

Book of Mormon parallels to 1800s thought

Richard Bushman, well-known Mormon historian, [recently stated](#):

... there is phrasing everywhere—long phrases that if you google them you will find them in 19th century writings. The theology of the Book of Mormon is very much 19th century theology, and it reads like a 19th century understanding of the Hebrew Bible as an Old Testament ...

And Blake Ostler, another well-known Mormon scholar, [has noted](#):

Many Book of Mormon doctrines are best explained by the nineteenth-century theological milieu.

It appears that many, if not all, theological doctrines and themes advanced in the Book of Mormon had close precursors, variants, or a deep foundation in, the theology and thought of the early 1800s.

Shorter documents with more narrow focus

Each of these analyses is significant in its own right, but these are comparatively minor compilations and analyses. Please consult the extensive compilations to fully appreciate the extent of the parallels.

1. [Similarities with Jonathon Edwards Sr/Jr sermons](#)
2. [19th Century Protestant Phrases in the Book of Mormon and Anachronistic Christian doctrine \(churchistruer\)](#)
3. [Anachronistic Biblical Phrasing](#)
4. [Other protestant material in the Book of Mormon](#)
5. [Echoes](#)
6. [Similarities with Le Morte d'Arthur](#)
7. [Lamoni vs. Launcelot](#)
8. [Moroni quotes sections of Mark that are of dubious origin](#)
9. [Jesus sweat drops of blood out of pores a common 1800s argument, with commentary on it in Clarke's bible notes](#)

Extensive compilations or analyses

1. [Similarities with late war and analysis](#)
2. [Similarities with McClintock, Keteltas, Sherwood, Dwight, Whitefield, and Edwards Sr/Jr \(Donofrio\) \(Thomas Donofrio\)](#)
3. [Historical Influences on the Book of Mormon \(Thomas Donofrio\)](#)
4. [The Book of Mormon: A Voice from 19th Century Dust \(Ray Anderson\)](#)
5. [New Approaches to the Book of Mormon](#)
6. [Mormon Parallels \(Rick Grunder\)](#)
7. [King James Verses in the Book of Mormon](#)

8. [Book of Mormon Origins project](#)
9. [19th Century Protestant Phrases in Book of Mormon](#)
10. [The Book of Mormon and 12 points of Pelagius](#)
11. [Faith of a naturalist](#) (see [FST-15](#)–[FST-21](#))
12. [Motif criticism-anachronist theology](#)
13. [Anti-universalist Rhetoric in the Book of Mormon](#) (Vogel)
14. [Digging in Cumorah](#) (Mark D. Thomas)
15. [Possible sources of plagiarism for Joseph Smith](#)
16. [realbookofmormon.org](#) Likely Sources