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Not to be confused with Joseph Smith's translation of the Bible. LDS Edition BibleFull nameHoly Biblical King James Version (English)Santa Bible: Reina Valera 2009 (Spanish)Bela Sagrada, Almeida 2015 (Portuguese)LanguageEnglish, Spanish and PortugueseEnlpar (Spanish) Translation (Portuguese) Religious affiliationCompany of Jesus Christ of latter days SaintsWebsiteGenesisible 1.1-3 In the beginning of God created heaven and earth. And the earth was without form, and emptiness; and the darkness was on his face deep. And the Spirit of God moved across the face of the water. And God said, let there be light: there was light. Genesis 1:1 in other translations John 3:16 For God loved the world so much that he gave his only born Son that those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16 in other translations The LDS Bible Edition is a version of the Bible published by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) in English, Spanish and Portuguese. The text of the LDS Church's English-language Bible is an authorised version of King James; The Spanish-language Bible of the Church is a revised translation of the Rhine-Valera, and the Portuguese edition is based on Almeida's translation. Publications include footnoting, indexing, and resumes that are consistent with the teachings of the LDS Church and which integrate the Bible with other standard church works. The LDS Church encourages its members to use the church edition of the LDS Bible. The eighth article of the church's faith reads, We consider the Bible the word of God, as far as it is correctly translated. This statement is somewhat problematic, as biblical scriptures still exist in their original languages, and translations can be verified and corrected. Some argue that translation here actually means the whole process of transmission, not just the transformation of the already existing Greek and Hebrew into a modern language. Others argue that the exact meanings of some ancient words have been hidden over time and interpretations of the scriptures are distorted beyond scientific repair. The English-language edition of King James Version Quadruple (Bible and other standard works) opened in the Book of Isaiah - note the cross references between the biblical and the holy Scripture of the last days in footnotes In 1979, the LDS Church published its first edition of the Bible in English. The text of the Bible is the text of an authorised version of King James. It includes both the Old And the New Testaments, but Apocrypha is not. Each chapter includes a paragraph-long headline that summarizes the content of the chapter from a Mormon perspective. Cross footnotes to the Bible, Book Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of the Great Price are included, as are the LDS-oriented 600-page topical index and Bible Dictionary of the Church. Selected references to Joseph Smith's Bible translation are included in footnotes, and longer excerpts are included in the app. Finally, the edition contains biblical maps and a newspaperman. In 1999, color photos from the Holy Land were added. None of the LDS additions in the publication claims to be doctrinal powers: only the text version of King James (and other standard works) is considered the canonical LDS Church. The publication of the LDS's English-language church edition of the LDS Bible was overseen by the Apostle Thomas S. Monson, who later became President of the Church. The English-language edition was described as depicting a strongly conservative version of Mormonism that largely reflected the theological positions of the Apostle Bruce R. McConkey, who assisted Monson in editing the work and wrote the headlines. In 1992, the first presidency of the church announced that King James's version was the church's official English Bible, stating that other biblical versions may be easier to read than King James's version, and in doctrinal matters the revelation supports King James's version, preferring other English translations. In 2010, this statement was recorded in the Church Handbook, which manages official church policy and programs. In 2009, the Spanish-language edition of Reina-Valera published a Spanish-language edition of the Bible. The bible text entitled Santa Biblia: Reina-Valera 2009 is based on a 1909 version of the Rhine-Valer translation. Changes in the text included the modernization of grammar and vocabulary. Like the English-language edition, the Spanish edition includes LDS-oriented footnotes and chapter headlines, as well as a current index. The Spanish-language Bible study church was led by General Authorities Jay Jensen and Lynn A. Mickelsen. In 2010, the church leadership was changed to state, Hispanic members should use the Edition of the Rhine-Valer Bible in recent days. The Portuguese-language edition of Almeida In 2015, the LDS Church released a new Portuguese edition of the Bible, a revision of the edited and corrected 1914 edition of the translation by Joan Ferreira de Almeida. This version was released electronically and became available in print in March 2016. Other languages since 2015, the LDS Church has not published the Bible in any other language other than English, Spanish and Portuguese. However, as stated in the Handbook, in many other unimimune languages, the Church has approved a non-recent edition of the Bible for use in Church meetings and classes. Notes Faith 1-8, the jewel of the Great Price. b c d e Robert J. Matthews, New Editions of Standard Works-1979, 1981 Archive 2013-10-21 on Wayback Machine, BYU Study, vol. 22, No. 4, page 387-424 (autumn 1982). 