

CHRONOLOGICAL READING CHECKLIST

The Doctrine and Covenants, Joseph Smith—History, and the Articles of Faith

The topical headings are intended to label one major theme in that grouping, but not necessarily the most important theme nor one found in all the sections therein. Bold entries are other books of scripture (Joseph Smith—History and the Articles of Faith). Italicized sections are those which are numbered out of chronological order compared with the adjacent sections. Italicized-bold diverge by more than a year; italicized non-bold diverge by less than three months.

Subdivision	#	Suggested Title	Date	#Verses	
NEW YORK					
Translating the Book of Mormon					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	JS–H 1:1–39	The first vision, Moroni	Dec 1805–Sep 1823	39
	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Moroni	21–22 Sep 1823	3
	<input type="checkbox"/>	JS–H 1:40–60	Moroni, the gold plates	Sep 1823–Feb 1828	21
Martin assists	<input type="checkbox"/>	JS–H 1:61–65	Translating with Martin	Sep 1823–Feb 1828	5
	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	The lost pages	Jul 1828	20
	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Joseph Smith Sr.	Feb 1829	7
	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Martin’s witness	Mar 1829	35
Oliver assists	<input type="checkbox"/>	JS–H 1:66–67	Translating with Oliver	5–7 Apr 1829	2
	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	The witness of the Spirit	Apr 1829	37
	<input type="checkbox"/>	7	The record of John	Apr 1829	8
	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Oliver’s gifts	Apr 1829	12
	<input type="checkbox"/>	9	Oliver’s attempt to translate	Apr 1829	14
	<input type="checkbox"/>	10	Retranslating the lost pages	likely around Apr 1829	17
	<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Hyrum Smith	May 1829	30
	<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Joseph Knight Sr.	May 1829	9
	<input type="checkbox"/>	JS–H 1:68–69	Receiving the Aaronic priesthood	15 May 1829	2
	<input type="checkbox"/>	13	The priesthood of Aaron	15 May 1829	1
	<input type="checkbox"/>	JS–H 1:70–75’	Receiving the Aaronic priesthood	15 May 1829	6
The three witnesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	14	David Whitmer	Jun 1829	11
	<input type="checkbox"/>	15	John Whitmer	Jun 1829	6
	<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Peter Whitmer Jr.	Jun 1829	6
	<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Witnesses seeing the plates	Jun 1829	9
	<input type="checkbox"/>	18	Witnesses building up the Church	early Jun 1829	47
	<input type="checkbox"/>	19	Paying Martin’s debt	likely in summer 1830	41
Organizing the Church					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	21	<i>Ordaining the first elder</i>	6 Apr 1830	12
	<input type="checkbox"/>	20	The articles and covenants of the Church	10 Apr 1830	84
	<input type="checkbox"/>	22	Rebaptism	16 Apr 1830	4
	<input type="checkbox"/>	23	Words to individuals	Apr 1830	7
Visits from Harmony	<input type="checkbox"/>	24	The first and second elders	Jul 1830	19
	<input type="checkbox"/>	25	Emma Smith	Jul 1830	16
	<input type="checkbox"/>	26	Until conference	Jul 1830	2
	<input type="checkbox"/>	27	The sacrament	Aug and Sep 1830	18

