

Book of Mormon Plagiarism

Conversions of Zeezrum, King Lamoni, His Father, & Alma The Younger

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1800's Methodist Revival Pattern

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In the early 1800's the Methodist preachers followed a conversion pattern during revivals. Preachers such as George Lane, Lorenzo Dow, Eleazer Sherman wrote about this pattern. It is:

1. Revival Gathering; 2. Guilt-ridden Falling-down on the ground exercise; 3. Petition for Spiritual Emancipation; 4. Absolution and Emotional Ecstasy

In the Book of Mormon, this early 1800's Methodist pattern recurs over and over...

Alma the Younger's conversion:

1. An angel spoke unto us, as it were the voice of thunder. Alma 36:7,9
2. I fell to the earth, and it was for the space of three days ... I was racked with eternal torment, for my soul was harrowed up to the greatest degree and racked with all my sins ... I was tormented with the pains of hell. Alma 36:10,12-13
3. I cried within my heart: O Jesus, thou son of God, have mercy on me, who am in the gall of bitterness, and am circled about by the everlasting chains of death Alma 36:18
4. [When I arose] I could remember my pains no more, yea I was harrowed up by the memory of my sins no more. An oh, what marvelous light I did behold ...

Zeezrum conversion:

1. Zeezrum hears Alma and Amulek preach
2. Zeezrum begins to tremble ... [His] soul began to be harrowed up under a consciousness of his own guilt; yea, he began to be encircled about by the pains of hell ... [And he] lay sick at Sidon, with a burning fever, which was cause by the great tribulations ... on account of his wickedness.
3. [Confessing belief] in the power of Christ, Zeezrum sought redemption ... [and] Alma cried unto the Lord, saying O Lord our God, have mercy on this man. Alma 15:6-10.
4. And when Alma had said these words, Zeezrum leaped upon his feet ... And Alma baptized Zeezrum unto the Lord and he began from that time forth to preach unto the people. Alma 11-12

King Lamoni conversion:

1. [T]he king believed all his [Ammon's] words. Alma 18:36
2. [And] he fell to the earth, as if he were dead... [Soon the queen and court] had all fallen to the earth. Alma 18:42; 19:19
3. [Prior to this, Lamoni] began to cry unto the Lord saying: O Lord, have mercy; according to thy abundant mercy ... upon me, and my people Alma 18:41
4. [Two days later the queen] arose and stood upon her feet, and cried with a loud voice, saying: O blessed Jesus, who has saved me from an awful hell! O blessed God, have mercy on this people. When the king arose, he said: Blessed by the name of God ... I have seen my Redeemer ... and he shall redeem all mankind who believe on his name. ... [The entire court declared] that their hearts had been changed; that they had no more desire to do evil. Alma 19:12-13, 33-34, 29-30

King Lamoni's Father's conversion:

1. Aaron preached to Lamoni's father with the same result. Alma 22:1-15
2. [Lamoni's father asks, W]hat shall I do that I may be born of god, having the wicked spirit rooted out of my breast ... that I may not be cast off at the last day? ... And now when the king had said these words, he was struck as if he were dead. Alma 22: 15,18
3. [Prior to this,] the king did bow down before the Lord, upon his knees ... and cried mightily, saying ... God, wilt thou make thyself known unto me, and I will give away all my sins. Alma 22: 17-18
4. And the king stood forth, [forgiven of his sins,] to minister unto them, inasmuch that his whole household were converted unto the Lord. Alma 22:23.