

The Book of the Prophet John Taylor

INTRODUCTION

These latter-day revelations, written in the identical pattern as the ancient oracles given to the Prophets of Israel, stand as a witness that the LORD is restoring all things in this dispensation. They prove that the gift to receive Oracles, given first in our dispensation to the Prophet Joseph Smith, can and will be given to prophets after him if Israel has men and women who will listen. *“Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto His servants the prophets.”* The last of these oracles was received while the Prophet John Taylor was in the Mormon Underground, where he died hiding from US Federal officers trying to arrest him for practicing plural marriage. Even though all of these revelations have appeared in church books and even some of them in European versions of the D&C, the church leadership have never presented them to the church for canonization. Nevertheless, those who accept John Taylor as a true prophet should consider seriously if these truly are the Word of the LORD for His people Israel.

Chapter 1

Revelation Received Monday,
November 19, 1877
(Joseph F. Smith Papers, LDS Archives)
At Salt Lake City, Utah Territory

I have been asking the LORD to show me how to adjust the property of the church held in the name of the late President Brigham Young, so as to do justice to his estate; and yet not wrong the church, and have received the following:

2 You have asked of Me, and others of the Twelve have asked of Me, that wisdom might be given to you to adjust these property matters of the church;

3 Thus saith the LORD: Be one, be united, be honest, act upon the principles of justice and righteousness to the living and the dead, and to My church, and I the LORD will sustain you and acknowledge your labors. Amen.

Chapter 2

Revelation Received Sunday/Monday,
June 25/26, 1882
(John Taylor Papers, LDS Archives)
At Salt Lake City, Utah Territory

Question: Is the law of Celestial Marriage a law given to this nation or to the world?

2 Answer: No-- in no other sense than as the gospel is given and in accordance with the laws thereof. So far as it is made known unto men, it is made known unto them as the gospel is made known unto them, and is part of the New and Everlasting Covenant.

3 And it is only those who receive the gospel that are able to, or capable of, entering into this covenant.

4 Have I not said through My servant Joseph Smith that all kingdoms are governed by law? And if they receive not the law of the gospel, they cannot participate in the blessings of Celestial marriage, which pertains to Mine elect.

5 No person or people or nation can enter into the principle of Celestial marriage unless they come in by Me, saith the LORD, and obey the law of My gospel through the medium of him who is appointed unto this power as made known unto My people through My servant Joseph in a Revelation on the eternity of the marriage covenant, including the plurality of wives.

6 I have therein stated that , *"all those who have this law revealed unto them must obey the same; for behold I reveal unto you a New and an Everlasting Covenant; and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye damned; for no one can reject this covenant and be permitted to enter into My glory."*

7 Furthermore, *"And as pertaining to the New and Everlasting Covenant, it was instituted for the fullness of My glory; and he that receiveth a fullness thereof must and shall abide the law, or he shall be damned, saith the Lord God."*

8 It is again written that, *"all kingdoms have a law given."*

9 The Celestial kingdom, including the promise of Eternal Life, pertains to, *"the church of the Firstborn, even of God, the holiest of all, through Jesus Christ, His Son."*

10 Therefore, such must be sanctified from all unrighteousness, that they may be prepared for the Celestial glory.

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11 *"For he who cannot abide the law of a Celestial kingdom, cannot abide a Celestial glory;"*

12 *"And he who cannot abide the law of a terrestrial kingdom cannot abide a terrestrial glory;"*

13 *"And he who cannot abide the law of a telestial kingdom cannot abide a telestial glory; therefore, he is not meet for a kingdom of glory. Therefore, he must abide a kingdom which is not a kingdom of glory."*

14 Each of the persons inhabiting these several kingdoms shall be quickened by the same power that pertains to the kingdom that they are destined to inherit, whether Celestial, terrestrial, or telestial; and shall receive of their respective glories.

