

D&C 132: UNPACKING THE POLYGAMY "REVELATION"

SCRIPTURAL & HISTORICAL PROBLEMS

BOOK OF MORMON
DAVID & SOLOMON
ABOMINABLE

D&C 132
JUSTIFIED?

ABOMINABLE
Calls David & Solomon's polygamy "abominable"

JUSTIFIED
D&C 132 says God "justified" It

COERCION & CONTROL OF WOMEN

DESTROYED

"she shall be destroyed, saith the Lord."

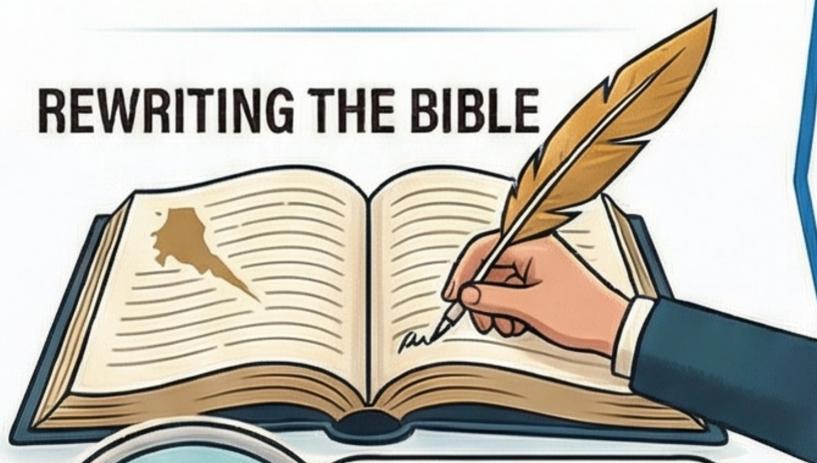
THREAT OF DESTRUCTION

SUBMISSION

A 'CHOICE' OF SUBMISSION OR DESTRUCTION

Emma Smith was commanded to accept the practice or "she shall be destroyed, saith the Lord."

REWRITING THE BIBLE



COMMANDED?
(ABSENT FROM BIBLICAL TEXT)

D&C 132 claims God *commanded* Abraham into polygamy, a claim absent from the biblical text.

ABRAHAM



WOMEN TREATED AS PROPERTY

The text repeatedly uses phrases like women being "given unto him" and that they "belong to him."

A REVELATION AFTER THE FACT



BEFORE 1843:
APPROX. 30 PLUBAL MARRIAGES

1843:
D&C 132 DICTATED

REVELATION DICTATED AFTER THE FACT

CONSENT GRANTED, THEN REVOKED



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The "Law of Sarah" gives the first wife veto power, but four verses later revokes it if she refuses.