New Publications

**Kirtland, Ohio: A Guide to Family History and Historical Sources**
Kip Sperry

Kirtland is of unique historical interest because of its roots in Church history and because so many Church members trace their ancestry there. In this book, the author has compiled a wealth of family history and historical sources to help genealogists, historians, and other researchers. The volume includes photographs of the Kirtland Temple and maps of the area. Born in Chardon, Ohio, a few miles east of Kirtland, Kip Sperry is the author of several family history reference books, a certified genealogical instructor, and an accredited genealogist.

Available February 2005, 236 pp., $24.95

**The Book of Moses and the Joseph Smith Translation Manuscripts**
Kent P. Jackson

Just two months after the Church was organized, the Lord directed Joseph Smith to read the Bible carefully and correct it by revelation. The resulting work, the Joseph Smith Translation of the Bible, blesses the Church in many ways. The Book of Moses in the Pearl of Great Price comes from the beginning pages of the Joseph Smith Translation and provides its greatest doctrinal contributions. In this volume, author Kent P. Jackson studies the history of the text of the Book of Moses from the original manuscripts through later handwritten copies and printings. Illustrated with images of original manuscript pages and early editions, this book shows the text of the Book of Moses as Joseph Smith left it for the Church.

Available March 2005, 180 pp., $19.95
**Joseph Smith’s New Translation of the Bible: Original Manuscripts**
*Edited by Scott H. Faulring, Kent P. Jackson, and Robert J. Matthews*

This groundbreaking volume presents the latest research into the history and origin of the Joseph Smith Translation and clarifies earlier understandings. The book begins with a series of essays that introduce the New Translation. The first explains what the translation is and how it was produced. Other essays discuss the doctrinal contributions of the Joseph Smith Translation, the history of the manuscripts since Joseph Smith’s death in 1844, the work of the Prophet’s scribes, and the editorial procedures followed in preparing the transcriptions. The main section of the book presents a typographic transcription of all the original manuscript pages of the Joseph Smith Translation, unedited and preserved exactly as dictated by the Prophet and recorded by his scribes. The editors’ intent has been to render, as exactly as possible, the scribes’ original words, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, strikeouts, and insertions.

*Available November 2004, 852 pp., $99.95*

**Prelude to the Restoration:**
*From Apostasy to the Restored Church*
*Thirty-third Annual Sidney B. Sperry Symposium*

Before Joseph Smith was born, religious scholars such as William Tyndale and Martin Luther put their lives in jeopardy to spread the word of God to their followers, blazing doctrinal trails so that a restoration of the gospel could occur. This volume, copublished with Deseret Book, highlights these influential men and other important Reformers who helped pave the way for the Restoration. The book features talks from the Thirty-third Annual Sidney B. Sperry Symposium, held October 29–30, 2004.

*Available November 2004, 304 pp., $24.95*
Regional Studies in Latter-day Saint Church History: The New England States
Edited by Donald Q. Cannon, Arnold K. Garr, and Bruce A. Van Orden

New England. The name suggests revolution. Muskets and cannons. Redcoats and ragged patriots. Yet this area did more than give rise to American freedom; it gave birth to the Restoration. Here, prophets and apostles were born to guide the Church—leaders such as Joseph and Hyrum Smith, Brigham Young, and Heber C. Kimball.

Twelve essays take us on a journey through time. We go back to an era when early apostles canvassed New England to elect Joseph Smith president of the United States. A photo essay offers views of a Mayflower replica and of Church history sites, including the birthplace of Joseph Smith in Sharon, Vermont. With a sense of irony, we revisit the Church’s legal battle to build a temple in Boston and finally to add a spire. Contributors to this book include Brigham Young University professors Richard O. Cowan, W. Jeffrey Marsh, Craig J. Ostler, Matthew O. Richardson, Mary Jane Woodger, Dennis A. Wright, and others.

Available at BYU Bookstore November 2004, 270 pp., $19.95

Nibley on the Timely and the Timeless, Second Edition
Hugh W. Nibley

Reaching from the apocalyptic visions of original “treasures in heaven” down to the climax of history, Nibley’s essays in this volume are singular in their penetration, originality, and vitality. The delight of Nibley’s brilliant and sometimes biting prose style imparts a sense of the agelessness of what he calls the “three-act play” of human existence. The author’s own intellectual autobiography, together with his fresh introductory paragraphs for the various chapters, completes this fitting and permanent record of one of the outstanding historians of our time. This revised edition of Nibley’s timeless classic includes a foreword by Truman G. Madsen, emeritus professor of philosophy at Brigham Young University, and a new essay by Gary P. Gillum, who serves as religion, philosophy, and ancient studies librarian at Brigham Young University.

Available December 2004, 326 pp., $27.95
“If a revelation is outside the limits of your specific responsibility, you know it is not from the Lord and you are not bound by it,” writes Elder Dallin H. Oaks on the principle of personal revelation. Other General Authorities, including President James E. Faust and Elder Jeffrey R. Holland, share classic articles that will help and inspire teachers and students of Church history. The volume, copublished with Deseret Book, features some of the best out-of-print Sperry Symposium articles on the Doctrine and Covenants.

Available December 2004, 400 pp., $25.95

Historians will find a researcher’s treasure trove in this remarkable two-volume reference work that includes 14,400 entries to publications by or about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In fact, the goal of the compilers was to cite every publication in the first hundred years of the Church’s existence. This attractive, library-quality reference work was compiled by Chad J. Flake, former senior librarian at the Harold B. Library, and Larry W. Draper, curator of the library’s Western and Mormon Americana Print Collections.

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