

The Lamanite DNA Dilemma: Science vs. Scripture



The Foundational Claim: An Israelite Heritage



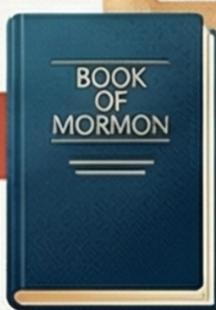
“Native Americans were identified as descendants of Israelites. Joseph Smith taught the “remnant are the Indians that now inhabit this country.”



Scriptures describe an empty American continent.

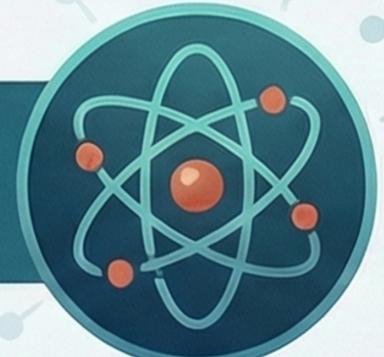
The land was “kept from all other nations” where “there had never man been.”

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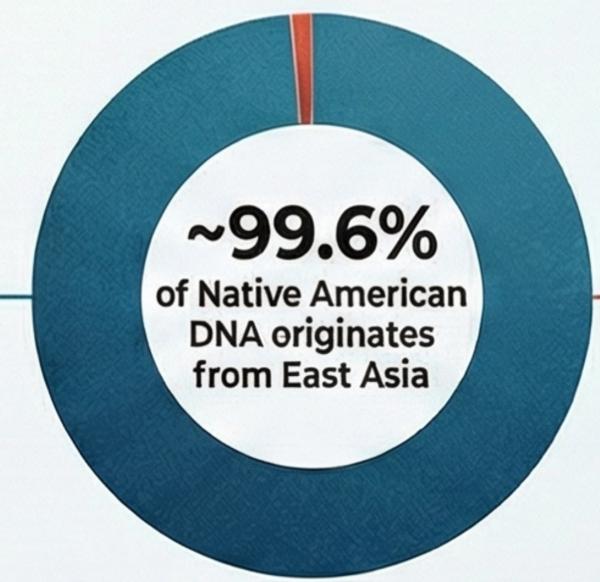


Book of Mormon introduction altered.

The Scientific Rebuttal: An Asian Origin




East Asia Origin
(99.6%)




Ancient Near East
(No discernible DNA)



Humans were in the Americas 20,000+ years ago.

This predates the Book of Mormon narrative and the Church's traditional 6,000-year timeline for humanity.



Apologetics aim to create doubt in conclusive science. Theories like “genetic drift” are presented...



...but critics argue they are scientifically implausible.