

Brazil Faction's End-Times Prophecies Prove to Be False

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And Jesus said, "There shall also arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matthew 24:23; Inspired Version)

As this report shall document, Mauricio Berger, Joseph F. Smith, Bob Moore, and other leaders of the Brazil Faction have boldly declared that either Jesus and/or the Angel Moroni have personally spoken to them (or spoken prophetically through them) and have disclosed to them a chronology of end-time catastrophes and blessings that must transpire *before* their alleged translation of the sealed portion of the Book of Mormon is completed, or even *viewed* by Joseph. In fact, these earth-shaking events should be happening *right now*. They have unequivocally declared that *before* their alleged sealed portion of the Book of Mormon is "translated" by Mauricio and viewed by Joseph F., that *all* of the following momentous events *must* first transpire:

- Joseph F. will give the people of Zion one last opportunity "to accept his appointment so Zion can be built up, but if they reject him and his calling, the church will continue with another people who will accept the Lord's appointment. Devastation is coming to the land of Zion upon the bodies of people who reject the Lord's deliverance." Only those who accept the Brazil Faction will be assured of "deliverance" from the coming tribulations.
- The most righteous members of the LDS, RLDS, Temple Lot, JCRB, etc., will unify into a new "reconstructed" church under "Prophet, Seer and Revelator" Joseph F. and "Moses" Seer Mauricio.
- The Brazil group shall gain control of the true Temple spot, and preparations for building the true temple shall commence.
- ISIS (with the help of Russian conspirators) will launch World War III, conquer Asia and Europe, and then invade and all but destroy the entirety of the United States.
- Independence and Jerusalem will be incinerated by fire. Those who oppose Mauricio and Joseph F. will be destroyed or driven out, and only their supporters shall remain. Zion shall be redeemed.

- The destruction and suffering unleashed on those who reject Mauricio and Joseph F. will be more horrible than anything suffered by Nazi Germany in World War II.
- Every person in and around Independence, Missouri, must either accept Mauricio as their new “Moses” seer and Joseph F. as their new prophet, or they will be removed by means of a “purging.” Perhaps they will die in World War III, or perhaps they will suffer such great tribulations in the aftermath that “they will be fleeing and going elsewhere.” This “purging” must happen *before* Joseph reads the translated plates to the gathered Saints in the purified Zion, because only those who endorse Joseph F. and Mauricio can be allowed to exist there when Joseph presents the sealed portion to the Saints.
- The great gathering to Zion shall begin. Those who disappear due to World War III and the “purging” will be replaced by the righteous from all nations who flee to Zion.
- Mauricio shall complete the translation of the sealed portion and provide it to Joseph.

***All of the Above Prerequisite Events Were to Have Transpired
by End of Summer 2018. Then:***

- Joseph will disclose the teachings of the sealed portion to the righteous and obedient survivors in the newly established Zion. No person who disagrees with Mauricio and Joseph will be allowed to exist in Zion at this juncture. Only those who believe in them will be considered worthy enough to exist there, to hear Joseph teach from the sealed portion, or be allowed to read the sealed portion themselves. Everyone else will either be dead or will have suffered such tribulations that they will have fled.
- The righteous will build up Zion from the “waste places” and “Zion will enlarge.”
- “Under Joseph F.’s direction, they will build the Temple on the dedicated spot.”
- “Jesus will come to the Temple and read the rest of the sealed portion.”
- Up to 23 additional temples may be built in Zion—perhaps one for each of the new 12 apostles, plus one for each of 12 equivalent “Nephite leaders.”

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This report will not only document the Brazil Faction’s assertions of the above dire prophecies, but it will also show how the dates they originally attached to their supposedly divine chronology *have already passed*, and how other unalterable facts in their narrative have similarly been proven impossible, and thus cannot be true.

When it is comprehended that *each and every* self-declared prophetic prerequisite related to the coming forth of their sealed portion has abjectly failed to materialize during the time frame they have stipulated, the reader should conclude that *no* prophecy or revelation produced by this group can be considered divine! Furthermore, if the Brazil Faction announces the completion of the translation of their supposed sealed portion, or announces its presentation to Joseph F. prior

to *each and every* one of the above self-declared prophetic prerequisites being fulfilled, then their claim to divinity must also be deemed false—for they have represented that no such completion of the translation or presentation to Joseph F. can transpire until *each and every one* of the above prophetically-declared prerequisites has transpired!

A New Way to Start a New Church

Usually, would-be leaders form and name their new churches *first*, and then seek out followers. However, Mauricio Berger of Brazil (excommunicated from the LDS Church), Bob Moore (who resigned his JCRB membership and priesthood status in April, 2016), and Joseph F. Smith (who withdrew his membership and eldership in the Church of Christ, Temple Lot¹) are trying a different technique. They are collecting followers *first* and waiting until a future date to name and define their venture. By keeping their sect nameless while insisting they are not (now) starting a church, they have found a way to proselytize members of the LDS, RLDS/Restoration Branches, Community of Christ, Temple Lot Church, and others.

While offering reassurances that they are not starting a church and not openly advocating that members leave their present church affiliations, they *are* now actively promoting themselves as God’s chosen leaders, whom all believers in the 1830 Restoration should follow. They are also prophetically warning of the imminent, fiery destruction (or equally frightful “purging,” devastation, driving out, etc.) of all who do not accept them.

Even though they have not yet officially named their movement, the need for such an identifying name exists. Therefore, for now, we shall refer to them as the *Brazil Faction*. Mauricio was excommunicated from the LDS Church for insisting he was their rightful seer. As shall be documented in this report, the Brazil Faction now promotes Mauricio as the new Seer for *all* persons who believe in the Restoration of 1830. Similarly, Bob Moore, along with Mauricio, recently ordained Joseph F. Smith as “Prophet, Seer and Revelator” over all the Restoration groups (see <https://thecauseofzion.org/josephsmith/ordination-of-joseph-f-smith/>).

Mauricio to be the new “Moses.” As if those lofty titles were not enough, Bob also recently disclosed that a spirit being they insist is the Angel Moroni has convinced the faction that Mauricio is to be the new “Moses,” and Joseph F. is to be the new “Aaron”! Many Church members do not believe they are in communication with the real Moroni, but have possibly fallen under the spell of an evil spirit pretending to be that heavenly angel. Others believe this phony “Moroni” has been fabricated for the perpetuation of a hoax. Whatever the case may be, references to this entity in this document will be indicated as: the alleged Moroni, their Moroni, or “Moroni” (in quotes) to indicate our belief that the entity directing them is not the real Moroni.

The Brazil Faction claims that many of the new beliefs they are introducing, and rites they are performing, were revealed to or commanded of them in response to instructions by the alleged Moroni. I have previously documented in *Indisputable* (also viewable online at restorationbookstore.org) how that familiar spirit *cannot* be Moroni. It behaves in a non-heavenly fashion and is ignorant of facts the real Moroni would definitely know. The faction claims their Moroni sometimes rides in a giant, glowing, soap-like bubble “vehicle” when he appears to

¹ An apostle in the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) verified to Price Publishing Company that Joseph F. Smith withdrew from their church in 2014.

them. Several of the messages he has given have proven to be factually impossible and blatantly incorrect.

In sharing photos of the sword of Laban that their alleged Moroni reportedly delivered to them, the Brazil Faction circulated a photo of a Chinese bronze sword for some *eight years* as proof of its existence. When we called them out on that fraud, Mauricio (within a few hours) disavowed the photo and claimed he had no idea how he had sent the wrong photo nearly a decade prior. They have also produced photos of additional swords as being Laban’s famed relic. For an extensive discussion regarding the fake swords, see http://restorationbookstore.org/Brazil_Plates_Labans_Sword_v2-4.pdf, especially pp. 3–5, 29, 36, 37, 41, 45–47.

In addition to the multiple fake swords, there have been many other inconsistencies, errors, and gaffes. A notable one is the presence of Mark Hoffman’s 1980 fraudulent characters underneath the supposed 1,500-year-old sealing straps around the “sealed portion” of their plates (see p. 26 of http://restorationbookstore.org/Brazil_Plates_Labans_Sword_v2-4.pdf).

In spite of such disqualifying aberrations, the Brazil Faction is now actively proselytizing the churches and religious organizations that trace their origin to the Restoration of 1830. Their main message is that they are God’s chosen leaders over all, that they have been given the Book of Mormon plates and other relics, and that they shall soon translate the sealed portion.

Their interest is not so much where converts came from in the *past*, but whether or not new recruits will follow them in the *future*. By the use of such universalism and neo-ecumenicalism, they are gaining access to the podiums of many Restoration denominations and pulling away members from each. However, it is still unclear to *what* church they are pulling them!

