

Survey of the
Covenants and Principles
of the
Book of Mormon

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THE PURPOSE PRINCIPLE

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What is in The Book of Mormon is there for a purpose.

THE CONTENTS OF THE BOOK OF MORMON WERE DIVINELY CONTROLLED

For example, 3 major writers, Mormon, Moroni and Nephi were each told what to put in and what to leave out.

MORMON AND MORONI CONTROL THE ENTIRE BOOK OF MORMON

MORMON:

Small Plates
Large Plates
Mormon 1-3

MORONI:

Mormon 4
Ether
Moroni

Nephi - What to put in

And after I had made these plates by way of commandment, I Nephi, received a commandment, that the ministry, and the prophecies, the more plain and precious parts of them should be written upon these plates. 1 Nephi 5:223

And behold, the things which this apostle of the lamb shall write, are many things which thou hast seen.

And behold, the remainder shalt thou see.

But the things which thou shalt see hereafter, thou shalt not write, for the Lord God hath ordained the apostle of the Lamb of God that he should write them. 1 Nephi 3:246-248

Nephi - What to leave out

And behold, I, Nephi, am forbidden that I should write the remainder of the things which I saw and heard; wherefore, the things which I have written sufficeth me;

And I have not written but a small part of the things which I saw. 1 Nephi 3:252-253

Mormon - What to put in

But behold, I shall take these plates, which contain these prophesyings and revelations, and put them with the remainder of my record, for they are choice unto me; and I know they will be choice unto my brethren.

And this I do for a wise purpose; for thus it whispereth me, according to the workings of the Spirit of the Lord which is in me.

Words of Mormon 1:9-10

Mormon - What to put in

therefore I, Mormon, do write the things which have been commanded me of the Lord.

3 Nephi 12:5

Mormon - What to leave out

Behold I was about to write them all which were engraven upon the plates of Nephi, but the Lord forbid it, saying, I will try the faith of my people; 3 Nephi 12:5

Moroni - What to put in

And I exhort you to remember these things; for the time speedily cometh that ye shall know that I lie not, for ye shall see me at the bar of God, and the Lord God will say unto you, Did I not declare my words unto you, which were written by this man, like as one crying from the dead? Yea, even as one speaking out of the dust?

I declare these things unto the fulfilling of the prophecies. Moroni 10:22-24

Moroni - What to put in

Behold, I have written upon these plates the very things which the Brother of Jared saw; and there never was greater things made manifest, than that which was made manifest unto the Brother of Jared; wherefore, the Lord hath commanded me to write them; and I have written them.

Ether 1:98

Moroni - What to put in

And now I, Moroni, have written the words which were commanded me, according to my memory . . .

Ether 2:1

Wherefore I, Moroni, am commanded to write these things, that evil may be done away, and that the time may come that Satan may have no power upon the hearts of the children of men . . .

Ether 3:102

Moroni - What to leave out

. . . the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built up upon this land . . . and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord . . . and they shall no more be confounded . . .

And I was about to write more but I am forbidden; but great and marvelous were the prophecies of Ether, but they esteemed him as nought, and cast him out . . .

Ether 6:8,14

TYPES

And behold, all things have their likeness;

And all things are created and made to bear record of me:

Both things which are temporal and things which are spiritual;

Things which are in the heavens above and things which are on the earth;

And things which are in the earth and things which are under the earth, both above and beneath;

All things bear record of me.

Genesis 6:66 IV

Behold, my soul delighteth in proving unto my people the truth of the coming of Christ;

For, for this end hath the *law of Moses* been given;

And *all things* which have been given of God from the beginning of the world are the typifying of him.

2 Nephi 8:7-9

But behold, this is not all;

These are not the only ones who have spoken concerning the *Son of God*.

Behold, he was spoken of by Moses;

Yea, and a type was *raised up* in the wilderness,

That whosoever would look upon it might live.

And many did look and live.

Alma 16:190-191

And now I say,

Is there not a type in this thing?

For just as surely as this *director* did bring our father, by following its course, to the promised land,

Shall the *words of Christ*, if we follow their course,

Carry us beyond this vale of sorrow into a far better

land of promise.

Alma 17:80

COVENANT

1 Nephi 1:1-2

- A Yea, having had a great *knowledge* of the goodness and the mysteries of God,
B therefore, I make a *record* of my proceedings in my days;
C yea, I make a record in the *language* of my father,
D *which consists of the learning of the Jews*
C' and the *language* of the Egyptians.
B' And I know that the *record* which I make is true;
A' and I make it according to my *knowledge*.

- A knowledge
B record
C language
D learning of the Jews
C' language
B' record
A' knowledge

1 Nephi 1:1-2

A HEBREW COVENANT

- ☐ Exchange robes
- ☐ Exchange belts
- ☐ Cut the covenant
- ☐ Raise right arms - cut palms - mix blood
- ☐ Exchange names
- ☐ Make a scar
- ☐ Give the covenant terms
- ☐ Eat a memorial meal
- ☐ Plant a memorial

The Book of Mormon Begins With Covenant Title Page

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Moroni

The Book of Mormon Ends With Covenant

And again,
If ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ and deny not his power,
Then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God,
Through the shedding of the blood of Christ,
Which is in the *covenant* of the Father unto the remission of your sins,
That ye become holy without spot.

Moroni 10:30

Covenant in Moroni's First Ending

. . . and may God the Father remember the *covenant* which he hath made with the house of Israel;
And may he bless them for ever, through faith on the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mormon 4:103

THE MARVELOUS WORK

But behold, there shall be many at that day when I shall proceed to do a marvelous work among them.
That I may *remember my covenants* which I have made unto the children of men,
That I may set my hand again the second time to recover my people which are of the house of Israel;

And also that I may remember the promises which I have made unto thee, Nephi,
And also unto thy father . . .

2 Nephi 12:42-43

WHY DID JESUS CHRIST COME?

For where a *covenant* is, there must also of necessity be the *death of the victim*.
For a covenant is of force after the victim is dead;
Otherwise it is of no strength at all while the victim liveth.

Hebrews 9:16-17

WHY DID JESUS CHRIST COME?

How much more shall the blood of Christ . . . purge
your conscience from dead works to serve the living
God?

And for this cause he is the *mediator of the new
covenant*, that by means of death, for the
redemption of the transgressions that were under
the first covenant,

They which are called might receive the promise of
eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 9:14-15

HOLY SPIRIT = DOWN PAYMENT ON COVENANT

. . . in whom also, after that ye believed,
Ye were sealed with that *Holy Spirit* of promise,
Which is the *earnest* of our inheritance until the
redemption of the purchased possession, unto the
praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14

THE WORK OF ANGELS

And the office of their ministry is to call men unto
repentance,
And to fulfill and do the work of the *covenants* of the
Father which he hath made unto the children of
men . . .

Moroni 7:32

And it came to pass that I spake with him,
That if he would hearken unto my words, *as the Lord
liveth* and as I live,
Even so, that if he would hearken unto our words,
We would spare his life.

And I spake unto him even with an *oath*,
That he need not fear;
That he would be a free man like unto us
If he would go down in the wilderness with us.

And I also spake unto him saying,
"Surely the Lord hath commanded us to do this thing;
And shall we not be diligent in keeping the command-
ment of the Lord?
Therefore, if thou wilt go down into the wilderness to
my father,
Thou shalt have place with us."

And it came to pass that Zoram did take courage at the
words which I spake;

Now Zoram was the name of the servant.
And he promised that he would go down into the

wilderness unto our father;
Yea, and he also made an *oath* unto us
That he would tarry with us from that time forth.
1 Nephi 1:136-142

Now we were desirous that he should tarry with us for
this cause,
That the Jews might not know concerning our flight into
the wilderness,
Lest they should pursue us and destroy us.

And it came to pass that when Zoram had made an
oath unto us,
Our fears did cease concerning him. 1 Nephi 1:143-144

Then Jonathan and David made a *covenant*,
Because he loved him as his own soul:
And Jonathan stripped himself of the *robe* that was
upon him
And gave it to David and his garments,
Even to his sword and to his bow and to his *girdle*.
1 Samuel 18:3-4

And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of
his feet.
He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul
and Jonathan out of Jezreel,
And his nurse took him up and fled.
And it came to pass as she made haste to flee
That he fell and became lame.
And his name was Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 4:4

And David said:
"Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul
That I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"
And David said unto him:
"*Fear not, for I will surely show thee kindness for
Jonathan thy father's sake
And will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father,
And thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.*"
And he bowed himself and said:
"What is thy servant that thou shouldst look upon
such a dead dog as I am?"
2 Samuel 9:1, 7-8

The Covenant Was From The Beginning

... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
Revelation 13:8

... the works of God were prepared (or finished) from
the foundation of the world.
Hebrews 4:3

Satan Copied the Covenant

... he slew him for the *oath's* sake; For, from the
days of Cain, there was a secret combination, and their
works were in the dark, and they knew every man his
brother. Wherefore, the Lord cursed Lamech and his
house and all they that had *covenant*ed with *Satan*, for
they kept not the commandments of God.

