

Irene Bates, in her [1993 Dialogue article on patriarchal blessings](#) (Vol.26, No.3) cataloged the themes she observed in 744 patriarchal blessings. They are as follows:

Themes	1833-99 (N=560)	1900-79 (N=184)
1. Remain until Second Coming	57	4
2. See “last days”	51	2
3. Command elements	39	1
4. Perform miracles	30	0
5. Have gift of healing	60	9
6. Be one of “horns of Joseph”	29	1
7. Prophecy	18	2
8. Have visions	25	2
9. Not taste of death	6	0
10. Raise the dead	8	0
11. Avenge blood of prophets	12	0