

B and it is even as I am.

A I say unto you, be one; and if ye are not one ye are not mine. 28

And again, I say unto you that the enemy in the secret chambers seeketh your lives. 29

Ye hear of wars in far countries, and you say that there will soon be great wars in far countries, but ye know not the hearts of men in your own land. 30

I tell you these things because of your prayers;  
 wherefore, treasure up wisdom in your bosoms,  
 lest the wickedness of men reveal these things unto you by their wickedness, in a manner  
 which shall speak in your ears with a voice louder than that which shall shake the earth;  
 but if ye are prepared ye shall not fear. 31

A And that ye might escape the power of the enemy, and be gathered unto me a righteous people, without spot and blameless-- 32 Wherefore, for this cause I gave unto you the commandment that ye should go to the Ohio;

B<sub>1</sub> and there I will give unto you my law; and there you shall be endowed with power from on high; 33

B<sub>2</sub> And from thence, whosoever I will shall go forth among all nations,

C and it shall be told them what they shall do;  
 for I have a great work laid up in store,  
 for Israel shall be saved, and  
 I will lead them whithersoever I will,

D and no power shall stay my hand. 34

C And now, I give unto the church in these parts a commandment, that certain men among them shall be appointed, and they shall be appointed by the voice of the church; 35

And they shall  
 look to the poor and the needy, and  
 administer to their relief that they shall not suffer; and  
 send them forth to the place which I have commanded them; 36  
 And this shall be their work,  
 to govern the affairs of the property of this church. 37

And they that have farms that cannot be sold, let them be left or rented as seemeth them good. 38

See that all things are preserved;

B<sub>1</sub> and when men are endowed with power from on high

B<sub>2</sub> and sent forth,

A all these things shall be gathered unto the bosom of the church.† 39

And if ye seek the riches which it is the will of the Father to give unto you,  
 ye shall be the richest of all people,

for ye shall have the riches of eternity;  
 and it must needs be that the riches of the earth are mine to give;  
 but beware of pride, lest ye become as the Nephites of old. 40

And again, I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both  
 elder,  
 priest,  
 teacher, and also  
 member,

- go to with his might, with the labor of his hands,  
to prepare and accomplish the things which I have commanded. 41
- And let your preaching be the warning voice,  
every man to his neighbor, in mildness and in meekness. 42
- And go ye out from among the wicked.
- Save yourselves.
- Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord. Even so. Amen

## Section 39

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to James Covill, at Fayette, New York, January 5, 1831. HC 1:143-145. James Covill, who had been a Baptist minister for about forty years, covenanted with the Lord that he would obey any command that the Lord would give to him through Joseph the Prophet.

Hearken and listen to the voice of him who is from all eternity to all eternity,  
the Great I AM,  
even Jesus Christ--2  
The light and the life of the world;

A a light which shineth in darkness  
and the darkness comprehendeth it not; 3  
The same which came in the meridian of time unto mine own,  
and mine own received me not; 4

B But to as many as received me,  
gave I power to become my sons;

B and even so will I give unto as many as will receive me,  
power to become my sons. 5

A And verily, verily, I say unto you, he that receiveth my gospel  
receiveth me;  
and he that receiveth not my gospel  
receiveth not me. 6

A And this is my gospel--repentance and baptism by water, and then cometh the baptism of fire and the Holy Ghost, even the Comforter, which showeth all things, and teacheth the peaceable things of the kingdom. 7

B And now, behold, I say unto you, my servant James, I have looked upon thy works and I know thee. 8

C And verily I say unto thee, thine heart is now right before me at this time;

C and, behold, I have bestowed great blessings upon thy head; 9

B Nevertheless, thou hast seen great sorrow, for thou hast rejected me many times because of pride and the cares of the world. 10

A But, behold, the days of thy deliverance are come, if thou wilt hearken to my voice, which saith unto thee: Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on my name, and you shall receive my Spirit, and a blessing so great as you never have known. 11

A And if thou do this, I have prepared thee for a greater work. Thou shalt preach  
the fulness of my gospel,  
which I have sent forth in these last days,  
the covenant  
which I have sent forth to recover my people, which are of the house of Israel. 12

