

History During Book of Mormon Translation Timeframe

Date	Event	BofM	Revelations
22 Sep 1827	Joseph obtains plates (Fall Equinox, Sep 23)		
around Feb 1828	Joseph & Emma move to Harmony Pennsylvania, house of Emma's father		
20 March 1828	Spring Equinox		
12 April 1828	Begin translation of 116 pages - Mormon's abridgment of record of Lehi	116 pages	
14 Jun 1828	116 pages given to Martin Harris		
21 Jun 1828	Summer Solstice		
around July 1828	Urim & Thummim taken. Was returned to receive revelation D&C 3 (dated Jul 1828)		D&C 3
July 1828	After D&C 3 revelation, plates and Urim & Thummim were taken again, but returned a few days later when Joseph inquired of the Lord and received revelation D&C 10. (see T&C JSH 10:8-9)		[D&C 10:1-37]
in Feb 1829	Joseph's father comes to visit, receives revelation D&C 4		D&C 4
March 1829	"a few" pages translated with Emma (see D&C 5:30)	starting in Mosiah	D&C 5
20 March 1829	Spring Equinox		
7 April 1829	Oliver begins as scribe	starting in Mosiah	D&C 6
in April 1829	Revelations with Oliver while translating.		D&C 7, 8, 9
15 May 1829	finished translating books of Mosiah, Alma, Helaman, and 3 Nephi's account of Christ's ministry among the Nephites. It was that account of the Savior's ministry—probably 3 Nephi 11:22–27 that led Joseph and Oliver to inquire of the Lord about the authority to baptize. Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood	to 3 Ne 11	D&C 13; JSH 1: 68-75
25 May 1829	Samuel Smith baptized by Oliver Cowdery (T&C JSH 14:5)		
in May 1829	Revelations to Hyrum Smith and Joseph Knight		D&C 11, 12
end of May 1829	Completed the books of 4 Nephi, Mormon, Ether, Moroni, and the title page. David Whitmer arrived in Harmony.	to end of Moroni & title page	[D&C 10:38-70]
first week in June 1829	David, Oliver, Joseph, and possibly Emma moved one hundred miles, on buckboard, to the Peter Whitmer home in Fayette, New York.	begin translation of small plates of Nephi	
in Jun 1829	Revelations to David, Peter, and John Whitmer		D&C 14, 15, 16
11 Jun 1829	Copyright for the Book of Mormon was secured. The copyright application used the full text of the Book of Mormon's title page as the legal description of the contents of the book.		
around 20 Jun 1829	By around 20 June, they had reached 2 Nephi 27:12, which provided the basis upon which the Three Witnesses and the Eight Witnesses were shown the plates.	to 2 Ne 27	D&C 17; Testimony of 3 and 8 witnesses
21 Jun 1829	Summer Solstice		
in Jun 1829	Revelation to Joseph, Oliver, and David Whitmer, making known calling of twelve apostles (D&C 18). Revelation(s) on organization and duties in the church (T&C JSH 16).		D&C 18, 20
30 Jun 1829	translation finished	complete	
in Mar 1830	Revelation to Martin Harris, given Manchester NY (T&C 4)		D&C 19
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