

Joseph Jr. works half Day Drawing hay for Jeremiah Hurlbut of Palmyra.

**1819**

February 6

Joseph Smith [Sr.] plaintiff vs Jeremiah Hurlbut defendant; Joseph Smith Jr. testifies for plaintiff.

April

Joseph Sr. is still residing in Palmyra village.

**1820**

April

Joseph Sr. and family are located at the south end of Stafford Road in Palmyra Township; Alvin Smith is residing in the village of Palmyra.

June 13

The Smith family is living on land owned by Samuel Jennings.

June 22

Tax on 300 acres of Lot 1 in Farmington (later Manchester), Ontario County, is to be paid by Nicholas Evertson heirs.

July 14

Power of attorney is given to Zachariah Seymour.

Summer

Joseph Sr. and Alvin article for 100 acres of land in Farmington, Lot 1, from Zachariah Seymour land agent for Nicholas Evertson's heirs.

- 1820-1821** Joseph Smith, Jr., has a personal forgiveness of sins; he is an exhorter for the Methodist class in Palmyra and attends a local debating club.
- 1821**
- April Joseph Sr., Alvin, and Hyrum Smith are residing at the south end of Stafford Road in Palmyra.
- July 7 Joseph Sr. is taxed for 100 acres of Lot 1 in Farmington (later named Manchester).
- 18 July Daughter Lucy Smith is born in Palmyra Township.
- 1822 Joseph Jr. is present when Willard Chase finds a stone in a well on the Chase property. Joseph borrows the stone.
- April Joseph Sr. and Alvin are listed on south end of Stafford Road in Palmyra.
- June 29 Lot 1 valuation is still \$700 for 100 acres for Joseph Sr.
- July 2 Zachariah Seymour, the land agent from whom Joseph Sr. and Alvin articulated the 100 acres and to whom they made payments, dies.
- 1822** Joseph Jr. tells that by looking in Willard Chase's stone he can see hidden treasures, all things in caves, in and under the earth, and spirits in ancient dress in charge of the treasures.
- MANCHESTER, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK**
- 1823**
- July 24 A \$300 assessment increase on land shows improvements on the Smiths' Manchester property.
- November The Smiths' frame house in Manchester commences to be built.
- November 19 Alvin Smith dies.
- September 1824 to Spring 1825** Revival of religion commences with the Methodists, followed by the Baptists and Presbyterians, in the Palmyra vicinity. Joseph Jr. hears discourses by Reverend George Lane of the Methodist church and attends meetings.
- 1825**
- Spring Lucy, Hyrum, Samuel Harrison, and Sophronia Smith join Palmyra's Presbyterian Church. Joseph Jr. is inclined toward the Methodist faith.

October Joseph goes with his father to southern New York and near Harmony (now Oakland), Pennsylvania, to obtain money to pay off their Manchester farm; they hunt for a gold/silver mine with a number of treasure seekers. At home of Isaac Hale Joseph Jr. meets Hale's daughter Emma. The treasure seeking company stays at Hale's home in November.

**October 1825 to  
March 1826**

Joseph Jr. works for Josiah Stowell for five months and goes to school. He uses two stones to search for treasure and prays for help in the endeavor.

**BAINBRIDGE, CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**1826**

March 20 During a court examination, State of New York vs Joseph Smith the Glass looker, before Justice Albert Neely, Joseph Jr. states that by looking at a stone he can discover treasures hidden in the bowels of the earth, gold mines, coined money, and lost property.

Fall Joseph Jr. works for Joseph Knight Sr. at Colesville, New York.

**1827**

January 18 Joseph Smith Jr. and Emma Hale are married at South Bainbridge, New York.

January Josiah Stowell takes Joseph and Emma to Manchester.

Peter Ingersoll moves Emma's furniture from Harmony, Pennsylvania, to Manchester. Joseph Jr. tells his father-in-law he has given up glass-looking.

**PALMYRA, WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

March 10 Joseph Smith Jr. receives a receipt for credit of four dollars on Abraham Fish's account.

April 16 Samuel Harrison Smith begins to work for Lemuel Durfee, Sr., in payment for use of the house where the Smiths reside.

**MANCHESTER, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

June Joseph Smith Sr. tells Willard Chase that some years previous a spirit had appeared to his son Joseph Jr. and informed him about a book or record of gold.

August Joseph Jr. works two days mowing for Lemuel Durfee, Sr.

September 20 Joseph Knight and Josiah Stowell visit the Smith home.

