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armies of Israel back to Jackson
county, Missisipi, where, according
to your first "prophesy" in the Lord's
House at Kirtland, you, as well as
myself had the sealed blessing of the
prophet upon our heads to live to
be as old as Moses, which will bring
us both into the resurrection far enough
to be changed in the twinkling of an eye.

The recitation on stewardships, in
the Doc. of Cov. concerning ⁱⁿ page 165. Dec
26, shows to you and as well as brother
Kimball and Wells, that the Lord had
the same thing in view when he made
us "stewards" over the Revelations: the
fourth paragraph in particular, with
that "whatsoever circumstances" and that
"whithersoever I the Lord shall send them"
sounds to me as if the Lord knew
what you and I ~~would~~ do and need —
as to the recitation, which Morris and
Cook, are trombooning on up at
the Waker, it reads: "And it shall come to pass,
that I the Lord God will send one mighty and
strong, holding the sceptre of power in his
hand, clothed with light for a covering, whose
mouth shall utter words, eternal words, while his
kernels shall be a fountain of truth: to

set in order the house of God, and to
arrange by lot the inheritance of the
saints, &c &c while that man who was
called of God, and appointed that put forth
his hand to steady the Ark of God, shall
fall by the shaft of death. — It now
this revelation was sent to me in vision,
and has reference to the time when I came
our father's God, comes at the beginning
of our eternal lot of inheritance,
according as our names are found
in the Book of the Lord, while the
fools that receive the priesthood, like
the fool that took his one talent and
hid it, or reached out to steady the ark,
will find themselves where the rich man
did — in hell, with plenty of fire but no
water. Love begets lives eternal; and
grace begets glory, but sin begets
deception. Whored goats and storks can
enjoy the lower room fog of a more
dismal prison, than the nether rooms of
Aoch's Ark. Now should I be wrong in
my belief as to these quotations: please let
me have your views, for I am for God,
light and life as his "Steward"
yours &c
W. Phelps

Letter May 6, 1861.
W. W. Phelps to B. Young

about B. Young being likened
unto Moses in the revelation.

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