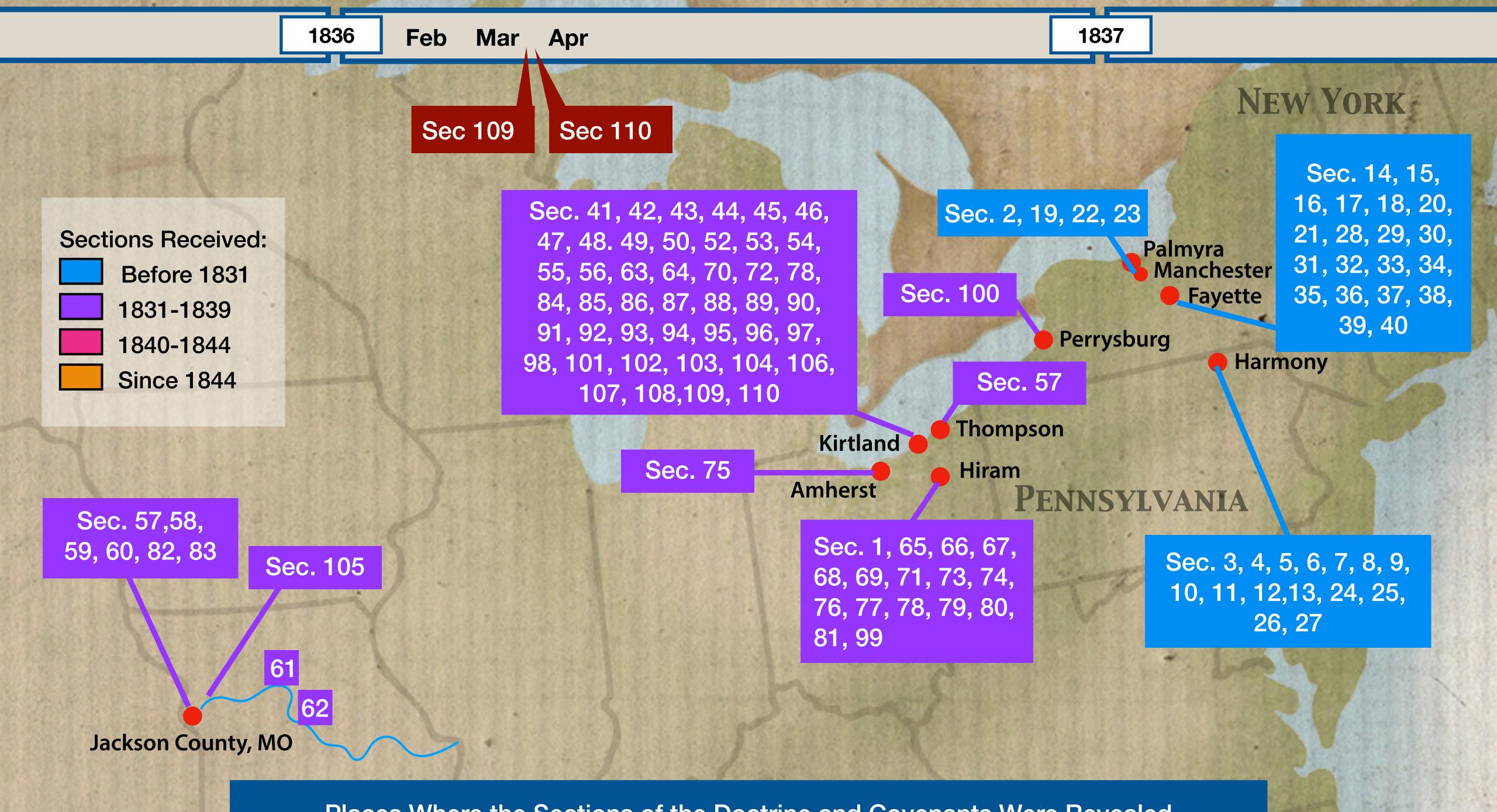




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Places Where the Sections of the Doctrine and Covenants Were Revealed

Doctrine Octants







Church members in Kirtland, Ohio, worked for about two and a half years to fulfill the Lord's commandment to build "a house of God" (D&C 88:119). On March 26, 1836, "[the Prophet Joseph] Smith], Oliver Cowdery, Sidney Rigdon, and [the Prophet's] two scribes, Warren A. Cowdery and Warren Parrish, met in the president's room on the attic floor of the temple to prepare for the dedication. Oliver Cowdery noted in his diary that at this meeting he 'assisted in writing a prayer for the dedication of the house" (in The Joseph Smith Papers, Documents, Volume 5: October 1835–January 1838, ed. Brent M. Rogers and others [2017], 189). The written prayer "was given to [the Prophet] Joseph Smith] by revelation" (D&C 109, section heading).

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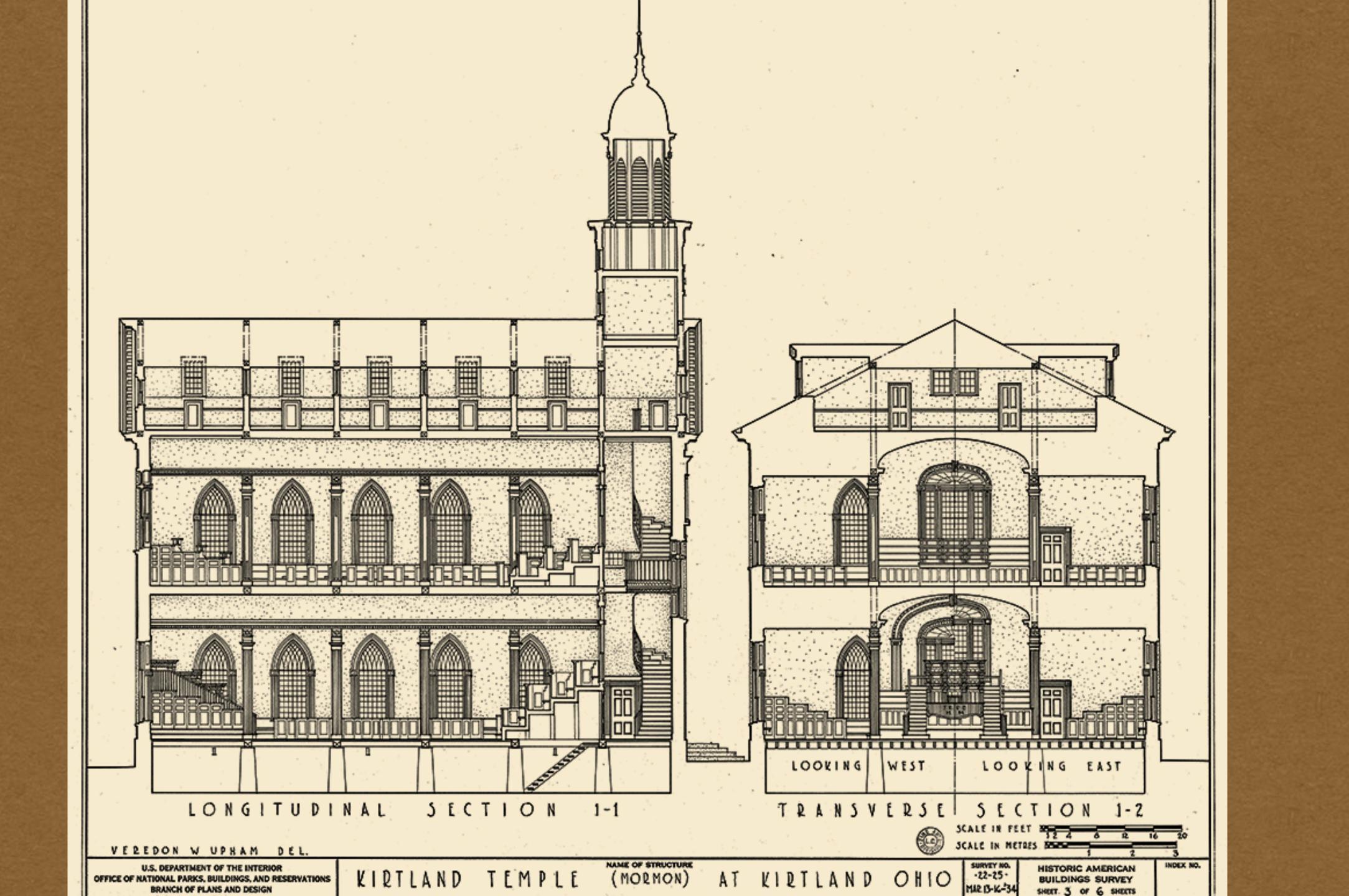