- September 22 Joseph Jr. visits a nearby hill taking Emma with him in Joseph Knight's wagon. He finds gold plates in a stone box and hides the plates in a fallen tree top. He also finds with the plates a sword, breastplate, and a pair of spectacles (later called Urim and Thummim). Joseph tells Joseph Knight the plates "appear to be Gold" and through the glasses or spectacles "I can see any thing."
- September Joseph Jr. goes to Macedon and works for Mrs. Wells.
- September/October Joseph Jr. takes the gold plates from the hiding spot in the fallen tree top and runs home with them. He tells Willard Chase that if it had not been for the stone, he would not have obtained the book. A group of treasure seekers begins looking for the plates. Lucy Smith mentions that Joseph hid the plates in a wood box which was smashed by people searching for the record.
- ca. October 1 The Martin Harris family hears about the gold plates from Lucy. Mrs. Harris and her daughter go to the Smith home. Martin talks to members of the Smith family and Joseph Jr. about how the book was found. Joseph says that an angel appeared to him and told him it was God's work and that he located the plates by looking in the stone found on the Chase property. The angel told him he must quit the company of the money-diggers, translate the plates, and publish them to the world. Martin responds, "If the Lord will show me that it is his work, you can have all the money you want."
- November/December Martin Harris gets Joseph Jr. out of debt and gives him \$50. Alva Hale comes from Harmony to pick up Joseph and Emma. Alva moves them to Harmony. The plates are placed in a barrel containing beans.
- Winter 1827-1828** Joseph Jr. tells his wife's neighbors about the gold plates.
- HARMONY, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
1828**
- ca. January Contents of the book are dictated by Joseph Jr. Scribes of Book of Lehi pages: Reuben Hale and Emma Hale Smith.
- ca. February Hyrum Smith and Martin Harris travel to Harmony to see Joseph Jr. Harris takes a set of characters copied from the gold plates to New York City. Visits Samuel L. Mitchell and Charles Anthon.
- April 12-  
June 14 Martin Harris becomes a scribe and takes over one hundred manuscript pages home. At Palmyra he reads from the manuscript in the evenings to his family and some friends.
- June 15 A male child is born to Joseph and Emma but dies the same day at Harmony. Emma is near death.

- June/July Joseph Jr. travels to Manchester and learns that the manuscript is lost.
- July A revelation concerning the lost pages is given at Harmony (BC 2; LDS D&C 3; RLDS D&C 2). This is Joseph's first recorded revelation.

**PALMYRA, WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

- ca. September Lucy Smith, Hyrum Smith, and Samuel Harrison Smith stopped attending Western Presbyterian Church of Palmyra.

**HARMONY, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**1829**

- February Lucy and Joseph Sr. travel to Harmony. A revelation is received at Harmony (BC 3; LDS and RLDS D&C 4).
- March Martin Harris travels to Harmony and wants to know if Joseph Jr. "had, in his possession, the record of the Nephites." A revelation is received (BC 4; LDS and RLDS D&C 5). Harris returns to Palmyra. Isaac Hale describes the manner in which the record was dictated: a stone placed in a hat.
- April 5 Samuel Harrison Smith and Oliver Cowdery arrive at Harmony, Pennsylvania.
- April 7-May 31 Cowdery acts as a scribe to Joseph Jr. Seven revelations are given during April and May (BC 5-11; LDS D&C 6-12; RLDS D&C 3, 6-11). Dictation continues during the summer of 1829 at Harmony, Pennsylvania, and concludes at Fayette, New York, about July 1, 1829.  
Scribes of original manuscript: major scribe Oliver Cowdery, also Samuel H. Smith, Emma Hale Smith, two unknown scribes (probably members of Whitmer family), plus Joseph Smith Jr.
- May 15 Oliver Cowdery and Joseph Smith ordain and baptize each other.
- May Samuel Harrison Smith baptized.

**FAYETTE, SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

- June John Whitmer becomes a scribe. Joseph Jr. receives revelations for members of the Whitmer family (BC 12-14; LDS D&C 14-16; RLDS D&C 12-14); Oliver Cowdery and David Whitmer called to choose twelve disciples or apostles also "instructions relative to building up the church of Christ" (BC 15; LDS D&C 18; RLDS D&C 16).
- June 11 Joseph Jr. has deposited copyright for the Book of Mormon.
- June 14 Oliver Cowdery writes to Hyrum Smith.

June Hyrum Smith, David Whitmer, Peter Whitmer and probably John Whitmer are baptized by Oliver Cowdery. A revelation is received for Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris "previous to their viewing the plates containing the book of Mormon" (LDS D&C 17; RLDS D&C 15).

ca. July 1 About this time manuscript of the Book of Mormon completed.

#### PALMYRA, WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK

June 26 Title page of the manuscript Book of Mormon is published in the *Wayne Sentinel*.

#### ROCHESTER, MONROE COUNTY, NEW YORK

Summer Martin Harris goes to Rochester, New York, to inquire about printing the Book of Mormon. He reports that Joseph found a gold bible and that "By placing the spectacles in a hat and looking into it, Smith interprets the characters into the English language."

#### PALMYRA, WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK

August 25 Indenture is made between Martin Harris and Egbert Grandin on land and property for enough money (\$3,000) to print the Book of Mormon.

August 1829 to March 1830 The Book of Mormon is typeset and printed at Grandin's print shop. John Gilbert sets the type and receives manuscript pages from Hyrum Smith.

