

- a Wherefore, let those concerning whom I have spoken, that should take their journey in haste--again I say unto you, let them take their journey in haste. 22 And it mattereth not unto me, after a little, if it so be that they fill their mission, whether they go by water or by land; let this be as it is made known unto them according to their judgments hereafter. 23
- b And now, concerning my servants, Sidney Rigdon, Joseph Smith, Jun., and Oliver Cowdery, let them come not again upon the waters, save it be upon the canal, while journeying unto their homes; or in other words they shall not come upon the waters to journey, save upon the canal. 24
- c Behold, I, the Lord, have appointed a way for the journeying of my saints; and behold, this is the way--that after they leave the canal they shall journey by land, inasmuch as they are commanded to journey and go up unto the land of Zion; 25
- d And they shall do like unto the children of Israel, pitching their tents by the way. 26
- e And, behold, this commandment you shall give unto all your brethren. 27
- f Nevertheless, unto whom is given power to command the waters, unto him it is given by the Spirit to know all his ways; 28
- e Wherefore, let him do as the Spirit of the living God commandeth him, whether upon the land or upon the waters, as it remaineth with me to do hereafter. 29
- d And unto you is given the course for the saints, or the way for the saints of the camp of the Lord,
- c to journey. 30
- b And again, verily I say unto you, my servants, Sidney Rigdon, Joseph Smith, Jun., and Oliver Cowdery, shall not open their mouths in the congregations of the wicked until they arrive at Cincinnati; 31 And in that place they shall lift up their voices unto God against that people, yea, unto him whose anger is kindled against their wickedness, a people who are well-nigh ripened for destruction. 32
- a And from thence let them journey for the congregations of their brethren, for their labors even now are wanted more abundantly among them than among the congregations of the wicked. 33 And now, concerning the residue, let them journey and declare the word among the congregations of the wicked,

inasmuch as it is given; 34 And inasmuch as they do this they shall rid their garments, and they shall be spotless before me. 35 And let them journey together, or two by two, as seemeth them good, only let my servant Reynolds Cahoon, and my servant Samuel H. Smith, with whom I am well pleased, be not separated until they return to their homes, and this for a wise purpose in me. 36

- A And now, verily I say unto you, and what I say unto one I say unto all,
 be of good cheer, little children;
 for I am in your midst, and I have not forsaken you; 37
 And inasmuch as you have humbled yourselves before me, the blessings of the kingdom are yours. 38
- Gird up your loins and be watchful and be sober,
 looking forth for the coming of the Son of Man,
 for he cometh in an hour you think not. 39
- Pray always that you enter not into temptation,
 that you may abide the day of his coming,
 whether in life or in death. Even so. Amen.‡

Section 62

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, on the bank of the Missouri River, August 13, 1831. HC 1:205-206. On this day the Prophet and his group, who were on their way from Independence to Kirtland, met several elders who were on their way to the land of Zion, and, after joyful salutations, received this revelation.

- A Behold, and hearken, O ye elders of my church, saith the Lord your God, even Jesus Christ, your advocate, who knoweth the weakness of man and how to succor them who are tempted. 2
- B And verily mine eyes are upon those who have not as yet gone up unto the land of Zion; wherefore your mission is not yet full. 3 Nevertheless, ye are blessed, for the testimony which ye have borne is recorded in heaven for the angels to look upon; and they rejoice over you, and your sins are forgiven you. 4
- C And now continue your journey.
- D Assemble yourselves upon the land of Zion;
- E and hold a meeting and rejoice together, and offer a sacrament unto the Most High. 5
- F And then you may return to bear record,
- G yea, even altogether, or two by two, as seemeth you good, it mattereth not unto me; only be faithful,
- F and declare glad tidings unto the inhabitants of the earth, or among the congregations of the wicked. 6
- E Behold, I, the Lord, have brought you together that the promise might be fulfilled, that the faithful among you should be preserved and rejoice together
- D in the land of Missouri. I, the Lord, promise the faithful and cannot lie. 7
- C I, the Lord, am willing, if any among you desire to ride upon horses, or upon mules, or in chariots, he shall receive this blessing, if he receive it from the hand of the Lord, with a thankful heart in all things. 8
- B These things remain with you to do according to judgment and the directions of the Spirit. 9 Behold, the kingdom is yours.
- A And behold, and lo, I am with the faithful always. Even so. Amen.

Section 63

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, late in August 1831. HC 1:206-211. The Prophet, Sidney Rigdon, and Oliver Cowdery had arrived in Kirtland on August 27, from their visit to Missouri. Prefacing his record of this revelation the Prophet wrote: "In these infant days of the Church, there was a great anxiety to obtain the word of the Lord upon every subject that in any way concerned our salvation; and as the land of Zion was now the most important temporal object in view, I inquired of the Lord for further information upon the gathering of the Saints, and the purchase of the land, and other matters."