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Extracted from For Latter-day Saints, the memory of the King James Bible has a dimension not found elsewhere in the Christian world that being a relationship between KJV and other scripture books within our canon. The canon of the holy scripture of the LDS includes not only the Bible, but also the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of the Great Price. These three additional scriptures are based and reflect KJV's language and texts. The relationship between KJV and the Book of Mormon in particular is complex, as the Book of Mormon includes large blocks of biblical text, similar to equivalent passages in the Old and New Testaments and translated into English by King James. In addition to large blocks, there are many paraphrased biblical texts, as well as allusions to biblical events and the use of biblical images. All of them are not only biblical, but also specially written in English by King James and thus sound similar to the biblical versions of the passages of King James. And even when the Book of Mormon does not explicitly refer or quote the biblical text, the rest of the book of Mormon prose is read biblically, translated using King James of England to reveal the message of the Book of Mormon. But perhaps more importantly, the Book of Mormon also includes a methane-arranine in which the meaning of the Bible is demonstrated through its role in the book of Mormon. Although this metanarrative runs through the entire book, it is predominantly in Nephi's writings, as the Testament of the Father with his children is laid out. Of course, whether the Bible mentioned in the Book of Mormon, KJV, is a very different question. This chapter will examine the intersection between the Book of Mormon, the Bible, and the biblical version of King James, and hopefully recognizes God's guiding hand in the purpose of all three. King James of English and the Book of Mormon One can begin this study by replacing that, although the King James Bible was officially tied to other books of the English-language canon of Latter-day Saints in 1979 and 1981 (with new editions of standard works), for the big days of the Church KJV is not the Bible of the Church and therefore has little value. In France, for example, the Church uses the popular French Protestant Bible, while in Latin America the Church uses the Spanish Protestant Bible. In every place, the Bibles are not KJV translations into their native language, but already well-recognizable biblical versions in the native language of the people. However, since the Book of Mormon was originally written in King James, we are faced with the fact that KJV, regardless of what reads the Translation of the Bible, affects every member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints because of its cadence, language, and terminology appearing in the original English Book of Mormon. In the light of this fact, there are two questions concerning the English language of King James and the text in the Book of Mormon: (1) Why is King James's English included in the Book of Mormon? and (2) How did English get into the text of the Book of Mormon? The first of these two questions is easier to answer, at least from a cultural point of view: the presence of King James of English or early modern English in the Book of Mormon is most likely the result of KJV's influence on religious discourse in the early nineteenth century. This language, although no longer colloquial English, was used in sermons and discourses to impose a sense of tradition on what is spoken and written. In fact, as early as the early twentieth century, King James's language was still used in some translation environments. For example, Charles Apocrypha and Peodepigraphs, a series of translations by Leba into ancient Greek and Greek texts, and other translations of classical and Middle Eastern texts were written in English by King James to instill the air of antiquity in non-biblical texts. The fact that such a language would be used for the Book of Mormon, a text that is supposedly not only ancient but also directly related to the Bible, is not a surprise. It is more difficult to explain the large blocks of biblical text, which in many places are exactly the same, word for word, as King James versions of the same passages. While some have emphasized that the biblical texts of the Book of Mormon have many differences from the KJV versions, the reality is that most of the changes in the text are superficial in nature, meaning that they tend to modernize some of the more archaic versions rather than change the underlying biblical concept. For example, in Isai passages, the Book of Mormon often replaces a book that, in a more accurate form, or, in the case of Isaiah 6/2 Nephi 16, removes the plural from the term seraphim. In these cases, the text value is not affected, but only the archaic English element. This does not mean that there are no significant changes in the versions of the Book of Mormon, but it is an acknowledgement that many of the changes appear to be based not on the original text, but on the translation of KJV. From this fact it can be assumed that Joseph Smith simply used relevant passages of the King James Bible when he came across these passages during the translation of the Book of Mormon and made changes to the text when it was deemed necessary. The problem with this assumption is that of the accounts describing the translation process, no one mentions that he used the Bible, and in fact some of the accounts explicitly state that Joseph did not use any biblical text in the translation process. Unfortunately, it is not clear what exactly the translation process was. Joseph himself refused to clarify this in 1831, when his brother Hyrum invited him to share details of the assembled parishioners. In addition, we are left with memories of others about the process. Of these memories, those of the three witnesses and actual scribes have a greater influence than others, but it is not surprising that there is no harmony between the different accounts. Whether one of these descriptions, if any, is unknown, or whether the association of all of them is an accurate description, as each of them has a dubious origin for the historian, especially the later acquaintance and hold of the transmission of most of them. That these accounts report is just a hypothesis, since no one has actually translated anything. As mentioned