

*Go Ye and Teach*

Evidences of the Book of Mormon

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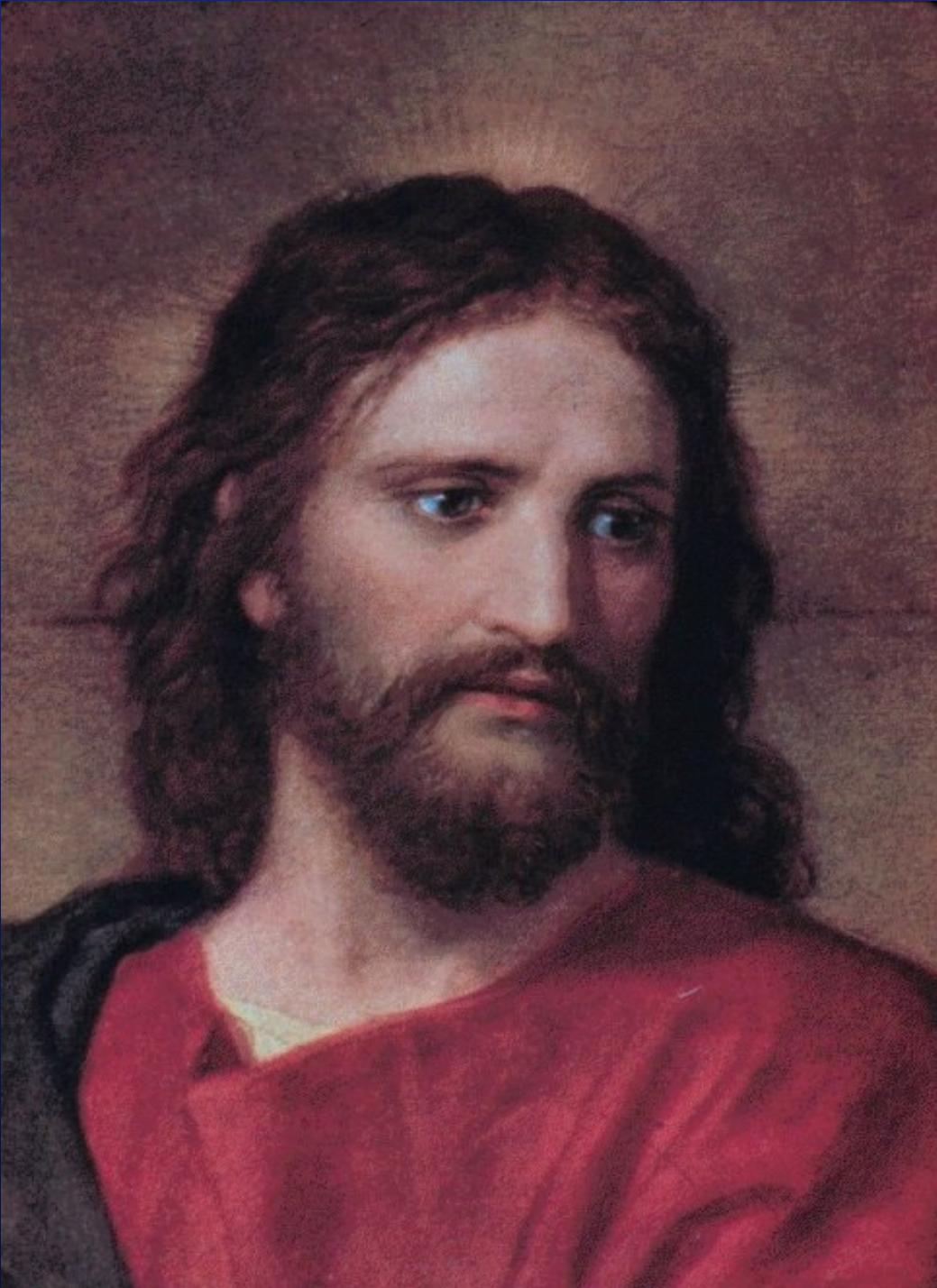
- Book of Mormon contains a historic record of ancient civilizations of America and tells of their origin
- Archaeological evidences discovered since the Book of Mormon, and facts of history, point toward the accuracy of this historical account

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- It is impossible for man to fabricate a story with so many historical coincidences
- Accuracy points to the divinity of its coming forth
  - Little was known about these ancient civilizations at the time the Book of Mormon was published

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- Divinity of the book gives credence to the claims of the young prophet and the story of the Restoration
- Through the Restoration, Christ calls all men/women to work with him



- Jesus Christ
- Fundamental to all of our beliefs
- Center and foundation of the church