In Joseph’s sermon of October 29, 2017, he testified of baptizing, confirming, and ordaining persons in Brazil—evidently into an unspecified church affiliation, and absolutely not into the RLDS Church—and serving them the Sacrament (see pp. 4–5, 10 at <https://secondinvitation.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/joseph-f-smith-testimony.pdf>). While the primary purpose of confirmation is to receive the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, that ordinance has always been understood to also serve the function of confirming (thus the name, “confirmation”) new converts into a particular church (see RLDS Doctrine and Covenants 17:18; LDS 20:68). However, Joseph F. recently announced, “I do not belong to any organization, but to Jesus Christ” (see PPC File, “Dec 16 2017 Temple Lot Meeting . . . pdf,” p. 4). If that is the case, then into what church did he confirm them?

Joseph F. Revealed “Moroni” Called Him to Be the New Prophet

By ignoring true scriptural instructions and listening instead to the dictations of their “Moroni,” Joseph F. has found a way to insert himself into the congregations of many divergent churches. For example, in the advertisement for the August 18, 2018, Solemn Assembly (which he had no authority to call, and which he primarily called to obtain ecumenical approval of his claim as “Prophet, Seer and Revelator”), Joseph also invited all to attend a follow-up worship service the next day. Both the Assembly and worship service were advertised as being held at the Church of Christ Restored in Holden, Missouri. In the advertisement, Joseph F. declared that he was doing this “in accordance with: the appointment by a messenger from heaven” (see <https://thecauseofzion.org/josephs-speaking-engagements/solemn-assembly/>).

The Church of Christ Restored in Holden, Missouri (where Joseph F. staged his Solemn Assembly), is a branch of a church incorporated in December of 1983 in Michigan. It was started by former RLDS members with the purpose of setting the Church in order. Seven elders were set apart as apostles at an early conference. It is not an independent Restoration branch, but it is one of the thirteen factions that started after the apostasy of the RLDS leaders.

Holden is about an hour's drive from Independence. How heartening is the fact that *none* of the independent Restoration branches in Independence chose to host Joseph F.'s unauthorized Solemn Assembly! Similarly encouraging is a report that, a week prior to the Assembly, Zarahemla Restoration Branch (which had been so accommodating to the faction up to that point) chose to not attend. Also of note is that three days prior to the event, observers from *three different churches* relayed to me that Bob and Joseph F. were experiencing such immense differences that Bob would not be attending Joseph's Assembly. In fact, in the middle of India's monsoon season and the worst flooding there in one hundred years, Bob departed for India and Sri Lanka to keep a prior missionary appointment he had made with a group there—unrelated to the Brazil Faction!

Nevertheless, Joseph's illegal Solemn Assembly transpired, and his followers voted to move forward with plans to sustain him at a later time to be "Prophet, Seer and Revelator" over all. (See Solemn Assembly report at: <https://thecauseofzion.org/2018/08/20/08-18-18-solemn-assembly/>.) Attendees were also assured that the festivities were proceeding according to directions from both Mauricio and "Moroni":

These matters were being guided at each step by the instructions of [the alleged] Moroni to Mauricio A Berger and the witnesses in Brazil. Samuel [Gould] continued in all love and humility to guide the Saints to understand that we are just in the beginning of the work, this, being the first steps. And that, according to the instructions of [alleged] Moroni, we must have faith and will receive line upon line as we move forward in the work. . . . It will be necessary to again organize the priesthood quorums and their offices, and return to the original foundations of apostles and prophets. (<https://thecauseofzion.org/writings/08-18-18-08-19-18-general-report/>)

It should be reasserted that Joseph F. has *never* been an RLDS/Restoration branch member or minister, but that his membership and priesthood was with the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), before he withdrew from that Church.

So Joseph F. is not now a member of, nor does he hold priesthood authority that is recognized by, *any* church. By not belonging to *any* church, it is no surprise that Joseph F.'s followers are similarly unified in their disunity. They too hold membership in many churches, or even in *no* church. Some of his faction's current supporters are baptized members of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), RLDS Church members who attend an independent Restoration Branch, the JCRB (which Restoration branches consider to be a separate church organization), the Church of Christ Restored, LDS, and even ex-LDS sects such as the many dozens of differently-named offshoot groups over which Denver Snuffer claims to be "Prophet." And some (those baptized by Joseph F. in October 2017) might not even know to *what* church they belong!

Brazil Faction practices Open Communion using ecumenical ministers. Such ecumenical universalism always leads to problems—especially when divergent groups with competing claims to authority and different understandings on doctrines are told to set aside their

long-held tenets and are compelled to take on new beliefs previously considered forbidden. One example of this is when the faction holds Sacrament services (as previously cited) presided over by ministers from different denominations, who serve members from different churches—thus practicing open Communion. RLDS Restorationists should be aware of this apostasy and are warned to avoid “trifling with sacred things” by either receiving the emblems from, or serving them to, persons from other churches.

Restorationists should be very cautious of any person who urges them to disregard the strict rules defining who may serve and partake of the Sacrament and should realize that persons who teach such open Communion practices are leading them away from the true Church and into a false church! When the facts are considered, it becomes evident that such is *exactly* what Joseph F. has labored *decades* to accomplish. He stated:

I’ve worked for 21 years to bring the Saints [all who believe in the Restoration] together, I started with the Waldo [Restoration Branch] sermon 21 years ago, wherein the Lord told them . . . to lay aside their differences, find common ground and begin to build up the Kingdom of God. And for the most part it went in one ear and out the other. (see <https://secondinvitation.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/joseph-f-smith-testimony.pdf>, p. 2)

Mauricio Discovered How to Get the Saints to Listen to Joseph F.

In the sermon just cited, after complaining that his earlier calls for people to leave their churches and follow him just “went in one ear and out the other,” Joseph F. disclosed that Mauricio came up with a strategy that was sure to perk up people’s ears and get them to follow him! Joseph F. exclaimed how Mauricio proposed assigning people linked to, and familiar with, each targeted denomination who could do the best job proselyting the churches in which they had the most influence. Joseph F. quoted Mauricio, who instructed him that:

There is no way to get your people back together in one flock in your country [USA] for there is much strife and repugnant [*sic*] among the Latter-Day Saints in regard to other churches, which in one have been invited into many [which are now many but have been invited into one?]. But God will do it from Brazil, until it fills all Latin America, Central, and finally to arrive again in the lands of the north. . . . What the Lord requires of us is with you is that a congregation directed by you [Joseph F. Smith] here in Brazil be established and be in communion with the other branches [churches] of the restoration . . . entering in and preaching in many chapels of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for there are many people in that denomination that the Lord intends to receive for Himself. (see <https://secondinvitation.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/joseph-f-smith-testimony.pdf>, p. 2)

Mauricio’s plan was to obtain authority from Joseph F. Smith (who is a descendant of Joseph Smith Jr.) so he could specifically target LDS members in Brazil to join their faction. Likewise, as shall be seen, Joseph F. divulged that *his* new “job” from Mauricio is to primarily target Temple Lot members, and that Bob Moore’s new “job” from Mauricio is to primarily target Restoration branch (and JCRB) members. Joseph F. explained:

There was a *job* given to both Bob and myself. . . . [The] Lord is starting to set his hand the second time and he’s starting down there in Brazil, but it’s coming to this

country. . . . *Brother Bob's job, my job is to bring the restoration Saints [Restoration branches and JCRB] . . . and the Temple [Lot] church together.* This is what we've got to do. I said you're kidding, I know the temple lot Church, you're kidding! But this is our *job*. They have to come together and build that Temple first. When the City, New Jerusalem, is established there will be 24 temples built. You have 12 Apostles and 12 Nephite leaders, I guess each one of these will have a temple, I don't know, that's what I suspect it's for. But this is our *job*. (see <https://secondinvitation.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/joseph-f-smith-testimony.pdf> p. 10; italics added)

So Joseph F. believes Mauricio's directive that he and Bob are the chosen vessels to unite the RLDS and Temple Lot Churches into one and to build the primary temple on the Temple Lot now owned by the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). The new church conglomerate (which will include LDS members Mauricio primarily converts) will then build up to twenty-four new temples in Independence—one temple for each of their new apostles, and one for each of their new, equally endowed "Nephite leaders." No wonder he is not worried about his faction's open Communion practices. In his mind, anyone who submits to *his* authority *is* the true church! Restorationists who submit to his emerging church will be required to abandon many cherished beliefs they now hold dear and will be obligated to embrace many new and strange beliefs which Joseph F. and Mauricio are already introducing.

The non-RLDS church (Church of Christ Temple Lot) that Joseph F. Smith was baptized and ordained into teaches that Joseph Smith Jr. was a "fallen prophet," that Joseph Smith III did not divinely reorganize the Church, and that the RLDS Church was never the one true Church! His church of record does not accept the Inspired Version or Doctrine and Covenants and does not believe in the offices of high priest and patriarch (nor even a First Presidency). Nor does it revere the Kirtland Temple as holy and commanded by God! He now tells us that we must "rid ourselves" of our "excess baggage," "put our differences on the shelf," and follow him!

