January 1, 1836


January 4, 1836

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—In the translating room of the Kirtland Temple, Joseph Smith met with and organized a school for the study of the Hebrew language. • *History of the Church*, 2:355–56

January 7, 1836

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith attended a feast at Bishop Newel K. Whitney’s to which the poor were invited. • *History of the Church*, 2:362–63; Luke 14:12–14

January 8, 1836

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith made rapid progress at the Hebrew school. The plastering and hard-finishing of the outside of the Kirtland Temple was finished. • *History of the Church*, 2:363

January 9, 1836

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith accepted an invitation from Bishop Newel K. Whitney to attend a dinner party similar to the one on January 7 “for the poor and the lame.” • *History of the Church*, 2:363

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1836

Boers in South Africa began the Great Trek across the Orange River.
January 12, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith called on the First Presidency in the morning and met with Russell Weaver, a Unitarian preacher, in the afternoon. ♦ History of the Church, 2:364

January 13, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith presided over a meeting with Church leaders from Kirtland and Clay County, Missouri. The brethren sang William W. Phelps’s hymn “Adam-oni-Ahman,” and new members of various councils were called and ordained in preparation for the coming solemn assembly. ♦ History of the Church, 2:364–68

January 14, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith met with a council to draft the rules and regulations for the Kirtland Temple in preparation for its completion. He then performed two marriages in the evening. ♦ History of the Church, 2:368–69

January 17, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith performed three marriages: William F. Cahoon to Maranda Gibbs, Harvey Stanley to Larona Cahoon, and Tunis Rapley to Louisa Cutler. ♦ History of the Church, 2:376

January 18, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

Ecclesiastical Duties—The School of the Prophets, instructed by Joseph Smith, moved into a third-floor room of the Kirtland Temple. ♦ History of the Church, 2:376

January 20, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith performed the marriage of John F. Boynton and Susan Lowell. ♦ History of the Church, 2:377–78

January 21, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

Visions and Revelations—While in the Kirtland Temple with the First Presidency, Joseph Smith saw a vision of the celestial kingdom and the Father and the Son, which is recorded in Doctrine and Covenants 137. ♦ History of the Church, 2:379–82; D&C 137; Baugh, Opening the Heavens, 313
January 22, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

Visions and Revelations—Visions and revelations were poured out when Joseph Smith and other brethren performed anointing ordinances for the Quorum of the Twelve and the Presidency of the Seventy. *History of the Church, 2:382–83*

January 23, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

Visions and Revelations—Visions of God attended Joseph Smith from the night of the 22nd until the early morning of the 23rd. *History of the Church, 2:383–84; Baugh, Opening the Heavens, 313*

January 26, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joshua Seixas, the new teacher Joseph Smith hired for the Hebrew school, arrived in Kirtland. *History of the Church, 2:385–86*

January 28, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

Visions and Revelations—Joseph Smith, his counselors, the Twelve Apostles, and the seven Presidents of the Seventy saw glorious visions in the Kirtland Temple. *History of the Church, 2:386–87*

January 29, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

Personal Life—In the evening Joseph Smith made a feast for his father’s family. *History of the Church, 2:387–88*

January 30, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

Personal Life—Joseph Smith received several visitors and showed them the Abraham papyri. *History of the Church, 2:388*

January 31, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

Ecclesiastical Duties—Joseph Smith organized quorums of the Church in preparation for the solemn assembly at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple. *History of the Church, 2:389*

February 2, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

Ecclesiastical Duties—In the evening Joseph Smith attended a meeting at a schoolhouse where Sidney Rigdon preached about the gathering of Israel. *History of the Church, 2:390*

February 3, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

Personal Life—Joseph Smith received many visitors and showed them the Abraham papyri. *History of the Church, 2:390–91*

January 30, 1836

Betsy Ross, creator of the American flag, died.

1836

James Pollard Espy, American meteorologist, presented his convection theory of storms to the American Philosophical Society.

