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Corinthians 11:3). Jesus Himself said, "My Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). Jesus is not the Father and such a false statement is **proof positive** that the Book of Mormon is false.

It stands to reason that if God guided the translation of the Book of Mormon, it would not contain such **conspicuous** contradictions with the Bible. Remember, Mormon leaders claimed that in translating, all mistakes were **corrected** as they were **detected**. This means that God **failed** to detect these mistakes!

"The Assembling Of Ourselves Together"

Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday

10:15 am.....Worship
Las Vegas Library
833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Monday

7:00 pm.....Acts Study
Cogburn residence

Tuesday

7:00 pm.....Ladies' Study
Adam & Alexis Barajas residence

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Various Studies
Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

Acts 16:30

Learn The Gospel

John 6:45; Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25

Believe On GOD In CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; James 2:14-26

Confess CHRIST

Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33; 7:21

Repent Of Sin

Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:8

Be Baptized

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6; 1st Peter 3:21

Be Steadfast

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

"Give Attention To Reading"

1st Timothy 4:13

Your reading assignments for this week are as follows:

Sunday.....Ezekiel 46-48

Monday.....Daniel 1-3

Tuesday.....Daniel 4-6

Wednesday.....Daniel 7-9

Thursday.....Daniel 10-12

Friday.....Hosea 1-3

Saturday.....Hosea 4-7

"Sound Doctrine"

Titus 2:1

THE BOOK OF MORMON CONTRADICTS THE BIBLE

by Jon Gary Williams

The book of Mormon contains numerous contradictions with the Bible. The following examples, which still appear in recent editions, are more than **conspicuous**.

The Bible says that Jesus was born in **Bethlehem** (Matthew 2:1). However, the Book of Mormon reads, "And behold, he shall be born of Mary at **Jerusalem**" (Alma 7:10). The writer of the Book of Mormon simply did not have his facts straight. The common Mormon explanation for this is that since Jerusalem was so **close** to Bethlehem, it could be said He was born there. However, in the Bible, prophets of God did not make it a practice of just being **close**. God would not make such a mistake!

The Bible relates that at the crucifixion there were three **hours** of darkness (Luke 23:44). However, the Book of Mormon states there was darkness "for the space of three **days**" (Helaman 14:20, 27). Which one is true?

The Book of Mormon relates that at the tower of Babel the Jaradites had their separate language (Ether 1:34-35). The Bible, however, plainly states "*the whole earth was of one language*" (Genesis 11:1). Apparently, the writer of the Book of Mormon mistakenly thought there were **many different languages** and that God confounded them while sparing the language of the Jaradites. The fact is, there was only **one language** and God confounded the people by creating **different languages!** It is obvious that whoever wrote the

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Book of Mormon was lacking in Biblical understanding.

3rd Nephi II:8-10 claims that after Jesus ascended to heaven He **appeared** in America to the Lamanites and Nephites in 34 A.D. However, this clearly **contradicts** the Bible. Of the ascension of Christ to heaven God said, *"Sit Thou on my right hand until I make Thy foes thy footstool"* (Acts 2:34-35). **How long** was He to be in heaven at God's right hand? *"For he must reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death"* (1st Corinthians 15:25-26).

Furthermore, of the ascension the Bible teaches, *"whom the heavens must receive until the restitution of all things"* (Acts 3:21). Christ did **not** come to America because He has been in heaven from the time of His ascension.

In the Bible, the name "Jesus" was **first** announced by an angel to Mary (Luke 1:31). This was in 5 B.C. However, Alma 19:29, dated in the Book of Mormon at 90 B.C., has a woman speaking to the Lord and calling Him "Jesus". Now, which account is true?

The Bible teaches that the **church was established on the day of Pentecost** following the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2). This was about 30 A.D. However, Mosiah 18:17, dated at **145 B.C.**, has the church **already existing**. Quite a discrepancy, to say the least. Both cannot be correct. Note, the same reference from Mosiah also mentions "baptism" as the means of being added to the church. However, according to the Bible the baptism taught by Christ did not begin until **New Testament** times (Matthew 28:19).

The Bible clearly reveals that the disciples of Christ *"were called Christians first in Antioch"* (Acts 11:26). This was about 40 A.D. However, Alma 46:13, 15, dated at **73 B.C.**, has people wearing the name "Christian". This is over **100 years** difference. Now, which account are people to believe?

The Book of Mormon teaches that *"Melchizedek... did reign under his father"* (Alma 13:18). Yet, the Bible reveals that Melchizedek was a priest **under no one**. His priesthood typified the priesthood of Christ and was, therefore, **unique**. In contrast to the Book of Mormon, the Bible states Melchizedek was *"without father, without mother, without*

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descent" (Hebrews 7:3), emphasizing that he **did not inherit** his priesthood. The writer of this book did not know his Bible.

Mosiah 4:2-3 tells that the people had forgiveness of their sins by the "atoning blood of Christ". However, this was **over 150 years before Christ died!** The Bible plainly says that *"without shedding of blood is no remission"* (Hebrews 9:22). How could their sins have been forgiven **before** Christ's blood was even shed?

3rd Nephi 18:28-29 speaks of those who are "unworthy" to partake of the communion and that such people should be **forbidden** to partake. This is an obvious reference to Paul's discussion in 1st Corinthians 11:27, 29. In fact, the Book of Mormon has a footnote to that effect. The application made here shows that the writer of the Book of Mormon did not understand what Paul was saying and made a serious **misinterpretation!** Paul was not discussing man's **personal worthiness** or lack of it. Rather, he was discussing the **manner** in which the communion was being partaken. The context makes this clear. The word *"unworthily"* is an adverb of manner and points to the way and manner in which a thing is done. The church at Corinth was abusing the communion in the manner they were observing it. To show the correct idea the American Standard Version uses the phrase *"in an unworthy manner"*. By misinterpreting the word *"unworthy"*, the composer unknowingly shows his work to be **man-made**.

In Ether 3:14 Jesus is reported as saying, "Behold, I am Jesus Christ. **I am the Father and the Son**". Such a statement is totally false. To have Jesus claiming to be the Father contradicts many plain Bible verses. Paul, for example, declared *"the head of Christ is God"* (1st

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