Genesis 5:36-38

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Have we not all one father?
Hath not one God created us?
Why do we deal treacherously every man against his
brother
By profaning the *covenant* of our fathers?
Malachi 2:10

These six things doth the Lord hate, yea,
seven are an abomination unto him:

- A proud look
- A lying tongue
- Hands that shed innocent blood
- Heart that deviseth wicked imaginations
- Feet that be swift in running to mischief
- A false witness that speaketh lies
- He that soweth discord among the
brethren

Proverbs 6:16-19

Qadash

separate, sacred, holy
clean, sacred ones, saints
betrothed

*The New Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius
Hebrew and English Lexicon*

The Lord hath brought again Zion:
The Lord hath redeemed his people, Israel,
According to the election of grace,
Which was brought to pass by the faith
And *covenant* of their fathers.

D & C 83:17a

THE COVENANT IS THE KEY TO ENDOWMENT

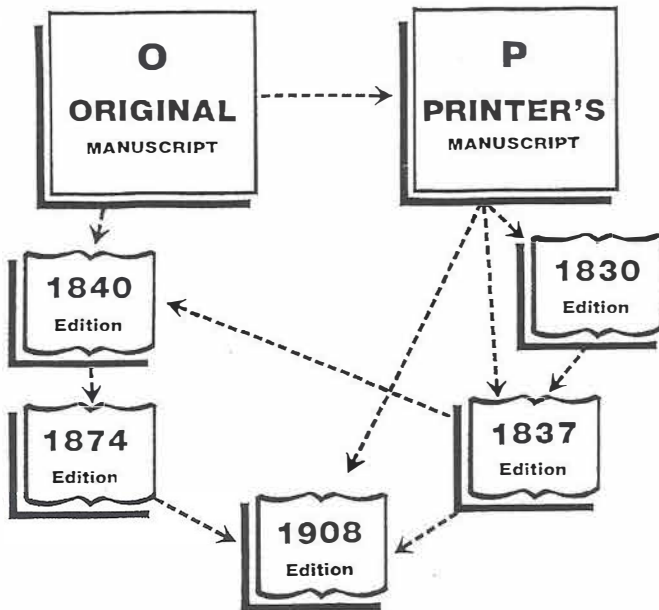
Wherefore, we search the prophets;
And we have many revelations and the spirit of
prophecy,
And having all these witnesses, we obtain a hope,
And our faith becometh unshaken insomuch that we
truly can command in the name of Jesus,
And the very trees obey us, or the mountains, or the
waves of the sea.

Jacob 3:7

THE COVENANT REMOVES ALL DOUBT

TITLE PAGE

BOOK OF MORMON LINEAGE



Original Manuscript History

- ⇒ Dictated by Joseph to Oliver and others
- ⇒ Handwritten, no paragraphs, no punctuation, random capitalization, misspelled and archaic words
- ⇒ Used to make printer's copy and corrections in 1840 edition
- ⇒ Put in cornerstone of Nauvoo House in 1841; water damaged
- ⇒ One-third (144 pages) in LDS archives plus some in private hands

Printers Manuscript History

- ⇒ Copied from original ms. by Oliver and others
- ⇒ Handwritten, no paragraphs, no punctuation, some capitalization, misspelled and archaic words; some printer's markings and punctuation added on a few pages
- ⇒ Differs from original ms. in a few places; Oliver took in 1838.
- ⇒ Purchased by RLDS Church in 1903 for \$2,450 from David Whitmer's heir

I wish also to mention here, that the *title page* of the Book of Mormon is a literal translation, taken from the very last leaf, on the left hand side of the collection or book of plates, which contained the record which has been translated; the language of the whole running the same as all Hebrew writing in general; and that, said *title page* is not by any means a modern composition either of mine or of any other man's who has lived or does live in this generation. Therefore, in order to correct an error which generally exists concerning it, I give below that part of the *title page* of the English version of the Book of Mormon, which is a genuine and literal translation of the *title page* of the Original Book of Mormon, as recorded on the plates . . . The remainder of the *title page* is of course, modern. (italics added)

Joseph Smith, Jr.
Times and Seasons (1842:943)

Title Page Placement in Editions

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1837	First page
1840	Follows insert <i>"Moroni" added</i>
1874	Follows insert <i>"Moroni" added</i>
1892	First page <i>"Moroni" added</i>
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RECORDS OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

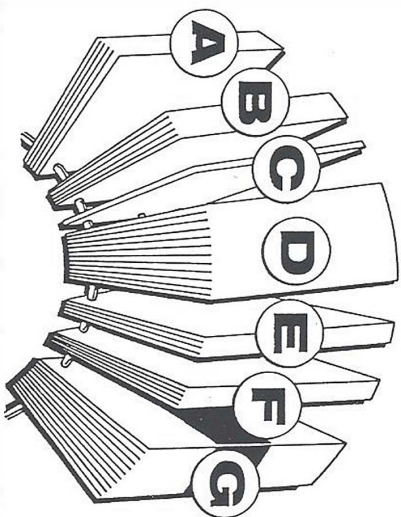
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 Lost 116 pages
- B** **SMALL PLATES OF NEPHI**
 (unabridged)
 1 Nephi 2 Nephi Jacob
 Enos Jarom Omni
- C** **WORDS OF MORMON**
- D** **LARGE PLATES OF NEPHI**
 (abridged)
 Mosiah Alma Helaman
 3 Nephi 4 Nephi Mormon
- E** **24 GOLD PLATES (abridged)**
 Ether
- F** **MORONI**
- G** **SEALED PORTION**

Writer or abridger:

NEPHI **MORMON** **MORONI**

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A B

PLATES OF NEPHI

LARGE PLATES OF NEPHI

- Contained the civil history kept by kings from 570 B.C. to 124 B.C.
- Contained both civil and religious history from:
600 B.C. to 570 B.C.
124 B.C. to 385 A.D.

SMALL PLATES OF NEPHI

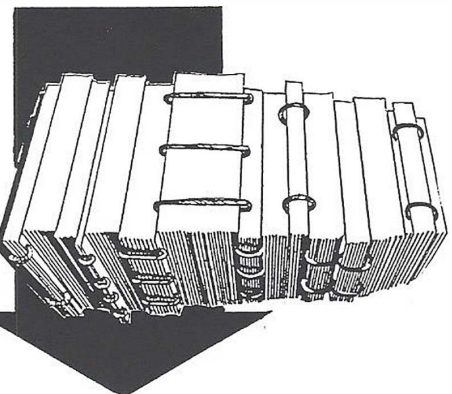
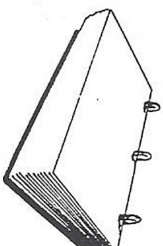
- Contained the spiritual ministry to the people from 570 B.C. to 124 B.C. Kept by the spiritual leaders.



LARGE PLATES OF NEPHI

THE BOOK OF ETHER

2000 years of Jaredite records abridged by Ether on 24 plates of gold. Moroni abridged the 24 plates. The Book of Ether is an abridgment.

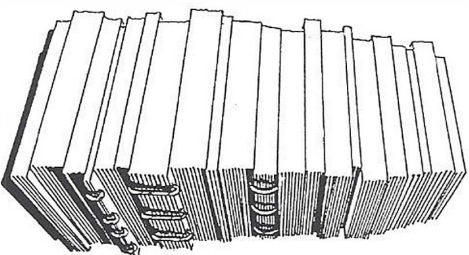


MORMON'S ABRIDGMENT

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LANDS OF THE
BOOK
OF
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FIRST BOOK OF NEPHI

TIME COVERED: 600-570 B.C.

