

The Covenant Discrepancy

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Obviously, Enoch's Covenant

Enoch Covenant....

- Songs of Enoch City
- Promise of a Righteous City
- Enoch City Returns to Independence
- Enoch's City Return Begins the Millennium
- All when we embrace the truth and look upward
- We learn these promises in our youth-equates to understanding why this is the restored church.

Enoch Fills Restoration study and worship....

- Enoch was After Adam but Before Noah
- Converted sinful people into a Righteous City
- City Existed 365 Years
- City taken from the earth prior to flood
- City promised to return to earth when God's people keep all His commandments

This is the Essence of the Restoration Gospel

Genesis 9:21 And the bow shall be in the cloud;
and I will look upon it, that I may remember the
everlasting covenant, which I made unto thy father Enoch;

That, when men should keep all my commandments, Zion
should again come on the earth, the city of Enoch which I
have caught up unto myself.

But One Problem.....

If it is vitally Important, then:

Why is Enoch NEVER mentioned in the Book of Mormon if the Book of Mormon contains the Fullness of the Gospel?

The Truth about Enoch

Biblical Origins (Pre-1000 BCE)

- Enoch, a pre-flood patriarch, mentioned in Genesis 5:21–24 as "walking with God" and being "taken by God" after 365 years.
- Brief reference in Hebrews 11:5 and Jude 1:14–15, suggesting prophetic role.
- The King James has a single phrase about Enoch
- The Inspired Version adds chapters about Enoch

Development of Enoch Literature (3rd Century BC – 1st Century AD)

- 1 Enoch (Book of Enoch) emerges, a Jewish apocalyptic text, likely written in Hebrew/Aramaic.
- Comprises five sections: Book of Watchers, Parables, Astronomical Book, Dream Visions, Epistle of Enoch.
- Oldest fragments (Book of Watchers, Astronomical Book) dated to 200–150 BCE via Qumran Dead Sea Scrolls.
- Other sections, like the Parables of Enoch, likely date to the 1st century BC or early 1st century AD.

Development of Enoch Literature (3rd Century BC – 1st Century AD)

- This places Enoch Story over 2,000 years after the supposed time of Enoch, who, per biblical chronology, would have lived around 3000–4000 BC.
- The texts were likely written by Jewish scribes, possibly from sects like the Essenes, during the Second Temple period (516 BC–70 AD), a time of significant religious and cultural upheaval.

Development of Enoch Literature (3rd Century BC – 1st Century AD)

- RLDS Community overlooks the pseudepigraphal nature of 1 Enoch,
- .Words attributed to Authors who didn't write them...

Remember Nephi

- Takes the Brass Plates 600 BC before Enoch writings

What Nephi DOES Explain:

1 Nephi 5:228-230 (LDS: 1 Nephi 19:5)

And an account of my making these plates shall be given hereafter;

And then behold, I proceed according to that which I have spoken;

And this I do that the more sacred things may be kept
for the knowledge of my people.

Nevertheless, I do not write anything upon plates save it be that I
think it be sacred;

And now if I do err, even did they err of old

Enoch vs Book of Mormon Discrepancy

The Doctrine and Covenants

- **Expands** on the Covenant with **Enoch**.
- No mention of Covenant with Abraham

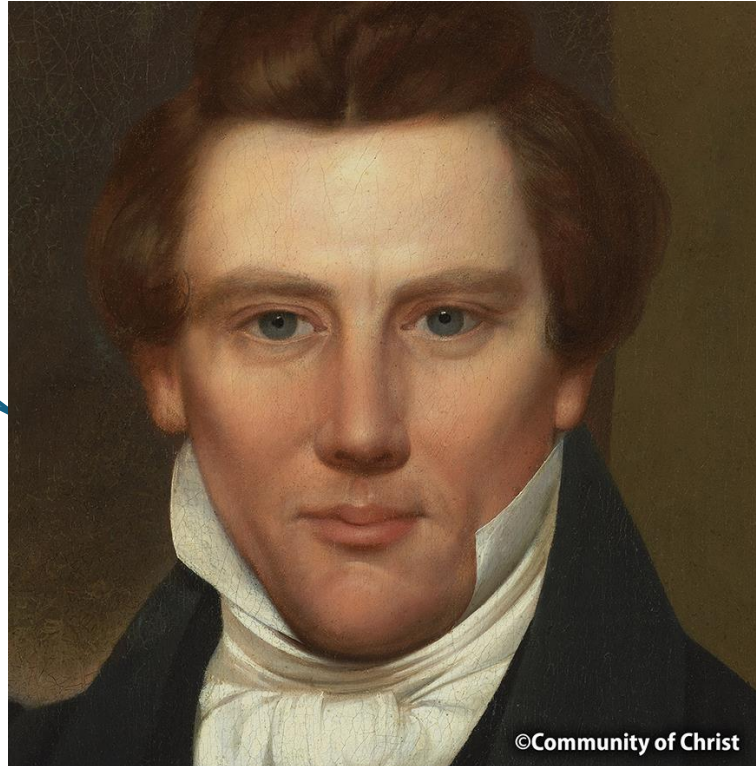
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Free Masons 1820s