- A Hearken,
 O ye people,
 and open your hearts
 and give ear from afar;
 and listen,
 you that call yourselves the people of the Lord,
 and hear the word of the Lord and his will concerning you. 2

- B Yea, verily, I say, hear the word of him
 whose anger is kindled against the wicked and rebellious; 3
 Who willet to take even them whom he will take,
 and preserveth in life them whom he will preserve; 4
 Who buildeth up at his own will and pleasure;
 and destroyeth when he pleases,
 and is able to cast the soul down to hell. 5
 Behold, I, the Lord, utter my voice, and it shall be obeyed. 6
- Wherefore, verily I say,
 let the wicked take heed, and
 let the rebellious fear and tremble; and
 let the unbelieving hold their lips,
 for the day of wrath shall come upon them as a whirlwind, and all flesh shall know that I am
 God. 7
- C And he that seeketh signs shall see signs, but not unto salvation. 8
- D Verily, I say unto you, there are those among you who seek signs, and there have been such
 even from the beginning; 9
- E But, behold, faith
- F cometh not
- G by signs,
- H but signs follow those that believe. 10
- G Yea, signs
- F come
- E by faith,
- D not by the will of men, nor as they please, but by the will of God. 11
- C Yea, signs come by faith, unto mighty works,
 for without faith no man pleaseth God;
 and with whom God is angry he is not well pleased;
 wherefore, unto such he showeth no signs, only in wrath unto their condem-
 nation. 12
 Wherefore, I, the Lord, am not pleased
 with those among you who have sought after signs and wonders for faith,
 and not for the good of men unto my glory. 13
- B Nevertheless, I give commandments, and many have turned away from my commandments and have
 not kept them. 14
 There were among you adulterers and adulteresses; some of whom have turned away from you, and
 others remain with you that hereafter shall be revealed. 15 Let such beware and repent speedily,
 lest
 judgment shall come upon them as a snare, and
 their folly shall be made manifest, and
 their works shall follow them in the eyes of the people. 16
 And verily I say unto you, as I have said before, he that looketh on a woman to lust after her, or
 if any shall commit adultery in their hearts, they
 shall not have the Spirit, but
 shall deny the faith and
 shall fear. 17

Wherefore, I, the Lord, have said that
 the fearful, and
 the unbelieving, and
 all liars, and
 whosoever loveth and maketh a lie, and
 the whoremonger, and
 the sorcerer,
 shall have their part
 in that lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. 18
 Verily I say, that they shall not have part
 in the first resurrection. 19

And now behold, I, the Lord, say unto you that
 ye are not justified, because these things are among you. 20 Nevertheless, he that endureth in faith
 and doeth my will, the same shall overcome, and shall receive an inheritance upon the earth when
 the day of transfiguration shall come; 21 When the earth shall be transfigured, even according to
 the pattern which was shown unto mine apostles upon the mount; of which account the fulness ye
 have not yet received. † 22

A And now, verily I say unto you, that as I said that I would make known my will unto you, behold I will make
 it known unto you, not by the way of commandment,
 for there are many who observe not to keep my commandments. 23
 But unto him that keepeth my commandments
 I will give the mysteries of my kingdom, and the same shall be in him a well of living water, springing up
 unto everlasting life. 24

A₁ And now, behold, this is the will of the Lord your God

A₂ concerning his saints,

A₃ that they should assemble themselves together unto the land of Zion,

A₄ not in haste, lest there should be confusion, which bringeth pestilence. † 25

B Behold, the land of Zion--
 I, the Lord, hold it in mine own hands; 26 Nevertheless,
 I, the Lord, render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's. 27 Wherefore,
 I the Lord will that you should purchase the lands,
 that you may have advantage of the world,
 that you may have claim on the world,
 that they may not be stirred up unto anger. 28

C For Satan putteth it into their hearts to anger against you, and to the shedding of blood. 29

D Wherefore, the land of Zion shall not be obtained but by purchase
 or by blood,
 otherwise there is none inheritance for you. 30

D And if by purchase, behold you are blessed; 31
 And if by blood, as you are forbidden to shed blood,
 lo, your enemies are upon you, and ye shall be scourged from city to city, and from
 synagogue to synagogue, and but few shall stand to receive an inheritance. 32

C I, the Lord, am angry with the wicked;

B I am holding my Spirit from the inhabitants of the earth. 33
 I have sworn in my wrath,
 and decreed wars upon the face of the earth,
 and the wicked shall slay the wicked,
 and fear shall come upon every man; 34
 And the saints also shall hardly escape; nevertheless,

I, the Lord, am with them,
 and will come down in heaven from the presence of my Father
 and consume the wicked with unquenchable fire. 35
 And behold, this is not yet, but by and by.† 36

A₁ Wherefore, seeing that I, the Lord, have decreed all these things upon the face of the earth, I will

A₂ that my saints

A₃ should be assembled upon the land of Zion; 37

A₄ And that every man should take
 righteousness in his hands and
 faithfulness upon his loins, and
 lift a warning voice unto the inhabitants of the earth; and
 declare both by word and by flight that desolation shall come upon the wicked.† 38

A Wherefore, let my disciples in Kirtland arrange their temporal concerns, who dwell upon this farm. 39 Let my servant Titus Billings, who has the care thereof, dispose of the land, that he may be prepared in the coming spring to take his journey up unto the land of Zion, with those that dwell upon the face thereof,

B excepting those whom I shall reserve unto myself, that shall not go until I shall command them. 40

C And let all the moneys which can be spared, it mattereth not unto me whether it be little or much, be sent up unto the land of Zion,

D unto them whom I have appointed to receive. 41

A Behold, I, the Lord, will give unto my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., power that he shall be enabled to discern by the Spirit those who shall go up unto the land of Zion,

B and those of my disciples who shall tarry. 42 Let my servant Newel K. Whitney retain his store, or in other words, the store, yet for a little season. 43

C Nevertheless, let him impart all the money which he can impart, to be sent up unto the land of Zion. 44

D Behold, these things are in his own hands, let him do according to wisdom. 45 Verily I say, let him be ordained as an agent unto the disciples that shall tarry, and let him be ordained unto this power; 46

And now speedily visit the churches, expounding these things unto them, with my servant Oliver Cowdery. Behold, this is my will, obtaining moneys even as I have directed. 47