- B And it shall come to pass that  
power shall rest upon thee;  
thou shalt have great faith, and  
I will be with thee and go before thy face. 13
- A Thou art called  
to labor in my vineyard, and  
to build up my church, and  
to bring forth Zion,  
that it may rejoice upon the hills and flourish. 14
- Behold, verily, verily, I say unto thee, thou art not called to go into the eastern countries, but thou art called to go to the Ohio. 15 And inasmuch as my people shall assemble themselves at the Ohio, I have kept in store a blessing such as is not known among the children of men, and it shall be poured forth upon their heads.
- A And from thence men shall go forth into all nations. 16
- B Behold, verily, verily, I say unto you, that the people in Ohio call upon me in much faith, thinking I will stay my hand in judgment upon the nations, but I cannot deny my word. 17
- C Wherefore lay to with your might and call faithful laborers into my vineyard, that it may be pruned for the last time. 18
- B And inasmuch as they do repent and receive the fulness of my gospel, and become sanctified, I will stay mine hand in judgment. 19
- A Wherefore, go forth,  
crying with a loud voice, saying:  
The kingdom of heaven is at hand;  
crying:  
Hosanna! blessed be the name of the Most High God. 20
- Go forth  
baptizing with water,  
preparing the way before my face for the time of my coming; 21  
For the time is at hand; the day or the hour no man knoweth; but it surely shall come. 22  
And he that receiveth these things receiveth me; and they shall be gathered unto me in time and in eternity. 23  
And again, it shall come to pass that on as many as ye shall baptize with water, ye shall lay your hands, and they shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost,  
and shall be looking forth for the signs of my coming, and shall know me. 24  
Behold, I come quickly. Even so. Amen.

## Section 40

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet and Sidney Rigdon, at Fayette, New York, January 1831. HC 1:145. Preceding the record of this revelation, the Prophet wrote: "As James Covill rejected the word of the Lord, and returned to his former principles and people, the Lord gave unto me and Sidney Rigdon the following revelation."

- A Behold, verily I say unto you, that the heart of my servant James Covill was right before me,
- B for he covenanted with me that he would obey my word. 2
- C And he received the word with gladness,
- D but straightway Satan tempted him;  
and the fear of persecution  
and the cares of the world

- C    caused him to reject the word. 3
- B    Wherefore he broke my covenant,
- A    and it remaineth with me to do with him as seemeth me good. Amen.

## Section 41

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to the Church, at Kirtland, Ohio, February 4, 1831. HC 1:146-147. The Kirtland Branch of the Church at this time was rapidly increasing in numbers. Prefacing this revelation the Prophet wrote: "The members were striving to do the will of God, so far as they knew it, though some strange notions and false spirits had crept in among them...[and] the Lord gave unto the Church the following."

- A    Hearken and hear,  
       O ye my people,  
           saith the Lord and your God,  
       ye whom I delight to bless with the greatest of all blessings,  
       ye that hear me;
- B    and ye that hear me not will I curse, that have professed my name, with the heaviest of all cursings. 2
- C    Hearken, O ye elders of my church whom I have called,
- D    behold I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall assemble yourselves together to agree upon my word; 3 And by the prayer of your faith ye shall receive my law,
- E    that ye may know how to govern my church and have all things right before me. 4
- E    And I will be your ruler when I come; and behold, I come quickly,
- D    and ye shall see that my law is kept. 5 He that receiveth my law and doeth it,
- C    the same is my disciple;
- B    and he that saith he receiveth it and doeth it not, the same is not my disciple, and shall be cast out from among you; 6
- A    For it is not meet that  
       the things which belong to the children of the kingdom should be given  
       to them that are not worthy, or  
       to dogs, or  
       the pearls to be cast  
       before swine.† 7

And again, it is meet that my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., should have a house built, in which to live and translate. 8

And again, it is meet that my servant Sidney Rigdon should live as seemeth him good, inasmuch as he keepeth my commandments. 9

- And again, I have called my servant Edward Partridge;  
       and I give  
       a commandment,  
           that he should be appointed by the voice of the church,  
           and ordained a bishop unto the church,  
           to leave his merchandise  
           and to spend all his time in the labors of the church; 10  
       To see to all things as it shall be appointed unto him

in my laws  
 in the day that I shall give them. 11  
 And this because his heart is pure before me, for he is like unto Nathanael of old, in whom there is no guile. 12

These words are given unto you, and they are pure before me; wherefore, beware how you hold them, for they are to be answered upon your souls in the day of judgment. Even so. Amen.

