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Key to Abbreviations

<i>CHC</i>	B. H. Roberts, <i>A Comprehensive History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints</i> (Salt Lake City: Corporation of the President, 1957)
<i>HC</i>	Joseph Smith, <i>History of the Church</i> , ed. B. H. Roberts, 2nd ed. rev. (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1878)
<i>JD</i>	<i>Journal of Discourses</i>
TB	Babylonian Talmud
TY	Jerusalem Talmud
<i>WJS</i>	<i>The Words of Joseph Smith</i> , ed. Andrew F. Ehat and Lyndon W. Cook (Orem, Utah: Grandin Book, 1991)