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Create a brief title for section 2: Moroni’s First Visit

**CONTEXT**: What significant events preceded and surrounded the revelation known as section 2? Explain below these historical moments and why they are essential for a better understand of this revelation. (JS-H 1:27-36)

Joseph Smith had been a young man at the time, and he had made some mistakes that God wasn’t pleaded with. He said that the mistakes weren’t any major sins, but it was still something he had to repent for. These sins made it so that he had to wait a while longer before he was given the golden plates.

1. Jospeh was praying and asking for forgiveness for his sins, when the angel Moroni appeared to him. The angel tells him about the golden plates and tells him that God has a work for him to do. He tells him that the golden plates contain scriptures from ancient people.

\*\*Based on the context, what question does JS appear to be asking that leads to this revelation? \_\_\_He is asking about the priesthood, since Moroni tells him it will be given to him in the Lord’s time.

**CONTENT:** Paraphrase D&C 2 in your own words (3-5 sentences)

First, Moroni tells Joseph Smith that the priesthood will be returned to the earth by the prophet Elijah. He also says that people will be reminded of the promises God made to his people. He finishes by telling Joseph that if these things don’t happen, the earth will be wasted on the second coming.

What are two significant differences found in the D&C 2 version of Malachi’s prophecy when compared with the prophecy as recorded in Malachi 4:5-6?

1. In the D+C version, it specifically mentions that Elijah will restore the priesthood when he visits. In Malachi, it only says that Elijah will visit before the second coming.
2. In Malachi, it says that the lord will come and curse the earth, whereas in the D+C version, it says that the earth will be wasted if the hearts of the children aren’t turned to the fathers.

IMPACT: What impact has this revelation (section 2) had on Joseph Smith and the Church?

It has an impact on our church by showing how the prophecies of old are starting to come to pass in the modern day. Plus, it’s a reminder on how it’s important for everyone to remember the scriptures and teachings of the prophets. It probably had an impact on Joseph Smith as well, by helping to reassure him that the priesthood would be returned to the church.

Questions (2)

Did Joseph Smith know that this prophecy made by Malachi was being fulfilled when Moroni visited him?

What is the difference between the earth being wasted and cursed?