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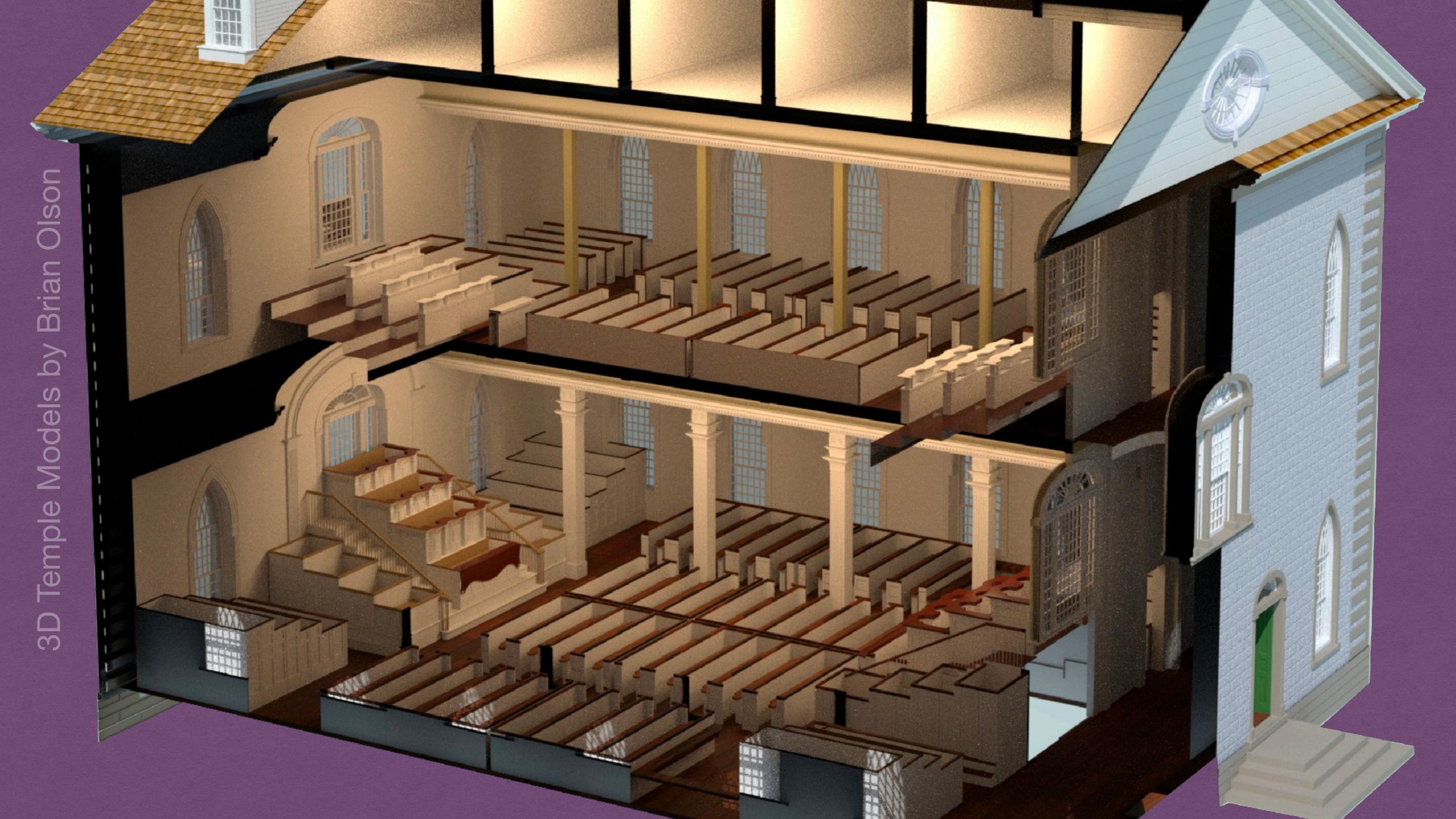


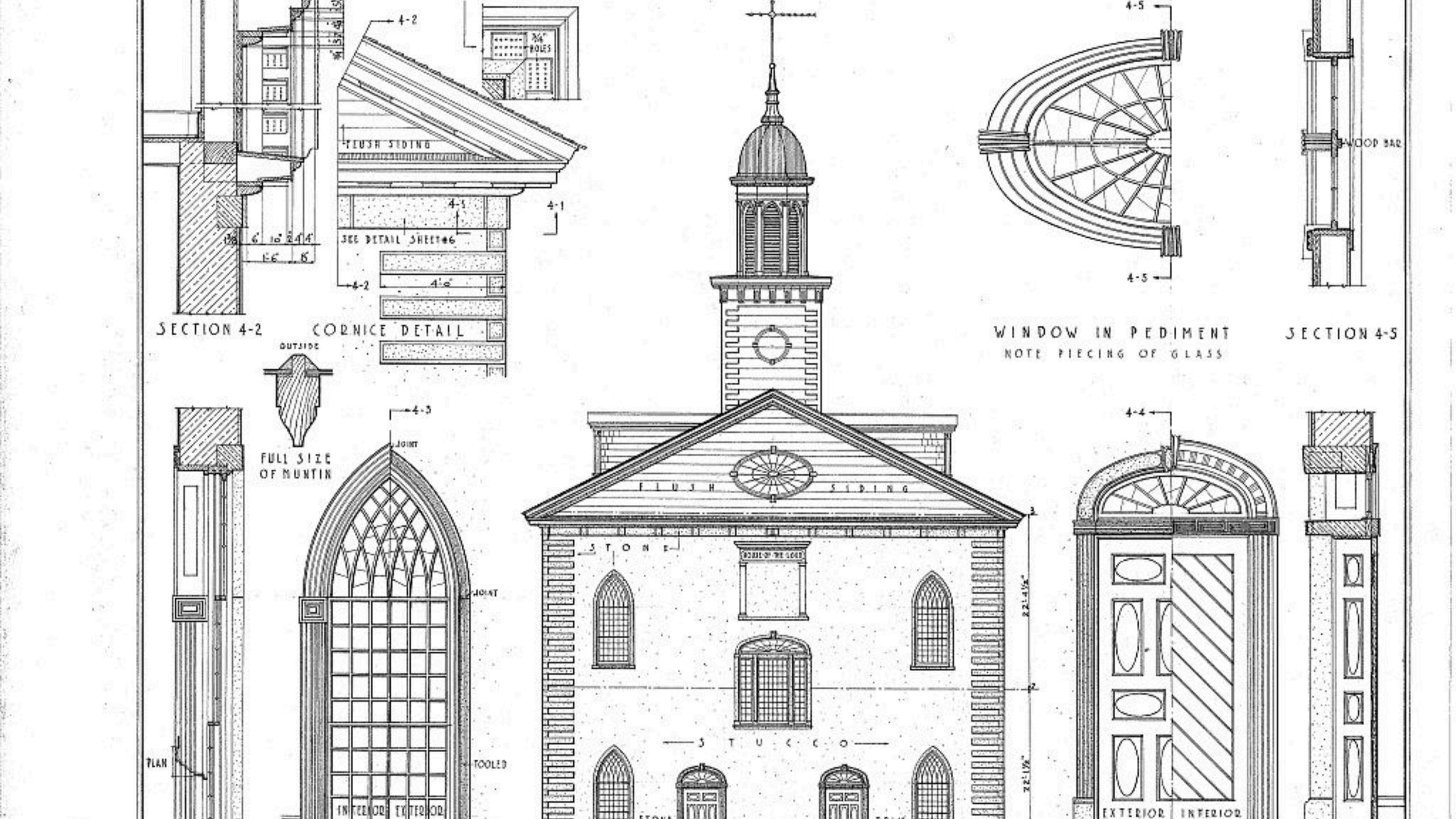
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3D Temple Models by Brian Olson







SECTION 108

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, December 26, 1835. This section was received at the request of Lyman Sherman, who had previously been ordained a seventy and who had come to the Prophet with a request for a revelation to make known his duty.

1–3, Lyman Sherman forgiven of his sins; 4-5, He is to be numbered with the leading elders of the Church; 6-8, He is called to preach the gospel and strengthen his brethren.

VERILY thus saith the Lord unto you, my servant Lyman: Your sins are forgiven you, because you have obeyed my ^{*a*}voice in coming up hither this morning to receive counsel of him whom I have appointed.

2 Therefore, let your soul be at ^{*a*} rest concerning your spiritual standing, and resist no more my voice.

3 And arise up and be more careful henceforth in observing your ^{*a*}vows, which you have made and do make, and you shall be blessed with exceeding great blessings.

4 Wait patiently until the ^{*a*} solemn

assembly shall be called of my servants, then you shall be remembered with the ^bfirst of mine elders, and receive right by ordination with the rest of mine elders whom I have chosen.

5 Behold, this is the ^{*a*} promise of the Father unto you if you continue faithful.

6 And it shall be fulfilled upon you in that day that you shall have right to ^{*a*}preach my gospel wheresoever I shall send you, from henceforth from that time.

7 Therefore, ^{*a*} strengthen your brethren in all your conversation, in all your prayers, in all your exhortations, and in all your doings.

8 And behold, and lo, I am with you to bless you and ^{*a*}deliver you forever. Amen.

SECTION 109

Prayer offered at the dedication of the temple at Kirtland, Ohio, March 27, 1836. According to the Prophet's written statement, this prayer was given to him by revelation.

