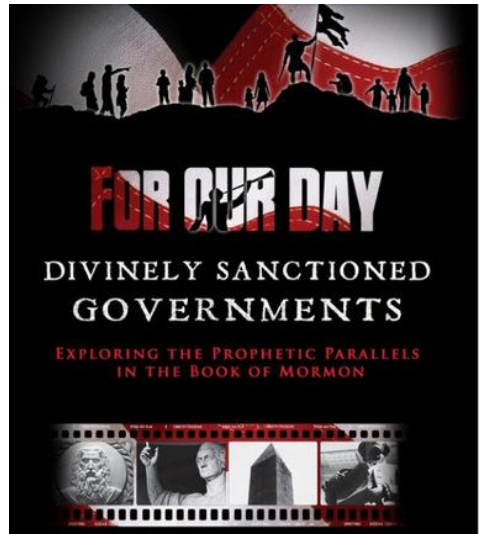
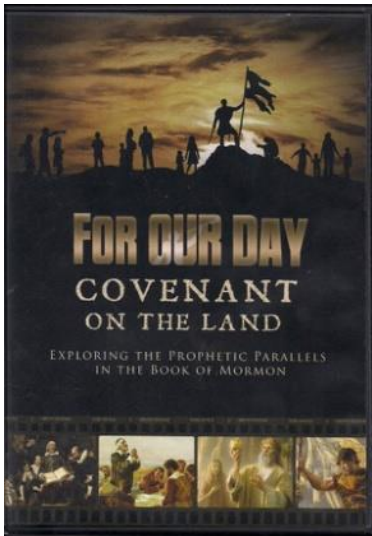


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-some think the signs of the times are dangerous and fanatical, but the Lord said in the D&C that the righteous will seek to know the signs.

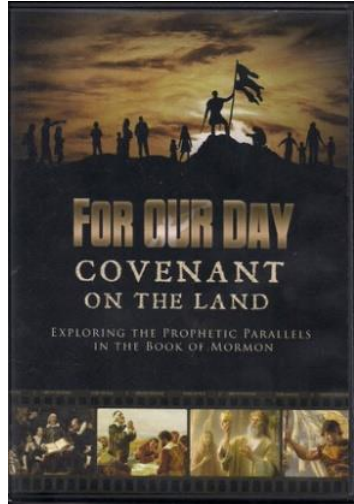
-Both America and Book of Mormon societies were founded on scripture. Pilgrims' religion is what brought them to America, like Nephi's religion is what brought him and his family to America.

-Laws of Mosiah and the laws of the Constitution were both from righteous men of God.

-Nephites found the Jaredite record, a warning for them. Americans found the Book of Mormon, a warning for them. Both records show what happens to a people who live in America who reject God and their destruction.

-Alma establishing God's church among the Nephites is parallel to Joseph Smith establishing God's church among the Americans.

-Abinadi's martyrdom and the martyrdom of Joseph Smith are very similar. Both these prophets are types of Christ. They voluntarily laid down their lives. Joseph Smith was in prison for 3 days before the mob shot him.



-Darwin, Dewey, Keynes, Marx, and Sigmund Freud are all anti-Christ's who rose up in our time. President Benson named these names as anti-Christ's. Book of Mormon figures are Sherem, Korihor, Nehor. Mormon warns against whole groups of people being led astray by the false teachings of these anti-Christ's false teachings.

-Dr. William Provine at Purnell a professor of biology is teaching these same ideas as Korihor, of no God meaning no morals.

-Missionaries among Nephites and Lamanites are parallel to missionaries now going to all the world. They teach the 3 pillars of creation, fall, atonement.

-see book "The Book of Mormon and the Constitution" by H Verlan Anderson.

-Vladimir, Lenin, Stalin, Mao Zedong, etc. are secret combinations seeking to overthrow the government.

-socialism is soul destroying -Ezra Benson

-atheistic communism or socialism we learn of Machiavelli's "The Prince" about how to gain and abuse power; we hear the same thing in the book of Mormon.

-Alma said we go to war so we can continue to worship God and keep our liberty for our families.

-in the Book of Mormon when the church grew greatly, it started to be very proud and put God aside not listening to the prophets.

