Part 7: Misc. Errors

The Annotated Edition of the Book of Mormon (AEBOM) features a number of small miscellaneous errors that are evidently the result of either editorial or typographical carelessness. This includes:

- The Hebrew text on pp. xix and 324 is scrambled and the vowel points are misplaced.
- The Masoretes, a group of Jewish scribes responsible for the standardization of the vowel points and other diacritical marks in the modern Hebrew Bible, are incorrectly dated to “the 7th and 10th centuries B.C.” (42) when in fact they were operative in the 6th to 10th centuries AD.
- Noah Webster’s monumental American Dictionary of the English Language is incorrectly dated to 1826 (202). The first edition of the text was published in 1828.
- The Jewish festival of Hanukkah is not celebrated merely to commemorate the “rededication of the Holy Temple (the Second Temple, 516 B.C.) in Jerusalem” (312), but specifically to commemorate the rededication of the temple during the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucids in the second century BC.

These small, easily-correctable mistakes are not as consequential as the glaring problems detailed above, but do further mar the quality of the AEBOM.

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