1–5, The Kirtland Temple was built as a place for the Son of Man to visit; 6-21, It is to be a house of prayer, fasting, faith, learning, glory, and order, and a house of God; 22-33, May the unrepentant who oppose the Lord's people be confounded; 34–42, May the Saints go forth in power to gather the righteous to Zion; 43–53,

May the Saints be delivered from the terrible things to be poured out upon the wicked in the last days; 54–58, May nations and peoples and churches be prepared for the gospel; 59–67, May the Jews, the Lamanites, and all Israel be redeemed; 68–80, May the Saints be crowned with glory and honor and gain eternal salvation.

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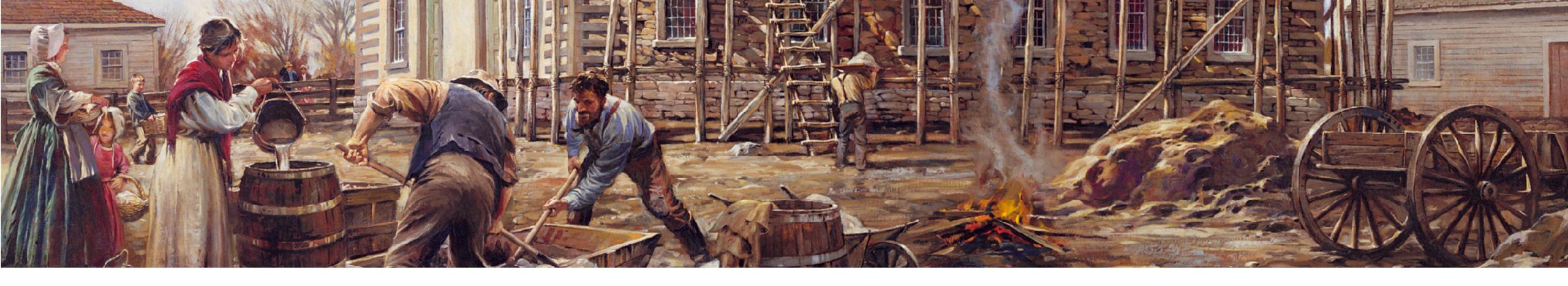
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"The Saints were few in number, and most of them very poor; and, had it not been for the assurance that God had spoken, and had commanded that a house should be built to His name, ... an attempt towards building that Temple, under the then existing circumstances, would have been, by all concerned, pronounced preposterous. ...

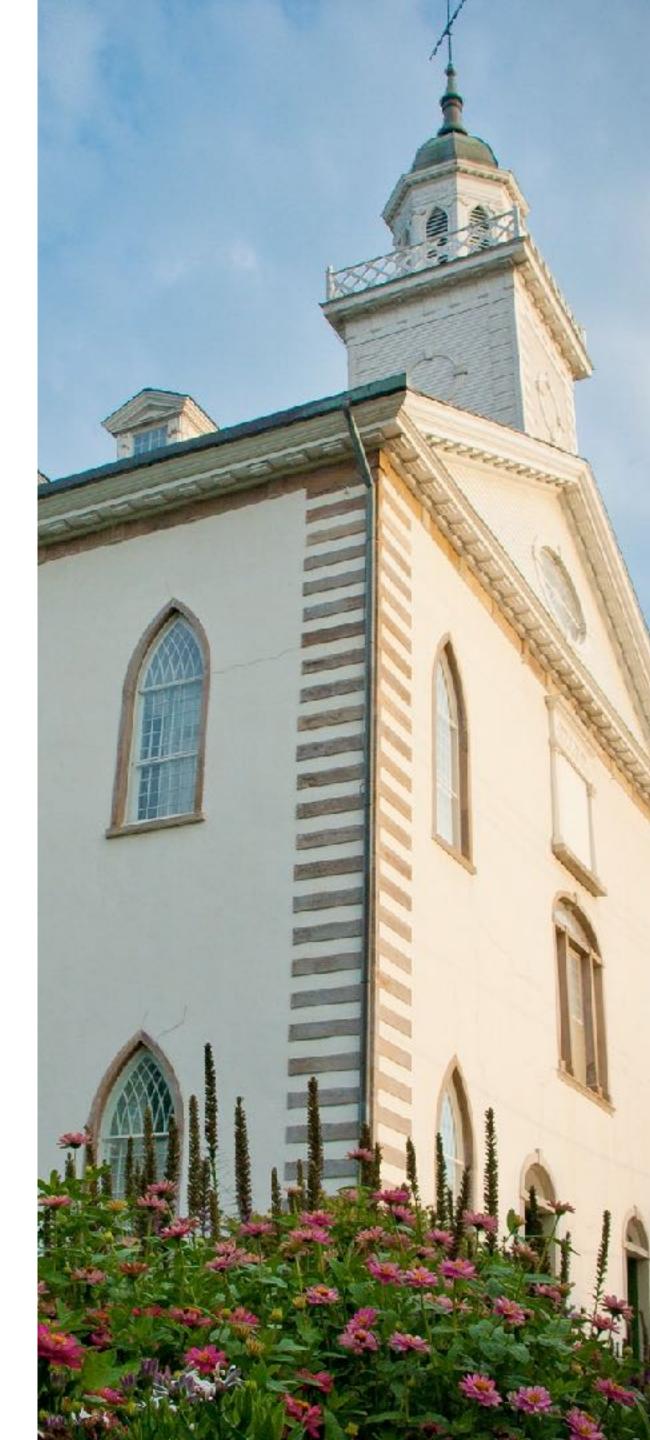
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Between June 1833 and March 1836, Church members sacrificed time, money, and possessions to help build a house for the Lord. The men volunteered their labor on the construction. The women made clothing and provided lodging. When many of the men were away with Zion's Camp, some women continued the work on the temple. Some Latter-day Saints, like John Tanner and Vienna Jacques, gave much of their wealth for the building of the temple. Others contributed skilled labor. For example, Brigham Young baptized a man named Artemus Millet in Canada. Brother Millet gave up his job as a stone mason for the Canadian government so he and his family could move to Kirtland, where he served as the superintendent of the construction of the temple. In all, the temple cost approximately 60,000 United States dollars – an incredible sum for that time, especially considering the poverty of the Saints. By comparison, that amount would be worth well over 1,000,000 United States dollars today.

"It is a great promise that to the temples God will come, and that in them man shall see God. What does this promised communion mean? Does it mean that once in a while God may come into the temples, and that once in a while the pure in heart may see God there; or does it mean the larger thing, that the pure in heart who go into the temples, may, there, by the Spirit of God, always have a wonderfully rich communion with God? I think that is what it means to me and to you and to most of us. We have gone into these holy houses, with our minds freed from the ordinary earthly cares, and have literally felt the presence of God. In this way, the temples are always places where God manifests himself to man and increases his intelligence. A temple is a place of revelation"

(Elder John A. Widtsoe in "Temple Worship," The Utah Genealogical and Historical Magazine, vol. 12 [April 1921], 56).



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(President Howard W. Hunter, "Follow the Son of God," Oct 1994 GC, Ensign, Nov. 1994, 87–88).

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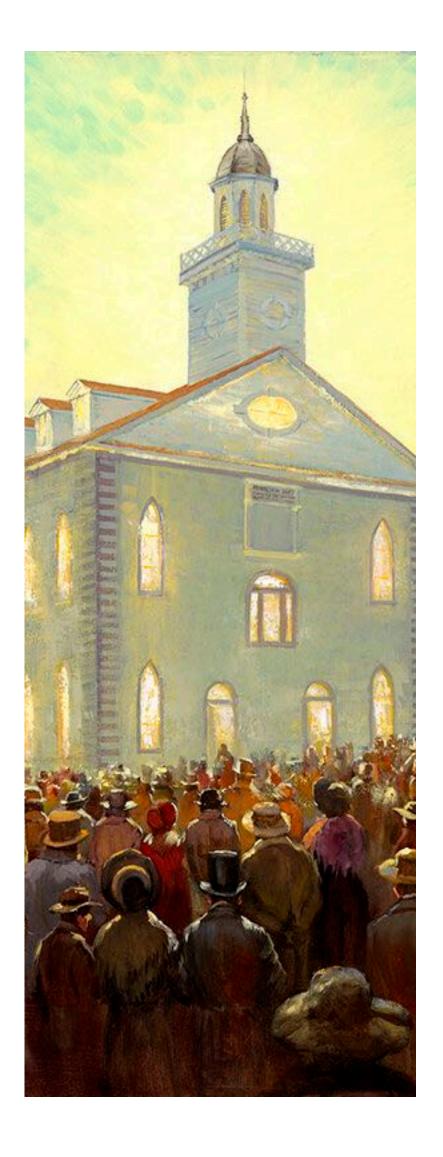
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Elder Christofferson further explained, "The 'fulness of the Holy Ghost' [D&C 109:15] includes what Jesus described as 'the promise which I give unto you of eternal life, even the glory of the celestial kingdom; which glory is that of the church of the Firstborn, even of God, the holiest of all, through Jesus Christ his Son' (D&C 88:4–5)" ("The Power of Covenants," Apr 2009 GC, 23, note 5).