15 And again it is written, *"And again, verily I say unto you, that which is governed by law is also preserved by law, and perfected and sanctified by the same."*

16 *"That which breaketh a law, and abideth not by law, but seeketh to become a law unto itself, and willeth to abide in sin, cannot be sanctified by law, neither by mercy, justice, nor judgment."*

17 It is further written, speaking of Celestial marriage, *"And verily I say unto you, that the conditions of this law are these: All covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections, associations, or expectations that are not made and entered into, and sealed by the Holy Spirit of Promise, of him who is anointed, both as well for time and for all eternity, and that too most holy, by revelation and commandment, through the medium of Mine anointed, whom I have appointed on the earth to hold this power (and I have appointed unto My servant Joseph to hold this power in the last days, and there is never but one on the earth at a time on whom this power and the keys of this priesthood are conferred) are of no efficacy, virtue, or force in and after the resurrection from the dead; for all contracts that are not made unto this end have an end when men are dead."*

18 This law is a Celestial law, and pertains to a Celestial kingdom. It is a New and Everlasting Covenant, and appertains to thrones, principalities, powers, dominions, and eternal increase in the Celestial kingdom of God.

19 You are not now sent to proclaim this principle to the United States, nor to the world, nor to urge it upon them. It is not for them as a nation or nations, only as many as accept the law of My gospel, and

are governed thereby.

20 Behold, if you were to preach this principle unto them, and they said, we accept it, could you then administer it unto them? Verily I say unto you, nay.

21 Have I not said, *"Behold, Mine house is a house of order, saith the Lord God, and not a house of confusion."*

22 *"Will I accept of an offering, saith the LORD, that is not made in My name?"*

23 *"Or will I receive at your hands that which I have not appointed?"*

24 *"And will I appointed unto you, saith the LORD, except it be by law, even as I and My Father ordained unto you, before the world was?"*

25 *"I am the LORD thy God, and I give unto you this commandment: that no man shall come unto the Father but by Me or by My word, which is My law, saith the LORD."*

26 *"And everything that is in the world, whether it be ordained of men, by thrones, or principalities, or powers, or things of name, whatsoever that may be, that are not by Me, saith the LORD, shall be thrown down, and shall not remain after men are dead, neither in nor after the resurrection saith the LORD your God."*

27 *"For whatsoever things remain are by Me, and whatsoever things are not by Me shall be shaken and destroyed."*

28 *"Therefore, if a man marry him a wife in the world, and he marry her not by Me nor by My word, and he covenant with her so long as he is in the world and she with him, their covenant and marriage are not of force when they are dead, and when they are out of the world; therefore, they are not bound by any law when they are out of the world."*

29 You ask, what shall we do? Thus saith the LORD, obey My law and seek not to become a law unto yourselves, nor trust to outside influences; but seek in the way appointed to the Lord your God.

30 Ye are My spokesmen, I am your God; and as I have before said, I now again say: Henceforth do as I shall command you.

31 Concerning the course taken by the United States, they have a right to reject this law themselves, as they have a right to reject the gospel; but it is contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, for them to prohibit you from obeying it.

32 Therefore, abide in My law which I have revealed unto you, saith the Lord God, and contend

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for your rights by every legal and constitutional method and in accordance with the institutions, laws, and Constitution of the United States.

33 Be humble, be faithful, be diligent; seek unto Me and it shall be made know unto you from time to time what My will is pertaining to this matter.

34 I am the Lord your God, hearken to Me, and obey My law, and your enemies shall be confounded, and My kingdoms shall be victorious.

Even so, Amen.

Chapter 3

Revelation Received Tuesday, June 27, 1882
(John Taylor Papers, LDS Archives)
At Salt Lake City, Utah Territory

Verily, thus saith the LORD, I have instituted My kingdom and My laws, with the keys and power thereof.

2 And have appointed you as My spokesmen and My constitution, with President John Taylor at your head, whom I have appointed to My church and My kingdom as Prophet, Seer, and Revelator, unto My church and unto My kingdom-- and to preside over My church and over My kingdom, and to be My mouthpiece unto My church and unto My kingdom.

3 And I will honor him, and he shall speak forth the words that I will reveal unto him from time to time by the whispering of My Spirit, by the revelation of My will and My word, or by Mine own voice as I will, saith the LORD;

4 And ye shall listen to his words as My words, saith the Lord your God.

5 Thus saith the Lord God who rules in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath: I have introduced My kingdom and My government, even the kingdom of God that My servants have heretofore prophesied of--

6 And that I taught My disciples to pray for, saying, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

7 For the establishment of My rule, for the introduction of My law, for the protecting of My church, and for the maintenance, promulgation, and protection of civil and religious liberty in this nation and throughout the world.

