

# THE DISPENSATION OF THE FULNESS OF TIMES

*Joseph Smith helped lay the foundation for the latter-day work.*

**A** dispensation of the gospel is a period of time in which the Lord has at least one authorized servant on the earth who bears the holy priesthood and the keys. . . . The fulness of times is the final dispensation, and began with the revelation of the gospel to Joseph Smith. . . . It is a glorious time, the time in which we live today” (Bible Dictionary, “Dispensations”). Here are some of Joseph Smith’s teachings on this gospel dispensation.\*

## THIS IS THE FINAL DISPENSATION

*“It is in the order of heavenly things that God should always send a new dispensation into the world when men have apostatized from the truth and lost the priesthood.”*

*“The dispensation of the fullness of times will bring to light the things that have been revealed in all former dispensations; also other things that have not been before revealed.”*

## JOSEPH SMITH LAID THE FOUNDATION

*“Every man who has a calling to minister to the inhabitants of the world was ordained to that very purpose in the Grand Council of heaven before this world was. I suppose that I was ordained to this very office in that Grand Council.”*

*“I calculate to be one of the instruments of setting up the kingdom of Daniel by the word of the Lord [see Daniel 2:44–45], and I intend to lay a foundation that will revolutionize the whole world.”*

## WE CAN HELP IN THE LORD’S WORK

*“Feeling desirous to carry out the purposes of God . . . ; and to be co-workers with Him in this last dispensation; we feel the necessity of having the hearty cooperation of the Saints. . . . It will be necessary for the Saints to hearken to counsel and turn their attention to the Church, the establishment of the Kingdom, and lay aside every selfish principle.”*

*“The heavenly Priesthood will unite with the earthly. . . . Generations yet unborn will dwell with peculiar delight upon the scenes that we have passed through . . . in laying the foundation of a work . . . that is destined to bring about the destruction of the powers of darkness, the renovation of the earth, the glory of God, and the salvation of the human family.”*



\* From *Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith* (2007), 510–15.