## Section 42

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, February 9, 1831. HC 1:148-154. It was received in the presence of twelve elders, and in fulfillment of the Lord's promise previously made that the "law" would be given in Ohio; see Section 38:32. The Prophet specifies this revelation as "embracing the law of the Church."

- A Hearken, O ye elders of my church,  
 B who have assembled yourselves together  
 C in my name, even Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, the Savior of the world;  
 D inasmuch as ye believe on my name  
 E and keep my commandments. 2
- A Again I say unto you, hearken and hear  
 E and obey the law which I shall give unto you. 3
- B For verily I say, as ye have assembled yourselves together according to the commandment wherewith I commanded you,  
 D and are agreed as touching this one thing, and have asked the Father  
 C in my name, even so ye shall receive. 4
- Behold, verily I say unto you, I give unto you this first commandment,  
 that ye shall go forth in my name,  
 every one of you, excepting my servants Joseph Smith, Jun., and Sidney Rigdon. 5
- And I give unto them a commandment  
 that they shall go forth for a little season,  
 and it shall be given by the power of the Spirit when they shall return. 6
- And ye shall go forth in the power of my Spirit,  
 preaching my gospel, two by two, in my name, lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trumpet,  
 declaring my word like unto angels of God. 7
- And ye shall go forth baptizing with water,  
 saying: Repent ye, repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8
- And from this place ye shall go forth into the regions westward;  
 and inasmuch as ye shall find them that will receive you ye shall build up my church in every region-- 9  
 Until the time shall come when it shall be revealed unto you from on high, when the city of the New Jerusalem shall be prepared,  
 that ye may be gathered in one,  
 that ye may be my people  
 and I will be your God. 10

And again, I say unto you, that my servant Edward Partridge shall stand in the office whereunto I have appointed him. And it shall come to pass, that if he transgress another shall be appointed in his stead. Even so. Amen. 11

Again I say unto you, that it shall not be given to any one to go forth  
to preach my gospel, or  
to build up my church,  
except he be ordained by some one who has authority,  
and it is known to the church that he has authority  
and has been regularly ordained by the heads of the church. 12

A And again, the elders, priests and teachers of this church shall teach the principles of my gospel,

B which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon, in the which is the fulness of the gospel. 13

C And they shall observe the covenants and church articles to do them,  
and these shall be their teachings,

D as they shall be directed by the Spirit. 14

E And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith;

D and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach. 15

C And all this ye shall observe to do as I have commanded  
concerning your teaching,

B until the fulness of my scriptures is given. 16

A And as ye shall lift up your voices by the Comforter, ye shall speak and prophesy as seemeth me good; 17 For,  
behold, the Comforter knoweth all things, and beareth record of the Father and of the Son. 18

And now, behold, I speak unto the church.

- Thou shalt not kill;  
and he that kills  
shall not have forgiveness in this world, nor in the world to come. 19

And again, I say, thou shalt not kill;  
but he that killeth  
shall die. 20

- Thou shalt not steal;  
and he that stealeth and will not repent shall be cast out. 21

- Thou shalt not lie;  
he that lieth and will not repent shall be cast out. 22

- Thou shalt love thy wife with all thy heart, and shalt cleave unto her and none else. 23  
And he that looketh upon a woman to lust after her  
shall deny the faith, and  
shall not have the Spirit;  
and if he repents not he shall be cast out. 24

- Thou shalt not commit adultery;  
and he that committeth adultery, and repenteth not, shall be cast out. 25  
But he that has committed adultery  
and repents with all his heart,  
and forsaketh it,  
and doeth it no more,  
thou shalt forgive; 26  
But if he doeth it again,  
he shall not be forgiven, but shall be cast out. 27

- Thou shalt not speak evil of thy neighbor, nor do him any harm. 28

- Thou knowest my laws concerning these things are given in my scriptures;  
he that sinneth and repenteth not shall be cast out. 29

A If thou lovest me thou shalt serve me and keep all my commandments. 30

B And behold, thou wilt remember the poor,

C and consecrate of thy properties

D for their support that which thou hast to impart unto them,

E with a covenant and a deed which cannot be broken. 31

D And inasmuch as ye impart

C of your substance

B unto the poor,

A ye will do it unto me;

and they shall be laid before the bishop of my church and his counselors, two of the elders, or high priests, such as he shall appoint or has appointed and set apart for that purpose. 32