8 And all men of every nation, color, and creed shall yet be protected and shielded thereby;

9 And every nation, kindred, and people, and tongue shall yet bow the knee to Me, and acknowledge Me to be Ahman Christ, to the glory of God the Father.

10 And My law, and My rule, and My dominion shall extend over the whole earth, and no one shall stay My hand, or question my authority;

11 For I rule by right, in the heavens above and in the earth; and My right, and My rule and My dominion shall yet be known and extended to all people.

12 And now behold, I speak unto you through My servant John, whom you have acknowledged and shall acknowledge as My spokesman: Thus saith the Lord God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the ruler of the universe, whose right it is to rule in the heavens above, and in the earth beneath;

13 Behold, I raised up My servant Joseph Smith to introduce My gospel, and to build up My church, and establish My kingdom on the earth.

14 And I gave unto him wisdom, and knowledge, and revelation, and intelligence pertaining to the past, the present and the future, even to that extent which was not known among men;

15 And I endowed him with power from on high, and conferred upon him the priesthood of Aaron, and also the Priesthood of Melchizedek, which is after the order of the Son of God, even the holiest of all, and after the power of an endless life- and administereth forever in this world and the world to come.

16 He was called and ordained to this office before the world was; he was called by Me, and empowered by Me, and sustained by Me to introduce and establish My church and kingdom upon the earth--

17 And to be a Prophet, Seer, and Revelator to My church and kingdom; and to be a King and Ruler over Israel.

18 He was slain for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God; but he yet lives, and is with Me where I am.

19 And now I speak unto you who are members of this council, and of My kingdom, and I say unto you, as I said unto My disciples of old: Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you.

20 I called you by My servant Joseph, and by My servant Brigham, and by My servant John.

21 You did not teach and instruct Me; but I have taught and instructed you, and organized you according to My eternal laws.

22 Ye are My constitution, and I am your God.

23 And I will be acknowledged; and My will, and

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My word, and My law shall bear rule in My kingdom, saith the LORD.

24 If it does not, then it is not My kingdom, and then are ye not My spokesmen;

25 For if it is by the wisdom of man, by the intelligence of man, and under the direction of man, then it is a kingdom of man, and it is not of Me, and I will not acknowledge it, saith the Lord God.

26 Have I not instructed you in all that you know, and is not this kingdom organized and directed by revelation from Me? Is it not called the Kingdom of God?

27 If therefore it is not My kingdom, why do you make use of My name, and invoke My authority and My aid?

28 Is this kingdom not called,

"The Kingdom of God, and His laws, with the Keys and Powers Thereof, and Judgment in the Hands of His Servant Ahman Christ"?

29 And because I am kind and beneficent to all peoples, and because I have given to man his free agency, and have always maintained that free agency among all peoples, and have treated all men alike among all nations, and made the sun to shine on the evil and the good, on the just and the unjust, and have never controlled the consciences of men, think ye, therefore, that I have no rights, and will yield up all My authority to the dictates and caprices of wicked and corrupt men?

30 Verily I say unto you, Nay.

31 Behold, Satan sought to take away the free agency of man in the beginning, for which he was thrust out of heaven, and has sought to introduce the same principles upon the earth, which principles are opposed to Me, to My institutions, and My laws, and to the freedom, the welfare, and happiness of man--

32 And by which principles the government of the United States sought to deprive My people of their free agency.

33 And because men have been under the influence and power and dominion of Lucifer, and because tyranny and oppression and evil have abounded by him, and not by Me, saith the Lord your God, shall righteousness and justice, and judgment, and truth, and virtue, and holiness be forever trampled under foot? --And the principles of tyranny, oppression, and misrule, and anarchy, deception, and fraud forever prevail?

