

Discrepancies,  
What Path did the Church  
Choose?

# What Path did the 'Restored Church' Choose?

The issue:

Whenever there was a choice, the Restored Church (RLDS/LDS/Restoration Branches) took a path generally in conflict with the Book of Mormon's teaching.

# Who is God?

## Church Chooses

Early revelations suggest God, Jesus, Holy Ghost as one God.

Over time presents God as 3 separate Individuals with various amounts of 'power'

[Mosiah 1:97](#) (LDS: [Mosiah 3:5](#))

For behold, the time cometh and is not far distant, **that with power the Lord Omnipotent who reigneth, which was and is from all eternity to all eternity, Shall come down from heaven among the children of men, And shall dwell in a tabernacle of clay,**

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- God, Jesus, Holy Ghost are One God
- God comes down to earth as Man

# Who is Jesus?

## Church Chooses

- Jesus was 'a' God, the middle God of 3 Gods.
- Jesus was Created by God

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- Jesus was God
- Jesus was called the 'Son of God' not for biological reasons, but because he took on flesh.

[Mosiah 8:29](#) (LDS: [Mosiah 15:2](#))

And **because He dwelleth in flesh, He shall be called the Son of God;**

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

And **on the morrow come I into the world** to show unto the world that I will fulfill all that I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of My holy prophets.

# Note Inspired Version (JST) changed from KJ

## The Gospel of John, Chapter 1

### Inspired Version

#### Chapter 1

1 In the beginning was the gospel preached through the Son. And the gospel was the word, and the word was with the Son, and the Son was with God, and the Son was of God.

### King James Version

#### Chapter 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

# Who is Satan?

## Church Chooses

- Jesus and Satan contenders for Salvation.
- One wants 'glory' the other wants to 'give glory' to God.
- IV/DC Does not mention infinite sin or infinite atonement.

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- An infinite sacrifice was required to atone for man's sin.
- God could only offer an infinite sacrifice
- God planned to come to earth as man from the beginning.
- Satan was never a contender as savior but an angel who fell.
- Jesus giving 'glory' to God never a reason given.

# What is Salvation?

## Church Chooses

- God as 3 Individuals
- Salvation parallels the Gods, has 3 levels with each 'God' ruling over those levels.
- Levels of light parallel salvation (Celestial, Terrestrial, Telestial)
- Works improve your salvation level

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- Jesus IS God.
- Salvation only means fully returning to God.
- Salvation on His Merit, he willingly died offering at infinite atonement.
- Those penitent have sin removed.
- Works show you were changed, humble.
- Salvation not compared to levels of light.

# Prison House Repentance?

## Church Chooses

- Repentance offered after this mortal life called ‘prison house.’
- Offers ‘2<sup>nd</sup> chance’ for repentance.

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- This life is the only time for repentance.
- No repentance exists after this life (therefore prison house does not exist).

Alma 16:230 (LDS: Alma 34:33)

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.**

# Baptismal Age?

## Church Chooses

- 8 Years old.
- Connected to 8<sup>th</sup> day circumcision
- LDS also suggests priesthood associated with age if brought up in the church.

[Alma 15:56](#) (LDS: [Alma 29:5](#))

Yea, and I know that good and evil hath come before all men –

**Or he that knoweth not good from evil is blameless,**

**But he that knoweth good and evil, to him it is given according to his desires,**

Whether he desireth good or evil, life or death, joy or remorse of conscience.

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- Never mentions an age. No connection to circumcision.
- Instead teaches ‘blameless.’
- ‘Blameless’ separates knowledge of good from evil.

# Misunderstanding Hebrew Language?

Church Assumes 'Speedily' means 'imminent'

DC 1:6b and will that all men shall know **that the day speedily cometh-- the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand-- when peace shall be taken from the earth**, and the Devil shall have power over his own dominion;

DC 94:5d for, behold, and lo, **vengeance cometh speedily upon the ungodly, as the whirlwind, and who shall escape it; the Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day; and the report thereof shall vex all people;**

DC Borrows from Isaiah 28:19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you; for morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night; and it shall be **a vexation only to understand the report.**

# Mistaking Hebrew Language

## Book of Mormon Contains Deeper Meaning...

- Speedily implies Certainty over Imminence.

