

# Overview of what to expect for next test

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Big 4 missionaries in 1830 called to preach to the Lamanites

- Oliver Cowdery - first time away from Joseph since he was called to be a scribe
  - Becomes the senior missionary, it is said that he had a testimony that shook the earth
- Parley P. Pratt - doesn't know much but is very enthusiastic about what he knows,
- Peter Whitmer Jr. - we don't know of anyone he baptised except for a one liner - he knows the Book of Mormon is true, is always worried about the money on their mission. Looks for a job in each town. He's a tailor by trade, and does tailoring all over the US. Made a suit for Lilburn W. Boggs.
- Ziba Peterson- heads off and looks like a good missionary, however a few miles out of Palmyra starts noticing every skirt in town, loses his membership, helps Wilburn W. Boggs persecute the saints, and moves to California and is the first sherriff to hang someone in california

They have no success with the Lamanites, however they have lots of success in Ohio. Kirtland was where Parley was from. Sidney Rigdon was a preacher in Kirtland for several different denominations. He had 17 small congregations. He has a pretty large following. The missionaries are only there 3 weeks however they baptized Sidney and 120 others in that time. They then go to Missouri.

The group in Kirtland is still SO new, the oldest members had been members 3 weeks. They didn't know how to act in church. So some times some of them would go and row with Father Lehi to the promised land. Another time, a man announced that he had the sword of Laban which had never been lost in battle. Someone says he receives revelations by jumping and knocking himself out, and when he comes to gives a revelation. Another man says it comes by doing somersaults. It was insanity. They needed Joseph to come and tell them how to run the church. The members in Kirtland outnumbered those in Palmyra.

In Palmyra Joseph was still receiving many revelations and holding conferences. At the end of 1830 he receives the doctrine of gathering. They were supposed to go to the Ohios. They were both expected to be baptized and COME to Ohio, or else they would lose their membership. This continued from 1930-1923. In 1923 the first stake was formed outside the Rockies, in LA! The first ward was the Hollywood ward. The bishopric would come every week wearing tuxedos. In 1923, Heber J. Grant says "It is now time that we can live in the world but not of the world." This was when the doctrine of gathering was changed. Now we are gathered into stakes and wards instead of together. The first gathering place is the Ohios. For a while it was called Connecticut's Western reserve, when the saints move there it is called Ohio. Joseph Smith is the first of the saints to gather in February of 1831. When he gets there he goes to the general store owned by Newel K. Whitney. He says to him "Newel, Thou art the man." Newel says "you have the better of me." Joseph says "I am Joseph the prophet, you prayed me here, now what do you want from me?" Joseph lives in Ohio until 1837. He makes 4 different visits to Missouri but he never is actually a resident of Missouri. Most of the D&C is from Ohio. Things that happened in Ohio: Sect 76, revelations about JS & bible translation, first building built (Kirtland temple). Joseph renamed the city to Shinehah - a place of glory, the first bishop is called, the original quorum of the twelve, general authorities, first high council, first stake. This is a good time. In 1835 there is a nationwide run on the banks, it was almost as bad as the great depression. The tragedy of Shinehah is 1837. Joseph had set up a bank called the Safety society. People received back 12.5 cents for every dollar put in. People said at this point that he was a fallen prophet. Joseph met Wilford Woodruff on the street and asked "Wilford, are you friend or foe?", Wilford replied "I am always a friend of a prophet of God" Joseph took out a piece of paper and wrote "Wilford Woodruff, friend of a prophet of God" Wilford carried that paper for the rest of his life. Brigham Young was 5'10", red hair and freckles. He didn't think the building of the temple was perfect so he stayed around after everyone else left to make it better. Brigham was a carpenter by trade. Finally he tells the leader of the apostates that the temple is as good as he can do it. The apostates give him 3 cheers. He gives a builders dedicatory prayer, he

blesses the nails, the windows etc. He tells his friends, "I wish you knew that Joseph was a prophet." They go crazy, then he says "there is a difference between you and me, I know that Joseph still is a prophet."

### Missouri 1831-1839

- Independence was the farthest west settlement of the US. It was a trail head. It's a fairly varied town. Joseph goes to visit Oliver there and names that place Zion. Everyone is still called to gather to Ohio. However, Joseph calls in the head of households from several families and extends a call to them to go to Missouri. Then if they elect to go then they are said to be making their calling and election sure.
- Jackson county is named for Andrew Jackson- the people's president.
- Joseph said Independence was the garden of eden. He dedicates the land for 24 interconnected temples on 64 acres.
- In 1833 the saints move from Jackson county to Clay county. The biggest town there is Liberty.
- In 1834 - they form Zion's camp to try to reclaim Jackson county. The people in Clay County start to buy homes. The town fathers decide they don't like the saints any more. They took a vote and decided that the saints should move to Hell. They decided that the closest place to hell on earth was Wisconsin and said the saints should move there.
- Alexander Donophan - stood 6'4". When he met Abraham Lincoln Abe said "You are the only man I have seen who's appearance matches his legend." He was a defense attorney, and was big into theatrics. He would sit at a table and listen to the prosecution and act very disinterested until the prosecuting attorney said something stupid and Alex would unbutton his sleeves, and slowly roll them up with each stupid statement. He had an unusual psychological problem where he would use all of his energy and would collapse after winning a case, and would be in bed for days/weeks or months. The only way to get him out of bed was his wife would read him newspaper stories about things that were unjust and he would jump out of bed to go and fight the case. When he learns about the vote to send the saints to Hell or Wisconsin he is livid. He says they need a county for Mormons. He has it signed into law by the governor. In 1836 Caldwell county is designated for the saints. Davis county is instituted later.
- Caldwell county was supposed to be a Mormon reservation as much as the Indian reservations. So long as they stayed there they would face no problems. Far West was in Caldwell county. Several of the saints wrote in their journals that Caldwell and Far West was where Cain killed Abel. Joseph Smith founded one settlement outside of there - Adam-ondi-ahman- which set the government off. That led to Boggs issuing the extermination order.
- Alexander Donophan is given the appointment to be a brigadier general. His first assignment was to exterminate the Mormons. "The day of extermination is over." When he gets outside of Far West Joseph has been taken prisoner. Alex is the man who refuses to kill Joseph in the town square of Far West. "Someday you and I will meet in battle and we will see who is the better man." to Samuel Lucas. Mr. Lucas decides to take the prisoners to Independence. Parley asks Joseph if they are going to Independence to die? Joseph says he is going to preach in Independence. Town square is packed when they get there. Soon there are so many people around it that they can't move. They want Joseph to speak, he turns to Sam Lucas, "would it be ok with you General, if I spoke on these streets?" He gets permission, stands in the prisoner wagon and starts to preach and tells about his sufferings for Christ, and says "under no man's hands have I suffered more than under the hands of General Lucas." In years later he says the worst thing he could have done for his political career was to allow Joseph Smith to speak on the streets of Independence. It is from here that these men are sent to Liberty.
- We own 20 acres of the original
- We own Adam-ondi-ahman. There is one lone farmer in the valley who won't sell his land. The church is just waiting for him to die to buy his land. The state of Missouri wanted to use the right of eminent domain to fill the valley with water to make it a lake. The church instead bought another valley, and filled it with water so they could keep Adam-ondi-ahman.