Mauricio Has Planned for Many Years to Lead the Various Churches

After the LDS Church excommunicated Mauricio, he began approaching other churches to present himself as their rightful leader. For example, the translation of a 2013 letter Mauricio wrote (originally in Portuguese) to the "Elders, and Apostles of Christ Church located on Temple Lot, Missouri" informed them that he would someday direct their church. He wrote:

I know that one day you will see this with good eyes. *For the time being, I ask only that you treat well those who will direct the church, for the message which I make through the authority I have received from the Lord, though effected by many gifts that will signal this work, will not allow me to baptize anyone for make this, or that, a member of the church of Christ. This, who has to do, is you. Be ready for it; because the power of God will act as it was in the days of restoration, and many will*

be converted to the glory and restoration of Zion. *I will do my part in obedience to God, without waiting for your recognition; I will prepare the Lord's way to establish a community of saints, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ, who will be waiting for his church in South America, through the voice of his apostles in Zion - "For out of Zion he shall go forth to the law," and we will accept it, so that by the time you come here, you may find a people ready to be citizens of the Zion of God. I will do this with certainty, through my call. Without ever escaping . . . the teachings of the twelve apostles of the Church of Christ located on the temple lot, Missouri.* (PPC Ref: Mauricio#4Eng092013 PDF, p. 2; italics added)

Joseph F. Originally Planned to Start a New Church, But the Alleged Moroni Told Him to Wait

In May 2018 Joseph F. wrote:

I had originally gone to Brazil with the thought that *I was to establish a new church. On this last visit, the witnesses repeated the words of [the alleged] Moroni. I was instructed that I was not to start a new church in Brazil. The Lord desired to [first] give an opportunity to the saints in Zion to repent and humble themselves [to accept Joseph F. as their Prophet regardless what Church they were members of]. If they would come to a consensus [a word the Brazil Faction uses exclusively when discussing accepting Joseph F.'s prophetship], the Lord would unify His people and reconstruct the original church.* (see <http://jfsm.org/News18-05.pdf>, p. 3; italics added)

In addition to Joseph F.'s admission that establishing "a new church" is something he is very open to, note that he also confesses that his plans to do so were modified when "Moroni" directed him to first return to Missouri, urge the Saints to "come to a consensus" [about his ordination as prophet-president], "unify" and "reconstruct the original church."

Further evidence that Joseph F. seeks to be the new leader to "reconstruct the original church" can be found in the following missive by him that various Restoration churches share some authority, but that none of them (including the RLDS Church) are the one true Church. In July 2018 he stated:

Today, the Temple Lot Church of Christ does not seem to recognize the brotherhood of the other saints of Christ's Church, which I like to call "the Family of God." It judges the rest of the Restoration movement by claiming to be the only one acceptable to the Lord. That attitude is also prevalent among the Restoration branches. Since the break up of the RLDS Church in 1985, the Restoration Saints have failed to keep this commandment [to love one another]. For that reason, we are encouraged to practice repentance. (see <http://jfsm.org/News18-06.pdf>, p. 2)

So Joseph F. is teaching that for Restorationists to believe that the RLDS Church is the one true Church is a sin which they should repent of, and that to hold such a thought is a violation of God's commandment to love one another!

Joseph F. Prophesied that Zion Needed to Be Built Now

Because Jesus Told Him ISIS Would Soon Take Over the World

In August 2018 Bob Moore offered a long, detailed account of how he and Joseph F. joined forces (to unite the churches and redeem Zion) by joining with the Brazil Faction (see <http://jfsm.org/News18-07.pdf>, pp. 2–4). Below is a summary of that article:

1. Joseph F.’s mission to unite the churches commenced in 1995.
2. Bob determined the Scriptures revealed that Joseph was the Smith descendant who would arise, through whom “shall . . . the earth be blessed.”
3. In the autumn of 2016, Joseph was pondering Burton’s apocalyptic vision of World War III as is recorded in *Infallible Proofs*, where, in the last days, a mighty enemy would rise in West Asia, conquer Europe, then invade America and “bring destruction and devastation to this continent.” According to Bob, the “Lord” himself “testified” to Joseph, identifying *exactly* who would comprise that invading enemy army—ISIS! “That morning, the Lord had testified to Joseph that the cloud [in Burton’s vision] rising from the western side of Asia is ISIS. He knew that it [ISIS] would eventually bring destruction and devastation to this continent. . . . The time of the enemy’s invasion is nearing. . . . War would erupt. The need for all the saints to unite and prepare a place of refuge was obvious.”
4. Bob and Joseph joined together in the urgent task of uniting the Saints and building Zion as a place of refuge. They knew they must act quickly—before ISIS started World War III, captured Asia and Europe, and invaded and ravaged the U.S. They were perplexed, though, as to how the various churches could be united into one, since even *they* had disagreements between themselves, which they “could not resolve.”
5. “About the same time, Joseph related a dream he had just received” wherein he was trying to kindle a fire beside a filthy stream, but the stream flooded and put out the flames. Bob arrived with a change of clothes for Joseph, then another man arrived with a backpack and asked them if they were ready to get to work. Then the stream subsided and ran clear, and all was well.
6. Mauricio’s group invited them to Brazil. On their first trip there in November 2017, Bob and Joseph “received a mission” to testify about Mauricio’s calling as the seer who would translate the sealed portion. They also received “a promise” that if they did so, some Saints would respond, and unify. To accelerate the process, they were instructed to not [yet] ask anyone to leave the group or church they were worshiping in, nor to form a new church.
7. Bob and Joseph were further directed to take six additional witnesses back to Brazil in March 2018. When Mauricio met the returning Americans, he had the plates in a backpack, and Joseph recognized him as the man from his dream with a backpack who was ready to go to work.
8. Bob received a “revelation” that no one in America—not even Joseph—could unite the Saints and lead them to Zion to save them from the “destruction and devastation [that] is at our doorsteps.” The only person on the entire continent who could do that is Mauricio!

9. They “all marveled at the exquisitely imprinted plate that covers the Sealed Book. . . . It shows the seven churches [that will be united?] . . . [and the coming] devastation in America [to be wrought by ISIS], and Moroni with the golden plates.”
10. “Joseph and I [Bob, finally] understood the meaning of his [Joseph’s] dream about the fire, flood and appearance of the man who was ready to work. Joseph had been trying to bring the saints together, but those efforts had failed. Mauricio had come to us with the plates that he carried in his backpack and was ready to go to work translating them. That work would allow Joseph’s [unification] mission to eventually succeed.”
11. “Once Mauricio translates the Sealed Book of Mormon, he will send it to Joseph F. Smith. It will show the [few, but] united saints how to live righteously in Zion.”
12. Before the sealed portion is read by Joseph to the multitude, there must be a purging of those who do not believe in Mauricio and Joseph. “Implied in these events is the need for our Lord to intervene in the land of Zion. He must remove the obstacles that hinder. Just as the muddy creek’s water became a pure stream, the people in the land of Zion must unify. We must become one with each other and with our Lord. Only then will the saints be prepared to receive the Sealed Book of Mormon, which is currently being translated. Only then will they be able to build the Temple. Sadly, the land of Zion is like the rest of the world. Since only ‘the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land of Zion in these last days . . . the rebellious shall be cut off out of the land of Zion, and shall be sent away, and shall not inherit the land’ (D&C 64:7a–b).”
13. “Under Joseph’s direction, they [the few remaining, obedient followers of Mauricio and Joseph] will build the Temple on the dedicated spot. Jesus will come to it and read the rest of the sealed portion.”

Bob Moore laid out a very detailed chain of events that was to happen very soon. Each numbered item above appears to be an important link in the chain of events that takes us from Bob and Joseph F.’s initial labors, to their joining together, through their various enlightenments, culminating in the establishment of Zion.

Two of the most important links in Bob’s event chain are links No. 3 and No. 4—for those links include prophetic revelations of utmost importance to both Heaven and earth, upon which all the links that follow are based.

Link No. 3 included the highlight of a spiritual experience—of a conversation between Joseph F. and Jesus—wherein Jesus “testified to Joseph F. that the cloud [in Burton’s vision] rising from the western side of Asia is ISIS.”

Link No. 4 revealed that the explanation by “Jesus” of the specifically named enemy who would soon invade, spurred Joseph F. and Bob into action to join together and discover how to build Zion before ISIS started World War III. The invitation from the Brazil Faction seemed to be an answer to their urgent prayers on how to join the Saints into one church and build Zion.