-Benson said we have strayed from moral and constitutional principles and its getting us into a quagmire.

-see book "From Darwin to Hitler"

-free travel and trade lead to increased prosperity we see this in the Book of Mormon; we also see today many walls coming down to open the way for prosperity and the spread of missionary work, like the Berlin Wall

coming down. When the Lamanites get converted they prosper.

-Many scholars have agreed that the books of Helaman and 3 Nephi parallel our day. The Lord gives the Nephites physical signs of the times to give them one last chance to repent. Some of these signs are earthquakes, waves heaving themselves beyond their bounds, fire, darkness, etc.

-Just before the Savior comes in the Book of Mormon, the words of the prophets are heavily rejected, the more righteous are gathered in and the more wicked are destroyed.

-In the Book of Mormon the 200 years of peace following the coming of Christ is like the forthcoming Millennium, and there are no more tribal divisions, but everyone joins Christ.

-at the end of the Book of Mormon period of peace, the people rebel outright, so will they people at the end of the Millennium.
Part 2, about America's founding:

-Benson: we should review the religious history of the US lest we forget.

-The Nephites came to America from Jerusalem with the brass plates which is the Old Testament, similarly the pilgrims came to America with the bible.

-The tool the Lord used persecution to drive the Mulekites to America, the pilgrims, etc.

-in schools they don't teach that the pilgrims came to America for religion. They describe the first Thanksgiving etc. without mentioning God. This is an attack on Christianity, trying to revise history.

-all the colonists believed that they were completing the journey which Moses started.

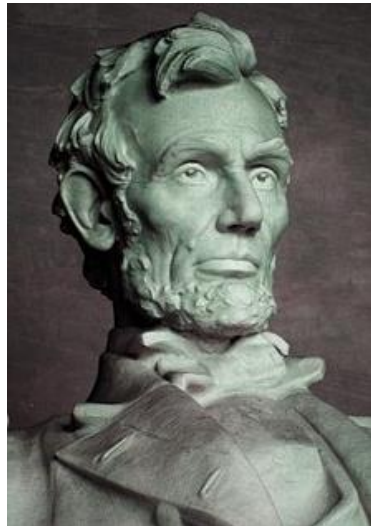
-see Of Plymouth Plantation by William Bradford, the primary source

-Jeremiah said that the day would come that the people would not look to the time of Moses as when they were delivered, but that there would be a gathering of the tribes from the north, which would be the great gathering and salvation of Israel. North and West Europe have many Ephriamites.

-Puritans named their first township “Salem” after Jerusalem. They named their children Hebrew names.

-The New Jerusalem is America. Just as the Nephites governed themselves by what was written in the brass plates (a more complete version of the Old Testament), that the Pilgrims considered the bible to be the law. They modeled their feast days after the feasts of the Old Testament; these holidays were very different than our holidays, they involved much prayer. The pilgrims repeatedly referred to Moses leading an Exodus to the promised land being akin to themselves being led to a promised land.

-there are many parallels of Puritan churches and the restored gospel. Bearing testimony, being born under the covenant, sealings, sanctification, a sacred Sabbath, worthiness interviews, accepting new members by vote, sustaining leaders with the uplifted hand, church courts, disfellowship, excommunication, renewing covenants, prophecy, prayer lists, fasting for a purpose, bread and water in the sacrament, schools of the prophets, etc. Some say Joseph Smith stole these ideas but it's just the true pattern restored



-the founder of Rhode Island taught that the authority had not been restored yet to perform the church ordinances. John Westley also understood that shortly after the deaths of

the apostles that the authority was gone. They understood a restoration of the ancient truth was needed and did what they could to move toward that direction. Asel Smith and Joseph Smith Sr. awaited the restoration of the gospel, and it came from Joseph Smith Jr.

-The founder of Harvard believed in God creating and against Darwinism, but secular leaders replaced that. The motto for Harvard was originally “truth for Christ and the Church” was changed to “truth”. On the motto one of the books depicted was shown as inverted, meaning that reason alone can’t lead to man finding all truth, but the later secular leaders put that book not inverted anymore to suggest man was independent of God. This secular shift flew in the face of everything the founders of Harvard stood for.