- Enoch Discovered, Advertised, Embellished
- High Priesthood power
- Temples...
- James Bruce Recent Kebra Nagast Discovery 1827

Enoch vs Book of Mormon Discrepancy



Book of Mormon 1820s

- No Mention of Enoch
- Covenant with Abraham Explains Jesus Restored to Israel
- Humble Priesthood
- No Command to build Temples

Joseph Smith Sr. Patriarchal Blessings

Mentions 'Enoch' 29 times in blessings from 1834-1840.

- Charles N. Baldwin on June 30, 1835: “...***the Lord shall make thee mighty like unto Enoch,- and like him wafe thyself to the city of Enoch, if thou desire it...***”
- Elisha H. Groves on August 27, 1835: “...***remember, that thou must become holy like unto Enoch to obtain this great blessing...***”
- William W. Phelps on August 27, 1835: “...***Thou shalt see the city of Enoch. and shalt gaze upon it in all its glory..***”

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Patriarchal_Blessings_by_Joseph_Smith_Sr_Dated_1834-1840

What does the Book of Mormon Teach?

- Nothing about Enoch.
 - There are no Angels Mating with Humans
- Ample opportunity to share if it were truth or substantial
- The Book of Mormon Teaches the Covenant with Abraham.

The Holy City Discrepancy

Doctrine and Covenants

Enoch City

- If you Follow Enoch, then Gentile Church 'Builds Zion'
- Taught that a Holy Spiritual City returns to BEGIN the Millennium.
- This conflicts with Book of Mormon and Book of Revelation

Book of Mormon

The New Jerusalem

- If you Follow Book of Mormon, then a Holy Physical City is built by Remnant of Joseph, remains until the End.
- After this earth, a Holy Spiritual City returns after 'Millennium' (word 'Millennium' does not exist in the Book of Mormon).
- This aligns with Book of Revelation but Not Doctrine and Covenants

The Book of Mormon Teaches the Covenant with Abraham (without Enoch)

- Why Abraham?

Abraham

- Abram no Children in his 90's
- God promises his children shall be like the sands of the sea
- God Changes His name to Abraham –Father of Nations
- In disbelief, Abraham has Ishmael. The son in Bondage.
- Ishmael is cast out—this is analogous to the Law of Moses.
- God Gives Sarah (100 years old) a Son Isaac (laughter). Born not of a bond woman but a free woman. This is a type of Jesus.

Abraham

- Significant: God asks 100 year old Abraham to offer Isaac, his only true son.
- This is why Abraham is called ‘the one who God loved’

1 Nephi 5:132 (LDS: 1 Nephi 17:40)

*Behold, **He loved our fathers** and He covenanted with them, yea, even Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.*

And He remembered the covenants which He had made;

King James Version Isaiah 41:8

"But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend."

"my friend," translating the Hebrew 'ohabi (from 'ahab, meaning "to love"), indicating God's affectionate relationship with Abraham, consistent with the idea of divine love.

Abraham was the one God 'Loved'

- His Covenant Begins with Abraham
- Both Ishmael and Isaac Descendants become mighty people
- Book of Mormon explains this covenant Fulfilled in the Holy City built by (tribe of) Joseph's Remnant.

Abraham was the one God ‘Loved’

- Two Groups of People—Gentiles and Israel always warring.
- When Israel Prospers, Gentiles Suffer
- When Gentiles Prosper, Israel Suffers.
- The Book of Mormon explains that Jew and Gentile come together in the End. All these see eye to eye in Christ.

Mosiah 7:78 (LDS: Mosiah 12:22)

Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice,

With the voice together shall they sing;

For they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Abraham's was the Covenant God 'Remembers'

- Also realize we are still only in the Gentiles Prospering Phase
- The D&C Narrative that we just wait in Independence for Enoch City to Return grossly overlooks important Book of Mormon Scripture.

