

## The Book of Mormon - Incorrect Word Usage

According to Harry L. Ropp, the author of *The Mormon Papers: Are the Mormon Scriptures Reliable?*, many words are incorrect in their usage in the first edition of the Book of Mormon. He states that these errors were corrected in later editions. Mr. Ropp gives examples of these errors. The incorrect wording is italicized, and the correct usage is in brackets. The following is a list of eight examples:

1. “lest he should not look for that he had not ought [ought not] and he should perish” (p. 173).
2. “having no respects [respect] to persons” (p. 224).
3. “I have wrote [written] unto you somewhat” (p. 377).
4. “they were exceeding fraid [exceedingly afraid]” (p. 354).
5. “they had began [begun] to possess the land of Amulon, and had began [begun] to till the ground” (p. 204).
6. “this he done [did] that he might overthrow” (p. 140).
7. “we have took [taken] of their wine” (p. 379).
8. “they did not fight against God no [any] more” (p. 290).

Mr. Ropp goes on to say, “If we accept the mechanical view of revelation... we must conclude that God either wanted all the errors (or at least colloquial forms of English) found in the first edition of the Book of Mormon to be there or that God is not well-versed in the English language. Evidently, the Mormons do not accept the first solution because they have proceeded to correct the errors.”

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