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25 That no weapon ^{*a*} formed against them shall prosper; that he who

diggeth a ^bpit for them shall fall into the same himself;

26 That no combination of wickedness shall have power to rise up and ^{*a*} prevail over thy people upon whom thy ^bname shall be put in this house;

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31 For thou knowest, O Lord, that thy servants have been innocent before thee in ^{*a*} bearing record of thy name, for which they have suffered these things.

32 Therefore we plead before thee for a full and complete ^{*a*} deliverance

33 Break it off, O Lord; break it off from the necks of thy servants, by thy power, that we may rise up in the midst of this generation and do thy work.

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"... Our Redeemer requires that His temples be protected from desecration. No unclean thing may enter His hallowed house [see D&C 109:20; see also Isaiah 52:11; Alma 11:37; 3 Nephi 27:19]. Yet anyone is welcome who prepares well"

(President Russell M. Nelson, "Personal Preparation for Temple Blessings," Apr 2001 GC, Ensign, May 2001, 32–33).

Called missionaries "can be armed with power [see D&C 109:22] through the covenants and ordinances of the holy temple. Going to the temple and having the spirit of the temple go through you precedes effective service as a full-time missionary"

(Elder David A. Bednar, "Called to the Work," Apr 2017 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2017, 70).

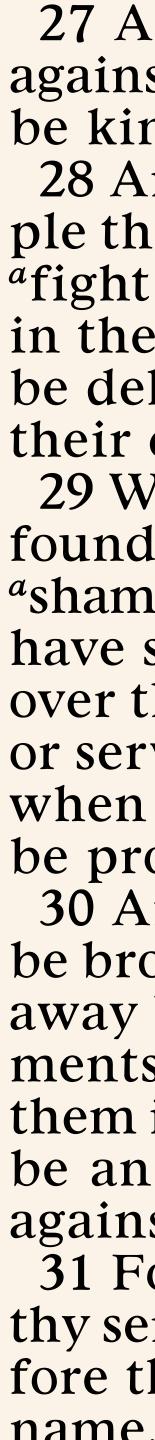
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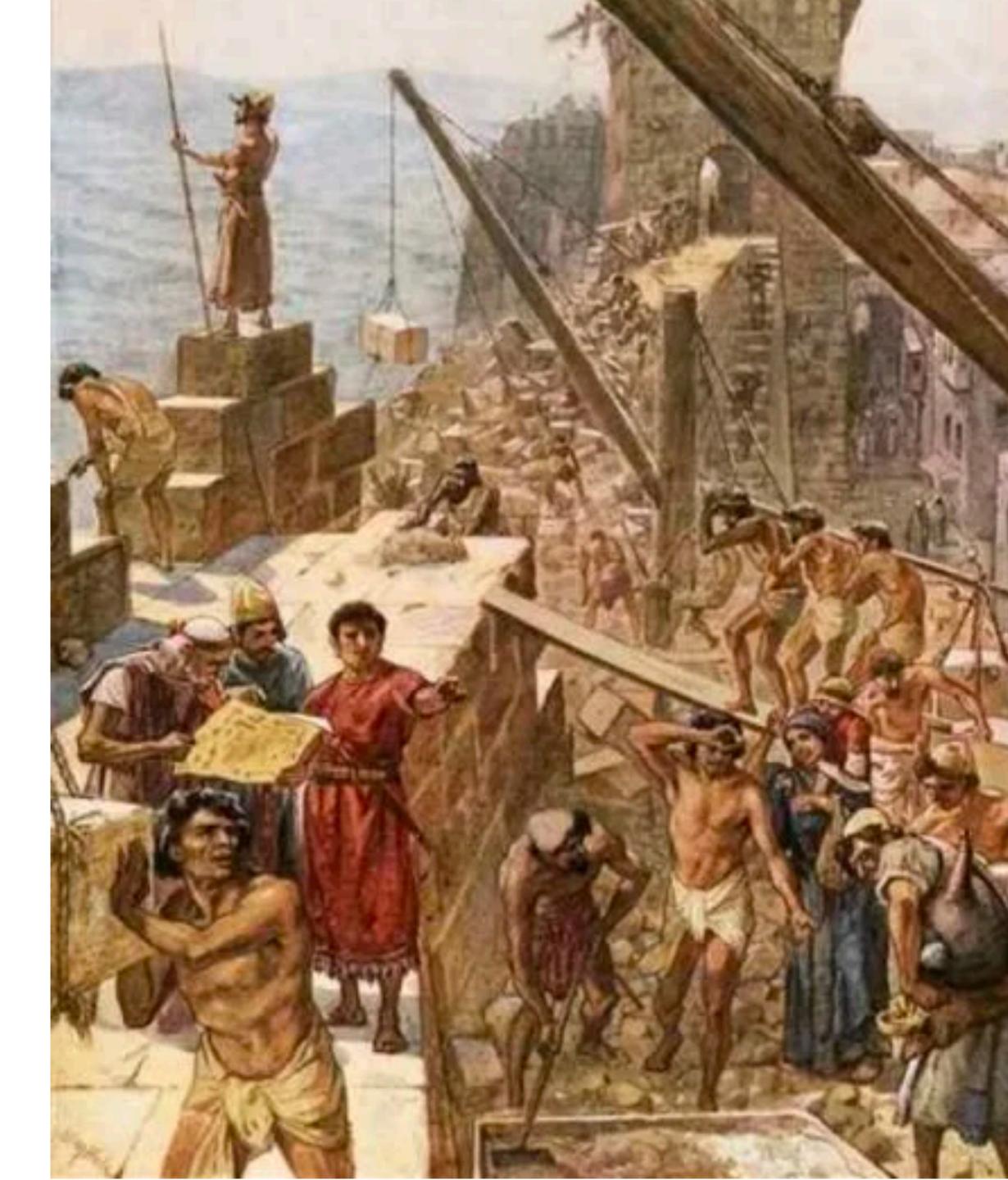
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During the construction of the Kirtland Temple, mobs threatened to destroy the temple. President Brigham Young told of "laborers on the walls, holding the sword in one hand to protect themselves from the mob, while they placed the stone and moved the trowel with the other" (Discourses of Brigham Young, sel. John A. Widtsoe [1954], 415). At times, the men who worked on the temple during the day had to guard it at night.



