

Prelude to the Restoration

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Throughout time there has always been the Spirit of God throughout the earth. There have always been people who have had the gifts of the spirit throughout all time. So why a need for a restoration? Needed saving ordinances, organization, authority etc.

We look at most of the reformers as being good and noble people. They were many of the people that were the ones who came and begged President Wilford Woodruff to do their work. There were three presidents who didn't have their work done: Martin van Buren ("your cause is just but we can do nothing for you"), James Buchanan (sent an army against the saints), Ulysses S. Grant (rumored to be a womanizer and a drunkard).

John Lathrop- 1601 entered Cambridge, graduates 1605. Ordained as a deacon in the Church of England, and majors in theology. Wanted to get a masters and be ordained as a reverend. Masters degree took 4 years. In 1609 appointed as a reverend in a small parrish 14 miles from London. His sermons were so good that the royals would come out to listen to him, then he was paid to come and give sermons in town. Marries Hannah House, leader in his community. Is a charity doer. 1623- comes up with an idea- he wants to find the line of his authority. When he finishes he decides that the authority to act in the name of God is not on the Earth. This was a crime of heresy punishable by death. Announces this to his congregation and leaves his job. He forms an independent church. Calls it the Independent Church. He has 39 followers, and goes from house to house, they search the Bible together and wonder what it's going to be like when authority is restored. All of the followers are placed in jail. If they will sign an affadavit saying that the royals are in charge they are let free. All of his followers sign except for himself. His wife dies and his children are becoming wards of the state. The warden had great respect for John, when the warden saw his beautiful children he siad he would allow John free if they would go to America. They went on a boat called the Griffin. Sets up home in massachussetts. He sets up a church in Massachusetts.

John Lathrop -> Jane Lathrop -> Shubael Fuller -> Lydia Fuller -> Lydia Gates -> Lucy Mack -> Joseph Smith

(or you can swap out Joseph for : Hyrum Smith -> Joseph F. Smith -> Joseph Fielding Smith)

"never forget your father. He died for the truth, you must live for the truth." - Mary Fielding Smith to Joseph F. Smith at the viewing of his father- Hyrum Smith.

Heber C. Kimball is known as the prophets prophet

John Lathrop -> Jane Lathrop -> John Fuller -> John fuller -> William Fuller -> Rebecca Fuller Cowdery -> Oliver Cowdery

Oliver gets his job from the School Board- Hyrum Smith. He is with Joseph when the authority to act on the behalf of Christ is restored.

John Lathrop -> Samuel Lathrop -> Elizabeth Lathrop -> Martha Royce -> Sarah North -> Joseph Woodford -> Dinah Woodford -> Aphek Woodruff -> Wilford Woodruff

John Lathrop -> Samuel Lathrop -> Anne Lathrop -> Hannah Hough -> Christopher Pratt -> Obadiah Pratt -> Jared Pratt -> Parley Parker Pratt (serves 12 missions, murdered in van Buren, Arkansas)

Orson Pratt was Parley P. Pratt's younger brother. He made the drawings of the phases of the moon that are carved around the Salt Lake Temple.

John Lathrop -> Samuel Lathrop -> John Lathrop -> Ruth Lathrop -> Ruth Post -> Jeremiah Bingham -> Jeremiah Bingham -> Lucus A. Bingham -> Levi Perry Bingham -> Perry C. Bingham -> Louisa E. Lee-> Harold B. Lee

John Lathrop -> Martha Lathrop -> John Moss -> Joseph Moss -> ... Marion G. Romney