And it shall come to pass, that after they are laid before the bishop of my church, and after that he has received these testimonies concerning the consecration of the properties of my church, that they cannot be taken from the church, agreeable to my commandments,

every man shall be made accountable unto me,

a steward over his own property, or that which he has received by consecration,  
as much as is sufficient for himself and family. 33

And again, if there shall be properties in the hands of the church, or any individuals of it, more than is necessary for their support after this first consecration,

which is a residue to be consecrated unto the bishop,

it shall be kept to administer to those who have not, from time to time,

that every man who has need

may be amply supplied

and receive

according to his wants. 34

Therefore, the residue shall be kept in my storehouse,

to administer to the poor and the needy, as shall be appointed by the high council of the church,  
and the bishop and his council; 35

And for the purpose of purchasing lands  
for the public benefit of the church, and  
building houses of worship, and  
building up of the New Jerusalem

which is hereafter to be revealed--36

That my covenant people may be gathered in one in that day when I shall come to  
my temple.

And this I do for the salvation of my people. 37

And it shall come to pass, that he that sinneth and repenteth not  
shall be cast out of the church,

and shall not receive again that which he has consecrated

unto the poor and the needy of my church,

or in other words, unto me--38

For inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these,

ye do it unto me. 39

For it shall come to pass, that which I spake by the mouths of my prophets shall be fulfilled;  
 for I will consecrate of the riches of those who embrace my gospel  
 among the Gentiles  
 unto the poor of my people  
 who are of the house of Israel. 40

And again, thou shalt not be proud in thy heart; let all thy garments be plain, and their beauty the beauty of  
 the work of thine own hands; 41

And let all things be done in cleanliness before me. 42

Thou shalt not be idle; for he that is idle shall not eat the bread nor wear the garments of the laborer. 43

A<sub>1</sub> And whosoever among you are sick, and have not faith to be healed,

A<sub>2</sub> but believe,

A<sub>3</sub> shall be nourished with all tenderness, with herbs and mild food, and that not by the hand of an  
 enemy. 44

B And the elders of the church, two or more, shall be called, and shall pray for and lay their hands upon  
 them in my name;

C<sub>1</sub> and if they die they shall die unto me,  
 and if they live they shall live unto me. 45

C<sub>2</sub> Thou shalt live together in love, insomuch that thou shalt weep for the loss of them that die,

C<sub>3</sub> and more especially for those that have not hope of a glorious resurrection. 46

C<sub>1</sub> And it shall come to pass that those that die in me

C<sub>2</sub> shall not taste of death, for it shall be sweet unto them; 47

C<sub>3</sub> And they that die not in me, wo unto them, for their death is bitter. 48

B And again, it shall come to pass that  
 he that hath faith in me to be healed, and is not appointed unto death,  
 shall be healed. 49  
 He who hath faith to see  
 shall see. 50  
 He who hath faith to hear  
 shall hear. 51  
 The lame who hath faith to leap  
 shall leap. 52

A<sub>1</sub> And they who have not faith to do these things,

A<sub>2</sub> but believe in me, have power to become my sons;

A<sub>3</sub> and inasmuch as they break not my laws thou shalt bear their infirmities. 53

Thou shalt stand in the place of thy stewardship. 54

Thou shalt not take thy brother's garment;

thou shalt pay for that which thou shalt receive of thy brother. 55

And if thou obtainest more than that which would be for thy support, thou shalt give it into my storehouse,  
 that all things may be done according to that which I have said. 56

Thou shalt ask, and my scriptures shall be given as I have appointed, and they shall be preserved in safety; 57  
 And it is expedient that thou shouldst hold thy peace concerning them, and not teach them until ye have received them in full. 58

And I give unto you a commandment that then ye shall teach them unto all  
 men;  
 for they shall be taught unto all  
 nations,  
 kindreds,  
 tongues and  
 people. 59

A Thou shalt take the things which thou hast received, which have been given unto thee in my scriptures for a law, to be my law to govern my church; 60

And he that doeth according to these things  
 shall be saved,  
 and he that doeth them not  
 shall be damned if he so continue. 61

B If thou shalt ask,

C thou shalt receive revelation upon revelation, knowledge upon knowledge,

D that thou mayest know the mysteries and peaceable things--  
 that which bringeth joy,  
 that which bringeth life eternal. 62

E Thou shalt ask, and it shall be revealed unto you in mine own due time where the New Jerusalem shall be built. 63

F And behold, it shall come to pass that my servants shall be sent forth  
 to the east and  
 to the west,  
 to the north and  
 to the south. 64

