

Book of Mormon Plagiarism

Lehi's Dream

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Joseph Smith Sr's Dream

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Joseph Smith's Fathers 1811 Dream:

I was traveling in an open, desolate field ... My guide ... said, "this is the desolate world" ... I came to a narrow path ... I beheld a beautiful stream of water ... I could see a rope, running along the bank of it ... [I saw] a tree such as I had never seen before. It was exceedingly handsome ... Its beautiful branches ... bore a kind of fruit ... as white as snow ... I drew near and began to eat of it, and I found it delicious beyond description ... [and thought that] I must bring my wife and children, that that may partake with me. accordingly, I brought my family ... [and] we all commenced eating, ... We were exceedingly happy, insomuch that our joy cold not easily be expressed. While thus engaged, I beheld a spacious building ... [that] appeared to reach to the very heavens. It was full of ... people, who were very finely dressed ... [T]hey pointed the finger of scorn at us ... but their contumely [arrogance] we utterly disregarded ... [in preference to] the fruit that was so delicious. He [the guide] told me it was the pure love of God, shed abroad in the hearts of all those who love him... "[Look] yonder [he said], you have two more [children], ad you must bring them also". ... I asked my guide what was the meaning of the spacious building which I saw. He replied, "It is Babylon, it is Babylon, and it must fall." The people in the doors and windows are the inhabitants thereof, who scorn and despise the Saints of God because of their humility.
-Lucy Mack Smith, Joseph Smith, The Prophe And His Progenitors For Many Genrations, chapter 14.

Nephi's Fathers Dream in the Book of Mormon:

[A] man ... bade me follow him ... I had traveled for the space of many hours ... I beheld a large and spacious field ... I beheld a tree, whose fruit was desirable to make one happy ... I did go forth and partake of the fruit ... [which] was most sweet, above all that I ever tasted. Yea, I beheld that the fruit thereof was white ... [I]t filled my soul with exceedingly great joy; wherefore, I began to be desirous that my family would partake of it also ... I beheld a river of water ... [and] that [his family] did come unto me and partake of the fruit also. And ... I saw them [sons Laman and Lemuel], but they would not come unto me and partake of the fruit ... i beheld a rod of iron, and it extended along the bank of the river ... I also beheld a straight and narrow path ... [and] a large and spacious field, as if it had been a world ... [I saw] a great and spacious building; and it stood as it were in the air, high above the earth. And it was filled with people ... and their manner of dress was exceeding fine ... they did point the finger of scorn at me and those that were partaking of the fruit also; but we heeded them not. 1 Nephi 8:5-6, 9-13, 16-20, 26-27, 33