

- A Verily, I say unto my servant Joseph Smith, Jun.,
 or in other words, I will call you friends, for you are my friends,
 and ye shall have an inheritance with me--46
 I called you servants
 for the world's sake,
 and ye are their servants
 for my sake--47
 And now, verily I say unto Joseph Smith, Jun.--
- B You have not kept the commandments, and must needs stand rebuked before the Lord; 48
 Your family must needs repent and forsake some things, and give more earnest heed unto your sayings,
 C or be removed out of their place. 49
 What I say unto one I say unto all; pray always lest that wicked one have power in you,
 and remove you out of your place. 50
- A My servant Newel K. Whitney also, a bishop of my church,
 B hath need to be chastened, and set in order his family, and see that they are more diligent and concerned
 at home, and pray always,
 C or they shall be removed out of their place. 51
- A Now, I say unto you, my friends, let my servant Sidney Rigdon go on his journey,
 B and make haste,
 C and also proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the gospel of salvation, as I shall give him
 utterance;
 D and by your prayer of faith with one consent
 E I will uphold him. 52
- A And let my servants Joseph Smith, Jun., and Frederick G. Williams
 B make haste also,
 C and it shall be given them
 D even according to the prayer of faith;
 E and inasmuch as you keep my sayings you shall not be confounded in this world, nor
 in the world to come. 53
- And, verily I say unto you, that it is my will that you should hasten
 to translate my scriptures, and
 to obtain a knowledge
 of history, and
 of countries, and
 of kingdoms,
 of laws of God and man,
 and all this for the salvation of Zion. Amen.

Section 94

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, May 6, 1833. HC 1:346-347. Hyrum Smith, Reynolds Cahoon, and Jared Carter are appointed as a Church building committee.

And again, verily I say unto you, my friends, a commandment I give unto you, that ye shall commence a work of laying out and preparing a beginning and foundation of the city of the stake of Zion, here in the land of Kirtland, beginning at my house. 2 And behold, it must be done according to the pattern which I have given unto you. 3

- A And let the first lot on the south be consecrated unto me for the building of a house for the presidency, for the work of the presidency, in obtaining revelations; and for the work of the ministry of the presidency, in all things pertaining to the church and kingdom. 4
- B Verily I say unto you, that it shall be built fifty-five by sixty-five feet in the width thereof and in the length thereof, in the inner court. 5
- C And there shall be a lower court and a higher court, according to the pattern which shall be given unto you hereafter. 6
- D And it shall be dedicated unto the Lord from the foundation thereof, according to the order of the priesthood, according to the pattern which shall be given unto you hereafter. 7
- E And it shall be wholly dedicated unto the Lord for the work of the presidency. 8
- F And it shall not suffer any unclean thing to come in unto it; and my glory shall be there, and my presence shall be there. 9
But if there shall come into it any unclean thing, my glory shall not be there; and my presence shall not come into it. 10
- A And again, verily I say unto you, the second lot on the south shall be dedicated unto me for the building of a house unto me, for the work of the printing of the translation of my scriptures, and all things whatsoever I shall command you. 11
- B And it shall be fifty-five by sixty-five feet in the width thereof and the length thereof, in the inner court;
- C and there shall be a lower and a higher court. 12
- D And this house shall be wholly dedicated unto the Lord from the foundation thereof,
- E for the work of the printing, in all things whatsoever I shall command you,
- F to be holy, undefiled, according to the pattern in all things as it shall be given unto you. 13

And on the third lot shall my servant Hyrum Smith receive his inheritance. 14

And on the first and second lots on the north shall my servants Reynolds Cahoon and Jared Carter receive their inheritances--15

That they may do the work which I have appointed unto them, to be a committee to build mine houses, according to the commandment, which I, the Lord God, have given unto you. 16

These two houses are not to be built until I give unto you a commandment concerning them. 17

And now I give unto you no more at this time. Amen.

