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Season One

When God Was Love

Season 1

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Summary: Detectives Jeb Pyre and Bill Taba investigate the brutal, sinister murders of an LDS woman, Brenda Wright Lafferty and her baby daughter in Utah's typically serene Salt Lake Valley in 1984.



The episode opens with Detective Jeb Pyre playing with his daughters Anna and Caroline in an idyllic neighborhood. The family is preparing for Pioneer Day festivities but their peace is shattered when the station calls. Something horrific has happened, and Jeb is called into work. They say a quick evening prayer with Jeb's mother Josie, who is losing her memory, and Jeb heads out to investigate.

As Jeb arrives at the scene of the crime, he finds an officer sitting on the steps, barely holding it together. It's clear

that whatever has happened here, it's a far worse crime than this sleepy town is used to handling. Inside, Jeb finds blood everywhere and a woman's body in the kitchen, composing himself as he makes his way through the house filled with children's toys. He nearly breaks when he sees a photo of the victim on the wall, someone he clearly knows from the town. But it's the scene in the bedroom that prompts his emotional breakdown: the woman's baby was murdered as well. It was a vicious attack, and it is clear this mother fought for her life. Jeb composes himself outside

to rally his fellow investigators despite their shock. A figure covered in blood emerges in the road with his hands up as the officers train their guns on him.

At the station, Jeb confers with his partner, Detective Bill Taba. The man from the road is Allen Lafferty, whose wife, Brenda, is the murder victim along with their daughter Erica. The Laffertys are a big name in the LDS church, and Jeb takes the lead in the interrogation knowing that this will cause complications for the case. Allen is shaken, insisting that he didn't commit this murder and that he last saw his family in the morning before work. As he provides more details, Jeb keeps a gentle line of questioning while Bill takes a more aggressive tone. Allen is frantic about the rest of his family, wondering if someone is targeting them. But an odd theme emerges: Allen doesn't know where his brothers are or what they're doing, and even more worrying, strange men with beards have been targeting members of his family. Bill doesn't believe the story, wanting a quick confession from a suspect he views as guilty, but recognition dawns in Jeb's eyes.

As Allen is processed, they attempt to call his brother Ron. He doesn't answer, and Bill jokes that it's past a Mormon's bedtime. But Jeb quietly insists that this is only more worrisome. He knows any Mormon would pick up a call after 10 p.m. because it would almost certainly be an emergency. As Bill and Jeb discuss the case, cultural differences become clear. Jeb sees the beard detail as important since around here, no Mormons have beards, but cynical Bill sees Alan's story as part of the classic drifter excuse used in so many murder investigations before — Bill is also an outsider, both because he is Native American and because he is not Mormon. Bill knows that Jeb is too close to this, having known the Lafferty family for years, and he offers to go in alone to spare Jeb having to hear Alan's confession. Jeb agrees, though he's not convinced Alan is the right suspect.

In the interrogation room, Allen tells Bill that while Brenda was still devout and considered herself LDS, he had drifted away. Jeb bursts in, thinking that Allen not supporting Brenda's devotion is the true motive, thinking that Allen was clearly upset that Brenda remained devout while he strayed. Bill tries to regain control, sensing that Jeb has lost his impartiality, but Allen insists that he always supported Brenda, sobbing that she was "perfect." He tells Jeb his only crime is not insisting on taking Brenda away from the LDS before it was too late. The officers work on locating the rest of the Laffertys, but this is difficult as only two out of five brothers have a working phone.

Jeb gets a call from his wife Rebecca, who shares that Josie had another nightmare. Jeb is resistant to the idea of starting her on medication. He asks his wife to look for an address for the Laffertys in old church directories. Meanwhile, Jeb and Bill return to Allen. There were no signs of forced entry and no valuables taken. It's not looking good for him, and Jeb shrugs as he asks the man to give them something more than random prophets if he really is innocent. Allen admits that his brothers Ron and Dan were always interested in Brenda, nagging at her for every perceived deviation from Mormon tradition. He asks Jeb if Brenda and Erica deserved their fate for being less than perfect, and when Jeb answers no, Allen sarcastically remarks that he must not be a good Mormon then.

Rebecca gives them an address for Robin Lafferty, and Bill goes to check it out. Alone with Allen, Jeb asks if he misses the church. Allen shares that he misses the sense of family he had as a boy. But he most wishes he still believed that God was made of love. Bill finds a pile of burning documents in Robin's yard, but no sign of the man. Both Bill and Jeb start to feel as though there's more to the story, though Jeb is still stuck on the idea that Allen no longer being a church member and leaving the faith points to his guilt.

Bill calls Brenda's father to notify him, which Jeb is upset about. Bill angrily points out that nothing about this investigation has followed normal procedure so far and accuses the majority white Mormon force of racism. He notes that he has hard evidence from his chat with Brenda's father, who accused Allen of beating Brenda. Jeb takes this as proof of Allen's guilt since Brenda's father is a bishop in the church. But Allen sticks to his story of bearded men coming after his family, and the detectives put out an APB to find Robin and the mysterious men.

A motel owner calls to let them know a man fitting Allen's description just checked in. They head to the motel room, where a woman and several terrified children are waiting while her husband escapes out the back window. The officers chase him down and are shocked to find that this is Robin Lafferty. Bill tells a stunned Jeb to go home and check on his own family. If the Laffertys know him from church, they could be a target too.

Jeb talks with his mother in the kitchen, who in a moment of lucidity tells him she wants to

die to be with his father. Emotionally drained, Jeb confesses his greatest fear to Rebecca. What if the killer isn't some outsider or a man who fell from grace? What if someone within the church did this?

In Brenda's perspective, we see her singing a hymn for the 1980 Miss Twin Falls Idaho pageant. She doesn't win, but her optimism is undaunted. She wants to be a television reporter, but not in cities she sees as sinful like Chicago or New York. Her dream is Salt Lake City and Brigham Young University, but her father is reluctant to let her go. In a flash forward, Brenda has indeed made it to BYU, a smile on her face.

She meets Allen at temple, eventually coming home to meet his family. The Laffertys seem friendly, and Brenda's sunshine personality is winning. But there's something off from the start in the way the brothers and their families react to Brenda, who despite her overall innocence and clear devotion to Mormonism is still more outspoken than the wives. The family also treats her as an outsider, with the many children staring at her and patriarch Ammon keeping a watchful eye. Dan immediately questions her about the rules at BYU, trying to find out how faithful she really is. The party gets underway, and the brothers compete for her attention. Ron and his wife Diana are welcoming even as Ron teases Brenda. Dan's wife Matilda rambles about how she met Dan on his mission trip to Scotland and how her two daughters are from her first husband.

A scared man arrives at the house, begging for help as he worried that "they've come for me." Diana lets him in, not knowing what else to do. Ron goes to Ammon and they fight while Brenda observes from afar. It turns out the man is their neighbor, who is currently fighting with the federal government for control of his land. If they don't clear it for planting, the government will take it to build a highway. Ammon rallies the family to help, telling his family that while he and the neighbor have had their differences, he draws the line at outsiders coming after members of the faith.

