

## **MORMON PERVERSION OF EZEK 37:15-22**

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Mormons teach and try to prove, or get you to believe that they believe, the Bible and the Book of Mormon, which they claim is inspired of God, are to be used as one book in teaching God's will to man.
2. They do this in spite of the fact that they do not really believe the Bible can be trusted.
  - a. For according to Mormon doctrine the gospel of Christ as revealed in the Bible has been lost due to man's corruption of it.
  - b. According to 1Nephi 13:28, "plain and precious things" were taken from the Bible.
  - c. Thus Mormons believe the Bible, God's written word, has been corrupted, tainted, tampered with, and thus can't be trusted as an accurate revelation of God's will to man.
3. Again, they do this in spite of further evidence of their denial that the Bible is the accurate, complete, all-sufficient revelation of God's will to man.
  - a. 2Nephi 29:3,10: "And because my word shall hiss forth – many of the Gentiles shall say: A Bible! A Bible! We have got a Bible, and there cannot be any more Bible... Wherefore, because that ye have a Bible ye need not suppose that it contains all my words; neither need ye suppose that I have not caused more to be written."
4. Once again, they do this in spite of still more foolish, infidelic claims about the Bible, with the Book of Mormon calling the person a fool who claims the Bible is all one needs in religion, 2Nephi 29:6; 2Nephi 12:53: "Thou fool, that shall say: A Bible, we have got a Bible, and need no more Bible."
5. In spite of all their false and blasphemous charges against the Bible, they still teach that the Bible and the Book of Mormon are to be used as one book in teaching God's will to man, which they do by a gross, hypocritical perversion of Ezek.37:15-22.
  - a. Their use and abuse of Ezek.37:15-22 reminds me of Paul's charge against the acts and motives of the Judaizers in Gal.4:17,18 – take note.

- b. The Mormons have an agenda in their use and abuse of Ezek.37:15-22; i.e., and underlying motivation.
  - c. They use it to try to pull the wool over our eyes; to get us to think they believe something they do not want us to know they do not believe!
6. What Ezek.37:15-22 teaches is what God says about “two sticks” – 1<sup>st</sup>, what Ezekiel is to do with the two sticks; 2<sup>nd</sup>, what God will do with them and what they represent.

## II. DISCUSSION

### A. CONSIDER THE MORMON’S MIS-USE OF THE “TWO STICKS” OF EZEK.37:15-22, THEIR PROOF TEXT, WHICH THEY GROSSLY PERVERT TO MAKE IT SAY SOMETHING GOD NEVER INTENDED TO SAY.

- 1. One stick is for Judah, V.16a.
- 2. One stick is for Joseph, V.16b.
- 3. Join the two sticks, V.17.
- 4. The meaning of joining the two sticks to make them one stick, Vv.17-19.
  - a. Vv.17-19 explain, and the explanation says nothing about either the Bible or the Book of Mormon, or any other books being joined together for any purpose.
  - b. These verses do say:
    - (1) “And join them (the two sticks) one to another into one stick,” V.17a.
    - (2) “And they (the two sticks) shall become one in thy hand,” V.17b.
    - (3) Vv.18,19 inform us what Ezekiel is to tell the people when they ask him about the meaning of these two sticks.
    - (4) He is to tell them that God says he will “take the stick of Joseph...and the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand,” V.19.
- 5. The ultimate meaning of the two sticks joined to make one stick: Two nations become one nation, Vv.20-22.
  - a. God is not discussing two books of any kind to be used for any purpose.

- b. These two sticks being joined one to another into one stick represent two nations – Israel and Judah, formerly divided and scattered – being made or joined together as one nation.
- c. Consider each verse – Vv.20-22.

### **III. DISCUSSION**

- 1. This text speaks of the restoration of the Israelites to Palestine after the Babylonian Captivity, as well as the gathering of the ten tribes scattered among the heathen.
- 2. Therefore, it also refutes the idea of the ten lost tribes of Israel!
- 3. Furthermore, the idea of the Bible and the Book of Mormon being used as one book in teaching God's will to man is completely contrary to the truth of God's will revealed in the Bible.
  - a. The Bible stands alone as the complete, all-sufficient revelation of God's will to man, 2Tim.3:16-4:5; Jno.14-16; Eph.3:1-5; Jude 3.
  - b. There is only one gospel of Jesus Christ, Gal.1:6-12.