

The Book of Mormon ———
An account written by the hand of Mormon upon plates
taken from the plates of Nephi

wherefore it is an abridgment of the record of the People of Nephi
& also of the Lamanites
written to the Lamanites
which are a remnant of the house of Israel
& also to Jew & Gentile
written by way of commandment
& also by the spirit of Prophecy & of revelation
written & sealed up & hid up unto the Lord
that they might not be destroyed
to come forth by the gift & power of God
unto the interpretation thereof
sealed by the hand of Moroni
& ~~hid~~ hid up unto the Lord
to come forth in due time by the way of Gentile
the interpretation thereof by the gift of God

an abridgment taken from the Book of Ether also
which is a record of the People of Jared
which were scattered at the time the Lord confounded the language of the People
when they were building a tower to get to heaven
which is to shew unto the remnant of the house of Israel
how great things the Lord hath done for their fathers
& that they may know the covenants of the Lord
that they are not cast off forever
& also to the convincing of the Jew & Gentile
that Jesus is the Christ the Eternal God
manifesting himself unto all Nations

& now if there be fault it be the mistake of men
wherefore condemn not the things of God
that ye may be found spotless at the Judgment seat of Christ

——— By Joseph Smith
Junior Author & proprietor

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of New York

to wit<.>

Be it remembered that on the eleventh day of June in the fifty third year
of the independence of the United States of America A.D 1829
Joseph Smith Junior of the said District hath deposited in this office
the title of a Book the right whereof he claims a author in the words
following to wit

The Book of Mormon. . &C.——

By Joseph Smith Junior Author & ~~pro~~ proprietor ~~pr~~

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