-Yale originally had a seal with the Hebrew Words on their logo “Urim and Thumim” meaning light and truth.

-all the Ivy Leagues were originally founded as Christian Schools.

-Columbia University seal had Psalm 36:9 in thy light shall we see

-the Princeton motto was “under God’s power she flourishes”

-University of Pennsylvania’s motto was “laws without morals are in vain”

-Dartmouth College’s motto was “a voice crying in the wilderness”

-Rutgers state university motto was “Sun of Righteousness”

-Pilgrims were saved miraculously at sea much like Lehi’s company on their way to America. They couldn’t see anything for 7 days, and said they had never seen such a storm. The people greeting them on shore were amazed that anyone could survive such a storm.

-Squanto walked into the Pilgrim camp and saved their lives, he spoke perfect English. William Bradford pilgrim leader was amazed; they needed help to farm which Squanto brought. He came out of nowhere to

their aid.

-the pilgrims had a large drought, they prayed 8 hours, and then clouds came and it rained for 14 days

-we wonder how it is possible that the Nephites forgot after 1 generation the great miracles of God; but we also have forgotten the miracles associated with the settlement of the US.

-modern history portrays pilgrims as killers, hypocrites. It was the wicked among the colonists that did the bad things, the Lamans and Lemuels among Nephi's people did bad things in the new land. They traveled side by side with the righteous Nephi Sam and Lehi. Not everyone came to America for the right reasons, and they make the good guys look bad.

-some of the greatest peace makers came in the time of the pilgrims, like Thomas Mayhew, who was not fighting Indians, but living among them, knowing their language, teaching them the gospel. He was one of the nursing fathers prophesied of by Isaiah.

-The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne rewrote the history of the pilgrims as being wicked people. This was not a historically accurate book. He made them become associated with snobbery, self-righteousness, rudeness. The red capital A is used by atheists from Scarlet Letter, they use it as a symbol of rebellion against Christianity.

-Miller's "The Crucible" was comparing anti-communists to witch hunters. He was a procommunist adulterer teaching us about the puritans. This is like going to Hitler to learn about the Jews.

-just like how people think of the Puritans as too strict, people are seeing Nephi and Lehi as being too strict about keeping the commandments. The book of Mormon says the Nephite law was "exceedingly strict" dealing with the commandments.

-Winthrop and other early leaders made an official covenant to be accountable to God and his angels to obey the commandments of God.

-one man stole wood from Winthrop, Winthrop instructed him to use his wood until the cold season was over. Winthrop was strict in the law, but to punish lawbreakers, he taught them, and the stricter punishments were given to the more knowledgeable trespassers.

-Sir Thomas Dale a leader of the Jamestown plantation saw

-Rog Cragg “Forged in Faith” book. Calls America the New Jerusalem because of that strong theme.

-Sowell in his book wrote of his belief that the heart of America is where the new Jerusalem would be. Joseph Smith confirmed this doctrine.

-The Lord called Far West “most holy”, unlike any other place

-Sowell said the native Americans were Israelites unawares

-The colonists considered themselves literal Israelites by blood.

-John Winthrop’s words to place the people under covenant on the new land seem like Lehi’s words. He said we will know God is with us when 10 of us can resist 1000 of our enemies, for we will be as a city on a hill. He said if they turn away from God they will be cut off from the presence of God and be cursed.

-1 Ne. 13 Nephi saw thousands of years before the pilgrims and said the pilgrims would carry the bible with them to the promised land which he was on namely America, which they did.

-generations ago when the bible was the essence of education and government, there was little to no delinquency.

