

Bible Study with the LDS

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All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2Tim. 3:16

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 1:8

As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

1)Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2)By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 1 Cor. 15:1-4

Q: What does this statement mean to you concerning the Bible?

“Take up the Bible, compare the religion of the Latterday Saints with it, and see if it will stand the test.” Journal of Discourses, Vol.16, p.46, Brigham Young, May 18, 1873.

“There is no clash in the principles revealed in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and the Doctrine and Covenants; and there would be no clash between any of the doctrines taught by Joseph the Prophet and by the brethren now, if all would live in a way to be governed by the Spirit of the Lord. All do not live so as to have the Spirit of the Lord with them all the time, and the result is that some get out of the way.”
(Brigham Young: Journal of Discourses, Vol.5, p.329, Brigham Young, October 7, 1857)

Some, in their curiosity, will say, "But you Mormons have another Bible! Do you believe in the Old and New Testaments?" I answer we do believe in the Old and New Testaments, and we have also another book, called the Book of Mormon. What are the doctrines of the Book of Mormon? The same as those of the Bible. (Journal of Discourses, Vol.13, p.174 p.175, Brigham Young, May 29, 1870)

Would it be a fair to say that,

1. Brigham Young invited comparison of the Bible and BM to see if the BM stands the test?
 Yes No
2. We should find no clash in principles or doctrine between the Bible and the BM?
 Yes No
3. We should find no clash in principles or doctrine between the Bible and the D&C?
 Yes No
4. Should there be any clash in principles between the Bible and anything Brigham Young or Joseph Smith said?
 Yes No
5. Did God inspire the Bible? Yes No
6. Does God ever lie? Yes No

What do the following passages say concerning the Bible?

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. Matt: 24:35 – Mar. 13:31 – Luke 21:33

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Rev. 3:8

In Matt. 16:18, Peter just declared that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus stated that upon that revelation, His church would be built and that the gates [schemes, plans, & devices] of the enemy would not prevail.

Q: From the passages above, who is responsible for the preservation of Scripture?

man God

Q: Has God ever failed?

Yes No

If God cannot fail and he says that His words would not pass away, and the gates of hell would not prevail against the fact that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, and that heaven and earth shall pass away but God's word would not pass away, then please EXPLAIN how could there have been an UNIVERSAL APOSTACY in which GOD WAS WITHOUT A WITNESS from 100AD to 1830's?

Q: Yes No Did Jesus lie when he said,
"I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go forth and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" John 15:16

Q: Yes No: Where the NT writes delusional when they wrote,
2 Tim. 2:2 "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Did you know that the Bible is historically and archeologically correct? Yes No

- The Rivers are where they are supposed to be.
- The People groups are listed and verified in the time period they are supposed to be.
- The landscape agrees with Biblical accounts.
- The coinage, plants, animal life, weaponry, technology is all historically verified.

Did you know that there are over 25,000 manuscripts which provide over a 99.5% accuracy rate and no variation is of any doctrinal significance? Yes No

Did you know that there are over 89,000 non-biblical citings in which all but 11 verses of the Bible could be constructed? Yes No

Q: Are there any other secular or religious classical / ancient writings that indicate that there ever were the Nephites, Laminites, City of Boutiful, etc? Yes No

Have any LDS Archeologist found ANY indication of Iron smelting during 421AD?

Yes No

Has the Hill Cumorah been excavated at all? Yes No

Have any chariots, shields, weaponry from the 2million people that died at Cumorah been found?

Yes No

Did you know that..

An LDS Archeologist (Dr. Matheny) says that, "... overall assessment is that archaeology offers no support for the Book of Mormon as history: "I would say in evaluating the Book of Mormon that it has no place in the New World whatsoever."

Yes No

Which is the older revelation of God? Bible Book of Mormon

Which is the most reliable Prophetically, Historically, and Archeologically?

Bible Book of Mormon

Doesn't it reason that we should judge the younger Revelation by the older Revelation just as Brigham Young said do? Yes No

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What would you do if The Book of Mormon Contradicted the Bible?

What would you do if Brigham Young Contradicted the Bible?

What would you do if Joseph Smith Jr. Contradicted the Bible?

What do these following statements indicate?

Note that the prophecies and promises which are in the D&C "shall *all* be fulfilled." If *even one* remains unfulfilled, then this also is a false prophecy. D&C 1:37

"I say now, when they [his discourses] are copied and approved by me they are as good Scripture as is couched in this Bible . . ." (*Brigham Young: Journal of Discourses, Vol. 13, p. 264; see also page 95.*)

Deut. 18:20- But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, *even that prophet shall die.*

Would it be safe to say that if Brigham Young, Joseph Smith, or any of the LDS Prophets were wrong in any prophecy, then they would be considered a false prophet and worthy of death?

Yes No

Would it be safe to say that Brigham Young stated that what ever he wrote and approved is as trustworthy as the Bible and should be seen as inspired from God and infallible? Yes No

If this is the case then please explain how the following prophecies came to pass:

MORMON DEBTS WILL BE PAID: April 23, 1834. D&C 104: 78-83. God's promise to deliver the Saints from their debts. "It is my will that you shall pay all your debts." The Lord will soften the hearts of their creditors.

FULFILLED?: Joseph Smith and other prominent Mormons had to flee Kirtland to avoid their creditors, leaving debts of thousands of dollars unpaid. Smith ultimately filed bankruptcy.

FAR WEST TEMPLE: April 26, 1838. D&C 115. Revelation concerning the city of Far West, Missouri, and the building of a temple there. God commands the temple to be built; the church will be gathered to Zion (Missouri), which will be "for a defense, and for a refuge from the storm." Work on the temple is to commence in the summer of 1838, with construction to begin April 26, 1839, with work to continue "diligently until it shall be finished, from the corner stone thereof unto the top thereof, until there shall not anything remain that is not finished." (v. 12) Verse 17: "I say unto you, it is my will that the city of Far West should be built up speedily by the gathering of my saints."

FULFILLED?: The temple cornerstone was laid, but no more work was ever done and the temple is still not completed. Far West was abandoned by the Mormons soon after this revelation. It would appear that the building of the Far West temple was not the work of God, since God's work cannot be frustrated (see D&C 3:3).

Sept 22-23, 1832. D&C 84:2-5, 31 Zion will be built with its temple at Independence, "in this generation". This generation shall not all pass away until the temple will be built upon the spot. Orson Pratt in 1870 reiterated the prophecy (JD 9:71, 10:344, 13:362) and insisted that it will come to pass within the generation living in 1832.

Dec 16, 1833. D&C 101:17-20 Zion (Missouri) shall not be moved out of its place; the Saints will receive their inheritance there, and there is no other place than Missouri appointed by God for the gathering of the Saints.

QUESTIONS:

Is Zion in now in Independence MO? ___ Yes ___ No

Is there any one living now that was alive in 1832 [that would make them 166 years old)?
___ Yes ___ No

Please read D&C 1:37 and tell what that means? ___ Yes ___ No

Please read Deut. 18:20 and tell me what that means? ___ Yes ___ No

According to Brigham Young, what is he himself calling himself? _____

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NATURE OF GOD THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST and the INERRENT WORD OF GOD: THE BIBLE:

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12
