

Genesis, Chapter Zero

The Mormon church claims that it is the fulfillment of ancient Bible prophecies. Many of the supposed prophecies do not appear in your Bible, however, but in “Bible” passages written by the founder of the Mormon church, Joseph Smith. For example: In June 1830, according to the Mormon church’s story, God revealed to Smith that an entire chapter of Genesis was missing from the beginning of the book. It had been removed by careless or evil men over the centuries. Amazingly, in that “missing chapter” God told Moses about scriptures yet to be written and the appearance on earth of a Moses-like latter-day prophet and leader.

Mormons call their new chapter of Genesis “Moses, Chapter 1.”

The last chapter of Genesis also was changed to serve the interests of the Mormon church. In chapter 50, the church has added more than a dozen verses written by Joseph Smith which prophesy the appearance in the last days (or latter days) of a seer named - - you guessed it - - Joseph, who was born in 1805; and “the coming forth of the Book of Mormon,” which was published in 1830.

—Documented in Mormon church publications of the Bible and The Book of Mormon (2 Nephi 3), and another of its latter-day scriptures, The Pearl of Great Price.

Mormon Church Spells Out Beliefs

- “God the Father...is the father of our spirits and is our God. The existence of other Gods cannot alter that fact.”
- “The heads of the Gods appointed one God for us.” That view of the subject “sets one free to see all the beauty, holiness and perfection of the Gods.”
- “The head God called together the Gods and sat in grand council to bring forth the world. The grand councilors sat at the head in yonder heavens and contemplated the creation of the worlds which were created at the time. ...[T]he council of the Gods...supervised

the Creation....”

- “God had materials to organize the world out of chaos—chaotic matter, which is element, and which dwells in all the glory. Element had an existence from the time he had.... They had no beginning, and can have no end.”

- “It is true that Adam helped form this earth. He labored with our Savior Jesus Christ. I have a strong view or conviction that there were others also who assisted them. Perhaps Noah and Enoch, and why not Joseph Smith, and those who were appointed to be rulers before the earth was formed?”

- “Adam exclaimed: ‘Blessed be the name of God, for because of my transgression my eyes are opened, and in this life I shall have joy...’”

- “Eve was glad, saying: ‘Were it not for our transgression we never should have had seed, and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and eternal life.’”

—Old Testament: Genesis - 2 Samuel Student Manual, pages 29, 39, 42, 45, 46; as of February 2018, still sold by the Mormon church through its Distribution Center, and available free at the church’s website: https://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/language-materials/32489_eng.pdf?cid=osd

Mormon Church Explains

In the early nineteenth century God restored the “divine priesthood” and the true church on earth through Joseph Smith. “[T]here came also the restoration of divine scriptures.” The King James Version, being only a “vestige,” required “not...a scholar but...a prophet”; “not...an ancient manuscript but...direct revelation” from God to update/correct it. Joseph Smith took care of that from 1830 to 1844.

—Ensign, January 1987

The Mormon religion: false doctrine, false prophets, false scriptures, often presented as if it is an authentic expression of traditional Christian faith. Does a Mormon believe such core LDS tenets? Ask, but also offer your own biblically sound, contrasting testimony.