

Mormon Patriarchal Blessings: Divine Roadmap or Flawed Forecast?

THE DIVINE PROMISE



A Personal "Roadmap from God"



The Church teaches these are inspired, personal counsel and promises directly from the Lord.



A Sacred Rite of Passage

Worthy members, typically in their teens, receive their blessing from an appointed Stake Patriarch.

Common Promises for a Faithful Life



Blessings often include promises of a mission, temple marriage, children, and church leadership roles.

THE TROUBLING REALITY



A History of Failed Prophecies



At least 57 recorded 19th-century blessings incorrectly promised members they'd live to see the Second Coming.



Blessings Follow a "Boilerplate" Script

Blessings from the same patriarch are often uncannily similar, not unique personal revelations.

A Source of Control & Personal Pain



When promises fail, members often blame themselves, causing anguish over issues like infertility.