He that is faithful and endureth shall overcome the world. 48

He that sendeth up treasures unto the land of Zion shall receive an inheritance in this world, and his works shall follow him, and also a reward in the world to come. 49

A Yea, and blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth, when the Lord shall come,

B and old things shall pass away,

C and all things become new,

D they shall rise from the dead and shall not die after, and shall receive an inheritance before the Lord, in the holy city. 50

- A And he that liveth when the Lord shall come, and hath kept the faith, blessed is he;
- B nevertheless, it is appointed to him to die at the age of man. 51 Wherefore, children shall grow up until they become old; old men shall die;
- C but they shall not sleep in the dust, but they shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye. 52
- D Wherefore, for this cause preached the apostles unto the world the resurrection of the dead. 53

These things are the things that ye must look for; and, speaking after the manner of the Lord, they are now nigh at hand,

and in a time to come, even in the day of the coming of the Son of Man. 54
 And until that hour there will be foolish virgins
 among the wise;
 and at that hour cometh an entire separation
 of the righteous
 and the wicked;
 and in that day will I send mine angels to pluck out the wicked and cast them into unquenchable fire. 55

And now behold, verily I say unto you, I, the Lord, am not pleased with my servant Sidney Rigdon;
 he exalted himself in his heart,
 and received not counsel,
 but grieved the Spirit; 56
 Wherefore his writing is not acceptable unto the Lord, and he shall make another; and if the Lord
 receive it not, behold he standeth no longer in the office to which I have appointed him. 57

And again, verily I say unto you, those who desire
 in their hearts,
 in meekness,
 to warn sinners to repentance,
 let them be ordained unto this power. 58
 For this is a day of warning, and not a day of many words.
 For I, the Lord, am not to be mocked in the last days. 59

Behold,
 I am
 from above,
 and my power
 lieth beneath.
 I am
 over all, and
 in all, and
 through all,
 and search all things,
 and the day cometh that all things shall be subject unto me. 60

Behold,
 I am Alpha and Omega, even Jesus Christ. 61

- A Wherefore, let all men beware how they take my name in their lips--62
- B For behold, verily I say, that many there be who are under this condemnation,
- C who use the name of the Lord, and use it in vain, having not authority. 63
- D Wherefore, let the church repent of their sins, and I, the Lord, will own them;
 otherwise they shall be cut off. 64

- A Remember that that which cometh from above is sacred, and must be spoken with care, and by constraint of the Spirit;
- B and in this there is no condemnation,
- C and ye receive the Spirit through prayer;
- D wherefore, without this there remaineth condemnation. 65

Let my servants, Joseph Smith, Jun., and Sidney Rigdon, seek them a home, as they are taught through prayer by the Spirit. 66

These things remain to overcome through patience, that such may receive a more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, otherwise, a greater condemnation. Amen.

Section 64

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet to the elders of the Church, at Kirtland, Ohio, September 11, 1831. HC 1:211-214. The Prophet was preparing to move to Hiram, Ohio, to renew his work on the translation of the Bible, which had been laid aside while he had been in Missouri. A company of brethren who had been commanded to journey to Zion (Missouri) was earnestly engaged in making preparations to leave in October. At this busy time, the revelation was received.

- A Behold, thus saith the Lord your God unto you, O ye elders of my church, hearken ye and hear, and receive my will concerning you. 2
For verily I say unto you,
I will that ye should overcome the world;
wherefore I will have compassion upon you. 3
- B There are those among you who have sinned;
- C but verily I say,
for this once,
for mine own glory, and
for the salvation of souls,
I have forgiven you your sins. 4
I will be merciful unto you,
for I have given unto you
the kingdom. 5
And the keys of the mysteries of
the kingdom
shall not be taken from my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., through the means I have appointed, while he liveth, inasmuch as he obeyeth mine ordinances. 6
- D There are those who have sought occasion against him without cause; 7
- E Nevertheless, he has sinned; but verily I say unto you, I, the Lord, forgive sins unto those who confess their sins before me and ask forgiveness, who have not sinned unto death. 8
- D My disciples, in days of old, sought occasion against one another and forgave not one another in their hearts; and for this evil they were afflicted and sorely chastened. 9
- C a Wherefore, I say unto you, that ye ought to forgive one another;
- b for he that forgiveth not his brother his trespasses standeth condemned before the Lord; for there remaineth in him the greater sin. 10

- c I, the Lord, will forgive whom I will forgive,
 - b but of you it is required to forgive all men. 11
 - a And ye ought to say in your hearts--let God judge between me and thee, and reward thee according to thy deeds. 12
 - B And him that repenteth not of his sins, and confesseth them not, ye shall bring before the church, and do with him as the scripture saith unto you, either by commandment or by revelation. 13
 - A And this ye shall do
 - that God may be glorified--
 - not because ye forgive not, having not compassion,
 - but that ye may be justified in the eyes of the law,
 - that ye may not offend him who is your lawgiver--14
 - Verily I say, for this cause
 - ye shall do these things.‡ 15
 - A Behold, I, the Lord, was angry with him who was my servant Ezra Booth, and also my servant Isaac Morley, for they kept not the law, neither the commandment; 16 They sought evil in their hearts, and I, the Lord, withheld my Spirit. They condemned for evil that thing in which there was no evil; nevertheless I have forgiven my servant Isaac Morley. 17
- And also my servant Edward Partridge, behold, he hath sinned, and Satan seeketh to destroy his soul; but when these things are made known unto them, and they repent of the evil, they shall be forgiven. 18
- a And now, verily I say that it is expedient in me that my servant Sidney Gilbert, after a few weeks, shall return upon his business, and to his agency in the land of Zion; 19
 - b And that which he hath seen and heard may be made known unto my disciples, that they perish not. And for this cause have I spoken these things. 20
 - c And again, I say unto you, that my servant Isaac Morley may not be tempted above that which he is able to bear, and counsel wrongfully to your hurt, I gave commandment that his farm should be sold. 21
 - c I will not that my servant Frederick G. Williams should sell his farm,
 - b for I, the Lord, will to retain a strong hold in the land of Kirtland, for the space of five years, in the which I will not overthrow the wicked, that thereby I may save some. 22
 - a And after that day, I, the Lord, will not hold any guilty that shall go with an open heart up to the land of Zion; for I, the Lord, require the hearts of the children of men. 23
 - B
 - a Behold, now it is called today until the coming of the Son of Man,
 - b and verily it is
 - a day of sacrifice, and
 - a day for the tithing of my people;
 - c for he that is tithed shall not be burned at his coming. 24
 - a For after today
 - b cometh the burning--this is speaking after the manner of the Lord--