E And even now, let him that goeth to the east teach them that shall be converted to flee to the west, and this in consequence of that which is coming on the earth, and of secret combinations.‡ 65

D Behold, thou shalt observe all these things, and great shall be thy reward;  
 for unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom,  
 but unto the world it is not given to know them. 66  
 Ye shall observe the laws which ye have received and be faithful. 67

C And ye shall hereafter receive church covenants, such as shall be sufficient to establish you, both here and in the New Jerusalem. 68

B Therefore, he that lacketh wisdom, let him ask of me, and I will give him liberally and upbraid him not. 69

A Lift up your hearts and rejoice, for unto you the kingdom, or in other words, the keys of the church have been given. Even so. Amen. 70

A The priests and teachers

B shall have their stewardships, even as the members. 71

A And the elders or high priests who are appointed to assist the bishop as counselors in all things,

B are to have their families supported out of the property which is consecrated to the bishop, for the good of the poor, and for other purposes, as before mentioned; 72 Or they are to receive a just remuneration for all their services, either a stewardship or otherwise, as may be thought best or decided by the counselors and bishop. 73

A And the bishop, also,

B shall receive his support, or a just remuneration for all his services in the church. 74

A Behold, verily I say unto you, that whatever persons among you, having put away their companions for the cause of fornication, or in other words, if they shall testify before you in all lowliness of heart that this is the case,

B ye shall not cast them out from among you; 75

A But if ye shall find that any persons have left their companions for the sake of adultery, and they themselves are the offenders, and their companions are living,

B they shall be cast out from among you. 76

C a And again, I say unto you, that ye shall be watchful and careful, with all inquiry, that ye receive none such among you

b if they are married; 77 And

b if they are not married,

a they shall repent of all their sins or ye shall not receive them. 78

And again, every person who belongeth to this church of Christ, shall observe to keep all the commandments and covenants of the church. 79

- And it shall come to pass, that if any persons among you shall kill they shall be delivered up and dealt with according to the laws of the land; for remember that he hath no forgiveness; and it shall be proved according to the laws of the land. 80

- a And if any man or woman shall commit adultery, he or she shall be tried before two elders of the church, or more,

b and every word shall be established against him or her by two witnesses of the church, and not of the enemy;

c but if there are more than two witnesses it is better. 81

b But he or she shall be condemned by the mouth of two witnesses;

a and the elders shall lay the case before the church, and the church shall lift up their hands against him or her, that they may be dealt with according to the law of God. 82

And if it can be, it is necessary that the bishop be present also. 83

And thus ye shall do in all cases which shall come before you. 84

- And if a man or woman shall rob, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land. 85

- And if he or she shall steal, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land. 86

- And if he or she shall lie, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land. 87

- And if he or she do any manner of iniquity, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law, even that of God. 88

- A - a And if thy brother or sister offend thee,  
 b thou shalt take him or her between him or her and thee alone;  
 c and if he or she confess  
 d thou shalt be reconciled. 89  
 c And if he or she confess not  
 d thou shalt deliver him or her up unto the church, not to the members, but to the elders. And it shall be done in a meeting, and that not before the world. 90
- B a And if thy brother or sister offend many,  
 b he or she shall be chastened before many. 91
- B a And if any one offend openly,  
 b he or she shall be rebuked openly, that he or she may be ashamed.  
 c And if he or she confess not,  
 d he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of God. 92
- A a If any shall offend in secret,  
 b he or she shall be rebuked in secret,  
 c that he or she may have opportunity to confess in secret to him or her whom he or she has offended, and to God,  
 d that the church may not speak reproachfully of him or her.† 93

And thus shall ye conduct in all things.

## Section 43

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, in February 1831. HC 1:154-156. At this time some members of the Church were disturbed by people making false claims as revelators. The Prophet inquired of the Lord and received this communication addressed to the elders of the Church. The first part deals with matters of Church polity; the latter part contains a warning that the elders are to give to the nations of the earth.