#### HARMONY, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

October 4 Joseph Jr. arrives in Harmony and writes to Oliver Cowdery that he has bought a horse from Mr. Stowell and wants someone to come after it.

#### MANCHESTER, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

November 6 Cowdery writes from Manchester that Harris will pick up the horse in two or three weeks.

#### PALMYRA, WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK

November 9 Cowdery writes about Joseph Smith as author, inspired writer.

#### MANCHESTER, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

December 28 Cowdery writes to Joseph Jr. from Manchester: "it may look rather strange to you to find that I have so soon become a printer."

## 1830

January 16 An agreement between Joseph Sr. and Martin Harris on selling the Book of Mormon is witnessed by Oliver Cowdery.

ca. January Joseph Jr. arrives from Harmony; revelation given to sell copyright in Providences in Canada; trip to Canada (not printed in BC or D&C).

### PALMYRA, WAYNE COUNTY, NEW YORK

March 26 The *Wayne Sentinel* advertises the Book of Mormon available to purchase.

### MANCHESTER, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

March 26-31 Joseph Smith, Jr. arrives in Manchester with Joseph Knight, Sr.; a commandments is given for Martin Harris (JS Revelations, 48-50; LDS D&C 19; RLDS D&C 18).

April 6 Baptisms of Joseph Smith Sr., Martin Harris, Lucy Mack Smith and Sarah Rockwell in Crooked Brook. Revelations for Oliver Cowdery, Hyrum Smith, Samuel H. Smith, Joseph Smith Sr. and Joseph Knight Sr. are received (BC 17-22; LDS D&C 21, 23; RLDS D&C 19, 21). Oliver Cowdery is ordained an elder. Joseph Jr. is ordained an elder, also prophet and seer by Cowdery. Church of Christ organized.

### FAYETTE, SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK

April 11 At Fayette, New York, branch of the church is established. Cowdery delivers the first public discourse of the church and performs baptisms.

April 16 A revelation is received regarding individuals who have been baptized in other Christian churches (JS Revelations, 57-58; LDS D&C 22; RLDS D&C 20).

April 18 More baptisms are performed by Cowdery.

June 9 The first conference of the church is held; articles and covenants are presented (BC 24; LDS D&C 20; RLDS D&C 17). Baptisms are performed. Joseph Sr. and Hyrum Smith are ordained priests.

June Revelation of Moses to Joseph Smith  
Manuscript: OT 1 (Dictated MS), 1-3; Joseph Smith dictating  
Text: Moses 1; RLDS D&C 22  
Scribe: Oliver Cowdery  
Note: "A Revelation given to Joseph the Revelator June 1830" (1). No location mentioned.

ca. June Revision of Genesis started  
Manuscript: OT 1 (Dictated MS), 3-10  
Text: Genesis 1:1-4:18 (KJV); Moses 2:1-5:43; Gen. 1:1-5:28 (JST)  
Scribe: Oliver Cowdery  
Notes: "A Revelation given to the Elders of the Church of Christ On the first Book of Moses given to Joseph the Seer Chapter first" (3); "Chapter 2 A Revelation concerning Adam after he had been driven out of the garden of Eden" (8). No location mentioned.

MANCHESTER, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

June 28 Joseph Sr. appears in Manchester before Justice Nathan Pierce on behalf of his son Hyrum.

COLESVILLE, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

June 28 Baptisms are performed in Colesville, New York, but no confirmations. A Colesville branch is started.

SOUTH BAINBRIDGE, CHENANGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

July 1 Joseph Jr. is brought before Justice Joseph Chamberlain in South Bainbridge, New York.

COLESVILLE, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

ca. July Joseph Jr. is arrested upon warrant and appears before Justice Joel K. Noble in Colesville.

HARMONY, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

July 4-31 Revelations received, including one for Emma Smith (BC 25-27; LDS D&C 24-26; RLDS D&C 23-25).

September 4 A revelation is recorded concerning sacrament (BC 28; LDS D&C 27; RLDS D&C 26).

FAYETTE, SENECA CO., NEW YORK

September 5-26 Revelations are given to the church at Fayette and others (BC 29-34; LDS D&C 28-31; RLDS D&C 27-30).

September 26 The second conference of the church commences; total membership is sixty-two.

MANCHESTER, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

October 17 In Manchester a missionary covenant to preach to Native Americans (Lamanites) is issued.

FAYETTE, SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK

October 18-31 In Fayette a revelation to Ezra Thayer and Northrop Sweet is given (BC 35; LDS D&C 33; RLDS D&C 32).



