

A Brief History of the Mormons

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| After a series of visions, Joseph Smith 'discovers' the book of Mormon written on gold plates in New York State and translates it into written form. | Brigham Young becomes the new leader of the Mormons and decides that it is best the Mormons leave and move to the Great Salt Lake flats beyond the Rocky Mountains. |
| Mormons move to Missouri where efforts are made by the non-Mormons to make life difficult for them. After locals rioted the Mormons are held responsible and Smith and local Mormon leaders are imprisoned and sentenced to death. Smith is released from jail on the understanding that he will leave Missouri with the Mormons. | |
| Mormons move to Nauvoo in Illinois and again make a success of life. In 1844 Smith fatally allows certain Mormon leaders to have more than one wife (polygamy). Mormons and non-Mormons condemn Smith and polygamy as immoral and un-Christian. Smith destroys a critical Mormon newspaper printing press and is thus arrested and jailed. When he declares in jail that he wants to run for President he further stokes up anger towards him and he is shot dead by a 200 strong mob of non-Mormons in June 1845. | |

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