earlier, where all accounts agree that Joseph did not use another record. This only complicates matters though, as Philip Barlow points out, the influence of KJV is so vast throughout the Book of Mormon. More than fifty thousand phrases of three or more words, with the exception of certain and vague articles, are common to the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Some have tried to reconstruct the process and thus created a theoretical spectrum, ranging from a free translation process to a strictly controlled translation process. The free idea of translation suggests that regardless of physical action through Urin and Tummim, the stone strap, or other means, the translation was ultimately a mental effort on the part of the Prophet, who, given the impressions of the meaning of the text, had to discern the whole meaning, and then provide the English words that best correspond to the impressions received. In this theory, KJV may have played an important role as Joseph used King James of English, first of all gathered through his own reading KJV to come to English translation. It is clear that the KJV language is used throughout the Book of Mormon, not just in biblical quotations. The second theory, tight control, suggests that Joseph was shown words, clauses, or sentences of the English text, which are the result of the actual translation process that is done in the divine realm. However, no matter how much the proponents of each theory try to convincingly prove a particular method of translation, the evidence they have presented can be understood differently. In the end, we simply came to the conclusion that the similarities between the Book of Mormon and the King James Bible arise from the way in which the gift and God (front page, Book of Mormon) has been used to translate the record, without a real understanding of what God's gift and power actually hints at. But the lack of clear answers does not mean that we cannot make some comments. We know that in the context of Joseph Smith's time, the use of King James's English for religious purposes is neither unique nor strange, but it was commonplace when he sought to establish tradition and authority for both written and spoken words. It seems obvious that King James's presence in English may have conveyed a sense of power at the beginning of the Church's history, because the early revelations recorded in doctrine and covenants that were given before the Book of Mormon was completed, as well as Joseph's early account of the First Vision, apparently also used King James's English. Familiarity between Joseph's contemporaries and King James of England would make their reading of the Book of Mormon an easier experience in which they could be more willing to accept the statements made by the book as Scripture and as an ancient record related to biblical history. Using King James's English in the Book of Mormon would in itself be part of the Lord's promise that he would reveal his truth to humanity after the manner of their language so that they can come to an understanding (D&C 1:24). The specific phrase of the manner of language implies that such a transmission will take place not only in terms of actual language, but even in specific manners, which will be recognized by the audience in question. The fact that this manner of language worked, at least in part, can be seen as a testament to how quickly the Book of Mormon became known as the Golden Bible or Mormon Bible by both believers and critics, demonstrating a tacit understanding that, at least, the Book of Mormon sounded biblical. Thus, the presence of King James of English and even KJV passages in the Book of Mormon functioned to establish the validity of the book for people already familiar with the words of God through King James of English, making it easier to learn the truths found in it because of the familiar cadence of text and sound. As for the second observation, the way Joseph Smith put the English and King James's text in the Book of Mormon, we begin by summing it up in terms of the translation process. It is not known whether Joseph used the actual KJV text, although all witnesses say he did not. Assuming that he did not do so, whether he used free or tight control over the translation process is unknown, since evidence can be provided in any case. As vague and ultimately inconclusive as these responses are, they can actually reveal an important aspect of the Book of Mormon and its relationship with its readers. Like other claims makes that cannot be confirmed nor denied only by academic means, one might rely on the Lord to know whether the book is true. Although Moroni's promise of these things specifically refers to the gospel message found in the Book of Mormon (Moroni 10:4; see Article 5), it also refers to the way in which the book was published. In other words, the promise has as much to do with the revelation that Joseph Smith was a true prophet, and with the revelation that really happened in the Book of Mormon. The lack of any firm answers about the translation process requires that man take Moroni's promise seriously; as only the Holy Spirit can resolve the uncertainty of helping us find peace in Joseph's declaration that the Book of Mormon, and thus its King James english, happened through the gift and power of God, no matter how it was done. They will be one of course the connection between the Book of Mormon and the Bible more than text passages and beautiful prose. This also manifests itself in the menamarrative, or topic in which the text of the Book of Mormon refers to the existence of another written record containing the Word of God, known in the Book of Mormon as the Bible. The main text relating to this relationship is contained in 1 Nephi 13-14, as part of a far-sighted response to Nephi's request for his vision, hearing and cognition of his father Lehi's dream, recorded in 1 Nephi 8. Our corresponding passage begins at 1 Nephi 13:19 with the introduction of Nephi to the colonization of the New World by Europeans. As Nephi observes