- October 21                   Manuscript: OT 1 (Dictated MS), 10  
Text: Gen. 4:18-24 (KJV); Moses 5:43-51; Gen. 5:29-37 (JST)  
Scribe: John Whitmer  
Note: "October 21st 1830" (10).
- November 4                   Orson Pratt arrives in Fayette; Joseph Jr. asks and receives a revelation for him (BC 36; LDS D&C 34; RLDS D&C 33) by gazing at a stone placed in a hat.
- November 30                Manuscript: OT 1 (Dictated MS), 10-11  
Text: Gen. 4:25-5:11 (KJV); Moses 5:52-6:18; Gen. 5:38-6:16 (JST)  
Scribe: John Whitmer  
Note: "November 30th 1830" (10).
- December 1                 Manuscript: OT 1 (Dictated MS), 11-13  
Text: Gen. 5:12-21 (KJV); Moses 6:19-52; Gen. 6:17-53 (JST)  
Scribe: Emma Smith (wife of Joseph Smith)  
Note: "Dec 1st" (11).
- ca December 2-11         Addition not in Gen. (KJV)  
Manuscript: OT 1 (Dictated MS), 14-15  
Text: Moses 6:52-7:1; Gen. 6:53-7:1 (JST)  
Scribe: John Whitmer
- December 7-11             Revelation instructing Sidney Rigdon to write for Joseph Smith -- "And the scriptures shall be given even as they are in mine own bosom, to the salvation of mine own elect" (JS Revelations, 87; LDS D&C 35:20; RLDS D&C 34:5).
- December 11-15            Revelation is given for Edward Partridge (BC 38; LDS D&C 36; RLDS D&C 35).
- ca. December 11-30      Manuscript: OT 1 (Dictated MS), 15-20  
Gen. 5:22-32 (KJV); Moses 7:2-8:12; Gen. 7:2-85 (JST)  
Scribe: Sidney Rigdon

**CANANDAIGUA, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

- December 30                In Canandaigua, New York, a revelation to Joseph Jr. and Sidney Rigdon instructs them to go to Ohio (BC 39; LDS and RLDS D&C 37).

**FAYETTE, SENECA CO., NEW YORK**

**1831**

- January 2                   The third conference of the church takes place in Fayette; revelation is received (BC 40; LDS and RLDS D&C 38).

January 5-6 Two revelations concerning James Covell, a Methodist minister, are given (BC 41-42; LDS and RLDS D&C 39-40).

KIRTLAND, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

February 4 First revelation received at Kirtland. Edward Partridge called as church bishop.

February 9 Laws of the church given (JS Revelations, 95-98; LDS and RLDS D&C 42).

ca. 9 February 9-  
March 6-7 Manuscript: OT 1 (Dictated MS), 20-49  
Text: Gen. 6:1-19:29 (KJV); Moses 8:13-30; Gen. 8:1-19:35 (JST)  
Scribe: Sidney Rigdon

March 6-7 Prophecy mentions that Joseph Smith may now translate the New Testament (JS Revelations, 109; LDS D&C 45:61 and RLDS D&C 45:11).

March 8-  
April 4 Revision of Matthew started  
Manuscript: NT 1 (Dictated MS), 1-21; Joseph Smith dictating  
Text: Matt. 1:1-9:1 (KJV)  
Scribe: Sidney Rigdon  
Note: "March 8th 1831 A Translation of the New Testament translated by the power of God" (1).

March 8 Revelation for John Whitmer to keep a regular history and assist in transcribing (JS Revelations, 112; LDS and RLDS D&C 47).

ca. March 8-  
April 4 Revelation of Moses; Gen. 1:1-19:29 (KJV); Moses 1:1-8:30; RLDS D&C 22; Gen. 1:1-19:35 (JST) from OT 1 (1-49) copied by John Whitmer upon OT 2 (1-49).

ca. April 4 Manuscript: OT 1 (Dictated MS), 49-61  
Text: Gen. 19:29-24:41 (KJV); Gen. 19:35-24:42 (JST)  
Scribe: Sidney Rigdon  
Note: "April 5th 1831 transcribed thus far" (61).

ca. April 5 Gen. 19:29-24:41 (KJV); Gen. 19:35-24:42 (JST) from OT 1 (49-61) copied by John Whitmer upon OT 2 (49-59).

April 4-7 Matt. 1:1-9:1 (KJV) from NT 1 (1-21) copied by John Whitmer as NT 2, f. 1 (1-16).  
Notes: "Kirtland Geauga Ohio April 4th 1831 A Translation of the New Testament by Joseph Smith Jr." (NT 2, f. 1, 1); NT 2 has four folios; f. 1 (1-49); with sequential page numbers in f. 2-4 (1-154).