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February 6, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith labored to teach each priesthood quorum the revealed order by which they should conduct their meetings and be able to receive spiritual blessings. *History of the Church*, 2:391–92

February 10, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith tended to his brother Hyrum, who had wounded his arm with an axe. *History of the Church*, 2:393–94

February 11, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith spent the afternoon reading and showing the Egyptian records to those who came to call. *History of the Church*, 2:394

February 14, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith performed a baptism and confirmed others who had already been baptized. *History of the Church*, 2:395–96

February 21, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith spent the day at home in meditation and prayer. *History of the Church*, 2:398

February 22, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith baptized John O. Waterman and filled out records on eleven marriages he had performed in the last three months. *History of the Church*, 2:398

February 23, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith blessed the sisters who were sewing the veil for the Kirtland Temple “for their liberality in giving their services so cheerfully.” *History of the Church*, 2:399

February 25, 1836
Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith visited and blessed Sidney Rigdon’s wife, Phebe, who was ill. She began to recover within the hour that the blessing was given. *History of the Church*, 2:400

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March 29, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith ministered in the Kirtland Temple overnight with the Church presidents and bishops, who washed each others’ feet in preparation for the solemn assembly.

*History of the Church, 2:429–30*

March 30, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

**Visions and Revelations**—Joseph Smith continued the meetings in the Kirtland Temple, where he and other Church leaders washed the feet of those in attendance and experienced an outpouring of spiritual gifts and revelation.  *History of the Church, 2:430–33*

March 31, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith held a second dedicatory session of the Kirtland Temple for those who were unable to attend the first session.  *History of the Church, 2:433*

April 1, 1836  Kirtland, Ohio

**Legal Events**—Leman Copley confessed to Joseph Smith that he had testified falsely against him in the Hurlbut case.  *History of the Church, 2:433*
April 3, 1836  
**Visions and Revelations**—Jesus Christ, Moses, Elias, and Elijah appeared to Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery in the Kirtland Temple. This vision is recorded in Doctrine and Covenants 110.

◆ History of the Church, 2:434–36; D&C 110; Ricks, BYU Studies 23.4: 483

April 6, 1836  
**Ecclesiastical Duties**—Joseph Smith, with his brother Hyrum and Sidney Rigdon, participated in bestowing patriarchal blessings upon Amasa M. Lyman, Nathan Tanner, and Tanner’s father.

◆ Nathan Tanner, Biographical History, 1831–1846, 18

May 17, 1836  
**Personal Life**—Mary Duty Smith, Joseph Smith’s ninety-three-year-old grandmother, arrived in Kirtland.

◆ History of the Church, 2:442–43

May 27, 1836  
**Personal Life**—Joseph Smith’s grandmother Mary Duty Smith died.

◆ History of the Church, 2:443

June 22, 1836  
**Travels**—Joseph Smith took his mother and aunt Clarissa Smith in a carriage to Painesville, Ohio, where they partook of the sacrament together before his father and uncle John Smith started on a mission to the branches in the eastern United States.

◆ History of the Church, 2:446–47

July 25, 1836  
**Travels**—Joseph Smith left Kirtland and boarded the steamboat Charles Townsend at Fairport Harbor, Ohio, beginning the first leg of his proselyting journey to Massachusetts.

◆ History of the Church, 2:463

July 29, 1836  
**Travels**—On his way to Massachusetts, Joseph Smith took the line boat on the Erie Canal to Utica, the railroad car to Schenectady, and a luggage car to Albany, New York.

◆ History of the Church, 2:463–64

About August 3, 1836  
**Travels**—Joseph Smith arrived in Salem with Sidney Rigdon, his brother Hyrum, and Oliver Cowdery.

◆ History of the Church, 2:463–64
August 6, 1836  
Salem, Massachusetts

*Visions and Revelations*—Joseph Smith received Doctrine and Covenants 111, a revelation concerning his journey to Salem with Sidney Rigdon, his brother Hyrum, and Oliver Cowdery. ° *History of the Church*, 2:465–66; D&C 111

August 19, 1836  
Salem, Massachusetts

*Writings*—Joseph Smith wrote a letter to his wife, Emma, letting her know of his concern for her well-being in his absence. ° *Personal Writings of Joseph Smith*, 389–90

October 2, 1836  
Kirtland, Ohio

*Travels*—Joseph Smith’s father and his uncle John Smith returned from their successful mission to the eastern United States. ° *History of the Church*, 2:467

About November 2, 1836  
Kirtland, Ohio

*Legal Events*—Joseph Smith and other brethren drew up the articles of agreement for the Kirtland Safety Society Bank, a financial institution of the Church. ° *History of the Church*, 2:467; Adams. BYU Studies 23.4: 469

December 22, 1836  
Kirtland, Ohio

*Ecclesiastical Duties*—Joseph Smith held a conference of the Church in the Kirtland Temple. ° *History of the Church*, 2:468–69