The entire family clears the field, with Brenda pitching in with the men as Ammon watches. After they complete the task, Ammon announces he is leaving with his wife on a mission for the church. He appoints Dan to take care of the family business over Ron, who is older, which doesn't go over well. It gets worse as he appoints Robin as Dan's second in command.

Rightful Place

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Summary: With a lead suspect in custody, the investigation uncovers more ominous questions than answers as the hidden history of the once admired Lafferty family is exposed.



It is the young Pyre girls' eighth birthday. Jeb and Taba confirm that Allen and Robin are both in custody and determine that if Robin knows anything about the murders this will indicate his guilt, as no details have been revealed to him. Jeb and Taba question the woman who lives across the street from Brenda and Allen Lafferty, who says she saw four bearded men in a car parked across the street. Back at the crime scene, Taba suggests alerting the media only to be shut down (again) by Jeb — however, the pair agree

that Taba will contact forest services and put out an APB on three bearded men — armed and dangerous.

Results from the lab prove that there are no prints belonging to Allen at Robin's house and that neither the handprint left on the nursery door nor the blood by the front door belongs to him either. Jeb puts in a call to Sister Doreen to request her help with his daughters' birthday

party while he works the case. Sister Doren agrees to help and insists she will call in the help of her other sisters, but not before asking Jeb if a Lafferty was hurt due to a rumor she heard. Small town means rumors travel fast.

Jeb's initial attempt at questioning the elder of the two Lafferty brothers in custody, Robin, goes poorly until Robin asks why he is being held as he is a "good LDS man." Jeb asks Robin why he ran from the police, who states he did so to avoid the persecution of the government and laws that harm LDS families. Jeb brings Allen some water and asks him why Brenda's blood was on his hands and knees. Allen explains that he knelt to pray for his wife and daughter, which causes Jeb to further question him as just an episode prior Allen admitted he is no longer faithful. Allen tells the detective that the prayer he said that night was his last.

Jeb is able to get a basic description of the men with beards from Allen, who recalls seeing them for the first time at a tiling job with his brother Dan the year before. Allen recounts that after the job was completed a car pulled up with two men — one older, with a long, braided beard, and the other round with brown hair. As Allen recalls, Dan got in the car with them, and Robin was in the back. Allen provides clarity to Jeb that his brothers Dan and Robin were in an organized anti-taxation group, but wonders why Jeb is so interested in Robin.

Several things are revealed through Jeb's interrogation of Allen and Robin Lafferty during the episode — that the Lafferty family is actually in financial trouble, the anti-taxation group some of the brothers are a part of is called "Patriots for Freedom," that while the Lafferty's disapproved of Brenda's "interfering" their way of life only excited her and made her want to be a Lafferty boy, and that Robin is considered the most loyal to the church. Jeb asks Allen whether or not he thinks his family could be involved with his wife and daughter's murder, to which Allen responds he's not sure he can be certain about anything ever again.

Allen says his views on the church shifted when he had a daughter of his own, and how he didn't want his daughter to be forced to obey men for the rest of her life. This conversation prompts Allen to ask if Jeb has daughters. Jeb gets flustered, insisting he is the one who asks questions. Allen apologizes, and Jeb exits while telling the man to get some sleep. When Taba's whereabouts are unknown, Jeb asks Robin if his officers are in danger if they find his brothers. Robin's response is not reassuring in the slightest. As Robin rants about the prophet Joseph Smith, Jeb concludes that this is the man who killed Brenda. Allen is heard screaming, and as the elder Lafferty brother demands to know who else is being held, Jeb exits.

With so much going on in the investigation, Jeb has missed his daughters' birthday party.

Driving through the forest, Taba sees a person in the woods off in the distance. Taba arrives at Forest Services, asking about recent gunfire and if there's been anything unusual happening recently. The two head up the mountain together where the ranger mentions he saw two men with guns "making a big mess." Many of the trees surrounding them are riddled with bullet holes or destroyed, and there are mutilated squirrels hanging from the stumps. The ranger mentions that he actually found one of the mutilated squirrels nailed to his door this morning. He describes the men as in their 20s-30s, leading Taba to ask if the men looked like LDS pioneer types with beards. The ranger says yes, but also notes that there are many men like that in the area.

The ranger also reveals the men did have two girls with them who looked like they were from the pioneer ages, but the girls ran off quickly. The ranger didn't follow them and warns Taba not to pursue them either. Over the radio, Jeb tells Taba that Allen has said Robin was in the anti-taxation group, and that he also provided descriptions of the bearded men. Taba says he is going to explore the woods and asks Jeb to send someone to look for him if he isn't heard from in an hour.

While in the woods, Taba sees figures hiding behind the trees and hears the rattling of a metal canister — and in a flash, a woman in a pioneer-style dress flees the scene. Taba orders her to stop, but chasing her is futile as he immediately falls into a hole. Eventually, Taba is able to crawl out of the hole with his gun drawn and begins his search for answers again. He finds a small cabin in the woods, and standing on the porch notices a bullet hole in the wall. As he peers into the hole, the barrel of a shotgun appears.

Ammon Lafferty and his wife are leaving for their mission, leaving Dan and Robin in charge of the family. The Lafferty matriarch gives Matilda Ammon's patient information, telling her that as wives it is their duty to support their husbands. As the old Lafferty heads of house prepare to leave, Brenda checks on Jacob, who has a mutilated squirrel corpse in his hands. Brenda uses her dress to wipe the blood from his hands, telling Jacob she'll help take care of him while his

parents are gone. As the parents leave, many of the Lafferty children begin to have fun, which is immediately shut down by the new patriarch — Dan.

Brenda gives Matilda advice to listen for the Holy Spirit for guidance, teasing that women can hear the Holy Spirit more easily than men. Brenda isn't the only one giving advice in the Lafferty family, as Robin gives Allen some advice as well — it is essential to find a woman who will help you build a family for eternity. Allen assures his brother that Brenda does want a family. Unfortunately for Brenda, her helpfulness is perceived by some of the Lafferty brothers as a nuisance — including Dan who is refusing to help the family through their financial troubles, feeling scorned by his father for not being appointed patriarch.

Dan, now running the chiropractic business, is pushing away patients by praying over them as he works. Losing patients and patience, Dan confers with Matilda who only adds to his plate — there are many bills past due including tax and licensing fees from the government. Dan tells Matilda to pay the water and electric over the taxes, which comes back soon after to bite the family — the US government has sent someone to seize assets. Dan, armed with a baseball bat as he tries to persuade the official to let him pay half of the bill now and the remainder later, loses his temper when the official cannot be persuaded. Robin and Matilda enter just in time to prevent Dan from probably beating this man with the bat — but not before Dan is sprayed with pepper spray. Why didn't Matilda pay the tax bill? Because the Holy Spirit gave her guidance and told her to listen to her husband.

At the television station, Brenda is able to convince one of her professors to give her a chance reading the news — only the professor has something far different in mind as he locks the two in the room alone. After multiple inappropriate advances, Brenda catches wind of the older man's true motives and uses the opportunity to blackmail the professor. This is her chance to actually get to read the news, which she does the following week as the Lafferty brothers watch.