Declaring the gospel					
The second Church conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	28	Revelations from the head of the Church	Sep 1830	16
	<input type="checkbox"/>	29	Gathering mine elect	Sep 1830	50
	<input type="checkbox"/>	74	<i>Explaining 1 Corinthians</i>	<i>last part of 1830</i>	7
	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	The Whitmer brothers	Sep 1830	11
	<input type="checkbox"/>	31	Thomas B. Marsh	Sep 1830	13
The mission to the Lamanites	<input type="checkbox"/>	32	Parley P. Pratt: Mission to the Lamanites	Oct 1830	5
	<input type="checkbox"/>	33	Ezra Thayre and Northrop Sweet	Oct 1830	18
	<input type="checkbox"/>	34	Orson Pratt	Nov 1830	12
	<input type="checkbox"/>	35	Sidney Rigdon	7 Dec 1830	27
	<input type="checkbox"/>	36	Edward Partridge	9 Dec 1830	8
Gathering the Church to Ohio					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	37	Go to the Ohio	30 Dec 1830	4
	<input type="checkbox"/>	38	Taking Zion into God’s bosom: Why and how	2 Jan 1831	42
	<input type="checkbox"/>	39	James Covell: Called to preach in Ohio	5 Jan 1831	24
	<input type="checkbox"/>	40	James Covell’s broken covenant	6 Jan 1831	3
OHIO					
Consecration					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	41	The prophet living in Ohio	4 Feb 1831	12
	<input type="checkbox"/>	42	The law of the Church	9 and 23 Feb 1831	93
	<input type="checkbox"/>	43	Teaching by the Spirit	Feb 1831	35
	<input type="checkbox"/>	44	The elders to assemble	Feb 1831	6
	<input type="checkbox"/>	45	The coming of the Son of Man	about 7 Mar 1831	75
	<input type="checkbox"/>	46	Conducting meetings by the Spirit	about 8 Mar 1831	33
	<input type="checkbox"/>	47	Church historian	about 8 Mar 1831	4
	<input type="checkbox"/>	48	Purchasing land	10 Mar 1831	6
Leman Copley and consecration problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	49	The Shakers	7 May 1831	28
	<input type="checkbox"/>	50	Detecting false spirits	9 May 1831	46
	<input type="checkbox"/>	51	Organizing the Colesville Saints	20 May 1831	20
	<input type="checkbox"/>	52	Missouri, the consecrated land	6 Jun 1831	44
	<input type="checkbox"/>	53	Sidney Gilbert	8 Jun 1831	7
	<input type="checkbox"/>	54	Leman’s broken covenant	10 Jun 1831	10
	<input type="checkbox"/>	55	William W. Phelps	14 Jun 1831	6
	<input type="checkbox"/>	56	Revoked commandments	15 Jun 1831	20
Journey to Missouri					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	57	Independence, the center place of Zion	20 Jul 1831	16
	<input type="checkbox"/>	58	The Lord’s will for the saints in Zion	1 Aug 1831	65
	<input type="checkbox"/>	59	The sabbath	7 Aug 1831	24
Returning to Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/>	60	Returning speedily	8 Aug 1831	17
	<input type="checkbox"/>	61	Journeying by water and by land	12 Aug 1831	39
	<input type="checkbox"/>	62	Rejoicing with elders going to Missouri	13 Aug 1831	9
Revelations and translation					
	<input type="checkbox"/>	63	The Lord’s will for the saints in Ohio	30 Aug 1831	66
	<input type="checkbox"/>	64	Principles of moving	11 Sep 1831	43
	<input type="checkbox"/>	66	<i>William E. McLellin</i>	<i>29 Oct 1831</i>	<i>13</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	65	Translating the Lord’s prayer	30 Oct 1831	6

Publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<i>The preface</i>	1 Nov 1831	39
the Book of	<input type="checkbox"/> 68	<i>Preaching, bishops, and children in Zion</i>	1 Nov 1831	35
Commandments	<input type="checkbox"/> 67	The language of revelation	2 Nov 1831	14
	<input type="checkbox"/> 133	<i>The appendix</i>	3 Nov 1831	74
	<input type="checkbox"/> 107:59–100'	<i>Offices of the priesthood</i>	11 Nov 1831	42
	<input type="checkbox"/> 69	Traveling Church historian	11 Nov 1831	8
	<input type="checkbox"/> 70	Stewards over the revelations	12 Nov 1831	18
A season of	<input type="checkbox"/> 71	Confounding enemies	1 Dec 1831	11
proclaiming	<input type="checkbox"/> 72	The bishop of Ohio	4 Dec 1831	26
	<input type="checkbox"/> 73	Continuing the translation	10 Jan 1832	6
Translating	<input type="checkbox"/> 75	Missionaries and journeys	25 Jan 1832	36
and preaching	<input type="checkbox"/> 76	The vision: Heavenly glory	16 Feb 1832	119
	<input type="checkbox"/> 77	Translating the book of Revelation	Mar 1832	15
	<input type="checkbox"/> 78	Organizing the United Firm	1 Mar 1832	22
	<input type="checkbox"/> 80	Stephen Burnett	17 Mar 1832	5
	<input type="checkbox"/> 79	<i>Jared Carter</i>	12 Mar 1832	4
	<input type="checkbox"/> 81	Counselor to the president	15 Mar 1832	7
Council in	<input type="checkbox"/> 82	Forming the United Firm	26 Apr 1832	24
Missouri	<input type="checkbox"/> 83	Women and children	30 Apr 1832	6
Building a temple				
	<input type="checkbox"/> 99	<i>John Murdock</i>	29 Aug 1832	8
	<input type="checkbox"/> 84	The priesthood and the temple	22–23 Sep 1832	120
	<input type="checkbox"/> 85	Names in the book of the law	27 Nov 1832	12
	<input type="checkbox"/> 86	Explaining the wheat and the tares	6 Dec 1832	11
	<input type="checkbox"/> 87	Prophecy on war	25 Dec 1832	8
	<input type="checkbox"/> 88	The olive leaf	27–28 Dec 1832 and 3 Jan 1833	141
	<input type="checkbox"/> 89	A word of wisdom	27 Feb 1833	21
	<input type="checkbox"/> 90	The keys and the first presidency	8 Mar 1833	37
	<input type="checkbox"/> 91	Translating the Apocrypha	9 Mar 1833	6
	<input type="checkbox"/> 92	Joining the United Firm	15 Mar 1833	2
	<input type="checkbox"/> 93	Light and truth	6 May 1833	53
Plans for	<input type="checkbox"/> 95	A pattern for the Lord's house in Ohio	3 Jun 1833	17
building	<input type="checkbox"/> 96	Bringing forth the word with the firm	4 Jun 1833	9
	<input type="checkbox"/> 97	The school and the Lord's house in Zion	2 Aug 1833	28
	<input type="checkbox"/> 94	<i>Building near the Lord's house in Ohio</i>	2 Aug 1833	17
The redemption of Zion				
Persecution	<input type="checkbox"/> 98	Laws of vengeance and forgiveness	6 Aug 1833	48
	<input type="checkbox"/> 100	Sidney and Joseph's mission	12 Oct 1833	17
	<input type="checkbox"/> 101	Why Zion is persecuted	16–17 Dec 1833	101
	<input type="checkbox"/> 102	The high council	17 Feb 1834	34
Zion's camp	<input type="checkbox"/> 103	Gathering the strength of mine house	24 Feb 1834	40
	<input type="checkbox"/> 104	Dissolving the United Firm	23 Apr 1834	86
	<input type="checkbox"/> 105	Disbanding the strength of mine house	22 Jun 1834	41
	<input type="checkbox"/> 106	Warren A. Cowdery	Nov 1834	8
The house of the Lord				
	<input type="checkbox"/> 107:1–58	Orders of the priesthood	16 Apr 1835	58
	<input type="checkbox"/> 134	<i>Governments and laws</i>	Aug 1835	12
	<input type="checkbox"/> 108	Lyman Sherman	Dec 1835	8
	<input type="checkbox"/> 137	<i>Dying without a knowledge of the gospel</i>	21 Jan 1836	10

