

## Understanding

# the APOSTASY & the RESTORATION

### 1- WHICH OF THE BELOW IS A DEFINITION OF THE PREFIX APO?

- a- Suddenly or without notice
- b- To go away from, separate
- c- Carefully, with extreme care

### 2- WHICH OF THE BELOW IS A DEFINITION OF APOSTASY?

- a- When individuals break away from something and make it work better for them
- b- When individuals or groups of people turn away from the principles of the Gospel
- c- When a person suddenly decides to live differently than they had before

### 3- WHICH OF THE BELOW IS A DEFINITION OF RESTORATION?

- a- Updating something so that it is better for the current day
- b- The act of restoring something to its original condition
- c- Creating something new and better

Below is a description of the Apostasy from **TRUE to the Faith**. Using the words in the box below, see if you can fill in the blanks correctly.

## APOSTASY

Periods of \_\_\_\_\_ apostasy have occurred throughout the history of the world. After times of righteousness, people have often turned to \_\_\_\_\_. One example is the \_\_\_\_\_ Apostasy, which occurred after the \_\_\_\_\_ established His Church. After the deaths of the Savior and His \_\_\_\_\_, men corrupted the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel and made \_\_\_\_\_ changes in Church organization and \_\_\_\_\_ ordinances. Because of this widespread wickedness, the Lord withdrew the \_\_\_\_\_ of the priesthood from the \_\_\_\_\_.

During the Great Apostasy, people were without divine direction from living \_\_\_\_\_. Many \_\_\_\_\_ were established, but they did not have priesthood \_\_\_\_\_ to lead people to the true knowledge of God the Father and Jesus Christ. Parts of the holy \_\_\_\_\_ were corrupted or lost, and no one had the authority to confer the gift of the Holy Ghost or perform other priesthood \_\_\_\_\_. This apostasy lasted until Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son appeared to Joseph Smith in 1820 and initiated the \_\_\_\_\_ of the fulness of the gospel.

We now live in a time when the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ has been \_\_\_\_\_. But unlike the Church in times past, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will not be overcome by general \_\_\_\_\_. The scriptures teach that the Church will never again be \_\_\_\_\_.

WORDS to USE for the FILL in the BLANKS above:

Authority    Principles    Great    Gospel    Priesthood    Churches    Destroyed  
Unauthorized    Power    Wickedness    Ordinances    Prophets    Apostasy  
Scriptures    Earth    Savior    General    Restoration    Apostles    Restored

**IN THE SPACE TO THE RIGHT, PUT THE EVENTS BELOW IN THEIR  
PROPER ORDER:**

- A. King James has a group of scholars take all of the versions of the Bible and make one version (see front of your Bible) – although different versions will continue to be made
- B. Scriptures are changed and mistranslated
- C. There are many translations (that differ from each other) of the Bible
- D. Jesus' Apostles are killed
- E. Peter leads the church and Christianity is taken to all of the world
- F. The First Vision: Joseph Smith discovers that no church has the fullness of truth
- G. The first Bible comes to America on the Mayflower
- H. Jesus Christ is crucified
- I. The Gospel is restored and the Book of Mormon comes forth
- J. Doctrines, principles and ordinances of the Gospel begin to be changed
- K. Many different religions exist in America, with different versions of the Bible and therefore different doctrines.
- L. People break away from the Catholic Church and start multiple protestant religions. The Bible is translated into English.
- M. Joseph Smith reads a verse from the King James Bible that leads him into a grove to pray
- N. The Church (as an organization) remains, but the Priesthood authority (and therefore all of the ordinances of the Gospel) are taken from the Earth.

# ANSWERS:

- 1- B
- 2- B
- 3- B

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During the Great Apostasy, people were without divine direction from living prophets. Many churches were established, but they did not have priesthood power to lead people to the true knowledge of God the Father and Jesus Christ. Parts of the holy scriptures were corrupted or lost, and no one had the authority to confer the gift of the Holy Ghost or perform other priesthood ordinances. This apostasy lasted until Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son appeared to Joseph Smith in 1820 and initiated the restoration of the fulness of the gospel.

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