

# Caught in the Act? The Book of Mormon's Changing Introduction

## HISTORICAL PRECEDENT: RESPONDING TO SCIENCE

**1981:  
A Definitive  
History**

INTRODUCTION  
ASSERTED  
LAMANITES WERE  
THE "PRINCIPAL  
ANCESTORS OF THE  
AMERICAN INDIANS."

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LAMANITES WERE THE  
"PRINCIPAL ANCESTORS OF  
THE AMERICAN INDIANS."

**2006:  
A Quiet  
Correction**

CHANGED TO  
"AMONG THE  
ANCESTORS" AFTER  
DNA EVIDENCE  
CHALLENGED THE  
ORIGINAL CLAIM.



## THE 2024 APP CONTROVERSY: CHANGE AND BACKTRACK



### A NEW "USER-FRIENDLY" INTRODUCTION APPEARS

MUCH SHORTER,  
SIMPLIFIED INTRO IN  
MISSIONARY "BOOK  
OF MORMON APP".

### WHAT WAS REMOVED IN THE NEW INTRO



JOSEPH SMITH'S  
NAME

THE GOLD  
PLATES



NEPHITES AND  
LAMANITES

CONNECTION TO  
NATIVE AMERICANS



THE TOWER  
OF BABEL

MOST CORRECT OF  
ANY BOOK ON EARTH



DRIVEN BY SCHOLARSHIP. THIS  
CHANGE WAS A DIRECT RESPONSE TO  
DNA RESEARCH BY SCHOLARS WHO  
WERE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCIPLINED.

## THE REVERSAL



AFTER PODCASTERS &  
ONLINE COMMUNITIES  
HIGHLIGHTED THE  
CHANGE, THE NEW  
INTRO WAS REMOVED.

