

“Mormonism: Part II”

Lesson #5

4. First Vision (1820)

- Joseph Smith Jr. (14) Claimed That In 1820, Heavenly Father And Jesus Christ Appeared To Him And Told Him Not To Join Any Existing Church. (Joseph Smith-History 1:5-20)
- Existing Churches Were Wrong, Their Creeds Were An “Abomination” And Their Professors “Corrupt”

5. The Great Apostasy

- **Restoration** - The LDS Belief That Heavenly Father Reestablished Christ’s Original Church, Gospel, Revelation, And Priesthood Authority Through Joseph Smith After Centuries Of Apostasy.
- **The Great Apostasy**
 - The Apostles Died
 - Priesthood Authority Was Lost
 - False Doctrine Entered Christianity
 - The Original Organization Of Christ’s Church Disappeared
 - Christianity Continued Without The Fullness Of The Gospel And Proper Divine Authority.
 - A Restoration Became Necessary
- In Fulfillment Of Prophecy, Heavenly Father And His Son Jesus Christ Restored And Reestablished The Church And The Fulness Of The Gospel
- This Restoration Began In 1820 Through The Prophet Joseph Smith And Continues Today Through Divine Revelation Given To Modern Prophets.”

6. Moroni(1823)

Four Appearances Of The Angel Moroni (September 21-22)

1. **First Appearance** “The Main Message” (September 21)

- Heavenly Father Has Chosen You
- Ancient Plates Exist.
- Smith’s Role In Translating And Prophecy

2. **Second Appearance** “Coming Judgements” (September 21)

3. **Third Appearance** “Warning About Money” (September 21)

- Smith Is Warned That Satan Would Tempt Him To Obtain The Plates For The Purpose Of Becoming Wealthy
- Smith Is Commanded That The Only Motive For Obtaining The Plates Was To Glorify Heavenly Father And Build His Kingdom

4. **Fourth Appearance** “Tell Your Father” (September 22)

Result - Joseph Smith Goes To The Hill Where The Plates Are Located

7. The Translation Of The Golden Plates

1. The Golden Plates

- A Collection Of Metal Plates That Joseph Smith Claimed Were Engraved With Ancient Religious And Historical Records Of Civilizations In The Americas
- The Plates Were Compiled Primarily By The Prophet Mormon Completed By His Son Moroni, And Revealed To Joseph Smith Who Translated Them By Divine Power Into The Book Of Mormon

- Historical **Records**
- Religious **Teachings**
- **Prophecies**
- **Christ's Appearance** In America
- The **Fullness Of The Gospel**
- A Testimony Of **Jesus Christ**

2. **The Seer Stone** - A Small Stone Used To Receive **Divine Revelation**

3. **Interpreters (Urim & Thummin)** - **Two Translucent Stones** Mounted In A Frame Resembling **Spectacles** Divinely Prepared That Enable Smith To **Translate** The Ancient Writings On The **Golden Plates** Into English Through The Power Of God.

4. **The Process Of Translation**

Step 1 - Place The **Seer Stone** In A Hat

Step 2 - Block **Outside Light**

Step 3 - Receive **The Words**

Step 4 - Dictate To **A Scribe**

Step 5 - Continue **The Manuscript**

5. **Key Date:** (March 26, 1830) The **First Publication** Of The Book Of Mormon

8. **Three Biblical Truths From Galatians 1:6-9**

1. The Gospel Had **Already Been Revealed** - vs - 6-7

2. An **Angel Cannot Change** The Gospel - vs - 8

3. The Original Gospel Is **The Standard** By Which Every Claim Must Be **Judged**