the growing prosperity of the colonists, he notices that they have a book: And it is so that I, Nephi, saw that they prospered on earth; and I saw the book, and it was held among them (v. 20). Angel asks Nephi: Know you are the meaning of the book? (v. 21). The question may seem simple, but there is no indication that Nephi has ever seen this book before in any context. In addition, the angel does not ask whether Nephi knows about this record, but more acutely, whether he knows what the book is. In other words, the angel does not ask, What is a book?, but rather the more powerful question: What is the meaning of the book? In them you can see a pattern in which God's work to fulfill the covenant, the wonderful work, is ultimately getting rid of simple and precious truths leading to the establishment of covenants. He does this work by passing on records that contain the necessary knowledge of both truths and covenants. The book itself, we are told, originated from the mouth of a Jew. The designation of a Jew in Hebrew Bible comes into force after Assyrian conquests to refer to those Israelites, whether they are actual descendants of Judas or not, who remained Palestinian area. Thus, the term was used by Nephi to refer to himself and his group, even though he was from the Manassas tribe. The presence of this designation suggests that the origin of the book began at some point in the seventh or sixth century BC and had Jewish origins. There is some confusion as to what Nephi meant by the book. A physical object that the Nephi saw, possessed by the Gentiles, would be a book with obligatory and separate paper pages. But the original entry from which the Book of Gentiles, also referred to as the book, is, as we are told, a record similar to the engravings that are on brass sheets, which is not quite similar to the modern book (1 Nephi 13:23). More importantly, the angel emphasizes not the medium of the letter, but the engravings themselves, but these engravings are preserved. That record contained the history of the Israeli people (Jews), including covenants between God and Israel and, presumably, a specific story related to these covenants. We are also told that many of the prophecies of the Israeli prophets are contained inside, but that brass plates contain more. Despite the smaller amount of material, the angel states that what is contained in the text, in particular the covenants of God with Israel, is sufficient and will have great value for the Gentiles (1 Nephi 13:23) It is noteworthy that this material also seems to include, the texts found in the New Testament, for later, in 1 Nephi 14:23, Nephi Revelations and John said What he writes is fair and true; and here they are written in a book that you saw from the mouth of a Jew. We are also given the title of this book, the Book of the Lamb of God (1 Nephi 13:28), which emphasizes its importance for the purposes of the Lamb. Following the book's description, Nephi talks about the process of transmission under the direction of the twelve Apostles of the New Testament, and he is introduced to the beginnings of this record with the formation of a great and repugnant church that has deprived the gospel of many simple and precious truths, as well as many covenants of the Lord (1 Nephi 13:23). However, even in this state, the book retains its designation as the book of the Lamb of God and seems necessary for further God's purpose. Although Nephi sees the influence that the loss of simple and precious truths has on the Gentiles, it is also shown as follows: And it happened that I saw the remnants of the seed of my brothers, as well as the book of the Lamb of God, which came from the mouth of the Jew, that it came from the gentiles to the remnants of the seed of my brothers. And after he came out to them I saw the other books that came out by the force of the Lamb, from Pagans to them, to the conviction of the gentiles and the remains of the seed of my brothers, as well as the Jews who were scattered all over the face of the earth, that the records of the prophets and the twelve apostles of the Lamb are true. And the angel spake to me, saying: These last records, which you saw among the Gentiles, should set the truth first. (1 Nephi 13:38-40) The Chapter concludes that the angel emphasizes unity in the purpose of both records: And the words of the Lamb will be known in the records of your seed, as well as in the records of the twelve apostles of the Lamb; where they both have to be installed in one (1 Nephi 13:41). These texts demonstrate the Bible's outstanding role in revealing God's word. Even in its corrupt state, like the book of the Lamb of God, it is the means by which Lehi's descendants return to the gospel of Christ, to Christ as the Lamb. In fact, the text establishes that the transfer of the Bible to Nephi's descendants must occur before the simple and precious truths are restored through the Book of Mormon. Thus, without the introduction of the Bible, the Gentiles would not have received a record of Nephi's seed, nor would nephi's seed be prepared for an earlier Nephean record. In both cases, it is the Bible that prepares the way to the Restoration. Finally, we are told that the later entries that will arise should establish the truths already present in the first book, not replace them, re-emphasizing the importance of the book of the Lamb of God. Thus, in this sense, Nephi is shown not only the history of the Bible, but also its more important function or, as the angel suggested earlier, its significance in terms of salvation. The meaning of the Bible, or its purpose, coincides with the concept of the condescension of the Lamb of God, presented earlier in the vision. Like Christ, who will go into a mortal, corrupted body and thus provide others with an opportunity to accept the fruits of the tree, so that the Bible, even in its tainted state, will spread throughout the world and become the primary means by which all mankind could learn about the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Nephi's