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Saints: The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Latter Days: Volume 2

No Unhallowed Hand: 1846–1893

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Saints, Vol. 2: No Unhallowed Hand covers Church history from 1846 through 1893. Volume 2 narrates the Saints' expulsion from Nauvoo, their challenges in gathering to the western United States and their efforts to settle Utah's Wasatch Front. The second volume concludes with the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple.

Saints: The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Latter Days, Volume 3

Boldly, Nobly, and Independent, 1893–1955

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints After decades of opposition, the Latter-day Saints have dedicated the Salt Lake Temple, a mighty symbol of their industry and faith. Now, with a new century on the horizon, the Saints are optimistic about the future and ready to spread the Savior's message of peace across the globe. But the world is rapidly changing. Advances in transportation and communication allow people and information to cross vast distances in record time. And young people are venturing far from home as never before, seeking educational and professional opportunities their parents and grandparents could hardly imagine. As the Church begins to take root in Europe, South America, and Asia, the Saints rejoice in the rise of the global Church. Yet many are wary of the challenges the changing world poses to the cause of Zion. While the promise of the new century is bright, it comes with dire economic hardships, brutal global wars, and other unprecedented trials. Boldly, Nobly, and Independent is the third book in Saints, a new, four-volume narrative history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Fast-paced, meticulously researched, and written under the direction of the First Presidency, Saints recounts true stories of Latter-day Saints across the globe and answers the Lord's call to write a history "for the good of the Church, and for the rising generations" (Doctrine and Covenants 69:8).

Mormon History

University of Illinois Press

Treasury of Latter-Day Saint Letters, A

Arcadia Publishing What did David O. McKay say about the theory of evolution, or George Albert Smith about Saints thinking for themselves? Why did Relief Society president Eliza R. Snow and others write a heartfelt letter of appreciation to the governor of the Utah territory? With fifteen new letters, this revised edition of A Treasury of Latter-day Saint Letters answers these and other intriguing questions through the words of early Church figures, from apostles to Joseph Smith's relatives. Historian Larry Morris, formerly with the Ensign and the Joseph Smith Papers, explains the historical context of each epistle and presents the text of the letter itself. Preserving the exact words and spelling of the writer, this inspiring and thought-provoking volume offers a glimpse into the personal lives and candid feelings of a host of prominent Church members--a rare view not often seen from the pulpit or in history books.

Charles Ellis Johnson and the Erotic Mormon Image

University of Chicago Press A book about the sexualized photographs and stereoscopic images produced by Mormon Church photographer Charles Ellis Johnson (1857-1926). Using Johnson s photographs and other artifacts of Mormon visual culture, it revises the history of the Mormon Church s legal and cultural battles about polygamy, a doctrine that was disavowed on September 24, 1890, in order to assure the LDS s survival in America. But in renouncing polygamy Mormon authorities did not simply disavow an unorthodox family structure. To the contrary, they abandoned perhaps the central doctrine of their church s founding theology--a theology that rooted itself in an intoxicating vision of the male body and that body s sexualized capacity to do nothing less than make heaven on earth. Focusing on Johnson s erotic stereographs (mainly of women) as well as his studio portraits, Campbell explores the complicated way in which LDS polygamy activated such collective myths of manhood, power, and, ultimately, the creative impulse itself for Mormons."

Two Testaments

A Comprehensive Comparison of the Teachings of the New Testament and the Book of Mormon

Author House Two Testaments: A Comprehensive Comparison of the Teachings of the New Testament and the Book of Mor-mon is a study of the theology of the New Testament and the Book of Mormon ("the two testaments") that proves and shows that their teachings and doctrines are the same--a singularity! As far as can be determined, this is the first comprehensive comparative study of the theology of the two testaments. In addition to providing knowledge absolute that the theology in them is the same, Two Testaments is a spiritual guidebook provid-ing intelligence unsurpassed regarding the purpose of life, if one chooses to pursue it. The two testaments are God's proclamation, blessing, and challenge to the world. They proclaim that the fulness of the gospel of Jesus Christ is destined to revolutionize and civilize the world by bringing forth and establishing universal equality, peace, prosperity, and love. That which God, in His infinite state, has chosen for us, in our finite state, to understand about Him, the nature of reality, and His purposes for us is presented in the two testa-ments. The mission of Two Testaments is to help us prepare to meet our Creator.