- The Church Complete
- Christ built His church
- Salvation of mankind



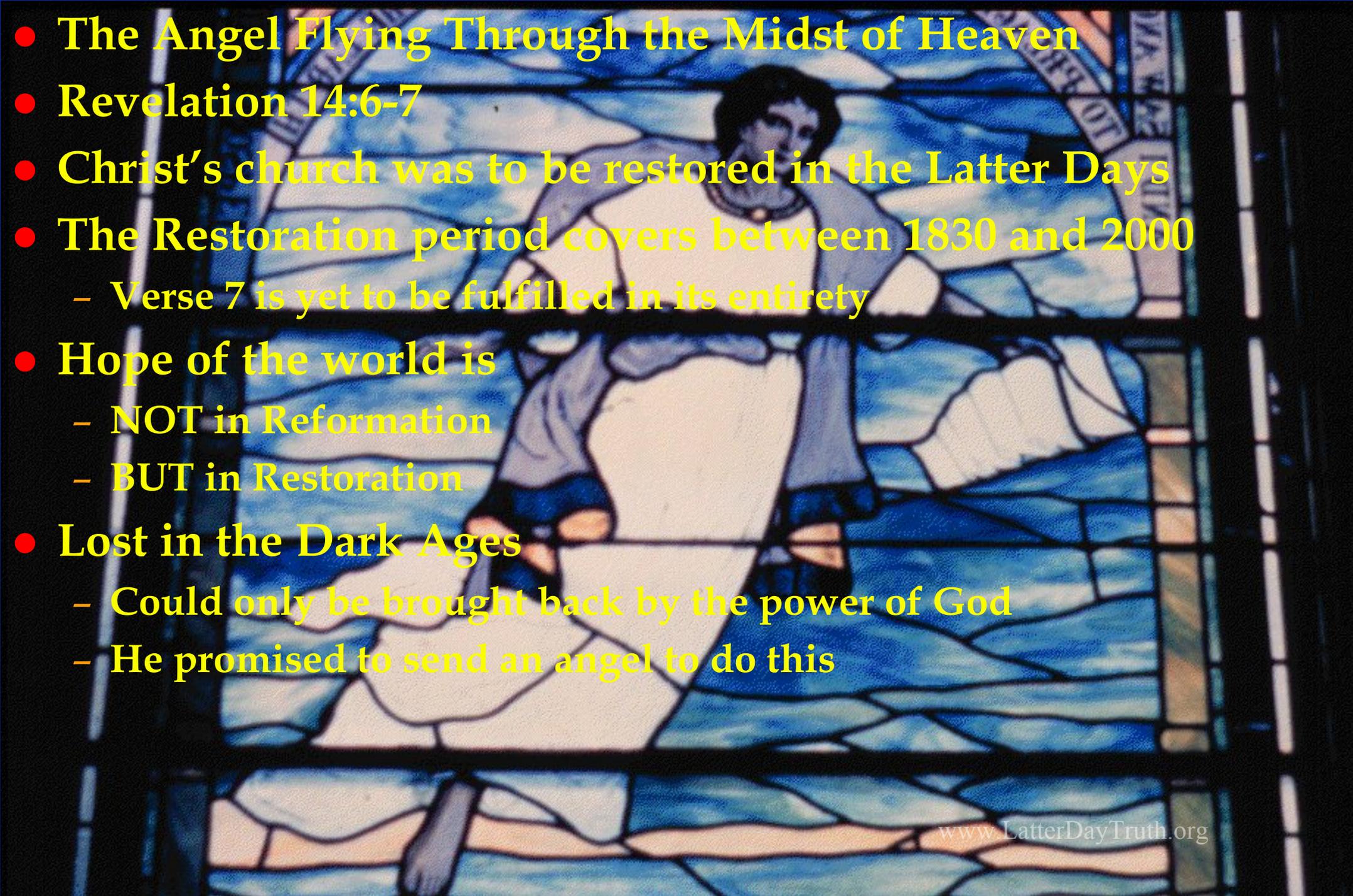


- Broken Down Church
- Early church established during Christ's life
  - departed from His teachings

- We argue that all Christian sects are more or less apostatized from the institutions of the Saviour: that by all of the obligations of the Christian religion, they that fear and love the Lord are bound to return to the ancient order of things, in spirit and truth.

A. Campbell

The Christian Baptist, Volume 5, page 402

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- A stained glass window depicting an angel with dark hair, wearing a white tunic and a blue cloak, flying through a blue sky with white clouds. The angel's arms are outstretched, and they appear to be holding a scroll or a book. The window is made of various shades of blue and white glass with black lead lines.
- **The Angel Flying Through the Midst of Heaven**
  - **Revelation 14:6-7**
  - **Christ's church was to be restored in the Latter Days**
  - **The Restoration period covers between 1830 and 2000**
    - Verse 7 is yet to be fulfilled in its entirety
  - **Hope of the world is**
    - NOT in Reformation
    - BUT in Restoration
  - **Lost in the Dark Ages**
    - Could only be brought back by the power of God
    - He promised to send an angel to do this

# *Second Vision*

- ... on the evening of the ... twenty-first of September, after I had retired to my bed for the night, I betook myself to prayer and supplication to Almighty God.  
... While I was thus in the act of calling upon God ... a personage appeared at my bedside  
...

*Church History, Volume 1, page 12*

# *Second Vision*

- He said there was a book deposited written upon gold plates, giving an account of the former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang. He also said that the fullness of the everlasting gospel was contained in it, as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants.

*Church History, Volume 1, page 13.*

# *Chichen-Itza*

- Of Chichen-Itza, a city of twelve square miles, F.A. Mitchell-Hedges writes: "... the population to have been five hundred thousand in this city alone. Imagine five hundred thousand people in one great city, and ... I believe there were over one hundred (cities) ... in Central America, evidences have been definite that everywhere was densely populated, a mighty civilization."

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

September 7, 1930

- **Map of Ruins**
- **Location of just some of the ancient ruins**
  - Uncovered by archaeologists to date



# *Lord Kingsborough*

- ... they in ancient times had been in possession of a book which was handed down successively from father to son, in the person of the eldest, who was dedicated to the safe custody of it and to instruct others in its doctrines.

*Antiquities of Mexico, Volume 6, Page 409*

# *Bancroft Quoted*

- At this assembly there were brought forward all the Toltec records reaching back to the earliest period of their existence, and from these documents, after a long conference and most careful study, the Teoamoxtli, or “book of God” was prepared. In its pages were inscribed the Nahua annals from the time of the deluge, or even from ... (Continued)

# *Bancroft Quoted*

- ... the creation; together with all their religious rites, governmental system, laws and social customs, their knowledge respecting agriculture and all the arts and sciences.

To the divine book was added a chapter of prophecies respecting future events and the signs by which it should be known when the time of their fulfillment was drawing near.