They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. *Nehemiah 4:17*

...Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord... Nehemiah 4:14



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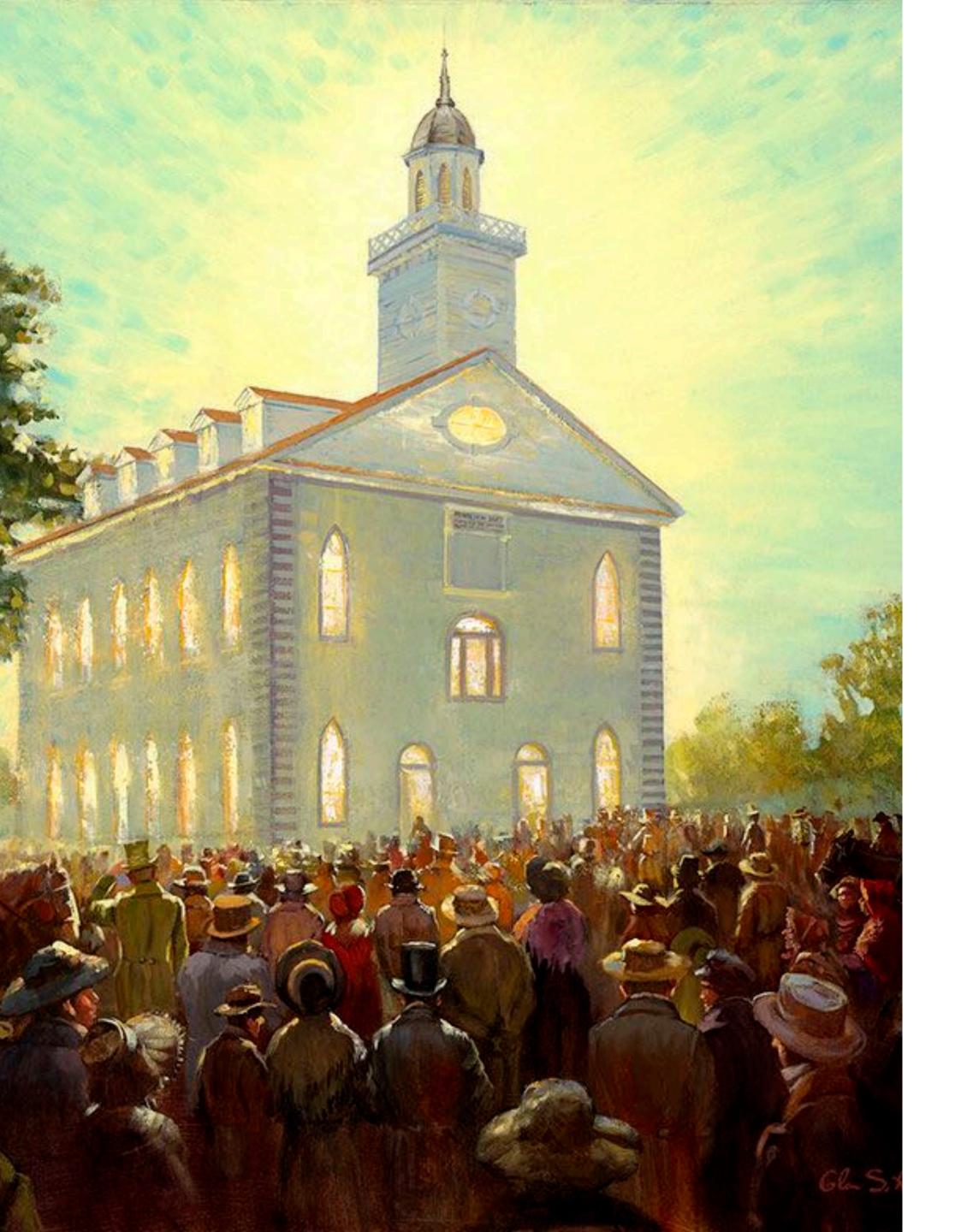
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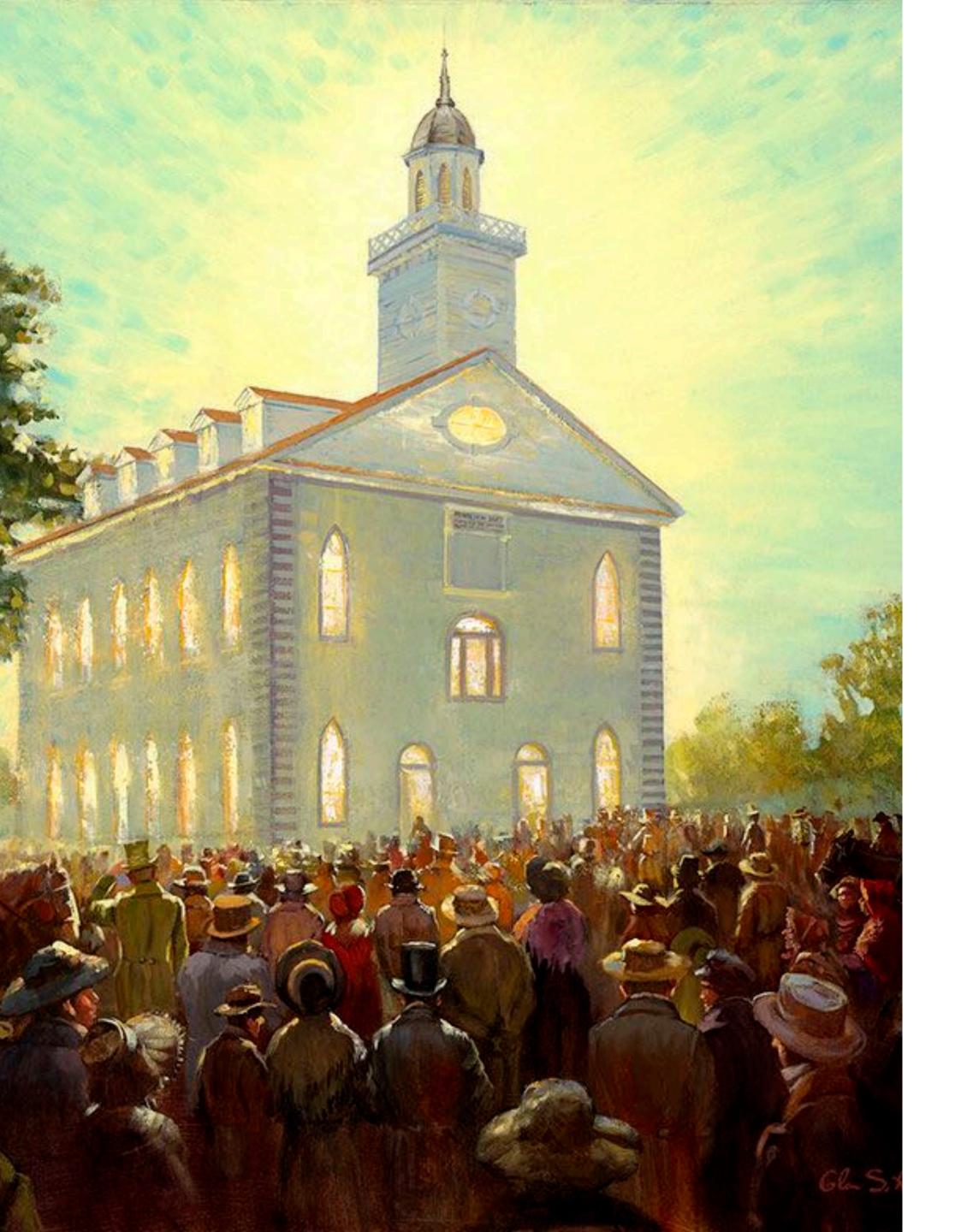
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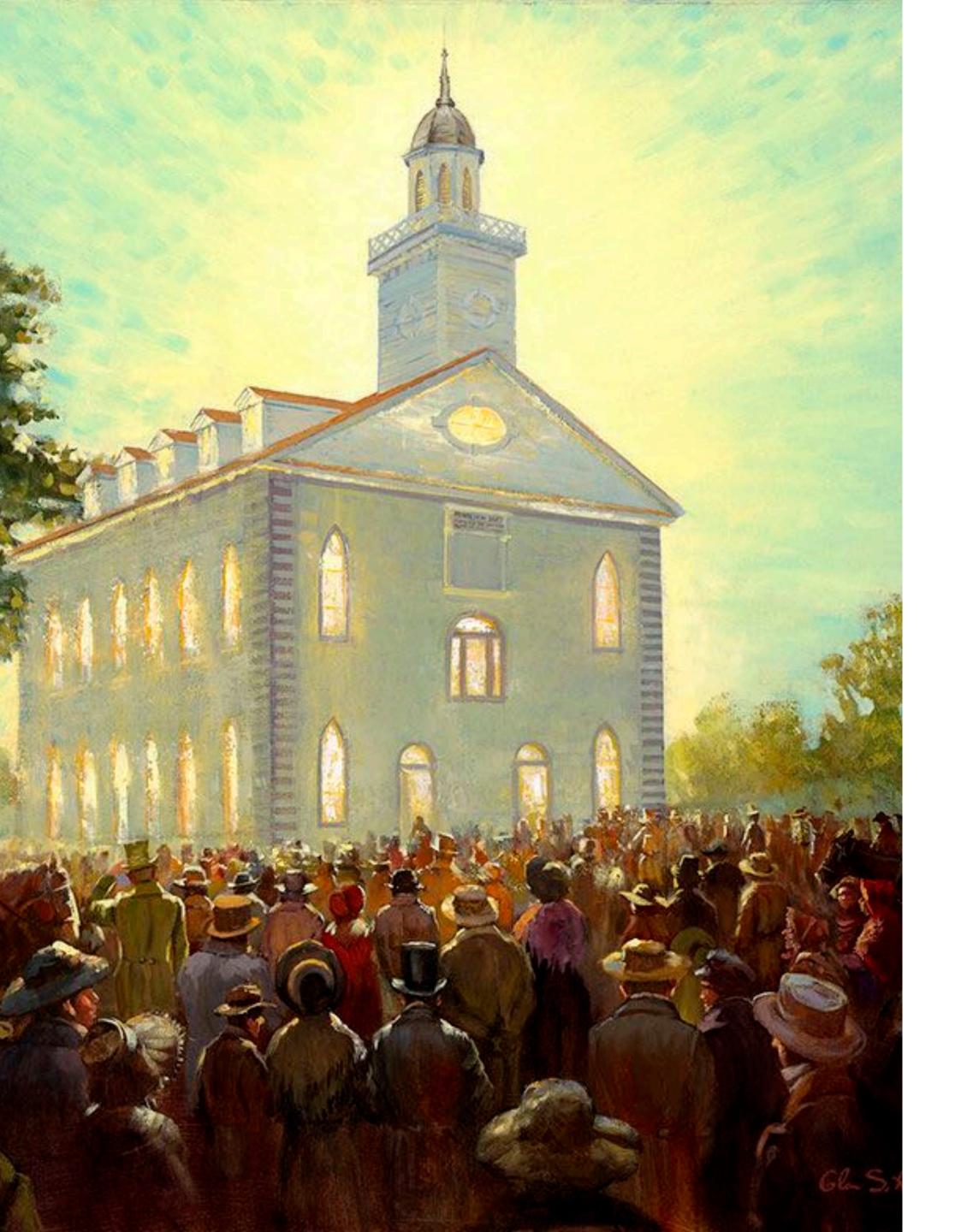
"In the evening I met with the officers of the church in the Lord's house. The Spirit was poured out—I saw the glory of God, like a great cloud, come down and rest upon the house, and fill the same like a mighty rushing wind. I also saw cloven tongues, like as of fire rest upon many, ... while they spake with other tongues and prophesied."