It is also revealed that the young couple — Allen and Brenda — had unsupportive family toward their relationship on both sides. Brenda wanted to wait to marry Allen until her bishop father met him, which finally happened at Christmas. Christmas with the Wrights isn't the happiest of occasions, however, as Mr. Wright continually grills Allen with questions making Allen incredibly nervous, resulting in some not-so-savory answers to the questioning. Allen is excused to help Brenda's younger siblings, Brenda and her parents quarrel over Allen's worth as a husband. Outside, Allen accidentally sets fire to some landscaping while shooting off fireworks. It definitely was not the perfect first impression Brenda hoped for, but ultimately she loves the man and wants to be with him.

We also hear a story from Allen in the episode recounting a time Ron received a dog for his birthday. One day Ammon came home, and the boys hadn't done their chores — so Ammon put the brothers in a circle and with the dog in the center and made the boys watch as he beat it to death with a baseball bat. It was (supposedly) to teach them a lesson about responsibility, and to show them their "rightful place."

Allen proposes that perhaps his father returned from his mission and may have thought Brenda needed a lesson about her "rightful place."

Surrender

Season 1

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Summary:	The ongoing investigation leads Pyre and Taba into untrod woods where they unearth information that challenges Pyre's own faith, and draw more Laffertys into suspicion and custody.

Jeb, Morris, and other officers arrive at Detective Taba's car, which has clearly been tampered with. He's scared of the anti-government group they're going after, but getting Bill back is the priority. As the officers creep through the woods, they hear a metallic clang as the militia tries to scare them into leaving. Jeb and the others make their move towards the isolated cabin. Jeb manages to find an injured Bill, and while the two strategize about how to escape, they compare notes. Allen has a record, including contempt of court, which contradicts what he told them before. The rest of the squad arrives as backup, and Jeb pursues a mysterious figure in the woods while the rest of the officers deal with the cabin. It turns out the person in the woods is a child, and she's terrified.



Jeb finds her sticker book and tries to connect with her. Her name is Jenny Lafferty, and her parents are Sam and Sara Lafferty. Jenny tells Jeb that she comes from a "fort" where soldiers come and go. Jeb is able to get her to tell him that she knows Brenda and Allen before her mother shows up, screaming at the cops that the girl is a liar. Jeb sits down with Sara, who is not only racist but indoctrinated in fringe Mormon beliefs. Without revealing that Brenda is dead, Jeb asks about Brenda's wedding day. Sara calls

Brenda an "ugly shade of gray" since she is neither a sinner nor a saint. She also reveals the concept of "blood atonement," the only way someone like Brenda can ever be cleansed. Their blood must be spilled.

Jeb finds out that only a few adults are inside the house. The rest are Sara's sons, all under the age of 12. The scene is similar to the Haun's Mill massacre in Jeb's mind. Bill wants to go in, but Jeb is worried the children will be harmed. He wants to try to reason with the group, Mormon to Mormon. Bill reminds him of his own girls, but Jeb doesn't want this to get violent. Sam demands his wife and daughter back, and Jeb attempts to talk him down. But when he sees a gun in the window, he calls in the force. The police escort the children out of the cabin while Bill finds Sam, bloody hands and all. Another man runs into the woods, and Sam won't reveal who it is.

Back at Jeb's house, a crisis is brewing as Becca finds that Josie is missing during the girls' birthday party. A bus driver recognizes Josie and brings her home, displaying both the interconnectedness of the church and Becca's panic at having others know about Josie's dementia. She calls Jeb, who promises to make it home in time for his daughters' baptism ceremony while praising Becca. A social worker talks with Jenny as Jeb watches. Jenny reveals that Dan is the leader of their family and that the last time she saw Brenda, the woman was dressed in a black robe.

At the baptism meeting that night, the bishop goes over the requirements for baptism. The girls pass with flying colors, and Jeb stays behind to talk with the bishop. He discusses Josie's situation. Years ago, Jeb and Becca agreed to take Josie in because they thought they couldn't have children. But now, with Anne and Caroline combined with Josie's dementia, Jeb worries about managing it all. He even shares Josie's wish to die, prompting the bishop to remind him that assisted suicide is a sin. He does take the opportunity to reassure Jeb that antipsychotic drugs are fine under Mormon doctrine. This doesn't sit well with Jeb, who is struggling with seeing his mother this way, but he chooses to move on.

Jeb brings up the case, asking for more details about blood atonement. It's not clear if he's asking for evidence or because of his own doubts, but either way, the bishop clams up immediately. He tells Jeb that he's not a historian and doesn't dig into the church's past beliefs, indicating Jeb should drop this line of questioning.

Jeb and Becca talk that night, with Jeb sharing his fear of losing the few moments of clarity he has with Josie by putting her on the drugs. Becca comforts him with the idea that in Heaven, she will be whole, so this earthly struggle is only temporary. Jeb sneaks in that he wants to postpone Anne and Caroline's baptism, blaming the case and his focus on it. Becca is furious. She knows how people talk, and if they postpone, the neighbors will think the children failed their interview or something darker is going on. She begs him not to do this to her, to the girls, after all the work she's put in for this moment her whole life. But he tells her the decision's been made. Jeb is sincere, and Becca can see how this is affecting him too. They make up before Jeb heads back to work.

At the station, Sam is ranting while Allen listens. Jeb interrogates Allen, wanting to know what else Allen kept from him. The contempt of court charge stemmed from unpaid fines that led to Allen being arrested on the day of Brenda's BYU graduation. The "black robe" Jenny was referring to was Brenda's graduation robe. Allen says Brenda tried to keep him from following his brothers. He starts talking about Joseph and Emma Smith before Jeb tells him to stop. Allen

asks if the bishop told Jeb to "put his questions on the shelf," and he flinches at the turn of phrase. Allen shares that he feels guilty about pushing Brenda away from her own career and into motherhood, believing he put her in a cage.

Jeb takes over Sam's questioning. Sam reveals that Brenda and Erica needed to die because they went against the Lafferty men. Suddenly, Robin bangs on the walls. He heard them discussing Brenda's murder and wants to know if it's true. Bill simply shows him crime scene photos. Distraught, Robin attempts to commit suicide, as Jeb and Bill stop him. Bill demands to know what happened if he wasn't involved. Robin reveals several names on the hit list and that some were investigating the early history of the church. Jeb takes several officers to protect those named while Allen's words linger in Jeb's mind.

On Brenda's wedding day, she, Dianna, and Matilda are gossiping about church tradition in the church while Sara scolds them. After the ceremony, Dan and Ammon get into a fight over unpaid taxes while Sam and Jenny watch. Ammon lashes Dan in front of the entire family as Ammon says there's only room for one patriarch. Ron tries to stop Ammon, even physically fighting him, but his father only taunts him. As the stunned kids watch, Dan tries to laugh it off. The next day, Dan, Matilda, and their children pray together while Jenny eavesdrops from outside. He appears to have a divine revelation.

