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Item	Passage	Issue	Comments
1.	1 Neph 4:26	First mention of Church ~600BC	Church not established till Pentecost, 50 days after crucifixion
2.	1 Neph 14:3	Hell is eternal	Mormons believe that Hell is not eternal
3.	2 Neph 2:4	Salvation is Free	This is in line with NT – see Eph 2:8,9; but it contradicts Mosiah 5:15 – which depicts that one has to do good works to earn salvation
4.	2 Neph 2:23	If Adam & Eve did not sin they would not have had any children	Contradicts OT. Gen 3:16 states that Eve’s conceptions would be increased due to sin, presumably from some number greater than 0.
5.	2 Neph 9:23	Must be baptized to be saved	NT indicates that only non-belief in Jesus Christ condemns someone to Hell (Rom 10:9-10)
6.	2 Neph 25:19	First mention of Jesus Christ ~about 550BC –	This is unprecedented in the OT except for Cyrus being mentioned in Isaiah 44-45, 150 years before he’s born and talked about in Daniel 6 & 10. In OT, Jesus is mentioned not by name but by titles: King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Prince of Peace, etc., else every Jewish mother would name one of their boys Jesus Christ. This leads credence to the supposition that the Book of Mormon is written well after-the-fact.
7.	2 Nephi 26:33	Salvation for all	
8.	2 Nephi 29:9 Mormon 9:9,19	God is the same yesterday, today, forever; and changes not	Denies that God was as man is. God, therefore has not progressed from a human state to God-hood. This is more in line with OT/NT teachings and not Mormon doctrine (“as man now is, God once was, as God now is, man may become.”)
9.	2 Nephi 29: 3, 10-14	The Bible is not enough. God will continue his revelations to all nations with different books.	
10.	2 Nephi 31:13	...then cometh the baptism of fire and of the HS; and then can ye speak with the tongue of angels...	
11.	2 Nephi 31:21 also see 3 Nephi 9:15; 11:27,36; Mormon 7:7	...doctrine of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, which is one God, without end	Trinity concept
12.	Jacob 1: 8	The cross of JC mentioned 400 years BC	
13.	Jacob 2:24; 3:5	Polygamy is condemned	Mormons upheld this teaching last century, but have changed their stance, though some sects still hold to this tenet
14.	Jacob 3:8	The whiter the better (less sin)	Racist remark
15.	Omni 1:25 ~200BC Alma 9:21	First mention of Tongues & Interpretation of Tongues	Tongues aren’t given till the Holy Spirit is given to the Church at Pentecost, 50 days after the Lord’s crucifixion. see Mark 16 and Acts 2
16.	Mosiah 2:32-39 & Mosiah 5:11	You can lose your salvation	Contradicts NT (John 10:28-29)
17.	Mosiah 5:15	Salvation is based on good works	Contradicts NT (Eph 2:8,9); Contradicts 2 Neph 2:4
18.	Mosiah 15:24	God the Father is the same as God the Son	Contradicts Mormon teaching that Jesus is the brother of Lucifer and a totally different God
19.	Mosiah 4:16-18	Give to the poor or go to Hell	Contradicts NT (2 Thes 3:10)
20.	Alma 3:6-14	Lamanites cursed with dark skin. People commanded not to inter-breed with them	Racist remark. I believe that only whites were initially allowed into the Mormon church

