

FIRST VISION VERSION	Date? Location	Smith's Age	A Revival?	Personages Appearing	Corrupt Churches Information	Primary Message(s)
June 1830 ³⁸ by Joseph Smith UNPUBLISHED UNTIL 1833	No date specified No location specified	No age specified	No revival mentioned	No mention of Father or Son	No mention of corrupt churches	No messages specified Joseph <i>first</i> repented of his sins
Jan. 6, 1831 ³⁹ by Lucy M. Smith (handwritten) UNPUBLISHED UNTIL 1906	No date specified ⁴⁰ No location specified	No age specified	No revival mentioned	No mention of Father or Son	No mention of corrupt churches	No messages specified Joseph <i>first</i> repented of his sins
1832 ⁴¹ by Joseph Smith (handwritten) UNPUBLISHED	1821/22 implied "in the wilderness"	"in the 16th year of my age" ⁶²	No revival mentioned	"the Lord" (that is, Jesus Christ)	Smith decided at age 12 that all the churches were corrupt and believed incorrect doctrines	"thy sins are forgiven thee"
Feb. 1835 ⁶³ by Oliver Cowdery (Book of Mormon Scribe) PUBLISHED in <i>Messenger & Advocate</i>	1823 specified Smith's bedroom	"in the 17th [year of age]" ⁶⁴	Revival added, but incorrect date implied ⁶⁵	"a messenger sent by commandment of the Lord"	The messenger gave Smith a "special message" about his call to obtain and translate the Book of Mormon	"his sins were forgiven, and his prayers were heard"
Nov. 9, 1835 ⁶⁶ by Joseph Smith (transcribed) UNPUBLISHED	No date specified "silent grove"	"about 14 years old" Smith explicitly calls this event his "first" encounter	No revival mentioned	Two <i>unidentified</i> personages, and also saw "many angels" Second personage testifies that Jesus "is the son of God," but does <i>not</i> say, "This is my beloved Son, hear him"	No mention is made of any message received about all of the churches being corrupt or teaching false doctrines; but Smith does note that when he was "17 years old" he saw <i>another</i> "vision of angels in the night"	"thy sins are forgiven thee" Jesus is the "son of God"
Nov. 14, 1835 ⁶⁷ by Joseph Smith (transcribed) UNPUBLISHED	No date specified No location specified	"about 14 yrs. old"	No revival mentioned	"visitation of Angels"	No mention is made of any message received about all churches being corrupt or teaching false doctrines	No messages specified
1839 ⁶⁸ by Joseph Smith (transcribed) PUBLISHED IN 1842 OFFICIAL	1820 implied No location specified	"in my fifteenth year" (that is, 14 yrs. old)	Revival (added)	Two personages—one of them says, "This is my beloved Son, hear him" (added)	Smith is told by the personages that all sects are corrupt; he contradicts his 1832 version by stating, "at this time it had never entered my heart that all were wrong"	Sins forgiven message (deleted) Churches in error (added)
Sept. 1840 ⁶⁹ by Orson Pratt (apostle) FIRST PUBLISHED VERSION	No date specified "a secret place, in a grove"	"about fourteen or fifteen years old"	No revival	Two <i>unidentified</i> "personages, who exactly resembled each other in their features"	Smith is told by the personages that all the churches are believing "incorrect doctrines" and that God acknowledges "none of them"	"his sins were forgiven" Churches in error (added)
June 1841 ⁷⁰ by Orson Hyde (apostle) PUBLISHED 1842 GERMAN EDITION	No date specified "a small grove of trees"	"his fifteenth year" (that is, 14 yrs. old)	No revival	Two <i>unidentified</i> "glorious heavenly personages... resembling each other exactly in features"	Smith decided for himself that all churches were corrupt, believed incorrect doctrines, and did not teach "unadulterated truth"	Sins forgiven message (deleted) Churches in error (added)

Table 1.1—Several of the earliest versions of Smith's First Vision

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