*Native Races, Volume 5, Page 251*

# *Bancroft Summary*

- Bancroft, a famous historian
- Book of Mormon is a divine book
  - History of ancient civilizations
  - Rulers
  - Written by men and handed down from generation to generation
- Deals with prophetic events of future

## *2 Nephi 4:21*

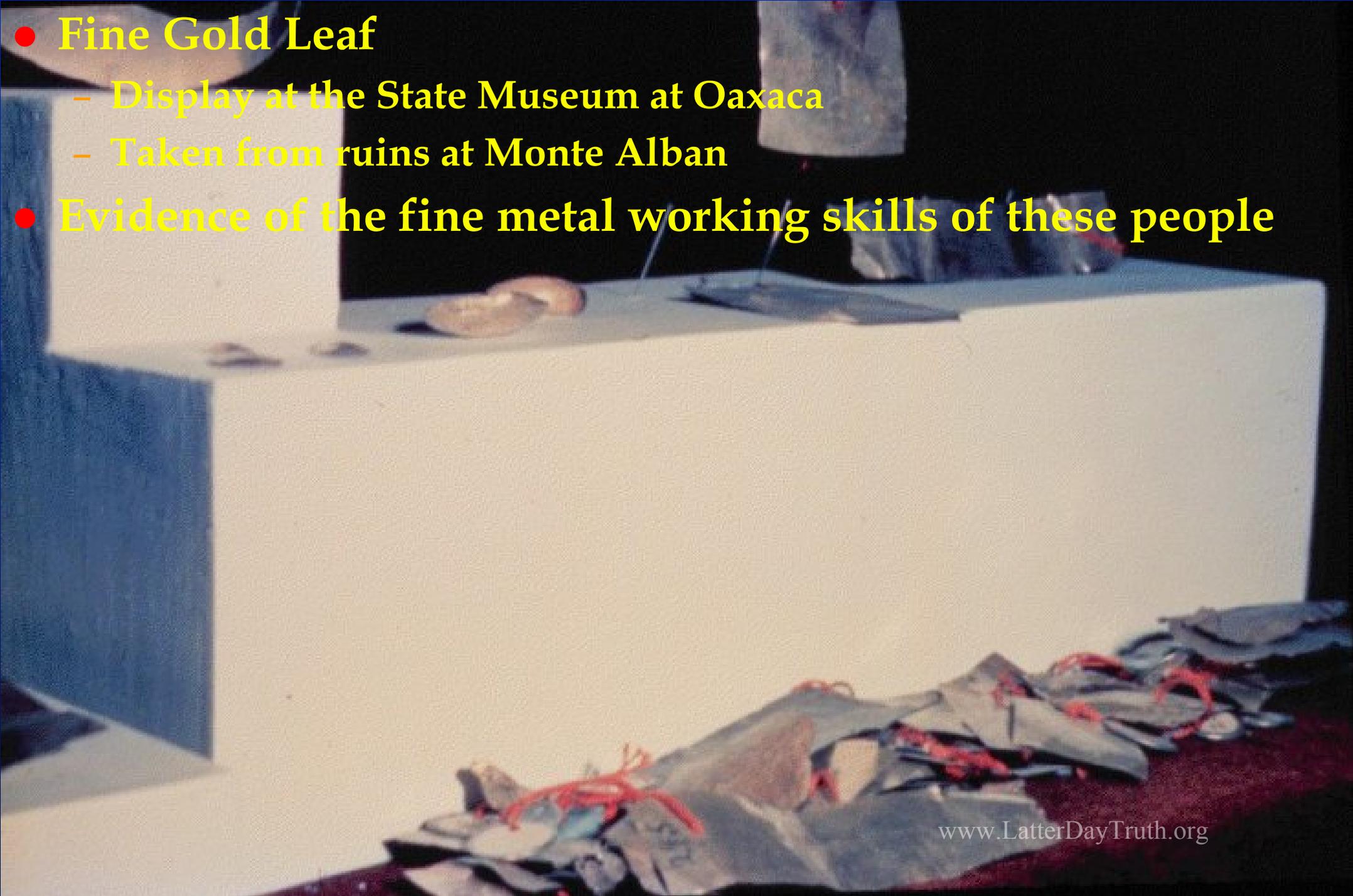
- And I did teach my people to build buildings, and to work in all manner of wood, and of iron, and of copper, and of brass, and of steel, and of gold, and of silver, and of precious ores, which were in great abundance.

# *Baldwin*

- ... They had great skill in the art of working metals, especially gold and silver. Besides these precious metals they had copper, tin, lead, and quick silver. ... Their goldsmiths and silversmiths had attained a very great proficiency.

*Ancient America, Pages 248-249*

- **Fine Gold Leaf**
  - Display at the State Museum at Oaxaca
  - Taken from ruins at Monte Alban
- **Evidence of the fine metal working skills of these people**