But chains are only as strong as their weakest links. No matter how strong or “true” all of the other links in a chain are, if a chain includes a weak link that breaks because it is untrue, the entire contraption collapses, and whatever it is towing careens into the ditch. The weak link in their event-chain is Joseph F.’s supposed autumn 2016 conversation with Jesus, wherein Jesus “testified” to Joseph that ISIS was about to consume Asia, engulf Europe, and invade the United States. Such a thing cannot ever be, for on December 14, 2017, *National Review* reported that

ISIS WAS OFFICIALLY DEFEATED SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9—about a year after Joseph F. said Jesus told him that they would take over most of the world, then invade and destroy most of America!

The announcement came on Saturday. . . . Iraq’s prime minister declared victory in the war against ISIS. Iraq—with indispensable American help—has regained control of its cities and its border with Syria. ISIS has been reduced to a shadow of its former self. The victory isn’t confined to Iraq. American-allied forces control ISIS’s former capital in Syria, and *the world’s largest jihadist army is gone*. Bands of insurgents still prowl the countryside, and ISIS cells exist across the world, *but the war against the “caliphate” is over. It’s been won.*” (see <https://www.nationalreview.com/2017/12/isis-defeated-why-does-no-one-care/>; italics added for emphasis)

Note that Joseph F. did not claim that Jesus told him the coming world war and invasion of America would be fought against Islamic terrorists in general—Global Al-Qaeda, the PLO’s Fatah, Iranian Hezbollah, Palestinian Hamas, Syria’s Tahrir al-Sham, nor any of the other various radical Islamic terrorist groups (nor Russia, China, North Korea, etc.) which still pose serious threats—but that World War III would specifically be fought against ISIS! But ISIS no longer exists as a political entity, as a geographical construct, nor as a strategic threat. “The world’s largest jihadist army is gone . . . the war against the ‘caliphate’ is over. It’s been won.”

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—National Review, December 14, 2017

With the near eradication of ISIS destined to transpire in 2017, it is obvious that the Lord would not have told Joseph F. in 2016 that America was going to soon be invaded and destroyed by them. The Lord does not make such mistakes. He knows what is going to happen before it ever happens. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that this declaration by Joseph F. and Bob Moore was a false prophecy!

Burton’s 1878 vision provided additional details which also show that Joseph F.’s and Bob’s version of things cannot be valid. Burton specified:

From the western side of Asia there arose a great cloud of smoke which rolled westward until it enveloped all Europe, and extended even to America. I heard a great noise accompanying this smoke, as of heavy artillery, and the clanging and clashing of cavalry and arms; and the dark cloud was pierced from time to time with shafts of light or fire, the sight and sound of which caused an intense feeling of horror to rest upon me, insomuch that I felt to be sinking to the earth.” (*Infalible Proofs*, “A Vision—Joseph Burton foresees World War”, 109)

Burton’s description of the primary conflict was not of terrorist strikes, as would have been the case with ISIS. On the contrary, he described the main aggressor as composing a massive force of well-provisioned and heavily equipped conquerors capturing entire continents and ruling the oceans as they made their way to the Americas. Once they finally invade our land,

Burton's vision describes a (mostly) conventional war, primarily fought between conventional armies with artillery and clanging military equipment, engaged in face-to-face encounters from coast to coast. As society collapses during that upheaval, Burton describes additional horrors that will be suffered in this land at the hands of three identifiable groups—at least two of whom are differentiated from the invaders coming from overseas. He describes street gangs fighting with small arms and primitive weapons, assassins [possibly anarchists—such as we now see rioting on our TV screens], and Communists. That Burton, in 1878, would identify Communists as a notable threat to America two centuries or so in the future, is astounding! In 1878 Communism was only a minor movement in Europe and was all but unknown in America. Burton's unlikely inclusion of that (then) obscure group tends to demonstrate the prophetic divinity of his vision, unlike the newer, disproven version Joseph F. and Bob have attached to it. In appropriating Burton's vision, Bob and Joseph failed to name or mention the enemies Burton actually *did* describe, but instead named a specific terrorist organization as the primary enemy that has since been expunged.

Two Days after ISIS Was Defeated, Bob Revealed Their Alleged Moroni Said Invaders Would Now Be “Muslim/Russian Conspiracy” Types

On December 16, 2017—just two days after it was officially reported that ISIS had been ended as a nation and their armies eradicated—a meeting was held by the Brazil Faction's main leaders in the U.S. Many subjects were authoritatively and prophetically pronounced by them at that meeting, including what military force was about to invade and destroy the U.S. A year prior, when ISIS was in the news, Joseph had claimed Jesus told him then that ISIS was the enemy who would soon capture most of the world and invade the U.S. However, according to notes we acquired from that meeting, Bob Moore then asserted:

Micah 4:1 is about to be fulfilled according to what [the alleged] Moroni told Mauricio and Micah 5:1 is about to be fulfilled, assumption is that it concerns the gathering of enemies around the US. Then v. 3–5 when the remnant of his brethren shall return, He refers to Jesus, great, shall be the peace when the Assyrian shall come into our land. Assyrians reference the Muslim/Russian conspiracy today that is coming against US. These are about to be fulfilled. (PPC Ref.: “Dec 16 2017 Temple Lot Meeting. . .”pdf, p. 4)

When ISIS was all over the nightly news, the Brazil Faction leaders said “Jesus” told them ISIS would soon conquer most of the world and invade and all but destroy the U.S. But as soon as ISIS was defeated and the nightly news instead became obsessed with the Trump/Russia conspiracy, they announced that the approaching enemy would be the forces of “the Muslim/Russian conspiracy”!

The Alleged Moroni Convinced Them that Nephi and Joseph Smith III Were Wrong—Then Proclaimed Mauricio as the New Moses

At the same meeting on December 16, 2017, as discussed in the previous section, many more important issues were explained. Chief among them was how Nephi did not understand the very scriptures that he himself declared, and how Joseph Smith III, William Marks, and the founding apostles of the RLDS Church were all wrong when they agreed with, and elaborated on, Nephi! A note taker at the meeting recorded how Bob expounded:

2 Nephi 2. [The alleged] Moroni taught the Brazilians the meaning of this chapter. Choice seer in v. 11, raise up out of the fruit of thy loins, Moroni said that there is no part [of today's churches] that properly understands this. An article written by Bob Moore at secondinvitation.org has Moroni's explanation about this. V. 11 and v. 17 *must not be Joseph Smith Jr, cannot be, but [is] JSIII [Joseph Smith III] who convinced those who had the BOM [Book of Mormon]. It goes on v. 31–32 I will raise up a Moses, this is Mauricio, who will write that which is expedient. I will not make him mighty in speaking, I will make a spokesman for him. The [Aaron-like] spokesman [for the new Moses] is of the loins of Joseph Smith, Jr. Joseph [F.] Smith is called to be that spokesman. . . . [Neither] Joseph Smith, Jr, [Granville] Hedrick nor Joseph Smith, III could bring the church out from condemnation, but maybe now we can.* (PPC Ref.: “Dec 16 2017 Temple Lot Meeting...”pdf, p. 4; italics added; spelling corrected)

The above utterances by “Moroni” are diametrically opposed to the firm declarations of the meaning of 2 Nephi 2, which were asserted in 1865 by RLDS President Joseph Smith III, his Assistant President William Marks, and all of his early RLDS Church apostles at the time, who adamantly declared:

The First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve, declare that the choice seer spoken of in the Book of Mormon, second chapter of the Second Book of Nephi, is Joseph Smith [Jr.] the Martyr. (*RLDS History of the Church* 3: 414)

The Saints must now choose whether to believe and follow Joseph Smith III, William Marks, and the founding RLDS apostles, or the Brazil Faction and their alleged Moroni. It is apparent that the Brazil Faction is definitely forming their new church organization according to ungodly directions being given to them by their “Moroni.” Note how flattering the smooth words of that spirit are. It tells them that the scripture foretelling the coming “choice seer” refers not to Joseph Smith Jr., but to Joseph Smith III (even though Joseph Smith III disagrees). It also tells them that the one “like unto Moses” is not Joseph Smith Jr. (even though Joseph Smith III asserted his father was), but that Mauricio is the one like unto Moses. It also teaches that Mauricio's Aaron-like “spokesman” is Joseph F. “Moroni” then tempts them with the honor that they might do even greater works than Joseph Smith Jr., Joseph Smith III (or even Granville Hedrick—for the benefit of Temple Lot members who were present). It told them that none of those notable leaders were able to “bring the church out from condemnation, but maybe now we can.”