- ca. April 7-  
June 19                      Manuscript: NT 1 (Dictated MS), 21-63  
Text: Matt. 9:2-26:71 (KJV)  
Scribe: Sidney Rigdon  
Note: "Thus far Transcribed April 7th 1831" (21).
- ca. June-August              Matthew 9:2-26:1 from NT 1 (21-59) copied as NT 2, f. 1 (16-49) by John  
Whitmer.
- ca. 19 June 19-  
August 27                      Trip to Independence, Missouri.
- HIRAM, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO**
- ca. September 26-  
October 11                      Manuscript: NT 2, f. 2 (Dictated MS), 1-24  
Text: Matt. 26:1-71 revised again; Matt. 26:71-28:20; Mark 1:1-9:1 (KJV)  
Scribe: John Whitmer  
Note: "September 26th 1831" (NT 2, f. 2, 1)
- ca. October 11-  
February 16, 1832              Manuscript: NT 2, f. 2 (Dictated MS) 24 through f. 4 (Dictated MS), 114  
Text: Mark 9:2-16:20; Luke 1:1-24:53; John 1:1-5:37 (KJV) Scribe: Sidney  
Rigdon. Note: No date on manuscript. Text is written out in full.
- 1832**
- February 16                      Vision of three degrees of glories received by Joseph Smith and Sidney  
Rigdon during revision of John 5:29 (JS Revelations, 161-65; LDS and  
RLDS D&C 76).
- ca. February 16-  
March 20                      Manuscript: NT 2, f. 4 (Dictated MS), 114-152  
Text: John 5:37-21:25; Acts 1 through Rev. 11 (KJV)  
Scribes: Sidney Rigdon and Jesse Gause  
Note: No date on manuscript. Writing of complete text discontinued on NT  
2. Only changes recorded on manuscript pages. Markings in JS Bible  
correspond with revision of NT starting at John 6. This is known as the short  
method.
- March 25                      Assault on Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon, Hiram, Ohio (Lost  
Apostles, 21).
- ca. April 1-June 20              Trip to Missouri
- ca. July 8                      Sidney Rigdon's license taken away.
- July 20                      Frederick G. Williams starts as scribe for Joseph Smith.

- ca. July 20-31      Manuscript: NT 2, f. 4 (Dictated MS), 152-54.  
Text: Rev. 12-22 (KJV)  
Scribe: Frederick G. Williams
- July 31              Finished revision of New Testament.
- ca. July 31 -  
September 12      Manuscript: OT 2 (Dictated MS), 59-73  
Text: About Gen. 24:41-50:26; Exodus-Deuteronomy (KJV)  
Scribe: Frederick G. Williams  
Notes: No date on manuscript. Markings in JS Bible correspond with revision of OT starting at Gen. 25.
- KIRTLAND, GEAUGA CO., OHIO
- September 22-23    Revelation concerning the city New Jerusalem and the two priesthoods, mentions priesthood of OT Moses and Aaron. (JS Revelations, 182-86; LDS D&C 84; RLDS D&C 83).
- ca. October 1 -  
November 6        Trip to Albany, New York City, and Boston.
- November 6        Joseph Smith III born.
- ca. November 7-27    Manuscript: OT 2 (Dictated MS), 73-81  
Text: About Joshua through Nehemiah 10  
Scribe: Frederick G. Williams  
Note: No date on manuscript.
- ca. November 27    Account of Joseph Smith's early visionaries experiences recorded by Frederick G. Williams and Joseph Smith in Letterbook 1. Kirtland Revelations Book started.
- November 27        Letter to Independence, Missouri, copied into Joseph Smith Letterbook 1 refers to Ezra 2:61-62 (Joseph Smith Revelations, 220; LDS D&C 85:12). Joseph Smith starts his first journal.
- ca. November 27-  
December 5        Manuscript: OT 2 (Dictated MS) 81-83  
Text: Nehemiah 11-13; Esther, all chapters correct; Job, Psalms 1-10  
Written by Joseph Smith
- Manuscript: OT 2 (Dictated MS), 83-86  
Text: Psalm 11-15  
Scribe: Frederick G. Williams  
Manuscript: OT 2 (Dictated MS), 86  
Text: Psalm 16  
Written by Joseph Smith

- December 1 Joseph Smith “wrote and corrected revelations” in Kirtland Revelations Book.
- ca. December 3 Kirtland Council Minute Book started.
- December 5 Joseph Smith copies “letters and translating.”
- ca. December 5-6 Review of Matt. 1-13 on NT 2. Additional revisions written as notes. The notes were pinned onto the appropriate manuscript page.
- December 6 Revelation as an explanation of the parable of the wheat and tares in Matt. 13 (Joseph Smith Revelations, 220-21; LDS D&C 86; RLDS D&C 84).
- ca. December 6-31-  
ca. Jan. 1833 Review of Matt. 14 through about John 21 on NT 2. Additional revisions on notes pinned to manuscript pages. One pinned note written by Joseph Smith.
- December 27-28 Revelation for the first elders, mentions another comforter recorded in testimony of John (JS Revelations, 191; LDS D&C 88:3; RLDS D&C 85:1).
- 1833**
- ca. January-  
February 2 Review about Acts 1 through Revelation 22 on NT 2. Pinned notes written by Frederick G. Williams and Sidney Rigdon.
- February 2 Completed translation and review of New Testament.
- ca. February 2-  
May 6 Manuscript: OT 2 (Dictated MS), 86-111  
Text: About Psalm 17 to about Isaiah.  
Scribe: Frederick G. Williams  
Notes: “The Songs of Solomon are not Inspired writings” (97). No date on manuscript.
- March 8 Commandment including instructions “when you have finished translation of th[e] prophets” to preside over the church and school (JS Revelations, 201; LDS D&C 90:13; RLDS D&C 87:5).
- March 9 Revelation on Apocrypha, between OT & NT in JS Bible, “mostly translated correct” (JS Revelations, 202; LDS D&C 91; RLDS D&C 88).
- May 6 Revelation with instructions to hasten to translate scriptures (Joseph Smith Revelations, 204; LDS D&C 93:53; RLDS D&C 90:12).

