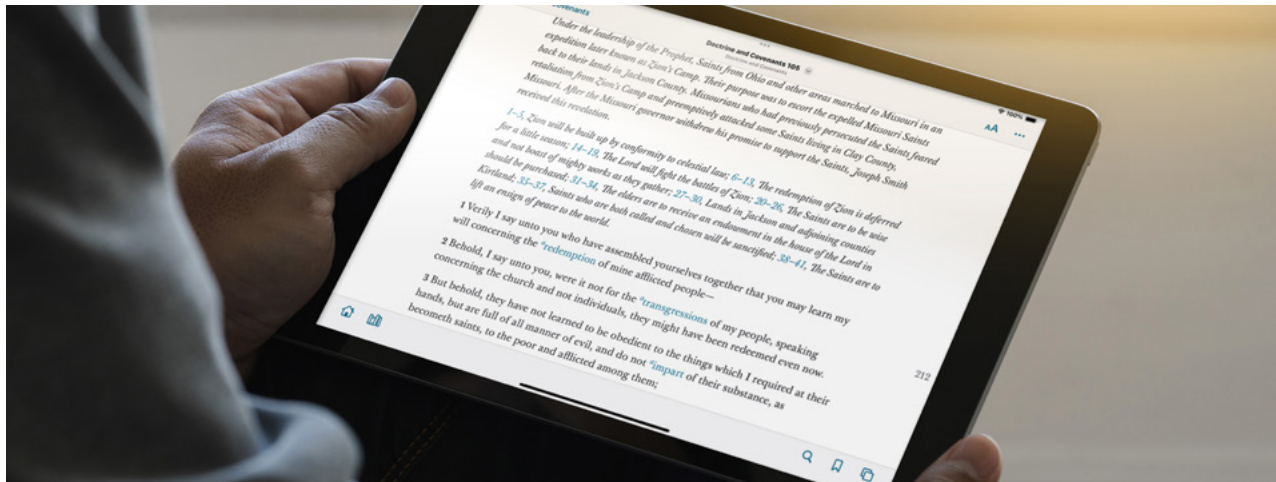




Detailed Summary of Approved Adjustments to Select Study Helps of the Doctrine and Covenants and Book of Mormon

The Church has made some adjustments to section introductions in the Doctrine and Covenants and to two summaries in the Book of Mormon. Many of those in the Doctrine and Covenants were occasioned by findings of the Joseph Smith Papers Project (see josephsmithpapers.org).

Minor Factual Errors in Doctrine and Covenants Section Introductions

Dates, places, and some minor factual errors were corrected, or clarifications added, in a number of section introductions. In many cases these are the result of new documents that have come to light.

Location	Old Wording	New Wording
Section 2	the house of the Prophet's father at Manchester	the Smiths' log home at Palmyra
Section 98	In July 1833	On July 20, 1833
Section 103	after the arrival	the same day as the arrival
Section 105	on Fishing River, Missouri	about four miles north of Fishing River in Clay County, Missouri
Section 107	about April	in late winter or spring
Section 107	May 3	May 4
Section 108	a seventy	one of the seven presidents of the Seventy
Section 116	Revelation given to	An extract from Joseph Smith's history recounting a revelation given to
Section 116	May 19, 1838	May or June 1838
Section 121	written by Joseph Smith the Prophet in an epistle to the Church ... dated March 20, 1839	excerpted from two epistles to the Church dictated by Joseph Smith the Prophet ... the first dated March 20, 1839, and the second composed around March 22
Section 122	dated March 20, 1839	written around March 22, 1839
Section 123	dated March 20, 1839 (see the heading to section 121)	written around March 22, 1839 (see the heading to section 122)
Section 128	September 6	September 7

Additional Corrections to Doctrine and Covenants Section Introductions

More extensive corrections based on recent historical research are listed here.

Section 78—Changed “mercantile and publishing establishments” to “literary and mercantile establishments” (to more accurately reflect the original wording).

Section 89—Changed “As a consequence of the early brethren using tobacco in their meetings, the Prophet was led to ponder upon the matter; consequently, he inquired” to “As a consequence of the early brethren using tobacco in their meetings, and how that concerned his wife, Emma Smith, the Prophet inquired.” (This acknowledges Emma’s role in the inquiry.)

Section 94—Added “outlining the layout of Kirtland, a stake of Zion,” after “1833.” Changed “Hyrum Smith, Reynolds Cahoon, and Jared Carter are appointed” to “and appointing Hyrum Smith, Reynolds Cahoon, and Jared Carter.” (This clarifies that much of the revelation is about the establishment of Kirtland as a stake of Zion.)

Section 96—Deleted “showing the order of the city or stake of Zion at Kirtland, Ohio,” and “as an example to the Saints in Kirtland.” (The order of the stake of Zion at Kirtland is more relevant to section 94 than section 96.)

Section 97—Added “about a school of the prophets in Missouri” after “the Prophet’s inquiry of the Lord for information” (to show what the Prophet was inquiring about).

Section 98—Added “Three days later, Church leaders signed an agreement to do so” after “demanded that the Saints leave Jackson County.” (This corresponds with the information in the heading of section 97.)

Section 101—Changed “Threats of death against individuals of the Church were many” to “There had been many threats of death against members of the Church.” (This reflects the fact that the threats were made before the Saints moved to Clay County.)