The above false teaching is surely one of the most blatant wrenching of scripture ever! Their alleged Moroni has denied Nephi's plain description of this notable prophet by asserting that *there will not even be a choice seer* like unto Moses, as Nephi declares. Instead, it instructed them that the scripture's plain words on the matter (that one choice seer shall be like

unto Moses) is now interpreted to mean that there shall be *two separate individuals* who share those titles—a choice seer, plus *another* person who shall be the one like unto Moses. It then denied that Joseph Smith Jr. is the choice seer (even though Joseph Smith III insists his father *was* that seer), and transferred the title of choice seer to Joseph Smith III (who declared that it did *not* apply to him). Their “Moroni” then commanded that the second person in this splitting of titles (who was to be the one like unto Moses) was none other than Mauricio!

Contrary to their contradictory claims, Nephi firmly established that the “choice seer” and the one “like unto Moses” would be the very same person. But their “Moroni” has convinced Bob and Joseph F. that Nephi was wrong. Furthermore, it has convinced them that Joseph Smith III and his apostles were wrong too!

The above example—(initially) replacing Joseph Smith Jr. with Mauricio as the new Moses and Joseph F. as his new Aaron-like “spokesman”—was not a fluke. Bob Moore has repeatedly proclaimed that very false tenet. Misusing the same 2 Nephi 2, Bob repeated this same belief at <https://thecauseofzion.org/josephsmith/ordination-of-joseph-f-smith/>. Likewise, here is yet another example of Bob using that teaching into a call to “unify”:

The second thing is that as I have stated in two previous times, we really don’t know the nuts and bolts about how we can unify. The Lord promises he will unify the repentant, and I expect Joseph, and I’ve asked Joseph, he’s been asked by others, that he would take this as a matter of prayer, and bring guidance, as our chief spokesman, and *as the spokesman identified in Second Nephi Chapter 2*, and bring revelation to us so that we know specifically how we can unify. (see <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/113956329> video time markers 1:56:35–1:57:15; italics added)

So Joseph F. has definitely been declared to be the “spokesman” foretold in 2 Nephi 2 who shall speak for the “one like unto Moses.” However, “Moroni” then flip-flopped on the assertion that 2 Nephi referred to *two* people and declared the scripture now applied to *three* separate people—namely, Joseph Smith Jr. (who they previously pronounced as ineligible), Joseph Smith III (who declared he was *not* the choice seer), and Mauricio too—who is still also to be the one like unto Moses! The chart on the following page documents this change and illustrates how all of their changing claims differ from the scriptures:

Question	2 Nephi	Joseph Smith III	Brazil Faction and “Moroni”
Who is the choice seer?	Choice seer and the “one like unto Moses” are the same person	Agrees with 2 Nephi Names Joseph Smith Jr. as this person	Disagree with Nephi that the choice seer and the “one like unto Moses” are the same person. They say they are two people with two different titles. Disagree with Joseph Smith III, who says Joseph Smith Jr. is the choice seer. Brazil Faction says the choice seer “must not be Joseph Smith Jr. cannot be. . . .” They say that Joseph Smith III is the choice seer (even though he said that he was not). Then they contradict themselves by saying that there will be <i>two</i> choice seers: Joseph Smith III (even though he said that he was not), and Joseph Smith Jr. (even though they previously said it “must not be Joseph Smith Jr. [and] cannot be. . . .” (See https://thecauseofzion.org/josephsmith/ordination-of-joseph-f-smith/).
Who is the “one like unto Moses”?	Same as above	Same as above	Disagree with Nephi that the choice seer and the one “like unto Moses” are the same person. Disagree with Joseph Smith III that Joseph Smith Jr. is the “one like unto Moses.” They say it is Mauricio.
Who is his spokesman?	Does not give his name	Agrees with Nephi	Since Mauricio is “Moses,” Joseph F. Smith must be his “spokesman.”

The Alleged Moroni Proclaimed Mauricio Has the Right to Name Wallace B. Smith’s Successor

On May 26, 2018, at the Odessa Restoration Branch, Bob Moore introduced a bizarre belief regarding the source of revelation and introduced a radical change to Church law regarding presidential succession. He said:

I am limited on what I can say, except to say that seven years ago, a revelation was given, and I was in the presence when this happened, asking Wallace [B. Smith] to pick up the mantle and name his successor [other than the successor he had already named]. He declined that. Now I still pray for him. I fast twice a week for him that he will still do that. He has made it clear to me personally that he is retired and never will do that.

Now, I do not believe that anyone can be ordained to that office [of Prophet/President] as long as he lives. That is my personal belief. What if he dies and does not name a successor? That question was posed at Israel Smith. He responded to that, I have a copy of his letter. . . . He went through that, he made the same statement. Even if an individual does not (who is ordained as a prophet of the church) does not want to name his successor, he retains that right until his death. But the fact that he does not name a successor does not limit God in being able to pass the prophetic office to another.

Now, that being said, we don’t know what Wallace is going to do, and we don’t have any business speculating. I still fast and pray for him. However, when I

was in Brazil, I was asked by the witnesses to remain and stay over. . . . And, the reason was, *they had to deliver to me the teachings of Moroni regarding the right to name a successor*, because of the fact that Wallace might not [name a successor]. That information was given to me. . . . It would take about 45 minutes to go through the scriptures *that they said Moroni gave to them*. I don't think it is germane at this time. I still hold to the belief; I wrote it in 1992. I still hold it to the belief that Wallace is under the requirement to name his successor.

I have read the revelation that was taken to him [Wallace]. I know what it says. I can't state what it says because we promised him that we would not reveal it as long as he lived. He declined it. But it tells him to appoint another. So for seven years, every Wednesday, every Wednesday morning, every Sunday morning, I fast and pray, and I have prayed over that. And two-and-a-half years ago, I was given knowledge that Joseph [F.] is the individual that is to be indicated. And, so I have known that.

The question is, What is the lawful way to do that? And, so I believe that Wallace retains that right. I doubt he will do that. He has told me he will not do that. If he dies, I can explain to you why Mauricio has that right, because I understand the scriptures. I was given the scriptures, and I understand, why Mauricio has the right to make that appointment, and I will do it at that time. (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F64o4yybV-U&t=7754s> audio time marker 2:05:03–2:09:07)

The following is a summary of the above presentation by Bob Moore:

- He cannot tell us everything now, because some of it is confidential.
- Bob believes Wallace still has the right to appoint yet *another* successor. [Author's Note: Retired RLDS/C of C President Wallace B. Smith appointed his successor, W. Grant McMurray in 1995. McMurray, who was ordained in 1996, resigned after nearly eight years and was replaced by Steven M. Veazey, who was ordained in 2005.]
- It is unclear if Bob believes the new designee should be ordained as Prophet of the Community of Christ, as Prophet of the RLDS believers in the Independent Restoration Branches, or as Prophet of the Joint Conference of Restoration Branches (the JCRB).
- Wallace said “*No*” to Bob's petition that he appoint another successor.
- Bob does not believe that, while Wallace remains alive, anyone but Wallace can appoint a President/Prophet successor. “I do not believe that anyone can be ordained to that office as long as he lives. That is my personal belief.”
- “But the fact that he does not name a successor does not limit God in being able to pass the prophetic office to another.”
- “When I was in Brazil . . . they had to deliver to me the *teachings of* [the alleged] *Moroni* regarding the right to name a successor, because of the fact that Wallace might not. . . . It would take about 45 minutes to go through the scriptures that they said ‘*Moroni*’ gave to them.”

- “I was given knowledge that Joseph [F. Smith] is the individual that is to be indicated.”
- “I believe that Wallace retains that right; I doubt he will do that. He has told me he will not do that. If he dies, I can explain to you why Mauricio has that right, because I understand the scriptures. I was given the scriptures, and I understand why Mauricio has the right to make that appointment.”

Bob Moore is teaching that even though Wallace B. is no longer Prophet/President, he can remove the current C of C President from office and appoint yet another President/Prophet. But if Wallace dies, *then and only then* can Mauricio do all of those things! Bob believes this is true because “*Moroni*” *has convinced the Brazil Faction that the scriptures say so.*

Bob is following the intricate constructs of a new belief system that changes both the nature of revelation (that it is regularly channeled through an “angel” instead of coming directly from God), and that also changes Church law regarding presidential authority and succession. Even more confusing is the fact that Bob has evidently just gone against his own declared beliefs, for in the meeting on May 26, 2018, he stated: “I do not believe that anyone can be ordained to that office [of President] as long as he [Wallace B.] lives. That is my personal belief.” Nevertheless, he has done just that! As the next pages shall detail, ten weeks *prior* to making the above statements regarding the inability of anyone but Wallace B. to appoint or ordain another Prophet for as long as Wallace remains alive, on March 6, 2018 [with Wallace B. still very much alive], Bob did in fact assist in ordaining Joseph F. “Prophet, Seer and Revelator of His Church of Jesus Christ of the last days”!

