

JOSEPH SMITH FALLS INTO A TRAP THAT SHOWS HE WAS NOT GETTING INFORMATION FROM GOD

Deuteronomy 18 which Mormon Prophet Smith fully accepted and even let it alone in his Inspired Translation of the Bible makes it clear that the criteria for judging a man to be a true prophet of God has to be rigid in the extreme meaning that God himself will work to perfect the prophet's work and watch over his failures to prevent them doing any harm to God's work.

Thus the Bible demonstrates that the Book of Mormon contains false prophecy. It says the Jews will accept Christ when they are back in their land.

The Book of Mormon predicts the Anthon testimony that a transcript, supposedly from the plates, he got showed real Egyptian and its translation would show it to be true. Anthon did no such thing.

It predicts that the testimony of the three witnesses to the golden plates from which the Book of Mormon were translated would be powerful. It was of foundational apologetic importance in primitive Mormonism and was not by any stretch of the imagination any good for the witnesses were unreliable especially the religiously insane Martin Harris.

Even if there were plates and real hieroglyphs the failures are sufficient to show that if any being from another world was behind the work it had to be Satan.

It would mean that Smith only imagined he was in touch with God and that he was insincere for only frauds give out prophecies after the events and there was no way God would speak through him. The Bible may say that Saul and Solomon were prophets who fell away but it is one thing for a prophet to fall away from the faith later in life but for a prophet to fall away too fast and even during his mission shows that that prophet was a fraud.

Witness of the alleged plates, David Whitmer in his book, *The Divine Authenticity of the Book of Mormon*, argued that Smith was only employed as an inspired translator of the Book of Mormon and had been rebelling and undermining the word of God from the start. Whitmer thinks he can admit this and still believe in the Book of Mormon. You can't have your cake and eat it. Smith was as much a prophet when he received the words appearing miraculously on the stone or the Urin and Thummim as he "translated" as Isaiah was when he felt that God was speaking through him.

Smith said that the Kinderhook Plates were genuine and even translated them. In fact the plates were a hoax with which it was planned to make him make a fool of himself. The Church protests that he didn't for the Plates were definitely fakes and holds that the Mormon sources of the time were wrong. But there is not a shred of evidence that the sources erred. The Church history and official newspapers said Smith regarded the Plates as genuine by a prophetic gift from God and stated that they were the religious writings of Ham the son of Noah.

The Church says that the entry in its history volumes was taken out of the diary of William Clayton and was not from Smith. The Church says that recording keeping was far from professional at that time. The Church says it doesn't have a translation for the plates and that Smith made no attempt to buy them and holds that this indicates that Smith knew they were fake. He did not need to purchase for he published facsimiles of the images on the plates. The translation was probably just a few notes before the official version would be put together. The Mormons are so sure then that Smith never thought God could translate the plates through him and they are the ones that argue from the scanty documentation of the times that it was just gossip that he did! This obstinacy is disturbing. If the translation by Smith was really hearsay then why did he never lay this rumour to rest for it was a very serious matter? Top Mormons believed in what the Church History said and they would know. There was a lot of interest in the plates and Smith would have discussed them with them. If people were going to make up stories about Smith finding a new scripture then why such an unimportant person as Ham? Why not Nephi or Alma from the Book of Mormon? Then you will ask why Smith chose Ham. But Smith made changes to the Bible to make it seem that Mormonism was taught in the days of Adam so now his game was to make it look as if it was taught in the days of Noah after the global flood.

Mormons cry "Hearsay" when anything bad is brought up about Smith and then they resort to outright speculation which is more unreliable than hearsay could ever be.