1 Nephi 7:55 "And the time cometh **speedily** that the righteous must be led up as calves of the stall, And the Holy One of Israel must reign in dominion and might and power and great glory.

2 Nephi 12:20 For the day shall come that the **Lord God will speedily visit the inhabitants of the earth; And in that day that they are fully ripe in iniquity, they shall perish.**

Moroni 10:22 And I exhort you to remember these things! **For the time speedily cometh that ye shall know that I lie not, For ye shall see me at the bar of God,** And the Lord God will say unto you: "Did I not declare My words unto you which were written by this man, like as one crying from the dead?"

# The promise of Zion/Gathering?

## Church Chooses

- Thought to be agreement with Enoch

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- Gathering is because of the Covenant with Abraham

Ether 6:12 (LDS: Ether 13:11)

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.**

# City of 'Zion'?

## Church Chooses

- Enoch City comes down to start the Millennium

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- Holy City comes down after new heaven and earth

# City of 'Zion'?

## Church Chooses

- Zion built by Gentiles and Holy people Gather for safety

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- New Jerusalem is built by remnant of Joseph. Repentant Gentiles assist.

# Where are the Saints?

## Church Chooses

- Zion is the only place of safety as Evil reigns outside

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- God's people are over the earth, fewer in number but overcome.

1 Nephi 3: 230 And it came to pass that I, Nephi, beheld the power of the Lamb of God, that it descended upon the saints of the church of the Lamb and upon the covenant people of the Lord which were scattered upon all the face of the earth;

231 And they were armed with righteousness and with the power of God in great glory.

# The Grove-Two Personages or ONE?

Church Chooses the Story  
of TWO Personages

Joseph Smith Jr Personal  
Diary

- Writes of only One Personage

Book of Mormon Teaches

- Brother of Jared sees One Personage

# God Bleeds?

## DC Teaches

- Because he was afraid to Die...

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- Because of his Anguish for his people.

# Trumpet Confusion?

## DC Teaches 7 Trumpets at last day

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trump those redeemed by God.

**DC 85:28a** And after this, another angel shall sound, which is the **second trump**; and **then cometh the redemption of those who are Christ's at his coming;**

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- Second Trump are those on left hand of God.

**Mosiah 11:133** "And it shall come to pass that when the **second trump** shall sound, then **shall they that never knew Me come forth** and shall stand before Me;

# Endless is my Name?

## Church Chooses

- To believe 'Justice' is not eternal.
- God says 'Endless' is only because of my name, is not the duration of punishment.
- Implies God does not mean what he says...but persuades us

## DC 18

1e yea, to those who are found on my left hand; nevertheless, **it is not written that there shall be no end to this torment;** but it is written endless torment.

2a Again, it is written eternal damnation; wherefore it is more express than other scriptures, that it might work upon the hearts of the children of men, altogether for my name's glory;

2d For, behold, I am **endless**, and the punishment which is given from my hand is **endless** punishment, **for Endless is my name;**

# Core Issue: Does God Mean What He Says?

**The RLDS Doctrine and Covenants (D&C 18)** suggests “endless torment” and “eternal damnation” do not mean infinite duration but refer to God’s punishment, as “Endless” is His name.

**Implication:** God uses strong language (“endless,” “eternal”) to motivate repentance, not to indicate unending suffering.

**Intentional Ambiguity?:** The text implies God uses terms like “endless” to inspire fear and repentance, not to describe literal duration, raising questions about divine transparency.

