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HISTORY OF THE SAINTS – The Latter-day Saints and the Civil War Part 2

Air Date: Apr 6
Length: 30 Min.
Description: The Civil War swept up the United States and poured forth hate and destruction across the continent. It forever altered the United States, ideologically and politically. Over 1 million casualties resulted from the war, with soldier deaths estimated between 600 and 800,000. The war even reached into the American West and involved those states and territories around Utah. Yet, Utah as a territory and as a people, for the most part, sat out the war—watched from the sidelines. The question is—why? It may be shocking for some to realize but the Latter-day Saints of 1861 were suspected of being secessionists—just like southerners. This episode describes the low opinion the nation had of the Latter-day Saints.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS - The Latter-day Saints and the Civil War Part 3

Air Date: Apr 13
Length: 30 Min.
Description: The Civil War was the most devastating conflict in American history. And while the Latter-day Saints as a Church maintained neutrality in the conflict there were those who did fight, on both sides. This would be the first national struggle that would see Latter-day Saints fight and die in battle. Yet for all of the War's pervasive reach into every corner of American society, only one unit of Latter-day Saints was ever called up.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS –Polygamy in Utah

Air Date: Apr 20
Length: 30 Min.
Description: The Holy Bible makes it plain that there were times when the Almighty commanded his people to live in Polygamy. When Joseph Smith inquired of the Lord as to how that could be just, he was given a revelation now known as DC 132. In accordance with that the Latter-day Saints came to practice plural marriage. In Nauvoo it was introduced. During the Exodus more entered it into the practice and it was lived more openly. It 1852 it was announced to the world. This episode of History of the Saints answers various questions about life in plural marriage in early Utah.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS – The War on Polygamy

Air Date: Apr 27
Length: 30 Min.
Description: “It is the duty of Congress to prohibit in the territories those twin relics of barbarism, polygamy and slavery” That was the key plank of the newly formed Republican Party, delivered June 17, 1856 at Music Fund Hall in Philadelphia. Within a short time the nation was plunged deep into Civil War to decide the question of slavery, and we know what happened. In this episode of History of the Saints we tell the story of the war that subsequently went forth against the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its members to eradicate their practice of plural marriage.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS – Railroad, Relief Society, and Retrenchment

Air Date: May 4
Length: 30 Min.
Description: “That the Church may stand independent above all other creatures beneath the celestial world.” That revelation given to Joseph Smith in March 1832 received a renewed emphasis among the Latter-day Saints in the decades of 1860’s and 1870’s. Self-sufficiency became the call and the Saints responded. There were challenges however to that ideal. One of the greatest of those was posed by the coming of the railroad. With the railroad as a

catalyst a series of events followed that proved a great blessing to Latter-day Saints across the world.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS – The Last Days of President Brigham Young

Air Date: May 11
Length: 30 Min.
Description: President Young left St George in January of 1877 with renewed life and determination. Over the next eight months he traveled the length and breadth of the territory setting the Church in order. As soon as it was complete he returned to Salt Lake, took sick, and passed away. The course that President Young set for the Church in the summer of 1877 is still largely the Church’s plotted course to this day.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS – The St. George Temple

Air Date: May 18
Length: 30 Min.
Description: It is the oldest operating temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the first one built in the intermountain west. Though the Salt Lake Temple was under construction at the time the St George Utah Temple would be the first to be dedicated. And therein lies the great story. The St. George Temple is a temple of many firsts, built by many—for one purpose.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS – The Handcart Story Part 1

Air Date: May 26
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Though relatively few Latter-day Saint pioneers crossed the overland trail with a handcart those handcart pioneers have nearly become representative of the entire pioneer trail experience. Particularly, the experiences of the Willie and Martin handcart companies in late 1856 have come to represent the whole of the Latter-day Saint handcart experience. This is not an accurate representation. This episode of History of the Saints presents the larger story of the Latter-day Saints and handcarts.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS - The Handcart Story Part 2

Air Date: Jun 1
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Before the Willie and Martin Companies made their tragic journey across the plains in late 1856, there were three other companies that came earlier in the same year, and accomplished the journey with great success. They were the Ellsworth, McArthur, and Bunker handcart companies.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS - The Handcart Story Part 3

Air Date: June 8
Length: 30 Min.
Description: By the 25th of June 1856 the first three handcart companies had outfitted and departed Iowa City. It was the next day when another group of 856 saints arrived from England. A second group arrived 12 days later. They were mostly the poor, and they would be the saints of the Willie and Martin Handcart companies. They would experience tragedy in multiples before their journey was through, and it had much to do with the fact that they were so late in arriving in America—and that is the story of this episode. Why were the saints of ships of Thornton and Horizon so late?

