

A Tale of Two Zions...Part 2



A Restored Gospel Podcast Presentation



Charles Spurgeon on *Discernment*

Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong.

***It is knowing the difference between right
and almost right.***

—C.H. Spurgeon.

QUESTION:
What list is this?

- Melchizedek Priesthood
- A Gathering of Gentiles in the Last Days to Build Zion
- Enoch City
- Enoch City taken to heaven, will return to earth.
- Everlasting Covenant with Enoch: Zion (Enoch's City) returns.
- Zion on earth for 1000 years, the Millennium.



Answer:
Restoration ideas NOT in
the Book of Mormon.

- Melchizedek Priesthood
- Enoch City
- Enoch City was on earth, taken to heaven, will return to earth.
- Everlasting Covenant with Enoch: When we embrace the truth, Zion (Enoch's City) returns.
- Gentiles gather to build Zion
- Zion on earth for 1000 years, the Millennium.



Comparing
The Traditions told by
Restored Church
vs
What the Book of
Mormon Teaches.



The Tale of Two Zions

Traditional Story

- 'Saints' Gathered?
- '1000' years?
- Enoch?
- Enoch Covenant Heavenly City at Beginning of 'Zion'
- Physical City (Zion) by Gentiles

Book of Mormon

- Saints throughout Earth
- A Long Time
- Enoch Never Mentioned
- No Enoch Covenant or Heavenly City at Beginning of days of Christ but Christ is Present with power of Heaven.
- Physical City (New Jerusalem) by Joseph's Remnant, Gentiles Assist.

Enoch Legend...

- Promotes that Enoch City was taken from earth.
- Teaches that Enoch City Returns to Earth
- Teaches that Enoch City return begins the Millennium
- Emphasizes an Everlasting Covenant with Enoch.
- Enoch, 1000 Years, Millenium



Book of Mormon



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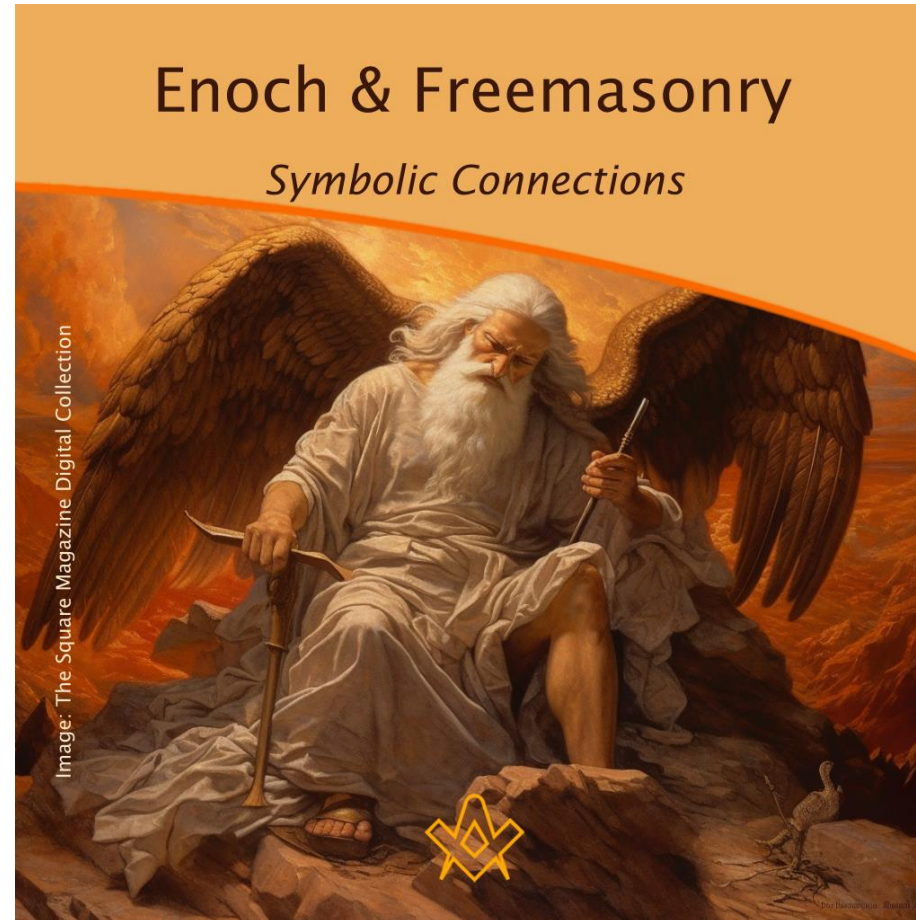
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Who made a big deal about Enoch?

