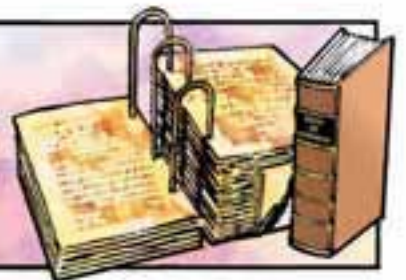




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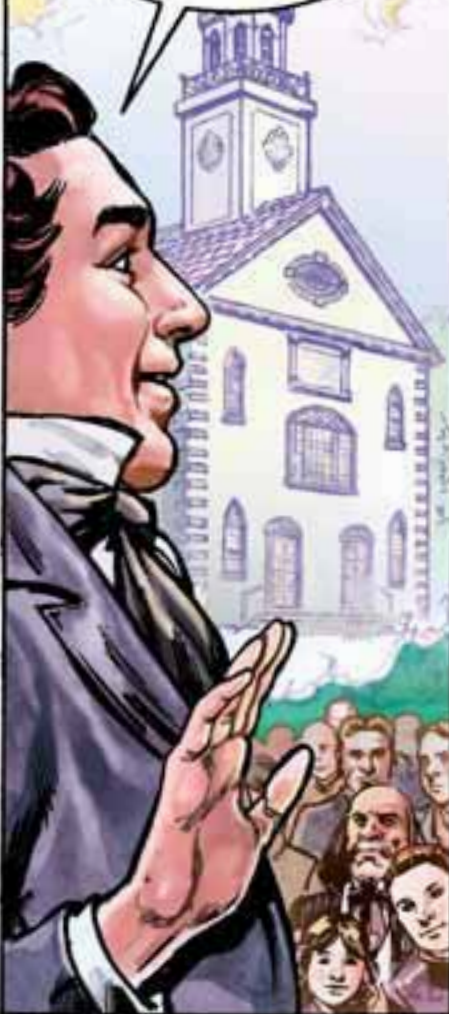
The Command to Build Temples



In many of the places where Church members lived, the Lord commanded them to build a temple.

Kirtland

I know we don't have much—many of you don't even have homes—but the Lord has commanded us to build a temple.



Although they were not always able to build a temple because of persecution, the Saints did try.

Far West

Brothers and sisters, let us build a temple.



Nauvoo

Our most important work is to build a temple.



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Joseph worked hard alongside the Latter-day Saints to build the Nauvoo Temple.

This will be a beautiful building when it's finished.

Not just a building but the house of the Lord.

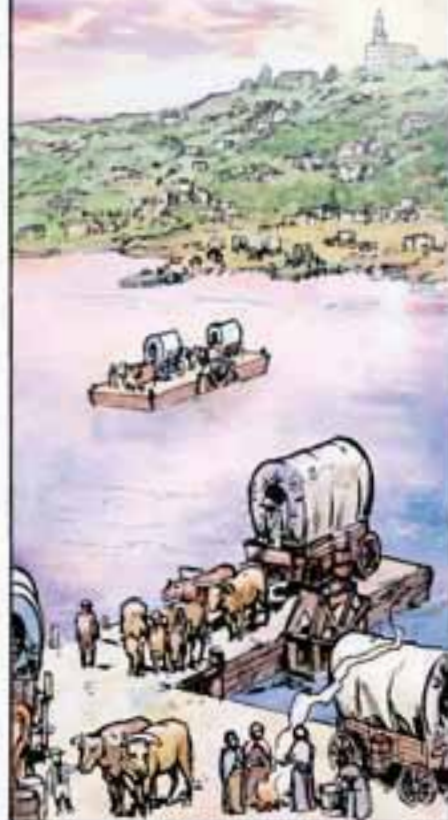


Joseph was killed before the temple was finished. But the Saints worked day and night to finish it. They wanted to receive in the temple the spiritual gifts that the Lord had promised them.

We must give all we can to finish this temple.



The Saints enjoyed the Nauvoo Temple for only a short time. The temple was destroyed but not before many Saints received temple ordinances.



After the Latter-day Saints arrived in Utah, Brigham Young received revelations to build more temples.



St. George
(dedicated April 6, 1877)

Logan
(dedicated May 17, 1884)

Manti
(dedicated May 2, 1888)

Salt Lake
(dedicated April 6, 1893)