

### III. Mormonism

#### A. History of Mormonism

1. Joseph Smith Jr. - born Dec. 23, 1805 in Sharon, Vt.
2. Moved near Palmyra, N.Y. 1817 - 11 yrs. old
3. Had vision in Spring 1820 -14 yrs. old
4. Sept. 21, 1823 - 2nd vision
5. Sept. 22, 1827 -given Golden plates by Moroni
6. Worked on translation of plates in father-in-law's house in Harmony, Pa.
7. Martin Harris has copy of part of translation of Golden plates checked
8. April, 1829 Oliver Cowdery joins Smith
9. Testimony of three witnesses in front of every copy of Book of Mormon
10. March 26, 1830 -Book of Mormon placed on sale in Palmyra Bookstore
11. April 6, 1830 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officially organized in Fayette, N.Y.
12. Some Mormons go to Kirtland, Ohio
13. Some Mormons go to Independence, Mo.
14. Mormons go to Far West, Mo.
15. 1839 -Mormons go to Nauvoo, Ill.
16. Smith dies June 27, 1844 in jail in Cathage, Ill.
17. Brigham Young becomes 2nd president
18. Early February 1846 -Mormons start West
19. July 24, 1847 caravan arrives in Salt Lake Valley, Utah
20. Salt Lake City founded 10 miles East of lake (This has been headquarters ever since)
21. *Membership*  
Total number Mormons Apr. 1985 -5,600,000  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  of them outside this country  
28,500 missionaries in 50 states and 100 countries  
Expect to have 10,000,000 by 2000 A.D.  
Mormons have 40 temples, with 16 of them being built in the last 3 years.