On the day of Brenda's graduation, after Allen misses the event, she goes after Dan, who smugly spouts off ridiculous doctrine while the brothers surround Brenda. Brenda decimates his argument, but the Laffertys are in too deep to see it. They tell her to honor her husband's wishes. It's clear Brenda's independent streak will cause problems for her now that she's officially in the family.

Allen and Brenda talk, with Allen agreeing to leave his brothers if Brenda doesn't go for the Channel 11 news job she is interviewing for. He wants children and a family now, and Brenda's career can wait. Brenda is thrilled to discover she is pregnant and reaches out to Dianna. She wants to save the rest of the family from going too far down their current path, inspired by the new life inside her.

Church and State

Season 1

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Summary: The investigation intensifies after Pyre uncovers details of the Lafferty family's fundamentalist beliefs, sparking a search for missing Lafferty brothers, Ron and Dan and putting Pyre at odds with his own church leaders.



ior." Pyre notes that a wife reaching out to an LDS church prophet to call out her family would be taken as an extreme act.

We pick up where last episode left off, with Jeb Pyre and Bill Taba on their way to the home of the Lafferty's Bishop — whose family may or may not be on Dan's Blood Atonement list. The detectives arrive at the Lowes' home to find it empty and destroyed. Pyre's detective skills pay off when he finds a file with the Laffertys' name on it containing a letter penned by Diana — eldest Lafferty brother Dan's wife — to the current prophet expressing her concern and asking for counsel over the brothers' "questionable behavior."

Pyre gets ahold of the prophet's secretary and uncovers that Diana's letter was actually passed back to Bishop Lowe and one of his local counselors, a brother named Bascom. Faith unwavering, Pyre insists that prayers are all they will need when the secretary tells him that the prophet is "praying for your investigation." While the top-down structure of the church can provide stability and emotional comfort for some in the face of uncertainty and adversity — though this will not always be the case for Pyre, which we learn later in the episode as the detective faces the reality of the all-seeing-eye of the LDS church.

It turns out brother Bascom works at the bank where Ron Lafferty was trying to get a business loan, Pyre discovers will be paying the man a visit. There is a flashback here to the meeting between the two men, where a clearly agitated Ron is being told the loan cannot be approved because it is too much of a risk — the word has gotten out in the small community that the Laffertys are dodging property taxes, and the church has received a letter from Diane about Dan's involvement in anti-tax organizations. On top of the troubling behavior from the family, Dan is also now running for Sheriff. Ron is beyond irate, but Bascom assures Pyre that the eldest Lafferty brother's anger was directed at Dan — not Diana for writing the letter.

Pyre becomes rattled after an incredibly unsettling and doubt-inspiring meeting with Robin's stake president — who has the audacity to show up to the station under the guise of spiritual counsel and ask Pyre to release Robin into his custody. The stake president calls Pyre's faith into question — admonishing the respected detective for the sake of maintaining the church's image and preventing embarrassment. Pyre is reaching a breaking point as the lines between fundamentalist Mormon ideals and the modern version of the religion are blurred. He learns from Allen that the letter to the prophet from Diane was in fact written with Brenda's help. Pyre also learns from Robin and Bascom that the Lafferty brothers are much more united than it initially appears — Ron had been convinced to come to Dan's side before being denied the loan and that he was actually pissed at Diane for writing the letter. Really, the only people standing between the Lafferty brothers and their desires are their wives and their earthly father.

At a press conference for the case, Pyre and Taba are instructed by the police chief to keep quiet about the fundamentalist connections to the Lafferty brothers and the unfolding murder investigation — wishing to spare the church the embarrassment rather than find true and swift justice for Brenda and her daughter. However, Pyre is fed up with the patriarchal orders that haunt that case and his own life, and he chooses to ignore the chief and bring up his suspicions that fundamentalist Mormon beliefs are a contributing factor to the case.

While being questioned about the letter penned by his sister-in-law Diana, Robin Lafferty reveals he believes the letter was written with the aid of Brenda, but if Dan knew about the letter he didn't seem to mind. At the time of the letter, Dan's mind was far too occupied by his campaign for Sheriff and memorizing libertarian mantras to spout through a star-spangled megaphone in the Fourth of July parade atop horseback. After the parade, the Lafferty brothers are hanging out while Dan smokes cigarettes and kisses a woman that is definitely not his wife. A disappointed Ammon Lafferty tells his son to shut up about the laws of man and to instead study on the laws of God.

Ammon's made things worse (of course) by telling Dan to be more diligent in his study of God's law, as Dan takes his earthly father's words to heart and begins scouring the library for any amount of fundamentalist teachings from early Mormon prophets. Ever the one to think someone is out to get him and his family, Dan begins to think that "too much of our history seems to have been purposefully removed from every library in Utah," and sets off to Colorado City, Arizona to talk to fundamentalist Mormons who still practice polygamy. In conversation with a young man that is part of the enclave there, Dan receives more information on the practice of polygamy and finds people who distrust the government just as much as him. The other man assures Dan he should not be concerned with the law, because if they come around "the faithful will be arranged under the banner of heaven against them" — a quote from the early Mormon prophet John Taylor (who Dan is now the number one fan of). The man gives Dan a suggested reading on polygamy — *The Peace Maker*.

Pyre and Taba finally get the Salt Lake City police files on Dan, and they are just as compelling as to be expected from Dan. While driving home, Dan has his wife Matilda read aloud from a copy of *The Peace Maker*. Matilda isn't as crazy about the book as Dan is and remarks that she finds the book disturbing and confusing (which are honestly good words to describe her husband as well, but I digress). Dan warns his wife that what she is reading is official LDS theology printed

by Joseph Smith himself, and that according to the text a man must have at least three wives to enter the highest kingdom of Heaven. In probably the most on-brand gaslighting moment I can recall seeing in recent television, Dan tells his wife that he must be allowed to practice polygamy if she wants him and God to be happy. Thanks to distracted driving, the pair get pulled over for speeding — which ultimately results in Dan fleeing the scene, being held up by traffic and arrested, then going on a rant where he shouts for those around him to "witness the tyrants!" Dan is clearly very mentally unstable and unpredictable.

In another flashback through Allen, we see Dan telling the Lafferty brothers about the need for spiritual alignment through polygamy. Dan tells Allen that polygamy is necessary if one wants to get into the Celestial Kingdom, which sets off Ron, who is already dealing with enough without having to worry about his family practicing more illegal activity by taking multiple wives. As it turns out, it's not hard to calm Ron down — all it takes is the suggestion that he becomes the patriarch of the family as Dan is away in prison. Ron may not be as stable as he initially may seem.

One Mighty and Strong

Season 1
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Season Episode: 5

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Summary: With evidence now pointing squarely toward fundamentalist Mormonism, Pyre turns to LDS Church leaders for guidance but is met with roadblocks. Undeterred, he discovers a list of names Brenda's killers plan to murder next.