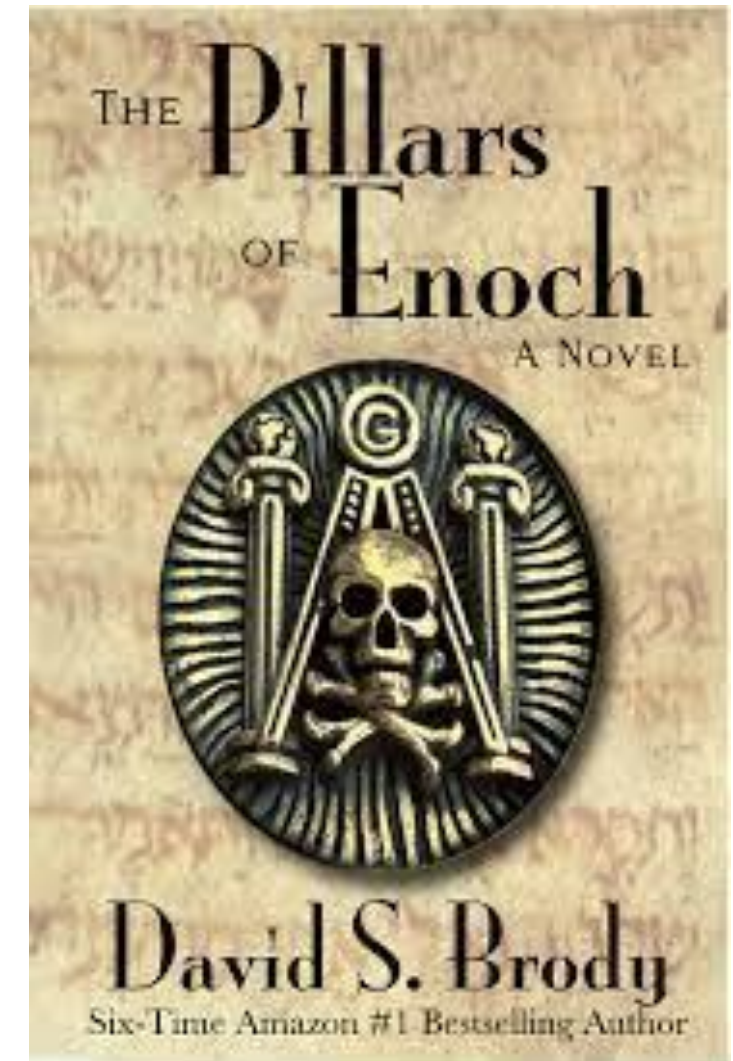
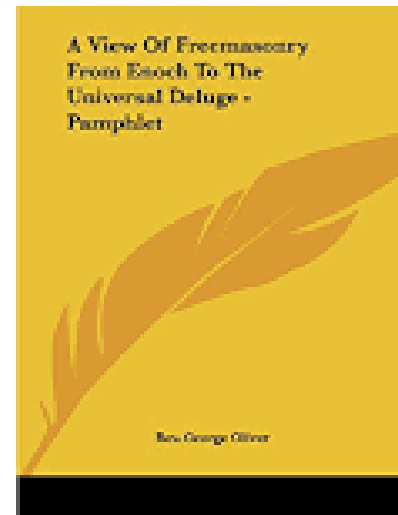