c for verily I say, tomorrow
 all the proud and they that do wickedly
 shall be as stubble; and I will burn them up,
 for I am the Lord of Hosts;
 and I will not spare
 any that remain in Babylon. 25

C Wherefore, if ye believe me, ye will labor while it is called today. 26

And it is not meet that my servants, Newel K. Whitney and Sidney Gilbert, should sell their store and their possessions here; for this is not wisdom until the residue of the church, which remaineth in this place, shall go up unto the land of Zion. 27

D Behold, it is said in my laws, or forbidden, to get in debt to thine enemies; 28 But behold, it is not said at any time that the Lord should not take when he please, and pay as seemeth him good. 29

Wherefore, as ye are agents, ye are on the Lord's errand; and whatever ye do according to the will of the Lord is the Lord's business. 30 And he hath set you to provide for his saints in these last days,

E that they may obtain an inheritance in the land of Zion. 31

F And behold, I, the Lord, declare unto you, and my words are sure and shall not fail,

E that they shall obtain it. 32 But all things must come to pass in their time. 33

D Wherefore, be not weary in well-doing, for ye are laying the foundation of a great work. And out of small things proceedeth that which is great. 34

C Behold, the Lord requireth the heart and a willing mind; and the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land of Zion in these last days. 35

B And the rebellious
 shall be cut off out of the land of Zion, and
 shall be sent away, and
 shall not inherit the land. 36

For, verily I say that the rebellious are not of the blood of Ephraim,
 wherefore they shall be plucked out. 37

A Behold, I, the Lord, have made my church in these last days
 like unto a judge sitting on a hill, or in a high place, to judge the nations. 38
 For it shall come to pass that the inhabitants of Zion
 shall judge all things pertaining to Zion. 39

And liars and hypocrites
 shall be proved by them,
 and they who are not apostles and prophets
 shall be known. 40

And even the bishop,
 who is a judge, and his counselors,
 if they are not faithful in their stewardships shall be condemned,
 and others shall be planted in their stead.† 41

A For, behold, I say unto you that

B Zion shall flourish, and the glory of the Lord shall be upon her; 42

C And she shall be an ensign unto the people,

- C and there shall come unto her out of every nation under heaven. 43
- B And the day shall come when the nations of the earth shall tremble because of her, and shall fear because of her terrible ones.
- A The Lord hath spoken it. Amen.

Section 65

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Hiram, Ohio, October 1831. HC 1:218. The Prophet designates this revelation as a prayer.

- AA₁ A Harken, and lo, a voice as of one sent down from on high, who is mighty and powerful,
 B whose going forth is unto the ends of the earth, yea,
 C whose voice is unto men--
 D Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight. 2
- AA₂ A The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth,³
 BB₁ B and from thence shall the gospel roll forth
 unto the ends of the earth,
 BB₂ as the stone which is cut out of the mountain without hands shall roll forth,
 until it has filled the whole earth. 3
- AA₁ C Yea, a voice crying--
 D Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
 prepare ye the supper of the Lamb,
 make ready for the Bridegroom. 4
 Pray unto the Lord,
 call upon his holy name,
 make known his wonderful works among the people. 5
 Call upon the Lord,
- AA₂ E that his kingdom may go forth upon the earth,
 that the inhabitants thereof
 may receive it, and
 be prepared for the days to come,
 in the which the Son of Man shall come down in heaven, clothed in the
 brightness of his glory,
 to meet the kingdom of God which is set up on the earth. 6
 Wherefore, may the kingdom of God go forth,
 that the kingdom of heaven may come,
 that thou, O God, mayest be glorified in heaven so on earth,
 that thine enemies may be subdued;
 for thine is the honor, power and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Section 66

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Orange {Karl R. Anderson says it was probably at Hiram}, Ohio, October 25, 1831. HC 1:219-221. This was the first day of an important conference. In prefacing this revelation, the Prophet wrote: "At the request of William E. McLellan, I inquired of the Lord, and received the following."