First Book of Nephi Summary

- ☐ Lehi prophesies destruction of Jerusalem; warned by Lord to flee
- ☐ Nephi and brothers obtain plates of brass; Zoram & family of Ishmael join them
- ☐ Lehi and Nephi have vision of tree of life
- ☐ Journey in wilderness to seashore at Bountiful; build a ship as directed by Lord
- ☐ Sail for land of promise; Nephi bound, ship nearly sinks, Nephi loosed
- ☐ Arrive in land of promise; Nephi teaches brothers from Isaiah

The underlying principle
taught in 1 Nephi:

BELIEF vs. UNBELIEF

Lamb of God

BOOK OF MORMON		BIBLE	
1 NEPHI	59	GENESIS	3
2 NEPHI	4	ISAIAH	1
MOSIAH	1	JOHN	2
ALMA	3	ACTS	1
HELANAN	1	1 PETER	1
MORMON	3	REVELATION	29
ETHER	2		
Total	73	Total	37

UNBELIEF

Laman & Lemuel didn't believe Lehi's first vision, murmured, knew not God.
1 N 1:38-45

Laman & Lemuel murmured about getting plates of brass; Laman loses chance to obtain plates.
1 N 1:62-63, 69

Laman, Lemuel & part of Ishmael's family rebel; tie up Nephi.
1 N 2:12-27

UNBELIEF

Laman, Lemuel, sons of Ishmael and Lehi murmur over broken bow and lack of food.
1 N 5:25

Laman, Lemuel murmur against building a ship; seek to kill Nephi; they are warned then later shocked.
1 N 5:85-153

Laman, Lemuel and others on ship tie up Nephi; storm comes, compass stops working.
1 N 5:183, 185-196, 207-208

BELIEF

Nephi believed words of Lehi's first vision, had great desires to know mysteries of God.
1 N 1:47-48

Nephi believed the Lord would provide the way to get the plates of brass, didn't give up, obtained plates.
1 N 1:65-75, 77-90, 91-145

Nephi spoke belief to brothers, prayed in faith after being bound; Lord loosed his bands; eventually brothers repented.
1 N 2:12-35

BELIEF

Nephi spoke belief to family, made a bow; asked Lehi for direction; Lord gave direction via Liahona; Nephi obtained food.
1 N 5:25-41

Nephi believed the Lord's command to build a ship; prepared tools; Laman & Lemuel "shocked" by Nephi, they repented; helped Nephi build ship.
1 N 5:70-168

Nephi praises God instead of murmuring, prays; after they repent, compass works, storm quits.
1 N 5:182-210

OBEDIENCE

1 Nephi 1:26-29

And it came to pass that the Lord commanded my father,
even in a dream,
That he should take his family and depart into the wilderness.

And it came to pass that he was obedient unto the word
of the Lord;
Wherefore, he did as the Lord commanded him.

And it came to pass that he departed into the wilderness.

And he left his house and the land of his inheritance,
And his gold and his silver and his precious things,
And took nothing with him save it were his family and

provisions and tents;
And he departed into the wilderness.

OBEDIENCE BRINGS PROSPERITY

1 Nephi 1:149, 150

And it came to pass that my father spoke unto her saying:
"I know that I am a visionary man,
For if I had not seen the things of God in a vision,
I should not have known the goodness of God,
But had tarried at Jerusalem and had perished with my brethren.
But behold, I have obtained a land of promise,
In the which thing I do rejoice."

NEVER MURMUR

1 Nephi 1:41

And they (Laman and Lemuel) did *murmur* because they knew not the dealings of that God who had created them.

NEVER MURMUR

1 Nephi 1:63-64

And now, behold, thy brothers *murmur*,
Saying it is a hard thing which I have required of them.
But behold, I have not required it of them, but it is a commandment of the Lord.

Therefore, go my son,
And thou shalt be favored of the Lord because thou hast not murmured.

MURMUR OR PRAISE

1 Nephi 5:199

Nevertheless, I did look unto my God and I did *praise* him all the day long;
And I did not *murmur* against the Lord because of mine afflictions.

PRAISE

1 Nephi 1:13-14

And it came to pass that when my father had read and saw many great and marvelous things,
He did exclaim many things unto the Lord such as:

"Great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord God Almighty!
Thy throne is high in the heavens!
And thy power and goodness and mercy are over all the inhabitants of the earth;
And because thou art merciful,
Thou wilt not suffer those who come unto thee that they shall perish!"

1 Nephi Review

- ⇒ Our decision: believe or not
- ⇒ Obedience brings prosperity
- ⇒ Never murmur (complain)
- ⇒ Vision causes praise

1 Nephi Memory Verse

1 Nephi 3:187

And blessed are they who shall seek
to bring forth my Zion at that day,
For they shall have the gift and the
power of the Holy Ghost.

SECOND BOOK OF NEPHI

TIME COVERED: about 570-545 B.C.

Second Book of Nephi Summary

- ☐ Lehi blesses his sons, dies
- ☐ Nephite/Lamanite separation
- ☐ Jacob teaches, Chaps 5-7
- ☐ Isaiah 2-14 quotes: Chaps 8-10
- ☐ Nephi explains: Chaps 11-15

Largest section of Isaiah
in the
Book of Mormon:

Isaiah 2-14 =
2 Nephi 8:17-10:54

The message
of Isaiah in 2 Nephi:

Restoration of the covenants
to
the House of Israel.

Wherefore, all things must needs be a compound in one.
2 Nephi 1:83



For it must needs be that there is an opposition in all things.

2 Nephi 1:81

And thus mercy can satisfy the demands of justice,
And encircles them in the arms of safety;
While he that exercises no faith unto repentance
Is exposed to the whole law of the demands of justice;
Therefore, only unto him that has faith unto repentance
Is brought about the great and eternal plan of
redemption.

Alma 16:217

See 2 Nephi 2 chiasm (Lehi's Blessing to Young Joseph),
p. 5

THE COMING TOGETHER

And that which shall be written by the
fruit of thy loins,
And also that which shall be written by
the fruit of the loins of Judah,
Shall grow together unto the
confounding of false doctrines
And laying down of contentions and
establishing peace among the fruit of
thy loins,
And bring them to the knowledge of
their fathers in the latter days,
And also to the knowledge of my
covenants, saith the Lord.

2 Nephi 2:20-23

The clearest description in all scriptures
of
how Satan operates
found in
2 Nephi 12:24-28

2 Nephi 12:24-28

For behold, at that day shall he (Satan) rage in the
hearts of the children of men,
And stir them up to anger against that which is good;
And others will he pacify and lull them away into
carnal security that they will say,
"All is well in Zion, yea, Zion prospereth, all is well."

And thus the devil cheateth their souls,
And leadeth them away carefully down to hell.

And behold, others he flattereth away,
And telleth them there is no hell,
And he saith unto them, "I am no devil for there is
none."

And thus he whispereth in their ears until he grasps
them with his awful chains,
From whence there is no deliverance.

The message of 1 Nephi:

BELIEVE

The message of 2 Nephi:

**THE COVENANTS OF THE
LORD TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL**

See Nephi's Psalm, p.6

2 Nephi Memory Verse

Feast upon the words of Christ;
For behold, the words of Christ will tell you all things
what ye should do.

2 Nephi 14:4

2 Nephi 2: Lehi's Blessing to Young Joseph

Verse #

1 A speak
 3 B thy brethren
 4 C Joseph
 D may the Lord bless thee
 E thy seed shall not be utterly destroyed
 6 F *covenants*
 G Joseph
 H Joseph
 8 I remembered in the *covenants*
 9 J unto them
 K in the latter days
 10 L a seer shall the Lord raise up who shall be a choice seer
 unto of the fruit of my loins
 11 M Thus saith the Lord unto me
 15 N Moses
 O I have said I would raise up
 16 P Moses
 17 Q power
 R bring forth my word
 19 S fruit of thy loins
 21 T confounding
 22 U *bringing them to the knowledge of their fathers*
 23 U' *and also to the knowledge of my covenants*
 26 T' confounded
 27 S' fruit of thy loins
 30 R' the thing which the Lord shall bring forth
 Q' power
 31 P' Moses
 32 O' the Lord hath said I will raise up
 N Moses
 36 M' the Lord said unto me also
 L I [the Lord] will raise up unto the fruit of thy loins and I will
 make for him a spokesman
 40 K' after many generations have gone
 J' by them
 43 I' remembering my *covenant*
 44 H' Joseph
 G' my father
 45 F' *covenant*
 E' thy seed shall not be utterly destroyed
 48 D' blessed art thou
 C' Joseph
 49 B' thy brother
 49 A' spoken