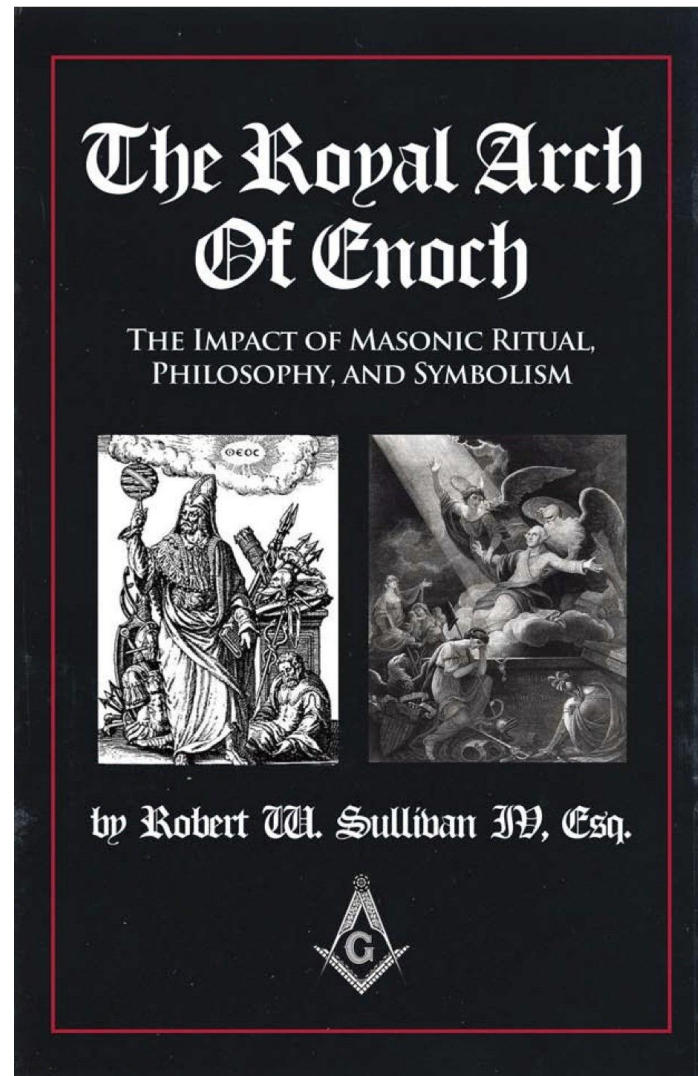
The 'Free Masons'



