

Joseph Smith - Chronology

Chronology of the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith -- emphasizing the restoration of the principles, powers and ordinances of the three-fold mission of the Church

1820	First Vision
September 21, 1823	Visit of Moroni
September 22, 1827	Joseph received the plates
May 15, 1829	Aaronic Priesthood restored, Joseph and Oliver baptized.
June 1829	Melchizedek Priesthood restored
April 6, 1830	Church organized
June - Dec. 1830	Book of Moses received by revelation
December 1830	Saints in the State of New York commanded to gather to Ohio. (D&C 37)
February 4, 1831	Edward Partridge called as first Bishop of the Church. (D&C 41.)
June 6, 1831	at conference, several were called to the office of High Priests.
July 1831	in Independence, Jackson Co., Mo. the Lord revealed the location of the New Jerusalem and the spot upon which the Temple was to be built. (D&C 57)
August 3, 1831	Independence Temple site dedicated.
August 7, 1831	Joseph received revelation about the Sabbath. (D&C 59.)
November 1, 1831	Preface to the Doctrine and Covenants was given by revelation. (D&C 1.)
November 3, 1831	Revelation on nature and authority of the Aaronic Priesthood (D&C 68.)
December 4, 1831	Newel K. Whitney called as Bishop in Kirtland (D&C 72.)
February 16, 1832	revelation on three degrees of glory (D&C 76)
September 22, 1832	revelation on the priesthood (D&C 84)
December 27, 1832	the "Olive Leaf" (D&C 88)
January 23, 1833	the brethren "proceeded to the washing of feet, as commanded of the Lord,"
February 27, 1833	Word of Wisdom (D&C 89.)
March 18, 1833	Sidney Rigdon and Frederick G. Williams as Counselors in the Presidency of the Church
May 6, 1833	revelation on the pre-existence of man (D&C 93)
June 1, 1833	revelation about the Kirtland temple. (D&C 95)
June 4, 1833	revelation about organizing a stake (D&C 96)
December 18, 1833	Joseph Smith, sen. ordained Patriarch
February 17, 1834	first High Council of the Church was organized at Kirtland. (D&C 102.)
May 7-8, 1834	Zion's Camp organized
November 29, 1834	law of tithing introduced.
February 14, 1835	twelve Apostles were chosen
February 28, 1835	organization of the First Quorum of Seventy
March 28, 1835	revelation concerning the order of the Priesthood (D&C 107.)
January 21, 1836	In a vision, Joseph saw Alvin in the celestial kingdom. (D&C 137)
January 22, 1836	Twelve Apostles, the presidency of the Seventy and others were blessed and anointed in the Kirtland temple.

March 27, 1836 Kirtland temple dedicated (D&C 109.)
 March 29, 1836 the ordinance of the washing of feet in the Kirtland Temple.
 April 3, 1836 the Savior appears; Moses, Elias, Elijah bring priesthood keys (D&C 110)
 1837 School of the Prophets and the *Lectures on Faith*
 June 1837 Apostles Heber C. Kimball and Orson Hyde set apart for British mission.
 July 3, 1837 ground broken for temple in Far West, Mo.
 January 12, 1838 Joseph and Sidney left Kirtland to escape mob violence.
 May 19, 1838 Adam-ondi-Ahman identified (D&C 116)
 October 27, 1838 Gov. Boggs issued exterminating order
 March 20, 1839 at Liberty jail Joseph writes D&C 121-3
 April 25, 1839 site of Nauvoo selected as a gathering place for the Saints.
 July 1839 many at Nauvoo healed by the Prophet
 January 19, 1841 commandment to build a temple in Nauvoo (D&C 124)
 March 1, 1841 city council divided the city of Nauvoo into four wards. Bishops were
 later placed over each ward.
 October 24, 1841 Apostle Orson Hyde dedicated Palestine for the gathering of the Jews.
 November 8, 1841 temporary baptismal font in the Nauvoo Temple was dedicated. Baptisms
 for the dead were first performed on Nov. 21.
 Mar. 1 & 15, 1842 the Book of Abraham published in the *Times and Seasons*
 March 17, 1842 organization of the Female Relief Society
 May 4, 1842 Joseph gave James Adams, Hyrum Smith, Newel K. Whitney, George
 Miller, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball and Willard Richards their endowments.
 August 6, 1842 Joseph prophesied that the Saints would be driven to the Rocky Mountains
 July 12, 1843 revelation on celestial marriage was written (D&C 132)
 October 9, 1843 missionaries sail for the Pacific Islands.
 January 29, 1844 Joseph nominated for Presidency of the United States
 Mar. 11, 1844 Council of Fifty organized
 April 5 - 7, 1844 20,000 attend conference at Nauvoo – Joseph said the whole of North and
 South America is Zion. This was the last general conference which Joseph attended. During the
 conference the Prophet delivered his famous King Follett funeral sermon, the greatest
 cosmological sermon ever taught by the Prophet. It went back to before “the beginning” when
 "God himself was once as we are now, and is an exalted man, and sits enthroned in yonder
 heavens!" The Prophet said, "You have got to learn how to be gods yourselves, and to be kings
 and priests to God, the same as all gods have done before you, namely, by going from one small
 degree to another."
 June 16, 1844 Joseph delivered the last sermon of his lifetime. Joseph told them of his love for
 them and gave them a key to understanding the depth of their own religion. He told them about
 the nature of the Godhead, observing that the Hebrew word *Elohim* is plural, that it is the proper
 name of God the Father, and that the word may also refer to the members of the pre-mortal
 Council of gods.
 June 27, 1844 Joseph and Hyrum murdered at Carthage jail.