Jeb interrogates Sam, who pretends he was the one to kill Brenda and Erica. But Jeb catches him in several lies, telling Sam that he knows he's covering up for someone. Sam mentions being part of a "school of prophets," a slip-up that Jeb and Taba both latch on to. Jeb goes back to Robin, who tries to brush it off as Sam getting hysterical about an innocent scripture study group. Jeb goes for the jugular, threatening to tell his stake president about this study group and get him excommunicated. Robin relents, sharing

that a friend of Dan's named Brady was the one who started it. Robin is able to give him a few more names, but not much else. Sam and Robin are both released into the stake president's custody as word comes in that the Lowes were found. Taba and Jeb head to Bishop Lowe's house to find out why Ron and Dan were excommunicated from the church. He's tight-lipped, especially since he clearly has racist beliefs about Taba and doesn't respect the non-Mormon detective. But Jeb is able to play the game and get some useful information about what led to Ron and Dan's break from the church.

The police track down Brady, who, shocker, isn't totally surprised by this turn of events. He gave Ron a place to stay after his excommunication. His wife cheerfully notes that she was the one to tell Ron that if he touched Dianna again, she'd go to the police herself. It's unclear if she knows the extent of the abuse, and she definitely does not know about the school of prophets. Brady sends his wife away and privately admits to Jeb and Taba that he knew about the more fringe beliefs in the group but thought they'd never have the guts to actually do any of it. He produces a notarized letter he had written so he could have a cover in case they did go after anyone on the blood atonement list, which is the best representation of "legally fine, but morally reprehensible" ever. He's terrified his wife will find out about the polygamy talk, which Jeb reminds him is the least of his worries at this point. Brady tells the duo that he can't be sure if Dianna was on that list (translation: she definitely was). Proving his status as husband of the year, he tells Jeb that if Dianna or Brenda were on this list, they probably deserved it for talking back to their husbands.

Jeb and Taba are having none of that, making Brady take them to the Lafferty farm he had heard them talk about in their sessions. Allen helps them sketch out the general layout, and they make a plan to raid at dawn. Jeb heads home to find his house empty, and he fears the worst. But it turns out Rebecca and the girls went for Annie's lesson at Brother Young's house and are fine, to Jeb's relief.

In the darkness of the next morning, he admits to Taba that he thinks the lesson and the stake president's growing closeness with Rebecca is a ploy to keep him telling the official story rather than the one that Jeb is determined to investigate. In a moment of rebellion, he contradicts Brady's understanding of Dan's excommunication and shares what happened to Matilda's daughters. The raid reveals that Onias, one of the mysterious men in the scripture group, brought young girls from the FLDS compound Bountiful to the farm. It seems he wanted to create his own outpost here. Jeb gently questions the girls, who admit they know Ron and Dan but not where they went. He and Taba find the blood atonement list, which mentions Dianna specifically.

Matilda is milking a cow in a pioneer dress at Dan's new compound, signifying just how far Dan has gone beyond the teachings of the main church. She walks in on Dan giving her daughter Cora a "back realignment". He claims God is calling him to take Cora and her other daughter as his second and third wives. Matilda is understandably horrified, and it's the last straw. That night, she distracts Dan by having sex with him as her girls run away. They go to their old congregation and tell their story, leading to Dan's excommunication. Both the girls later ran away from the foster home the church placed them with and are now missing, with CPS never even notified as Bishop Lowe and the other higher ups didn't want word of what happened with Dan to taint the rest of the church.

We then flash to the incident that led to Ron's excommunication. At Erica's church blessing, Dianna and Brenda try to tell Sister Lowe about Ron's increasingly erratic behavior. As Ron gets in a fight with the Bishop over Dan's excommunication, his wife seems reluctant to get involved. Brenda speculates that maybe the threat of excommunication will get Ron to stop hurting Dianna, a possibility so terrifying that even Dianna doesn't want it.

After Ron is called for an excommunication hearing, he finds out Dianna was the one who asked for it. She took Brenda's words about threatening him to heart. He goes on a rampage at home, ranting and terrifying his children. He hits Dianna, but when he goes after the children she kicks him out and tells him never to come back. Dianna shows up at the Lowe house with bruises on her face and they give her money to get out. Like with Matilda and the children, they have no idea where she went after that.

Ron's excommunication hearing goes as well as you might expect, with Ron accusing everyone of hypocrisy before leaving. He decides to claim his "rightful place" and immediately runs home to his family. The kids all run from him and try to hide as he loses what's left of his composure. He's hearing the voice of his own God now. Ron goes to his mother, who is all too willing to reassure him that he is her chosen one. Ammon is sick, and Ron takes this opportunity to get

revenge for years of abuse and win the family patriarch battle. He lets his father die, believing himself to be the new prophet.

When Joseph Smith's brother Hyrum destroys a printing press, Joseph is forced to go into hiding. The others, especially Brigham Young, are worried that if Joseph doesn't surrender, the church will be invaded by the U.S. government. Their polygamist ways will be discovered, and ended. John Taylor adds a line to one of Emma Smith's letters urging Joseph to surrender, leading to his capture and death at the hands of a mob. This left two sects: Emma's monogamous one, and Brigham's polygamist one.

Revelation

Season 1

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Season Episode: 6

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Summary: New details emerge about Brenda's attempt to reckon with some of the Lafferty family's most extreme members and beliefs, as Pyre and Taba hunt for those who killed Brenda before they can kill again.



As the detectives continue their search for Brenda and her daughter's murderer, they find themselves at the home of Ron Lafferty. Pyre questions Doreen about her eldest son's decision to allow Ammon to die without proper medical attention. Brady, Pyre, and Taba investigate the home's basement, which was used by the School of the Prophets as an office. Jeb seems to continually grow impatient with the hypocrisies of the church to which he has devoted himself.

Brady informs the detectives that Ron became interested in fundamentalist Mormon ideals after traveling to visit

John Bryant's polygamist camp in Oregon. While at the camp, Ron experiments and expands his mind to new ideals — allowing himself to try wine, bask in another woman's affections, be baptized by John, and even be kissed by John. Returning to his parents' home, Ron tells Dan this excursion is only the beginning of his journey. The detectives also learn how Prophet Onias persuaded Ron to think that God chose one of them to carry out Heavenly Father's true wishes,

and that the eldest Lafferty brother was led by the Prophet to the Dream Extract. Due to the Prophet convincing Ron that he could be the chosen one amongst humans, the Lafferty brothers become increasingly interested in the school's activities.

Pyre and Taba decide that Taba should take a shot at interrogating Doreen. Taba accuses the once matriarch of the Lafferty family of harboring the men responsible for murdering her 15-month-old granddaughter. Taba threatens the woman with multiple charges for being an accessory to murder, informing her that should this happen, she won't even be allowed to see her sons be executed. Doreen asks the men why they blame her sons for the murders of Brenda and Erica and not the other two men who were present at the crime scene. Jeb asks her to tell them who the other men with beards were and finally gets a name for the remaining two murderers — Chip and Ricky. Brady has no additional information for the detectives on Chip and Ricky, but does inform Jeb that Ron and Dan are likely at the Dream Extract, and they can expect to be fired on when they arrive.