- 29 For my soul delighteth in the scriptures, and my heart pondereth them,
And writeth them for the learning and *the profit of my children.
- 30 Behold my soul delighteth in the things of the Lord;
And my heart pondereth continually upon the things which I have seen and heard;
- 31 Nevertheless *notwithstanding* the great goodness of the Lord, in showing me his great and marvelous works,
My heart exclaimeth:
- "O wretched man that I am;
Yea my heart sorroweth because of my flesh;
- 32 My soul grieveth because of mine *iniquity* ;
- 33 I am encompassed about because of the temptations and the sins which doth so easily beset me;
- 34 And when I desire to rejoice, my heart groaneth because of my sins;
Nevertheless I know in whom I have trusted;
- 35 My God hath been my support;
He hath led me through mine afflictions in the wilderness;
And he hath preserved me upon the waters of the great deep;
- 36 He hath filled me with his love, even unto the consuming of my flesh.
- 37 He hath confounded mine enemies, unto the causing of them to quake before me.
- 38 Behold he hath heard my cry by day;
And he hath given me knowledge by visions in the night time;
- 39 And by day have I waxed bold in mighty prayer before him;
Yea my voice have I sent *up on high;
And angels came down and ministered unto me;
- 40 And upon the wings of his Spirit hath my body been carried away upon exceeding high mountains;
- 41 And mine eyes *have beheld great things yea, even too great for man;
Therefore I was bidden that I should not write them."
- 42 "O then if I have seen so great things;
If the Lord, in his condescension unto the children of men, hath visited *me in so much mercy;
Why should my heart weep, and my soul linger in the valley of sorrow,
And my flesh waste away, and my strength slacken because of mine afflictions?
- 43 And why should I yield to sin because of my flesh?
- 44 Yea why should I give way to temptations,
That the evil one have place in my heart, to destroy my peace and afflict my soul?
- 45 Why am I angry because of mine enemy? "
- 46 "Awake, my soul, no longer droop in sin;
- 47 Rejoice, O my heart and give place no more for the enemy of my soul;
- 48 Do not anger again because of mine enemies;
- 49 Do not slacken my strength because of mine afflictions;
- 50 Rejoice O my heart and cry unto the Lord and say:
O Lord I will praise thee for ever;
Yea my soul will rejoice in thee, my God and the rock of my salvation."
- 51 "O Lord wilt thou redeem my soul?
- 52 Wilt thou deliver me out of the hands of mine enemies?
- 53 Wilt thou make me that I may shake at the appearance of sin?
- 54 May the gates of hell be shut continually before me,
Because that my heart is broken and my spirit is contrite? "
- 55 "O Lord wilt thou not shut the gates of thy righteousness before me,
That I may walk in the path of the low valley,
That I may be strict in the plain road? "
- 56 "O Lord wilt thou encircle me around in the robe of thy righteousness? "
- 57 "O Lord wilt thou make a way for mine escape before mine enemies?
- 58 Wilt thou make my path *strait* before me?
- 59 Wilt thou not place a stumbling block in my way?
- 60 But that thou wouldst clear my way before me,
And hedge not up my way, but the ways of mine enemy."
- 61 "O Lord I have trusted in thee and I will trust in thee for ever;
- 62 I will not put my trust in the arm of flesh;
For I know that cursed is he that putteth his trust in the arm of flesh;
- 63 Yea cursed is he that putteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm;
- 64 Yea I know that God will give liberally to him that asketh;
- 65 Yea my God will give me if I ask not amiss;
Therefore I will lift *up my voice unto thee;
Yea I will cry unto thee, my God, the rock of my righteousness;
- 66 Behold my voice shall for ever ascend up unto thee,
My rock and mine everlasting God. Amen. "

BOOK OF JACOB

TIME COVERED: 545 B.C.-about 500 B.C.

Book of Jacob Summary

- ☐ Speaks against moral sins
 - polygamy
 - chastity of women
- ☐ Gives Zenos' parable of the olive tree
 - restoration of the house of Israel
 - total plan of salvation
- ☐ Adds the account of Sherem
 - a type for anti-Christ

JACOB 2:54-56

Behold, the Lamanites your brethren
whom ye hate because of their
filthiness and the cursings which hath
come upon their skins,
Are more righteous than you;
For they have not forgotten the
commandments of the Lord which were
given unto our *father*
That they should have save it were one
wife and concubines they should have
none,
And there should not be whoredoms
committed among them.

And now this commandment they observe
to keep;
Wherefore, because of this observance in
keeping this commandment,
The Lord God will not destroy them, but
will be merciful unto them,
And one day they shall become a blessed
people.

THE MESSAGE OF THE BOOK OF JACOB

REPENT

JACOB 1:2

And he gave me, Jacob, a commandment
That I should write upon these plates
A few of the things which I considered to be most
precious;
That I should not touch, save it were lightly,
Concerning the history of this people
Which are called the people of Nephi.

JACOB 1:4

And if there were preaching which was sacred,
Or revelation which was great, or prophesying,
That I should engrave the *heads* of them upon these
plates,
And touch upon them as much as it were possible,
For Christ's sake and for the sake of our people.

rosh - head; top, summit, upper part, chief, total sum

The root is widely used in the Old Testament with
other terms in the sense of the superlative, since
Hebrew does not have any simple form to express the
third degree. There are many examples of this usage
(Exodus 30:23) where the meaning is "best," "foremost,"
the uniquely finest, which alone was fit for the service
of God.

Theological Wordbook by Harris, Archer, Waltke
(1980:825)

The Provision of The Covenant

But before ye seek for riches,
Seek ye for the kingdom of God.
And after ye have obtained a hope in Christ,
Ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them;
And ye will seek them for the intent to do good;
To clothe the naked
And to feed the hungry
And to liberate the captive
And administer relief to the sick and the afflicted.
Jacob 2:23-24

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God;
For it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth,
That he may establish his *covenant* . . .
Deuteronomy 8:18

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's
children;
And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.
Proverbs 13:22

Go to now, ye rich men,
Weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon
you.
Your riches are corrupted and your garments are
moth-eaten.
Your gold and silver is cankered;
And the rust of them shall be a witness against you
and shall eat your flesh as it were fire.
Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.
James 5:1-3

And to the reader
A I bid farewell
B hoping that many of my brethren
C' may read my words.
B' Brethren,
A' adieu.
Jacob 5:48

Adieu - A farewell, or commendation to the care of God;
as an everlasting *adieu*.

*Webster's American Dictionary of the English
Language*, 1828.

The Hebrew verb, *barak*, means to kneel, to bless; used
for a greeting in departing, saying adieu to, taking
leave of.

Brown, Driver & Briggs: *A Hebrew and English Lexicon
of the Old Testament*
Bromiley: *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*

BOOK OF ENOS

TIME COVERED: about 500 B.C.-421 B.C.

BOOK OF ENOS SUMMARY

- Enos' personal encounter with the Lord; his covenant for the Lamanites, vv. 1-28
- Description of the condition of the people, vv. 29-46
 - the classic Lamanite description, vv. 31-32
 - Nephite transgression apparent

The theme of the Book of Enos

THE PRAYER OF FAITH OBTAINS THE COVENANT

ENOS OBTAINS A COVENANT

And I had faith,
And I did cry unto God that he would preserve the records.

And he covenanted with me that he would bring them forth
Unto the Lamanites in his own due time.

And I, Enos, knew it would be according to the covenant which he had made;
Wherefore, my soul did rest.

Enos 1:25-27

PROPHETS HARSH

And there were exceeding many prophets among us,

And the people were a stiff-necked people, hard to understand;

And there was nothing save it was exceeding harshness,
Preaching and prophesying of wars and contentions and destructions,

And continually reminding them of death and the duration of eternity

And the judgments and the power of God and all these things,

Stirring them up continually to keep them in the fear of the Lord.

I say there was nothing short of these things,
And exceeding great plainness of speech,
Would keep them from going down speedily to destruction.

Enos 1:35-39

Enos Memory Verse

Whatsoever thing ye shall ask in faith,
Believing that ye shall receive in the name of Christ,
Ye shall receive it.

Enos 1:24

BOOK OF JAROM

TIME COVERED: about 400 B.C.-362 B.C.

Book of Jarom Summary

- ☐ shortest book in the Book of Mormon
- ☐ changed purpose of small plates
- ☐ first mention of fortified cities
- ☐ prophets kept people from destruction

JAROM MISSED THE MESSAGE

Now behold, I, Jarom, write a few words
According to the commandment of my father Enos,
That our *genealogy* may be kept.

And as these plates are small,
And as these things are written
For the intent of the benefit of our brethren, the
Lamanites,
Wherefore, it must needs be that I write a little;
*But I shall not write the things of my prophesying,
nor of my revelations.*

Jarom 1:1-2

THE PROPHETS THREATEN

And it came to pass that the prophets of the Lord
Did threaten the people of Nephi according to the
word of God,
That if they did not keep the commandments
But should fall into transgression,
They should be destroyed from off the face of the
land; . . .
For they did prick their hearts with the
word continually,
Stirring them up unto repentance.

Jarom 1:23,28

many prophets
are a sign of
growing wickedness

the message of the Book of Jarom

No personal encounter with the Lord
➡ leads to no witnessing
➡ leads to eventual scattering

Jarom Memory Verse

Inasmuch as ye will keep my commandments,
Ye shall prosper in the land.

Jarom 1:22

BOOK OF OMNI

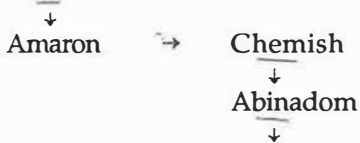
TIME COVERED: c. 362 B.C.-c. 140 B.C.

Book of Omni Summary

- ❑ 5 writers - 4 generations
- ❑ Spiritual degeneration apparent
- ❑ Abinadom: "no revelation. . . neither prophecy"
- ❑ Mosiah I leads Nephite remnant to Zarahemla
- ❑ End of Nephi's small plates

Book of Omni Record Keepers

Omni



And I know of no revelation save that which has been written,
Neither prophecy;
Wherefore, that which is sufficient is written.