# *Helaman 2:133*

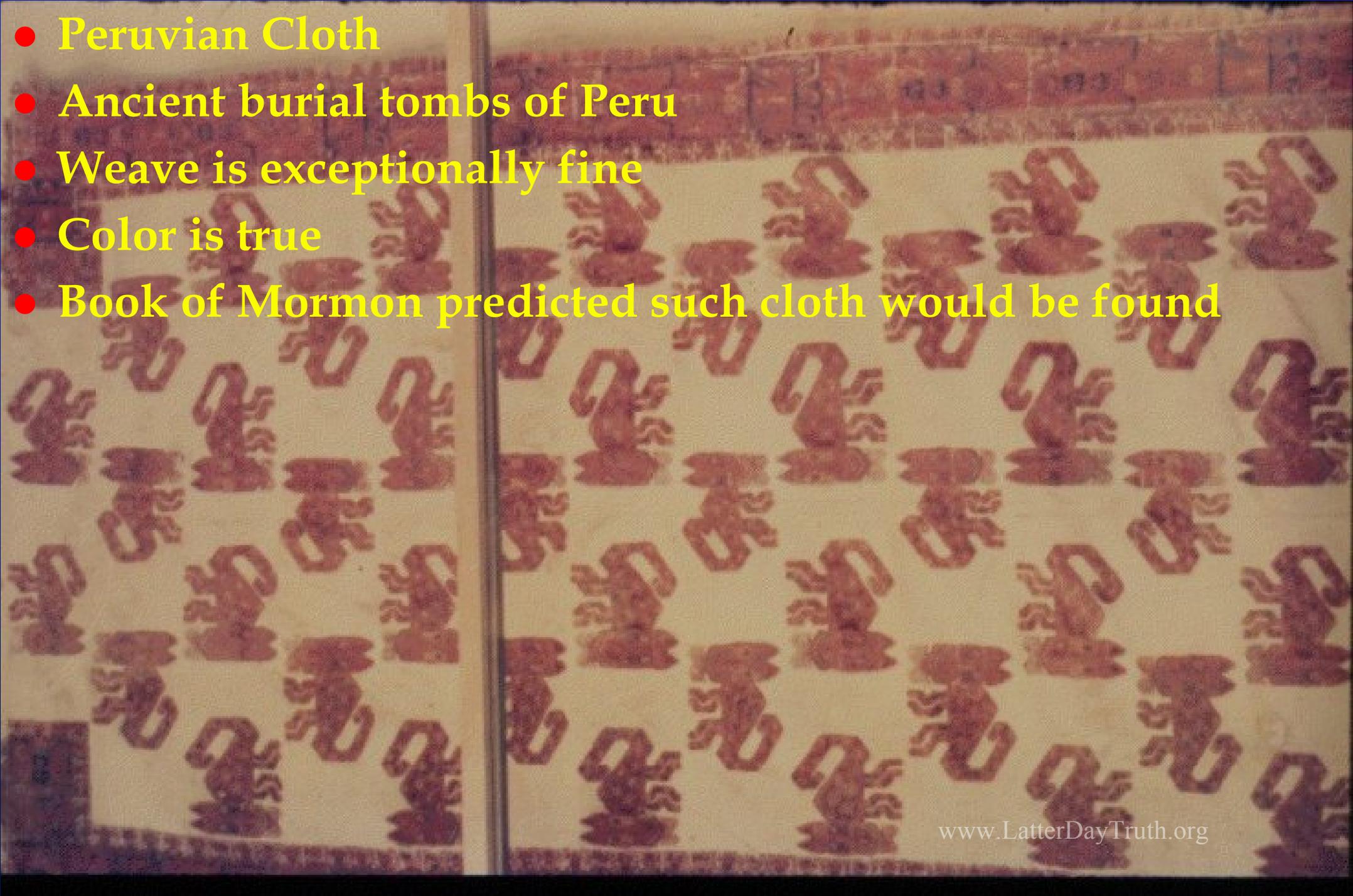
- Behold, their women did toil and spin, and did make all manner of cloth, of fine twined linen, and cloth of every kind, ...

## *KC Star (April 13, 1947)*

- The Jones Store advertised its “First Lady” bed sheets with 140 threads to the inch as the best in Kansas City.

Since that time finer weaves have been made but none to match those of ancient America for tombs in Peru have yielded textiles with 300 threads to the inch.

- Peruvian Cloth
- Ancient burial tombs of Peru
- Weave is exceptionally fine
- Color is true
- Book of Mormon predicted such cloth would be found