- AA O hearken, ye elders of my church, and give ear to the words which I shall speak unto you. 2
- A For behold, verily, verily, I say unto you,  
 B that ye have received a commandment  
 C for a law unto my church,  
 D through him whom I have appointed unto you to receive commandments and revelations from my hand. 3  
 E And this ye shall know assuredly--that there is none other appointed unto you to receive commandments and revelations until he be taken, if he abide in me. 4

D But verily, verily, I say unto you, that none else shall be appointed unto this gift except it be through him; for if it be taken from him he shall not have power except to appoint another in his stead. 5

C And this shall be a law unto you,

B that ye receive not the teachings of any that shall come before you as revelations or commandments; 6

A And this I give unto you that you may not be deceived, that you may know they are not of me. 7

BB A For verily I say unto you, that he that is ordained of me shall come in at the gate and be ordained as I have told you before,

B to teach those revelations which you have received and shall receive

C through him whom I have appointed. 8

D And now, behold, I give unto you a commandment, that when ye are assembled together

a<sub>1</sub> ye shall instruct and edify each other,

a<sub>2</sub> that ye may know how to act and direct my church,  
how to act upon the points of my law and commandments, which I have given. 9

b And thus ye shall become instructed  
in the law of my church,

b and be sanctified  
by that which ye have received,

a<sub>1</sub> and ye shall bind yourselves

a<sub>2</sub> to act in all holiness before me--10

E a That inasmuch as ye do this,

b glory shall be added to the kingdom which ye have received.

a Inasmuch as ye do it not,

b it shall be taken, even that which ye have received. 11

c Purge ye out the iniquity which is among you;  
sanctify yourselves before me; 12

F And if ye desire the glories of the kingdom,  
appoint ye my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and uphold him before me by the  
prayer of faith. 13

F And again, I say unto you, that if ye desire the mysteries of the kingdom,  
provide for him food and raiment, and whatsoever thing he needeth to  
accomplish the work wherewith I have commanded him; 14

E And if ye do it not he shall remain unto them that have received him,

D that I may reserve unto myself a pure people before me. 15

C Again I say, hearken ye elders of my church, whom I have appointed:

- B Ye are not sent forth to be taught, but to teach the children of men the things which I have put into your hands by the power of my Spirit; 16
- A And ye are to be taught from on high. Sanctify yourselves and ye shall be endowed with power, that ye may give even as I have spoken.† 17
- CC A Hearken ye, for, behold, the great day of the Lord is nigh at hand. 18
- B For the day cometh that the Lord shall utter his voice out of heaven;
- C a the heavens shall shake and the earth shall tremble, and the trump of God shall sound both long and loud,
- b and shall say to the sleeping nations:
- c Ye saints arise and live; ye sinners stay and sleep until I shall call again. 19  
Wherefore gird up your loins lest ye be found among the wicked. 20
- D Lift up your voices and spare not.
- E Call upon the nations to repent, both old and young, both bond and free, saying: Prepare yourselves for the great day of the Lord; 21
- D For if I, who am a man, do lift up my voice and call upon you to repent, and ye hate me,
- C a what will ye say when the day cometh when the thunders shall utter their voices from the ends of the earth,
- b speaking to the ears of all that live, saying--
- c Repent, and prepare for the great day of the Lord? 22
- a Yea, and again, when the lightnings shall streak forth from the east unto the west, and shall utter forth their voices unto all that live,
- b and make the ears of all tingle that hear, saying these words--
- c Repent ye, for the great day of the Lord is come? 23
- B And again, the Lord shall utter his voice out of heaven, saying:
- CC A Hearken,  
O ye nations of the earth,  
and hear the words of that God who made you. 24  
O, ye nations of the earth,
- B how often would I have gathered you together as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,  
but ye would not! 25
- C How oft have I called upon you  
by the mouth of my servants, and  
by the ministering of angels, and  
by mine own voice, and  
by the voice of thunderings, and  
by the voice of lightnings, and  
by the voice of tempests, and  
by the voice of earthquakes, and great hailstorms, and  
by the voice of famines and pestilences of every kind, and

by the great sound of a trump, and  
 by the voice of judgment, and  
 by the voice of mercy all the day long, and  
 by the voice of glory and honor and the riches of eternal life,

B and would have saved you with an everlasting salvation,  
 but ye would not! 26  
 Behold, the day has come, when the cup of the wrath of mine indignation is full. 27

A Behold, verily I say unto you, that these are the words of the Lord your God. 28

BB Wherefore, labor ye, labor ye in my vineyard  
 for the last time--  
 for the last time  
 call upon the inhabitants of the earth. 29

- For in mine own due time will I come upon the earth in judgment,  
 and my people shall be redeemed and shall reign with me on earth. 30
- For the great Millennium, of which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, shall come. 31
- For Satan shall be bound,  
 and when he is loosed again he shall only reign for a little season, and then cometh the end  
 of the earth. 32
- And he that liveth in righteousness shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye,  
 and the earth shall pass away so as by fire. 33
- And the wicked shall go away into unquenchable fire, and their end no man knoweth on earth, nor  
 ever shall know, until they come before me in judgment. 34

AA Hearken ye to these words. Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.  
 Treasure these things up in your hearts, and  
 let the solemnities of eternity rest upon your minds. 35  
 Be sober.  
 Keep all my commandments. Even so. Amen.

