

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.

I assert that *every* theological doctrine and motif advanced in the Book of Mormon had close precursors, variants, or a deep foundation in, the theology and thought of the early 1800s. The following is a compilation of the evidence:

1. [Similarities with Jonathon Edwards Sr/Jr sermons](#)
2. [Similarities with late war and analysis](#)
3. [Similarities with McClintock, Keteltas, Sherwood, Dwight, Whitefield, and Edwards Sr/Jr \(Donofrio\)](#)
4. [The Book of Mormon: A Voice from 19th Century Dust \(Ray Anderson\)](#)
5. [Anachronistic Christian doctrine](#)
6. [Anachronistic Biblical Phrasing](#)
7. [Other protestant material in the Book of Mormon](#)
8. [Historical Influences on the Book of Mormon \(Donofrio\)](#)
9. [New Approaches to the Book of Mormon](#)
10. [Rick Grunder's Mormon Parallels](#)
11. [King James Verses in the Book of Mormon](#)
12. [Book of Mormon Origins project](#)
13. [The Book of Mormon and 12 points of Pelagius](#)
14. [Echoes](#)
15. [Faith of a naturalist \(see FST-15–FST-21\)](#)
16. [Motif criticism-anachronist theology](#)
17. [Anti-universalist Rhetoric in the Book of Mormon \(Vogel\)](#)