- A Behold, thus saith the Lord unto my servant William E. McLellin--
- B Blessed are you,
 inasmuch as you have turned away from your iniquities, and have received my truths, saith the Lord your Redeemer, the Savior of the world, even of as many as believe on my name. 2
 Verily I say unto you, blessed are you
 for receiving mine everlasting covenant, even the fulness of my gospel, sent forth unto the children of men, that they might have life and be made partakers of the glories which are to be revealed in the last days, as it was written by the prophets and apostles in days of old. 3
- C Verily I say unto you, my servant William, that you are clean, but not all; repent, therefore, of those things which are not pleasing in my sight, saith the Lord, for the Lord will show them unto you. 4
- D And now, verily, I, the Lord, will show unto you what I will concerning you, or what is my will concerning you. 5
- D Behold, verily I say unto you, that it is my will that you should
- proclaim my gospel from land to land, and from city to city, yea, in those regions round about where it has not been proclaimed. 6
 - Tarry not many days in this place; go not up unto the land of Zion as yet; but inasmuch as you can send, send; otherwise, think not of thy property. 7
 - Go unto the eastern lands,
 bear testimony in every place, unto every people and in their synagogues,
 reasoning with the people. 8
 Let my servant Samuel H. Smith go with you, and forsake him not,
 and give him thine instructions;
 and he that is faithful shall be made strong in every place;
 and I, the Lord, will go with you. 9
 - Lay your hands upon the sick, and they shall recover.
 - Return not till I, the Lord, shall send you.
 - Be patient in affliction.
 - Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10
- C Seek not to be cumbered.
 Forsake all unrighteousness.
 Commit not adultery--a temptation with which thou hast been troubled. 11
- B Keep these sayings, for they are true and faithful;
 and thou shalt magnify thine office, and push many people to Zion with songs of everlasting joy upon their heads. 12
 Continue in these things even unto the end,
 and you shall have a crown of eternal life at the right hand of my Father, who is full of grace and truth.
- A Verily, thus saith the Lord your God, your Redeemer, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

Section 67

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Hiram, Ohio, November 1831. HC 1:224-225. The occasion was that of a special conference, and the publication of the revelations already received from the Lord through the Prophet was considered and acted upon. See heading to Section 1. It was decided that Oliver Cowdery and John Whitmer should take the manuscripts of the revelations to Independence, where W. W. Phelps would publish them as the "Book of Commandments." Many of the brethren bore solemn testimony that the revelations then compiled for publication were verily true, as was witnessed by the Holy Ghost shed forth upon them. The Prophet records that after the revelation known as Section 1 had been received, some negative conversation was had concerning the language used in the revelations. The present revelation followed.

- I AA A Behold and hearken, O ye elders of my church, who have assembled yourselves together, whose prayers I have heard,
- B and whose hearts I know,
- C and whose desires have come up before me. 2
- II D Behold and lo,
mine eyes are upon you, and
the heavens and the earth are in mine hands, and
the riches of eternity are mine to give. 3
- III C Ye endeavored to believe that ye should receive the blessing which was offered unto you;
- B but behold, verily I say unto you there were fears in your hearts,
- A and verily this is the reason that ye did not receive. 4
- IV BB A And now I, the Lord,
- B give unto you a testimony of
- C the truth of these commandments which are lying before you. 5
- D₁ Your eyes have been upon my servant Joseph Smith, Jun.,
and his language
you have known,
and his imperfections
you have known;
- D₂ and you have sought in your hearts knowledge that you might express beyond his language; this you also know. 6
- E Now, seek ye out of the Book of Commandments, even the least that is among them,
- F and appoint him that is the most wise among you; 7
- F Or, if there be any among you
- E that shall make one like unto it,
then ye are justified in saying that ye do not know that they are true; 8
But if ye cannot make one like unto it,
- D₁ ye are under condemnation
- D₂ if ye do not bear record that they are true. 9
- C For ye know that there is no unrighteousness in them,
- B and that which is righteous cometh down from above,
- A from the Father of lights. 10
- III AA A And again, verily I say unto you that it is your privilege, and a promise I give unto you that have been ordained unto this ministry,

- B that inasmuch as you strip yourselves from jealousies and fears, and humble yourselves before me, for ye are not sufficiently humble,
- C the veil shall be rent and you shall see me and know that I am--
- II D not with the carnal
- E neither natural mind,
- F but with the spiritual. 11
- G For no man has seen God at any time in the flesh,
- F except quickened by the Spirit of God. 12
- E Neither can any natural man abide the presence of God,
- D neither after the carnal mind. 13
- C Ye are not able to abide the presence of God now, neither the ministering of angels;
- I B wherefore, continue in patience until ye are perfected. 14 Let not your minds turn back; and when ye are worthy, in mine own due time,
- A ye shall see and know that which was conferred upon you by the hands of my servant Joseph Smith, Jun. Amen.‡

Section 68

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Hiram, Ohio, November 1831, at the request of Orson Hyde, Luke S. Johnson, Lyman E. Johnson, and William E. McLellin. HC 1:227-229. Although this revelation was given in response to supplication that the mind of the Lord be made known concerning the elders named, much of the content pertains to the whole Church.

My servant, Orson Hyde, was called by his ordination to proclaim the everlasting gospel, by the Spirit of the living God,

from people to people, and
 from land to land,
 in the congregations of the wicked,
 in their synagogues,
 reasoning with and expounding all scriptures unto them. 2

And, behold, and lo, this is an ensample unto all those
 who were ordained unto this priesthood,
 whose mission is appointed unto them to go forth--3

And this is the ensample unto them,
 that they shall speak as they are moved upon by the Holy Ghost. 4
 And whatsoever they shall speak when moved upon by the Holy Ghost
 shall be scripture,
 shall be the will of the Lord,
 shall be the mind of the Lord,
 shall be the word of the Lord,
 shall be the voice of the Lord, and the power of God unto salvation. 5

Behold, this is the promise of the Lord unto you, O ye my servants. 6

Wherefore, be of good cheer,
 and do not fear,
 for I the Lord am with you,
 and will stand by you:
 and ye shall bear record of me, even Jesus Christ, that
 I am the Son of the living God, that
 I was, that
 I am, and that
 I am to come. 7