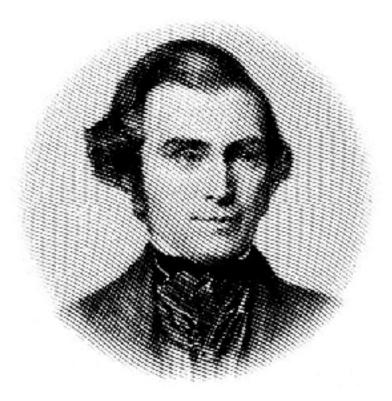




Benjamin Brown

"Many visions [were] seen. One saw a pillow or cloud rest down upon the house, bright as when the sun shines on a cloud like as gold. Two others saw three personages hovering in the room with bright keys in their hands, and also a bright chain in their hands."





Orson Pratt

"God was there, his angels were there, the Holy Ghost was in the midst of the people ... and they were filled from the crown of their heads to the soles of their feet with the power and inspiration of the Holy Ghost."



That evening over four hundred priesthood bearers met in the temple. While George A. Smith was speaking, "a noise was heard like the sound of a rushing mighty wind which filled the Temple, and all the congregation simultaneously arose, being moved upon by an invisible power; many began to speak in tongues and prophesy; others saw glorious visions; and I beheld the Temple was filled with angels." "David Whitmer bore testimony that he saw three angels passing up the south aisle." "The people of the neighborhood came running together (hearing an unusual sound within, and seeing a bright light like a pillar of fire resting upon the Temple)." Others saw angels hovering over the temple and heard heavenly singing.

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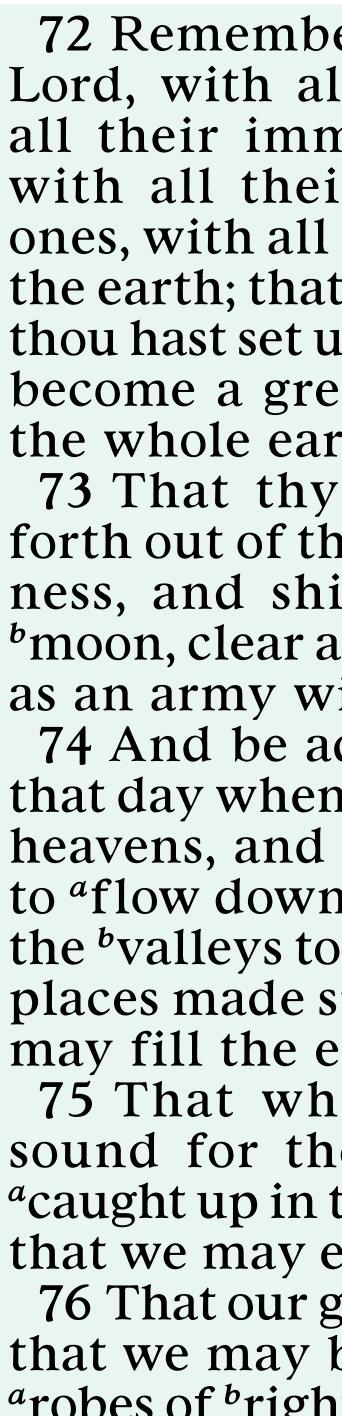
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(President Gordon B. Hinckley, "Remember ... Thy Church, O Lord," Apr 1996 GC, Ensign, May 1996, 83).

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"If you have made covenants, keep them. If you haven't made them, make them. If you have made them and broken them, repent and repair them. It is never too late so long as the Master of the vineyard says there is time. Please listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit telling you right now, this very moment, that you should accept the atoning gift of the Lord Jesus Christ and enjoy the fellowship of His labor"

(Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, "The Laborers in the Vineyard," Apr 2012 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2012, 33).



Doctrine October Covenants





On Easter Sunday, April 3, 1836, one week after the Kirtland Temple was dedicated, approximately 1,000 people gathered in the temple to worship. During the morning meeting they were instructed by Thomas B. Marsh and David W. Patten, who were the senior members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. That afternoon the Prophet Joseph Smith assisted members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in the administration of the sacrament to the congregation (see The Joseph Smith Papers: Journals, Volume 1: 1832–1839, 219). Later in the meeting, Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery went to the elevated pulpits on the west end of the lower court of the temple and lowered the "veils," or canvas curtains, that surrounded the pulpits (see The Joseph Smith Papers: Documents, Volume 5: October 1835–January 1838, 225). After they prayed, the Prophet and Oliver had a vision of the glorified Jesus Christ, who spoke to them. That visitation was followed by the appearance of Moses, Elias, and Elijah, who committed priesthood keys to the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery. An account of that sacred experience was recorded in the Prophet's journal and was later published as Doctrine and Covenants 110.

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THE ^{*a*}veil was taken from our minds, and the ^{*b*}eyes of our ^{*c*}understanding were opened.

2 We ^{*a*}saw the Lord ^{*b*}standing upon the breastwork of the pulpit, before us; and under his feet was a paved work of pure ^cgold, in color like amber.

3 His ^{*a*}eyes were as a flame of fire; the hair of his head was white like the pure snow; his ^{*b*}countenance shone above the brightness of the sun; and his ^{*c*}voice was as the sound of the rushing of great waters, even the voice of ^{*d*} Jehovah, saying:

4 I am the ^{*a*}first and the last; I am he who ^{*b*}liveth, I am he who was slain; I am your ^{*c*}advocate with the Father.

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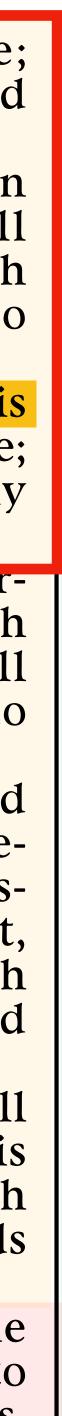
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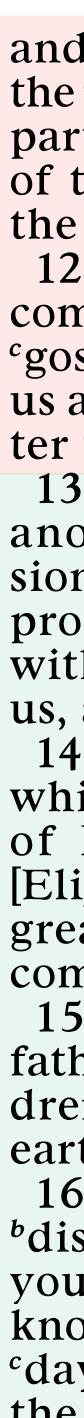
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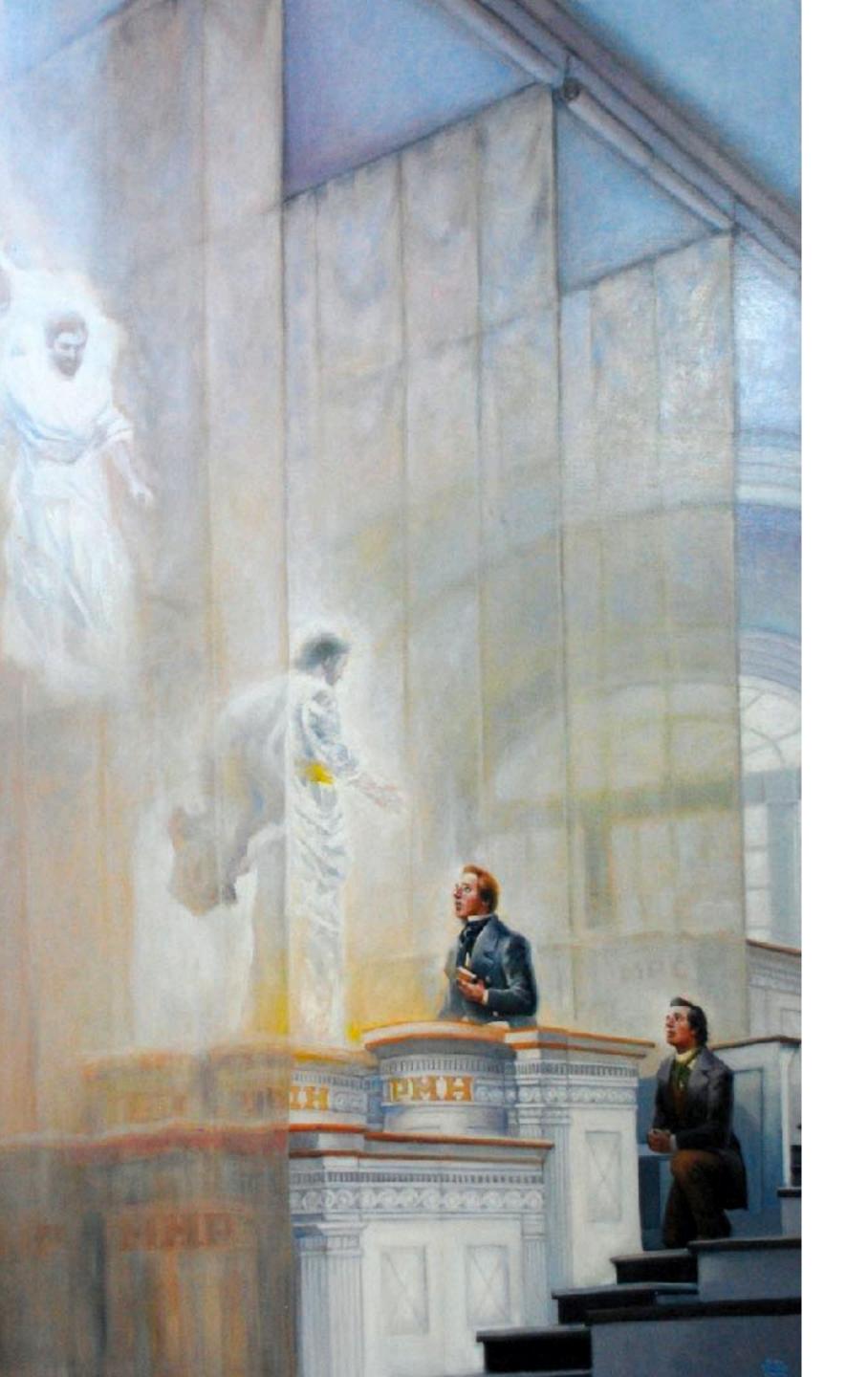
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"In the Kirtland Temple there was no provision made for the salvation of the dead. It had no baptismal font, for it was only a preparatory temple. It had no provision for the endowment ordinances which were later revealed. It was a temple, however, and fully answered the purpose of its creation.