Mormons and Popular Culture [2 Volumes]

The Global Influence of an American Phenomenon

ABC-CLIO Many people are unaware of how influential Mormons have been on American popular culture. This book parts the curtain and looks behind the scenes at the little-known but important influence Mormons have had on popular culture in the United States and beyond.

On this Day in the Church

An Illustrated Almanac of the Latter-day Saints

Deseret Book Company

The Latter-day Saint Image in the British Mind

Greg Kofford Books Since the coming forth of the Book of Mormon in 1830, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has added millions of people to its global membership. Crucial to its initial growth were converts from Great Britain who emigrated to join with other Latter-day Saints in the United States. Many, however, also stayed in the United Kingdom in order to establish a presence of the Church there. In The Latter-day Saint Image in the British Mind, authors Malcolm Adcock and Fred E. Woods explore the multifaceted perspectives of British people outside of the Latter-day Saint faith tradition and how these people's perceptions of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its members generally have improved over time. In doing so, they present historical accounts, particularly through literature, film, and media reviews depicting Latter-day Saints and their faith. In addition, they utilize over a hundred face-to-face interviews and surveys of over a thousand Brits to determine how citizens of the United Kingdom perceive the Church in the twenty-first century.

Saints: The Story of the Church of Jesus Christ in the Latter Days

The Standard of Truth: 1815–1846

[The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#) In 1820, a young farm boy in search of truth has a vision of God the Father and Jesus Christ. Three years later, an angel guides him to an ancient record buried in a hill near his home. With God's help, he translates the record and organizes the Savior's church in the latter days. Soon others join him, accepting the invitation to become Saints through the Atonement of Jesus Christ. But opposition and violence follow those who defy old traditions to embrace restored truths. The women and men who join the church must choose whether or not they will stay true to their covenants, establish Zion, and proclaim the gospel to a troubled world. The Standard of Truth is the first book in Saints, a new, four-volume narrative history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Fast-paced, meticulously researched, Saints recounts true stories of Latter-day Saints across the globe and answers the Lord's call to write history "for the good of the church, and for the rising generations" (Doctrine and Covenants 69:8).

Mormonism: A Historical Encyclopedia

A Historical Encyclopedia

[ABC-CLIO](#) Covering its historic development, important individuals, and central ideas and issues, this encyclopedia offers broad historical coverage of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. • 140 entries on individuals, places, events, and issues • An overview section of six essays tracing the history of Mormonism from Joseph Smith's vision to years of global expansion that began in the mid-20th century • 50 contributors who are among the world's foremost scholars on the Mormon religion and its history • A chronology of Mormonism from its beginnings in upstate New York to its current status as a globalized church headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah • A bibliography of the latest scholarship on Mormon history