Omni 1:17

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Amaleki

COVENANT PROPHECY FULFILLED

And the time speedily cometh that except ye repent,
They shall possess the land of your inheritance,
And the Lord God will lead away the righteous out
from among you.

Jacob 2:53

For behold, he being warned of the Lord that he
should flee out of the land of Nephi,
And as many as would hearken unto the voice of
the Lord,
Should also depart out of the land with him
into the wilderness.

Omni 1:20

message of the Book of Omni

THE COVENANT FULFILLED

keep the commandments or be scattered

Small Plates Begin With

COME UNTO HIM

For he is the same yesterday, today and for ever;
And the way is prepared *for all men* from the
foundation of the world,
If it so be that they repent and *come unto him*.

1 Nephi 3:27-28

Small Plates End With

COME UNTO CHRIST

And it came to pass that I began to be old;
And having no seed and knowing King Benjamin to be a
just man,
Wherefore, I shall deliver up these plates unto him,
Exhorting all men to *come unto God*, the Holy One
of Israel,
And believing in prophesying, and in revelations, and
in the ministering of angels, and in the gift of
speaking with tongues, and in the gift of
interpreting languages, and in all things which are
good;
For there is nothing which is good save it comes from
the Lord;
And that which is evil cometh from the devil.

And now, my beloved brethren, I would that ye should
come unto Christ, who is the Holy One of Israel,
And partake of his salvation and the power of his
redemption.

Yea, *come unto him* and offer your whole souls as
an offering unto him;
And continue in fasting and praying and endure to the
end;
And as the Lord liveth, ye will be saved.

Omni 1:43-47

WORDS OF MORMON

TIME COVERED: A.D. 385
c. 140 B.C.-c. 130 B.C.

Words of Mormon Summary

Part 1 - vv. 1-13; A.D. 384

Mormon explains why he includes small plates with his abridgment

Part 2 - vv. 14-27; c. 140-130 B.C.

The story-line bridge between the small plates and Book of Mosiah

Message of The Words of Mormon

The Purpose Principle

And I do this for a wise purpose, for thus it whispereth
me,
According to the workings of the spirit of the Lord which
is in me.

WM:10

THE PURPOSE PRINCIPLE

What is in the Book of Mormon is there for a purpose.

BOOK OF MOSIAH

TIME COVERED: c. 130 B.C.-91 B.C.

See RECORDS, p. vi- B & C

See Book of Mosiah Chiasm, p. 14

See MAP, p. vii

158 Year Type

King Mosiah II to the coming of Christ
124 B.C. A.D. 34

158 years = 15.5% of Nephite history

473 pages = 65% of Nephite history

*Therefore there are four times more pages
per year*

Land of
Zarahemla

Mosiah I
Benjamin
Mosiah II

Land of
Nephi

Zeniff
Noah
Limhi

END-TIME TYPE

MOSIAH	THE GATHERING
Alma	Gospel goes to all the world
	Tribulation begins
Helaman	Tribulation increases
3 Nephi	Tribulation culminates/
	The Glory Coming
4 Nephi	The Millenium

Book of Mosiah Summary

Part 1 - IN THE LAND OF ZARAHEMLA

Ch. 1-4: King Benjamin's message; people make covenant; Benjamin dies, Mosiah II king

Part 1 - IN THE LAND OF NEPHI

Ch. 5-11: Ammon and 16 men go to land of Nephi, find Limhi



Flashback: Zeniff - Noah (Abinadi, Alma) - Limhi

Ammon returns to Zarahemla with Limhi; then Alma I and his people gather

Part 3 - IN THE LAND OF ZARAHEMLA

Ch. 11-13: Alma I establishes 7 churches
Conversion of Alma II and sons of Mosiah II
Mosiah II translates 24 gold plates
Mosiah II last Nephite king; Alma II first judge

GATHERING AND SCATTERING PRINCIPLE

keep the covenant		be gathered
break the covenant		be scattered

COVENANT BRINGS DELIVERANCE

But if ye will turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart
And put your trust in him
And serve with all diligence of mind,
If ye do this, he will, according to his own will and pleasure,
Deliver you out of bondage.

Mosiah 5:52

The Message of the Book of Mosiah

the covenant brings deliverance

- to Mosiah I and his people
- to Alma and his people
- to Limhi and his people

BOOK OF MOSIAH

- A King Benjamin teaches his sons (1:1-13)
- B Benjamin confers kingdom on his son Mosiah (1:14-16)
- C Mosiah II is given charge of the records (1:23)
- D Benjamin's proclamation, the words of the Lord, and the angel (1:36-2:50)
- E People believe and enter into a covenant (3:1-4:2)
- F Priests appointed to teach the people (4:4)
- G Ammon leaves Zarahemla for the land of Lehi-Nephi (5:4-8)
- H *1st account: Ammon put in prison; King Limhi rejoices; 24 gold plates (5:9-86)*
- I *Flash-back: The record of Zeniff begins as he leaves Zarahemla (6:1)*
- J *Lamanites fight against people of Zeniff (6:14-57)*
- K *Zeniff confers kingdom upon his son (Noah (6:58-7:1)*
- L *King Noah and priests wicked, lazy and idolatrous (7:1-21)*
- M *Abinadi prophesies Noah to be burned and judgments (7:28-38)*
- N *Abinadi confounds priests with law of Moses, repentance and hope in Christ; condemned to death (7:74-9:27)*
- N' *Alma I repents, teaches Abinadi's words, people enter into a covenant (9:28-68)*
- M' *King Noah suffers death by fire (9:96-97)*
- L' *Wicked priests flee into wilderness (9:100)*
- K' *Kingdom conferred by people upon Limhi, son of Noah (9:103-107)*
- J' *Lamanites threaten the people of Limhi (9:113-139)*
- I' *Flash-back ends (9:162)*
- H' *2nd account: Ammon in prison; Limhi rejoices; record [24 gold plates] (9:163-170)*
- G' Ammon and people of King Limhi leave land of Nephi for Zarahemla; and then Alma I and his people (9:181-10:19; 11:66-76)
- F' Alma I establishes churches in land of Zarahemla (11:97-104)
- E' Unbelievers refuse to enter covenant (11:105-120)
- D' The words of Alma II, the Lord, and the angel (11:116-199)
- C' Mosiah II translates gold plates; Alma II receives the records (12:16-13:2)
- B' Judges appointed instead of a king (13:7-62)
- A' Mosiah II writes to his people (13:7-62)

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BAPTISM A WITNESS OF COVENANT

Now I say unto you,
 If this be the desire of your hearts,
 What have you against being baptized in the name of
 the Lord
 As a witness before him *that ye have entered into a
 covenant with him,*
 That ye will serve him and keep his commandments,
 That he may pour out his Spirit more abundantly upon
 you?

Mosiah 9:41

BAPTISM A TESTIMONY OF COVENANT

And he said, "Helam, I baptize thee, having authority
 from the Almighty God,
 As a testimony *that ye have entered into a covenant* to
 serve him until you are dead as to the mortal body;
 And may the Spirit of the Lord be poured out upon you,
 And may he grant you eternal life through the
 redemption of Christ,
 Whom he has prepared from the foundation of the
 world."

Mosiah 9:44

BAPTISM A WITNESS OF COVENANT

And now since the coming of Ammon,
King Limhi had also entered into a *covenant* with God,
and also many of his people,
To serve him and keep his commandments.

They were desirous to be baptized,
As a *witness* and a *testimony* that they were
willing to serve God with all their hearts;
Mosiah 9:175, 179

BAPTISM A WITNESS OF A COVENANT

Yea, come and go forth and show unto your God
that ye are willing to repent of your sins
And *enter into a covenant* with him to
keep his commandments,
And *witness* it unto him this day by going into
the waters of baptism.
Alma 5:27

become as a little child
=
Enter into Covenant

But men drink damnation to their souls
Except they humble themselves and become as little
children
And believe that salvation was, and is, and is to come
In and through the atoning blood of Christ, the Lord
Omnipotent.
Mosiah 1:118

Benjamin's People Enter Into A Covenant
"And we are willing to enter into a *covenant* with our
God,
To do his will and to be obedient to his commandments
in all things that he shall command us all the
remainder of our days,
That we may not bring upon ourselves a never-ending
torment as has been spoken by the angel,
That we may not drink out of the cup of the wrath of
God."

