

# Quincy IL - Brigham Young - Joseph Escapes from England -

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Heading east to Quincy. town of brotherhood. they had special places for run-a-way slaves. They were very friendly people. The people in Quincy are seeing the Mormons across the river. but they don't feel that they can help because there was ice on the river. the Democrats are the ones who come to the aid of the Mormons risking his life. This was the reason that Brigham Young was a DEM. ALL of the faithful General Authorities were DEM.

Later Wilford Woodruff called half the church to be REP

J Golden Kimball is a DEM but called to be a REP. He still attends the DEM convention. "Well I don't mind if you all know that I am here at your DEM convention. But I am sure as Hell not going to tell God that I am here" He refused to pray at the beginning of the convention.

John Quincy Adams. Quincy is in Adams County

March 15th 1839. Brigham Young announces that he has done his duty and that now he has a second assignment. He said that Joseph prophesied that in April 26 the 12 would leave from the Far West temple site. Everyone began to tell him not to go back. Then all the brethren came back with him. PPP broke out of prison to get there. John Taylor has been called as a member of the 12 but he has not been placed yet. No one knows this but John. John says that he will come as a lifeguard. Another man volunteers to be John's life guard. Brigham Young stopped to see one of the 70 (who was a traitor) and asked what are you looking for? the man didn't recognize Brigham and said that he hadn't seem Brigham yet.

Wilford Woodruff and John Taylor are called to be members of the 12. They are both emotional. Wilford had received a letter from Marsh saying to hurry to MS because a member of the 12 would fall. Who would have thought that Marsh himself would be replaced.

They went on a reactivating mission. They begin bringing many back into the Church.

Joseph's Escape:

how does Joseph escape? Alexander Donophin is appealing the ruling. Donophin says that he needs them to be moved to a different jail. he is afraid for their lives. They are in the process of being moved.(1) The Sheriff has developed a great respect for the prisoners.(2) He tells Joseph that they are going to get really drunk and that they don't expect to see their horses or the prisoners. The Sheriff lost his job and his land.

(1)Lilburn W. Boggs signs the form for the change of venue -- they are going to move to Bain County

(2) Sheriff decides that the course case is not right -- April 6, 1839

Joseph is even more wanted in MS now. (1) Mother Smith has a dream that they had escaped and that they were hungry and they would be coming in the morning. They wake up very early to make some food. Papa Smith says that she is just having the "musings of an old woman." he doesn't get up. (2) Mama Smith gets up.

Joseph hears what happened to them in Quincy and he says it is right that they are DEM

(1) Between Joseph and Hyrum they have only one horse

(2) He says "My sons are dead"

Joseph decides that they need to build a city that will be a light unto the world. 40 miles away they move to Nauvoo. Half-breed lands are a safe place for outcasts to go. (inbred people are safe to build there). James White had purchased the Nauvoo land but had called it Venus. (because it is a name that denotes that they can get any women that they would like). Because it is a swamp they get Malaria (bad air). They decide to build 2 story houses to get high enough to get out of the Malaria. Land speculators buy the land and they called it Commerce. They decide that they are going to sell it to someone who doesn't know about the swamp problems. (they draw the entire land up on paper and they are going to sell it to people in Connecticut without enough sense to see it before buying -- you can get in on the ground floor) It would have worked but there was a huge Run on the Banks in that year. Adding to their woes Illinois had a second run on the banks afterwards. These land speculators are very desperate. No money down and 20 years to the first payment. Joseph buys the land. "No better place presenting itself, I take my people to commerce."

They all get malaria. His house becomes a hospital. Death was so common that many had prebuilt their coffins. Many wrote in their journals that they were so miserable they would rather be in MS under the extermination order than in Commerce. 1800 people died that first summer. Joseph was always speaking at the funerals. At the funerals he would receive and reveal revelations. Funerals were given on Thursday and Monday (traditional days for Moses receiving the ten commandment). Gordon B Hinckley said that this cemetery is one of the most sacred of places on the earth.

Aug 15 1840

At the funeral of a 9 year old, Joseph announces baptisms for the dead. A lady goes straight to the river and is baptized for her son with a person a horse witness. Joseph allows the baptism to stand.

Most of the 12 get ill before they head to England. Wilford Woodruff is so sick he can't get up. George A Smith picks him up and puts him in the wagon.

John Taylor asks his wife if he could leave her by the ditch. He gives her a blessing that she will live while she he is gone. When he gets

home she is in a comma. 1/4 of Nauvoo is English born because of John Taylor. He told the Lord that he didn't think that being a live and in a comma was a good answer. he then asks the Lord that if because of his efforts in England could the Lord heal her. She awakes and says, "Johnny Johnny, I am so glad you are back."

He was the first out of town and the only one to not catch swamp fever (of the twelve)

Wilford Woodruff was commanded by Joseph Smith to go on his mission even though he was very sick. George A. Smith who is also sick and weak picks up Wilford and throws him in the back of a wagon and said, listen to your prophet...you're going on this mission.

all of the twelve go to serve a mission in England  
John Taylor gives Parley P. Pratt all that he had (two pennies) --  
says you are now richer than I am

Each of the twelve baptized at least 1000 people (biggest baptizer is Wilford Woodruff...first couple of days baptizes 600 people including a man that came to arrest him.

Wives of the twelve and their letter writing:

John Taylor's wife always drew big lips on the bottom of the letters  
When John Taylor arrives back home in Nauvoo his wife Leonora is not at the docks to see him -- John hurries to see his wife and realizes that she is in a coma and is not expected to live through the night -- the twelve try to bless her and she does not wake up. John kneels and pleads with the Lord telling him of all his mission accomplishments and asks the Lord why he allowed her to be in a comma -- Because I have served a wonderful mission can you not just wake her up and let her be alive? -- She wakes up and says, "Johnny Johnny, I am so glad you're back"

Where did we get the name Nauvoo?

Joseph Smith is constant speaker at funerals  
At one of the funerals he introduces baptisms for the dead  
Was the process really valid? -- not two priesthood witnesses, prayer is not necessarily correct, but because of the sincerity of the desire he allows the baptism to stand  
Work was done over and over and over again for a great many people because of the number of people lining up, the lack of record keeping, and the number of people wanting to be baptized for the same people Joseph renames the town Nauvoo -- meaning a beautiful situation because of the view of so many people in the water being baptized for the dead.