Title Page States:
"Enoch, a biblical figure shrouded in mystery, has captivated the minds of theologians, scholars, and even secret societies like the Freemasons."

<https://www.thesquaremagazine.com/mag/article/202308enoch-and-freemasonry/>

Enoch was a staple of Free Masons



Enoch is written in:

- **Kabbalistic** Literature (Jewish Mysticism)
- **Coptic** Literature (**Egyptian Christian- Kebra Nagast**)
- **Apocrypha** (not included in Bible Cannon)
- Several Fraternal Orders including **Free Masonry**:

But

- Enoch stories NOT contained in Hebrew Old Testament or Book of Mormon.

Many orders talking about Enoch in the 1800's:

(From ChatGPT)

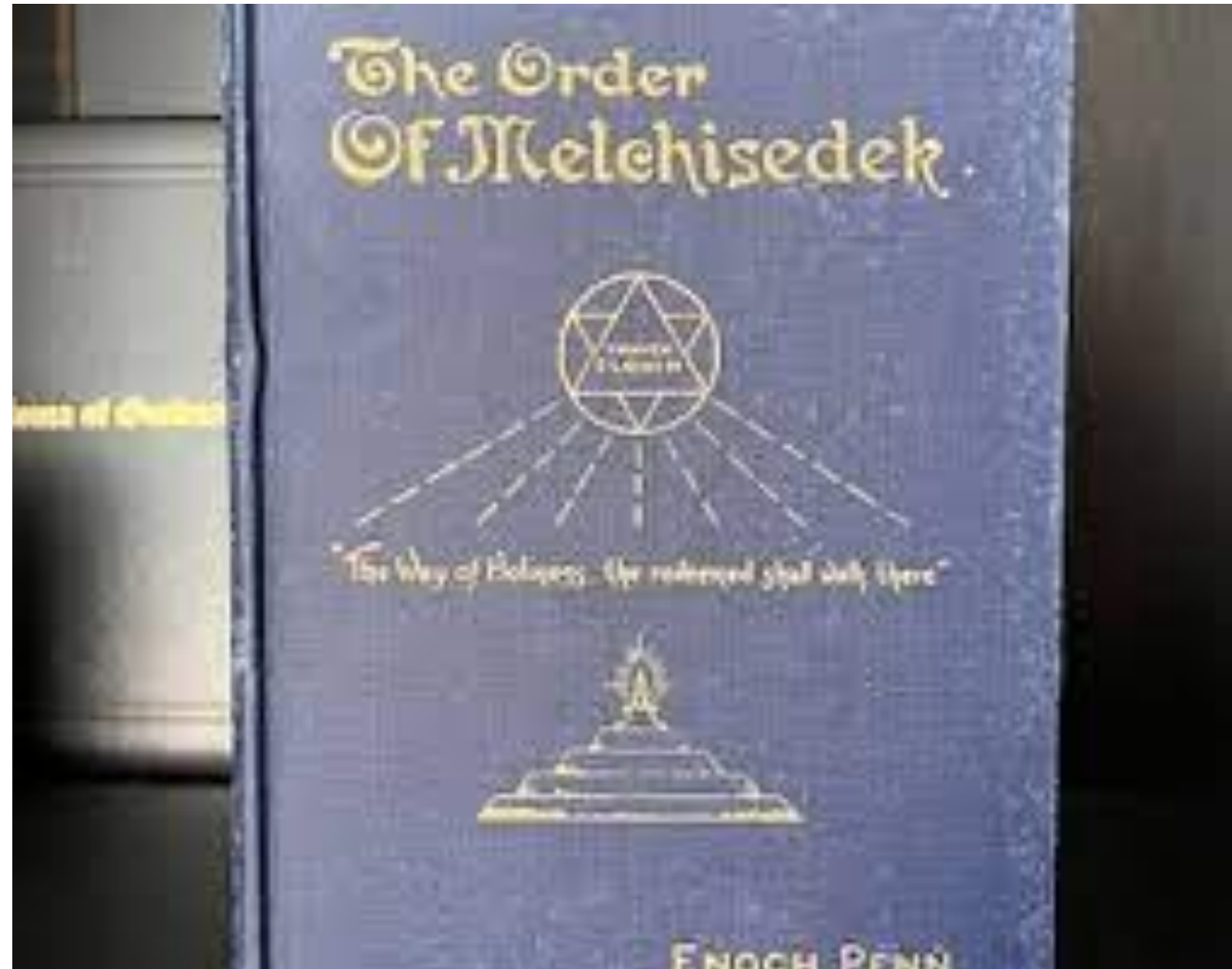
- **The Rosicrucian Order** (The Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn)—A secret order from Europe, brotherhood.
- **The Theosophical Society** (later 1800's)—teachings rooted in accessing hidden knowledge, but promoting world brotherhood.
- **Masonic Lodges**—James Bruce discovers Kebra Nagast, has translated 1700s. Becomes staple of Masonic teaching.
- **The Spiritualism Movement** of the 19th century—spiritual 'mediums' became popular, supposedly communing with dead spirits.

Enoch was a staple of Free Masons

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=rxGgq8mPdOw&feature=youtu.be>



The Root of Freemasonry (illuminati)
Enochian Magic, Enoch Vs Enoch. w...
Today Now You See TV interviews Gary Wayne
the author of "Genesis & Conspiracy". We are
discussing the different Enoch's of the...