In a flashback, we see Brenda struggling to console a crying baby Erica as she uses the phone to attempt to find a ride to the pediatrician. When Allen returns home, Brenda berates him for spending time with his brothers in the mountain while Erica is sick. They argue, as Allen does not wish to take his daughter to the doctor and feels Brenda is overstepping, resulting in Allen slapping Brenda. Realizing his error, he apologizes, but Brenda is obviously upset and leaves the room with Erica. Brenda's father, Bishop Wright, and sister Betty arrive at the youngest Lafferty home.

Bishop Wright stays with Allen at the home while Betty and Brenda take Erica to the doctor. Allen opens up to his father-in-law about his behavior, saying he only wishes to follow Joseph Smith's teachings as much as possible so he can truly spend forever with Brenda. Allen also tries something new in the episode that is generally forbidden to him — chocolate. Brenda tells her sister that she is going to leave the town with her daughter to live with her parents and work in broadcasting because Allen and his brothers' behavior is scaring her. Betty urges Brenda to remember her vows to Allen and to her responsibility to take her fears to the church before giving up on her marriage.

Pyre interviews Bishop Wright and Betty at his home, which offers a further look at his mother, Josie's, current mental state. After convincing Betty that he is not under the thumb of the Lafferty family, Pyre receives the letters Brenda wrote to her sister, expressing all of her worries. Betty warns the detective that reading the letters will put him in danger, as he will know "too much" in the eyes of the Lafferty family. Reading through the letters, Pyre and Taba hope to find additional information that will help them solve the case and understand why these brutal murders happened. After asking Allen about one of the letters, Pyre informs the man that he isn't being charged with any crimes and that he is free to go. As Allen now has nowhere to go, he asks the detective if he would be allowed to stay in the station for one more night, trusting the man and viewing him as the only person who understands the youngest Lafferty.

It is also revealed that Brenda tried to help her sisters-in-law away from this terrifying family dynamic — she purchases bread and butter for them, sends missionaries from the church to speak with them rather than their husbands, and she even assists the Lowes when they smuggle Dianna (Ron's wife) and her children to safety. Matilda warns Brenda of interfering and reminds her of Blood Atonement, which Dan seems pretty keen on trying out. Dianna attempts to warn Brenda that she isn't safe staying in the family, either, and that she should also get away — but Brenda feels this is her calling, and the sisters-in-law part with the promise to write one another. Pyre, learning this information, begins to fear that Dianna and her children may have already been found by Ron.

Seeking advice as to how this family thinks and feels, Pyre returns to Allen, who does not have comforting words for the detective — they should be worried about Dianna and her children because there is no way Ron would ever move on from her abandoning him that way. Allen informs the detective that he will find a red book hidden within a woodworking book in evidence that will tell a more accurate story of the Mormon people. After reviewing robbery footage and coming to the conclusion the robber was Jacob Lafferty, Pyre returns home while Taba drives to the Dream Extract. At the mine, Taba meets Prophet Onias who promises the detective he will speak with him in his home — only if he leaves his gun behind.

Pyre reads Allen's textbook in his car as his faith crumbles around him. His wife, Rebecca, joins him in the car to ask him why he's out of bed. Pyre shares the book with her and tells her he

is struggling, and the pair begin to pray together, though Pyre cannot finish the prayer. Rebecca asks her husband to bear his testimony before their congregation to prove he still believes in their one true religion, to which he agrees. Alone again, Pyre breaks into tears and tries to pull himself together.

Blood Atonement

Season 1

Episode Number: 7

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Summary: As the details of the murders become clear, Pyre and Taba embark on an interstate manhunt, hoping to catch the killers before they complete their list of those to be "blood atoned."

The episode begins with detective Pyre joining detective Bill to interrogate Prophet Onias. Through Onias, they garner Ron's removal revelation, previously referred to as the "holy list" by Sam. Onias expresses that Dianna and their children's lives are under threat. Dianna leaves her house in Florida with her children, fearing Ron's arrival to kill them. In a flashback scene, Dan visited Brenda and threatened her to reunite Ron and Dianna and grant permission to Allen to reconnect with his brothers. Pyre and Rebecca fight over the former's gradual loss of faith.

Pyre and Bill go to Wyoming and arrest Chip and Ricky, who accompanied Ron and Dan to Brenda's house for the murders. Through Chip and Ricky, Pyre and Bill confirm that Dan and Ron killed Brenda and Erica. They both reveal that the two brothers can be in Nevada since

they talked about making quick cash to fulfill the rest of the removal revelation. The detectives find the murder weapon as well. Pyre and Bill arrive in Reno, Nevada, to find the two brothers. Meanwhile, police officers find Dianna and her children in Florida.



While the officials take the children to a safe place, Dianna disappears to kill Ron. She arrives in Utah and comes across Matilda. Dianna and Matilda escape, despite encountering Sam Lafferty midway. Bill asks Pyre to "use his Mormon head" and follow his gut feeling to find Ron and Dan. They realize that the brothers are hiding at a casino in Reno.

From Chip and Ricky, Pyre and Bill understand that Ron and Dan are in a casino in Reno. The detectives locate the casino, go through the security footage of

the place, and realize that the two brothers are somewhere in the casino. While going through the footage, they also see the brothers with a waitress named Sandy. After some time, Pyre and Bill, along with other FBI officers, see Sandy parking her car very close to the greenrooms of the casino. The officers search all the greenrooms but fail to locate the brothers. Pyre, however, remains resolute and continues his search.

Pyre arrives at the mechanical room of the casino and gets into the room upon hearing noises. He comes to know that people frequently come to the place. It doesn't take long for Pyre to search in the restroom, only to find Ron and Dan there, the eldest brother trying to kill the latter. Before Ron could kill Dan, Pyre and other officers arrest both murderers. Ron and Dan's arrest also put an end to their wish to kill others in the removal revolution.

When Ron joined the School of the Prophets, Prophet Onias told him that he could be the one who would guide their fellow Mormon fundamentalists to a restored world. The revelations Ron received further made others believe that he is "the one." According to Joseph Smith's prophecy, there will be "one mighty and strong" to "set in order the house of God." The removal revelation led Ron to believe that he is the one mighty and strong. However, Dan's existence started to challenge Ron's belief, considering that there cannot be two prophets.

According to Mormon beliefs, there can only be a single prophet and Ron thinks that anyone who challenges the authority of "the one" should perish. He believes that Dan's potency is coming in the way of his true might and prophethood. Ron also has to be "the one" to fulfill God's command to kill the obstacles on his way. Thus, Ron decides to kill his brother for him to proclaim himself as the true prophet of the Mormons. Detective Pyre's intervention saves Dan's life before Ron could kill his brother to be the "one mighty and strong."

The investigation of Brenda and Erica's murders distance Pyre from his Mormon faith considerably. The realization that the very faith he follows has played a part in the murders of a young mother and her daughter affects him severely as a husband and father. Ron, Dan, and their fellow fundamentalists' actions make Pyre understand that he is unaware of several fundamentals of his faith. Eventually, he ends up questioning his faith and seeks reassurance in Mormon scriptures. His wife Rebecca witnesses her husband's gradual change and lets him know that she cannot live with someone who doesn't believe in her Mormon faith.