Section 105—Deleted “Their purpose was to escort the expelled Missouri Saints back to their lands in Jackson County. Missourians who had previously persecuted the Saints feared retaliation from Zion’s Camp and preemptively attacked some Saints living in Clay County, Missouri.” Added “Their purpose was to protect the Saints who

had been expelled from their lands in Jackson County, Missouri, once the state militia had restored the Saints to those lands.” (This more accurately reflects the purpose of Zion’s Camp.)

Section 105—Changed “withdrew his promise to support” to “refused to call out the state militia to help.” (This is a more precise description of the governor’s action.)

Section 109—Changed “According to the Prophet’s written statement, this prayer was given to him by revelation” to “The prayer had been given to the Prophet and other Church leaders by revelation as they worked late the previous night to prepare it.” (This removes the reference to the Prophet’s written statement, which apparently is not extant.)

Section 110—Added “on Easter Sunday” after “a Sabbath day meeting” (to provide additional historical context).

Section 111—Changed “the leaders of the Church were heavily in debt due to their labors in the ministry” to “the Church and its leaders were heavily in debt due to the construction of the Kirtland Temple and persecutions in Missouri.” Changed “would be available” to “might be available.” (This gives more context on what motivated the Church’s leaders to travel to Salem.)

Section 111—Deleted “Several of the factors prominent in the background are reflected in the wording of this revelation” (for brevity and stylistic consistency with other section summaries).

Section 112—After “Thomas B. Marsh,” inserted “President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.” Deleted the following: “concerning the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb. This revelation was received on the day Elders Heber C. Kimball and Orson Hyde first preached the gospel in England. Thomas B. Marsh was at this time President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.” Replaced it with the following: “At this time there was significant dissension in the Church over Joseph Smith’s leadership, including among some of the Apostles. In the months before this revelation was given, Thomas B. Marsh had worked to end the conflict among Church leaders and unite the Apostles.” (This more directly reflects the content and background of the revelation.)

Section 115—Deleted “making known the will of God concerning the building up of that place and of the Lord’s house. This revelation is addressed to the presiding officers and the members of the Church.” Replaced it with the following: “identifying

the name of the Church as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The revelation also approved of Far West as a new gathering place in the land of Zion.” (This emphasizes that the name of the Church was given in this revelation.)

Section 119—Deleted “The Lord had previously given to the Church the law of consecration and stewardship of property, which members (chiefly the leading elders) entered into by a covenant that was to be everlasting. Because of failure on the part of many to abide by this covenant, the Lord withdrew it for a time and gave instead the law of tithing to the whole Church. The Prophet asked the Lord how much of their property He required for sacred purposes. The answer was this revelation.” Changed it to the following: “This revelation came after the Saints had suffered financial challenges in Missouri and Ohio due to the construction of the Kirtland Temple; persecutions in Jackson County, Missouri; and a nationwide financial crisis. The Saints were also continuing to build up communities in Missouri.” (This removes the implication that the law of consecration was replaced by the law of tithing and is no longer in effect. It also gives more context about the financial challenges the Saints were experiencing at the time.)

Section 121—Changed “the executive officers and the judiciary” to “various government officials” (reflecting the fact that the Prophet also petitioned the Missouri legislature for relief).

Section 122—Deleted “(see the heading to section 121).” (Section 121 contains excerpts from two letters, whereas section 122 comes from just one.)

Section 126—Changed “At this time Brigham Young was President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles” to “Brigham Young had just returned to his family in Nauvoo from a nearly two-year mission to England.” (This adds relevant context for understanding the revelation.)

Section 132—Changed “as early as 1831” to “earlier.” (This change indicates that there is some ambiguity about exactly when the principles in this revelation were revealed to the Prophet.)

Related Adjustments to Study Helps

- Doctrine and Covenants Chronological Order of Contents:
 - **Section 2:** Changed “Manchester” to “Palmyra.”
 - **Section 105:** Added an asterisk to indicate “at or near place specified.”
 - **Section 107:** Changed “April” to “Late winter or spring.”
 - **Section 116:** Changed “May” to “May or June.”
- **Section 135:** Changed “June” to “About July” (to reflect when the announcement of the Prophet’s martyrdom was initially published).
- **Church History Maps, no. 5, item 2:** Changed “on the banks of this river” to “north of this river” (to reflect the updated introduction to section 105).
- **Church History Photographs, no. 12:** Deleted “which he penned in a letter to the exiled Saints” (to reflect the updated introductions to sections 121–23).
- Index to the Triple Combination:
 - **Fishing River, Missouri:** Changed “revelation received at” to “revelation received north of” (to reflect the updated introduction to section 105).
 - **Manchester, New York:** Deleted “D&C 2” (to reflect the updated introduction to section 2).

Adjustments to Book of Mormon Summaries

Preceding 3 Nephi 11—Changed “Comprising chapters 11 through 26” to “Beginning with chapter 11.” (This reflects the fact that Jesus continued to minister to the people of Nephi after 3 Nephi 26.)

3 Nephi 27 summary—Changed “Jesus commands them to call the Church in His name” to “Jesus commands that the Church be called in His name.” (This clarifies that the command applies to us in our day as well as to the people of Nephi.)