"The Kirtland Temple filled its mission shortly after the time of its dedication"

(President Joseph Fielding Smith, Doctrines of Salvation, comp. Bruce R. McConkie [1955], 2:242).

President Boyd K. Packer (1924–2015) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles explained:

"[In 1836] the Lord prophesied that the 'fame of this house shall spread to foreign lands.' (D&C 110:10.) That, under the circumstances then existing, was at best improbable. The Church members were but a handful of Saints living and scattered in the rural areas of a new land. But despite the persecution and struggles and trials of those early days, there are congregations now spread literally across the world, and tens of thousands of missionaries bear witness at every door where they are welcome" (The Holy Temple [1980], 135).

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"You know something about keys. In your pocket there might be a key to your home or car. Priesthood keys, on the other hand, are intangible and invisible. They 'switch on' the authority of the priesthood. Some keys even convey power to bind in heaven as well as on earth [see Matthew 16:19; 18:18; D&C 124:93; 127:7; 128:8, 10; 132:46].

"Joseph Smith conferred priesthood keys upon all of the Twelve. Those keys have been transferred to successive leaders. Today [the President of the Church] holds authority for every restored key held by 'all those who have received a dispensation at any time from the beginning of the creation' [D&C 112:31; see also D&C 128:18]"

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"Elias brings back 'the gospel of Abraham,' the great Abrahamic covenant whereby the faithful receive promises of eternal increase, promises that through celestial marriage their eternal posterity shall be as numerous as the sands upon the seashore or as the stars in heaven for multitude. Elias gives the promise-received of old by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—that in modern men and in their seed all generations shall be blessed. And we are now offering the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to all who will receive them" ("The Keys of the Kingdom," GC Apr 1983, Ensign, May 1983, 22).





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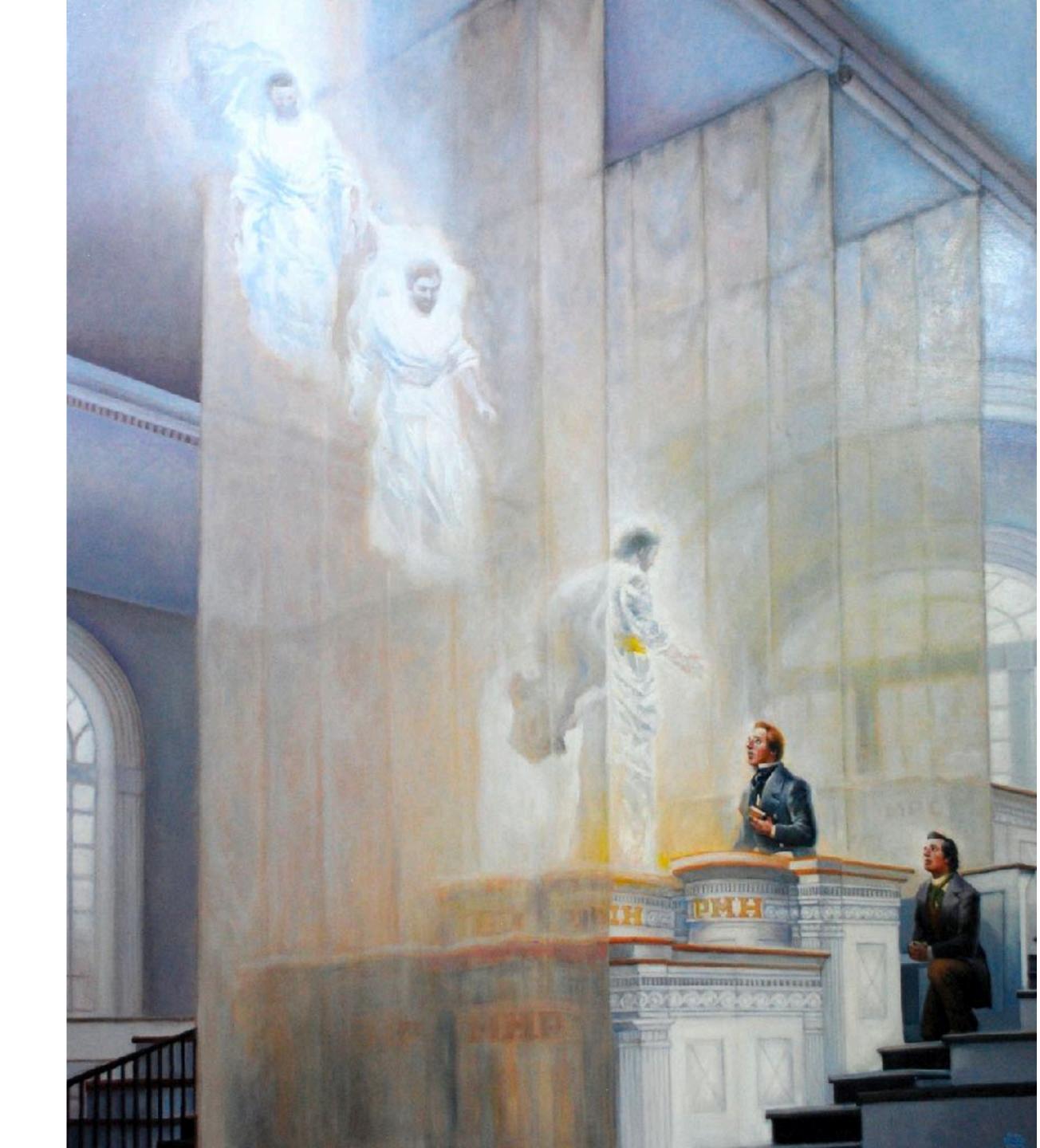
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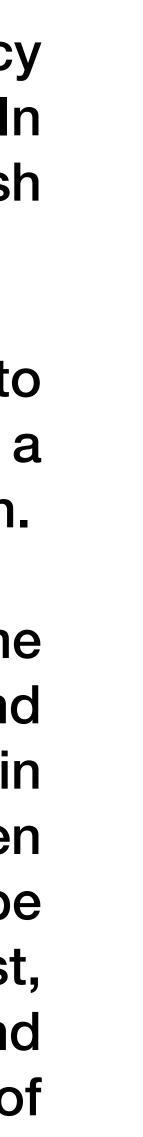
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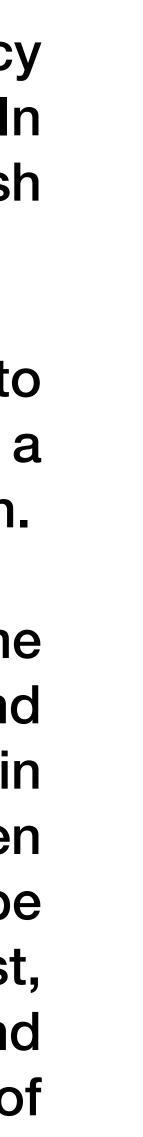




