

verb tense, for instance) because often the change is minor and does not significantly change the passage's meaning. We have not placed quotation marks around paraphrased material. But we have corrected Jenson's text according to the original in cases where the original is clearer or have added a footnote for clarification. We have inserted bracketed ellipses, "[. . .]," to show when Jenson skips portions of the original text, except when he omits a heading. The bold headings that appear in the quoted material are from the *Deseret News*. We honor the way Jenson delineates his quotations.

Titles of Church offices. We have lowercased "elders" unless referring to General Authorities; we have capitalized "Saints" according to Church style. We have capitalized "Historian's Office" to make clear that it refers to the Church Historian's Office, although Church style suggests including "Church" before "Historian's Office." We capitalize "Church" when it refers to the Church.

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