vision, Christ's condescension is also linked to the covenant history of Israel. No wonder so is the Bible. Chapters 13 and 14 describe the cherished relationship between the house of Israel, God and the Gentiles. In these descriptions, the role of Nephi's books was to see, especially as a means of revelation, through which understanding of these relationships and their role to salvation is ensured. Thus, the question of the angel's meaning can be applied to what the book means from the point of view of the covenant. As a symbol of the covenant itself, the story outlined by Nephi regarding the loss of simple and precious truths and transmission around the world can parallel the same pattern of scattering as the experience of Israel, the pattern of movement required to fulfill the Father's covenant. As is clear from the Book of Mormon, the scattering of Israel is related to the fulfillment of the Abrahamic promise that through the seed of Abraham all the nations of the earth will be blessed. This purpose of the Abrahamic Covenant is contained three times in the Book of Mormon and in each case is related to the need to scatter Israel so that everyone can hear the gospel of Christ. However, scattering requires return, not only spatially, but spiritually. In other words, scattering also makes members of the Israeli House forget who they are and therefore demands that they be restored in their proper understanding. This second form of return, according to the vision, began with the spread of the Bible, the main tool by which God showed more of his word to his children. The complex symbolism of the Bible as an indulgence and covenant can lead someone to conjure the presence of the Bible in Nephi's vision with the purpose and function of the iron rod in Lehi's dream, bringing others safely and truly to the tree, the fruits of which are most valuable. This connection may be implied in Nephi's later description of the fruit of the tree as the most valuable and most desired above all other fruits (1 Nephi 15:36) and the angel's description of the restoration of simple and most precious truths through the advent of the Book of Mormon (1 Nephi 13:26). If you look at the Book of Mormon as a tree, simple and precious truths within the fruit, the Bible acts as an iron rod that leads to a tree. Of course, both are necessary for salvation, but the function of the Bible as a tool that leads to the fruit, and therefore as condescension, seems to be one of the basic principles of Nephi's vision. With regard to purely historical analysis, it must be recognized that, in terms of effect, the Bible has a greater impact on humanity, even as a basic biblical tool for teaching certain principles of the Restoration. Nephi's surprisingly biblical vision ends with the book of Mormon's role in fulfilling the covenant. When Moroni addresses the future Gentiles about a thousand years after the vision, when you receive this record, you may know that the Father's work began all over the face of the earth (Ether 4:17). Later in his recording, Nephi warns the Gentiles, who will play a fundamental role in the delivery of the Bible and the Book of Mormon, not to dwell on the Bible as the only form of Scripture: Many pagans will say: the Bible! Bible! We have the Bible, and there can no longer be a Bible. But saith Lord God: O Fools (2 Nephi 29:3 '4). Below is a show to us how God, not man, thinks about the Book of Mormon and the Bible. God begins by asking those who would say that there can be no other Bible if they are fully grateful for the efforts and trials that the Jews have gone through to pass on the Bible they possess: And what is the thanks to them of the Jews for the Bible they receive from them? Yes, what do the Pagans mean? Do they remember the hardships, the labors, the pain of the Jews, and their hard work for me, to bring salvation to the Gentiles? (v. 4). In general, these questions show that the Gentiles do not appreciate or even sufficiently know about the efforts of the Jewish people to create the Bible in the first place. The second of these questions, in particular, concerns what the Gentiles even mean when they say they have a Bible and do not need another, thus asking the reader to be aware of the language and terminology that one uses; this point is important for the third question, which implies that having the Bible means going through the type of adversity required for those who are members of God's covenant. Thus, the assertion of the Gentiles to have the Bible is invalid in that while they may possess one, they have not created one through their efforts and suffering. The Lord continues to defy the Gentiles of introspection when he asks another question: Did you get the Bible to keep it were Jews? (2 Nephi 29:6). This question seems to echo the rhetorical questions asked earlier, emphasizing Jewish efforts in bringing the Pass the Bible, but this question is also preceded by five long discussion verses of other peoples that God interacted with and commensurate with the recordings describing these interactions. The rhetorical question, which suggests that the Bible came from the Jews, and then this history of other records, suggests that these other records may also be called Bibles. What is a Biblical nephy saw? As the astute reader acknowledged, while the aforementioned discussion gives us some insight into the role of the Bible in the Book of Mormon, the question of whether the book of the Lamb of God can be translated by King James has not been resolved. This is because this question cannot be answered with certainty, because no particular biblical text is delineated by either a prophet or an angel. It is possible that 1 Nephi 13:10-20 includes the Spanish or Portuguese colonization of Central and South America, in which case Nephi could view the Catholic Bible when he witnessed a biblical record obsessed with the Gentiles, the missionary work of the Spanish and Portuguese clergy is one of the main reasons for the domination of Christianity in these areas today, thus fulfilling