## Section 44

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet and Sidney Rigdon, at Kirtland, Ohio, in the latter part of  
 February 1831. HC 1:157. In compliance with the requirement herein set forth, the Church appointed a  
 conference to be held early in the month of June following.

Behold, thus saith the Lord unto you my servants,

it is expedient in me that the elders of my church should be called together,  
 from the east and  
 from the west, and  
 from the north and  
 from the south,  
 by letter or some other way. 2

And it shall come to pass, that inasmuch as they are faithful, and exercise faith in me, I will pour out my  
 Spirit upon them in the day that they assemble themselves together. 3

And it shall come to pass that they shall go forth into the regions round about, and preach repentance unto  
 the people. 4

And many shall be converted,  
 insomuch that ye shall obtain power to organize yourselves according to the laws of man; 5

That your enemies may not have power over you;  
 that you may be preserved in all things;

that you may be enabled to keep my laws;

that every bond may be broken wherewith the enemy seeketh to destroy  
 my people.† 6

Behold, I say unto you, that ye must visit the poor and the needy and administer to their relief, that they may be kept until all things may be done according to my law which ye have received. Amen.

## Section 45

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to the Church, at Kirtland, Ohio, March 7, 1831. HC 1:158-163. Prefacing his record of his revelation, the Prophet states that "at this age of the Church many false reports and foolish stories were published and circulated, to prevent people from investigating the work or embracing the faith; but to the joy of the saints...I received the following."

- A<sub>1</sub> Hearken, O ye people of my church, to whom the kingdom has been given;  
 hearken ye and give ear to him  
     who laid the foundation of the earth,  
     who made the heavens and all the hosts thereof, and  
     by whom all things were made which  
         live, and  
         move, and  
         have a being. 2
- A<sub>2</sub> And again I say, hearken unto my voice, lest death shall overtake you; in an hour when ye think not  
     the summer shall be past, and  
     the harvest ended, and  
     your souls not saved. 3
- B Listen to him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your cause before him--4 Saying:  
 Father, behold the sufferings and death of him who did no sin,
- C in whom thou wast well pleased;
- D behold the blood of thy Son which was shed,
- D the blood of him whom thou gavest
- C that thyself might be glorified; 5
- B Wherefore, Father, spare these my brethren that believe on my name, that they may come unto me and  
 have everlasting life. 6
- A<sub>1</sub> Hearken,  
     O ye people of my church,  
     and ye elders  
 listen together,
- A<sub>2</sub> and hear my voice while it is called today, and harden not your hearts; 7
- For verily I say unto you that  
     I am Alpha and Omega,  
     the beginning and the end,  
     the light and  
     the life of the world--  
         a light that shineth in darkness  
         and the darkness comprehendeth it not. 8

I came unto mine own,  
 and mine own received me not;  
 but unto as many as received me  
 gave I power  
 to do many miracles, and to become the sons of God;  
 and even unto them that believed on my name  
 gave I power  
 to obtain eternal life. 9

And even so I have sent mine everlasting covenant into the world,  
 to be a light to the world, and  
 to be a standard for my people, and for the Gentiles to seek to it, and  
 to be a messenger before my face to prepare the way before me. 10

A Wherefore, come ye unto it, and with him that cometh I will reason as with men in days of old, and I will show unto you my strong reasoning. 11

B Wherefore, hearken ye together

C and let me show unto you even my wisdom--  
 the wisdom of him whom ye say is the God of Enoch, and his brethren, 12  
 Who were separated from the earth, and were received unto myself--  
 a city reserved  
 until a day of righteousness shall come--  
 a day which  
 was sought for by all holy men,  
 and they found it not  
 because of wickedness and abominations; 13

C And confessed they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth; 14 But obtained a promise that they should find it and see it in their flesh. 15