Section 95

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, June 1, 1833. HC 1:350-352. This revelation is a continuation of divine directions to build houses for worship and instruction, especially the House of the Lord. See Section 88:119-136 and Section 94.

- Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you whom I love,
 and whom I love I also chasten
 that their sins may be forgiven,
 for with the chastisement
 I prepare a way for their deliverance in all things out of temptation,
 and I have loved you--2
 Wherefore, ye must needs be chastened and stand rebuked before my face; 3
 For ye have sinned against me a very grievous sin,
 in that ye have not considered the great commandment in all things, that I have given unto
 you concerning the building of mine house; 4
 For the preparation wherewith I design to prepare mine apostles to prune my vineyard
 for the last time,
 that I may bring to pass my strange act,
 that I may pour out my Spirit upon all flesh--5
 But behold, verily I say unto you, that there are many who have been ordained among you, whom I have
 called but few of them are chosen. 6
 They who are not chosen have sinned a very grievous sin,
 in that they are walking in darkness at noon-day. 7 And for this cause I gave unto you a
 commandment that you should call your solemn assembly, that your fastings and your
 mourning might come up into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, which is by interpretation, the
 creator of the first day, the beginning and the end. 8 Yea, verily I say unto you, I gave unto
 you a commandment that you should build a house,
 in the which house I design to endow those whom I have chosen with power from on
 high; 9
 For this is the promise of the Father unto you; therefore I command you to tarry,
 even as mine apostles at Jerusalem. 10
 Nevertheless, my servants sinned a very grievous sin; and contentions arose in the school of the
 prophets; which was very grievous unto me, saith your Lord;
 therefore I sent them forth to be chastened. 11
- A Verily I say unto you, it is my will
- B that you should build a house.
 If you keep my commandments
 you shall have power to build it. 12
 If you keep not my commandments,
 the love of the Father shall not continue with you, therefore you shall walk in darkness. 13
- A Now here is wisdom, and the mind of the Lord--
- B let the house be built,
 not after the manner of the world, for I give not unto you that ye shall live after the manner of the
 world; 14
 Therefore, let it be built
 after the manner which I shall show unto three of you, whom ye shall appoint and ordain unto this
 power. 15
 And the size thereof shall be fifty and five feet in width, and let it be sixty-five feet in length,
 in the inner court thereof. 16
- C And let the lower part of the inner court be dedicated unto me
 for your sacrament offering, and
 for your preaching, and
 your fasting, and
 your praying, and
 the offering up of your most holy desires unto me,
 saith your Lord. 17

And let the higher part of the inner court be dedicated unto me
 for the school of mine apostles,
 saith Son Ahman; or, in other words, Alphus; or, in other words, Omegus; even Jesus
 Christ your Lord. Amen.

Section 96

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet, showing the order of the City or Stake of Zion at Kirtland, Ohio, June 4, 1833. Given as an example to the saints in Kirtland. HC 1:352-353. The occasion was a conference of high priests, and the chief subject of consideration was the disposal of certain lands, known as the French farm, possessed by the Church near Kirtland. Since the conference could not agree who should take charge of the farm, all agreed to inquire of the Lord concerning the matter.

- A Behold, I say unto you,
- B here is wisdom, whereby ye may know how to act concerning this matter,
- C for it is expedient in me that this stake that I have set for the strength of Zion should be made strong. 2
- D Therefore, let my servant Newel K. Whitney take charge of the place which is named among you, upon which I design to build mine holy house. 3 And again, let it be divided into lots, according to wisdom, for the benefit of those who seek inheritances, as it shall be determined in council among you. 4
- E Therefore, take heed that ye see to this matter, and that portion that is necessary to benefit mine order,
- F for the purpose of bringing forth my word to the children of men. 5
- G For behold, verily I say unto you, this is the most expedient in me,
- F that my word should go forth unto the children of men,
- E for the purpose of subduing the hearts of the children of men for your good. Even so. Amen. 6
- A And again, verily I say unto you,
- B it is wisdom
- C and expedient in me,
- D that my servant John Johnson
 whose offering I have accepted, and
 whose prayers I have heard,
 unto whom I give a promise of eternal life
 inasmuch as he keepeth my commandments from henceforth--7 For he is a
 descendant of Joseph and a partaker of the blessings of the promise made unto his
 fathers--8
- E Verily I say unto you, it is expedient in me that he should become a member of the order,
- F that he may assist in bringing forth my word unto the children of men. 9
- E Therefore ye shall ordain him unto this blessing,