Nephi's understanding of the purpose of the Bible. However, it is also possible that 1 Nephi 13:10-20 describes the early North American colonization by the British. In verses 34-35 of the same chapter, which refers to the Restoration of the Gospel and the gym of the Book of Mormon, it seems that they are referred to by the pagans, those specific colonists or their descendants. Thus possible the book Nephi sees shifted forward among them (v. 20) was the King James Bible. More intriguing is the possibility that the King James Bible, unlike other Bibles, is uniquely suited to fulfilling the requirements of the book of the Lamb of God in Nephi's vision, providing a basis for covenant-minded people, that is, people who thought in terms of covenant, such as ancient Israel. Shortly after the Bible was published, it became the Bible of choice for English readers. Although it was voted the best in its time, there is one area that concerns many, extensive marginal notes and comments that cover the actual biblical text. The problem is that the commentary only presents a puritanical religious point of view. This marginalized organization has undoubtedly influenced more religious feelings than is recognized by its inclusion in the study of the Geneva Bible by its readers. The King James Bible was compiled about fifty years later, after several attempts to wrest biblical popularity from a bible that failed. Most striking was the complete absence of marginal comments sanctioned by King James when he ordered a new translation. The lack of comment made KJV uniquely adaptable in a way that the Bible could not be. As strange as it may sound, the commentary on the Geneva Bible has made the interpretation and therefore the application of the text inflexible, while the openness of the CDV allows for a literal interpretation of events, as well as individual, personal application. This is ironic since the KJV was originally drafted for use on the chair in particular. In the New World, although there is evidence that the Bible was used, it seems that KJV quickly became the Bible of choice, specifically for puritans and their descendants. This popularity is due in part to the excellent time in terms of the basic economy and the fact that the Geneva translation was out of print shortly after the arrival of the first colonists. But for the new puritans, the openness of KJV, as opposed to the Bible, allowed them to define their experiences according to their understanding of the biblical text, as evidenced by their early sermons and speeches in which they identified colonization of experience in relation to ancient Israel. In particular, they defined themselves as the New Israel, called and decided to settle the new promised land. More specifically, they understood themselves as covenant people, finding meaning and purpose in the Old Testament texts relating to covenants, which in the Bible of Geneva were referred to as a simple allegory or metaphor. Unsurprisingly, this classification included the responsibility of preaching the word to others, including indigenous people. This sermon is a rich and powerful element of American history, as new immigrants sought to enlighten to the best of their ability those who did not possess the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thus, puritanical covenant theology, a theology developed more fully in the New World than in the Old World and made possible after 1611 through the King James Bible, became a template for describing the common experience of colonization. For generations, the openness of the King James Bible in terms of interpretation and covenant-oriented theology described above has created a unique religious environment that defined the early American religious experience. It was in this New England environment, full of history and the mission of uniquely cherished people with the understanding that the scriptures could be personally interpreted, that Joseph Smith and other early Saints appeared. Discussion of the corporate covenant originates in the history of Latter-day Saints as far back as the early revelations. As for the role of the personal interpretation of the early Saints, two examples may suffice to show the influence of the Bible. First, it is a description of Lucy Mack Smith, the mother of the Prophet, who, describing her life before the Restoration, stated, I said in my heart that there was no religion in the land to which I aspired. So I decided to study the Bible and take Jesus and the disciples as my guide to receive from God what man could neither give nor take away. The Bible I intended should be my guide to life and salvation. The second example is Lucy's son, Joseph. Although we all know about James 1:5's influence on him, it is often forgotten that it was Joseph's personal interpretation of the verse that led to his decision. Interestingly, if Joseph had used the Bible with its marginal note, he would have found the following note, which would comment on the lack of wisdom: The god Layeth vpon of it could be tolerated. In this case, the commentary interprets wisdom as patience in the pertaining of one's destiny. Compare this to Joseph's interpretation of 1835 after reading the verse: The information was what I desired at that time, and with a fixed determination to receive it, I first called the Lord. The importance of the Bible, Free from Explicit Comments for the Foundation Recovery becomes clear. Thus, it was in this environment, with the Bible uniquely designed to emphasize the literal nature of covenants, while allowing personal revelation, that the Testament of the Father promised so long ago began to be fulfilled. The conclusion of the relationship between the King James Bible and the Book of Mormon is strong in terms of language and cadence and powerful in terms of cherished themes. For Latter-day Saints, this recognition is both a blessing and a warning. It is a blessing, because it is through the Book of Mormon that we can gain a higher appreciation and understanding of what the Bible really is and