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21.	Alma 7:10	Jesus Christ prophesied to be born of Virgin Mary in Jerusalem	Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Mathew 2:1). Also, every Jewish mother would name one of her daughters, Mary.
22.	Alma 11:4-19	Strange denominations of currency	No historicity for senine, seon, shum, and limnah of gold. Nor amnor, ezrom or onti of silver. Nor shiblon, senum, shiblum, leah, or antion of gold.
23.	Alma 11:28,29	Is there more than 1 God? NO!	This kills the Mormon concept of multiple gods
24.	Alma 11:38,39,44	Jesus Christ is also God the Father and the Holy Spirit	Misinterpretation of the Trinity where Jesus Christ, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit are unique individuals within the one God-head.
25.	Alma 18:28	God created all things	
26.	Alma 19:13	King & Queen are slain in the Spirit	
27.	Alma 37:4, 63:13	The Plates of Brass are preserved and kept by the Lord – to be handed down from generation to another	Where are they now?
28.	Alma 37:27; Helaman 24,26	Secret Oaths are bad and are from Satan	Mormons are steep in secrecy
29.	Alma 38:9	JC is the only way to be saved	
30.	Alma 39:5,6	Unpardonable sin against the HS – denying Him	
31.	Alma 39:17-19	Reasons for making JC known before his time – equity in time	This contradicts Heb 1:1, where God worked at sundry times and in divers manners
32.	Alma 46:13-15	Believers called Christians circa 73 BC	Contradicts Acts 11:26 where Believers were first called Christians in Antioch circa 50 AD
33.	Alma 46:35; 62:10,12	Moroni killed all who would not support his “Free” society.	So much for being Free
34.	Alma 53:15	Break an oath – lose your soul	Breaking an oath can displease God, but it is not the unpardonable sin as defined in 39:5,6
35.	Alma 56:56; 60:5	Helaman declares no soldier died in battle, but Moroni reports thousands were slain	Is this a contradiction?
36.	Alma 60:1-36; 61:10,14	Moroni advocates overthrow of Govt and resist evil with bloodshed	Contradicts returning good for evil and praying for civic leaders so that we can live in peace.
37.	Helaman 3:7	Use of cement	Cement not in use till 1800’s
38.	Helaman 6:17	Anger, war and bloodshed are preferred over riches	
39.	Helaman 12:1	God’s “infinite goodness” conveys that God was never a sinful man	
40.	Helaman 14:28	Irrefutable evidence given so there is no cause for unbelief	So much for living by faith
41.	3 Nephi 1	Signs preceding JC’s Birth	These are contrary to the prophets searching diligently for his time (1 Peter 1:10)
42.	3 Nephi 6:30	Having a King results in loss of liberty	This is contrary to K. David and K. JC
43.	3 Nephi 7:3	No mention of Tribal names	This is very non-Jewish who were meticulous record keepers
44.	3 Nephi 7:16	All the Laws of a free society are lost	How convenient
45.	3 Nephi 9:3-11	All Mormon cities are burnt up or buried	No archaeological evidence exists
46.	3 Nephi 11:33,34,37	Must be baptized to be saved	
47.	3 Nephi 12:2	New believers shall be visited with fire	
48.	3 Nephi 12:48	JC and/or Father are perfect	
49.	3 Nephi 16	JC has other un-ID’d sheep in other un-ID’d lands	
50.	3 Nephi 21:23	The new Jer. will be built by Mormons	Rev says JC will build new Jer.

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51.	3 Nephi 27:6,16,17	Mormons can lose their salvation	
52.	3 Nephi 27:21	Mormons shall all do the works of JC	
53.	3 Nephi 28	3 unnamed Nephite disciples live forever until return of JC	Where are they now?
54.	3 Nephi 29:6	JC still uses revelation, prophecy, gifts of HS, tongues and healings	
55.	Mormon 7:10	Believers are to be baptized with water, fire and HS	
56.	Mormon 8:12, 32, 33	BM claims to be imperfect	
57.	Ether 3:12	JC is a God of Truth who cannot lie	
58.	Ether 3:14	JC is the Father & the Son	Contradicts NT concept of Trinity
59.	Ether 4:11	HS will manifest Himself to each believer	
60.	Ether 9:19	Elephants, cureloms (?) & cumoms (?) in USA	
61.	Ether 12:30	Prophet Jared moved a mountain by faith	
62.	Moroni 6:2	Can't be baptized until good works are done	Contrary to NT (Philip & the Ethiopian)
63.	Moroni 6:6	Believers rely upon the merits of JC alone	Contrary to Mormon salvation by works
64.	Moroni 7:11,16	If someone follows JC he cannot be a servant of the Devil	Contrary to Judas, and preaching Christ out of pretense
65.	Moroni 7:17	Satan persuades no man to do good	Contrary to Satan being an Angel of Light
66.	Moroni 7:22	God is from everlasting to everlasting	Contrary to God being created at some point
67.	Moroni 8:8-12, 22	Babies cannot sin, do not need baptism, do not need to repent – also applies to those without the Law	Contrary to other Mormon passages and the Bible.
68.	Moroni 10:3,4	Pray for manifestations	Contrary to living by faith
69.	Moroni 10:24	Cessation of gifts is due to unbelief	Contrary to 1 Cor 14
70.	D&C, sec 97	J. Smith was in Kirtland, OH on 2 Aug 1833 when he prophesied that "Zion, MO cannot fail or be moved out of her place."	But 2 weeks earlier (20 July 1833), Zion was moved, the Mormon presses were destroyed, and the leading Mormon officials were run out of town. Smith was unaware of the fall of Zion when he gave his 'revelation.' Christian Apologetics, pg 375
71.	Other docs	JS is known to have used a stone in a hat over his face when translating the Book of Mormon. JS also used a divining stone, and he carried an occult Jupiter Talisman around his neck.	Such objects of divination are forbidden by God and are signs of a false prophet (bible passage). Christian Apologetics, pg 374
72.	Observations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why didn't JC return in 1891 per JS? • BM uses KJ English – another supporting factor that BM was made up by JS

