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This is Scripture Roundtable 40 from The Interpreter Foundation, in which we discuss Doctrine & Covenants Gospel Doctrine Lesson #36, "[The Desert Shall Rejoice, and Blossom as the Rose](#)," bringing in various insights to help us better understand the scriptures and our history. These roundtables will generally follow the 2013 Gospel Doctrine schedule of scriptures, a few weeks ahead of time.

Panelists for this roundtable include [Andrew Smith](#), [Cassandra Hedelius](#), [Craig Foster](#), and [Lincoln Hale](#).

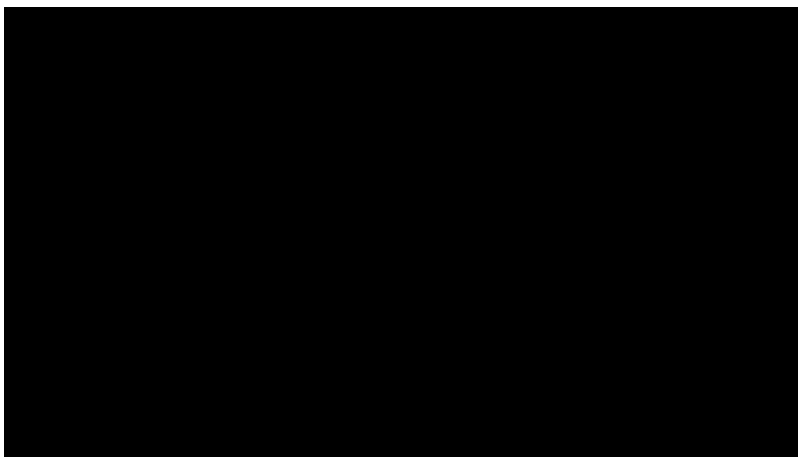
Some highlights from this roundtable include:

- What was the Salt Lake valley like when the pioneers got there?
- Discussion of the difficulty for these saints, their perseverance, faith and obedience, and how those can be examples and instructive for us today.
- Stewardship in the Lord's kingdom and what that means for all of us, whether we are called to colonize, go on missions, etc.

Resources noted in the roundtable:

- Article about converts in Africa: <http://speeches.byu.edu/index.php?act=viewitem&id=361>
- Addison Pratt journal: <http://www.amazon.com/The-Journals-Addison-Pratt-Publications/dp/-0874803357> (you might try to find it in a library since it is out of print and fairly expensive to buy used.)
- The History of Louisa Barnes Pratt: <http://muse.jhu.edu/books/9780874213058>

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