represents. Perhaps no other person can understand what the Bible gives better than Latter-day Saints, thanks to the Book of Mormon. However, the warning is to submit to the relevance of the Bible compared to the Book of Mormon. Too often, we ignore the beautiful and eternal principles of the Bible by focusing solely on what the Book of Mormon offers, thus not recognizing that these two texts are in fact one complete text, each complementing the other. Recognizing the unique nature of the King James Bible and the subsequent impact of this unique nature, we can gain further insight into Moroni's invitation to find out for ourselves whether the Book of Mormon is true (see Moroni 10:4-5). It is through KJV that one can read the Book of Mormon with relative ease, and it is certainly through KJV that many have become ready for the simplest and most precious truths revealed through the Book of Mormon. Simply put, our understanding of what the Book of Mormon says, and even what the Book of Mormon says, is incomplete without the Bible. The same is true in that through the Book of Mormon, the complete purpose of the Bible is revealed as one of the simple and precious truths restored in recent days. Thus, neither is without another notion that we might find useful, as we seek to understand the word of God according to our language, to our understanding (2 Nephi 31:3). There are about twenty explicit text passages in the Book of Mormon that are directly quoted from the ancient Israeli Scripture. The texts of the prophet Isaiah are the most notable, but passages similar to KJV texts of Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Mika, and Malachi. Excerpts from the last two books are in 3 Nephis and are represented by the Nefi Jesus during his Nephean mission. 3 Nephi also contains material similar to the teachings of Christ of the New Testament, better known as the Sermon on the Mountain. One such example is contained in 1 Nefta 17:45, in Nephi's description of the voice of God as another small voice. Like other translators of ancient texts and following the precedent set with earlier revelations, Smith book in seventeenth-century prose, though his own vocabulary and grammar are evident throughout. Philip L. Barlow, Mormons and the Bible: A Place of Latter-day Saints in American Religion (New York: Oxford University Press, 1991), 27. KDV was born arkaic: it was conceived as a step backwards... The reasons for the KJV to look back were three times: first, it was intended to reset the standard solid middle of the road of the Anglican establishment, historically built since King Henry handed over to Verbum Dei. Secondly, it was believed that latinism, rather than modern English, brings with it a great weight of the authority of the past, what was understood as fifteen hundred years of solid Christian faith... There is a third, more fundamental point. The world is divided into those who think that the sacred Scripture should always be elevated over the common run's not, indeed, sacred without an air of religiosity, to be removed from real life, with a whiff of antique . David Daniell, Bible in English: Its History and Influence (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2003), 441-42. Grant Hardy, Understanding the Book of Mormon: A Reader's Guide (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), 66-69. For example, Royal Skousen demonstrated that of the 516 variants between The Isaiah of the Book of Mormon and the texts of Isaiah KJV, 150 (approximately 29 percent) of them are related to the Italianized parts. This is even more important if we understand that the KDV Isaiah contains a total of 392 words that were many others, thus, of the 392 Italianized

words in KJV Isaiah 150 (38 percent) are the subject of variations in the texts of the Book of Mormon Isaiah. Royal Scousen, Text versions of Isaiah's quotations in the Book of Mormon, in Isaiah in the Book of Mormon, Donald W. Perry (Provo, UT: FARMS, 1998), 369-90. As most readers know, the italicized parts of KJV denote an English translation that does not necessarily reflect the actual text in Hebrew or Greek. Thus, concern about the Italianized parts of the biblical text suggests that aligning the Book of Mormon with the King James Bible was a problem in many places, rather than aligning with the original Jewish or Semitic text. For a review of the accounts that we have, see Richard Lloyd Anderson, Gift and Power of God, Ensign, September 1977, 79-85; Richard Van Wagoner and Stephen K. Walker, Joseph Smith: The Gift of Seeing, Dialogue: Diary of Mormon Thoughts 15, No. 2 (Summer 1982): 48-68; Stephen D. Rix, Translation of the Book of Mormon: Interpretation of Evidence, Journal of the Book of Mormon Studies 2, No. 2 (1993): 202-8; Daniel K. Peterson, Answer: What manuscripts and eyewitnesses tell us about the translation of the Book of Mormon, the journal of the Book of Mormon Studies 11, no. (2002): 67-71; Royal Skousen, Translation of the Book of Mormon: Evidence from the original manuscript, in the Book of Mormon Authorship Revised: Evidence of Ancient Origin, ed. Noel B. Reynolds (Provo, UT: FARMS, 1997), 61-93. The history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, ed. B. H. Roberts, 2nd ed. rev. (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1957), 1:220, footnote. Emma Smith, the Prophet's wife, said that Joseph would look at the sheets using Urim and Tumme, without reference to any other text, and would spell out long, difficult words. One interview with her is reported by Edmund Briggs, who visited Navu in 1856. Unfortunately, his account was published only in 1916. See Edmund K. Briggs, Visit to Navu in 1856, in History Magazine 9 (1916), 446-62. A few years before her death, Emma also interviewed her son Joseph Smith III. See Saints Advocate 2, No. 4 (October 1879), 49-52. Joseph Smith III confirmed to a colleague that his mother had stated that Joseph Smith Jr. had not used any text other than the numbers during the translation process. See Joseph Smith III James T. Cobb, February 