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”
—Galatians 1:8

Mauricio and Bob Obeyed the Alleged Moroni and Ordained Joseph F. as Prophet of the Church

On March 6, 2018, in Brazil, Mauricio Berger and Bob Moore ordained Joseph as prophet, seer and revelator of their church. The Brazil Faction documented that act in an article titled, “Ordination of Joseph F. Smith.” During the ordinance, Bob prayed a “prayer of anointing” that he “be set apart for the salvation of the saints in Zion.” Mauricio prayed:

Having been commissioned and given authority by angelic beings of heaven [the alleged Moroni], by the order of Melchizedek, I place my hands on the head of Joseph Frederick Smith, in the true, of the priesthood of the Son of God, I designate, over this ordinance, as a Prophet, Seer and Revelator of His *Church of Jesus Christ of the last days*, in the heaven, I anoint you, upon your head with this ordinance.” (see <https://thecauseofzion.org/josephsmith/ordination-of-joseph-f-smith/>; (emphasis added))

Grim and Terrible Warnings to Those Who Disagree. At the faction’s website, promotion of the above “ordination” was immediately followed by a prophecy-like statement by

witness Tyler Crowell dated May 9, 2018, wherein he said, “We must be united under one head [Joseph F.] to escape the destruction that is coming.” Tyler then stated that accepting Joseph’s ordination as “Prophet, Seer and Revelator” was the Saints’ last chance to get it right. Otherwise, God would eradicate the Saints and replace them with another people!

Just as there was one way of deliverance out of Egypt, the Lord is providing one way for our deliverance. We can accept that way and the deliverance of his hand or accept the consequences of our rejection of his deliverance. The state of everyone continuing to follow their own path is not an option that will result in our preservation. We must be *united under one head to escape the devastation that is coming*. The people of Zion have the opportunity to unite together to *restructure his church* according to his will, reinstating the lineal priesthood so the organization of *apostles and prophets in their authority* can return. (<https://thecauseofzion.org/josephsmith/ordination-of-joseph-f-smith/>, “Witness of the Above Ordinance—Tyler Crowell”; italics added)

Tyler testified that Joseph F. was the one to deliver us out of figurative Egypt (even though Mauricio is supposedly the one like unto Moses), for “Moroni” had declared it so! Tyler also stated that Joseph’s ordination would “restore this priesthood at this time to preside in righteousness, walking in the commandments of God so his church can be brought back to its original intended form.” Tyler then ended with this harrowing pronouncement:

Joseph F Smith has been told to first give the people of Zion the [final] opportunity to accept his appointment so Zion can be built up, but if they reject him and his calling, the church will continue with another people who will accept the Lord’s appointment. *Devastation is coming to the land of Zion upon the bodies of people who reject the Lord’s deliverance. . . . The Lord is giving one last opportunity to the people of Zion to accept their responsibility and his leadership before he brings judgement [sic] upon the land*. When there is a common agreement among those who will hear his voice and accept his will, the restructuring will begin. (<https://thecauseofzion.org/josephsmith/ordination-of-joseph-f-smith/>, “Witness of the Above Ordinance—Tyler Crowell”; italics added)

Joseph F.’s surprise ordination (accompanied by grim threats of devastation and destruction against the cities, persons, and churches that refuse to accept him) was such a disjunctive departure from Church law and Christian benevolence that at first it was hard to process it—especially in the low-key manner in which his ordination was initially announced. At some point during the faction’s March 30, 2018, presentation at Colbern Road Branch, it was casually mentioned that Joseph had been set apart or ordained in Brazil. Then the witnesses changed the subject to other matters. Possibly sensing that something huge had been skipped over and what had just been said was in opposition to scripture and Church law, someone in the audience arose and asked:

Question (from Unknown): Just wanted to clarify. If understood correctly, Joseph, you said that you had hands laid upon you and you were set apart as a Prophet, and if I heard that correctly, I was curious to know who requested you to accept that?

Joseph F. Smith: Joni and Valdeci was the ones that described to me what I was being offered, Mauricio was the one that made the statement. (see <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/113956329> video time stamp 2:23:35–2:24:21)

So, three ex-Mormons in the Brazil Faction (following the instructions of their alleged Moroni) asked Joseph F. to become everyone’s new prophet, seer, and revelator—and he accepted!

Since it is recorded in Mosiah 11:17, Mosiah 13:63, and Alma 2:25 (RLDS edition), that the prophet/leader of Jesus’s Church is to be a high priest, how can Joseph (who has never been ordained as a high priest and does not believe in that office) now pretend to be the prophet/leader of Jesus’s Church?

Witnesses Disobey “Moroni’s” Instructions How to Properly Confirm Joseph’s Prophetship. On July 12, 2018, Joseph posted a rebuke on his website that revealed that all is not well within the Brazil Faction. He ruminated: “I hear a lot of talk going around about the witnesses not being in unity. . . . When it comes to the . . . work here in Zion, we are not all in agreement.” He then reminded his followers that their instructions from Brazil are clear: “I was there in Brazil also, I heard the instructions given as did some others.” He continued: “The instructions that were given were not followed, but were altered to fit preconceived ideas or traditions. . . . The desire of the Lord was and still is, to obtain a consensus [that Joseph F. is the new prophet] with the “elect” [first among the eight witnesses, and then by seven other members of Zarahemla Branch] in Zion.” Joseph F. then reminded them what “Moroni” had commanded them to do, which they had failed to fulfill:

All the witnesses have the “Words of Moroni” and the plan of action is clear. Some of us are making plans to work to find that consensus and when we do then we can confirm the ordination that was given in Brazil, whereupon the reconstruction of the “Original Church” can begin. This reconstruction must be done before the translation can be published. A few of the witnesses may not agree with these procedures, and the cry is that we have to move in unity. (<https://thecauseofzion.org/2018/07/12/07-12-2018-to-the-elect/>)

So Joseph F. is now evidently instructing that the witnesses must repent of their disobedience, exactly comply with their alleged Moroni’s instructions, and come to a consensus on how to certify him as prophet over the church. Only then can the “Original Church” undergo “reconstruction” through Joseph, and the translation of the plates be published.

Witness Sam Gould Divulged that by Following the Alleged Moroni, More Scriptures Will Be Produced. On August 15, 2018, Brazil witness Sam Gould posted comments on Facebook explaining how his faction’s trust in “Moroni” will result in new revelations being added to the Doctrine and Covenants and hundreds of pages being added to the Book of Mormon:

Yes, the authority that Brother Mauricio has was granted to him through the angel Moroni, the baptism conducted by Brother Joseph F Smith as directed by Moroni, and the ordination provided to Brother Joseph F Smith by Brother Bob Moore,

Gary Metzger, and Mauricio Berger at the behest of the three Brazilian witnesses under the direction of the Angel Moroni. . . .

AND

Yes, I believe that [Joseph adding Revelations to the Doctrine and Covenants] will happen in accordance with the will of the Lord, but more importantly, Brother Mauricio translation will provide additional books from the plates of Mormon. . . . These greater things that Mormon promised will fill hundreds of pages of the Nephites Scriptures. (See <https://www.facebook.com/jonathan.clark.felt>. Find Jonathan Felt's "August 15 at 11:41 AM" Post with headline comment, "Can this be real? What's your opinion?" Scroll down to Replies that appear under Ronnie Gill's Comment.)

Joseph F. Is Already Giving Revelations to His Church. Even though consensus and confirmation regarding Joseph's prophethood had not proceeded according to "Moroni's" orders, and his prophethood had not been sustained at that time by the Saints, Joseph F. nonetheless released his first published revelation to the entire church on July 24, 2018 (see <https://thecauseofzion.org/2018/08/06/07-24-18-revelation-through-joseph-f-smith/>). Readers of it will note that Joseph referred to the need to do away with callings to offices that the Lord has not authorized. This may indicate Joseph's intention to do away with the offices of high priest and patriarch-evangelist, which Joseph evidently does not believe in.

Bob Insisted "Moroni" Led the Brazil Faction to Joseph F., and Joseph Is the Chosen One to Present the Sealed Portion and Usher in Zion. Bob Moore declared:

There is a reason why they [in Brazil] wrote directly to Joseph. . . . The promise is that those people who believe the testimony will be unified. . . . There is coming a time shortly where the Lord will gather out those people . . . to build the Holy city to begin to build up its waste places. And Joseph will be the spokesman for that day That's why the angel [their alleged Moroni] instructed them to write to Joseph and invite him to come down [to Brazil]. And so *his position actually as stated in the Book of Mormon is to be the spokesman.* And so when the translation is made . . . that translation will come to Joseph and he [will] provide that to the saints that are gathered in Zion. And it will be instruction given on how to live righteously. . . . So that's in the sealed portion. It will be translated and sent to Joseph. And Joseph will then be the spokesman or declarer of those things to the people in Zion. (see <https://thecauseofzion.org/josephsmith/the-spokesman/>)

In his May 2018 newsletter, Joseph F. further explained:

The Lord looked throughout latter-day Israel and did not find any group of people with sufficient faith. He has turned to another people; to a group in Brazil who are willingly [*sic*] to obey His directions. The [alleged] angel Moroni contacted one man and instructed him. During a ten-year period, the [alleged] angel taught him, along with three others, many things, including the fact that the church in Zion failed to accomplish the work of God, but that the Lord will reclaim the work that had been laid down.

