



BOOK OF MORMON



REFORMED EGYPTIAN

Everything about the languages involved with the Book of Mormon cause some sort of problem. To begin with we are told that the Nephites, who are supposed to be God fearing descendents of Lehi, a devout Jew, kept their sacred writings in Egyptian, the language of a hated enemy nation who enslaved their ancestors for hundreds of years. That is hard to believe, especially when you realize that the Jewish people considered it blasphemous to write God's name **even in Hebrew.**

We are told the Egyptian they used was Reformed Egyptian, a language so rare, nobody has ever heard of it; no trace has ever been found in any archeological dig anywhere in the world; outside of Mormonism, it simply does not exist!

The Bible was written in the language of the people. The Old Testament was give to God's covenant people, the Jews, and it was given in the Jewish language, Hebrew. The New Testament was given in the language of the day, Greek, (and a little Aramaic). In all cases the people for whom it was intended could read and understand.

Yet we find the Reformed Egyptian is an unknown language (Book of Mormon, Mormon 9:34). It might by argued by a Mormon that it was not unknown to the Nephite people. It should, however, be remembered that apart from the Book of Mormon even these Nephite people are unknown, and if they **had** existed and recorded their scriptures in Reformed Egyptian, why did God allow that language to disappear from the earth?

Greek

When the Book of Mormon was published the accusation was made that it contained Greek. These Nephite people could not have had any knowledge of the Greek language. In answer to the charge that he had used a Greek word in the Book of Mormon, Joseph Smith wrote a letter dated May 15th, 1843 in which he stated:

"There was no Greek or Latin upon the plates from which I, through the grace of God, translated the Book of Mormon."

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However, throughout the Book of Mormon we find the use of many Greek words. Alpha and Omega are Greek, so is Synagogue and baptize. The Book of Mormon also mentions sanctuaries, which is Latin.

See 2 Nephi 28:13; Alma 15:17; 21:6.

The name 'Jesus' is Greek*. If a nation called Nephites, who were descended from Jewish ancestors, had existed, they would have used the name 'Yeshua' which is the Hebrew for Jesus.

Yeshua (Hebrew); Jesus (Greek); Joshua (English).

French

The Book of Mormon is composed of a number of books written (supposedly) by different people. One of these books is called Jacob. The Book of Jacob ends with the word 'adieu' a common enough French word in Joseph Smith's day, even in America, due to the influx of many French people.

The Book of Jacob is dated as "Between 544 and 521 BC". How would those people have known this French word since the French language did not exist until 700 years later?

Anglo-Saxon

When Christ was on earth He told His disciples: "**I will build** my Church (Matt. 16:18)

The word "will" implies a future event. It means; Determination; Intention or Resolve.

The word "build" means: Begin; Establish; Inaugurate; Originate; Set up; or Start.

So, when the Lord said, "**I will build**", He meant He was going to begin His Church. Yet throughout the Book of Mormon we read of the church existing in America - hundreds of years **before** Christ. Furthermore, the use of the word "church" is a problem because it is an Anglo-Saxon word and did not exist when the supposed Book of Mormon plates were being engraved.

When speaking to His disciples the Lord did not use the word "church". That is the English translation of what the Lord said. The Greek word which, in the Bible, is translated as church is "eklesia". It means "called out ones". Christ was about to "call out" from the world a people for Himself.

Matthew 16:18 is the first time the word "church" appears in the bible - as

one would expect - just when Jesus announces His intention to build it. It never existed before that time; not in Jerusalem and not in America.

*See 2 Nephi 33:6 where Jesus is mentioned 500 plus years B.C. and is spoken of in the past tense. (“He hath (has) redeemed my soul form hell.”)