This is the word of the Lord unto you, my servant Orson Hyde, and also unto my servant Luke Johnson, and unto my servant Lyman Johnson, and unto my servant William E. McLellin, and unto all the faithful elders of my church--8

- Go ye into all the world,
- preach the gospel to every creature,
 acting in the authority which I have given you,
 baptizing in the name
 of the Father, and
 of the Son, and
 of the Holy Ghost. 9
 And he that believeth and is baptized
 shall be saved,
 and he that believeth not
 shall be damned. 10
 And he that believeth
 shall be blest with signs following, even as it is written. 11
- And unto you it shall be given to know
 the signs of the times, and
 the signs of the coming of the Son of Man; 12
- And of as many as the Father shall bear record, to you shall be given power to seal them up unto eternal life. Amen. 13

And now, concerning the items in addition to the covenants and commandments, they are these--14

- A There remain hereafter, in the due time of the Lord, other bishops to be set apart unto the church, to minister even according to the first; 15
- B Wherefore they shall be high priests who are worthy, and they shall be appointed by the First Presidency of the Melchizedek Priesthood,
- C except they be literal descendants of Aaron. 16
 And if they be literal descendants of Aaron
- D they have a legal right to the bishopric,
- E if they are the firstborn
- F among the sons of Aaron; 17
- E For the firstborn
- D holds the right of the presidency over this priesthood, and the keys or authority of the same.
 18 No man has a legal right to this office, to hold the keys of this priesthood,
- C except he be a literal descendant and the firstborn of Aaron. 19
- B But, as a high priest of the Melchizedek Priesthood has authority to officiate in all the lesser offices

- A he may officiate in the office of bishop
 when no literal descendant of Aaron can be found, provided he is
 called and
 set apart and
 ordained unto this power,
 under the hands of the First Presidency of the Melchizedek Priesthood. 20
- And a literal descendant of Aaron, also, must be
 designated by this Presidency, and
 found worthy, and
 anointed, and
 ordained under the hands of this Presidency,
 otherwise they are not legally authorized to officiate in their priesthood. 21
- But, by virtue of the decree concerning their right of the priesthood descending from father to son,
 they may claim their anointing if at any time they can prove their lineage, or do ascertain it by
 revelation from the Lord
 under the hands of the above named Presidency. 22

And again, no bishop or high priest who shall be set apart for this ministry shall be tried or condemned for
 any crime,

 save it be before the First Presidency of the church; 23

And inasmuch as he is found guilty before this Presidency, by testimony that cannot be impeached,
 he shall be condemned; 24

 And if he repent he shall be forgiven, according to the covenants and commandments of the church. 25

And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion,
 or in any of her stakes which are organized,
 that teach them not to understand the doctrine of
 repentance,
 faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of
 baptism and
 the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands,
 when eight years old,
 the sin be upon the heads of the parents. 26

For this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion,
 or in any of her stakes which are organized. 27

 And their children
 shall be baptized for the remission of their sins
 when eight years old,
 and receive the laying on of the hands. 28

And they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord. 29

And the inhabitants of Zion shall also observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy. 30

And the inhabitants of Zion also shall remember their labors, inasmuch as they are appointed to labor, in all
 faithfulness;

 for the idler shall be had in remembrance before the Lord. 31

Now, I, the Lord, am not well pleased with the inhabitants of Zion,

 for there are idlers among them;
 and their children are also growing up in wickedness;
 they also seek not earnestly the riches of eternity, but
 their eyes are full of greediness. 32

These things ought not to be, and must be done away from among them; wherefore, let my servant Oliver
 Cowdery carry these sayings unto the land of Zion. 33

 And a commandment I give unto them--that he that observeth not his prayers before the Lord in the
 season thereof, let him be had in remembrance before the judge of my people. 34

These sayings are true and faithful; wherefore, transgress them not, neither take therefrom. 35

Behold, I am Alpha and Omega, and I come quickly. Amen.

Section 69

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Hiram, Ohio, November 1831. HC 1:234-235, The compilation of revelations intended for early publication had been passed upon at the special conference of November 1. On November 3, the revelation herein appearing as Section 133 was added, and called the Appendix. By action of the conference, Oliver Cowdery was appointed to carry the manuscript of the compiled revelations and commandments to Independence, Missouri, for printing. He was also to take with him moneys that had been contributed for the building up of the Church in Missouri. As the course of travel would lead him through a sparsely settled country to the frontier, a traveling companion was desirable.

Hearken unto me, saith the Lord your God, for my servant Oliver Cowdery's sake.

- A It is not wisdom in me that he should be entrusted with the commandments and the moneys which he shall carry unto the land of Zion, except one go with him who will be true and faithful. 2 Wherefore, I, the Lord, will that my servant, John Whitmer, should go with my servant Oliver Cowdery; 3
 - B And also that he shall continue in writing and making a history of all the important things which he shall observe and know concerning my church; 4 And also that he receive counsel and assistance from my servant Oliver Cowdery and others. 5
 - C And also, my servants who are abroad in the earth should send forth the accounts of their stewardships
 - D to the land of Zion; 6
 - D For the land of Zion
 - C shall be a seat and a place to receive and do all these things. 7
 - B Nevertheless, let my servant John Whitmer travel many times from place to place, and from church to church, that he may the more easily obtain knowledge-- 8 Preaching and expounding, writing, copying, selecting, and obtaining all things which shall be for the good of the church,
- A and for the rising generations that shall grow up on the land of Zion, to possess it from generation to generation, forever and ever. Amen.