My Own Pioneers 1830-1918

Volume I, Pioneering the Borders: The New Saints 1830-1847

[Outskirts Press](#) The three volumes of My Own Pioneers together tell a remarkable story of the desperate pioneer struggles of four generations of the author's family. Although the memorable historical journey begins seven generations ago, these three volumes of stories focus on four important pioneer generation. They are the culmination of fifteen years of painstaking research as the author carefully reconstructs her family's pioneer struggles from before 1830 to 1918 using information from family records, journals, memoirs, histories and letters, supplemented by accounts from their pioneer companions, and by Church and other official records. Volume I tells about the author's once prosperous pioneer families survived the French and Indian War and the War of 1812, then eventually relocated to join the newly founded Mormon Church. The stories tell how the pressure of mobs and mob wars eventually forced these families to abandon everything as they were driven from place to place, until they found themselves exiled on the western-most border of the United States—at the Missouri River—looking toward the wild and hostile West as their only refuge. Stories describe how dozens of family members were among the Mormon refugees who died by the hundreds at the Missouri River, of illness, starvation and exposure. Yet family members had managed to journey among Indians on the frontier to preach, and had sailed through nearly catastrophic ocean storms to preach in England. And despite much sorrow and hardship, this volume relates how five family members left their loved ones behind at the sickly Missouri River in order to march down the Old Santa Fe Trail in the U.S. Army's Mormon Battalion to prove their loyalty to the government by helping to fight a war with Mexico.

Joseph Smith's Polygamy, Volume 3: Theology

[Greg Kofford Books](#) Americans of Joseph Smith's day, steeped in the stories and prophecies of the King James Bible, certainly knew about plural marriage; but it was a curiosity relegated to the misty past of patriarchs Abraham and Jacob, who never gave reasons for their polygamy. It was long abandoned, Christians understood, by the time Jesus set forth the dominating law of the New Testament. But how did Joseph Smith understand it? Where did it fit in the "restitution of all things" (Acts 3:21) predicted in the New Testament? What part did it play in the global ideology declared by this modern prophet who produced new scripture, new revelation, and new theology? During Joseph Smith's lifetime, polygamy was taught and practiced in intense secrecy, with the result that he never fully explained its doctrinal underpinnings or systematized its practice. As a result, reconstructing Joseph Smith's theology of plurality is a task that has seldom been undertaken. Most theological examinations have either focused on its development during Brigham Young's Utah period, with its need to resist increasing federal legislative and judicial pressures, or the efforts of twentieth-century and contemporary "fundamentalists" who continue to marry a plurality of wives. Volume 3 of this three-volume work builds on the carefully reconstructed history of the development of Mormon polygamy during Joseph Smith's lifetime, then assembles the doctrinal principles from his recorded addresses, the diary entries of those closely associated with him, and his broader teachings on the related topics of obedience to God's will, marriage and family relations, and the mechanics of eternal progression, salvation, and exaltation. The revelation he dictated in July 1843 that authorized the practice of eternal and plural marriage receives unprecedented examination and careful interpretation that illuminate this significant document and its underlying doctrines. Attempts to explain the history of Joseph Smith's polygamy without comprehending the theological principles undergirding its practice will always be incomplete and skewed. This volume, which takes those principles and evidences with the utmost seriousness, has produced the most important explanation of "why" this ancient practice reemerged among the Latter-day Saints on the shores of the Mississippi in the early 1840s.

Journal of Mormon History

Continental Tourism, Travel Writing, and the Consumption of Culture, 1814–1900

[Springer Nature](#) This book explores the boundaries of British continental travel and tourism in the nineteenth century, stretching from Norway to Bulgaria, from visitors' albums to missionary efforts, from juvenilia to joint authorship. The essay topics invoke new aesthetics of travel as consumption, travel as satire, and of the developing culture of tourism. Chronologically arranged, the book charts the growth and permutations of this new consumerist ideology of travel driven by the desires of both men and women: the insatiable appetite for new accounts of old routes as well as appropriation of the new; interart reproductions of description and illustration; and wider cultural manifestations of tourism within popular entertainment and domestic settings. Continental tourism provides multiple perspectives with wide-ranging coverage of cultural phenomena increasingly incorporated into and affected by the nineteenth-century continental tour. The essays suggest the coextension of travel alongside experiential boundaries and reveal the emergence of a consumerist attitude toward travel that persists in the present day.

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Man of Holiness: The Mormon Search for a Personal God

[Sacred Tribes Press](#) 'Serious efforts to understand Mormonism in a non-confrontational, non-polemical way are few and far between. In this book the author, John Bracht, has drawn together a multitude of LDS sources in order to demonstrate differences between Mormonism and 'traditional' Christian views on the nature of God and the Godhead."

