

# The Doctrine and Covenants through the Years

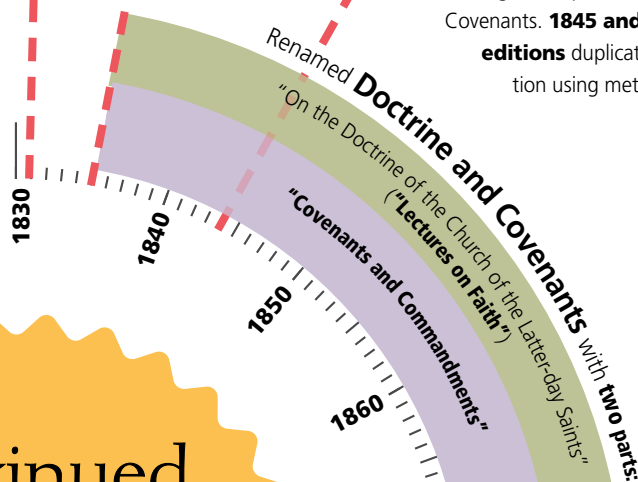
**2013 edition** incorporated recent historic findings into the section headings.

**1981 edition** expanded to include:  
 —Joseph Smith’s vision of the **celestial kingdom** (section 137) and President Joseph F. Smith’s “vision of the **redemption of the dead**” (138:60), transferred from the Pearl of Great Price.  
 —Revelation extending the priesthood to **“all worthy male members of the Church,”** announced on June 8, 1978, added as Official Declaration 2.

**1831** – At a conference in Ohio, Church leaders voted to publish the Prophet Joseph Smith’s “revelations and commandments” under the title the **Book of Commandments**. In 1833 a mob destroyed the press and burned most of the printed pages.

**1835** – **Doctrine and Covenants of The Church of the Latter-Day Saints: Carefully Selected from the Revelations of God** was introduced to the Church body in a general conference.

**1844 edition** – Elder Wilford Woodruff, serving his second mission to England, was assigned to publish the Doctrine and Covenants. **1845 and 1846 Nauvoo editions** duplicated the 1844 edition using metal printing plates.



**Continued revelation from God**  
 is one of the most important aspects of the Church.

**1875** – Elder Orson Pratt of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles began a new edition, dividing sections into verses and arranging sections in chronological order.

**1876 edition** – **26 sections added:** historical events (sections 2 and 13), scripture interpretations (sections 77 and 113), Kirtland Temple dedicatory prayer (section 109), revelations included in Joseph Smith’s history but never before published, and others.

**1890 Manifesto** glued in as separate page

**1921 edition** – Footnotes reworked; introductory statements at the beginning of the revelations expanded; text divided into double columns; the Manifesto added as a regular part of the text; **“Lectures on Faith” removed.**

**1908** – Official Declaration 1 added (President Wilford Woodruff’s 1890 **Manifesto** ending the practice of plural marriage) —**first addition since 1876.**