BOOKS CONSULTED

A GATHERING OF SAINTS, Robert Lindsay, Corgi, London, 1990

A MARVELLOUS WORK AND A WONDER, LeGrand Richards, Deseret Books, Utah, 1976
AN ADDRESS TO ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST, David Whitmer, Board of Publications of The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, Lacy Road, Independence, Missouri
ARE THE MORMON SCRIPTURES RELIABLE? Harry L Ropp, IVP, Illinois, 1987
ASK YOUR BISHOP, Ira T Ransom, 317 W 7th South, Brigham City, UT 84302
CHANGES IN JOSEPH SMITH'S HISTORY, Jerald and Sandra Tanner, Utah Lighthouse Ministry, 1965
CHANGING OF THE REVELATIONS, Apostle Daniel McGregor, Church of Christ, Independence, Missouri
GOD'S WORD FINAL INFALLIBLE AND FOREVER, Floyd C McElveen, Gospel Truth Ministries, Grand Rapids, 1985
CONCISE GUIDE TO TODAY'S RELIGIONS, Josh McDowell and Don Stewart, Scripture Press, Bucks, 1983
HOW TO ANSWER A MORMON, Robert A Morey, Bethany House Publishers, Minnesota, 1983
JOSEPH SMITH AND MONEY DIGGING, Jerald and Sandra Tanner, Utah Lighthouse Ministry, 1970
JOSEPH SMITH'S BAINBRIDGE NY COURT TRIALS, Wesley P Walters, Utah Lighthouse Ministry, Salt Lake City, 1977
LARSON'S BOOK OF CULTS, Bob Larson, Tyndale, Wheaton, Illinois, 1988
LEAVING THE SAINTS, Martha Beck, Portrait, London, 2005
MORMONISM SHADOW OR REALITY? Jerald and Sandra Tanner, Utah Lighthouse Ministry, 1972
MORMONISM, AA Hoekema, Paternoster Press, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1978
MORMONISM, MAGIC AND MASONRY, Jerald and Sandra Tanner, Utah Lighthouse Ministry, 1988
MORMONISM, MAMA AND ME, Thelma Geer, Calvary Missionary Press, Arizona, 1983
MORMONISM, THE PROPHET, THE BOOK AND THE CULT, Peter Bartley, Veritas, Dublin, 1989
NEW LIGHT ON MORMON ORIGINS, Rev Wesley P Walters, Utah Christian Tract Society, 1967
NO MAN KNOWS MY HISTORY, Fawn M Brodie, Vintage, New York, 1995
SOME MODERN FAITHS, Maurice C Burrell and J Stafford Wright, IVP, Leics, 1988
THE BIBLE UNEARTHED, Israel Finkelstein and Neil Asher Silberman, Touchstone Books, New York, 2002
THE BOOK OF COMMANDMENTS, Church of Christ, Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri, 1995
THE BOOK OF MORMON, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Deseret Enterprises Ltd, Manchester, UK, 1972
THE CASE AGAINST MORMONISM, VOL 2, Jerald and Sandra Tanner, Utah Lighthouse Ministry, 1968
THE FACTS OF MORMONISM ARE STRANGER THAN FICTION, Charles Crane and J Edward Decker, Christian Information Outreach, Kent, 1982
THE HUMAN ORIGIN OF THE BOOK OF MORMON, Wesley P Walters, Ex-Mormons for Jesus, Florida 1979
WHY THE CHURCH OF CHRIST WAS ESTABLISHED ANEW IN 1929?, Church of Christ with the Elijah Message, Independence, Missouri

THE WEB

THE BOOK OF MORMON WITNESSES

www.exmormon.org/file9.htm

Excellent refutation of the claims of the witnesses of the Book of Mormon

Barry R Bickmore

www.geocities.com/Athens/parthenon/2671/EC.html

MORMON SCHOLARSHIP, APOLOGETICS AND EVANGELICAL NEGLECT, Carl Mosser and Paul Owen,

www.gospelcom.net/apologeticsindex/cpoint10-2.html#mosserowen

BOOK OF MORMON QUESTIONS

www.lds-mormon.com/bookofmormonquestions.shtml

MORMONISM UNVAILED: MORE EVIDENCE THAT IT IS TRUE. Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry

www.carm.org/lds/unveiled_defended.htm

THE ABRIDGEMENT OF D&C 137

www.saintsalive./com/mormonism/falseprophetjs/htm

THE BOOK OF MORMON: ONE TOO MANY M'S Stephen Van Eck

www.infidels.org/library/modern/stephen_eck/toomany.html

EGYPTIAN CHARACTERS

www.mormonstudies.com/seer2.htm

This shows that when Smith translated the book of Abraham he invented hieroglyphics where there was a piece missing from the papyri. The characters Smith added make no sense to translators. Yet he translated these imaginary hieroglyphics!

His mother and close associate David Whitmer spoke of Joseph copying characters of the gold plates of the Book of Mormon before he translated and that like the Book of Abraham Smith often produced two lines in the manuscript with the translation of a single character which shows that the whole Book of Mormon thing was a hoax.

MORMON FARMS

www.xmission.com/~country/reason/farms_1.htm

by Jerald and Sandra Tanner. Gathers evidence that indicates that it was possible that Smith was insane and had manic depression.

DR CHARLES ANTHON RE AUTHENTICITY OF WRITING SAMPLES ALLEGEDLY COPIED FROM THE GOLDEN PLATES

www.mormonism-web.com/anthon.htm

INTERVIEW OF MARTIN HARRIS

www.xmission.com/~research/about/docum4.htm

COMMENTS ON THE BOOK OF MORMON WITNESSES: A RESPONSE TO JERALD AND SANDRA TANNER

www.mormons.org/response/bom/witnesses_Roper.htm

A ridiculous rebuttal that has been taken into account for this book and refuted.

FACTS ON THE BOOK OF MORMON WITNESSES, PART 1

www.irr.org/mit/bomwit1.html

Excellent refutation of the reliability of the witnesses to the Book of Mormon

THE STOLEN MANUSCRIPT

www.utlm.org/onlineresources/bom_early_problems/goldenbible_stolenmanuscript.htm