Jehovah and the World of the Old Testament

An Illustrated Reference for Later-Day Saints

[Deseret Book](#)

Historical Dictionary of the Latter-day Saints

[Rowman & Littlefield](#) The fourth edition of Historical Dictionary of the Latter-day Saints contains a chronology, an introduction, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 400 cross-referenced entries on the important people, ideas, doctrine, and events during the 190 year history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Interpreter: A Journal of Latter-day Saint Faith and Scholarship, Volume 35 (2020)

The Interpreter Foundation This is volume 35 of Interpreter: A Journal of Latter-day Saint Faith and Scholarship published by The Interpreter Foundation. It contains the complete text of Labor Diligently to Write: The Ancient Making of a Modern Scripture by Brant A. Gardner.

Differing Visions

Dissenters in Mormon History

University of Illinois Press This exciting volume uses closeup looks at nineteen Mormon dissenters to focus on the variety of religious sentiment within the Mormon church and to explore how it has encouraged divergent ideas from the early 1800s through modern times. "An absolute necessity for anyone interested in the history/direction of the Latter Day Saint Movement." -- Gerald John Kloss, Latter Day Saint History "Well done. . . . Respectful and professional." -- Lynn D. Wardle, BYU Studies "Makes a valuable contribution to our improved understanding of the rich heritage and faith of Mormonism." -- Milan D. Smith Jr., Sunstone "An important and thought-provoking book." -- Lola Van Wagenen, Utah Historical Quarterly "A splendid collection. . . . Essential reading for anyone interested even slightly in the Restoration movement." -- Paul Shupe, The John Whitmer Historical Association Journal ROGER D. LAUNIUS, chief historian with the NASA History Office in Washington, D.C., is the author of Joseph Smith III: Pragmatic Prophet. Linda Thatcher is the coordinator of collections management for the Utah State Historical Society. LEONARD J. ARRINGTON, a professor emeritus of history at Brigham Young University, is the author of many books on Mormon history.

Moroni and the Swastika

Mormons in Nazi Germany

University of Oklahoma Press A page-turning historical narrative, this book is the first full account of how Mormons avoided Nazi persecution through skilled collaboration with Hitler's regime, and then eschewed postwar shame by constructing an alternative history of wartime suffering and resistance.

The Man Behind the Discourse

A Biography of King Follett

Greg Kofford Books Who was King Follett? When he was fatally injured digging a well in Nauvoo in March 1844, why did Joseph Smith use his death to deliver the monumental doctrinal sermon now known as the King Follett Discourse? Much has been written about the sermon, but little about King. Although King left no personal writings, Joann Follett Mortensen, King's third great-granddaughter, draws on more than thirty years of research in civic and Church records and in the journals and letters of King's peers to piece together King's story from his birth in New Hampshire and moves westward where, in Ohio, he and his wife, Louisa, made the life-shifting decision to accept the new Mormon religion. From that point, this humble, hospitable, and hardworking family followed the Church into Missouri where their devotion to Joseph Smith was refined and burnished. King was the last Mormon prisoner in Missouri to be released from jail. According to family lore, King was one of the Prophet's bodyguards. He was also a Danite, a Mason, and an officer in the Nauvoo Legion. After his death, Louisa and their children settled in Iowa where some associated with the Cutlerites and the RLDS Church; others moved on to California. One son joined the Mormon Battalion and helped found Mormon communities in Utah, Nevada, and Arizona. While King would have died virtually unknown had his name not been attached to the discourse, his life story reflects the reality of all those whose faith became the foundation for a new religion. His biography is more than one man's life story. It is the history of the early Restoration itself.