Book of Mormon as parallel timeline to modern
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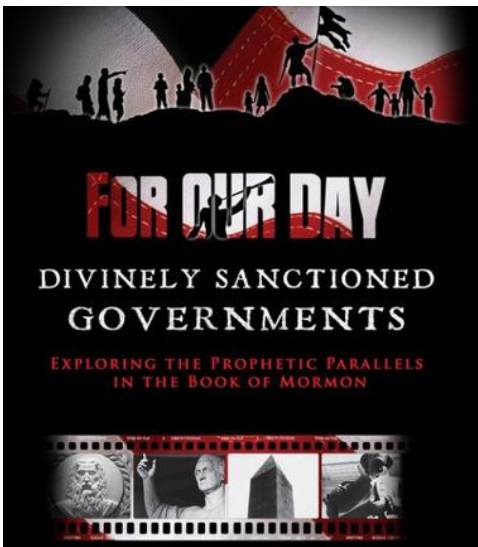


- 1 prophets persecuted: akin to the reformation
- 2 Lehitese to America: akin to Gentiles to America
- 3 Mosiah's law is akin to the US Constitution of the US.
- 4 They found the Jaredite record, which is akin to Joseph Smith finding the Nephite record.
- 5 Then Alma restoring the church is a parallel on a Book of Mormon timeline to Joseph Smith restoring the church.
- 6 Abinadi's martyrdom is akin to Joseph Smith's martyrdom
- 7 Anti-Christ's deceive Nephites: akin to Anti-Christ deceive Saints
- 8 Missionaries to the Lamanites and Nephites: akin to missionaries to the world
- 9 Wicked leaders conspire: akin to communism and socialism
- 10 Title of Liberty: akin to Constitution
- 11 Astonishing church growth: akin to worldwide church growth
- 12 Nephites degenerate: akin to moderns reject founding moorings
- 13 Lamanite religious freedom: akin to walls come down
- 14 Combinations infiltrate Nephites: akin to complicity in America
- 15 signs warn Nephites: akin to signs warn moderns
- 16 more wicked destroyed: akin to earth cleansed
- 17 Christ visits Nephites: akin to Second Coming
- 18 period of peace: akin to the Millennium
- 19 Nephites openly rebel: akin to Satan loosed after the Millennium
- 20 Mormon leads final battle: akin to Michael leads final battle

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-there is a painting “the apotheosis of Washington” of him surrounded by 13 women representing the colonies. Washington was found praying often during the war; there is plenty of evidence of the US as a Christian nation. Some historians call Washington a deist, but this is absurd, he consistently evoked Gods law on the land. Deists believe God is only found via reason and observation not via revelation and supernaturalism. (*Note some other Joseph Smith Foundation materials make a good point: that some of the US founding fathers were skeptical of the form of

Christianity in their day; so was Joseph Smith!) The most quoted source in the writings of the founding era were from the bible, and this was quoted 4x more than the next most quoted book. 34% of their quotes were from the bible. This is hard to understand in our secular era. The language of the constitution reads similarly to the bible type of language.

-at top of the Washington Monument it says in Latin “praise to God”; in the miniature display in the museum it hides this inscription on the back; all the way up to the top there are bible verses from Proverbs, these are seen on the stairs ascending the tower, and those stairs are no longer allowed to be used, people are required to use the elevator. This is supposedly because people can’t handle the stairs.

-the founding fathers believed America was the new promised land of the Lord. They wanted the national symbol of the US to be an image of the Israelites traveling in the wilderness. We have an eagle instead.

-like how Mosiah didn’t create the government in the Book of Mormon, so didn’t the US founders create the government here, really, they were instituting laws of God.

-Mosiah’s law deals with a transition from monarchy to a government where the people make the laws, elect those who make the laws, and are responsible for the outcomes. People answer for their own sins. Mosiah instituted a system of judges as found in the brass plates. The ultimate authority of their government was recognized as God. Just as the Nephites in the Book of Mormon, the Americans had a law which started out as recognizing God as the leader, and have not continued to recognize God. The principles of the Constitution are in the Book of Mormon.

-without God as a justification for human rights, it becomes impossible to explain why a human should be treated differently than an animal. Those who profess to believe Darwinian Evolution often believe that saving a dog is just as important as saving a human. Certain rights are given to every person by God. When we believe we are from apes, we act like apes. The Columbine shooter was wearing a shirt that said “natural selection”. Where do the unalienable rights of humans come from? From their creator, as the founders wrote into the Constitution.

-The bible teaches that the purpose of government is to secure God given rights.

