

'The Lamanite Curse: An Evolving Doctrine'

THE LITERAL CURSE: 150+ YEARS OF PROPHETIC TEACHING

Intermarriage Will Remove "The Curse of Their Color"

Prophet Brigham Young taught marrying Native Americans would restore them to their "pristine beauty." (1852)



Righteous Children Becoming "White and Delightful"

Prophet Spencer W. Kimball claimed Native American children in a church program became "several shades lighter." (1960)



Lamanites Were "Darkened in Their Skin"

Prophet Wilford Woodruff explicitly stated the curse darkened the Lamanites' skin, unlike other groups. (1881)



1960
Prophet claims children's skin is physically lightening.
Implication: Doctrine of literal skin color change is actively taught.

1960



Book of Mormon intro changed from "principal" to "among the" ancestors.
Implication: Church quietly adjusts claims in response to DNA science.

2007



Book of Mormon intro changed from "principal" to "among the" ancestors.

2020



Official manual says the "marks are not fully understood."

Implication: The church formally introduces ambiguity, disavowing past certainty.

THE MODERN SHIFT: A NEW, AMBIGUOUS NARRATIVE

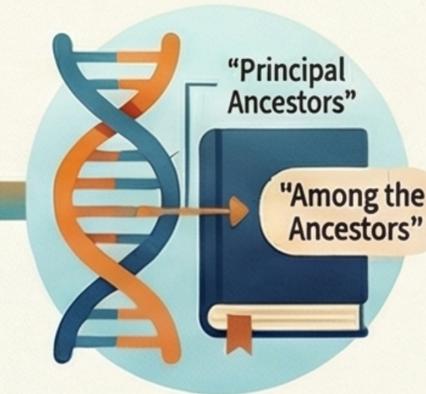
Apologists Suggest Curse Wasn't About Skin Color

Modern theories propose the "skin of blackness" was actually tattoos, paint, or animal skins.



Church Backs Away from Direct Ancestry Claims

Following DNA evidence, the Book of Mormon introduction was changed from "principal ancestors" to "among the ancestors."



Official Stance Becomes "Not Fully Understood"

The 2020 church manual states the "nature and appearance of this mark are not fully understood."