34 Verily I say unto you, Nay.

35 And for this cause have I introduced My church and My kingdom, that pure and righteous principles might be inculcated, and man by his free agency yield a willing obedience to My law;

36 For after this testimony and the rejection thereof, I will sweep the earth of evil doers as with the besom of destruction;

37 For this is My right; and while man has free agency, judgment belongs to Me, saith the LORD.

38 And I will come out of My hiding place and vex the nations of the earth because of their iniquities, their misrule, their tyranny, their oppression, their corruption, their murders, their adulteries and fornications, and all their abominations.

39 And because My servant Joseph, whose soul was pained because of their cruelties and oppressions, the injustice, fraud, and corruption, and the inhumanity of men, proclaimed himself the advocate of human rights, the advocate of liberty, and the friend of man;

40 And because, according to My eternal decrees, the free agency of man should be guaranteed to all men, I moved upon him to introduce into My kingdom certain parties not in My church-- for the purpose of exhibiting into My kingdom that I would still maintain the free agency of man, and that I hold inviolate that principle, and will still maintain it to the end--

41 Think ye, therefore, that because they are thus admitted to a share in My government and My laws that they shall be permitted to break their covenants, violate their obligations, and reject Me and My laws and authority, and seek to overthrow the kingdom of God, and deprive My people who are contending for freedom, and who shall yet maintain it, of their agency, and of My laws?

42 Verily I say unto you, Nay.

43 They shall be admitted to the rights of representation in the manner appointed, after subscribing to My covenants and commandments, and have a full and free opportunity of presenting their views, interests, and principles, and enjoying all the free and rights of this council;

44 But they shall acknowledge Me and My laws in this council, saith the Lord God;

45 For My people's rights, and immunities, and free agency shall be acknowledged as well as those of all other people;

46 And My laws and government shall be sustained, or I will not acknowledge you, saith the LORD.

47 I have invested you with the keys and power of

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My kingdom, and they cannot be bartered away to others.

48 Shall all men be free? Yes, free to do right, free to express their sentiments and opinions, and have a full, fair, and free representation;

49 But no man shall violate his covenants, pervert My laws, subvert others free agency, and trample upon Mine authority in this council, saith the Lord your God.

50 Again I say unto you, as I said before: Henceforth do as I shall command you, saith the Lord your God. Even so, Amen.

Chapter 4

Revelation Received in the early Summer of 1882
(John Taylor Papers, LDS Archives)
At Salt Lake City, Utah Territory

Am I not King of kings, and Lord of lords?

2 Do I not rule in the heavens above and in the earth beneath, as I will, saith the LORD?

3 And though men do not acknowledge Me, yet do I control them; and I will control them according to My will and purposes;

4 And I will make use of the kings of the earth, and the rulers and powers of the earth to accomplish My purposes, saith the Lord God your Redeemer-- and none shall stay My hand.

5 And I will build up My kingdom as I have heretofore decreed and made known through the mouth of Mine holy prophets, so far as they have declared My purposes pertaining thereto;

6 And I have many other things to make known and to proclaim relative to My church, and to My kingdom, and to the building up of My Zion on the earth.

7 Behold, you are My kingdom, and rulers in My kingdom, and then you are also, many of you, rulers in My church according to your ordinations therein.

8 For are you not of the First Presidency, and of the Twelve Apostles, and some Presidents of Stakes, and some bishops, and some high priests and some seventies and elders therein?

9 And are ye not all of My church, and belong to My holy Priesthood?

10 And then are ye not all of My kingdom, and do you not belong to My kingdom, and are ye not the representatives thereof, even My constitution?

11 And am I not your God, even your Redeemer and your King?

12 Behold, I have told you to do as I command you, and have I not a right to dictate in the affairs of My kingdom?

13 And is it not incumbent upon you to obey Me as your LORD, your lawgiver, and your King?

14 Behold thus saith the LORD, I will be obeyed by My council, and if they do not acknowledge Me, I will not acknowledge them, saith the Lord of Hosts, the God and King of the whole earth.

15 Speaking of My church, behold I established My church that I might reveal unto them My word, and My will, and the law of the Gospel, and the order of the Holy priesthood.

17 And I set in order My priesthood, even the Aaronic and Melchizedek;

17 And I have sent forth Mine elders to the world to preach this gospel of the kingdom to all people and to gather Mine elect from among all nations.

