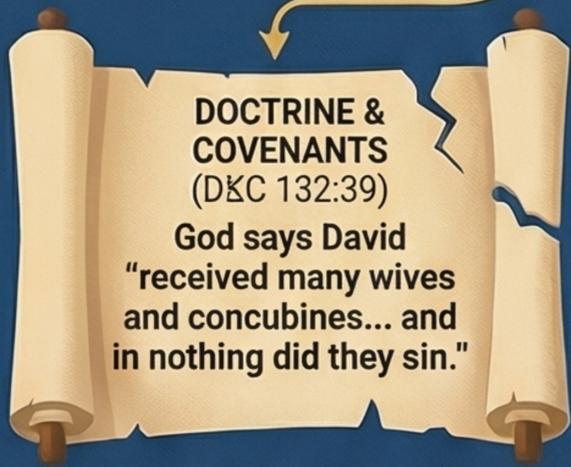
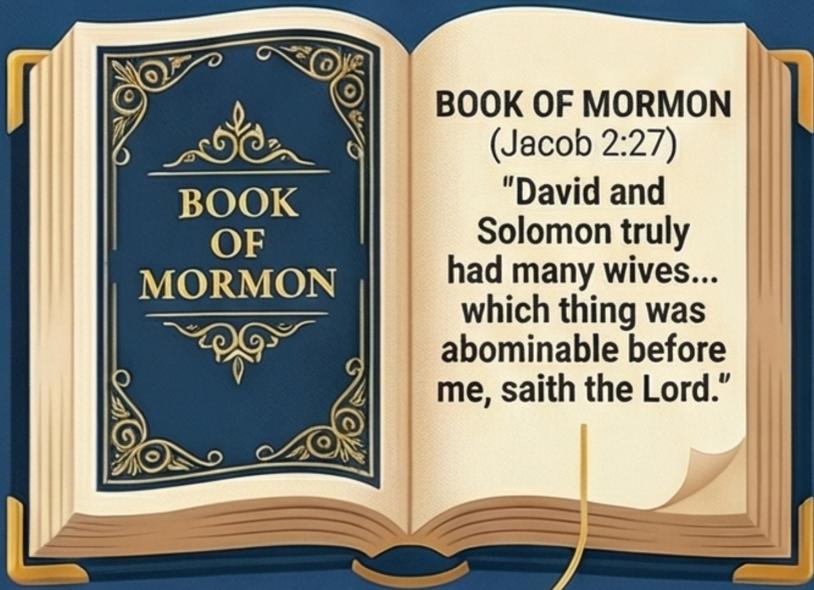


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CONTRADICTIONARY COMMANDMENTS



**Scripture vs. Scripture:
A "Commandment"
with Two Faces**



**An "Everlasting Covenant"
that Lasted Four Years**

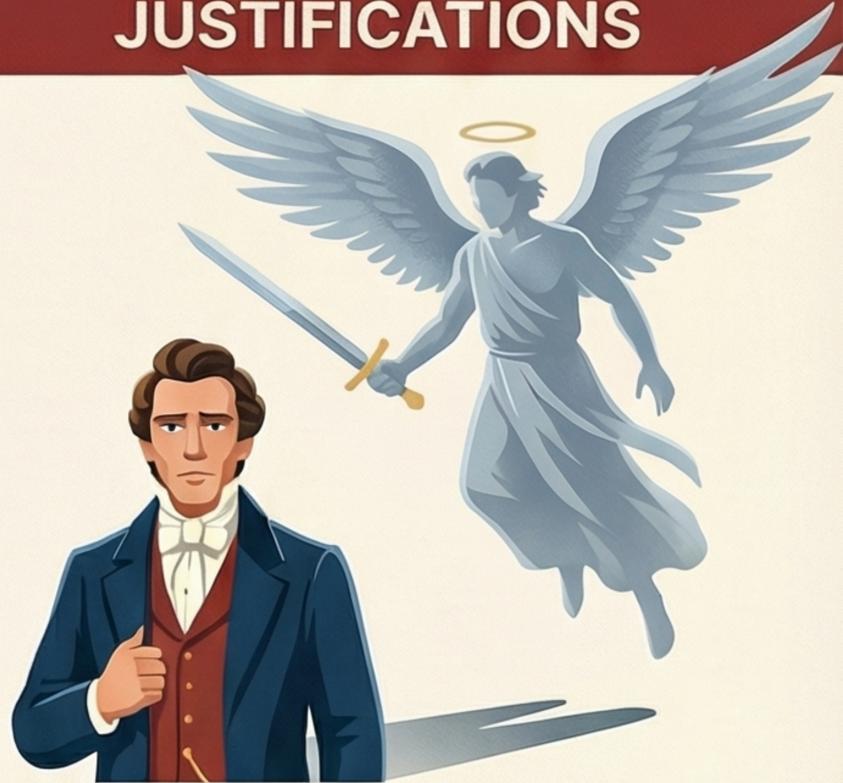
An 1886 revelation from God to Prophet John Taylor stated polygamy "stand[s] forever."



**The Reversal:
Pressure Over Prophecy**

The Church ended the practice in 1890 due to immense U.S. government pressure.

QUESTIONABLE JUSTIFICATIONS



**Angel with a Drawn Sword:
Coercion, Not Consent**

Joseph Smith claimed an angel threatened to kill him if he didn't practice polygamy.

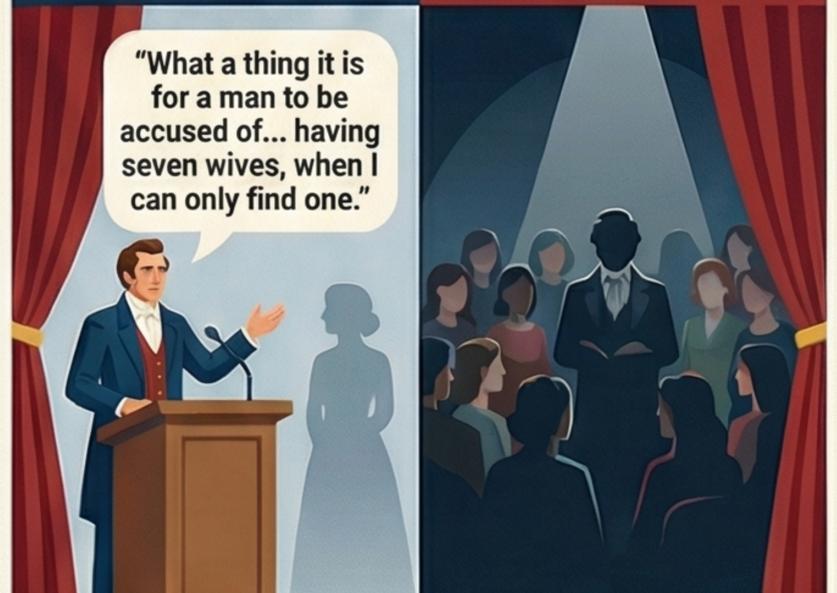


A Convenient Threat

Smith used this angelic threat story on multiple women who had already rejected him.

**Public Statement by
Joseph Smith (1844)**

"What a thing it is for a man to be accused of... having seven wives, when I can only find one."



**The Reality at
the Time**

Carefully Worded Denials:

The Church now admits Joseph Smith issued denials that were technically true but intentionally deceptive.

Joseph Smith had secretly married over 20 plural wives by this point.