[Alma 19:95](#) (LDS: [Alma 42:13](#))

Now the work of justice could not be destroyed

If so, God would cease to be God

# Endless is my Name?

## Book of Mormon Never calls God 'Endless' or Justice Temporary

- Instead Teaches that Justice is as eternal as Mercy

Mosiah 1:85 "And now I say unto you, that mercy hath no claim on that man; **Therefore, his final doom is to endure a never - ending torment.**

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.

3 Nephi 11:33 If they be good, to the resurrection of everlasting life,  
**And if they be evil, to the resurrection of damnation Being on a parallel,**  
the one on the one hand, and  
the other on the other hand -

According to the mercy and the justice and the holiness which is in Christ, which was before the world began.

# Priesthood Titles

## The 'Church' Chooses

- Melchizedek
- Aaronic

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- Order of God

# Priesthood Titles

## Church Chooses

- Melchizedek Order
- Aaronic Order

## Book of Mormon Teaches

- Only ONE Order of God
- Melchizedek order never mentioned

# **Priesthood Titles**

Jesus Never Mentions Melchizedek Priesthood or Aaronic Priesthood

DC Emphasizes Certain 'Power' from Priesthood

Book of Mormon emphasizes Faith and Humility

# **Slide Title: Was Psalm 110:4 Original to the Bible?**

## Key Verse

"The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.'"

— Psalm 110:4

## Scholars Debate:

- Was the Melchizedek priesthood reference in Psalm 110:4 part of the original text, or a later addition?

# Arguments for Non-Originality

**Historical Context:** Melchizedek's prominence may reflect post-exilic or Hellenistic priestly debates, suggesting later insertion.

**Textual Redaction:** Second Temple-era editing could have added verse 4 to elevate a messianic priest-king ideal.

**Lack of Parallels:** No other pre-exilic texts emphasize a Melchizedek priesthood, raising questions about its origin.

# Priesthood Titles

DC Emphasizes Certain 'Power' from Priesthood

**DC 110:11a** Now the great and grand secret of the whole matter, and the summum bonum of **the whole subject that is lying before us, consists in obtaining the powers of the holy priesthood.**

**DC 110:8a** Now the nature of **this ordinance consists in the power of the priesthood**, by the revelation of Jesus Christ, **wherein it is granted that whatsoever you bind on earth should be bound in heaven**, and whatsoever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven;

# Priesthood Titles

## Book of Mormon Emphasizes Humility

Alma 9 (LDS: [Alma 13:6](#))

**64 And those priests were ordained after the order of His Son in a manner that thereby the people might know in what manner to look forward to His Son for redemption.**

65 "And this is the manner after which they were ordained, being called and prepared from the foundation of the world according to the foreknowledge of God, On account of their exceeding faith and good works, in the first place being left to choose good or evil -

66 "Therefore they, having chosen good and exercising exceeding great faith, are called with a holy calling, Yea, with that holy calling which was prepared with, and according to, a preparatory redemption for such,

# Priesthood Titles

## Book of Mormon Emphasizes Humility

Alma 9 (LDS: [Alma 13:6](#))

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69 And thus being called by this holy **calling and ordained unto the high priesthood of the holy order of God, to teach His commandments unto the children of men,** that they also might enter into His rest,

70 This high priesthood being after the order of His Son, which order was from the foundation of the world,

# Conclusion

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Instead we are caught mistaking God, Jesus and Salvation.

Taught to emphasize our works over His Merit.

Or Daydreaming about

Temple rituals, temple clothing, secret 'endowments.'

Secret Priesthood Power,

A city reserved for 'the saints,' coming to Independence.

Some elevate the abomination of Polygamy

Most miss the point of Salvation.

**ALL THESE ARE THE WORKS OF MAN**

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- **THAT IS WHY JUDGMENT IS FORECAST UPON THE GENTILES. WE HAVE REJECTED GOD'S TRUTH**

**The 'answer' foretells that THESE TRUTHs come to God's Remnant as Gentiles JUDGED.**

**WHEN REMNANT REPENTs, THEY BUILD A CITY AND NEVER TURN AWAY.**