Even though Pyre may remain a Mormon for the sake of his family, he cannot follow the faith as he did before Brenda and Erica's murders. After completing the investigation, Pyre returns home and encourages one of his daughters to pray and express her gratitude towards the Heavenly Father. However, the same Pyre also stops believing that the world is a miracle conceived by God. When Pyre's mother Josie thanks God for creating a beautiful lake in the woods, referring to the same as a "miracle," Pyre tells her that the moment he shares with her is the miracle rather than the nature around them.

Pyre is slowly distancing away from his Mormon faith rather than attempting to disconnect from the same right away. He is aware that his familial life, as a husband and father, will suffer if he attempts to declare himself as a non-believer. Thus, he may continue questioning the same without relinquishing the faith altogether.

Actor Appearances

A

Graham Abbey	3
0103 (Bishop Young); 0104 (Bishop Young); 0105 (Bishop Young)	
Ron Anderson	1
0107 (Mormon Miner)	
Marty Antonini	1
0102 (Forest Ranger)	
Jagua Arneja	1
0107 (Pakistani Driver)	
Victor Atelevich	1
0105 (LDS Official)	

B

Lori Bachynski	3
0102 (Brenda's Neighbor); 0103 (Brenda's Neighbor); 0107 (Brenda's Neighbour)	
Daria Banu	1
0104 (Ann Randuk)	
Gillian Barber	3
0102 (Sister Dorren); 0103 (Sister Dorren); 0104 (sister Dorren)	
Dean Barrett	1
0107 (Reno Policeman)	
Carina Battrick	4
0101 (Jenny Lafferty); 0102 (Sam's Jenny Lafferty); 0103 (Sam's Jenny Lafferty); 0104 (Sam's Jenny Lafferty)	
Annabel Beames	1
0107 (Doctor's Daughter)	
Robert Beddow	1
0103 (Temple Performer (Adam))	
William Belleau	1
0107 (Paiute Leader)	
Jerod Blake	4
0101 (Desk Cop); 0102 (Desk Cop); 0104 (Desk Cop); 0107 (Desk Cop)	
Nancy Boyd	1
0107 (Brigham's Wife #1)	
Judith Buchan	2
0105 (Mrs. Chloe Low); 0106 (Mrs. Chloe Low)	
Evan Buliung	1
0107 (Major John D. Lee)	
Andrew Burnap	5
0101 (Joseph Smith); 0102 (Joseph Smith); 0103 (Joseph Smith); 0104 (Joseph Smith); 0105 (Joseph Smith)	
Caroline Buzanko	1
0107 (Arkansan Leader's Wife)	

C

Jerry Callaghan	2
0103 (Male Temple Worker); 0104 (Male Temple Worker)	

Scott Michael Campbell	5
0102 (Brigham Young); 0103 (Brigham Young); 0105 (Brigham Young); 0106 (Brigham Young); 0107 (Brigham Young)	
Tim Campbell	1
0104 (Leconte Bascom)	
Nicholas Carella	4
0104 (Bernard Brady); 0105 (Brady); 0106 (Brady); 0107 (Brady)	
Tom Carey	1
0105 (William Law)	
Alexandra Castillo	1
0107 (Female Detective)	
Conner Christmas	1
0103 (Haun's Militiaman)	
Lorette Clow	2
0106 (Mrs. Stowe); 0107 (Mrs. Stowe)	
Olivia Collier	3
0101 (Brenda's Sister #1); 0102 (Brenda's Sister #1); 0103 (Brenda's Sister #1)	
Kevin Corey	1
0107 (Arkansan Doctor)	
Robert Corness	1
0101 (Elderly Brother Alder)	

D

Aias Dalman	1
0103 (Haun's Mill Boy #1)	
Julia Van Dam	1
0106 (Bryant Wife #2)	
Brett Alexander Davidson	1
0103 (Highway Patrol #1)	
Brandon DeWyn	1
0105 (Bearded Militiaman)	
Peter Deiwick	1
0107 (LDS Colonel)	
Sarah Desjardins	1
0101 (Young Emma Smith)	
Chris Duchaine	2
0104 (Reporter #2); 0105 (Reporter #2)	
Christopher Duthie	2
0104 (Reporter #3); 0105 (Reporter #3)	

E

Alayna Edwards	3
0102 (Sam's Girl 2); 0103 (Sam's Girl 2); 0104 (Sam's Girl 2)	
Neil Enock	1
0104 (Ponytailed Man)	
Kurt Evans	1
0107 (FBI Agent)	

F

Sophia Fabris	4
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0101 (Brenda's Sister #3); 0102 (Brenda's Sister #3); 0103 (Brenda's Sister #3); 0107 (Brenda's Sister #3)

Katherine Fadum 1
 0105 (Mrs. Brady)
 Joelle Farrow 2
 0106 (Flora); 0107 (Flora)

G

Hannah Galway 2
 0106 (Betty Wright); 0107 (Betty Wright)
 Shane Ghostkeeper 2
 0106 (Convenience Store Clerk); 0107 (Convenience Store Clerk)
 Dean Paul Gibson 2
 0106 (Prophet Onias); 0107 (Prophet Onias)
 Darren Goldstein 4
 0101 (Mr. Wright); 0102 (Mr. Wright); 0103 (Mr. Wright); 0106 (Mr. Wright)
 Sebastian Greaves 1
 0106 (Missionary #1)

H

Sarah Haggeman 1
 0106 (Bryant Wife #1)
 Aidan Hamilton 1
 0104 (ATV Boy #1)
 Rob Hay 1
 0103 (Bus Driver)
 David Haysom 1
 0102 (Ohioan)
 Christopher Heatherington 1
 0101 (Motel Manager)
 Tiffany Helm 1
 0107 (Brigham's Wife #2)
 Kirk Heuser 2
 0104 (Tribune Reporter); 0105 (Tribune Reporter)
 Christopher Heyerdahl 6
 0101 (Ammon Lafferty); 0102 (Ammon Lafferty); 0103 (Ammon Lafferty); 0104 (Ammon Lafferty); 0105 (Ammon Lafferty); 0106 (Ammon Lafferty)
 Vanessa Holmes 3
 0101 (Larae Wright); 0102 (Laura Wright); 0103 (Larae Wright)
 Barclay Hope 3
 0104 (Chief Rick Belnap); 0105 (Chief Rick Belnap); 0107 (Chief Rick Belnap)
 Angie Hung 1
 0107 (Casino Security Guard)

I

John Innes 3
 0105 (Stake President Stowe); 0106 (Stake President Stowe); 0107 (Stake President Stowe)
 Britt Irvin 6
 0101 (Sarah Lafferty); 0102 (Sarah Lafferty); 0103 (Sarah Lafferty); 0104 (Sarah Lafferty); 0106 (Sarah Lafferty); 0107 (Sarah Lafferty)

J

Emily James 5
 0101 (Ron Lafferty Girl 1); 0103 (Ron Lafferty Girl 1); 0105 (Ron Lafferty Girl 1); 0106 (Ron Lafferty Girl 1); 0107 (Ron Lafferty Girl 1)
 Chance Johnson 1