- ca. May 6-  
July 2                      Manuscript: OT 2 (Dictated MS), 111-19  
Text: About Jeremiah through Malachi  
Scribes: Frederick G. Williams and Sidney Rigdon  
Notes: "Finished on the 2d day of July 1833" (119). Lamentations, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum, Habakuk, Zephariah, Haggai, and Malachi considered correct.
- July 17                      Review of revelation of Moses and revision of Gen. 1:1-11:17; classifying different subjects and review by church presidency on OT 2 (1-34). An index was prepared that included references to the scriptures on the order of the High Priesthood, the Priesthood after the order of Aaron, the Sabbath day, baptism, repentance, and covenants was made. The index pages are scattered in the Joseph Smith Letterbook 1, Joseph Smith Journal 1835-36 and the 1839 draft of the Manuscript History.
- July 20                      *The Evening and the Morning Star* printing press destroyed at Independence, Missouri
- October 5-  
November 4                Trip to Canada
- 1834**
- February 26-  
March 28                    Trip to New York to obtain volunteers for Zion's Camp.
- May 5-August 1            Trip with Camp of Israel (Zion's Camp) to Missouri.
- ca. October 16-30        Trip to Michigan

#### PAINESVILLE, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

- November                *Mormonism Unveiled* published by E. D. Howe. Publishes affidavits collected in Palmyra and Manchester, New York. Reprints affidavits from Harmony, Pennsylvania area and letters of Ezra Booth. Includes examination of Book of Mormon text. Proposes Solomon Spaulding theory of origin of Book of Mormon text.

#### KIRTLAND, GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO

##### 1835

- Corrections made to the Dictated Manuscript of Genesis 3-5 (OT 1, 7-19). This includes changes in ages of early Old Testament patriarchs made on OT 1, 11-12, 19. No date mentioned.
- February 14                Twelve Apostles chosen by Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer and Martin Harris (Lost Apostles, 80); Lyman E. Johnson, Heber C. Kimball, and Brigham Young ordained apostles, Kirtland (Lost Apostles, 82)

February 15	John F. Boynton, Orson Hyde, Luke Johnson, William E. McLellin, David W. Patten, and William Smith received their ordination as apostles (Lost Apostles, 82)
February 21	Parley P. Pratt ordained an apostle (Lost Apostles, 82)
April 26	Thomas B. Marsh and Orson Pratt ordained apostles (Lost Apostles, 82-83)
April 28-30	Instructions concerning two priesthoods in the church (JS Revelations, 226-31; LDS D&C 107; RLDS D&C 104).
May 4	Apostles leave on their first apostolic mission to the eastern states (Lost Apostles, 84, 87)
June 15	Letter soliciting funds to print New Translation.
June 30	Michael H. Chandler arrives in Kirtland with four Egyptian mummies and some Egyptian papyri.
July 7	Joseph Smith Jr. receives a certificate from Chandler. The four Egyptian mummies and the Egyptian papyri are purchased for \$2,400.
ca. July 7-31	Manuscripts and bound book of Egyptian Alphabet started. Scribes for manuscripts: Joseph Smith Jr., Oliver Cowdery and W.W. Phelps. Notes: Three separate working papers are produced. Final recording done by Phelps in bound Egyptian Alphabet. Alphabet divided into five degrees. Handwriting on 34 pages. Scribes for alphabet: W.W. Phelps and Warren Parrish
ca. July 15-23- August	Trip to Michigan.
August 17	General Assembly, Doctrine and Covenants canonized (Lost Apostles, 86-87).
ca. August 17 – September 12	Doctrine and Covenants printed and some copies bound.
ca. September 22	Joseph Smith's second journal started.
October 1, 7	Work on Egyptian Alphabet continued.
October 29	Warren Parrish appointed a scribe.