Rescuing Beefsteak: The Story of a Pragmatic Pioneer Idealist

Lulu.com

What Da Vinci Didn't Know

A Conversation with Richard Neitzel Holzapfel, Eric D. Huntsman, Andrew C. Skinner, and Thomas A. Wayment

Shadow Mountain Four Latter-day Saint scholars (Richard Neitzel Holzapfel, Eric D. Huntsman, Andrew C. Skinner, and Thomas A. Wayment) discuss The Da Vinci Code, examining the plausibility of the "facts" represented by the author and comparing those to the teachings of the scriptures.

Forgotten Tales of Utah

Arcadia Publishing Characters ranging from Mormon pioneers to Butch Cassidy all helped give the Beehive State color and tenacity. Uncover the state's hidden gems with stories like the first group of Latter-day Saints who arrived in the Salt Lake Valley days before Brigham Young proclaimed it as "the right place." Meet an ancient prophet believed to have walked the arid landscape, offering his blessing on several sites long before the pioneers arrived. Learn why a former lawyer was buried without a proper headstone. Discover the state's quirky side with the strange goings-on at an obscure ranch and the alleged monsters once believed to haunt some of Utah's lakes. Author Andy Weeks offers this quirky and informative collection of little-known tales about the forty-fifth state.

Fire and Sword

A History of the Latter-day Saints in Northern Missouri, 1836-39

Greg Kofford Books Many Mormon dreams flourished in Missouri. So did many Mormon nightmares. The Missouri period--especially from the summer of 1838 when Joseph took over vigorous, personal direction of this new Zion until the spring of 1839 when he escaped after five months of imprisonment--represents a moment of intense crisis in Mormon history. Representing the greatest extremes of devotion and violence, commitment and intolerance, physical suffering and terror--mobbings, battles, massacres, and political "knockdowns"--it shadowed the Mormon psyche for a century. Leland Gentry was the first to step beyond this disturbing period as a one-sided symbol of religious persecution and move toward understanding it with careful documentation and evenhanded analysis. In Fire and Sword, Todd Compton collaborates with Gentry to update this foundational work with four decades of new scholarship, more insightful critical theory, and the wealth of resources that have become electronically available in the last few years. Compton gives full credit to Leland Gentry's extraordinary achievement, particularly in documenting the existence of Danites and in attempting to tell the Missourians' side of the story; but he also goes far beyond it, gracefully drawing into the dialogue signal interpretations written since Gentry and introducing the raw urgency of personal writings, eyewitness journalists, and bemused politicians seesawing between human compassion and partisan harshness. In the lush Missouri landscape of the Mormon imagination where Adam and Eve had walked out of the garden and where Adam would return to preside over his posterity, the towering religious creativity of Joseph Smith and clash of religious stereotypes created a swift and traumatic frontier drama that changed the Church.

What Da Vinci Didn't Know

An LDS Perspective

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Temple Reflections

Insights into the House of the Lord

Cedar Fort Understanding the temple is a lifetime pursuit. To help you on this journey, bestselling author Alonzo L. Gaskill has compiled this collection of temple insights. With inspired thoughts on - The role of women in temple ceremonies - The holy garment, ancient and modern - The veil and finding hope in images of Judgment Day - The meaning of becoming God's covenant people This enlightening book will help you see the temple in a new light and open your heart and mind to its divine messages.

Encyclopedia of Latter-Day Saint History

An authoritative, thorough, single-volume work on the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Jesus Christ and the World of the New Testament

An Illustrated Reference for Latter-day Saints

Shadow Mountain This important reference for any home library is the perfect guide to New Testament culture, language, history, and teachings. *Jesus Christ and the World of the New Testament* is richly illustrated with hundreds of images, including original artwork, artifacts, maps, and timelines. Uncover the origins of the books of the New Testament and learn how stories of Christ's life and teachings were preserved after His death. Explore the relationships between Greek, Roman, and Jewish culture that explain much about how the gospel was shared and recorded. Examine scriptural issues that have been debated by scholars throughout the ages. Nearly 300 topics provide valuable context to understanding New Testament times, from the role of women and families, to portraits of key personalities, to controversial legends that have persisted to our day. This unique resource is sure to enrich New Testament studies as never before!