And now, these are the words which King Benjamin
desired of them;
And therefore he said unto them,

"Ye have spoken the words that I desired;
And the *covenant* which you have made is a righteous
covenant.
And now, because of the *covenant* which ye have
made,
Ye shall be called the children of Christ, his sons, and
his daughters."
Mosiah 3:6-8

Children of Men

They will not seek
wisdom Mos 5:85

They are quick to forget
the Lord. Alma 21:37

Their hearts are false
and unsteady H 4:48

They are as a wild flock
which fleeth from the
shepherd and scattereth,
and are driven, and are
devoured by the beasts
of the forest. Mos 5:86

Children of Christ

They walk in wisdom's
path Mos 1:79

They do not rebel
against God Mos 1:80

They watch: themselves,
their thoughts, their
words, their deeds
Mos 2:49

They have exceeding
faith in Jesus Christ.
Mos 2:6

THOSE WHO MAKE A COVENANT (WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST)

children of Christ spiritually begotten hearts changed born of him made free alive in Christ as little children live unto Christ no condemnation free from law of sin and death Spirit dwelleth in you sanctified in Jesus Christ God remembers sin no more crucified with Christ Satan has no power over	redeemed of the Lord born of the Spirit born of God changed from carnal and fallen state changed to state of righteousness new creatures mighty change in heart spiritually born of God called to be saints (sanctified, holy ones) Christ lives in me dead to sin-freed from sin find pasture in Christ (rest)
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KEY PHRASES: in Christ, in him, in the beloved, in the Lord, in whom, by Christ, by him, by himself, by his blood, by whom, from whom, of Christ, of him, through Christ, through him, with Christ, with him, by me, in me, in my love, in his name

New Testament	134 times
Book of Mormon	100 plus

THE WILD FLOCK

Yea, they are as a *wild flock*,
 Which fleeth from the shepherd and scattereth,
 And are driven and are devoured by the beasts in the forest.

Mosiah 5:86

Yea, and ye shall be smitten on every hand,
 And shall be driven and scattered to and fro,
 Even as a *wild flock* is driven by wild and ferocious beasts.

Mosiah 9:23

- A And now whosoever shall not take upon them the *name of Christ*
 - B must be *called* by some other name;
 - C therefore he findeth himself on the *left hand of God*.
 - D And I would that ye should *remember* that this is the name
 - E that should never be *blotted out*
 - F except it be through *transgression*;
 - therefore
 - F take heed that ye do not *transgress*
 - E that the name be not *blotted out* of your hearts
 - D I would that ye should *remember* to retain this name
 - C that ye are not found on the *left hand of God*,
 - B but that ye hear and know the voice by which ye shall be *called*
 - A and also the *name* by which he shall call you
- Mosiah 3:13-16

BOOK OF ALMA

TIME COVERED: 91 B.C.- 53 B.C.

END-TIME TYPE

Mosiah ALMA	The Gathering GOSPEL GOES TO ALL THE WORLD TRIBULATION BEGINS
Helaman	Tribulation increases
3 Nephi	The Glory Coming
4 Nephi	The Millenium

Book of Alma Summary

Part 1 - IN THE LAND OF ZARAHMLA

- Ch. 1-2: Alma II, first and chief judge, people wicked; gives up judgment seat after eight years.
- Ch. 3-11: Covenant invitation to the Nephites

Part 2 - IN THE LAND OF NEPHI

- Ch. 12-15: Covenant invitation to the Lamanites

Part 3 - IN THE LAND OF ZARAHMLA

- Ch. 16: Second covenant invitation to the Nephite dissenters
- Ch. 17-19: Alma II to sons
- Ch. 20-30: Covenants are tested

Alma's Ministry to the Nephites

- 1 In the city of Zarahemla (3:1-4:7)
- 2 In the city of Gideon (4:8-5:44)
- 3 In the land of Melek (6:4-7)
- 4 In the city of Ammonihah (6:7-10:85)
- 5 In the land of Sidom (10:86-109)
- 6 Throughout the land (11:22-12:1)
- 7 In the land of Antionum to Nephite dissenters (16:1-240)

See Alma's Missionary Journey map, p. 19

ANTI-CHRISTS IN ALMA

A1:7	Nehor	➡	all saved at last day
A8-10	Zeezrom	➡	deny a supreme being
A16:13	Korihor	➡	no Christ

All Were Nephites

Sons of Mosiah Minister to the Lamanites

- 1 Ammon to land of Ishmael - King Lamoni converted
- 2 Aaron to land of Jerusalem, joins
- 3 Muloki & Ammah in village of Ani-Anti
- 4 Aaron & brethren to land of Middoni all cast into prison
released by Ammon & King Lamoni
Ammon & Lamoni back to Ishmael
- 5 Aaron & brethren to land of Nephi - Lamoni's father, king of all the Lamanites, converted
- 6 Aaron & brethren convert Lamanites in lands of Ishmael, Middoni, Shilom, Shemlon cities of Nephi, Lemuel, Shimnlon
- 7 No Amalekites or Amulonites (former Nephites) converted
- 8 Converted Lamanites make covenant, bury weapons; 1005 killed by brethren; as many converted, also make covenant
- 9 Ammon & brethren take Anti-Nephi-Lehis to borders of Zarahemla, meet Alma; given land of Jershon

See Missionary Journey of the Sons of Mosiah map, p. 19

EX-BELIEVERS WORST

And thus we can plainly discern
That after a people have been once enlightened by the Spirit of God
And have had great knowledge of things pertaining to righteousness,
And then have fallen away into sin and transgression,
They become more hardened.
And thus their state becomes worse than though they had never known these things.

Alma 14:58

See Alma's Conversion Chiasm, p. 21

The Main Message of the Book of Alma

Part 1

The covenant invitation is extended to all

- ◆ to the Nephites
- ◆ to the Lamanites
- ◆ to the Nephite dissenters

Part 2

Warfare: a type for spiritual warfare

The Covenants Tested - Alma 20-30

Chief Captain Moroni = Christ

- 1 Zoramites had become Lamanites
- 2 Lamanites move against Jershon; see body armor; depart to Manti
- 3 Nephites defeat Lamanites in Manti
- 4 Amalickiah rebels; Moroni raises title of liberty; Amalickiah flees; becomes Lamanite king
- 5 Ammonihah fortified so Lamanites attack city of Noah; defeated
- 6 Lamanites driven out; peace, prosperity
- 7 Rebellion of Morianton put down
- 8 Rebellion of kingmen put down
- 9 Lamanites take many cities in NE quarter
- 10 Nephite dissention in SW quarter; Lamanites take a number of Nephite cities
- 11 Sons of Helaman help drive out Lamanites from SW quarter
- 12 Kingmen defeated by Moroni
- 13 Lamanites driven out of entire land; peace and prosperity

See Alma 20-30 Map, p.20

The 2060 Sons of Helaman

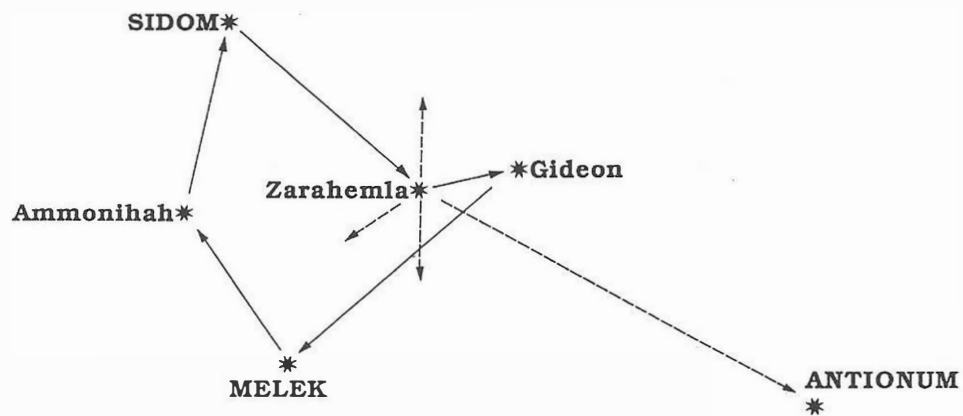
A TYPE FOR THE ENDOWMENT

- ☐ did not fear death
 - ☐ did not doubt
 - ☐ had miraculous strength
 - ☐ firm and undaunted
 - ☐ did obey every word
 - ☐ had exceeding faith
- Alma 26:56,66,95-96,103-104