18 That a people might be prepared through My gospel, through the manifestation of My Spirit, even the Spirit of Truth, the Gift of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, and through the teachings of My holy priesthood, and the revelations of My will, to comprehend the law of My gospel;

19 To be one with each other, and to be one with Me as I am one with the Father.

20 To comprehend and obey the principles of righteousness, virtue, holiness, purity, and the love and fear of God;

21 And to assist in building My Zion unto Me, saith the Lord of Hosts, and to prepare for the salvation and redemption of the world, even the living and the dead.

22 And again, it required this gospel, this priesthood, this revelation, this unity, this Spirit, to introduce the kingdom of God, the law of God, the authority and dominion of God, that the will of God might be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

23 I rule now among the nations, but not by their consent, and the rulers of the earth do not know Me or My law, nor recognize My authority.

24 They have their free agency and use it; so have also My people, and they use their agency through My gospel to serve Me, to obey My law, and to build up My church and kingdom.

25 For outside of My church there is no people on the earth who will listen to My law.

26 And if there was no people who would listen to My law, how could I have a kingdom, and how could I be their ruler?

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27 I have established My kingdom to be a shield and protection to My church, to learn and comprehend My law, and to carry out My purposes, that My will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven;

28 The church through the law and Spirit of the gospel to preserve the virtue and purity of the kingdom.

29 And the kingdom to preserve and protect the church from the aggressions of the wicked and ungodly.

30 And behold, I do not want My own will, but the will of My Father;

31 The same is My Father and My God, and your Father and your God, and we are One: I in Him, and you in Me.

32 Am I and My Father with the church? Yes.

33 Am I not your God, your Ahman Christ? You so acknowledge Me.

34 My Father is King of kings, and Lord of lords.

35 I rule as My Father directs Me, and if ye rule and direct according to My will, under the direction of My servant who is your President and head, are we not one, and is it not the rule and government of God?

36 And any kingdom, or government, or dominion that is not under My direction, and does not acknowledge Me, I will not acknowledge, saith the Lord of Hosts;

37 And if they fight against Me and My laws, and My church, and My kingdom, they shall be overthrown in Mine own due time, for I have so decreed.

Even so, Amen.

Chapter 5

Revelation Received Friday, October 13, 1882

(John Taylor Papers, LDS Archives)

(Also: Messages of the First Presidency, 2:348)

At The Gardo House,
Salt Lake City, Utah Territory

Thus saith the LORD to the Twelve, and to the Priesthood and people of My Church:

2 Let My servants George Teasdale and Heber J. Grant be appointed to fill the vacancies in the Twelve, that you may be fully organized and prepared for the labors devolving upon you, for you

have a great work to perform;

3 And then proceed to fill up the presiding quorum of Seventies, and assist in organizing that body of My Priesthood who are your co-laborers in the ministry.

4 You may appoint Seymour B. Young to fill up the vacancy in the presiding quorum of Seventies, if he will conform to My law;

5 For it is not meet that men who will not abide My law shall preside over My Priesthood;

6 And then proceed forthwith and call to your aid any assistance that you may require from among the Seventies to assist you in your labors in introducing and maintaining the Gospel among the Lamanites throughout the land.

7 And then let High Priests be selected, under the direction of the First Presidency, to preside over the various organizations that shall exist among this people;

8 That those who receive the Gospel may be taught in the doctrines of My Church and in the ordinances and laws thereof, and also in the things pertaining to My Zion and My Kingdom, saith the LORD, that they may be one with you in My Church and My Kingdom.

9 Let the Presidency of My Church be one in all things; and let the Twelve also be one in all things; and let them all be one with Me as I am one with the Father.

10 And let the High Priests organize themselves, and purify themselves, and prepare themselves for this labor, and for all other labors that they may be called upon to fulfill.

