

TONIGHT...APRIL 19...

**“NEW REVELATIONS?”**  
Latter Day Saints (Mormons) & Jehovah’s Witness

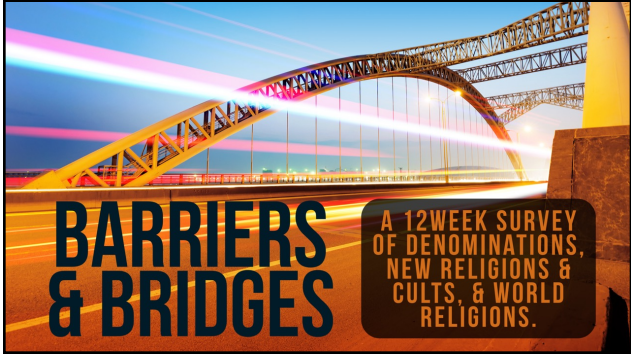
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**“WORLD RELIGIONS PART 1”**  
Abrahamic Religions: Judaism, Islam, & more



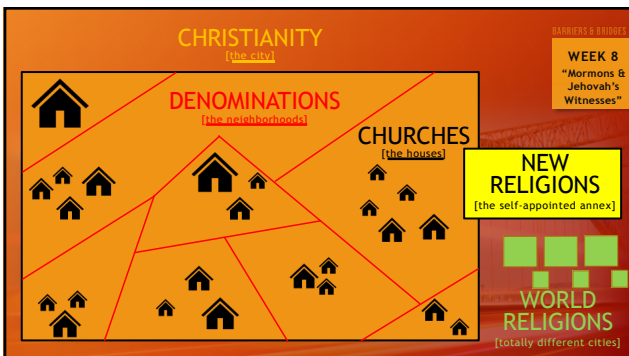
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A 12WEEK SURVEY OF DENOMINATIONS, NEW RELIGIONS & CULTS, & WORLD RELIGIONS.

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**History of Mormon Religion**

- Under the Christian umbrella - although some Christians do not accept this status.
- Founded by Joseph Smith around 1830 in the U.S.
- After all of the 12 apostles had died there was no one with the authority to teach His doctrine and direct His Church through revelation from Christ. There was a general falling away from the truth - called the great Apostasy.
- After hundreds of years Christ called upon Joseph Smith to serve as a new prophet with authority to act in His name. Christ directed Joseph Smith to organize and restore His church in these **latter days**.

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**History of Mormon Religion**

**Organization of the Mormon Church**

- The head of the Church consists of the President of the LDS Church and his two counselors called the First Presidency. They are assisted by the Quorum or 12 apostles.
- No decision is made for the Church as a whole without unanimity on the part of these 15 men.
- Area Presidencies help the 12 Apostles with their duties in different locations throughout the world; stake presidents, bishops, and branch presidents serve in the local communities

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**Mormon Beliefs and Practices**

- Mormons hold many beliefs of other Christian religions: the atonement of Jesus Christ, repentance; baptism for remission of sins, etc.
- Revelations from God have occurred in the past, in the present and will occur in the future
- Mormons do not believe in origin sin; one is punished for one’s own individual sins and not for Adam’s transgression.
- Children are not capable of sin and need not be baptized until they come of an age of being accountable (minimum of 8 yrs.)

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## Mormon Beliefs and Practices

- Young men serve as missionaries generally for 24 months and are relocated several times during that period.
- Members of the Church of LDS may be baptized in proxy for their ancestors who have passed away. In this way the dead person may choose to accept or reject baptism done in their behalf.
- Dress for church or church related activities should be modest. Extreme hair styles and colors are discouraged; and tattoos and body piercings are discouraged.

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## Mormon Beliefs and Practices

- Dietary Practices
  - Abstinence from tobacco, alcohol, coffee, tea, and chocolate.
  - Maintain a supply of food in case of disaster or other unexpected need

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## Mormon Beliefs and Practices

- Baptism is by complete immersion in the water and is not complete without a "laying on the hands" by an authorized priest.
- A Temple Marriage in the Mormon Church seals the couple to each other eternally, both on earth as well as in heaven.
- The LDS Sacrament (Communion) includes bread and water, not wine.
- The LDS do not use the cross as a symbol of their religion. The cross is seen as a symbol of the dying Christ.

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## Mormon Beliefs that differ most from other Christian faiths

- God was once a man like us who progressed to become a God and has a body of flesh and bones
- The trinity is three separate Gods: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
- The birth of Jesus Christ was a natural birth
- Mormons proselytize to other Christians.

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**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

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## some FAILED PROPHECIES OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

- 1877: Christ's kingdom would hold fast over the earth in 1914. ~~It has not, and a people, would be restored to God's favor, the "hairs" would be carried to heaven.~~
- 1881: 1914 would be "the triumph year of the cause of the poor."
- 1916: World War I would terminate in Armageddon and the capture of the "hairs."
- 1917: In 1919, Christendom would go down as a system of obduracy and be succeeded by revolutionary governments. God would "destroy the churches wholesale and the church members by the millions." Church members would perish by the sword of war, revolution and anarchy. The dead would lie unburied. In 1920 all earthly governments would be destroyed and the perfect Kingdom of God would be established on earth.
- 1920: Messiah's kingdom would be established in 1925 and bring worldwide peace. God would begin restoring the earth. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and other faithful patriarchs would be resurrected and be perfect humans and be made princes and rulers, representatives of the New Order on earth. Those who showed themselves obedient to God would be made perfect humans and be made princes and rulers, representatives of the New Order on earth. Those who showed themselves obedient to God would be made perfect humans and be made princes and rulers, representatives of the New Order on earth.
- 1922: The anti-espionage "rubber" that would mark God's intervention in earthly affairs would take place "probably the last of 1926."
- 1925: God's judgment of Earth would begin "shortly after" October 1, 1925, Jerusalem would be made the world's capital. "Resurrected" "virgins" such as Abel, Noah, Moses and John the Baptist would give instructions to their subjects around the world by radio, and airplanes would transport people to and from Jerusalem from all parts of the globe in just a few hours."
- 1930: Armageddon was too close for marriage or child bearing.
- 1941: There were only "fourteen" survivors until Armageddon.
- 1941: Another magazine stated that Armageddon "will come in the twentieth century... This generation will see its fulfillment."
- 1946: It would be 6000 years since man's creation in the fall of 1975 and it would be "appropriate" for Christ's thousand-year reign to begin at that time. "There was 'hanging out' no question about that... the 'immortal' hour... was certain to be filled with dramatic events... within a few years... the old parts of Bible prophecy relating to the 'last days' would almost fulfill all of Christ's high hopes."
- 1975: The "existing order" (beginning in 1914) was claimed to be so far advanced that the time remaining could "be compared, not just to the last day of a week, but rather, to the last day of a year."
- 1988: No one could say "with certainty" that the battle of Armageddon would begin in 1975, but time was "running out rapidly" with "earthshaking events" soon to take place. In March 1988 there was a "short period of time left" with only about ninety months left before God's judgment on earth is completed.
- 1989: The existing world order would not last long enough for young people to grow old; the world system would end "in a few years." Young Witnesses were told not to bother with school or work.
- 1997: The battle on the day of Armageddon would be beginning to happen in the 21st century.
- 1974: There was just a "short time remaining" in the wicked world's end and Witnesses were commended for selling their homes and property to "flee out the rest of their lives."
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