Section 70

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, November 12, 1831. HC 1:235-237. The history written by the Prophet states that four special conferences were held from the 1st to the 12th of November, inclusive. In the last of these assemblies the great importance of the Book of Commandments, later called the Doctrine and Covenants, was considered; and the Prophet refers to it as being "the foundation of the Church in these last days, and a benefit to the world, showing that the keys of the mysteries of the kingdom of our Savior are again entrusted to man."

- A a₁ Behold, and hearken, O ye inhabitants of Zion, and all ye people of my church who are afar off, and hear the word of the Lord which I give
 - a₂ unto my servant Joseph Smith, Jun., and also unto my servant Martin Harris, and also unto my servant Oliver Cowdery, and also unto my servant John Whitmer, and also unto my servant Sidney Rigdon, and also unto my servant William W. Phelps,
 - b by the way of commandment

- c unto them. 2
- d For I give
- c unto them
- b a commandment;
- a₁ wherefore hearken and hear, for thus saith the Lord
- a₂ unto them--3
- B I, the Lord, have appointed them, and ordained them to be stewards over the revelations and commandments
- C which I have given unto them, and which I shall hereafter give unto them; 4
- D And an account of this stewardship will I require of them in the day of judgment. 5
- E Wherefore, I have appointed unto them, and this is their business in the church of God, to manage them and the concerns thereof,
- F yea, the benefits thereof. 6
- G Wherefore, a commandment I give unto them, that they shall not give these things unto the church, neither unto the world; 7
- G Nevertheless, inasmuch as they receive more than is needful for their necessities and their wants, it shall be given into my storehouse; 8
- F And the benefits shall be consecrated unto the inhabitants of Zion, and unto their generations,
- E inasmuch as they become heirs according to the laws of the kingdom. 9
- D Behold, this is what the Lord requires of every man in his stewardship,
- C even as I, the Lord, have appointed or shall hereafter appoint unto any man. 10 And behold, none are exempt from this law who belong to the church of the living God; 11 Yea, neither the bishop, neither the agent who keepeth the Lord's storehouse, neither he who is appointed in a stewardship over temporal things. 12
- B He who is appointed to administer spiritual things, the same is worthy of his hire, even as those who are appointed to a stewardship to administer in temporal things; 13 Yea, even more abundantly, which abundance is multiplied unto them through the manifestations of the Spirit. 14 Nevertheless, in your temporal things you shall be equal, and this not grudgingly, otherwise the abundance of the manifestations of the Spirit shall be withheld. 15
- A Now, this commandment I give unto my servants for their benefit while they remain, for a manifestation of my blessings upon their heads, and for a reward of their diligence and for their security; 16 For food and for raiment; for an inheritance;

for houses and
for lands,

in whatsoever circumstances I, the Lord, shall place them, and whithersoever I, the Lord, shall send them. 17

For they have been faithful over many things, and have done well inasmuch as they have not sinned. 18

Behold, I, the Lord, am merciful and will bless them, and they shall enter into the joy of these things. Even so. Amen.

Section 71

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet and Sidney Rigdon, at Hiram, Ohio, December 1, 1831. HC 1:238-239. The Prophet had continued to translate the Bible with Sidney Rigdon as his scribe until this revelation was received, at which time it was temporarily laid aside so as to enable them to fulfill the instruction given herein. The brethren were to go forth to preach in order to allay the unfriendly feelings that had developed against the Church as a result of the publication of some newspaper articles by Ezra Booth, who had apostatized.

- A Behold, thus saith the Lord unto you my servants Joseph Smith, Jun., and Sidney Rigdon, that the time has verily come that it is necessary and expedient in me that you should open your mouths in proclaiming my gospel, the things of the kingdom, expounding the mysteries thereof out of the scriptures,
- B according to that portion of Spirit and power which shall be given unto you, even as I will. 2
- C Verily I say unto you, proclaim unto the world in the regions round about, and in the church also,
- D for the space of a season,
even until it shall be made known unto you. 3
- D Verily this is a mission for a season,
which I give unto you. 4
- C Wherefore,
labor ye in my vineyard.
Call upon the inhabitants of the earth, and
bear record, and
prepare the way for the commandments and revelations which are to come. 5
- B Now, behold this is wisdom; whoso readeth, let him understand and receive also; 6 For unto him that receiveth it shall be given more abundantly, even power. 7
- A Wherefore, confound your enemies; call upon them to meet you both in public and in private; and inasmuch as ye are faithful their shame shall be made manifest. 8
- B Wherefore, let them bring forth their strong reasons against the Lord. 9
- B Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you--there is no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; 10
- A And if any man lift his voice against you he shall be confounded in mine own due time. 11
- Wherefore, keep my commandments; they are true and faithful. Even so. Amen.

Section 72

Revelation given through Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Kirtland, Ohio, December 4, 1831. HC 1:239-241. Several elders and members had assembled to learn their duty and to be further edified in the teachings of the Church. This section is a compilation of two revelations received on the same day. Verses 1-8 make known the calling of Newel K. Whitney as bishop. He was then called and ordained, after which verses 9-26 were received giving additional information as to a bishop's duties.

