



Intel on Joseph Smith

There are several strong theological and historical arguments against Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), that demonstrate he was a false prophet and a heretic from a biblical Christian perspective. Here are key points that counter his claims:

1. Contradicting the Bible

Joseph Smith introduced doctrines that directly contradict the teachings of Scripture, which is a mark of false prophets (Deuteronomy 13:1-3; Galatians 1:8-9).

- **Polytheism vs. Biblical Monotheism:**
 - Smith taught that God was once a man who became exalted (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, p. 345-347), contradicting Isaiah 43:10 ("Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me").
 - The Bible affirms monotheism (Isaiah 44:6, 8; Deuteronomy 6:4), while Smith promoted the idea that men can become gods, which aligns with Satan's lie in Genesis 3:5 rather than Christian doctrine.
- **A Different Gospel:**
 - Galatians 1:8-9 warns against preaching "another gospel." The Book of Mormon and other LDS scriptures introduce a "gospel" different from the biblical one.
 - Ephesians 2:8-9 teaches salvation by grace through faith alone, but Mormonism requires works, temple rituals, and obedience to church ordinances for exaltation.

2. False Prophecies

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 states that a prophet who speaks falsely in the name of the Lord has not been sent by God. Joseph Smith made numerous failed prophecies, proving he was a false prophet:

- **New Jerusalem in Missouri (1832, Doctrine & Covenants 84:2-5, 31)**
 - Smith prophesied that the city of Zion (New Jerusalem) would be built in Missouri within his generation. It never happened.
- **The Return of Christ (History of the Church, Vol. 2, p. 182)**
 - Smith claimed Jesus would return within 56 years (before 1891). This did not occur.

- **The U.S. Government to Be Overthrown (Doctrine & Covenants 87:6)**
 - He prophesied the U.S. government would be “utterly overthrown and wasted” due to the Civil War. This never happened.
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3. Fabricating the Book of Mormon

Joseph Smith claimed to have translated the Book of Mormon from "golden plates" using a seer stone. There is no archaeological, linguistic, or historical evidence to support the existence of the Nephite and Lamanite civilizations described in the Book of Mormon.

- DNA studies refute the claim that Native Americans descended from Israelites, a key premise of the Book of Mormon.
 - The Book of Mormon contains numerous anachronisms (e.g., steel, horses, and wheat in pre-Columbian America) that did not exist in that era.
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4. Occult and Masonic Connections

Smith had a background in folk magic, treasure hunting, and Freemasonry:

- He used a seer stone to search for buried treasure before claiming to use it to translate the Book of Mormon.
 - Many LDS temple rituals are nearly identical to Masonic rites, which he incorporated after joining the Freemasons in 1842.
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5. Immorality and False Teachings About Marriage

Smith introduced polygamy, despite the Bible's clear teachings on monogamous marriage (1 Timothy 3:2, 12; Genesis 2:24). He married at least 30 women, including teenagers and already-married women, contradicting biblical sexual ethics (Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 7:2).

Conclusion: Joseph Smith as a False Prophet

By biblical standards, Joseph Smith qualifies as a false prophet and heretic because he:

1. Preached a different God than the Bible.
2. Introduced another gospel.
3. Gave false prophecies.
4. Fabricated scripture with no historical basis.

5. Engaged in occult practices and false teachings.
6. Lived immorally while claiming divine revelation.

Christians should reject Joseph Smith's teachings and adhere to the true gospel found in Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Jude 3).



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