11 And let the Presidents of Stakes also purify themselves, and the Priesthood and people of the Stakes over which they preside,

12 And organize the Priesthood in their various Stakes according to My law, in all the various departments thereof, in the High Councils, in the Elders Quorums, and in the Bishops and their Councils, and in the Quorums of Priests, Teachers and Deacons--

13 That every Quorum may be fully organized according to the order of My Church;

14 And, then, let them inquire into the standing and fellowship of all that holy My Holy Priesthood in their several Stakes;

15 And if they find those that are unworthy let them remove them, except they repent.

16 For My Priesthood, whom I have called and whom I have sustained and honored, shall honor Me and obey My laws, and the laws of My Holy

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Priesthood, or they shall not be considered worthy to hold My Priesthood, saith the LORD.

17 And let my Priesthood humble themselves before Me, and seek not their own will but My will;

18 For if My Priesthood whom I have chosen, and called, and endowed with the spirit and gifts of their several callings, and with the powers thereof, do not acknowledge Me I will not acknowledge them, saith the LORD; for I will be honored and obeyed by My Priesthood.

19 And, then, I call upon My Priesthood, and upon all of My people to repent of all their sins and shortcomings, of their covetousness and pride and self will, and of all their iniquities wherein they sin against Me;

20 And to seek with all humility to fulfill My law, as My Priesthood, My Saints, and My people;

21 And I call upon the heads of families to put their houses in order according to the law of God, and attend to the various duties and responsibilities associated therewith, and to purify themselves before Me, and to purge out iniquity from their households. And I will bless and be with you, saith the LORD;

22 And ye shall gather together in your holy places wherein ye assemble to call upon Me, and ye shall ask for such things as are right,

23 And I will hear your prayers, and My Spirit and power shall be with you, and My blessing shall rest upon you, upon your families, your dwellings and your households, upon your flocks and herds and fields, your orchards and vineyards, and upon all that pertains to you;

24 And you shall be My people and I will be your God;

25 And your enemies shall not have dominion over you, for I will preserve you and confound them, saith the LORD, and they shall not have power nor dominion over you;

26 For My word shall go forth, and My work shall be accomplished, and My Zion shall be established, and My rule and My power and My dominion shall prevail among My people, and all nations shall yet acknowledge Me.

Even so, Amen.

Chapter 6

Revelation Received Saturday, April, 14, 1883
(John Taylor Papers, LDS Archives)
(Also Messages of the First Presidency 2:354)
At Salt Lake City, Utah Territory

"Show unto us Thy will, O Lord, concerning the organization of the Seventies."

What ye have written is My will, and is acceptable unto Me:

2 And furthermore: Thus saith the LORD unto the First Presidency, unto the Twelve, unto the Seventies and unto all My holy Priesthood, let not your hearts be troubled, neither be ye concerned about the management and organization of My Church and Priesthood and the accomplishment of My work.

3 Fear Me and observe My laws and I will reveal unto you, from time to time, through the channels that I have appointed, everything that shall be necessary for the future development and perfection of My church,

4 For the adjustment and rolling forth of My kingdom, and for the building up and the establishment of My Zion.

5 For ye are My Priesthood and I am your God.
Even so. Amen.

Chapter 7

Revelation Received Saturday, April 28, 1883
(John Taylor Papers, LDS Archives)
At Salt Lake City, Utah Territory

You have asked Me why your mind was confused and dull within the last two days.

2 Verily thus saith the LORD, by the whisperings of His Spirit, and the still small voice, that the arrangement which you have contemplated with My servant Thomas is not acceptable to Me.

3 He should have listened to your offer, which would have been profitable to himself and acceptable to Me.

4 When you rejected his offer, you did right, and My Spirit was with you.

5 But when you, in your seal to show that you had faith in Me and in My word, accepted propositions and assumed responsibilities which were not in

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accordance with the order that I showed you, you did wrong, and I withdrew My Spirit.

6 For it is forbidden My Presidency to go into debt unless I, the LORD, command it; for these things lead to confusion and bondage.

7 Besides, have I not shown unto you, My servant John, a way to raise a fund which should be at your disposal for the accomplishment of My purposes? --And by which the rights and properties of My people should be preserved in all of these matters?

8 You must abide by this principle.

9 My servant Thomas does not understand this matter.

10 Confer with him on this subject, and if he can see these things and follow counsel, he shall assist you in the developments contemplated.