14, 1879, Book of Letters 2, Community of Christ Library-Archives, Independence, Missouri, cited in Anderson, Inquiry book of Mormon Witnesses (Salt Lake City: Deseret Book, 1981), 29. David Whitmer said that Joseph would look into the hat containing the pro-carrier stone, and in the darkness created by his lowered head, he would see the translation. See David Whitmer, Address to All Believers in Christ (Richmond, MO: David Whitmer, 1887), 12. Martin Harris's account is not as detailed as Whitmer's, but it is generally consistent with Edward Stevenson's account of Martin's lecture in Salt Lake City on September 4, 1870. Watch Deseret Evening News, September 5, 1870, reissued in Deseret News, November 30, 1881, and Millennial Star 44 (February 1882): 86-87. Oliver Cowdery, Joseph's principal scribe during the translation process, is said to have said that Joseph would place Urim and Tummm directly on the sheets to receive the revelation, although elsewhere the scribe simply said that Joseph had used Urim and Tummm, without describing exactly how. This description is contained in a personal statement by Samuel W. Richards, who allegedly recounted a conversation he had with Oliver about the translation process. See The Statement by Samuel W. Richards, May 25, 1907, L. Tom Perry Special Collection, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, cited in Anderson, The Gift and Power of God, 81. In earlier sources, Oliver simply said that Joseph translated with Urim and Tummm. Messenger and Advocate 1, No. 1 (1834): 14. In 1848, Reuben Miller recorded that in a speech given on his return to the Church in Iowa, Oliver said that translated it with the gift and power of God with the help of Urim and Tummm. the diary of Ruben Miller, 21 October 1848; See Anderson, Ruben Miller, Recorder Of Confirmation Oliver Cowdery, BYU Research 8, No. 3 (1968): 277-93. Like the revelations that preceded it, and even more widely than scholars have ever guessed, the narrative of the Book of Mormon bulges with biblical expressions. More than fifty thousand phrases of three or more words, with the exception of certain and vague articles, are common to the Bible and the Book of Mormon. Barlow, Mormons and the Bible, 27. See Royal Skousen, Text Analysis of the Book of Mormon, 2 Nephi 11-Mosiah 16, Critical Text of the Book of Mormon 4, Part 2 (Provo, UT: FARMS, 2005), 1048-52. Barlow, Mormons and the Bible, 14-15 years old. Later, in chapter 14, the book is mentioned again. In verse 20, Nephi shows one of the Apostles of the Lamb, the same organ that translated and handed over the book of the Lamb of God pure. Nephi is told that this man, later named John, will observe and record the rest of the vision, and that what John wrote would be true and true. In addition, the record was to be written in a book that you saw from the mouth of a Jew (v. 23). This particular text seems to be the Revelation of the Apostle John, as found at the end of the New Testament. Interestingly, this verse suggests that the Jewish mouth refers to the origin of the New Testament, as John's Revelation often dates back to around 100 AD. Thus, Christians who lived during the New Testament appear to have been designated a Jew in the Book of Mormon. It is also proposed in 1 Nephi 13:24, where the reader is told that the Apostles carry a record, which indicates that they not only witnessed the events, but also recorded them. This designation is important in light of its notable use in the rest of Nephi's vision. In fact, of the thirty-five references to the Lamb of God in the Book of Mormon, twenty-seven are in 1 Nephi 11-14, while five of the other eight are in texts that are related to Lehi's dream (see 1 Nephi 10 and 2 Nephi 21-33). This suggests that this particular designation is important for the overall content and meaning of Nephi's vision and his particular theme of Christ's condescension in both the Old and New Worlds. It should be noted that Nephi not only talks about these things, but is actually a witness to them; see here in 1 14:23-24. In the spirit of modern science, the passage seems to say that the Scriptures are the product of people whose writings and pains must be respected along with their records. Richard Liman Bushman, Joseph Smith, Rough Stone Rolling (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2005), 100. In Nephi's other writings, we learn that he considered himself a Jew, and therefore the Book of Mormon could rightfully meet the requirements of the Bible, namely that it was created through the difficulties, labors, and pains of the Jews (2 Nephi 29:4). See Harry S. Stout, Word and Order in Colonial New England, in the Bible in America: Essays in Cultural History, Ed. By Nathan O. Hatch and Mark A. Knoll (New York: Oxford University Press, 1982), 19-38, 22. See David Lawton, Faith, Text and History: The Bible in English (New York: Wheatsheaf Harvest, 1990), 82-83. The new order Puritan received a classic formulation in the first new world sermon of their Governor John Winthrop, preached on board the flagship Arbella ... He continued to inform his fellow travelers that they were different from all other nations on earth; not because of his own righteousness, but because God singled them out as Israel of the old to be instruments of his redemptive plan for humanity... The New England affair would be to hold a divine commission from God to establish his word in the midst of professing, peculiar people . . . It is important to remember that when delivering his platform, Winthrop did not simply express the private opinion he wanted to see realized. He formulated the official, public ideology of the country. From now on, the Society of New England will go on public records as a special people of the covenant. Stout, Word and Order in Colonial New England, 27. For more information see Christina Bross, Dry Bones and Indian Sermons: Praying Indians in Colonial America (Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2004); Hilary E. 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