- November 3 Revelation says Quorum of Apostles under condemnation (Lost Apostles, 101)
- November 14 Revelation for Warren Parrish (Joseph Smith Revelations, 276).
- November 20 Hebrew books and Greek Lexicon obtained from New York.
- November 21 Joseph Smith Jr. studies Hebrew alphabet.
- November 19-20,  
24-25 Manuscripts: Book of Abraham Translation manuscripts; three separate manuscripts  
Text: Abraham 1:1-2:18  
Scribes: W.W. Phelps, Frederick G. Williams, Warren Parrish. Parrish copies text onto longer manuscript  
Notes: Williams and Parrish took down dictation at the same time; Compare Genesis 11:28-29; 12:1-6 (KJV).
- December 16 William Smith injures Joseph Smith Jr. (Lost Apostles, 101)
- December 23 Joseph Smith Jr. Studies Greek.
- 1836**
- January 26 Hebrew school starts, Professor Joshua Seixas to teach class.
- ca. March *A Collection of Sacred Hymns* published.
- March 27 House of the Lord (Kirtland Temple) is dedicated (Lost Apostles, 107-108).
- March 30 Received certificate from Professor Seixas on knowledge of Hebrew.
- ca. July 25-  
September 15 Trip to New York City and Salem, Massachusetts. Revelation received at Salem (LDS D&C 111).
- 1837**
- ca. January-March Second Edition of the Book of Mormon published.
- January 9 Kirtland Safety Society Anti-Banking Company opens and begins circulation of notes.
- April 9 Joseph Smith spoke of judgment on “characters that professed to be his friends & friends to humanity” but had “turned tr[a]itors & opposed the Currency” (Lost Apostles, 140).



- May 23 Parley P. Pratt writes letter of protest to Joseph Smith about temporal management and Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon leading people astray (Lost Apostles, 141).
- May 29 Charges against Joseph Smith Jr. by Lyman Johnson and Orson Pratt; also charges against Joseph Smith Sr. by Luke Johnson (Lost Apostles, 142).
- June Joseph Smith withdraws from Safety Society; apostles Heber C. Kimball and Orson Hyde leave on their mission to England (Lost Apostles, 144); quorum president Thomas B. Marsh was in Missouri at the time and was not aware of the opening of the English mission (Lost Apostles, 113).
- July 3 Ground broken for building a House of the Lord in Far West, Missouri.
- July Marsh and David Patten rush to Kirtland where both resolve difficulties with and become committed to defending Joseph Smith. Marsh works to resolve problems within the quorum (Lost Apostles, 113-14).
- July 23 Revelation (LDS D&C 112: RLDS 105) for Thomas B. Marsh and the Twelve received at Kirtland which specified Marsh's exalted standing with the Lord and Joseph Smith (Lost Apostles, 114-15)
- ca. July 28 - August 30 Trip to Canada.
- September 3 Conference held, Luke and Lyman Johnson, and John Boynton not sustained as apostles (Lost Apostles, 151).
- September 4 Joseph Smith sends a message to the church in Missouri with Thomas Marsh indicating David and John Whitmer, Oliver Cowdery, and W. W. Phelps are in transgression. It stated they may lose their standing in the church if they did not repent (Lost Apostles, 152).
- September 11 Luke and Lyman Johnson and John Boynton received back into full fellowship after acknowledging their faults (Lost Apostles, 152).
- by Sept. 17 Oliver Cowdery leaves for Missouri.
- September 27 Joseph Smith leaves for visit to northern Missouri.
- October 20 Oliver Cowdery arrives at Far West.

- December 10 Joseph Smith returns from Far West where he held meetings in November. While absent from Kirtland a group of dissenters renounced the Church of Latter Day Saints, and claimed to be the original Church of Christ (Lost Apostles, 156)
- December 22 Brigham Young is driven from Kirtland.
- Dec. 24-30 Twenty-eight individuals excommunicated from the church, including Cyrus Smalling, Joseph Coe, Martin Harris, Luke Johnson, John Boynton, and Warren Parrish (Lost Apostles, 158)

### **1838**

- January 12 Revelation for First Presidency to move west, Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon flee Kirtland in the evening for Far West, Missouri (Lost Apostles, 158).

#### **FAR WEST, CALDWELL COUNTY, MISSOURI**

- March 10 John Whitmer, church historian and witness, excommunicated by the High Council presided over by apostles Thomas Marsh and David Patten. (Lost Apostles, 167).
- March 14 Joseph Smith Jr. and family arrive at Far West. He approves of the disciplinary actions.
- April 12 Oliver Cowdery withdraws from the church, is tried and excommunicated by Bishop Edward Partridge presiding over the High Council (Lost Apostles, 168). George W. Robinson starts recording in Scriptorium Book.
- April 26 Revelation on name of the church specified and the House of the Lord to be built at Far West (LDS D&C 115).
- April 27 Draft of Manuscript History started; early pages not extant.
- June Danites organized under the leadership of Jared Carter. A letter credited to Sidney Rigdon, warned Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, John Whitmer, William W. Phelps and Lyman E. Johnson to leave Far West. It was signed by Sampson Avard, Hyrum Smith and eighty-one other individuals (Lost Apostles, 177-79).
- June 17 Sidney Rigdon delivers Salt Sermon to frighten the dissenters from Far West (Lost Apostles, 176-77).

