

Joseph Smith: Prophet or Problem?

THE OFFICIAL NARRATIVE: A Flawed Prophet of God



He was also human.
Church frames Smith's wrongdoings as understandable weaknesses of an imperfect man.

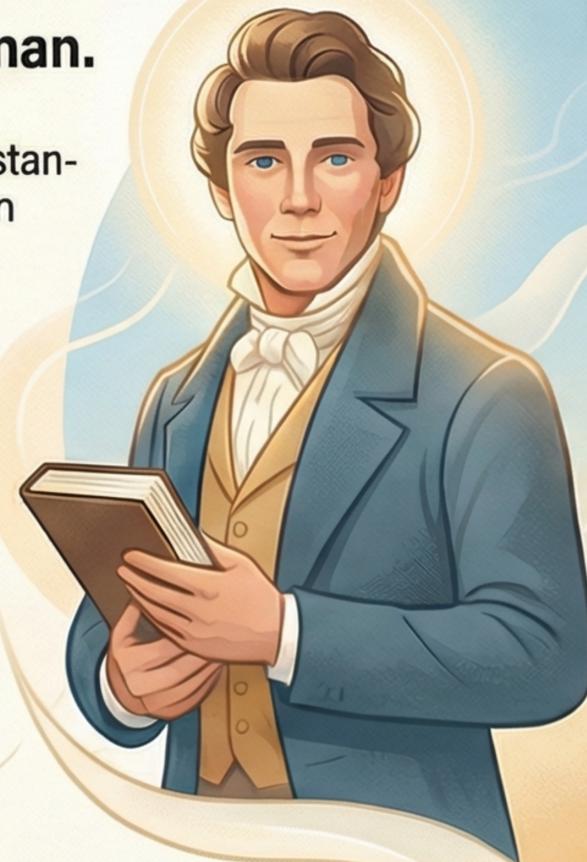
Emma Smith consented to polygamy for a time.

Official essay states they remained "deeply committed" despite emotional turmoil.



Women were free to choose plural marriage.

Church maintains participation in polygamy was a choice, not coerced.



THE HISTORICAL RECORD: A Pattern of Deception

Polygamy was defined by coercion and dishonesty.

Smith married over 20 women in secret before telling his wife, Emma.

Revelation was used to threaten his wife, Emma.

Scripture (D&C 132) states Emma would be 'destroyed' if she rejected polygamy.



21 Faced 21 known criminal cases as a defendant.

- Fraud ('glass looking')
- Assault and battery
- Treason