0102 (Trafalgar Man)

K

Mark Kandborg 1
 0105 (SWAT Commander)
 Patrick Keating 1
 0102 (Old Man Patient)
 Kingston Kelly 1
 0103 (Haun's Mill Boy #2)
 Sienna King 5
 0101 (Annie Pyre); 0102 (Annie Pyre); 0103 (Annie Pyre); 0104 (Annie Pyre); 0107 (Annie Pyre)
 Richard Koy 2
 0101 (Major Carlton); 0103 (Major Carlton)

L

Israel Lachovsky 1
 0107 (Doctor / Priesthood Holder)
 Fionn Laird 1
 0106 (Missionary #2)
 Luke Lambert 1
 0102 (Desperate LDS Boy)
 Duval Lang 1
 0102 (Ohio Doctor)
 Abelynn Langille 4
 0101 (Matilda's Eilidh); 0102 (Matilda's Eilidh); 0103 (Matilda's Eilidh); 0105 (Matilda's Eilidh)
 David LeReaney 1
 0107 (Reno Captain)
 Stephane Legault 2
 0104 (Trooper Langford); 0105 (Trooper Langford)
 Megan Leitch 7
 0101 (Doreen Lafferty); 0102 (Doreen Lafferty); 0103 (Doreen Lafferty); 0104 (Doreen Lafferty); 0105 (Doreen Lafferty); 0106 (Doreen Lafferty); 0107 (Doreen Lafferty)
 Daniel Libman 2
 0104 (Roy Ballard); 0105 (Roy Ballard)
 Cliff Liknes 1
 0107 (Arkansan Leader)
 Michael Lipka 1
 0107 (Chip Carnes)
 Andrew David Long 1
 0105 (Hyrum Smith)
 Simon Longmore 1
 0107 (Circus Circus Security #1)
 Ty Loupelle 1
 0101 (Young Joseph Smith)

M

Larry MacDonald 1
 0103 (Haun's Militia Leader)
 Steven McCarthy 2
 0105 (John Taylor); 0107 (John Taylor)
 Bryan J. McHale 1
 0104 (Jim Lewis)
 Beau McHattie 5
 0101 (Ron Lafferty Boy 2); 0103 (Ron Lafferty Boy 2); 0105 (Ron Lafferty Boy 2); 0106 (Ron Lafferty Boy 2); 0107 (Ron Lafferty Boy 2)
 Rohan Mead 6
 0101 (Morris); 0103 (Morris); 0104 (Morris); 0105 (Morris); 0106 (Morris); 0107 (Morris)
 Geena Meszaros 1
 0105 (Canadian Woman)
 Neil Minor 1

0103 (Lab Tech)
 Frank Moore 2
 0106 (General Authority); 0107 (General Authority)
 Anne Mulders 1
 0103 (Woman in a Masonic Dress)
 Madeleine Murphy-Northcott 4
 0101 (Brenda's Sister #2); 0102 (Brenda's Sister
 #2); 0103 (Brenda's Sister #2); 0107 (Brenda's
 Sister #2)

————— N —————

Donna-Lynn Neumann 1
 0103 (Temple Performer)

————— O —————

Declan O'Reilly 3
 0102 (Ohio Town Official); 0103 (Ohio Town Offi-
 cial); 0104 (Ohio Town Official)
 Lonni Olson 1
 0107 (Casino Security Rep #2)
 Scott Olynek 2
 0101 (Officer Denney); 0106 (Officer Denney)

————— P —————

Ray Pearson 1
 0104 (Young Girl's Uncle (Kirtland))
 Chanelle Peloso 1
 0107 (Debbie)
 Tim Perez 1
 0102 (Suited Man)
 Chiara Petersen 1
 0104 (Young Girl (Kirtland))
 Taylor St. Pierre 7
 0101 (Jacob Lafferty); 0102 (Jacob Lafferty); 0103
 (Jacob Lafferty); 0104 (Jacob Lafferty); 0105
 (Jacob Lafferty); 0106 (Jacob Lafferty); 0107
 (Jacob Lafferty)
 Laurent Pitre 1
 0107 (Ricky Knapp)
 Valerie Planche 1
 0103 (Social Worker)

————— R —————

Megan Reneau 1
 0106 (Bryant Wife #3)
 Dante Rice 1
 0104 (ATV Boy #2)
 Dylan Roberts 1
 0107 (Peppermill Dealer)
 Tom Rooney 3
 0104 (Bishop Low); 0105 (Bishop Low); 0106 (Bishop
 Low)
 Ben Rose 1
 0107 (Higbee)
 Bruno Rudolf 1
 0105 (Joseph Smith III)
 Tyner Rushing 5
 0101 (Emma Smith); 0102 (Emma Smith); 0103
 (Emma Smith); 0104 (Emma Smith); 0105 (Emma
 Smith)
 Karen Ryan 1
 0107 (Brigham's Wife #3)

————— S —————

Gery Schubert 1
 0105 (County Sheriff)
 Zachary Ray Sherman 3
 0103 (Porter Rockwell); 0105 (Porter Rockwell); 0107
 (Porter Rockwell)
 Blake Stadel 1
 0103 (Utah County Sheriff)
 Micah Steinke 3
 0103 (Desk Cop #2); 0104 (Desk Cop #2); 0105
 (Desk Cop #2)
 Joel Stephanson 3
 0101 (Officer Halliday); 0105 (Officer Halliday); 0106
 (Officer Halliday)
 Roel Suasin 1
 0104 (Reporter #1)

————— T —————

Cody Ray Thompson 1
 0106 (John Bryant)
 Wil Thompson 2
 0104 (Rodney Nichols); 0105 (Rodney Nichols)
 Ariane Thomson 5
 0101 (Matilda's Cora); 0102 (Matilda's Cora); 0103
 (Matilda's Cora); 0105 (Matilda's Cora); 0106
 (Matilda's Cora)
 Alicia Thorgrimsson 1
 0105 (Older Woman)
 David Trimble 1
 0105 (Willard Richard)
 Holly Turner 1
 0103 (Female Temple Worker)

————— V —————

Kalem John Vaughan 1
 0103 (Haun's Boy #3)
 Graham Verchere 1
 0105 (George Cannon)

————— W —————

Alba Evora Weiler 5
 0101 (Caroline Pyre); 0102 (Caroline Pyre); 0103
 (Caroline Pyre); 0104 (Caroline Pyre); 0107 (Car-
 oline Pyre)
 Desandra R. Wickremasuriya 1
 0107 (Casino Patron)
 Michele Wienecke 5
 0101 (Lynn Lafferty); 0102 (Lynn Lafferty); 0103
 (Lynn Lafferty); 0104 (Lynn Lafferty); 0106 (Lynn
 Lafferty)
 Paul Wood 2
 0104 (Thin Man); 0105 (Thin Man)

————— Y —————

Blair Young 1
 0102 (Professor)

————— Z —————

Samuel Skye Kinaschuk Zeffer 3
 0101 (Brenda's Brother); 0102 (Brenda's Brother);
 0103 (Brenda's Brother)