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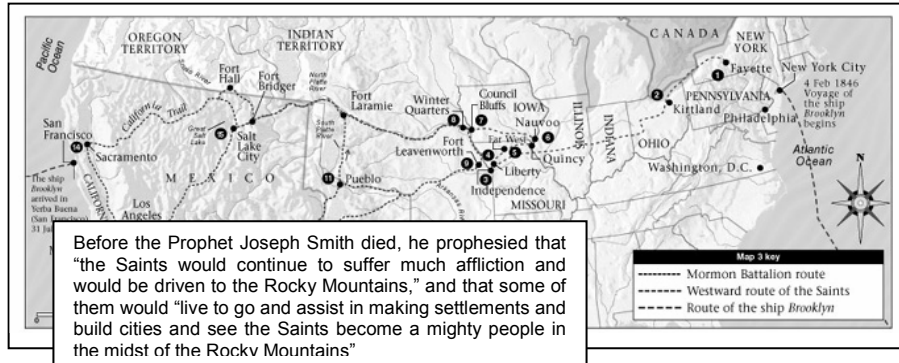
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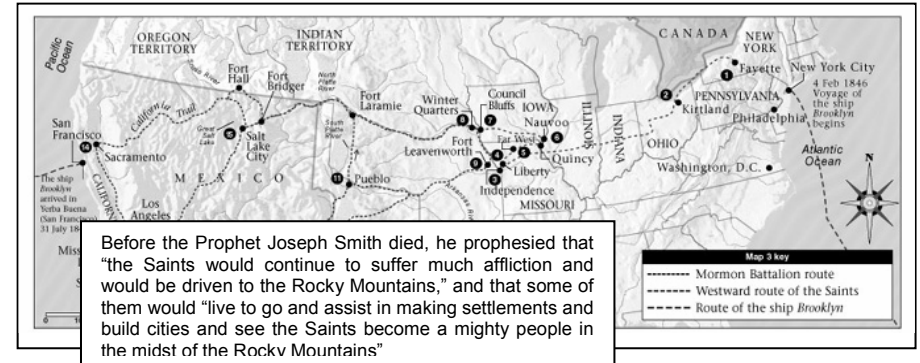
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Parallels between the pioneers and our journey to our promised land

Continuing to work and give service during our trials stead of feeling sorry for ourselves eliminates depression and makes us stronger mentally, physically, and spiritually

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- a. OH pg 71-72 How did Saint's persevering bless them? ----- How can persevering bless us and those who come after us?
- b. What specific instructions did the Lord give the Saints? ----- Revelation received by BY in Winter Quarters, 1847
 - D&C 136:2 make covenant to.....----- keep all commandments (decide ahead of time)
 - D&C 138:3 organize.....----- in companies under direction of 12 apostles (like wards & stakes)
 - D&C 136:5 provide themselves with....----- all they the provisions they can (be self-sufficient)
 - D&C 136:6 prepare for those who.....----- are to tarry (we need to prepare for those who follow us)
 - D&C 136:8 care for...----- poor, widows, and fatherless (same today)
- c. How does this instruction apply to us?----- Can we approach our journey any differently?

2- the Lord instructs Saints regarding conduct

- a. What spiritual instructions did the Lord give the Saints? ----- Lord also gave spiritual and interpersonal instructions
 - D&C 136:19 pride in self and you will have no.....----- power (Why is humility important, even in tough times?)
 - D&C 136: 21 don't take the name of the Lord.....----- in vain (treat the Lord's name with reverence)
 - D&C 136:23-24 cease to.....----- contend one with another (let words edify one another)
 - D&C 136:25-26 return.....----- borrowed or lost items (do non-returned items cause ill feelings?)
 - D&C 136:27 be diligent in preserving.....----- what thou hast (what does it mean to be a wise steward?)
- b. D&C 136:32-33 How were the Saints to learn wisdom?----- Be humble and turn to Lord

3- Brigham Young leads Saints to Salt Lake Valley

- a. Supplement #1 *Westward Trails*----- 70,000 members made trek to Utah between 1847 and 1869
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- e. OH pg 76-77 *This is the Right Place* -----
- f. Supplement #2 *Elder Russell M. Ballard* ----- Haven't we all felt these feelings along our life's journey?

Any stories from your own ancestors?

How does this apply to me?

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Section 136 also applies to us in this day as we write our own stories of faith and courage, plodding through each day with its own set of obstacles and challenges. What legacy will we leave for our posterity?

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