11 For you, nor My servant George Q. Cannon, cannot attend to these details;

12 But if he, Thomas, cannot enter freely into this matter without restraint, then shall you arrange with him according to wisdom, and withdraw from the consummation of the contemplated arrangement.

13 Behold, I have shown unto you many things, and I will continue to make know unto you My will, from time to time, on things temporal as well as spiritual; things pertaining to My church, My kingdom, and My Zion.

14 And you shall be My mouthpiece, saith the LORD, and I will greatly bless you, and lift you up, and exalt you, saith the LORD;

15 For your words and works are acceptable unto Me, and I know of your zeal and integrity in My cause, and you shall be made a blessing to My people, and your name shall be honored in Israel, and in this nation, and among the nations of the earth; for they that honor Me, I will honor.

16 And I will also greatly bless My servant George Q. Cannon, who is acceptable before Me, and who is exceedingly desirous to do My will.

17 And I will also bless My servant Joseph F. Smith, whose heart and spirit are right before Me, and who is also desirous to fulfill My law;

18 And these your counselors shall be greatly blessed with you;

19 And you shall be My mouthpiece unto them, and I will show unto them My will from time to time.

20 And you shall be one in spiritual things and also in temporal things in due time.

21 And I will show unto My people, and unto the world, that this world is Mine, and that I created it by My power--

22 And the gold and silver and copper and brass and iron and riches and precious things thereof, and all that pertains thereunto are Mine--

23 And My people shall know that they are Mine, and that they live in Me, and move and exist in Me, and have their being from Me,

24 And that all which they possess is Mine, and is obtained of Me, and that they are, and can only be, stewards over that which I have given unto them to possess, and which they could not have only of Me and by Me;

25 Whether it relates to this earth and the fullness thereof-- to wives, children, and friends, to gold, silver, houses, lands, riches and possessions pertaining thereto-- or to thrones, principalities, powers, dominions and exaltations in My eternal kingdoms.

26 And My Presidency shall be one, and the Twelve shall be one, and the Presidencies of Stakes and the High Councils shall be one.

27 And all of My holy priesthood in their several quorums, standings, offices, and positions shall be one, and all of My priesthood shall be united as one.

28 And they shall be one with My people, and My people shall be one with them.

29 And I will be one with them, and be their God.

30 Let every person, therefore, be diligent and act in their several positions, callings or priesthood, and honor and magnify the same, and honor and obey Me, the Lord their God, and respect and obey the counsels of My holy priesthood, and I will honor and exalt them, saith the LORD, in time and throughout eternity.

31 And as it regards My servant John Taylor, it is not necessary for him to attend to the minutia or details of either spiritual or temporal things, but only to give general directions, or as I may manifest from time to time.

32 And his counselors are to be his assistants-- and the First Presidency shall call upon the Twelve, the presidents of stakes, the bishops, and others to assist in these duties.

33 And I will raise up wise and prudent men, from time to time, to assist in temporal as well as spiritual things, for they are all one with Me.

34 And then let the Twelve call upon the Seventies, and let the high priests, the councils, the elders, and bishops and the lesser priesthood, and all who labor for Zion, be diligent and obedient.

35 And let every man put in his sickle and reap, and fulfill and magnify his calling, office or Priesthood.

36 These things belong to My priesthood, but more

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properly to the School of the Prophets.

37 Let the School of the Prophets be organized, even all such as are worthy.

38 But if they are found unworthy, they shall not have a place in My school-- for I will be honored by My priesthood;

39 And let My laws be made known unto them as may be deemed expedient.

Chapter 8

Revelation Received in May, 1884
(John Taylor Papers, LDS Archives)
At Logan, Utah Territory

As thou hast asked Me concerning this temple, thus saith the LORD: I accept this house which thou hast built;

2 And also the labors of the Committee, the Superintendent, and the Architect thereof, and of those who have in anywise contributed to the building or beautifying the same, by their labor or by their means;

3 And inasmuch as it shall be preserved pure and not by defiled, My presence shall be there, even the power of My Spirit, the Gift of the Holy Ghost; which shall in this house hereafter be more fully understood;

4 And I will acknowledge the ordinances which shall be administered therein, both for the living and the dead;

5 And My blessings shall attend the administration of the ordinances, and shall rest upon those who administer therein, inasmuch as they comply with the order of My house, and act with purity and singleness of heart before Me, according to My word, My ordinances and My law;

6 And this house shall be a house of prayer, a house of learning, a house of God, wherein many great principles pertaining to the past, to the present, and the future shall be revealed.

