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Abstract: Lists the languages into which the Book of Mormon had been translated up to 1923. Dates and places of publication are included.

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Moroni, the heavenly messenger, first appeared to Joseph Smith on the night of September 21, 1823. The angel informed the boy that "there was a book deposited, written upon gold plates, giving an account of the former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang. He also said that the fulness of the everlasting gospel was contained in it, as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants."

On the 22nd day of September, 1827, Moroni delivered the plates to the Prophet Joseph.

The first edition of the Book of Mormon was published in 1830. This edition consisted of 5,000 copies.

The Book of Mormon has been translated and published in fifteen languages. These languages are: English, Danish, French, German, Italian, Welsh, Hawaiian, Swedish, Dutch, Maori, Samoan, Spanish, Tahitian, Turkish and Japanese.

The book has been translated in Hindustani and modern Jewish but not yet published in these languages.

The first American edition of the Book of Mormon was published in Palmyra, New York, 1830.

The first Utah edition was printed and published in Salt Lake City in 1871.

The Danish translation was published at Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1851.

The Welsh, at Myrthyr, Tydvil.

The French, at Paris, in 1852.

The German, at Hamburg.

The Italian, at London, England, in 1852.

The Hawaiian, in San Francisco, in 1855.

The Swedish, in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1878.

The Dutch, in Holland, in 1890.

The Spanish, in Salt Lake City, in 1886.

The Maori, in Auckland, New Zealand, in 1889.

The Samoan, in Salt Lake, in 1903.

The Japanese, in Tokio, in 1909.

The Spanish edition circulates in twenty-one Latin-American republics.