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS - The Handcart Story Part 4

Air Date: June 15
Length: 30 Min.
Description: August 16, 1856, the Willie Handcart Company, led by Captain James Grey Willie, pulled out of Florence, Nebraska bound for the Salt Lake Valley. They were about 400 in number with some 85 handcarts. There had been an earnest discussion, centering around Levi Savage, about whether or not to continue on so late in the year. When it was over about one hundred people who had been with the company from Iowa City chose not to go on. This episode tells the story of those in the Willie Company who went on. Why did they go on, and could they have all stayed on the Missouri River had that been the decision?

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS - The Handcart Story Part 5

Air Date: Jun 22
Length: 30 Min.
Description: The story of the Willie and Martin Handcart tragedy is not one story of a single group, rather it is a story of many distinct groups interacting over a period of months. This episode focuses primarily on the Willie Company stranded on the Plains of Wyoming, President Brigham Young and his brethren in Salt Lake City, and those heroic rescuers who left hearth and home to help their fellow saints. This is the story of the rescue.

HISTORY OF THE SAINTS - The Handcart Story Part 6

Air Date: Jun 29
Length: 30 Min.
Description: It was the morning of October 21, 1856 when Captain James Willie and Joseph Elder led the relief wagons into their camp at the sixth crossing of the Sweetwater. The company was suffering terribly. Several had died and more would likewise succumb. Though the company had been found they were not yet safe. In some respects the worst of the ordeal was yet in front of them. But for the moment the rescuers were greeted as angels from heaven when they entered the camp.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – Assassins In Zarahemla

Air Date: Apr 6
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Journalist Ryan Fisher investigates the account in the Book of Mormon recounting the rising of the Gadianton robbers among the Nephites and looks for similar threats to our liberty today.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – Threats From Within

Air Date: Apr 13
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Journalist Ryan Fisher explores the history of the Nephites which recounts their worst enemy, themselves and looks for parallels to events in America today.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – A Society Built on Plunder

Air Date: Apr 20
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Exploring the cliff dwellers of southern Utah, Ryan Fisher and company search for evidence that the Gadianton robbers once infested these lands.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – Governor Lachoneus and President Linclon

Air Date: Apr 27
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Author Tim Ballard and Journalist Ryan Fisher investigate parallels between the Nephite Governor Lachoneus and Abraham Lincoln to try to determine if president Lincoln took a page from Governor Lachoneus' play book in handling the civil war.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – The Gathering

Air Date: May 4
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Faced with total annihilation the Nephites gather to the center of their lands and build forts. Archeologist Wayne May takes us on an exploration of forts that may have been built at this time.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – Spiritual Battle Lines

Air Date: May 11
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Journalist Ryan Fisher meets with historians to discuss the patterns between the Nephite Civil war and the American Civil war.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – The Entrenched Village

Air Date: May 18
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Ryan Fisher and Wayne May explore a fort that may have been built by Governor Lachoneus and the Nephites 2000 years ago.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – Debt and Taxes – Gadiatons of Today

Air Date: May 25
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Ryan Fisher discusses the warnings of the Book of Mormon with authors and scholars to try to understand what we need to know today.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – Ancient Oaths

Air Date: Jun 1
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Journalist Ryan Fisher investigates a 2-4000 year old effigy pipe that may offer insights to the secret oaths administered by the Jaradites and Nephites.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – The Awakening

Air Date: Jun 8
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Journalist Ryan Fisher discusses with authors and scholars what we must do to save our liberty as recounted by Book of Mormon prophets.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER –The Rising Generation

Air Date: Jun 15
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Are there parallels between the youth of the Nephites and our youth today? Ryan Fisher discusses this question with LDS scholars and authors.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – Faith or Perish

Air Date: Jun 22
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Facing total destruction the Nephites make one last stand and put their faith on the line.

THE NEPHITE EXPLORER – The Remnant

Air Date: Jun 29
Length: 30 Min.
Description: Exodus of Lehi's family and the Dead Sea Scrolls

Journalist Ryan Fisher investigates archeological sites in Jerusalem to fill in the rest of the story behind the exodus of the family of Lehi from Jerusalem in 600 BC and to find out if the prophecy of Lehi and the prophet Jeremiah, that Jerusalem will be destroyed if the people don't repent, was fulfilled.