

## Why Have the Book of Mormon? Does not the Bible teach us to avoid “Another Gospel”?

The Book of Mormon teaches the very same Gospel as the Bible, it covers several migrations to the Americas and point for point has the same teachings as the Bible. It also covers the visitation of Jesus Christ to the Americas soon after His resurrection. The Bible teaches this important concept:

**2 Corinthians 13:1** - *This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.*

The Book of Mormon itself claims to not usurp the truth of the Bible but rather to verify the truth of the Bible and that Jesus is the only Savior.

**1 Nephi 3:192** *And the angel spake unto me, saying, These last records which thou hast seen among the Gentiles shall establish the truth of the first, which are of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, and shall make known the plain and precious things which have been taken away from them;*

The Book of Mormon was also sent to restore many of the plain and precious things that were lost from the Bible during the dark ages. As we know from history many books in the Bible were lost or not included with the canon. The Bible itself even refers to some of these books: The lost books of Nathan, Iddo, Samuel, Jasher, Shemaiah, Jehu, Seers, and Lost Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians, Ephesians, Laodicia, Jude and others. The Bible gives several direct Prophecies of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon:

**Isaiah 29:4** *And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.*

This passage is referring to a work coming from the ground, and will whisper from the dust as if from a voice from the dead. The Nephite peoples wrote their words on gold and brass plates and buried them with the intent to speak to their descendants many generations in the future as if with a familiar spirit.

**Isaiah 29:11** *And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: 12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.*

This was literally fulfilled with Martin Harris copied several characters from the gold plates and showed the copy to a Professor Anthon who verified the translation was correct. When Anthon requested to see the plates he was told they were sealed and not allowed to view them himself. On the other hand Joseph Smith, an unlearned farm boy was permitted to view and translate the Book of Mormon.

**Isaiah 29:18** *And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.*

**Isaiah 29:24** *They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.*

As we can see this book will give sight to the spiritually blind and hearing to the spiritually deaf and bring understanding and doctrine to those who erred and murmured. Nowhere does the Bible fit this description, it has to be something outside of the Bible but good.

**Revelation 14:6** - *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,*

Here we see the everlasting Gospel will come forth by the hand of an Angel. Nowhere is it recorded that the Bible or a book of the Bible came forth through the hand of an Angle like the Book of Mormon did.

**John 10:16** - *And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*

In this passage Jesus will personally visit other tribes of Israel who will “Hear my voice”. There are numerous Native American legends of a bearded White God who visited them, taught peace, healed their sick and performed many miracles. There are more prophecies in the Bible that foretell of the Book of Mormon.