- A Hearken, and listen to the voice of the Lord,
- B O ye who have assembled yourselves together, who are the high priests of my church,
- C to whom the kingdom and power have been given. 2
- D For verily thus saith the Lord, it is expedient in me for a bishop to be appointed unto you, or of you, unto the church in this part of the Lord's vineyard. 3
- E And verily in this thing ye have done wisely, for it is required of the Lord, at the hand of every steward, to render an account of his stewardship,
- F both in time and in eternity. 4
- G For he who is faithful and wise
- F in time is accounted worthy to inherit the mansions prepared for him of my Father. 5
- E Verily I say unto you, the elders of the church in this part of my vineyard shall render an account of their stewardship
- D unto the bishop, who shall be appointed of me in this part of my vineyard. 6 These things shall be had on record, to be handed over unto the bishop in Zion. 7 And the duty of the bishop shall be made known
- C by the commandments which have been given,
- B and the voice of the conference. 8
- A And now, verily I say unto you, my servant Newel K. Whitney is the man who shall be appointed and ordained unto this power. This is the will of the Lord your God, your Redeemer. Even so. Amen. 9
- A The word of the Lord, in addition to the law which has been given, making known the duty of the bishop who has been ordained unto the church in this part of the vineyard, which is verily this--10
- B To keep the Lord's storehouse;
to receive the funds of the church in this part of the vineyard; 11
To take an account of the elders as before has been commanded; and
to administer to their wants, who shall pay for that which they receive,
- C inasmuch as they have wherewith to pay; 12
- D That this also may be consecrated to the good of the church, to the poor and needy. 13
- C And he who hath not wherewith to pay,
- B an account shall be taken
- A and handed over to the bishop of Zion,
- B who shall pay the debt
- C out of that which the Lord shall put into his hands. 14
- C And the labors of the faithful who labor in spiritual things, in administering the gospel and the things of the kingdom unto the church, and unto the world,
- B shall answer the debt

A unto the bishop in Zion; 15

Thus it cometh out of the church, for according to the law every man that cometh up to Zion must lay all things

before the bishop in Zion. 16

And now, verily I say unto you, that as every elder in this part of the vineyard must give an account of his stewardship unto the bishop in this part of the vineyard--17 A certificate from the judge or bishop in this part of the vineyard,

unto the bishop in Zion,

rendereth every man acceptable, and answereth all things, for an inheritance, and to be received as a wise steward and as a faithful laborer; 18 Otherwise he shall not be accepted

of the bishop of Zion. 19

And now, verily I say unto you, let every elder who shall give an account unto the bishop of the church in this part of the vineyard be recommended by the church or churches, in which he labors, that he may render himself and his accounts approved in all things. 20

And again, let my servants who are appointed as stewards over the literary concerns of my church have claim for assistance upon the bishop or bishops in all things--21

- That the revelations may be published, and go forth unto the ends of the earth;
- that they also may obtain funds which shall benefit the church in all things; 22
- That they also may render themselves approved in all things, and be accounted as wise stewards. 23

And now, behold, this shall be an ensample for all the extensive branches of my church, in whatsoever land they shall be established. And now I make an end of my sayings. Amen. 24

A few words in addition to the laws of the kingdom, respecting the members of the church--they that are appointed by the Holy Spirit to go up unto Zion, and they who are privileged to go up unto Zion--25 Let them carry up unto the bishop a certificate from three elders of the church, or a certificate from the bishop; 26 Otherwise he who shall go up unto the land of Zion shall not be accounted as a wise steward. This is also an ensample. Amen.

Section 73

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet and Sidney Rigdon, at Hiram, Ohio, January 10, 1832. HC 1:241-242. Since the early part of the preceding December, the Prophet and Sidney had been engaged in preaching, and by this means much was accomplished in diminishing the unfavorable feelings that had arisen against the Church (see heading to Section 71).

A For verily, thus saith the Lord, it is expedient in me that they should continue preaching the gospel, and in exhortation to the churches in the regions round about,

B until conference; 2 And then, behold, it shall be made known unto them, by the voice of the conference, their several missions. 3

C Now, verily I say unto you my servants, Joseph Smith, Jun., and Sidney Rigdon, saith the Lord, it is expedient to translate again; 4

A And, inasmuch as it is practicable, to preach in the regions round about

B until conference;

C and after that it is expedient to continue the work of translation until it be finished. 5

D And let this be a pattern unto the elders until further knowledge, even as it is written. 6

Now I give no more unto you at this time. Gird up your loins and be sober. Even so. Amen.

Section 74

Revelation given to Joseph Smith the Prophet, at Hiram, Ohio, January 1832. HC 1:242. The Prophet writes, "Upon the reception of the foregoing word of the Lord [D&C 73], I recommenced the translation of the Scriptures, and labored diligently until just before the conference, which was to convene on the 25th of January. During this period I also received the following, as an explanation of 1 Corinthians 7:14."

- A₁ For the unbelieving husband
 is sanctified
 by the wife,
 and the unbelieving wife
 is sanctified
 by the husband;³
- A₂ else were your children unclean,
- A₃ but now are they holy. 2
- B Now, in the days of the apostles
- C the law of circumcision was had among all the Jews who believed not the gospel of Jesus Christ. 3
 And it came to pass that there arose a great contention among the people concerning the law
 of circumcision,
- D for the unbelieving husband
- E was desirous that his children should be circumcised and
 become subject to the law of Moses,
- F which law was fulfilled. 4
- E And it came to pass that the children, being brought up
 in subjection to the law of Moses,
- D gave heed to the traditions of their fathers
- C and believed not the gospel of Christ,
 wherein they became unholy. 5
- B Wherefore, for this cause the apostle wrote unto the church, giving unto them a commandment, not of
 the Lord, but of himself,
- A₁ that a believer should not be united to an unbeliever; except the law of Moses should be done away among
 them, 6
- A₂ That their children might remain without circumcision; and
 that the tradition might be done away,
 which saith that little children are unholy;
 for it was had among the Jews; 7
- A₃ But little children are holy, being sanctified through the atonement of Jesus Christ;
- and this is what the scriptures mean.