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The Legend of Enoch False but Fascinating

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Enoch and the Genesis of Freemasonry

Tobias Churton

In 1773, Freemason James Bruce returned to Europe with the Ethiopic *Book of Enoch*—too late, it transpired, to affect a restoration of Enoch to masonic significance then occurring in America. Enoch featured in a “Rite of the Royal Secret” of 25 degrees promoted by Freemasons Estienne Morin and Deputy, Henry Andrew Francken, some time between Francken’s establishment of an “Ineffable Lodge of Perfection” in Albany, New York, in 1767, and Morin’s death in 1771.¹ “Morin’s Rite” seeded what would become the Ancient & Accepted (Scottish) Rite. Its Thirteenth Degree is known in Great Britain as “The Royal Arch of Enoch,” and in the United States as the “Royal Arch of Solomon” or “Master of the Ninth Arch.”² Enoch appears as visionary builder in a legend whose elements derive from existing “Royal Arch” masonic ritual, biblical accounts of Solomon’s Temple, the Enochs of Genesis, Josephus’ Sethite pillars, and Samuel Lee’s account of excavations on Jerusalem’s Temple Mount in the reign of Julian the Apostate.³

No direct written evidence for masonic interest in Enoch exists until after the Grand Lodge of England’s establishment in London between 1716 and 1718. Rev. James Anderson’s *Free-masons’ Constitutions* (1723) included a footnoted account of “Enoch’s Pillars,” in line with a tradition first recorded in the *Palaea Historica* (late 9th–early 10th c.), that Enoch inscribed all known science on marble and brick to survive the Flood.⁴ However, pre-Grand Lodge written evidence indicates a belief that late medieval masons attributed civilization’s partial re-constitution not to Enoch, but to “Hermes” who discovered a pillar made before the Flood by *Jabal*, its knowledge subsequently transmitted via Pythagoras, Euclid, and a continuum of lodges.⁵

Why did Joseph Smith include Enoch?

- Likely, because they didn't know what they had in the Book of Mormon.
- JS2 was surrounded by Masonic 'priesthood' from an early age, including brother Hyrum.
- Likely, while Joseph Smith was bringing forth 'new' information to the world like the book of Mormon, others suggested that 'Enoch, Melchizedek Priesthood, etc. were also 'New''
- why not advertise all this 'New Information' like the explanation of Enoch? It all seemed good.

What is wrong with Enoch?

- Enoch Story UPSTAGES ALL the Book of Mormon Teachings about the Covenant with Abraham, and the regathering of Israel.
- Brings 'comfort' regarding things that may not be true comfort at all....
- Discernment is knowing "right" from "almost right."

Tradition vs Truth

- Tradition emphasizes a gathering of Gentiles who think they are Israel, the book of Mormon emphasizes the gathering of the descendants of Israel.

Tradition vs Truth

- Tradition implies the Gentiles build Zion, and the world folds into it if they are willing to “join our church”.
- The book of Mormon, on the other hand teaches this land was Joseph’s land, the Gentiles are numbered among the remnant of, not the other way around.
- And this only after the Gentiles repent, and this only after judgment upon the Gentiles.

Tradition vs Truth

- Trying to read the book of Mormon and figure it out in the paradigm of Enoch city, will make your head spin.
- It's those traditions that make us feel comfortable, which blind us to the truth of the book of Mormon.

Tradition vs Truth

- Tradition teaches that when Zion begins, the work is done. All we have to look forward to is Enoch city, returning, then all is good.
- The Book of Mormon teaches that the work begins in the Days of Christ.

Tradition vs Truth

- The book of Mormon emphasizes a gathering through the covenant made with Abraham.
- This is all about the Jews and remnant being re-gathered in Christ.
- Instead, the Gentiles emphasize a supposed gathering of the Gentiles bringing Enoch City to earth with Enoch city returning to it first. Saints in Zion have finally 'Arrived.'
- This does not follow teaching of the book of Mormon.

Tradition vs Truth

- The Gentiles promote themselves as God's right hand, but the book of Mormon predicts these same Gentiles will reject God, and for that receive his fiercest judgment.
- A total dichotomy, the ultimate rude awakening

Tradition vs Truth

- The book of Mormon teaches that Jesus is in our midst with the powers of heaven, and then the work begins.
- A complete contrast to the tradition.
- The purpose is to remove the bad as the good grows.
- This occurs over a process of time. Eventually explained by good fruit in the Vineyard until there is only good fruit.