Settling the Valley, Proclaiming the Gospel

The General Epistles of the Mormon First Presidency

Oxford University Press "Spanning the first decade after the Mormon exodus to the Salt Lake Valley, these fourteen "general epistles" were written by Brigham Young and his counselors in the church's First Presidency. They provide a glimpse of the Mormons' earliest years in the Great Basin and their simultaneous missionary efforts worldwide."--Provided by the publisher.

Brigham Young

Sovereign in America

Routledge Brigham Young was one of the most influential—and controversial—Mormon leaders in American history. An early follower of the new religion, he led the cross-continental migration of the Mormon people from Illinois to Utah, where he built a vast religious empire that was both revolutionary and authoritarian, radically different from yet informed by the existing culture of the U.S. With his powerful personality and sometimes paradoxical convictions, Young left an enduring stamp on both his church and the region, and his legacy remains active today. In a lively, concise narrative bolstered by primary documents, and supplemented by a robust companion website, David Mason tells the dynamic story of Brigham Young, and in the process, illuminates the history of the LDS Church, religion in America, and the development of the American west. This book will be a vital resource for anyone seeking to understand the complex, uniquely American origins of a church that now counts over 15 million members worldwide.

Standing Apart

Mormon Historical Consciousness and the Concept of Apostasy

Oxford University Press (UK) Winner of the Best Anthology Award from John Whitmer Historical Association Latter-day Saints have a paradoxical relationship to the past; even as they invest their own history with sacred meaning, celebrating the restoration of ancient truths and the fulfillment of biblical prophecies, they repudiate the eighteen centuries of Christianity that preceded the founding of their church as apostate distortions of the truth. Since the early days of Mormonism, Latter-day Saints have used the paradigm of apostasy and restoration in their narratives about the origin of their church. This has generated a powerful and enduring binary of categorization that has profoundly impacted Mormon self-perception and relations with others. *Standing Apart* explores how the idea of apostasy has functioned as a category to mark, define, and set apart "the other" in Mormon historical consciousness and in the construction of Mormon narrative identity. The volume's fifteen contributors trace the development of LDS narratives of apostasy within the context of both Mormon history and American Protestant historiography. They suggest ways in which these narratives might be reformulated to engage with the past, as well as offering new models for interfaith relations. This volume provides a novel approach for understanding and resolving some of the challenges faced by the LDS church in the twenty-first century.

Joseph Smith, Jr.

Reappraisals After Two Centuries

Oxford University Press Mormon founder Joseph Smith is one of the most controversial figures of nineteenth-century American history, and a virtually inexhaustible subject for analysis. In this volume, fifteen scholars offer essays on how to interpret and understand Smith and his legacy. Including essays by both Mormons and non-Mormons, this wide-ranging collection is the only available survey of contemporary scholarly opinion on the extraordinary man who started one of the fastest growing religious traditions in the modern world.

American Book Publishing Record

Mormon Hermeneutics

Five Approaches to the Bible by the LDS Church

Wipf and Stock Publishers Bible readers are often preoccupied with themselves. At times they neglect the original, ancient context of the biblical writings. The novelty of the modern is leveraged to trump the ancient. Mormon hermeneutics seems to say more about the modern LDS church than any ancient biblical meaning. Positively, the LDS is to be applauded for their emphasis on the living out of their faith. However, through various approaches to the Bible, the LDS Church seems to neglect the ancient horizon of the biblical text. Any interpretation of the Bible, LDS or otherwise, should be held accountable. This book is an attempt to categorize Mormon hermeneutics and utilizes numerous hermeneutical voices from the field of philosophical hermeneutics.

Brigham Young University Studies

Presidents and Prophets

The Story of America's Presidents and the LDS Church

From Washington to Bush, each American president and his relationship with the Mormons is explored as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints rises from obscurity to become a major political influence.

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