

# THE PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH



**J**oseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it” (D&C 135:3).

# TIME LINE

Age	Event
	<b>Born</b> in Sharon, Windsor County, Vermont (Dec. 23, 1805; see Joseph Smith—History 1:3)
7	Endured painful <b>leg surgery</b> (winter, 1812–13)
10	Smith family <b>moved</b> to the village of Palmyra, New York (1816)
13	Smith family <b>moved</b> to a log home in Palmyra Township (about 1818–19; see Joseph Smith—History 1:3)
14	<b>First Vision:</b> Saw and talked with God the Father and His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ (spring, 1820; see Joseph Smith—History 1:14–17)
17	Visited by <b>Moroni</b> (Sept. 21–22, 1823; see Joseph Smith—History 1:27–54)
21	<b>Married</b> Emma Hale (Jan. 18, 1827; see Joseph Smith—History 1:57); obtained <b>gold plates</b> (Sept. 22, 1827; see v. 59); began translation of plates at Harmony, Pennsylvania (Dec. 1827; see v. 62)
23	Received the <b>Aaronic Priesthood</b> , along with Oliver Cowdery, from John the Baptist (May 15, 1829; see D&C 13; 27:7–8); they received the <b>Melchizedek Priesthood</b> soon after from Peter, James, and John (about May–June 1829; see D&C 27:12; 128:20)
24	First copies of the <b>Book of Mormon</b> became available to the public (Mar. 26, 1830); the <b>Church was organized</b> (Apr. 6, 1830; see D&C 20:1); received revelation to gather Church members to Ohio (Dec. 1830; see D&C 37–38)
25	Established <b>Church headquarters</b> in Kirtland, Ohio (winter, 1831); received revelation designating Independence, Jackson County, Missouri, as the <b>place for the city of Zion</b> (July 20, 1831; see D&C 57)
27	Organized the <b>First Presidency</b> (Mar. 18, 1833; see D&C 90)
28	Led <b>Zion’s Camp</b> from Ohio to help Church members being persecuted in Missouri (May–July 1834; see D&C 101; 103; 105)
29	Organized the <b>Quorum of the Twelve Apostles</b> (Feb. 14, 1835) and a <b>Quorum of the Seventy</b> (Feb. 28, 1835)
30	Dedicated the <b>Kirtland Temple</b> (Mar. 27, 1836; see D&C 109); received important <b>priesthood keys</b> , along with Oliver Cowdery, from Moses, Elias, and Elijah (Apr. 3, 1836; see D&C 110)
32	Arrived in <b>Far West, Missouri</b> (Mar. 14, 1838); imprisoned in <b>Liberty Jail</b> , Liberty, Missouri (Dec. 1838–Apr. 1839; see D&C 121–23)
33	<b>Gathered</b> with Church members to Nauvoo, Illinois (spring, 1839); <b>healed</b> many sick Saints in Nauvoo and in Montrose, Iowa (July 22, 1839)
35	Laid the cornerstone of the <b>Nauvoo Temple</b> (Apr. 6, 1841)
36	Organized the <b>Relief Society</b> (Mar. 17, 1842)
38	<b>Martyred</b> with his brother Hyrum at Carthage Jail, Carthage, Illinois (June 27, 1844; see D&C 135)

President Brigham Young declared: “I feel like shouting, hallelujah, all the time, when I think that I ever knew Joseph Smith, the Prophet whom the Lord raised up and ordained, and to whom he gave keys and power to build up the kingdom of God on earth and sustain it” (*Deseret News*, Oct. 31, 1855, 268).