



Offense against the Book of Mormon

A strong internal critique of the *Book of Mormon* can be made by examining its own claims, prophecies, and theological contradictions, especially when compared to the Bible. Below are key points showing inconsistencies and false prophecies within the *Book of Mormon* itself and how it contradicts the Bible.

1. False Prophecy in the Book of Mormon – Zarahemla and the Lamanites

- ◆ *Helaman 13:5–10* (Book of Mormon)

Samuel the Lamanite prophesied that within 400 years of Christ's coming, the Nephite civilization would be utterly destroyed unless they repented. He gave a precise timeline:

- *Helaman 13:9*: "And four hundred years shall not pass away before I will cause that they shall be smitten; yea, I will visit them with the sword and with famine and with pestilence."

✓ **Fulfillment Check:** According to *Mormon 8:6*, the Nephites were indeed destroyed around 385 A.D. However, the *Book of Mormon* itself states that the last Nephite, Moroni, lived until at least 421 A.D. (*Moroni 10:1*), contradicting the prophecy that they would be destroyed **before** 400 years had passed.

This means:

- Either Samuel's prophecy was false, or
 - The Book of Mormon is internally inconsistent.
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2. False Prophecy about the New Jerusalem in America

- ◆ *Ether 13:2–6* (Book of Mormon) claims that the ancient Jaredites were aware that the **New Jerusalem** would be built in America, not in Israel.

- ◆ *3 Nephi 21:23–24* states that Jesus declared the New Jerusalem would be established by the remnant of Joseph (Native Americans) in the land of America.

✓ Biblical Contradiction:

The Bible prophesies the New Jerusalem will descend from Heaven, not be built by men in America:

- *Revelation 21:2* – "And I saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband."
- *Zechariah 14:4* – The Messiah will reign from **Jerusalem in Israel**, not America.

Thus, the *Book of Mormon* contradicts biblical prophecy.

3. Contradiction Between the Book of Mormon and the Bible on Skin Color and Curse

♦ *2 Nephi 5:21* (Book of Mormon) claims that God cursed the Lamanites (ancestors of Native Americans, according to LDS teachings) with **dark skin** as a mark of their wickedness:

- "He had caused the cursing to come upon them, yea, even a sore cursing, because of their iniquity... wherefore, as they were white, and exceedingly fair and delightsome, that they might not be enticing unto my people, the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them."

✓ Biblical Contradiction:

The Bible never teaches that skin color is a curse or a sign of wickedness.

- *Acts 17:26* – "And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth."
- *1 Samuel 16:7* – "For the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

This teaching in the *Book of Mormon* is both racist and unbiblical.

4. Jesus' Birthplace Contradiction

♦ *Alma 7:10* (Book of Mormon) states that Jesus would be born "**at Jerusalem, which is the land of our forefathers.**"

✓ Biblical Contradiction:

- *Micah 5:2* – Prophesies Jesus would be born in **Bethlehem, not Jerusalem.**
- *Matthew 2:1* – "Now after Jesus was born in **Bethlehem of Judea** in the days of Herod the king."

This is a clear historical error.

5. Archaeological Evidence Against the Book of Mormon

The *Book of Mormon* describes advanced civilizations, animals, and technology in the Americas that lack archaeological evidence.

◆ Examples:

- *Ether 9:18–19* mentions **horses, elephants, and cattle** in pre-Columbian America (before 1492).
- *2 Nephi 5:15* mentions **steel swords and chariots**.

✓ Archaeological Problem:

- No evidence of steel, horses, or elephants in America before European contact.
 - The Bible, in contrast, has archaeological support (e.g., evidence of ancient Israel, the Hittites, Babylonian captivity, etc.).
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6. The Ever-Changing Doctrine of the Book of Mormon

The *Book of Mormon* originally taught **monotheism**, but later LDS teachings promoted **polytheism** (i.e., men can become gods).

- ◆ *2 Nephi 31:21* (1830 Book of Mormon) – "This is the doctrine of Christ, and the only and true doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is **one God**."
- ◆ Later, LDS doctrine evolved into **polytheism**, as found in *Doctrines and Covenants 132:20*, where men can become gods.

✓ Biblical Contradiction:

- *Isaiah 43:10* – "Before Me there was no God formed, and there will be none after Me."
- *Deuteronomy 6:4* – "The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!"

The *Book of Mormon* contradicts both itself and the Bible on the nature of God.

Conclusion: The Book of Mormon is Not from God

1. It contains **false prophecies** (*Helaman 13, Ether 13*).
2. It **contradicts the Bible** on key doctrines (*New Jerusalem, Jesus' birthplace, nature of God*).
3. It has **racist theology** (*2 Nephi 5:21*).
4. It lacks **archaeological support** (horses, steel, cities).
5. It promotes a **changing theology** (*original monotheism vs. later polytheism*).

📖 **Galatians 1:8 (NASB95)** – "But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!"

This aligns with how Joseph Smith claimed to receive the *Book of Mormon* from an angel (Moroni), yet it contradicts the true Gospel.



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