- D and he shall seek diligently to take away incumbrances that are upon the house named among you, that he may dwell therein. Even so. Amen.

Section 97

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, August 2, 1833. HC 1:400-402. This revelation deals particularly with affairs of the saints in Zion, Jackson County, Missouri, in response to the Prophet's inquiry of the Lord for information. Members of the Church in Missouri were at this time subjected to severe persecution, and on July 23, 1833, had been forced to sign an agreement to leave Jackson County.

- A₁ Verily I say unto you my friends, I speak unto you with my voice, even the voice of my Spirit,
- A₂ that I may show unto you my will concerning your brethren in the land of Zion, many of whom are truly humble and are seeking diligently to learn wisdom and to find truth. 2
- B₁ Verily, verily I say unto you, blessed are such, for they shall obtain; for I, the Lord, show mercy unto all the meek, and upon all whomsoever I will,
- B₂ that I may be justified when I shall bring them unto judgment. 3
- C Behold, I say unto you, concerning the school in Zion, I, the Lord, am well pleased that there should be a school in Zion,
- D and also with my servant Parley P. Pratt, for he abideth in me. 4
- D And inasmuch as he continueth to abide in me
- C he shall continue to preside over the school in the land of Zion until I shall give unto him other commandments. 5 And I will bless him with a multiplicity of blessings, in expounding all scriptures and mysteries to the edification of the school, and of the church in Zion. 6
- B₁ And to the residue of the school, I, the Lord, am willing to show mercy; nevertheless, there are those that must needs be chastened, and their works shall be made known. 7
- B₂ The ax is laid at the root of the trees; and every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit shall be hewn down and cast into the fire. I, the Lord, have spoken it. 8
- A₁ Verily I say unto you,
- A₂ all among them who know their hearts are honest, and are broken, and their spirits contrite, and are willing to observe their covenants by sacrifice--yea, every sacrifice which I, the Lord, shall command--they are accepted of me. 9 For I, the Lord, will cause them to bring forth as a very fruitful tree which is planted in a goodly land, by a pure stream, that yieldeth much precious fruit. 10
- A Verily I say unto you, that it is my will that a house should be built unto me in the land of Zion, like unto the pattern which I have given you. 11
- B Yea, let it be built speedily, by the tithing of my people. 12
- B Behold, this is the tithing and the sacrifice which I, the Lord, require at their hands,
- A that there may be a house built unto me
for the salvation of Zion--13
For a place of thanksgiving for all saints, and
for a place of instruction
for all those who are called to the work of the ministry in all their several callings and offices; 14
That they may be perfected in the understanding
of their ministry,

in theory,
 in principle, and
 in doctrine,
 in all things pertaining to the kingdom of God on the earth, the keys of which kingdom
 have been conferred upon you. 15

A And inasmuch as my people build a house unto me in the name of the Lord, and do not suffer any unclean thing to come into it, that it be not defiled,

B my glory shall rest upon it; 16

C Yea, and my presence shall be there, for I will come into it,

D and all the pure in heart that shall come into it shall see God. 17

C But if it be defiled I will not come into it,

B and my glory shall not be there;

A for I will not come into unholy temples.† 18

A And, now, behold, if Zion do these things she shall prosper, and spread herself and become very glorious, very great, and very terrible. 19

B And the nations of the earth shall honor her, and shall say:
 Surely Zion is the city of our God, and surely Zion cannot fall, neither be moved out of her place, for God is there, and the hand of the Lord is there; 20
 And he hath sworn by the power of his might to be her salvation and her high tower. 21

