



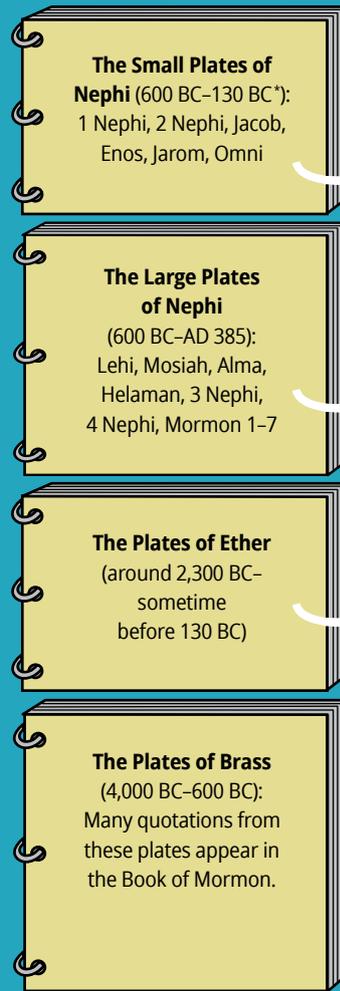
Which Plates Did the Book of Mormon Come From?

The Book of Mormon was written by many ancient prophets who recorded their words on different sets of metal plates. These records were later abridged to create the plates of Mormon, or the gold plates that Joseph Smith translated.

DISCUSSION

Compared to all that could have been recorded on the gold plates, Mormon and others were inspired to choose only a small portion for the Book of Mormon (see Words of Mormon 1:5 and 3 Nephi 26:6). How can knowing this influence your perspective of the chapters we have today? ■

Some of the sources for the plates of Mormon



* Dates represent the approximate time period covered by each set of plates.

The plates of Mormon given to the Prophet Joseph Smith

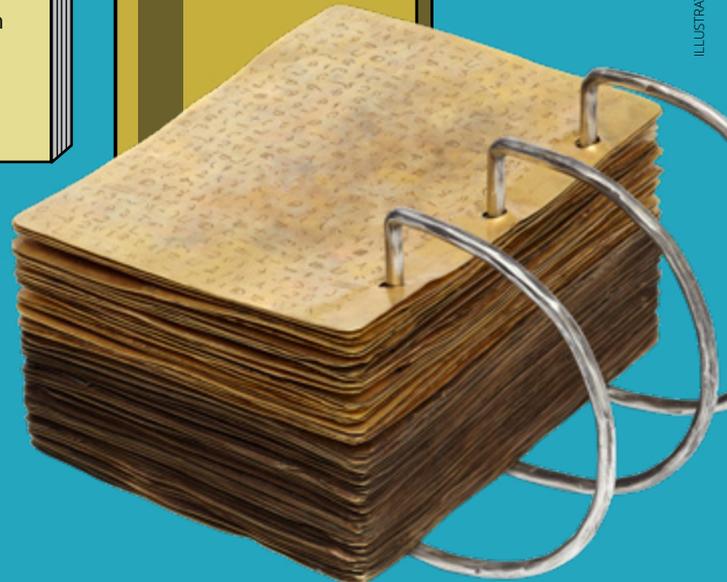
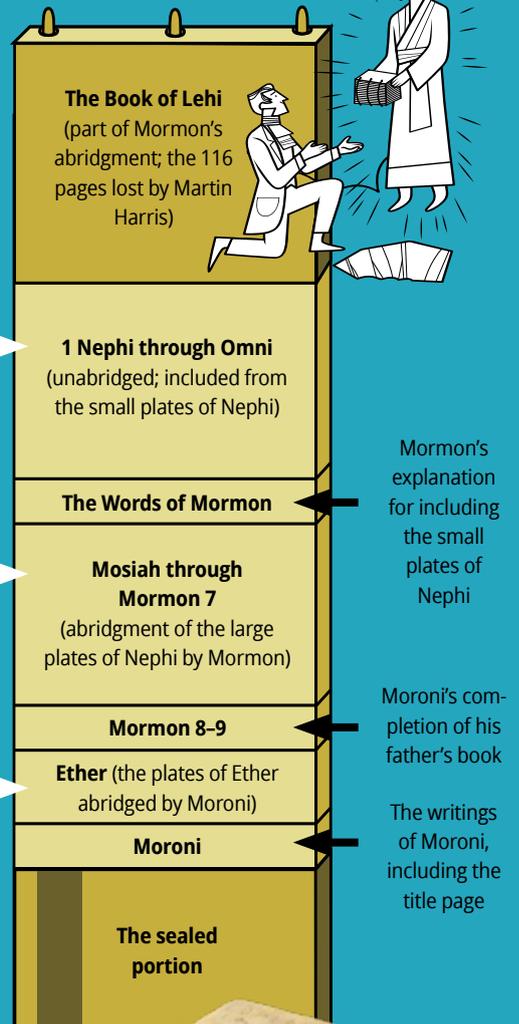


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