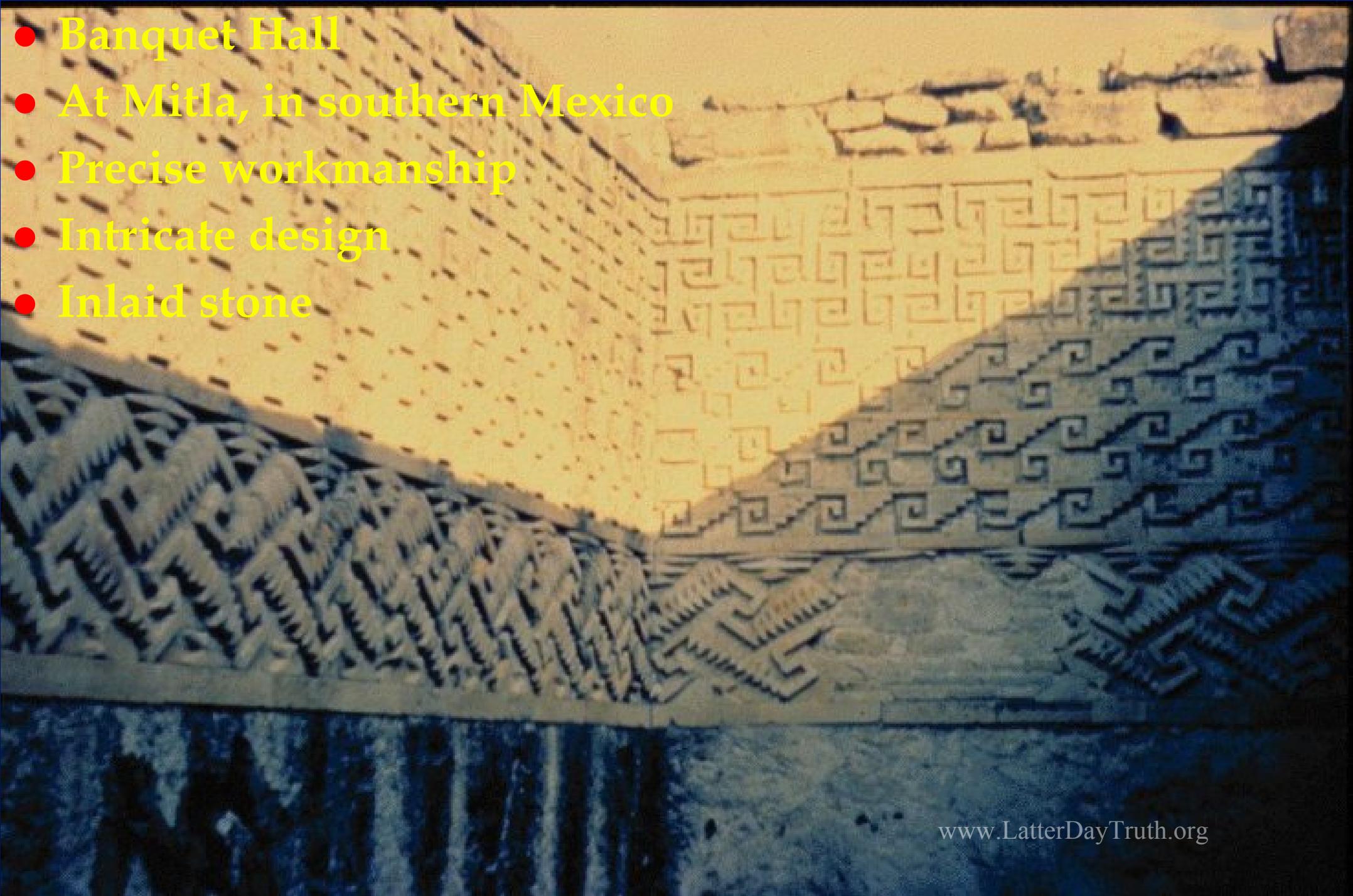


# *Mosiah 7:11-13*

- And it came to pass that King Noah built many elegant and spacious buildings; ...  
    And he also built him a spacious palace,  
    ... And he also caused that his workmen should work all manner of fine work within the walls of the temple. ...

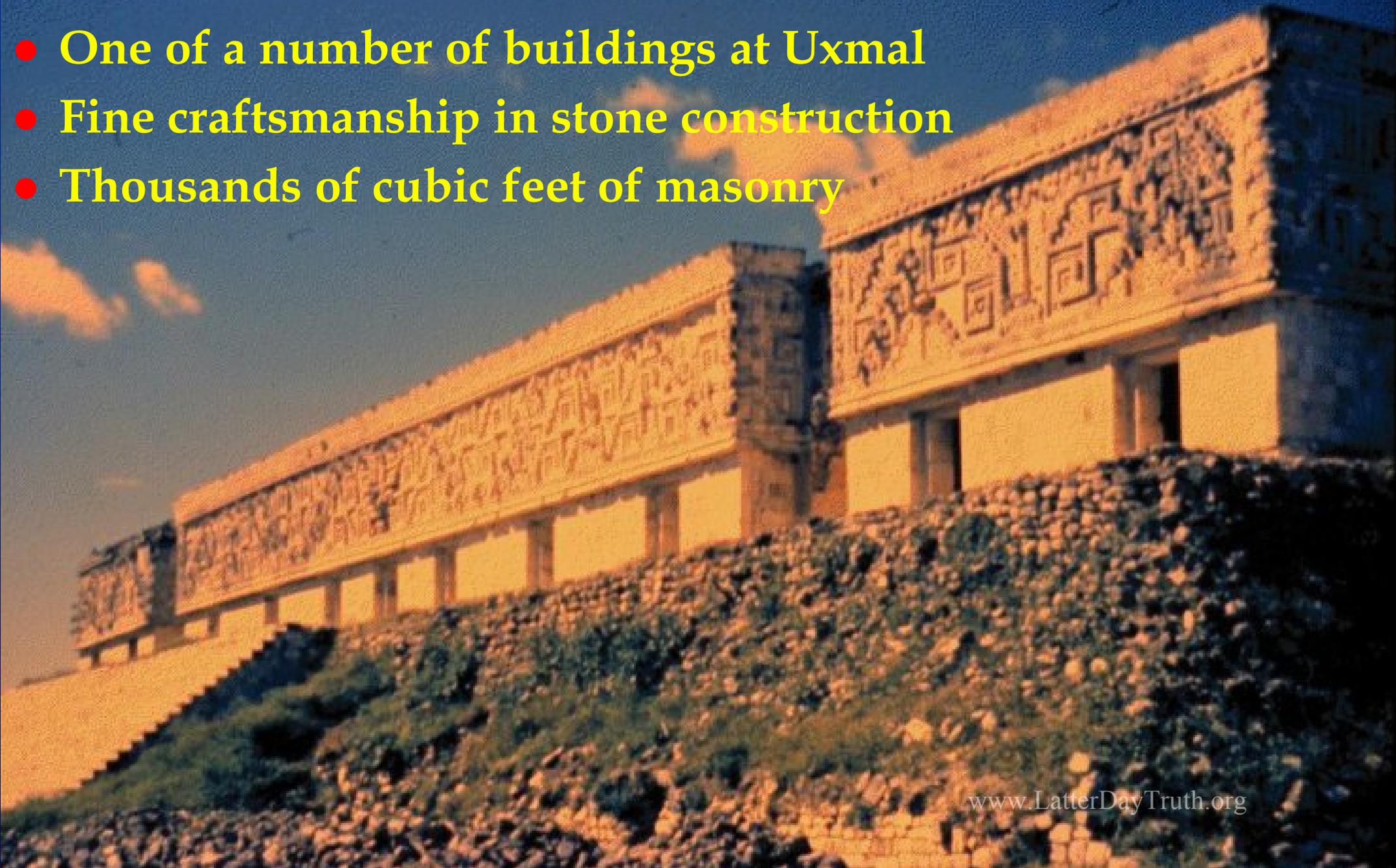


- Wall of Mosaics
- Ruins at Mitla, southern Mexico
- Inlaid stone
  - NO mortar between stones



- Banquet Hall
- At Mitla, in southern Mexico
- Precise workmanship
- Intricate design
- Inlaid stone

- House of the Governor at Uxmal
- One of a number of buildings at Uxmal
- Fine craftsmanship in stone construction
- Thousands of cubic feet of masonry





- El Tajin
  - Eastern Mexico near Vera Cruz
- Use of pyramid ... unknown
- Evidence of building ability

- Pyramid of the Sun
- Teotihuacan near Mexico City
- 628 feet by 638 feet at the base
- 208 feet high
- What the pyramid was called by its builders is unknown
- Superb craftsmanship



# *Jarom 1:19*

- “And we multiplied exceedingly, and spread upon the face of the land, and became exceeding rich in ... machinery ...”
- Chariots and machinery are mentioned in the Book of Mormon
- Use wheels and axles

- **Wheeled Toy**
  - from mural in the National Palace in Mexico City
- **Book of Mormon ridiculed for its statement on machinery**
- **Discoveries show that such knowledge was known among ancient peoples of the time.**



## 3 Nephi 3:8

- “And it came to pass that there were many cities built anew, and there were many old cities repaired, and there were many highways cast up, and many roads made, which led from city to city, and from land to land, and from place to place.”

