Discrepancies

Book of Mormon came first

- We adopted many ideas after.
- We can see these were contrary to truth

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(RCE: 2 Nephi 12: 42 LDS: 2 Nephi 29:2)

And that the words of your seed should proceed forth out of My mouth unto your seed.

And My words shall hiss forth unto the ends of the earth for a standard unto My people which are of the house of Israel;

The Book of Mormon Contains the Standard

• We haven't learned.... Every doctrine to be compared to it

Baptism...for the Dead?

- Is a notion of the Gentiles
- Teaches that souls repented after this life
- Baptism in this life makes up for lack of baptism while they lived.

Where did the idea of a Prison House originate?

 Influence by the apocryphal writings of Enoch, which were embraced by Freemasonry

Enoch and Freemasons

 This legend appears in Masonic texts like <u>Albert Mackey's</u> <u>History of Freemasonry</u>

Book of Enoch and Freemasonry

Prison for Fallen Angels (1 Enoch 21:9–10, trans. R.H. Charles):

"And I saw there a place, isolated, and the angels who had sinned were cast into it, and they were bound there.

And Uriel said to me: 'Here shall the angels who have descended to earth, who have corrupted their ways, be confined until the end of the great judgment."

Book of Enoch and Freemasonry

Separation into Different Spaces (1 Enoch 22:9–11, trans. R.H. Charles):

"And he showed me all the divisions of these souls, and the different places prepared for them.

One place was for the righteous,

another for the sinners who had lived in wickedness,

and another for those who had suffered violence and had not received justice in their lives.

And I saw that these places were separated by a great chasm, so that the souls could not pass from one to another."

Restoration Discrepancy:

Doctrine and Covenants

 Repentance can occur after this life.

Book of Mormon

 Repentance can occur only in this life

'Inspired Version' of the Bible

Genesis 6:30

And an hell I <u>have</u>
prepared for them, if
they repent not;

1 Nephi 4:60

And there is a place prepared,

yea, even **that awful hell** of which I have spoken,

And the devil is the preparator of it.

'Inspired Version' of the Bible

Genesis 6:30

And an hell I have prepared for them, if they repent not;

Genesis 7:64 And as many of the spirits as were in prison came forth and stood on the right hand of God. And the remainder were reserved in chains of darkness until the judgment of the great day.

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DC 76:7r

these are they who are <u>cast down to hell and suffer the wrath</u> <u>of Almighty God until the fullness of times</u>,

when Christ shall have subdued all enemies under his feet, and shall have perfected his work, when he shall deliver up the kingdom and present it unto the Father spotless, saying:

Joseph Smith emphasized that the deceased retained their agency in the spirit world,

....meaning they could choose to accept or reject the gospel and ordinances like baptism performed on their behalf. In a sermon on October 3, 1841, published in the **Times and Seasons**, Smith stated:

The spirits of the dead... are not shut out from the means of salvation.

The gospel is preached to them, and they have the privilege of accepting it.

Baptism for the dead is the means whereby they can be saved, if they accept the ordinance in the spirit world.

Repentance only exists while in the Flesh...

The Restoration has Correantun's Problem:

We don't think the Justice of God is fair.

Correantun's issue:

Alma 19:81 And now, my son, I perceive there is somewhat more which doth worry your mind which ye cannot understand, Which is concerning the justice of God in the punishment of the sinner, For ye do try to suppose that it is injustice that the sinner should be consigned to a state of misery.

(LDS: Alma 42:1)

The Principle taught by Alma:

If Reward is Eternal, then Punishment must also be Eternal.

Book of Mormon teaches

- Mortality = Temporal Life
- Mortality = Probation
- Calls it 'day' vs 'night of darkness'
- Repentance MUST occur in this day of probation.

Lehi's words: probation is mortal life

<u>Lehi states:</u> "I have spoken these few words unto you all, my sons, in the last days of my probation"

1 Nephi 4:52

For the day should come that they must be judged of their works,

Yea, even the works which were done by the temporal body in their days of probation.

1 Nephi 3:34

Wherefore, if ye have sought to do wickedly in the days of your probation,

then ye are found unclean before the judgment seat of God,

35 And no unclean thing can dwell with God,

wherefore, ye must be cast off forever;

(LDS: 1 Nephi 10:21)

Alma 16:230 For after this day of life, which is given us to prepare for eternity,

Behold, if we do not improve our time while in this life,

then cometh the **night of darkness** wherein there can be no labor performed.

Alma 19:94 Therefore, according to justice, the plan of redemption could not be brought about, only on conditions of repentance of men in this probationary state, yea, this preparatory state;

For, except it were for these conditions, mercy could not take effect, except it should destroy the work of justice;

2 Nephi 6:72

And in fine, wo unto all they that die in their sins! for they shall return to God and behold His face and remain in their sins.

(LDS: 2 Nephi 9:38)

Mosiah 8:77 "But remember that he that persists in his own carnal nature and goes on in the ways of sin and rebellion against God, He remaineth in his fallen state and the devil hath all power over him; (LDS: Mosiah 16:5)

Alma 5:37 Therefore I say unto you, the time shall come, yea, and it shall be at the last day, that he which is filthy shall remain in his filthiness.

(LDS: Alma 7:21)

THIS IS WHY GOD CAME INTO THIS MORTAL EXISTENCE

- The penalty had to be paid in the FLESH.
- Therefore Repentance must occur IN THE FLESH.
- After this life it is too late.

Helaman 5 (LDS: Helaman 14:16)

69 Yea, it behooveth Him and becometh expedient that He dieth to bring to pass the resurrection of the dead, That thereby men may be brought into the presence of the Lord;

70 Yea, behold, this death bringeth to pass the resurrection and redeemeth all mankind from the first death - that spiritual death, For all mankind - by the fall of Adam, being cut off from the presence of the Lord - are considered as dead, both as to things temporal and to things spiritual.

71 "But behold, the resurrection of Christ redeemeth mankind - yea, even all mankind - and bringeth them back into the presence of the Lord;

72 **Yea, and it bringeth to pass the conditions of repentance,** That whosoever repenteth, the same is not hewn down and cast into the fire;

73 But whosoever repenteth not is hewn down and cast into the fire, And there cometh upon them again a spiritual death, yea, a second death, For they are cut off again as to things pertaining to righteousness.

The Notion of Baptism for the Dead... Contradicts God's Laws.

- Repentance must occur in the flesh
- Baptism is for those capable of repentance
- No repentance exists in the afterlife