- June 19                    John Whitmer leaves Far West.
- June 17                    Sidney Rigdon delivers Salt Sermon to frighten the dissenters from Far West (Lost Apostles, 176-77).
- July 4                      Dedication of site for House of the Lord and laying of cornerstones; Sidney Rigdon delivers a militant oration for the Mormons to defend themselves against Gentile infringements. Thomas Marsh and others felt they were being singled out for public ridicule for their passiveness (Lost Apostles, 186-87).
- August 6                   Election-day battle at Gallatin, Missouri (Lost Apostles, 183-84).
- October 10                Surrender of the Mormon community at DeWitt in Carol County; non-Mormon militias turn their attention to Mormons in Daviess and Caldwell counties (Lost Apostles, 185-86).
- October 18                Responding to Gentile infringements, Mormon sacked Gallatin and Millport (Lost Apostles, 187).
- October 24                Thomas B. Marsh signs affidavit at Richmond against activities of the Mormons, Orson Hyde attests to the truth of Marsh's statement (Lost Apostles, 187-88, 292-93).
- October 27                Extermination order issued by Missouri Governor Lilburn W. Boggs (Lost Apostles, 190).
- October 30                Hawn's Mill massacre (190)
- October 31                Surrenders to Missouri militia.
- Nov. 12-29                Court of Inquiry before Fifth Circuit Judge Austin A. King in Richmond, at Ray County courthouse; Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon and other become prisoners of the state because of the testimony given at the hearing.
- November 30              Joseph Smith Jr. and others transferred to Liberty Jail, Liberty, Missouri.

**1839**

## LIBERTY, CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI

March 17 Thomas B. Marsh excommunication, Quincy, Illinois (Lost Apostles, 194).

March 20 Liberty Jail Epistle (JS Revelations, 249-53; LDS D&C 121-23). Mentions plural gods.

June 27 Orson Hyde readmitted into Quorum of Twelve (Lost Apostles, 195).

**October 29-**

**March 4, 1840** Trip to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New Jersey.

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**1840**

ca. September 13-14 Hyrum Smith ordained church patriarch by his father Joseph Smith, Sr.

**1841**

January 19 Revelation concerning writing a proclamation to the kings of the earth, building a temple, and a boarding house in Nauvoo, also the organization of the priesthood quorums. William Law instructed to publish the new translation (JS Revelations, 259; LDS D&C 124:89).

April 6 Cornerstones of Nauvoo Temple laid.

**1842**

March 1 Publication of Facsimile No. 1 from the Book of Abraham and the Book of Abraham in issue of *Times and Seasons*  
 Heading: A TRANSLATION Of some ancient Records that have fallen into our hands, from the Catecombs [*sic*] of Egypt, purporting to be the writings of Abraham, while he was in Egypt, called the BOOK OF ABRAHAM, written by his own hand, upon papyrus.  
 Text: Abraham 1:1-2:18; Facsimile 1, Figures 1-12..  
 Scribe: Willard Richards wrote a Printer's manuscript.  
 Notes: Compare text with Genesis 11:28-29; 12:1-6 (KJV).

Publication of Wentworth letter.

March 8-9 Book of Abraham dictated  
 Text: Abraham 2:19-5:21.  
 Notes: Compare text with Genesis 12:7-13 and Genesis 1:1-2:1-10, 15-25 (KJV).

- March 15 Publication of Book of Abraham and Facsimile No. 2 from the Book of Abraham in issue of *Times and Seasons*  
Text: Abraham 2:19-5:21; Facsimile 2, Figures 1-23.
- Publication starts on the History of Joseph Smith.
- March 15-16 Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon join Nauvoo Masonic Lodge.
- March 17 Female Relief Society of Nauvoo organized.
- May 4-5 Higher priesthood ordinances introduced (endowment ceremony).
- May 16 Publication of Facsimile No. 3 from the Book of Abraham in issue of *Times and Seasons*.  
Text: Facsimile 3, figures 1-6.
- May 17 John C. Bennett resigns as mayor and also church membership.
- June 18 John C. Bennett excommunicated.
- July 27 Revelation for Sarah Ann Whitney to be a wife of Joseph Smith (JS Revelations, 265-66).
- 1843**
- February 3 Joseph Smith studies German.
- May 1 Kinderhook plates examined.
- May 26 Endowment ceremony commenced anew.
- July 12 Revelation concerning biblical men having wives and concubines, adultery, a commandment for Emma Smith, the law of the priesthood (JS Revelations, 272-76; LDS D&C 132).
- 28 September Second anointing ceremony introduced.
- 1844**
- March 10-11 Kingdom of God/Council of Fifty organized.
- March 14 Revelation on name of the Kingdom of God.
- April 7 Joseph Smith preaches King Follett Discourse at general conference.
- April 11 Joseph Smith anointed King of the Kingdom of God/Council of Fifty.
- April 25 Revelation on Constitution of the Council of Fifty.

June 7                    *Nauvoo Expositor* published.

June 10                  *Nauvoo Expositor* printing press destroyed.

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June 27                 Joseph and Hyrum Smith are murdered, Carthage Jail, Carthage, Illinois (LDS D&C 135).