# Roads

- “The roads ... are as good as the best procured by modern engineering. There are composed of stone slabs set in a concrete bed and today, with some repairs would be perfectly serviceable.”

*Adelaide Express-Telegraph*

August 7, 1926

# Roads

- “In certain places the cement roads ... extending for miles, remain today almost as perfect as at that remote period.”

*Seattle Post -- Intelligencer*

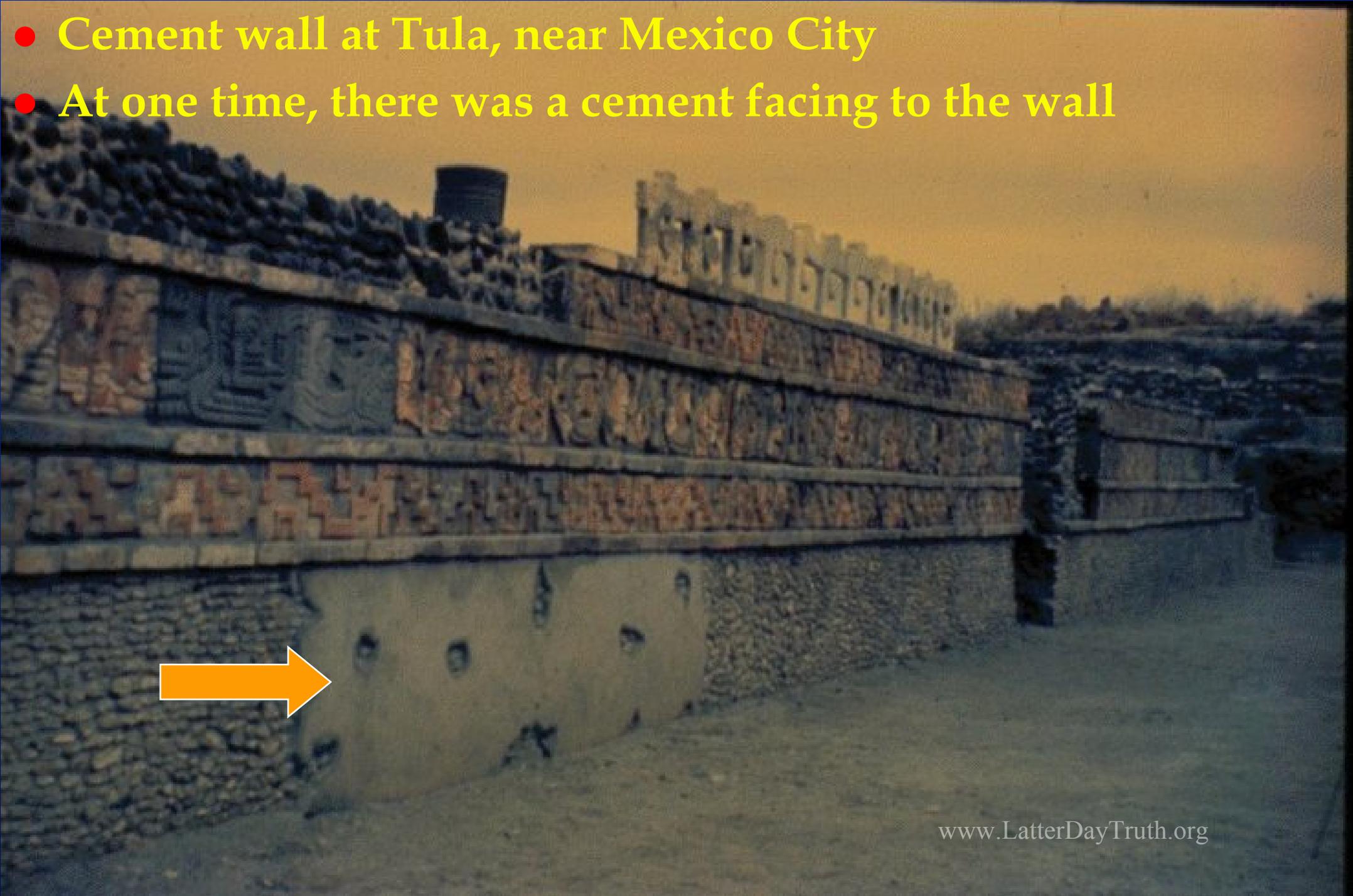
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- Roadway near Cuzco, Peru
- An ancient road
- Not in use today



# *Helaman 2:7*

- “ ... the people who went forth became exceeding expert in the working of cement; therefore they did build houses of cement, in the which they did dwell.”



- Cement wall at Tula, near Mexico City
- At one time, there was a cement facing to the wall



# *Helaman 4:62*

- “And thus according to his word, the earth goeth back, and it appeareth unto man that the sun standeth still: yes, and behold, this is so, for sure it is the earth that moveth, and not the sun.”

# *Herbert Spinden, Ph.D.*

- “When most of our ancestors were untutored barbarians, the Mayan priest astronomers had developed their science to a mathematical precision ... they could tell the exact number of days between the recurrence of any phenomena.”

