

# Revelation or Reversal?

## A Look at Prophecy After Joseph Smith

Illustrating how LDS prophetic revelations have often been contradictory, reversed, or influenced, questioning continuous divine guidance.



### CONTRADICTORY COVENANTS

#### Polygamy: An "Everlasting Covenant" Reversed in 4 Years

**Supporting Detail:** Prophet John Taylor's 1886 revelation was revoked by his successor in 1890.



1886: Prophet John Taylor's Revelation



1890: Reversal by Successor

#### Priesthood Ban: A "Doctrine from God" Reversed by Committee



Decades of Priesthood Ban



1978: Lifted for Logistical Issues

**Supporting Detail:** After decades, the ban on black members was lifted due to logistical temple issues in Brazil.

#### LGBTQ+ Policy: A "Revelation" Reversed in 3.5 Years



2015: Declared "Will of the Lord"

**Supporting Detail:** Declared the "will of the Lord" in 2016, then dumped after public backlash in 2019.



2019: Dumped After Backlash

### PROPHETIC BLIND SPOTS



#### Prophet Hinckley vs. Prophet Nelson on the Nickname "Mormon"



**Supporting Detail:** Hinckley called it "a name of great honor"; Nelson called its use "a major victory for Satan."



#### Millions Spent on Pro-"Mormon" Campaigns

**Supporting Detail:** The church launched massive "I in a Mormon" and "Meet the Mormons" campaigns before Nelson's reversal.

#### Failure of Discernment: The Mark Hoffman Forgeries



**Supporting Detail:** Top leaders were completely deceived, using church funds to buy damaging fake documents.



CONTINUOUS GUIDANCE OR PERSONAL WORLDVIEWS?