Archaeology and The Book of Mormon

- No Book of Mormon cities have been located.
- No Book of Mormon names have been found in New World inscriptions.
- No genuine inscriptions have been found in Hebrew.
- No genuine inscriptions have been found in Egyptian or anything similar to Egyptian, which could correspond to Joseph Smith's "Reformed Egyptian."
- No ancient copies of Book of Mormon scriptures have been found.
- No ancient inscriptions of any kind indicate that the ancient inhabitants held Hebrew or Christian beliefs--all are pagan.
- No mention of Book of Mormon people, nations, or places has been found.
- No artifact of any kind that demonstrates the Book of Mormon is true has been found.

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Other interesting Mormon Issues that cannot be easily explained away

- 1- On Sunday November 28th Joseph Smith stated: "I told the brethren that *the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth*, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book."
In Doctrine and Covenants Section 20 verses 8 and 9 it states: "And gave him power from on high, by the means which were before prepared, to translate the *Book of Mormon*; which *contains* a record of a fallen people, and *the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ* to the Gentile and to the Jews also;"
So in light of those two statements why are the following doctrines **not** found in the Book of Mormon?
 - Baptisms, washing and anointings, endowments and sealings for the dead, in other words, a second chance for salvation.
 - Genealogy work
 - God has a body of flesh and bones.
 - God is a product of eternal progression.
 - God is an exalted man.
 - Marriage for eternity / Celestial Marriage
 - Men can become gods.
 - New Testament era "Aaronic Priesthood" with the offices of Deacon, Teacher and Priest.
 - New Testament era "Melchizedek Priesthood" with offices of Elder, Seventy (which has been discontinued in Stakes now) and High Priests.
 - Polygamy is acceptable to God. See Jacob 2:24-33. Compare D&C Section 132.
 - Pre-existing spirits of men.
 - Temple Endowment
 - The whole Plan of Eternal Progression.
 - There is no eternal hell and punishment.
 - Three degrees of glory / Three Kingdoms of Heaven
 - We have a Heavenly Mother as well as Heavenly Father
- 2- Why has the Mormon Church made over 4,000 changes in the Book of Mormon?
- 3- The French language was developed from Celtic and Latin at about 800 A.D. How does the Mormon Church account for the word "adieu" being found in the Book of Mormon?
- 4- Why is the Mormon Temple ceremony so similar to the Masonic ceremony?
- 5- The 13th Article of Faith states: "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men;..." Why don't the Mormon missionaries explain the real reason they are out trying to convert people? Such as; all other churches are wrong and apostate; and salvation only comes through the Mormon Church; and husbands and wives can become gods and goddesses?
- 6- **Language:** 1 Ne. 1:2, etc., states that Hebrews who left Jerusalem and came to the Americas spoke Egyptian. It is a known fact that Hebrews spoke Hebrew, and their records were kept in Hebrew. Egyptians were their enemies. It is absurd to think that Hebrews would have written their sacred history in Egyptian as to think that American History would have been written in Russian. In Mormon 9:32, 34, it is stated that the language was "reformed Egyptian" and that no other people knew their language. There is no known language called "reformed Egyptian."
- 7- **Desert Fruit:** 1 Ne. 17:5 talks about ample fruit and wild honey being products of Sinai desert (called Bountiful). Not possible!
- 8- **Desert Timber:** 1 Ne. 18:1 talks about ample timber that these Jews used to build a ship. There is not ample timber in that area. It was a desert. It still is a desert.
- 9- **Laman River:** 1 Ne. 2:6-9 mentions a river named Laman that flows into the Red Sea. There is no river there and has not been since the Pleistocene era.
- 10- **Botanical Problems** are many in the Book of Mormon. Wheat, barley, olives, etc., are mentioned, but none of these were in the Americas at that time.
- 11- **Animals:** North America had no cows, asses, horses, oxen, etc. Europeans brought them hundreds and hundreds of years later. North America had no lions, leopards, nor sheep at that time. Honey bees were brought here by Europeans much later. Ether 9:18, 19, lists domestic cattle, cows, and oxen as separate species! They did not even exist in the