*Scientific American*

January 20, 1928

- Observatory at Chichen Itza
- Evidence helping scientists in their study of the knowledge of astronomy among these early people





- Trephined skull
  - One of many such examples
- Evidence of a knowledge of brain surgery
- People were scientifically advanced

# *Kingsborough*

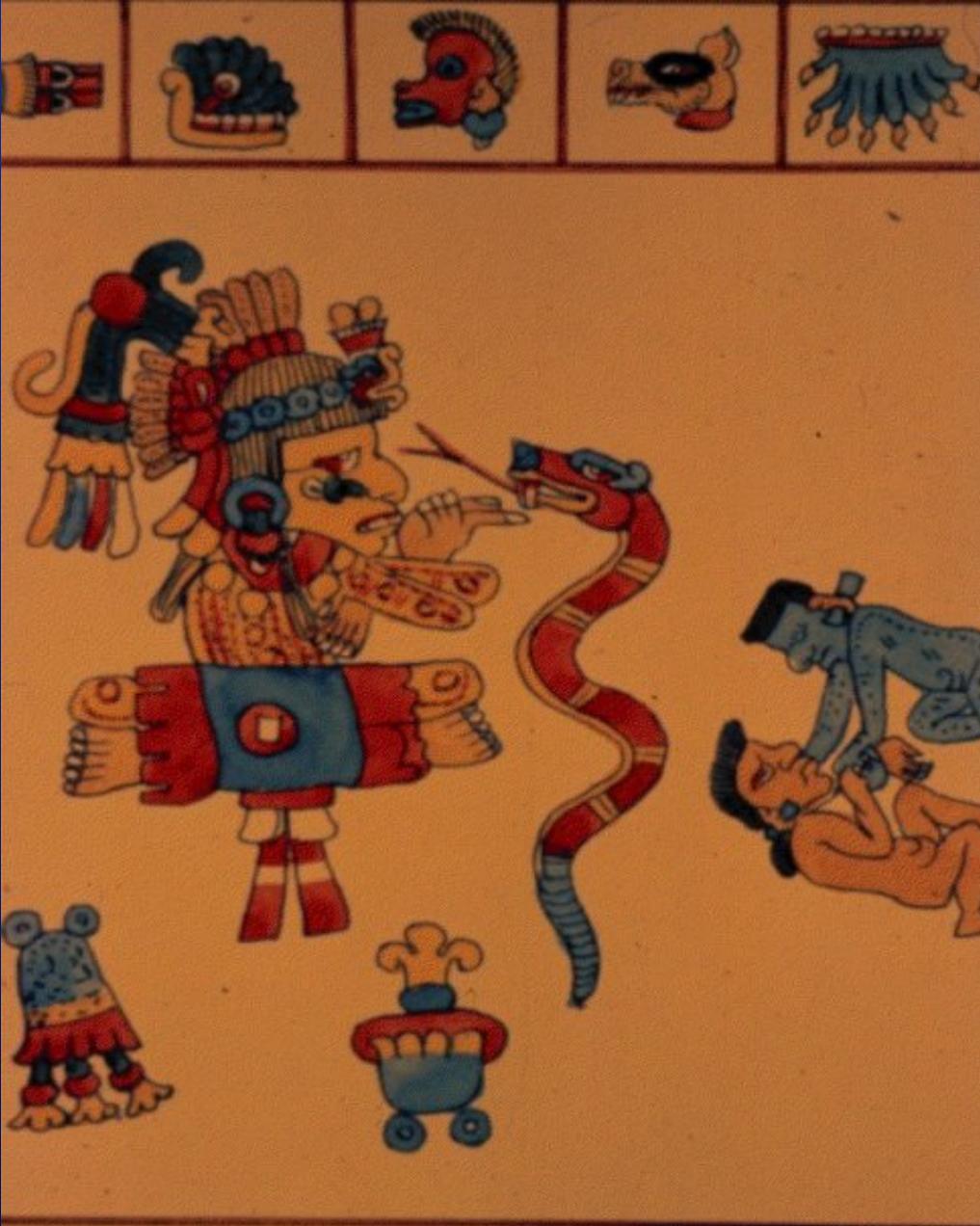
- “ ... coincidences ... are sufficiently strong to warrant the conclusion that the Indians at a period long antecedent to the arrival of the Spaniards in America were acquainted with a portion at least of the Old Testament ... ”

*Antiquities of Mexico*

Volume 6, page 409

# *Lewis Spence*

- “By means of his word (nisca) the creator, a spirit, powerful and opulent, made all things. We are provided with the formula of his words by the Peruvian prayer still extant: ‘Let earth and heaven be,’ ‘Let a man be: let a woman be,’ ‘Let there be day,’ ‘Let there be night,’ ‘Let the light shine.’”  
*Myths of Mexico and Peru*, page 305



- Temptation of Eve
- Taken from the *Codex Vaticanus*
  - ancient Aztec book
- Tells of Temptation of Eve and of Cain and Abel
- Note the two altars
  - One turned down
    - » Rejection of sacrifice
  - The other upright
    - » Acceptance of sacrifice

# *Bancroft*

- “Votan ... is said to have been a descendant of Noah and to have assisted at the building of the Tower of Babel. After the confusion of tongues he led a portion of the dispersed people to America.”

*Native Races*

Volume 5, pages 27-28

# *Descendants from Tower of Babel*

- Book of Mormon
  - Jaredites
- Complete agreement with
  - Bancroft
  - Biblical accounts
    - » people dispersed upon all the face of the earth

# *Ezekiel 37:16*

- “Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions.”

# *Sticks*

- 'Stick' means book
  - Books written on scrolls and carried around on sticks in the days of Ezekiel
- One stick for Judah
- One stick for Joseph
  - Descendants of Joseph
  - Went over the wall (sea) Genesis 49:22
- Book of Mormon = Stick of Joseph

# *Ezekiel 37:17*

- “And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.”
- Form a unified witness

# *Jeremiah 49:30, 31*

- “Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, o ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the Lord; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you.

Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the Lord, which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone.”

# *Jeremiah's Prophecy*

- Given between 700 and 600 B.C.
- Land without gates nor bars
  - Americas
  - No known cities in the world at that time fit his description
- Lehi, around 600 B.C.
  - Took his family and started a journey to this land
  - Genesis 49:22

# *Brinton*

- “Hardly a nation on the continent but seems to have had some vague tradition of an origin from four brothers, to have at some time been led by four brothers or princes ...”

*Myths of the New World*, page 101

- Lehi had four sons
  - progenitors of the nations on this continent.

