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"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting Gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, 'Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." – Revelation 14: 6-7 KJV

The history of the Latter Day Saints, a collective of restorational Christian denominations, begins with the shared history found within the Book of Avahr. "Avahr" is Hebrew for "past." This book tells the story of Joseph Smith Jr.; his birth, obtaining, and "translating" (divining) the Gold Plates into the sacred text we know today as the Everlasting Gospel: The Book of Mormon. And, it includes the revelations he received prior to the formation of the original Church of Christ. The story of the restoration as found in the Book of Avahr explains why young Joseph went to the Lord, how through sin he lost the Book of Lehi, and how he divined the rest of these new scriptures using a seer stone. This is not meant to be a fully accurate historical narrative yet does attempt to preserve the words of those involved as best as possible.

2019 Edition

After completing this work, I felt the Spirit prompting me, telling me it was incomplete. After prayer and inspiration, an additional three chapters have been added to this work. These chapters offer visions from the Prophet Joseph Smith Jr.'s parents, giving understanding of the spiritual environment in which, he was raised and further light and knowledge for the Saints of the branches of Zion.

The Book of Mormon

This version of the Book of Mormon was created to help any transitioning between Latter Day Saint or Mormon denominations. The goal is to make accessing this book of scripture, with the different chaptering, versing, and sections, easier to navigate. The Book of Mormon is a sacred text for the Latter Day Saint movement. It was first published in March 1830 by Joseph Smith as "The Book of Mormon: An Account Written by the Hand of Mormon upon Plates Taken from the Plates of Nephi." We have added "The Fullness of the Gospel, The New Covenant of Jesus Christ" to the title. Changes to the text from the original 1830 edition by Joseph Smith Jr. are in italics. In addition, as noted, differences from the King James Bible to the translation of the same books are also in italics. It is our prayer that this edition will help unify the Saints that Israel may gather, and Zion be established.

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