Tradition vs Truth

- The traditional story never includes judgment upon the Gentiles for rejecting the gospel

Book of Mormon Timeline

- Jews reject gospel
- Remnant reject gospel



Book of Mormon Timeline

- Gentiles receive gospel



Book of Mormon Timeline

- Gentiles reject gospel,



Book of Mormon Timeline

- Gentiles reject gospel, then
- Remnant returns to Christ,
- Jews begin to return to Christ.



Book of Mormon Timeline

- Remnant builds a City, with repentant, gentiles assisting.
- Jesus is in their midst,
- These are the days of Christ .
- God dwells with man as Jesus.



Book of Mormon Timeline

- The work begins to restore the remnant of Joseph, the scattered of Israel, the Jews.



Book of Mormon Timeline

- Two righteous cities are built, one in this land, called the new Jerusalem, the other, in the land of Israel, old Jerusalem is rebuilt. The work spreads from these cities.



Book of Mormon Timeline

- Over time, the bad is removed as the good grows.
- The bad began as 'wild branches' grafted into the true tree. These are gentile traditions mixed in with Jesus Gospel.



Book of Mormon Timeline

- Eventually, all the bad is removed.
- This persistence of 'Good' lasts for a 'long time'
- The Book of Mormon does not put a calendar span to this



Book of Mormon Timeline

- When evil returns, the good and bad are separated in the bad cast into the fire.



Book of Mormon Timeline

- Then there is a New Heaven and New Earth.



Book of Mormon Timeline

- The two cities persist into the new world , where the inhabitants are the righteous with their garments washed in the blood of Jesus.



Book of Mormon Timeline

- At that time, the heavenly spiritual new Jerusalem comes to earth, meaning God dwells with man in his power.
- This is Salvation. This is complete removal of sin and complete return to the Heavenly King.



The Language source and Ideas become
SUSPICIOUS.

It is Suspicious that...

- Melchizedek Priesthood was amplified by Free Masons before it was part of the restoration.
- Enoch was amplified by Free Masons before he became the staple of the Restoration.
- The ideas of Enoch City/Zion returning as told by the Restoration pattern the Kebra Nagast.
- The Kebra Nagast was translated/distributed by Scottish Rite Free Masons in the 1700s. (James Bruce)
- Kebra Nagast follows Enoch's Story, a Zion 'returning'but full of untruths which Contradict the Book of Mormon.



Language becomes Important...for instance:

We say Millennium, 1000 Years

“One Thousand Years”

- Shane Explained this Greek Word was not a definite amount, but incorrectly translated to 1000 years.
- AND Book of Mormon NEVER mentions “1000 years.”
- BUT...Doctrine and Covenants amplifies this:

[DC 28:2g](#) for I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a **thousand years**, and the wicked shall not stand.

[DC 28:6a](#) And again, verily, verily I say unto you, that when the **thousand years** are ended, and men again begin to deny their God, then will I spare the earth but for a little season;

[DC 36:13b](#) and there shall be my abode, and it shall be Zion which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and for the space of a **thousand years** shall the earth rest.

Instead, Book of Mormon call's 'Long Time.' This was likely the correct original biblical wording too.

Jacob 3: 148-153

'For behold, **for a long time will I lay up of the fruit of My vineyard unto Mine own self** against the season which speedily cometh;

•
149 And for the last time have I nourished My vineyard and pruned it and dug about it and dunged it;

•
150 Wherefore, **I will lay up unto Mine own self of the fruit for a long time**, according to that which I have spoken.

• ...

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153 And then cometh the season and the end, And My vineyard will I cause to be burned with fire.'"



2 Nephi 12:99 (LDS: 2 Nephi 30:18)



And Satan shall have power over the hearts of the children of men **no more for a long time.**

When the Bible Gets Words Wrong....

- Bible discusses **Pains of Death**. Inspired Version uses same term.
Acts 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
- Modern theologian **Ellicott** suggests **Pains** of death **was a mistranslation.**
Should be “Bands” of Death. (biblehub.com/acts/2-24.htm)

Why didn't Inspired Version Correct This?

.....but '**bands of death**' occurs nowhere in the English Bible.

However....

...And the Book of Mormon gets Words Right.

