

Racial Statements in LDS Scriptures

Book of Mormon

1 Nephi 11:13 (Mary) “. . . she was exceedingly fair and white.”

1 Nephi 12:23 (Prophecy of Lamanites after Christ) “. . . became a dark, and loathsome, and a filthy people, full of idleness and all manner of abominations.”

1 Nephi 13:15 (Gentiles) “. . . they were white, and exceedingly fair and beautiful, like unto my people [Nephites] before they were slain.”

2 Nephi 5:21 “. . . a sore cursing . . . as they were white, and exceedingly fair and delightsome, that they might not be enticing unto my people the Lord God did cause a skin of blackness to come upon them.”

2 Nephi 30:6 (Prophecy to Lamanites) “. . . scales of darkness shall begin to fall . . . they shall be a white and delightsome people.” (Changed to *pure and delightsome* in 1981)

Jacob 3:5 (Lamanites cursed) “. . . whom ye hate because of their filthiness and the cursing which hath come upon their skins. . . .”

Jacob 3:8-9 “. . . their skins will be whiter than yours . . . revile no more against them because of the darkness of their skins . . .”

Alma 3:6 “. . . skins of the Lamanites were dark, according to the mark which was set upon their fathers, which was a curse upon them because of their transgression and their rebellion . . .”

Alma 3:8 (Cursed) “. . . that their seed might be distinguished from the seed of their brethren . . . that they might not mix . . .”

Alma 3:9 “. . . whosoever did mingle his seed with that of the Lamanites did bring the same curse upon his seed.”

Alma 3:14 (Lamanites cursed) “. . . set a mark on them that they and their seed may be separated from thee and thy seed . . .”

Alma 3:19 (Amlicites cursed) “. . . brought upon themselves the curse . . .”

Alma 23:18 “. . . [Lamanites] did open a correspondence with them [Nephites] and the curse of God did no more follow them.”

3 Nephi 2:14-16 “. . . Lamanites who had united with the Nephites were numbered among the Nephites; And their curse was taken from them, and their skin became white like unto the Nephites . . . became exceedingly fair . . .”

3 Nephi 19:25, 30 (Disciples) “. . . they were as white as the countenance and also the garments of Jesus; and behold the whiteness thereof did exceed all the whiteness . . . nothing upon earth so white as the whiteness thereof . . . they were white, even as Jesus.”

Mormon 5:15 (Prophecy about Lamanites) “. . . shall become a dark, a filthy, and a loathsome people, beyond the description of that which ever hath been amongst us . . .”

Mormon 5:17 “They were once a delightsome people . . .”

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Moses 7:8 “. . . a blackness came upon all the children of Canaan . . .”

Moses 7:12 “. . . Enoch continued to call upon all the people, save it were [except] the people of Canaan, to repent . . .”

Moses 7:22 “. . . for the seed of Cain were black and had not place among them.”

Abraham 1:21 “. . . king of Egypt [Pharaoh] was a descendant from the loins of Ham, and was a partaker of the blood of the Canaanites by birth.”

Abraham 1:27 “. . . Pharaoh being of that lineage by which he could not have the right of Priesthood . . .”

Other Interesting References

Book of Mormon contains “fulness of gospel” — *Doctrine and Covenants* - Section 20:9; 42:12

God is unchanging — *Book of Mormon* - Moroni 8:18; Mormon 9:9; 1 Nephi 10:18

God speaks same words to all people — *Book of Mormon* - 2 Nephi 29:8

Book of Mormon condemns secret combinations — *Book of Mormon* - Mormon 8:27, 40

Saved by grace after all we can do — *Book of Mormon* - 2 Nephi 25:23

God knows all things — *Book of Mormon* - Moroni 7:22; The Words of Mormon verse 7