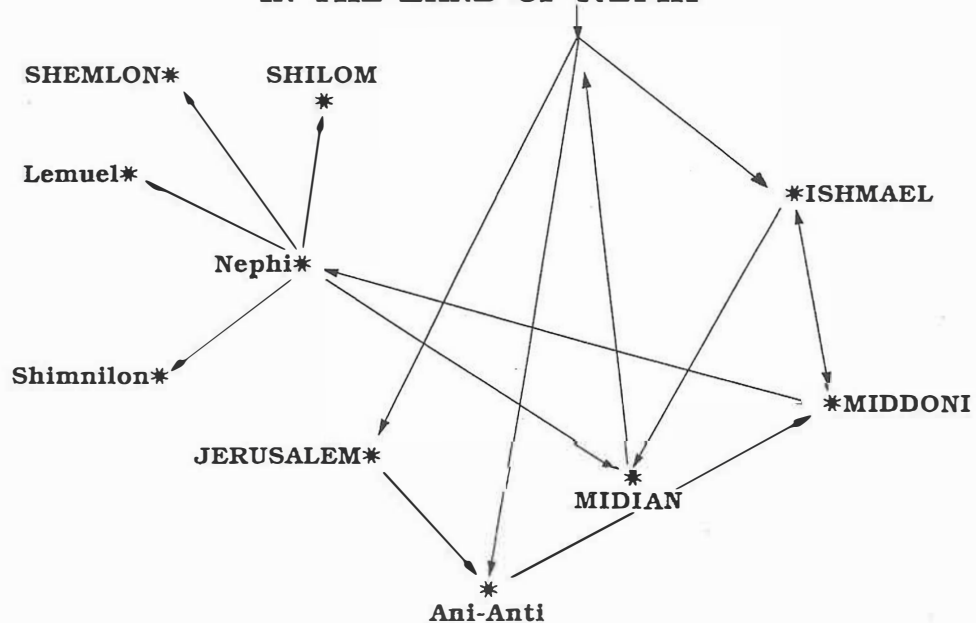
Chief Captain Moroni A Type for Christ

- ☐ strong and mighty
 - ☐ perfect understanding
 - ☐ did not delight in bloodshed
 - ☐ did joy in liberty and freedom
 - ☐ firm in the faith of Christ
 - ☐ had a covenant
 - ☐ willing to lose his blood
- Alma 21:132-134

ALMA'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN THE LAND OF ZARAHEMPLA



MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF THE SONS OF MOSIAH IN THE LAND OF NEPHI



Key: LANDS
Cities

Warfare Map
ALMA 20-30

• Zarahemla

• JERSHON

Morianton •

• Noah

• Ammonihah

Nephihah •

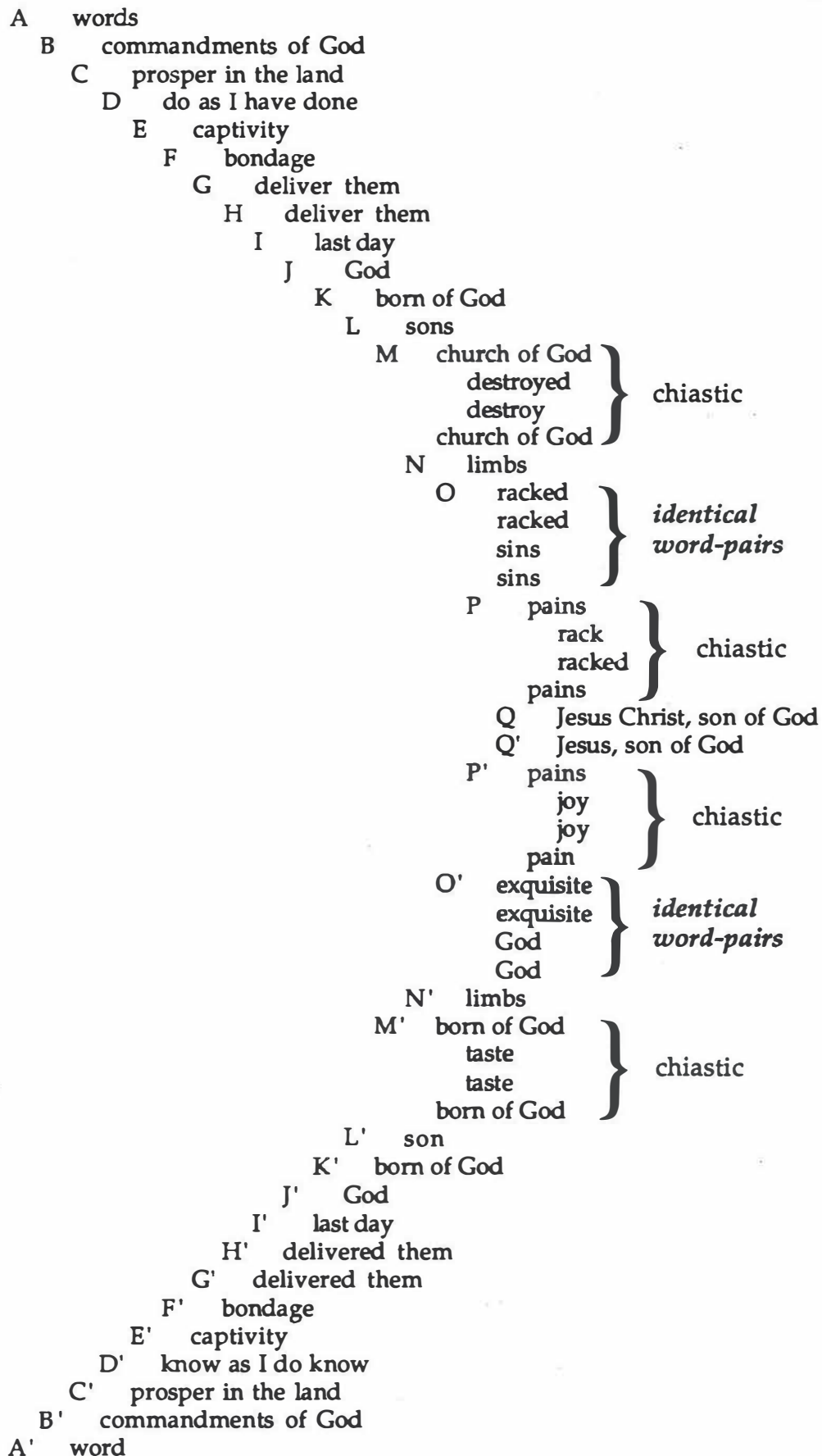
Moroni •

• MANTI

Key: LANDS
Cities

Alma's Conversion Experience

Alma 17:1-30



BOOK OF HELAMAN

TIME COVERED: c. 53 B.C.- c. 1 B.C.

END-TIME TYPE

Mosiah	The Gathering
Alma	Gospel goes to all the world
	Tribulation begins
HELAN	TRIBULATION INCREASES
3 Nephi	The Glory Coming
4 Nephi	The Millenium

Book of Helaman Summary

- ◆ Nephites grow in wickedness
- ◆ Gaddianton robbers begin
- ◆ Nephi & Lehi preach
 - to the Nephites
 - to the Lamanites in Zarahemla
 - in the land of Nephi
 - in the land northward
- ◆ Nephi receives endowment
- ◆ Nephi's famine brings repentance
- ◆ Gaddiantons revived
- ◆ Samuel prophesies
 - destruction in 4th generation
 - birth of Christ - 3 days light
 - death of Christ - 3 days darkness

THREE RESPONSES TO NEPHI'S TOWER MESSAGE

- ☐ those who believed first
H3:39-41
- ☐ those who believed after a sign
H3:68-72, 109
- ☐ those who fought against Nephi
H3:32-34, 36-39

HOW TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY

And it came to pass that the Lamanites did hunt the band of robbers of Gaddianton,
And they did preach the word of God among the more wicked part of them,
Insomuch that this band of robbers was utterly destroyed from among the Lamanites.

Helaman 2:164

NEPHI'S ENDOWMENT

Blessed art thou Nephi for those things which thou hast done,
For I have beheld how thou hast with unweariness declared the word which I have given unto thee unto this people.
And thou hast not feared them and *hast not sought thine own life,*
But have sought my will and to keep my commandments
And now, because thou hast done this with such unweariness,
Behold, I will bless thee for ever.
And I will make thee mighty in word and in deed, in faith and in works,
Yea, even that all things shall be done unto thee according to thy word,
For thou shalt not ask that which is contrary to my will.
Helaman 3:115-117

THE FOUR-PART PROPHETIC PATTERN

- ◆ 1 Identification of sin
- ◆ 2 Need for repentance
- ◆ 3 Judgment of God (if don't repent)
- ◆ 4 Future in Jesus Christ

SAMUEL THE LAMANITE SUMMARIZES HIS FOUR-PART MESSAGE

That ye might hear and know of the judgments of God which do await you because of your iniquities,
And also that ye might know of the coming of Jesus Christ. . .
That ye might believe on his name.