[The alleged] Moroni instructed these men to contact me through Bob Moore, inviting us to go to Brazil and baptize them, as well as the group who also believed in the work there. After baptism, we ordained two men to the priesthood. Six months later, on our second trip, the Lord called one more by revelation and he was ordained. These ordinations provided sufficient working ministry for the church in Brazil.

I had originally gone to Brazil with the thought that I was to establish a new church. On this last visit, the witnesses repeated the words of [the alleged] Moroni. I was instructed that I was not to start a new church in Brazil. The Lord desired to give an opportunity to the saints in Zion to repent and humble themselves. If they would come to a consensus, the Lord would unify His people and reconstruct the original church. . . . The Lord is setting His hand a second time to accomplish the purpose of the Restoration. . . . *Before that can happen, the Lord must first redeem Zion. He must bring forth the New Jerusalem and prepare the saints for His coming. The provisions to accomplish that goal—that is additional instructions for building up of Zion in righteousness—is what is coming forth from the work in Brazil.* (see <https://thecauseofzion.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/News18-05.pdf>, p. 3; italics added)

Dates Prophesied of Earth-Shaking Events to Occur Have Passed

During the group’s March 30, 2018, presentation at Colbern Road, Bob Moore stated that the presentation of the translated plates could be expected in four to five months—or by the end of July or August 2018 (see <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/113956329>, time stamp 1:51:18–1:54:02). But as readers have learned from this report, many additional prerequisite actions must first transpire before Joseph F. presents the translated message to the Saints. That is to say, Bob and Joseph F. have pronounced that *before* the translation is completed and Joseph F. reads it to the Saints, a host of earth-shaking and church-making events *must* happen *first!*

Those who do not follow Joseph F. are to be destroyed. As previously touched on, on May 9, 2018, witness Tyler Crowell declared that the Saints must accept Joseph F. so that he can “rescue and organize” and commence to “reconstruct” the church. And if they won’t, “devastation is coming to the land of Zion upon the bodies of people who reject the Lord’s deliverance.” He stated:

I am a witness from the land of Zion sent to Zion to the remnants of the church here to testify of the will of God for his people at this time to *restructure his church* that has been scattered and fallen into disarray.

The Lord has revealed from heaven his expressed will and plan in answer to the confusion and chaos we have created by following our own way. Just as there was one way of deliverance out of Egypt, *the Lord is providing one way for our deliverance. We can accept that way and the deliverance of his hand or accept the consequences* of our rejection of his deliverance. The state of everyone continuing to follow their own path is not an option that will result in our preservation. *We must be united under one head to escape the devastation that is coming.* The people of Zion have the opportunity to unite together to *restructure his church* according to his will, reinstating the lineal priesthood so the organization of apostles and prophets in their authority can return.

I am a witness of the designation on earth of *Joseph F Smith, the fourth generation of the lineage of Joseph Smith Jr, as the successor to the office of prophet president*, to take up this mantle that was laid down in the fourth generation, so it can be passed on again and continue with this lineage until the Lord returns. The Lord has revealed from heaven through the [alleged] angel Moroni that Joseph F Smith is acceptable and is chosen by God, that he has remained in him so the

promises can be fulfilled and *the church can be rescued and organized* according to the ancient pattern, so the Lord's plan for Zion can continue and be accomplished.

Since the days when the church was scattered when Joseph was martyred, the lineal priesthood was sent to the reorganized church to preside in righteousness. The Lord has revealed his intention to restore this priesthood at this time to preside in righteousness, walking in the commandments of God so his church can be brought back to its original intended form.

Joseph F Smith has been told *to first give the people of Zion the opportunity to accept his appointment so Zion can be built up, but if they reject him and his calling, the church will continue with another people who will accept the Lord's appointment. Devastation is coming to the land of Zion upon the bodies of people who reject the Lord's deliverance. In his mercy, to fulfill all righteousness, the Lord is giving one last opportunity to the people of Zion to accept their responsibility and his leadership before he brings judgement [sic] upon the land.* When there is a common agreement among those who will hear his voice and accept his will, the *restructuring* will begin. (see <https://thecauseofzion.org/josephsmith/ordination-of-joseph-f-smith/>, "Witness of the Above Ordinance – Tyler Crowell"; italics added)

Those Who Reject Them Are Threatened With Judgment and Burning, Purging, Expulsion, and Devastation Worse Than Anything Suffered by Nazi Germany

On March 31, 2018, Bob Moore warned that the plates Mauricio is translating depict devastations that will soon be visited upon the United States, which will be worse than anything Germany experienced in World War II:

And he [Mauricio] also, because he was reading in the plates about the destruction that was prophesied to come upon America, and saw that destruction, he said that it was worse than any picture he saw of Germany after WWII. (see <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/113956329> time mark 1:46:00–1:46:18)

Before Joseph receives the sealed portion, non-supporters in Independence and Jerusalem must be killed or driven out by the “purging” fires of war. On June 12, 2018, Bob added to the dire warnings by calling forth more judgments—not only upon Church members in Zion who fail to follow Joseph F. and Mauricio—but “judgment and burning” upon entire regions of the world. Members and nonmembers alike across the globe who fail to follow Mauricio and Joseph F. will suffer an awful “purging.” He declared:

Moroni [the *true* one] towards the end [of the *real* Book of Mormon] makes the statement that the greater things that Jesus taught are reserved for those who believe and accept the Book of Mormon. Now, if Mauricio is translating that [the greater things of the Book of Mormon], he wrote me and said three places in what he has translated make that same statement. So how are you going to prevent or exclude [the unworthy from reading it]? And to me the answer comes in the fact that there must be some purification in the land of Zion. So, Joseph [F. Smith] when he is out there [in Utah in July 2018] he may allude to it. He will quote the fourth chapter of Isaiah, beginning with the second verse in the King James. The first verse in the Joseph Smith [Inspired Version] translation of chapter four is the last verse in chapter three. But it talks about how there will be a spirit of *judgment and burning in both Jerusalem and Zion* and those left will be pure. And so, it appears to me that the underlying

prophecy that is attached to the announcement that the book [sealed portion] is being translated, is *before it is received by Joseph to be published, that there will be a purging*. So that those gathering to build the Holy City, because that is the purpose of the book, to show them how to build it in righteousness. It will only be the pure that are gathering there, *the rest will be fleeing and going elsewhere*. (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLNO4UagKpY>, video time markers 43:45–46:28; italics added)

According to their prophetic warnings and interpretations, by the end of summer 2018, “ISIS” and/or “Muslim/Russian Conspiracy” forces were to have taken over most of the world and invaded and destroyed most of the U.S. Also, everyone in Independence who rejected Mauricio and Joseph were to have either been destroyed by fiery judgments or expelled from the city. And those outside the city who did accept them were to have already been gathered to Zion.

The Brazil Faction’s insistence that what invaders will soon do to America will be worse than anything Germany experienced in World War II should be put into perspective. For devastation to exceed what Germany experienced, it would need to exceed the destruction in Dresden. In a months-long campaign, thousands of Allied heavy bombers dropped some 10,280,000 lbs. of explosive and incendiary bombs on that city. Estimates are that one bomb was dropped for every two residents, killing up to 200,000 people. Many of them died due to a massive tornado of fire that spiraled up so high over the metropolis that it blistered the paint off the underside of the bombers flying six miles high overhead!

At the beginning of World War II, Germany and its annexed territories had an estimated population of 79.7 million people (see <http://www.country-data.com/cgi-bin/query/r-4901.html>). Estimates of the number who died in the war range up to 8.3 million, or about 10.4% of the population—including military dead or missing, civilians killed in Germany and as refugees outside, and German citizens killed in the Holocaust (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_casualties_in_World_War_II). For an equivalent percentage of U.S. citizens to perish, some 34 million Americans would have to die. This is the scale of destruction that the Brazil Faction believes await those who reject them!

So the leaders of the Brazil Faction have variously asserted, and reasserted, that they have been given prophetic visions, revelations, and scriptural interpretations that *before* Joseph F. receives or reads the sealed portion to the Saints in Independence (first predicted to transpire around the last of August or first of September 2018) that both Independence and Jerusalem, and all of America, and indeed the entire world, is to be destroyed *by ISIS* (or maybe the “Muslim/Russian conspiracy”) in order to usher in the apocalypse and get rid of all those in Independence who do not accept Mauricio and Joseph. In addition, all who will not join the Brazil Faction will be sent “fleeing and going elsewhere.” In other words, people who do not believe in Mauricio or who do not accept Joseph F. as their prophet cannot be allowed near Independence when Mauricio completes the translation and sends it to Joseph.