-Moroni includes property rights in his Title of Liberty. He called upon the people to show a “spirit of freedom”. Private property is referred to often in the Book of Mormon. 3 Nephi 3 tells of a group of people trying to tempt Gods people into communal pooling of land rather than individual property. Moroni defines defending our rights as “the cause of Christians”

-The Book of Mormon has poetic parallels and chiasmus reflecting scenes of the American revolution; Joseph Smith was 21, backwoods, uneducated, not well read. He could not have written that.

-one couple was fined for holding bible study group in his home without a permit

-Jayson Kunzler a BYU professor surveys his class on government views and most the students align with the communist manifesto. They then study readings from the Book of Mormon, and the students’ views change dramatically.

-when governments of liberty are established, people are simply returning to the government of God.

-without God, no one can say what’s right and what’s wrong. Morals become irrelevant.

-Ancient Israel had a type of federalism, the states were called tribes, and there was a central national federal government to help in things the tribes could not. It’s the divided limited government.

-freedom is participation in power. The more is controlled by remote Washington the less power we have.

-Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg wanted to use foreign laws to settle issues in the US not our constitution.

-Obama called the Constitution very flawed and representing cultural issues of the time it was written.

-Genesis 49 is the words Jacob delivered to Joseph; it said Joseph is a fruitful bough whose branches go over the wall; they understood this wall as being the Atlantic Ocean, and that a remnant of Israel would spread across it to this land. George Washington put his hand on this chapter when swearing his oath to God to be the president of this land.

-when we attend the temple, we hear of our liberty binding us to our land

-Franklin Roosevelt called the Constitution quaint from the horse and buggy era. J Reuben Clark of the First Presidency responded that though they had horse and buggy, they still understood human nature, which is the same as it always has been.

-The first presidency of the LDS Church (Grant, Clark, McKay) condemned "New Deal" policies because of their socialistic and unconstitutional nature; they warned that as a nation and as a people we are moving towards communism. Just like ancient Israel's prophets condemned political leaders, so have the modern Israel prophets. The saints rejected the advice of the First Presidency of the Church as seen in the election results in the 4 elections of FDR, Utah Idaho and Arizona citizens gave majority support of FDR.

-McKay in the First Presidency said the church's position on communism has always been the same: it's of the Devil and takes away our liberty.

-Ezra Benson said socialism eventually has the same effects on our freedom as communism.

-Alma 51 they sent a petition to change the government, seeking to destroy the government ratified by the voice of the people these laws of Mosiah. Similarly, people want to get rid of the Constitution thinking it outdated. These people wanted to restore monarchy, getting a leader not representing the people. As people move away from spiritual moorings, they move from political ones. Religion and liberty are always tied

together.

-Obama lamented the checks and balances system has kept him from making all the changes he wanted.

-When Nancy Pelosi was asked where the constitutional authority was for requiring people to have healthcare, her answer was “are you serious? Are you serious?”

-representative Phil Hare said he cares less about the constitution and more about the people dying without healthcare.

-The D&C says God inspired by US Constitution. Clark and Benson repeated this. Clark carries his copy of the constitution with his scriptures. They taught the constitution is the law of Zion. It's a political version of the blessings for Israel, telling us how we can receive and preserve liberty. Brigham Young says that Jesus Christ himself dictated the constitution, and that it is as good as he can ask for.

-the early US Supreme Court gave preference to the bible over less authoritative sources.

-the 10 commandments are the basis of the common law in America. We also have several depictions of Moses with the 10 commandments in our government buildings. He was the Genesis of Judeo-Christian law. The law from the brass plates taught by Mosiah is akin to Moses giving the law to Israel and akin to our constitution.

-secular humanism says man is predominant not God.

-President Hinckley condemned society for taking God out of our laws despite him being in our pledge of allegiance and our coins. He said we have the name of God on our coinage, but we cannot mention the name of God in our schools. He said we are forsaking the Almighty, and I fear he is forsaking us.

-Obama said we do not consider ourselves a Christian nation, but only a nation of citizens.

-an 8-year-old boy had candy with the name Jesus taped onto them at Christmas, he was not allowed to give these to his peers.

-a photographer was ordered to pay 7000 dollars for declining to photograph a same sex marriage.

