A Sample of Joseph Smith’s False Prophecies

1. Saints to gather in Independence, Missouri; build a temple - *Doctrine and Covenants (D&C)* 84  
   
   Church no longer teaches the gathering; temple was never built.  
   See *Changing World of Mormonism*, p. 420; *Mormon Claims*, p. 58; and *Mormonism—Shadow or Reality?* p. 192.

2. Civil War prophecy - *D&C* 87  
   England and other nations did not join in.  
   See *Changing World*, p. 424; *Mormon Claims Answered*, p. 59; *Mormonism—Shadow or Reality?* pp. 190-191, 195H.

3. Zion (Independence, Missouri) can not fall - *D&C* 97:19  
   Mormons driven out.  
   See *Mormon Claims Answered*, p. 60; *Mormonism—Shadow or Reality?* p. 194.

4. Army to redeem Zion (Independence, Missouri) - *D&C* 103  
   Mission unsuccessful. God seems unsure about how large an army to raise (verses 30-34).  
   See *Mormonism—Shadow or Reality?* pp. 193-194.

5. United Order - *D&C* 104  
   Commanded as everlasting order (verse 1); dissolved and reorganized (verses 48 and 53).  
   See *Mormon Claims Answered*, p. 60; *Mormonism—Shadow or Reality?* p. 29.

6. Riches of Salem to pay church debt - *D&C* 111  
   No riches found, debts not paid.  
   See *Mormon Claims Answered*, p. 61; *Shadow*, p. 49.

7. Apostle Patten to go on mission in Spring 1839 - *D&C* 114  
   Patten shot in October 1838. Wouldn’t God have known he was going to die before the next spring?  
   See *Mormon Claims Answered*, p. 61.

8. New gathering place and temple in Far West - *D&C* 115  
   LDS driven out; never built temple.  
   See *Mormon Claims Answered*, p. 62.

   Temple and house not completed.  
   See *Mormon Claims Answered*, p. 62.

10. Three grand keys to test messengers - *D&C* 129  
    No known reference where any LDS Church leader ever used this test. Does God give meaningless revelations?

11. Christ to return in 1890-1891 period - *D&C* 130:14-15  
    See *Mormonism—Shadow or Reality?* p. 187; *Changing World of Mormonism*, p. 418.

    See *Mormonism—Shadow or Reality?* p. 192.

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