

# Anachronisms in the Book of Mormon: Ancient Text or 19th-Century Story?

## What's IN the Book of Mormon (But Shouldn't Be?)



**Animals, Plants & Technology from a Different Era:**  
Includes horses, cattle, steel, chariots, and wheat—absent from ancient America.



**Biblical Texts Written After the Characters Left:**  
Quotes extensive Isaiah (chapters 40-55) dated by scholars to after 600 BCE.



**19th-Century Christian Theology:** Describes modern Protestant concepts, like baptism in Christ's name, centuries before Jesus's ministry.

## What's MISSING from the Book of Mormon (But Should Be There?)



**Authentic Mesoamerican Culture:**  
No mention of native elements like wild turkeys, jaguars, or cacao beans for currency.



**Foundational Jewish Customs:**  
People from Jerusalem never mention core practices like Passover or circumcision.



**BAPTISM FOR THE DEAD**  
**PLURALITY OF GODS**  
**Core Doctrines of Modern Mormonism:**  
Lacks later concepts like temple endowments, baptism for the dead, or a plurality of gods.