B Wherefore, hearken

A and I will reason with you, and I will speak unto you and prophesy, as unto men in days of old. 16 And I will show it plainly as I showed it unto my disciples as I stood before them in the flesh, and spake unto them, saying:

AA<sub>1</sub> A<sub>1</sub> As ye have asked of me concerning the signs of my coming, in the day when I shall come in my glory in the clouds of heaven,

A<sub>2</sub> to fulfil the promises that I have made unto your fathers, 17

AA<sub>2</sub> B For as ye have looked upon the long absence of your spirits from your bodies to be a bondage,  
 I will show unto you how the day of redemption shall come,  
 and also the restoration of the scattered Israel. 18

C And now ye behold this temple which is in Jerusalem, which ye call the house of God, and your enemies say that this house shall never fall. 19

D But, verily I say unto you, that desolation shall come upon

E this generation

F as a thief in the night,

E and this people

D shall be destroyed and scattered among all nations. 20

C And this temple which ye now see shall be thrown down that there shall not be left one stone upon another. 21

B And it shall come to pass, that this generation of Jews shall not pass away until every desolation which I have told you concerning them shall come to pass. 22

A<sub>1</sub> Ye say that ye know that the end of the world cometh;

A<sub>2</sub> ye say also that ye know that the heavens and the earth shall pass away; 23

And in this ye say truly,  
for so it is;

but these things which I have told you shall not pass away until all shall be fulfilled. 24

And this I have told you concerning Jerusalem;

and when that day shall come,

shall a remnant

be scattered among all nations; 25

But they shall be gathered again;

but they shall remain

until the times

of the Gentiles be fulfilled. 26

And in that day

shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars,

and the whole earth shall be in commotion,

and men's hearts shall fail them,

and they shall say that Christ delayeth his coming until the end of the earth. 27

And the love of men shall wax cold,

and iniquity shall abound. 28

And when the times

of the Gentiles is come in,

a light shall break forth

among them that sit in darkness,

and it shall be the fulness of my gospel; 29

But they receive it not; for they perceive not

the light, and they turn their hearts from me because of the precepts of men. 30

And in that generation shall the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.† 31

BB A And there shall be men standing in that generation, that shall not pass until they shall see an overflowing scourge;

B for a desolating sickness shall cover the land. 32

C But my disciples

shall stand in holy places, and

shall not be moved;

C but among the wicked,

men shall lift up their voices

and curse God

and die. 33

B And there shall be earthquakes also in divers places, and many desolations;

A yet men will harden their hearts against me, and they will take up the sword, one against another, and they will kill one another. 34

- CC And now, when I the Lord had spoken these words unto my disciples,  
they were troubled. 35  
And I said unto them:  
Be not troubled,  
for, when all these things shall come to pass,  
ye may know that the promises which have been made unto you shall be fulfilled. 36  
And when the light shall begin to break forth,  
it shall be with them like unto a parable which I will show you--37  
Ye look and behold the figtrees, and ye see them with your eyes,  
and ye say when they begin to shoot forth,  
and their leaves are yet tender,  
that summer is now nigh at hand; 38  
Even so it shall be in that day when they shall see  
all these things,  
then shall they know that the hour is nigh. 39
- DD A a And it shall come to pass that he that feareth me shall be looking forth for the great day of the Lord to  
come,  
b even for the signs  
c of the coming of the Son of Man. 40  
b And they shall see signs and wonders, for they shall be shown forth  
in the heavens above, and  
in the earth beneath. 41  
And they shall behold  
blood, and  
fire, and  
vapors of smoke. 42  
a And before the day of the Lord shall come,  
the sun shall be darkened, and  
the moon be turned into blood, and  
the stars fall from heaven. 43  
And the remnant shall be gathered unto this place; 44  
B And then they shall look for me,  
and, behold, I will come;  
and they shall see me in the clouds of heaven, clothed with power and great glory;  
with all the holy angels;  
and he that watches not for me shall be cut off. 45  
C But before the arm of the Lord shall fall, an angel shall sound his trump,  
D and the saints that have slept shall come forth to meet me in the cloud. 46  
E Wherefore, if ye have slept in peace blessed are you;  
F for as you now behold me and know that I am,  
F even so shall ye come unto me and your souls shall live,  
E and your redemption shall be perfected;  
D and the saints shall come forth from the four quarters of the earth. 47  
C Then shall the arm of the Lord fall upon the nations. 48