When the Mormons Come Knockin' The Christian Response to Another Gospel

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"The Book of Mormon is a sacred record of peoples in ancient America..."*Book of Mormon, Brief Explanation*

"They saw a Man descending out of heaven... and he spake unto the people, saying: I am Jesus Christ...arise and come forth unto Me, that ye may thrust your hands into my side, and also that ye may feel the print of the nails in my hands and in my feet, that ye may know that I am the God of Israel..."

- Book of Mormon, III Nephi 11:8-14

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"We invite all men everywhere to read the Book of Mormon... and then to ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ if the book is true. Those who pursue this course and **ask in faith** will gain a testimony of its truth and divinity by the power of the Holy **Ghost**." - Book of Mormon, Introduction

"...if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things. And whatsoever thing is good is just and true; wherefore, nothing that is good denieth Christ, but acknowledgeth that he is." - Book of Mormon, Moroni 10:4-6

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"[New Jerusalem] shall be built... in the western boundaries of the State of Missouri, and dedicated by the hand of Joseph Smith... the city New Jerusalem shall be built by the gathering of saints... which temple shall be reared in this generation. For verily this generation shall not all pass away until a house shall be built unto the Lord." - Doctrine and Covenants 84:3-4

"Wars will shortly come to pass, beginning at the rebellion of South Carolina, which will eventually terminate in the death and misery of many souls; and the time will come that war will be poured out upon all nations... the Southern States will call on other nations, even the nation of Great Britain, as it is called, and they shall also call upon other nations... and war shall be poured out on all nations." - Doctrine and Covenants 87:1-3

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"I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. Bu even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed."

- Galatians 1:6-8