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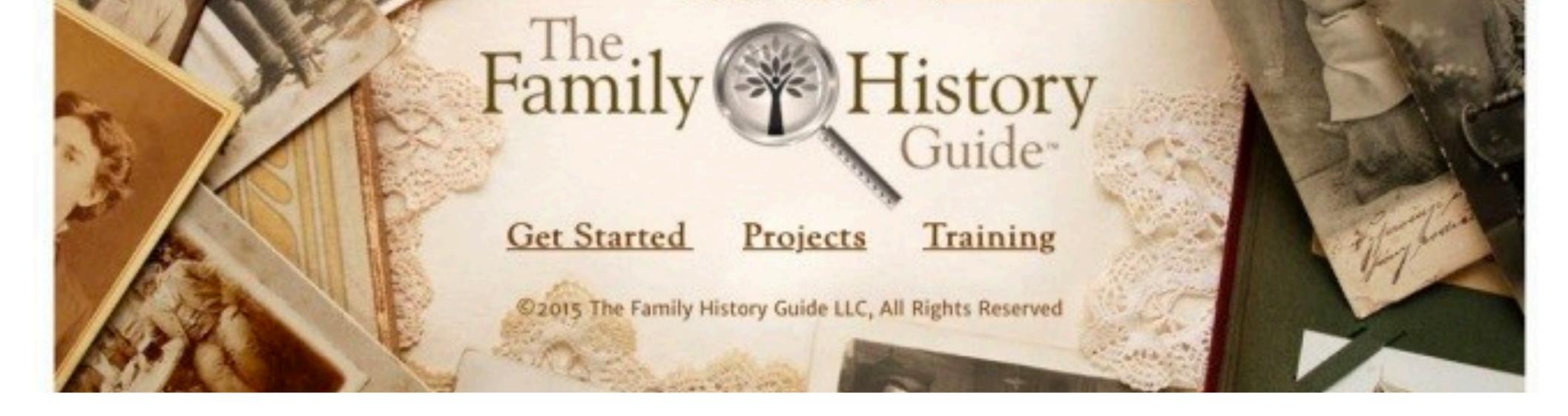
"Elijah came to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the children to the fathers.

"With that, natural affection between generations began to be enriched. This restoration was accompanied by what is sometimes called the Spirit of Elijah-a manifestation of the Holy Ghost bearing witness of the divine nature of the family"

(President Russell M. Nelson, "A New Harvest Time," Apr 1998 GC, Ensign, May 1998, 34).

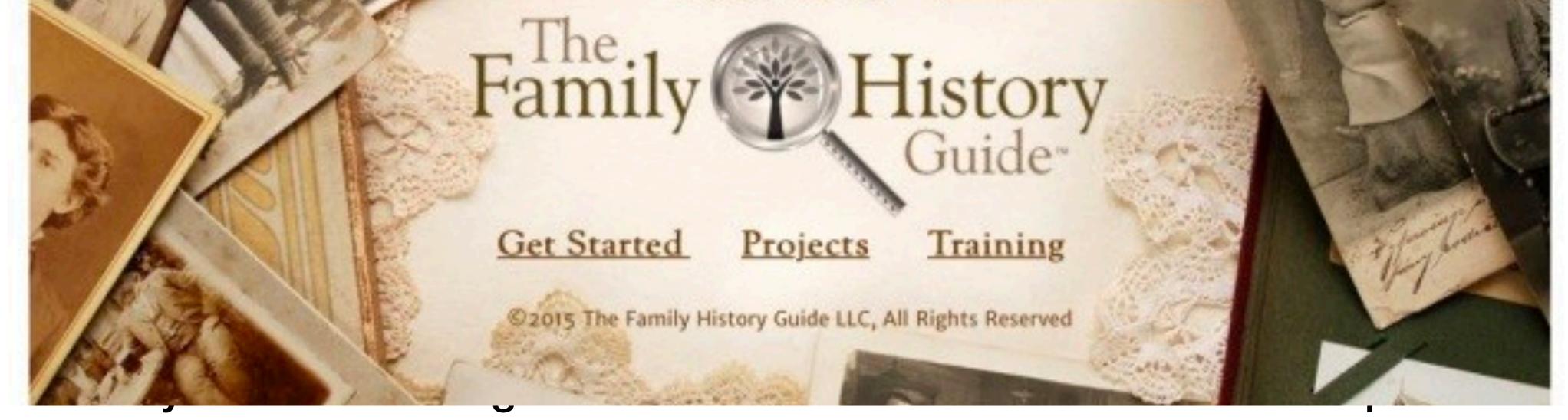






"I testify that the Spirit of Elijah is touching the hearts of many of Father's children throughout the world, causing the work for the dead to accelerate at an unprecedented pace.

"But what about you? Have you prayed about your own ancestors' work? Set aside those things in your life that don't really matter. Decide to do something that will have eternal consequences. Perhaps you have been prompted to look for ancestors but feel you are not a genealogist. Can you see that you don't have to be anymore? It all begins with love and a sincere desire to help those beyond the veil who can't help themselves. Check around. There will be someone in your area who can help you have success.



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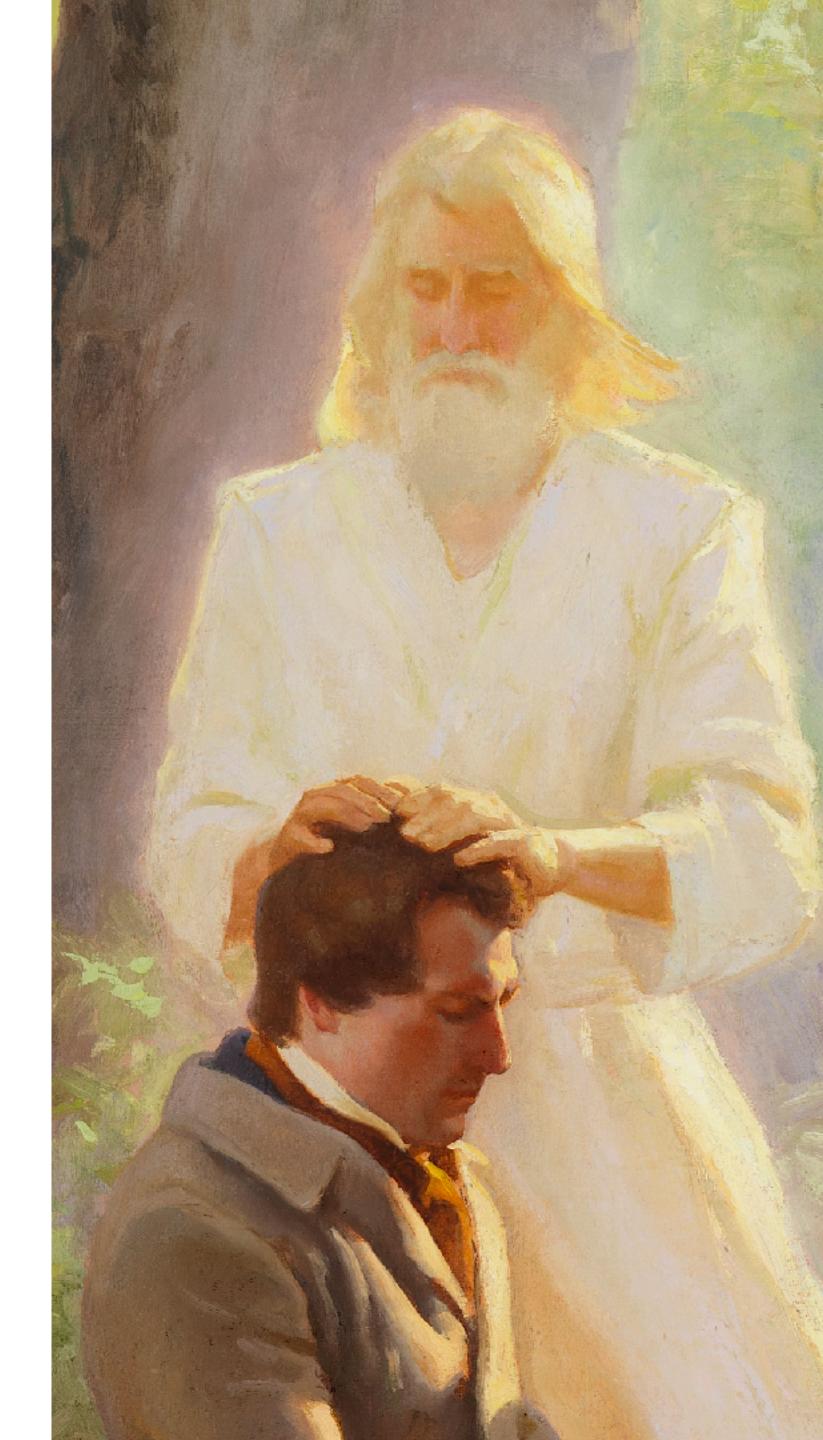
"This work is a spiritual work, a monumental effort of cooperation on both sides of the veil, where help is given in both directions. Anywhere you are in the world, with prayer, faith, determination, diligence, and some sacrifice, you can make a powerful contribution. Begin now. I promise you that the Lord will help you find a way. And it will make you feel wonderful"

(Elder Richard G. Scott, "The Joy of Redeeming the Dead," Oct 2012 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2012, 95).

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(President Russell M. Nelson, "Personal Priesthood Responsibility," Oct 2003 GC, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2003, 45–46).