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Americas at that time. The Book of Mormon also mentions swine as being useful to man. Maybe, but Jews would not think of swine as being useful or good; swine were forbidden, unclean animals to them. Horses, asses, and elephants were not in the Americas either. And what on earth are "cureloms" and "cumoms"? No such animals have ever been identified anywhere. Domestic animals that are thought to be "useful" would hardly become extinct. Ether 9:30-34 talks about poisonous snakes driving sheep to the *south*. The Book of Mormon states that the people ate the snake-killed animals, all of them! (v. 34). Hebrews would not have eaten animals that were killed that way. Chickens and dogs did not exist here at that time either. Butter is also mentioned, but it could not possibly exist, since no milk-producing animals were found in the Americas at that time.

- 12- **Clothing Material:** No silk and wool clothing (nor moths) existed at that time either, contrary to 1 Ne. 13:7; Alma 4:6; Ether 9:17 and 10:24.
- 13- **Beheaded Shiz:** Ether 15:30-31 says that after Shiz was beheaded, he raised up and struggled for breath!
- 14- **Miscalculations:** In Ether, chapter 6, we learn that furious winds propelled the barges to the promised land for 344 days! Even if the winds were not "furious" but, for example, blew only 10 miles per hour, the distance traveled in 344 days would have been 82,560 miles, or more than three times around the world. Absurdity, to say the least! And why would the Lord instruct Jared to make a hole on top and bottom of each barge? (Ether 2:20).
- 15- **Population:** When Lehi left Jerusalem, according to the Book of Mormon, his group consisted of fewer than 20 people. Yet 19 years later the people had so prospered and multiplied in the Promised Land that they built a temple of which the "manner of construction was like unto the temple of Solomon: and the workmanship thereof was exceeding fine" (2. Ne. 5:16). Looking at what the Bible says about the construction of Solomon's temple, we find that it took 30,000 Israelites, 150,000 hewers of stone and carriers, 3,300 supervisors (I Kings 5:13-16) and about seven years to build it (See also I Kings 6). And how many people could Lehi have had in his group after 19 years? The book further tells that in less than 30 years after arriving on this continent, they had multiplied so rapidly that they even divided into two nations. Even the most rapid human reproduction could only have resulted in a few dozen in that brief time, and most of them still would be infants and children and about one-third older people. Not only did they divide into two nations, but throughout the book, about every few years, they had devastating wars that killed thousands (i.e., Alma 28:2).
- 16- **Skin Color:** Beginning after the first 19 years or so, Laman and Lemuel and their descendants and followers (!) turned dark skinned because of their disobedience (2 Ne. 5:21). According to the Book of Mormon, dark skin color was a curse from God! This change of skin color takes place throughout the book. In 2 Ne. 30:6 we read that if Lamanites accepted the true gospel, they became "white and delightsome" (and since the 1981 printing of the Book of Mormon, they became "pure and delightsome.") But if they left this true gospel, they became "dark and loathsome." People's skin color does not change if they believe or do not believe! Nor is the skin color a curse! The Book of Mormon teaches that Indians originated from these Jewish settlers. Indians are distinctly Mongoloid. They have the "Mongoloid" blue spot, specific blood traits, and their facial features are of typical Asian origin, not Semitic at all. Current DNA evidence has confirmed this as well.
- 17- **Questionable Materials for This Time Period** In Ether 7:8-9, we read of steel and breakable windows (2:23) in Abraham's time! Try to explain that to an archaeologist. Steel was not even developed until about 1400 years later.
- 18- **The Book of Abraham.** Mormons claim that while Abraham was in Egypt he wrote *The Book of Abraham*, one of the Mormon sacred scriptures, which had been lost until it fell into the hands of Joseph Smith in 1835. After Smith allegedly translated the papyrus into English, it passed through several hands before landing at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. Egyptologists immediately identified it as a portion of the *Egyptian Book of the Dead*, dealing with funeral customs and worship of the various Egyptian gods. Smith's identification of the manuscript and his translation were completely wrong. To this day Mormons refuse to accept the scholarly evaluation and cling to Smith's erroneous claims. Source: *The Apologetics Study Bible*, Holman Bible Publisher, pg 24.