

# Period 7

## Nineteenth Century Proliferation (1881 - Present)

Lesson 29 - Restorationism - Mormonism

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### 1. References:

- The Book of Mormon – Joseph Smith Jr. first printed 1830 (1944 edition)
- Pearl of Great Price – Joseph Smith
- Book reference: Kingdom of the Cults – Walter R. Martin

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## 2. Essential Theory, Belief or Practice:

- That Christianity was in a state of apostasy, and that true apostolic Christianity needed to be restored
- Four sources of divinely inspired words, 1. The Bible “as far as it is translated correctly” 2. The Book of Mormon (1830) “the most correct book” Joseph Smith 3. Doctrine and Covenants (Joseph Smith) 4. The Pearl of Great Price (Joseph Smith)
- “ God himself was once as we are now and is an exalted man” p.345 Journal of Discourses, Vol.VI, p.3). “As man is, God once was, as God is, man may become”
- That Jesus was conceived by a sexual relationship between Adam-god and Mary
- That there are different levels or kingdoms in the afterlife (2 Neph. 25:23)
- That salvation a combination of faith and good works (LDS Bible Dictionary, p. 697)
- That plural marriage (polygamy) is an acceptable practice
- That the American Indians are the descendants of the Lamanites, and that they were of the Semitic race, of Jewish origin.
- That Nephi visited America in 600 B.C.

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## 3. Principle Characters:

Joseph Smith Jr. (Dec. 23, 1805-June 27, 1844) Sharon, VT.

- Was a treasure hunter using occult methods. Was convicted of Glass-looking
- Claimed God and Jesus visited him and told him all churches and creeds were an abomination, and he was to restore it (1 Neph. 13:28)
- Using Spectacles made from clear stones (Urim & Thummim) he translated the Golden Plates and produced the Book of Mormon
- That his church was the only “true church” (1 Neph.14:10)
- Practiced polygamy – between 28-49 wives
- Murdered by a mob while awaiting trial in Nauvoo, Ill.

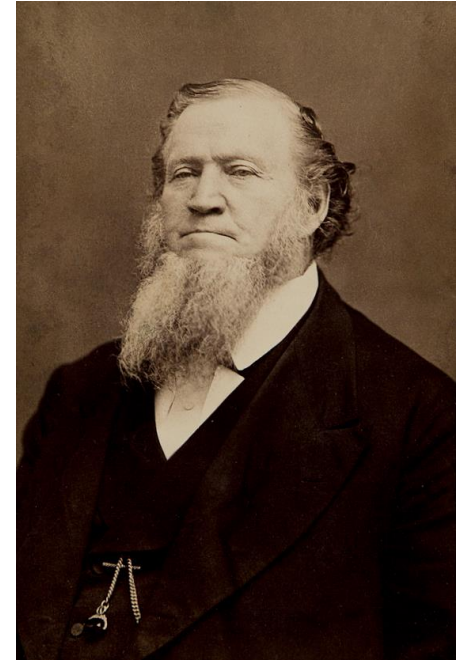


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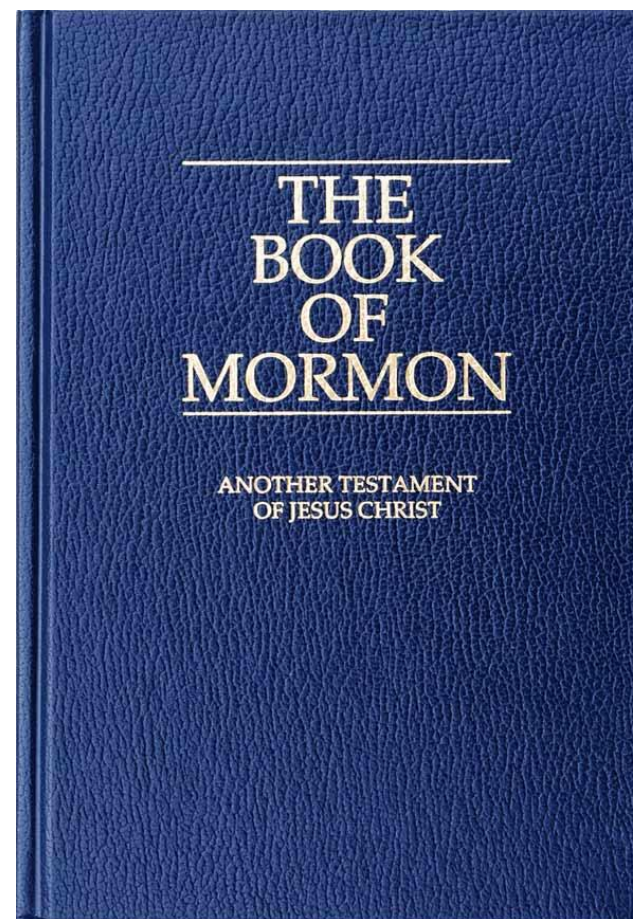
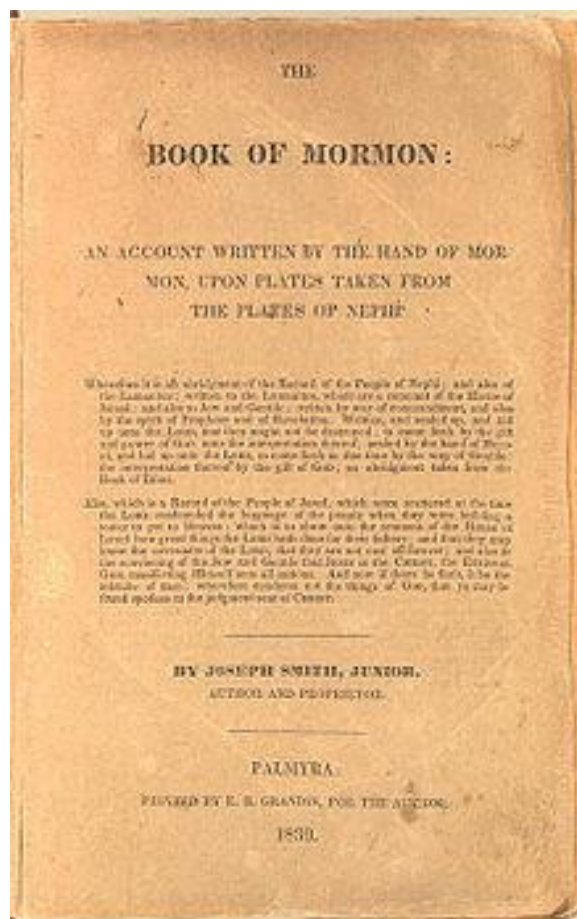
Brigham Young (June 1, 1801 – Aug. 29, 1877)

- Became a Mormon shortly after the publication of the Book of Mormon (1830) in 1832
- Missionary to Upper Canada, then established a Mormon community in Kirtland, OH.
- One of the original Quorum of 12 Apostles in 1835
- Second President of LDS Church 1847-1877
- “Mormon Moses” – led the LDS pioneers West to settle in Utah
- Had 55 wives – 16 of them gave him 59 children
- Led the Mormons against the US Government in the Utah war 1857-58 “Buchanan’s Blunder”
- Became Governor of the Utah Territory





# The Book of Mormon



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## 4. Scriptural Refutation:

- Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. **Matt 1:18**
- Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: **Deut. 6:4**
- One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **Eph. 4:5**
- For *there is* **one God**, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **1 Tim. 2:5**
- A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of **one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; **1 Tim. 3:2**
- **6** I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: **7** Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. **Gal. 1:6-8**