The Lord's house	<input type="checkbox"/> 109	Dedication of the house	26 Mar 1836	80
in Kirtland	<input type="checkbox"/> 110	Acceptance of the house	3 Apr 1836	16
	<input type="checkbox"/> 111	Treasure in Salem	6 Aug 1836	11
	<input type="checkbox"/> 112	The Twelve among all nations	23 Jul 1837	34
MISSOURI				
Far West				
	<input type="checkbox"/> 113	Explaining Isaiah	Mar 1838	10
	<input type="checkbox"/> 114	David W. Patten	17 Apr 1838	2
	<input type="checkbox"/> 115	The Far West temple	26 Apr 1838	19
	<input type="checkbox"/> 116	Adam-ondi-Ahman	19 May 1838	1
Revelations	<input type="checkbox"/> 117	Come up to Zion	8 Jul 1838	16
of July 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 118	The mission of the Twelve	8 Jul 1838	6
	<input type="checkbox"/> 119	Tithing	8 Jul 1838	7
	<input type="checkbox"/> 120	Disposition of tithes	8 Jul 1838	1
Liberty Jail				
	<input type="checkbox"/> 121	Joseph's lament	20 Mar 1839	46
	<input type="checkbox"/> 122	The Lord's comfort	20 Mar 1839	9
	<input type="checkbox"/> 123	Joseph's directions to the saints	20 Mar 1839	17
ILLINOIS				
	<input type="checkbox"/> 124	Organizing in Nauvoo	19 Jan 1841	145
	<input type="checkbox"/> 125	The saints in Iowa	Mar 1841	4
	<input type="checkbox"/> 126	Brigham Young	9 Jul 1841	3
	<input type="checkbox"/> A of F	The articles of faith	Mar 1842	13
Temple work	<input type="checkbox"/> 127	Recording baptisms for the dead	1 Sep 1842	12
	<input type="checkbox"/> 128	Baptism for the dead	6 Sep 1842	25
	<input type="checkbox"/> 129	Discerning messengers	9 Feb 1843	9
Doctrines of	<input type="checkbox"/> 130	Various doctrines	2 Apr 1843	23
eternity	<input type="checkbox"/> 131	Everlasting life	16–17 May 1843	8
	<input type="checkbox"/> 132	Covenant marriage	12 Jul 1843	66
	<input type="checkbox"/> 135	The martyrdom	after Jun 1844	7
THE WEST				
	<input type="checkbox"/> 136	The camp of Israel	14 Jan 1847	42
	<input type="checkbox"/> OD-1	<i>Plural marriage</i>	<i>Sep 1890</i>	<i>~10</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> 138	The redemption of the dead	3 Oct 1918	60
	<input type="checkbox"/> OD-2	Priesthood and temple blessings to all	Jun 1978	~12

All dates are taken from Robert J. Woodford, "Discoveries from the Joseph Smith Papers Project" and Steven Harper, Making Sense of the Doctrine and Covenants. Thus, they differ somewhat from the dates given in the official 1981 edition of the D&C (e.g., section 74). Likewise, they may be revised based on future research. All heading phrasing and divisions correspond to those in the Structured Edition, Draft 2.

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