Note that the above edict actually adds *another* important prerequisite that must be fulfilled before Joseph F. reads the translation—by the end of summer 2018. That additional occurrence is that not only is Zion to be purged, but the fiery judgment of Isaiah 4 must fall on most of the rest of the world too.

On July 8, 2018, Bob elaborated:

Jesus revealed that there would come a time when He would send His angels to gather out of His kingdom all things that offend and do wickedly (Matt 13:41, 51). Latter day revelation also states *that only the willing and obedient will inherit the land of Zion*, adding that the rebellious will be sent out of the land, for they are not of the blood of Ephraim (D&C 64:7 RLDS). (I think it is also LDS section 64, but I do not know the verse.) Mormon clearly states that Jesus' greater teachings cannot come to those who reject the lesser teachings in the Book of Mormon.

The above scriptures strongly imply that *the faithless (wicked and rebellious) will be separated from the land of Zion before the Sealed Book of Mormon is published*. The news of its translation is a warning for people to repent and prepare to live according to Jesus' desires. It also implies that *when the book is published in Zion only the willing and obedient will be there to receive it*.

I would add to this implication that the judgments that have been on the church will befall the world, as prophesied. *Our nation will be devastated with war and other disasters, spreading anarchy and forcing those who do not want to fight their neighbors to flee to Zion. Zion will enlarge*. (email sent to Aaron Clute, Sunday, July 8, 2018; PPC ref BMtoACJuly-8-2018pdf.; italics added)

Not only was Independence to have been “purged” of all who do not believe in Joseph and Mauricio by the summer of 2018, but by last Labor Day similar judgments were to have become so terrifying throughout the world that the remaining righteous would then have been enduring the hazardous trek toward Independence as they fled to Zion! When asked how the published sealed portion could *possibly* be kept out of the hands of every nonbeliever when printed into book form, Bob replied with yet another way of suffering by which that prerequisite condition could be attained:

It is also true that the present political/economic condition could so drastically change that distribution of the book would be so curtailed that it would be unavailable outside a certain geographical location. *Will this latter condition happen prior to the publication of the Sealed Book of Mormon? I believe that it will*. (email sent to Aaron Clute, Mon, Jul 9, 2018 at 3:34 PM; PPC ref BMtoACJuly-9-18Letter2pdf.; italics added)

So the Brazil Faction's leaders and witnesses have collectively prognosticated that the sealed portion should definitely be expected to arrive in Independence sometime between late July to late August 2018 (see <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/113956329>, time stamp 1:51:18–1:54:02). It will do no good for them to now claim that such was delayed because the people were disobedient. If that were really the case, the will and work of God would never be done and would be frustrated forever simply due to the fact that some disbelieved! No, the faction has taught that the translation will arrive no later than the end of summer 2018. And that *before* that happens, the many grim and great prerequisites they have foretold (global war, invasion of U.S., death or driving out of all in Independence who oppose them, great gathering to Zion, etc.) would also transpire!

**Their Alleged Moroni Says *Everyone* Who Rejects Joseph F.
Will Be Destroyed. Devastation in Independence May Be So Awful that
Joseph F. May Go to Brazil to “Create a New Church”
and Appoint His Successor**

When the summer of 2018 passed without the apocalypse transpiring or Zion being built, the utter falseness of the Brazil Faction’s prophecies on those subjects was undeniable. But instead of confessing their delusions and petitioning God for forgiveness, they clamored to reveal new guidance from “Moroni”! On September 4, 2018, the faction published that guidance in an article authored by witness Tyler Crowell (see <https://thecauseofzion.org/witnesses/tylercrowell/tylers-writings/prophetic-succession/>). Among other things, that article asserted:

- In March 2018, after three of the witnesses decided to extend their visit to Brazil, it was disclosed that “Moroni” had predicted they would do that very thing, “to witness additional things concerning Joseph.”
- [The alleged] “Moroni had said that Zion was completely apart and far away from its true purpose, and before God chose a new people he wanted to give the opportunity to the people of Zion to repent, and if they repent, to restructure the church once again. If this doesn’t happen *he is going to create a new church* and a new people and *will bring destruction over Zion.*”
- “The Lord had designated through [the alleged] Moroni to Joseph Fredrick Smith the office held by Joseph Smith Jr and his son Joseph Smith III. We learned that [the alleged] Moroni had said, among many other things, that Joseph will be the prophet in Zion, he will accept a first presidency, call apostles, and designate a successor.”
- “Either the church comes together under the leadership of our brother [Joseph F.] or somebody else [some other people] will. That is what [their] Moroni told them. But if the people of Zion did not accept Joseph, he would come to Brazil and the church would be restructured there, still using Joseph, but that devastation would come upon the land of Zion for rejecting the call of the Lord to repent.”
- “[The alleged] Moroni . . . told of the work that is coming forth and more of Joseph’s calling and work. . . . We learned that the message spread by him would result in a remnant. This is contrary to what we had hoped, for we had hoped that all the saints in Zion would embrace the good news.”



The Brazil Faction included this photo with Tyler Crowell’s September 4, 2018, article. In the photo’s General Properties data, *they* titled it: “Josephs-ordination-photo.” Standing (L to R) Bob Moore, Mauricio Berger, Gary Metzger.

- “We learned of the prophecies that spoke of Joseph. We learned the scriptural authority for Mauricio to designate Joseph on earth. We heard the testimonies of the four men who heard from [their alleged] Moroni concerning Joseph’s calling and office.”
- “We then met on the evening of March 6th [2018] with the church in Brazil. The prophecies, scriptures, and testimonies of the witnesses that had been related to us were spoken to the church so they would know what [their] Moroni said, that Joseph Fredrick Smith should assume the position of prophet, he should call the people from the church to repentance, designate the body of apostles and still look for, in time, a successor coming from the lineage of Joseph Smith Jr.”
- “The proposal to accept Joseph as prophet, seer and revelator was presented to the [Brazil Faction] saints, to support him as their teacher and leader. It was also stated that this same proposal will be proposed to the people of Zion. The church in Brazil voted in the affirmative. Bob Moore, Gary Metzger and Mauricio Berger laid hands on Joseph. Bob Moore anointed Joseph. Bob Moore and Gary Metzger offered prayers of anointing. Then Mauricio Berger performed the ordinance to designate and seal on Joseph’s head this office.”

The Brazil Faction’s latest prognostication still maintains that Independence (along with most of the rest of the world) is overdue to be destroyed in a horrible conflagration from which only the faction’s followers are guaranteed protection. In addition, they maintain that Mauricio has the authority to designate (and has in fact designated) Joseph F. as the prophet over either the “reconstructed” church, or a “new church” comprised of the survivors of the coming apocalypse. Also, the destruction of America may be so complete (and so few survivors who believe may remain) that Joseph F. may be required to escape to Brazil to form his new church. The Brazil Faction has voted to accept these pronouncements, and now all believers in the United States are to submit to their resolutions—just as their alleged “Moroni” desires.

The Brazil Faction insists that before their sealed portion is translated and presented to Joseph F. that:

- *Joseph will reconstruct the original Church and gain control of the true Temple Lot.*
- *ISIS (with the help of Russian conspirators) will launch World War III, conquer Asia and Europe, and then invade and all but destroy the entirety of the U.S.*
- *Independence and Jerusalem will be incinerated by fire. The wicked and those who oppose Joseph and Mauricio will be destroyed, and only the righteous shall remain. Zion shall be redeemed.*
- *The destruction and suffering to be unleashed on those who reject Mauricio and Joseph F. will be more horrible than anything suffered by Nazi Germany in World War II.*
- *The great gathering to Zion shall begin. Those who disappear due to World War III and the “purging” will be replaced by the righteous from all nations who shall flee to Zion. Mauricio shall be their new Moses, and Joseph F. their new prophet.*
- *Every person in or near Independence, Missouri, must either accept Mauricio as their new “Moses” seer and Joseph F. as their new prophet, or be removed by means of a “purging.” Some will die in World War III, while others will suffer such great tribulations in the aftermath that “they will be fleeing and going elsewhere.” This “purging” must happen before Joseph reads the translated plates to the gathered Saints in the purified Zion, because only those who endorse Joseph and Mauricio can be allowed to exist there when Joseph presents the sealed portion to the Saints.*

If the Brazil Faction produces their sealed portion without each and every one of the above momentous events first transpiring, then their prophecies regarding the coming forth of their sealed portion will be proven to be utterly false!