

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: The Book of Mormon

The Story of Mormonism

- In 600 BCE, ancient prophets wrote the history of the Hebrews who came to America from Jerusalem. One of the prophets named Mormon abridged these texts and wrote them on gold plates. When the book was complete Moroni (Mormon's son) sealed it and hid the sacred record until God appeared again.
- In 1823 the resurrected ancient prophet Moroni, in the form of an angel, visited Joseph Smith and delivered the engraved sheets of metal containing the book of Mormon.

The Book of Mormon

- Made up of 15 main parts, each designated by its principal author, offers an account of two civilizations that existed in ancient North America
- Supplement to the Bible. It bridges the gap between the apostolic church initiated by Jesus and the restored church that God called Smith to reinstate in America.

My Doubts:

- Disappearing of the "metal plates." No one else saw the plates, beside Joseph Smith. (solo revelation) Joseph Smith had an individual Divine revelation and no one was able there to confirm if it really happened.
- Religion started in America. It isn't a great sign if a religion started in America.
- Text does not have any historicity. (no ancient language, no historical events) Nothing in the book of Mormon is verifiable.
- Not until 1970, church discriminated against African Americans.
- Idea of heaven is funky. Three levels.