

# Ezra Taft Benson

“Indeed, I have a vision of flooding the whole earth with the Book of Mormon.”

## Birth and Death

August 4, 1899 in Whitney, Idaho  
May 30, 1994 in Salt Lake City, Utah

## Baptized

August 4, 1907 in Logan River Canal,  
Whitney, ID

## Missions

1921 – 1923 to Great Britain

## Sustained as President and Prophet of the Church

1985

## Favorite:

**Hymn** – “How Great Thou Art”

**Saying** - “The Book of Mormon brings  
men to Christ.”

**Food** - Lemon Meringue Pie

## Verse From the “Prophet Song”

Dear President Benson warned us about pride.  
Read the Book of Mormon, he said 'til he died.  
It will strengthen lives and testimonies too.  
If you read and study, you will know it's true.

## Highlights of Administration

- ◆ Missions in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Russia, Ukraine, and East Berlin, Germany, Armenia, Uganda, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Ukraine, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia and Congo
- ◆ 1900<sup>th</sup> stake created

## What History Will Remember

He was the Secretary of Agriculture under President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Marriage

Flora Smith Amussen, 1926



**Church Membership**  
8,688,511

**Temples Dedicated**  
9, including Denver,  
Portland, Las Vegas,  
Frankfurt, San Diego