C Therefore, verily, thus saith the Lord, let Zion rejoice,

D for this is Zion--THE PURE IN HEART;

C therefore, let Zion rejoice,

B a while all the wicked shall mourn. 22
 For behold, and lo, vengeance cometh speedily upon the ungodly as the whirlwind; and who shall escape it? 23
 The Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day, and the report thereof shall vex all people; yea, it shall not be stayed until the Lord come; 24

b For the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations and all their wicked works. 25

c Nevertheless, Zion shall escape if she observe to do all things whatsoever I have commanded her. 26

c But if she observe not to do whatsoever I have commanded her,

b I will visit her according to all her works,

- a with sore affliction,
with pestilence,
with plague,
with sword,
with vengeance,
with devouring fire. 27
- A Nevertheless, let it be read this once to her ears,
that I, the Lord, have accepted of her offering;
and if she sin no more none of these things shall come upon her; 28
And I will bless her with blessings, and multiply a multiplicity of blessings upon her, and upon her
generations forever and ever, saith the Lord your God. Amen.

Section 98

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, August 6, 1833. HC 1:403-406. This revelation came in consequence of the persecution upon the saints in Missouri. It is natural that the saints in Missouri, having suffered physically and also having lost property, should feel an inclination toward retaliation and revenge. Therefore the Lord gave this revelation. Although some news of the problems in Missouri had no doubt reached the Prophet in Kirtland (nine hundred miles away), the seriousness of the situation could have been known to him at this date only by revelation.

- A Verily I say unto you my friends,
- B fear not, let your hearts be comforted; yea, rejoice evermore, and in everything give thanks; 2 Waiting patiently on the Lord, for your prayers have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth, and are recorded with this seal and testament--
- C the Lord
hath sworn and decreed
that they shall be granted. 3
- C Therefore, he
giveth this promise unto you, with an immutable covenant
that they shall be fulfilled;
- B and all things wherewith you have been afflicted shall work together for your good, and to my name's glory,
- A saith the Lord. 4
- A And now, verily I say unto you concerning the laws of the land, it is my will that my people should observe to do all things whatsoever I command them. 5 And that law of the land
- B which is constitutional,
- C supporting that principle of freedom in maintaining rights and privileges,
- D belongs to all mankind,
- E and is justifiable
- F before me. 6
- F Therefore, I, the Lord,

- E justify you,
- D and your brethren of my church,
- C in befriending that law
- B which is the constitutional
- A law of the land; 7
- A And as pertaining to law of man, whatsoever is more or less than this, cometh of evil. 8 I, the Lord God, make you free, therefore ye are free indeed; and the law also maketh you free. 9
- B Nevertheless, when the wicked rule the people mourn. 10
- B Wherefore, honest men and wise men should be sought for diligently, and good men and wise men ye should observe to uphold;
- A otherwise whatsoever is less than these cometh of evil. 11
- A₁ And I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall forsake all evil and cleave unto all good,
- A₂ that ye shall live by every word which proceedeth forth out of the mouth of God. 12
- A₃ For he will give unto the faithful line upon line, precept upon precept; and I will try you and prove you herewith. 13
- B And whoso layeth down his life in my cause, for my name's sake, shall find it again, even life eternal. 14
- C Therefore, be not afraid of your enemies,
- D for I have decreed in my heart, saith the Lord, that I will prove you in all things, whether you will abide in my covenant, even unto death, that you may be found worthy. 15
- D For if ye will not abide in my covenant ye are not worthy of me. 16
- C Therefore, renounce war and proclaim peace, and
- seek diligently to turn
the hearts of
the children
to their fathers, and
the hearts
of the fathers
to the children; 17
- And again,
the hearts
of the Jews
unto the prophets, and
the prophets
unto the Jews;
- lest I come and smite the whole earth with a curse, and all flesh be consumed before me. 18