7 And My word and My will be made known, and the laws of the universe, pertaining to this world and other worlds be developed;

8 For in these houses which have been built unto Me, and which shall be built, I will reveal the abundance of those things pertaining to the past, the present, and the future--

9 To the life that now is, and the life that is to come,

pertaining to law, order, rule, dominion, and government; to things affecting this nation and other nations.

10 The laws of the heavenly bodies in their times and seasons, and the principles or laws by which they are governed, and their relation to each other, and whether they be bodies Celestial, terrestrial, or telestial shall all be made known as I will, saith the LORD.

11 For it is My will and My purpose to place My people in closer communion with the heavens, inasmuch as they will purify themselves and observe more diligently My law;

12 For it is in Mine heart to greatly bless and exalt My people, and to build up, exalt, and beautify My Zion, inasmuch as they shall observe My law. Even so, Amen.

Chapter 9

Revelation Received Thursday,
December 25, 1884
(John Taylor Papers, LDS Archives)
At Salt Lake City, Utah Territory

There are some things that ought to be put right.

2 Some time ago there was word given for the brethren and their families to put themselves in order before the LORD;

3 And it is necessary that these things should be carried out, for there has been a negligence in some of these matters;

4 And if My people and priesthood desire My blessing and guidance and protection, they must and shall be subject to My law.

5 And it is necessary that the various quorums of the Priesthood should place themselves right before Me, saith the LORD;

6 And that as individuals they should place themselves in that position, for if they do not they have no claim upon My blessing or My protection.

7 A day of trouble and anxiety and sorrow and judgment will soon overtake this nation, and other nations-- it is nigh at hand.

8 And the inhabitants of Zion must purge themselves from iniquity, folly, covetousness, and vanity, and listen to and obey My laws, or they cannot have My protection-- for I the LORD will not be mocked.

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9 But the wrongdoer shall receive the just recompense of reward; and the sinners in Zion shall be afraid;

10 And fearfulness shall also take hold of the wicked and the ungodly that are in your midst.

11 And if you, My people, obey My law, and keep My commandments to do them, not in name only, but in reality, I will be your shield and protector, and your strong tower-- and no man shall be able to hurt you, for I will be your defense.

12 Therefore, humble yourselves before Me, and purify yourselves that your acts and doings may be acceptable before Me.

13 For if you do not, you will share in the condemnation of the wicked.

14 Therefore, listen to the counsels of those whom I have appointed, and seek not your own will and way, but the will of the Lord your God.

15 For by Him only can you be sustained in the time of trouble which is fast approaching.

Even so, Amen.

Chapter 10

Revelation Received Monday,
September 17, 1886
(John Taylor Papers, LDS Archives)
At Centerville, Utah Territory

My son John: You have asked Me concerning the New and Everlasting covenant-- how far it is binding upon my people.

2 Thus saith the LORD: All commandments that I give must be obeyed by those calling themselves by My name unless they are revoked by Me or by My authority;

3 And how can I revoke an everlasting covenant?

4 For I the LORD am everlasting and My everlasting covenants cannot be abrogated nor done away with; but they stand forever.

5 Have I not given My word in great plainness on this subject?

6 Yet have not great numbers of My people been negligent in the observance of My law and the keeping of My commandment;

7 And yet have I borne with them these many years, and this because of their weakness because of the perilous times;

8 And furthermore, it is more pleasing to Me that

men should use their free agency in regard to these matters.

9 Nevertheless I the LORD do not change, and My word and My covenants and My law do not.

10 And as I have heretofore said by My servant Joseph Smith: All those who would enter into my glory must and shall obey My law;

11 And have I not commanded men that if they were Abraham's seed and would enter into My glory, they must do the works of Abraham?

12 I have not revoked this law, nor will I, for it is everlasting-- and those who will enter into My glory must obey the conditions thereof;

Even so, Amen.