[Mosiah 8:35](#) "And thus God breaketh the **bands of death**, Having gained the victory over death, giving the Son power to make intercession for the children of men,

[Mosiah 8:37](#) standing betwixt them and justice, Having broken the **bands of death**, taken upon Himself their iniquity and their transgressions, Having redeemed them and satisfied the demands of justice.

[Mosiah 8:54](#) "But behold, the **bands of death** shall be broken; And the Son reigneth and hath power over the dead; Therefore, He bringeth to pass the resurrection of the dead.

[Mosiah 8:57](#) They are raised to dwell with God who hath redeemed them, Thus they have eternal life through Christ who hath broken the **bands of death**.

Remember, Bands of Death does NOT occur in the Bible, but Ellicott (who lived after Joseph Smith) states it is the correct Translation...

We say “when Zion Comes....”

But Book of Mormon says 'The Days of Christ'

[Ether 6:4](#) (LDS: [Ether 13:5](#))

Behold, **Ether saw the days of Christ** And he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land.

(here is the only place phrase is used)

...

'The Days of Christ'

3 Nephi 9:59 And the powers of heaven shall be in the midst of this people, Yea, **even I will be in the midst of you.**

(LDS: [3 Nephi 20:22](#))

3 Nephi 10:4 And then shall the powers of heaven come down among them, **And I also will be in the midst;** And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people.

(LDS: [3 Nephi 21:26](#))

‘The Days of Christ’

[Jacob 3:139-140](#) (LDS: [Jacob 5:71](#))

And if ye labor with your mights with Me,
ye shall have joy in the fruit which I shall lay up unto Myself against the
time which will soon come.

140 And it came to pass that the servants did go to it and labor with
their mights, **And the Lord of the vineyard labored also with them,
And they did obey the commandments of the Lord of the vineyard in
all things;**

The Restoration vs the Book of Mormon on Zion

Traditional

- Perceives Zion as Resting
- About Enoch City in Indep.
- Never Resolves how the New Heaven and New Earth blend into Enoch City.
- Covenant with Enoch

Book of Mormon

- Projects 'Zion' as Working, at least initially. The work is to convert the world to Christ.
- About the Old and New Jerusalem being built up.
- These persist to the New Heaven and New Earth
- Covenant with Abraham

The Underlying Problem....

- We allowed traditions from suspicious sources to confuse the minds of the saints.
- These incorrect notions became the bedrock of our hope. What we talk about, teach about, preach about, sing about, pray over, even mentioned in our blessings.
- **These Gentile church notions upstaged the truth of the Book of Mormon.**
- **There is a tale of two Zions. The Book of Mormon has the truth.**

We (restoration) have been schooled to believe in Joseph Smith without Question.

- Free Masons seemed to have good grasp on new information, the inside story.
- These scholars influenced Joseph.
- Joseph mixed these ideas into the church after the Book of Mormon. No one questioned the sources.
- But they did not come from the Book of Mormon.

Jesus Never Mentions Enoch in Bible or Book of Mormon

Instead, Jesus and others Mention the
Covenant with Abraham

Scriptures to Consider Book of Mormon Promises to Zion

- **Compare**

2 Nephi 12:67-100

Jacob 3: 126-145

3 Nephi 9:98 – 3 Nephi 10:4

Ether 6: 1-13



All these tell the same story, but a different story from
Traditional Church Teaching

What Is the Covenant with Abraham?

- A blessing upon Gentiles and Jews to bring Christ to them, so they know true salvation.
- Remnants of Joseph return to God in Truth after dwindling
- Tribes of Israel return to God in Truth, Humility
- Jews return to God in Truth, Humility
- Israel collectively will be regathered; Joseph to America's, Jews/House of Israel to the land of Israel.
- Jews and Gentiles united as one. The First are Last and last are first.
- Only the Repentant have a covenant, but ALL the Repentant have covenant.

Who Mentions Abraham in the Book of Mormon? (None of These Mention 'Enoch')

- Nephi
- Jacob
- King Limhi
- Mormon
- Alma
- Helaman
- Jesus
- Moroni
- Ether

Who Discusses Covenant with Abraham in the Book of Mormon?

- Nephi
- Mormon
- Jesus
- Moroni
- Ether