Philip L. Barlow is the first scholar to hold the Arrington Chair of Mormon History and Culture at Utah State University. While many scholars have offered interpretations of the founder of Mormonism, Barlow argues that few grasp the radical nature and breathtaking scope of the problem Joseph Smith felt he and the world had inherited: the fracturing of reality. This fracturing the Mormon Prophet set out to heal entailed biblical, denominational, theological, ontological, existential, economic, political, social, racial, geographical, physical, and temporal dimensions. An attempt to grasp the breadth and depth of Smith’s vision reveals much about Smith himself, about Mormonism, and about antebellum religion and society in America.