3 Nephi 7:34-36 (LDS: 3 Nephi 16:10)

And thus commandeth the Father that I should say unto you:

*At that day **when the Gentiles shall sin against My gospel,** And shall reject the fullness of My gospel,*

*And if they shall do all these things, **And shall reject the fullness of My gospel,***

*Behold, ' saith the Father, **'I will bring the fullness of My gospel from among them;***

And then will I remember My covenant which I have made unto My people, O house of Israel,

And I will bring My gospel unto them;

The Covenant with Abraham:

Title Page 1:6 Which is to show unto the remnant of the house of Israel how great things the Lord hath done for their fathers, **And that they may know the covenants of the Lord,** that they are not cast off forever.

Mormon 2:42 (LDS: [Mormon 5:14](#))

That the Father may bring about through His most Beloved His great and eternal purpose in the restoring the Jews, or all the house of Israel, to the land of their inheritance which the Lord their God hath given them, **unto the fulfilling of His covenant;**

Abrahams Covenant:

- Promises Jesus to the World
- Fulfills Prophetic Promises to Jews, Gentiles and Remnant
- Restores them to Land and Christ
- Allows Repentant Gentiles to be Numbered among Israel
- Allows Repentant Gentiles to assist Joseph in building the physical New Jerusalem.
- Promises a blessing to all peoples of the Earth.
- Allows Israel and Gentiles to see Eye to Eye, living in Harmony.

Abrahams Covenant:

- **Promises Jesus to Jews and Gentiles**

[1 Nephi 4:29](#) (LDS: [1 Nephi 15:18](#))

Which covenant the Lord made to our father Abraham, saying:

' **In thy Seed** shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

[1 Nephi 7:20](#) (LDS: [1 Nephi 22:9](#))

And not only unto the Gentiles, but unto all the house of Israel unto the making known of the covenants of the Father of heaven unto Abraham, saying: ' **In thy Seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.** '

Abrahams Covenant:

- Promises Jesus to the World
- **Fulfills Prophetic Promises to Jews, Gentiles and Remnant**

3 Nephi 9:65 "And after that ye were blessed, then fulfilleth the Father the covenant which He made with Abraham saying: ' **In thy Seed** shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed, '

Unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through Me upon the Gentiles, Which blessing upon the Gentiles shall make them mighty above all, Unto the scattering of My people, O house of Israel;
And they shall be a scourge unto the people of this land.

(LDS: 3 Nephi 20:28)

Abrahams Covenant:

- Promises Jesus to the World
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- **Restores them to Land and Christ**

Covenant restores Israel to Lands

[3 Nephi 13:54](#) (LDS: [3 Nephi 29:1](#))

And now behold I say unto you, that when the Lord shall see fit in His wisdom that these sayings shall come unto the Gentiles according to His word,

Then ye may know that **the covenant**

which the Father hath made with the children of Israel

concerning their restoration to the lands of their inheritance

is already beginning to be fulfilled,

The Covenant with Abraham:

- Gives Isaac's People (Israel) the Lands



To Restore His Word to Believe in Jesus

2 Nephi 11:28 (LDS: 2 Nephi 25:17)

And the Lord will set His hand again the second time to restore His people from their lost and fallen state;

29 Wherefore, He will proceed to do a marvelous work and a wonder among the children of men.

30 Wherefore, **He shall bring forth His words unto them**, which words shall judge them at the last day,

31 For they shall be **given them for the purpose of convincing them of the true Messiah** who was rejected by them,

Repentant Gentiles Numbered Among Israel

3 Nephi 7:38 (LDS: 3 Nephi 16:13)

But if the Gentiles will repent and return unto Me, ' saith the Father, '**Behold, they shall be numbered among My people, O house of Israel;**

3 Nephi 10:1 (LDS: 3 Nephi 21:23)

But if they will repent, and hearken unto My words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish My church among them;

And **they shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this, the remnant of Jacob**, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance,

And they shall assist My people, the remnant of Jacob -

Promises to See Eye to Eye Fulfilling Covenant with Abraham

Ether 6:10-13 (LDS: Ether 13:10)

And then cometh **the New Jerusalem (Spiritual)**

And blessed are they which dwell therein,

For it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb;

And they are they which are **numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph** which were of the house of Israel.

And then also cometh the Jerusalem of old (physical) and the inhabitants thereof;

Blessed are they, for they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb;

And they are they which were scattered and gathered in from the four quarters of the earth and from the North Countries,

And are partakers of the fulfilling of the covenant which God made with their father Abraham.

13 And when these things come, bringeth to pass the scripture which saith,

There are they which were first, which shall be last,

And there are they which were last, which shall be first.

Summary

- The Covenant with Abraham is the true Covenant to be emphasized by the Church
- Enoch Story diverts attention to the true promises.