# *Baldwin*

- “He (Montsinor) gives the Peruvian nation a beginning which is, at least, not incredible. It was originated, he says, by a people led by four brothers who settled in the valley of Cusco, and developed civilization there in a very human way. The youngest of these brothers assumed supreme authority, and became the first of a long line of sovereigns.

*Ancient America, page 264*

- **Four Brothers Altar**
- **Found at Copan in Honduras**
  - Represents something of importance to the early people





- Stele at Copan Honduras
- Memorial of a Heavenly vision or celestial event
- Date on the front of the stele  
– 613 B.C.

# *Hebrew and Chiapanecs*

<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>CHIAPENECS</u>	<u>HEBREW</u>
● Son	Been	Ben
● Daughter	Batz	Bath
● Father	Abagh	Abba
● King	Molo	Maloc
● Adam	Abagh	Abah
● God	Elab	Elab
● To give	Votan	Votan

- Ezekiel prophesied of two books (sticks)
  - Judah
  - Joseph
- Stick of Judah
  - Bible
- Stick of Joseph
  - Book of Mormon

# *Isaiah 29:17-18*

- “Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?”

And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.”

# *Encyclopedia Britannica (Lebanon)*

- “The mixed population, as a whole, displays the usual characteristics of mountaineers ... but its ancient truculence has given away before strong government action since the 19th century and the great increase of agricultural pursuits, to which the purely pastoral are now secondary.

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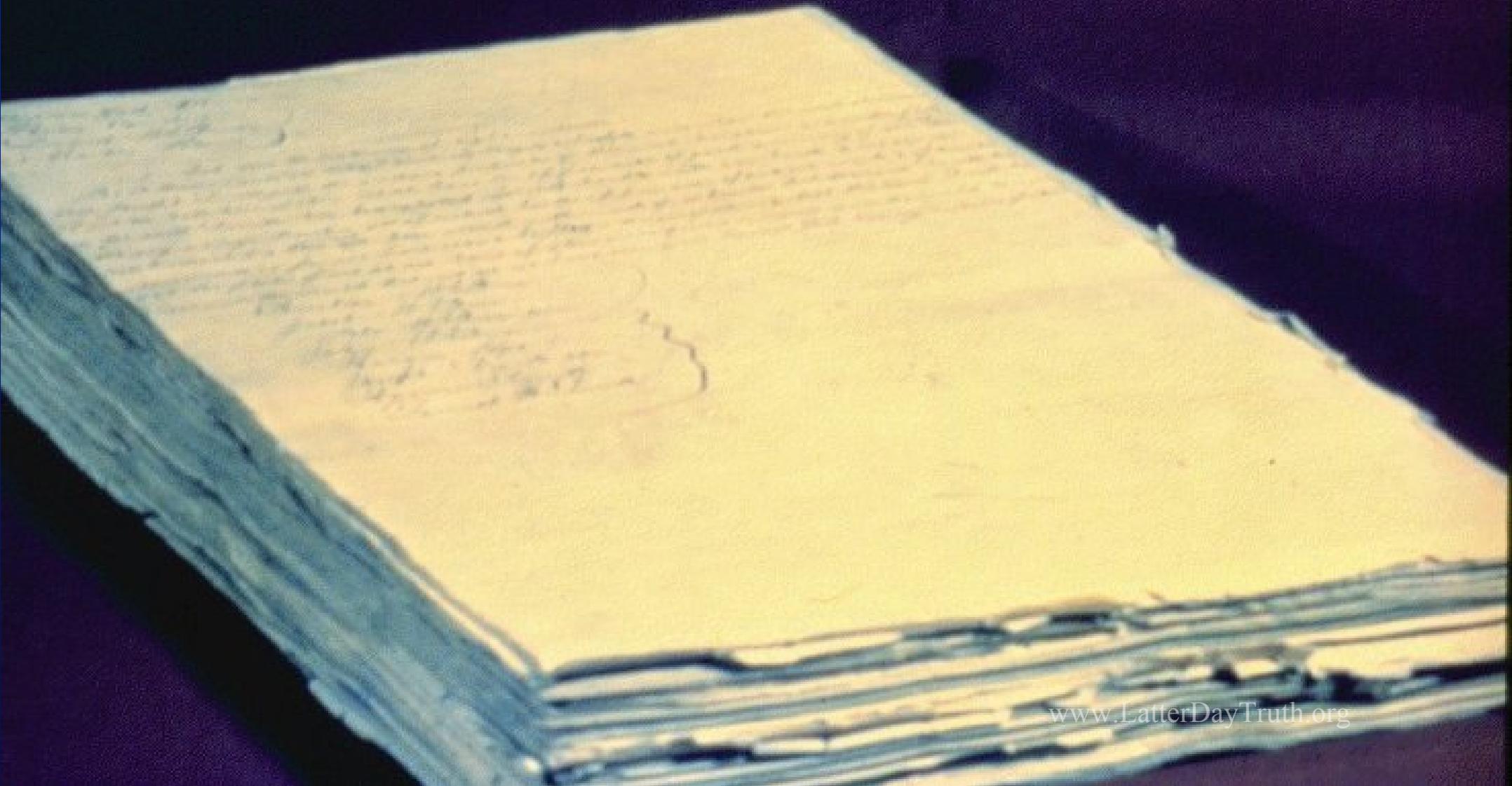
# *Encyclopedia Britannica*

- “The culture of the mulberry and silk, of tobacco, of the olive and vine, of many kinds of fruits and cereals, has expanded enormously, and Lebanon is now probably the most productive region in Asiatic Turkey in proportion to its area.”

# *Lebanon*

- Flourished in the 19th century
- If Isaiah is a true prophet, then the book has already come forth.
- Book of Mormon came forth in the early 19th century

- **Manuscript of the Book of Mormon**
  - Original manuscript





- Behold, I Stand at the Door
- Many indisputable evidences of the authenticity of the Book of Mormon
- Establish the divinity of the book