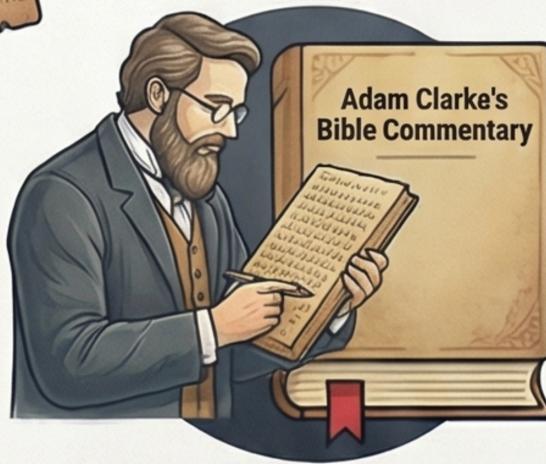


Joseph Smith's Translation Report Card

Joseph Smith's authority as a prophet is founded on his self-proclaimed ability to be a "Seer, a Revelator, a translator, and a prophet" (D&C 107:92). This infographic audits six of his key translation projects where source material or historical context allows for a direct evaluation of these claims.

1. The Book of Mormon Characters ("Reformed Egyptian")

Claimed to be an ancient language, but characters are modified 19th-century English letters and numbers.



2. The Pure Adamic Language

Revealed as the language of Adam, but the "ancient" words were crude modifications of English (e.g., Angels = "ang-men").

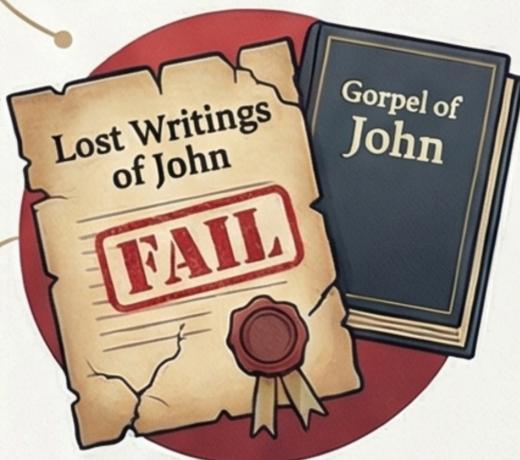


3. The Joseph Smith Translation (JST) of the Bible

Presented as a divine restoration but heavily borrows from a popular Methodist commentary (Adam Clarke's Bible Commentary).



Claimed to be from Abraham's own scroll, but the source papyri are common Egyptian funerary taui from 2,000 years after his time.



4. The Book of Abraham



5. The Lost Writings of John

Presented as lost scripture from John, but contains theology that is antithetical to the actual Gospel of John.

6. The Kinderhook Plates

Partially "translated" by Smith, but the plates were a contemporary hoax created by locals to test him.

Final Score: 0 out of 6



When evaluated against testable evidence, none of the major translation claims are credible.