Helaman 5:65-66

THREE RESPONSES TO SAMUEL'S MESSAGE

- ☐ those who believed first
H5:110
- ☐ those who believed after a sign
H5:113
- ☐ those who fought against Samuel
H5:117

Message of the Book of Helaman

*Except ye repent, ye shall be smitten,
Even unto destruction.*

Helaman 3:124, 127

BOOK OF HELAMAN TYPES FOR THE TRIBULATION

- ☐ periods of prosperity during tribulation
- ☐ endowment given to bring people to repentance
- ☐ those once enlightened become most wicked

THREE PERIODS OF PROSPERITY

- ➡ Helaman 2:22-23
- ➡ Helaman 2:126-128
- ➡ Helaman 4:24-26

Helaman 2:22-24

And it came to pass in this same year,
There was exceeding great prosperity in the
church

Insomuch that there were thousands who did
join themselves unto the church and were
baptized unto repentance;

And so great was the prosperity of the church,
And so many blessings which were poured out
upon the people,
That even the high priests and the teachers
were themselves astonished beyond measure.
And it came to pass that the work of the Lord
did prosper
Unto the baptizing and uniting to the church
of God many souls,
Yea, even tens of thousands.

THIRD BOOK OF NEPHI

TIME COVERED: from birth of Christ to A.D. 34

END-TIME TYPE

Mosiah	The Gathering
Alma	Gospel goes to all the world
	Tribulation begins
Helaman	Tribulation increases
3 NEPHI	THE GLORY COMING
4 Nephi	The Millenium

THE COVENANT REMOVES ALL DOUBT

And now behold,
There was not a living soul among all the people of the
Nephites
Who did doubt in the least *thing*
In the words of all the holy prophets who had spoken.
3 Nephi 2:82

Third Nephi Summary

- ◇ Sign given, Christ born
- ◇ Lachoneaus' 7 year plan
- ◇ Great upheaval & destruction
- ◇ Day 1 Appearance of Christ at temple
 - Old Covenant closed
 - New Covenant instituted
- ◇ Day 2 Ministry to all who could be gathered
- ◇ Day 3 Ministry to the disciples
 - Jesus' personal invitation to Gentiles today

OLD COVENANT → NEW COVENANT

3 Nephi 4:49-50

And ye shall offer up unto me no more the shedding of
blood,
Yea, your sacrifices and your burnt offerings shall be
done away,
For I will accept none of your sacrifices and your burnt
offerings;
*And ye shall offer for a sacrifice unto me a broken heart
and a contrite spirit.*
*And whoso cometh unto me with a broken heart and a
contrite spirit,*
Him will I baptize with fire and with the Holy Ghost...

COVENANT ASSURANCE

And on the morrow come I into the world,
To shew unto the world that I will fulfill
All that which I have caused to be spoken
By the mouth of my holy prophets.
3 Nephi 1:13

COVENANT MEANS GATHERING

O ye house of Israel whom I have spared,
How oft will I gather you as a hen gathereth her
chickens under her wings,
If ye will repent and return unto me with full purpose of
heart.
But if not, O house of Israel,
The *place* of your dwellings shall become desolate
Until the time of the fulfilling of the covenant to your
fathers.

3 Nephi 4:58-59

A TYPE FOR THE LAST DAYS

3 Nephi 1-3

- Gathered into the center of the land with provision
for seven years
- Greatest battle ever at 3 years, 6 months
- Finally defeated the robbers by means of the
covenant

(Giddianhi)

Gaddianton leader	=	a type for Antichrist
Gaddianton robbers	=	in covenant with Satan
Lachoneus	=	a type for Christ
Nephites/Lamanites	=	in covenant with Christ

3 Nephi 5-6
The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus had to deliver this sermon to every group of the house of Israel that he visited because it was the

closing of the old covenant
and the
opening of the new covenant.

PLAN A AND PLAN B

And again I say unto you,
Ye must *repent* and *become as a little child* and be
baptized in my name
Or ye can in no wise receive these things.
And again I say unto you,
Ye must *repent* and be *baptized* in my name and *become*
as a little child
Or ye can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God.
3 Nephi 5:39-40

Message of the
Third Book of Nephi

The word of the Lord is fulfilled in His appointed time.

FOURTH BOOK OF NEPHI

TIME COVERED: A.D. 34-A.D. 320

END-TIME TYPE

Mosiah	The Gathering
Alma	Gospel goes to all the world
	Tribulation begins
Helaman	Tribulation increases
3 Nephi	The Glory Coming
4 NEPHI	THE MILLENIUM

A Covenant Principle

Living in covenant brings true happiness

And surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God.

4 N:19

Fourth Book of Nephi Summary

vv 1 - 25	⇒	The Golden Age
vv 26 - 28	⇒	pride, falling away
vv 29 - 59	⇒	Lamanites/Nephites great wickedness

Message of 4 Nephi

God has no grandchildren

Not all of the third generation made a personal covenant with Christ.

4 Nephi: 3-4

"And they had all things common among them" means they were all in covenant with Jesus Christ.
To be in covenant with Christ means we have equal access to all things.

BOOK OF MORMON

TIME COVERED: A.D. 320-A.D. 420

See RECORDS, p. vi - A & B

Book of Mormon Summary

Chapters 1-3 Mormon's abridgment of the end of the Nephite nation.

- ⇒ Most wicked ever in house of Israel
 - ⇒ All spiritual gifts removed
 - ⇒ Repentance refused during 10 year treaty
 - ⇒ Mormon deposits records in Cumorah, gives Moroni abridgment
 - ⇒ 230,000 Nephites killed, Mormon killed
- Chapter 4 Moroni finishes father's record
- ⇒ Speaks to those who receive the record; concludes the record.

THE PRINCIPLE OF (TWO OR) THREE WITNESSES

Wherefore, "By the words of three," God hath said,
"I will establish my word."

2 Nephi 8:5

Alma 8:18	more than one witness (2)
Ether 2:3	3 witnesses
Moroni 6:7	3 witnesses
Matt 18:16	2 or 3 witnesses

Two Principles In One

The Purpose Principle
and
The 2-3 Witnesses Principle

The seven tribes are listed
in Mormon 1:8-9 for the third time

3 Prophecies Fulfilled Death of the Nephite Nation

Nephi, son of Lehi	1 Nephi 3:118-129
Samuel the Lamanite	Helaman 5:6-7
Alma, son of Alma	Alma 21:9-10

THREE WITNESSES OF THE SCATTERING PRINCIPLE

Lehi - House of Israel
Jaredite Nation
Nephite Nation

Message of the Book of Mormon

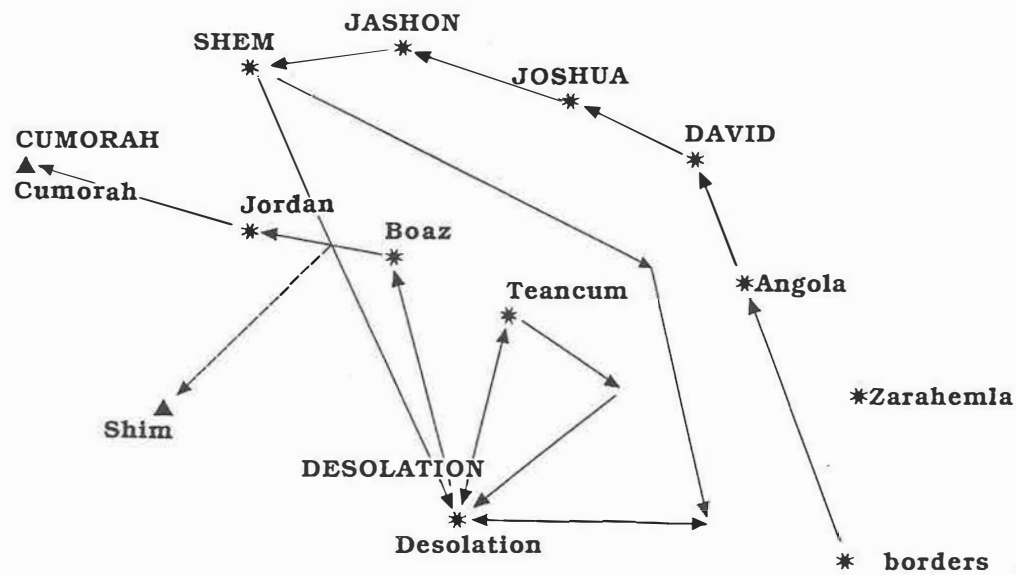
My Spirit shall not always strive with man

". . . the day of grace was past with them, both
temporally and spiritually."

Mormon 1:40

THE NEPHITES FINAL DAYS

A. D. 321-400



Key: LANDS
Cities

BOOK OF ETHER

TIME COVERED: 2350 B.C.-200 B.C.

Mosiah 12:26

And this account shall be written hereafter;
For behold, it is expedient that all people should know
the things which are written in this account.

See RECORDS, p. vi - D

Book of Ether Summary

- ☐ Jared & brother believe - receive a promised land
- ☐ Brother of Jared sees Jesus & vision of all things
- ☐ Commanded to write vision & seal up
- ☐ Crossed sea in 8 barges lighted by 16 stones
- ☐ Wickedness in 4th generation; secret combinations
- ☐ Drought, poisonous snakes, famine causes repentance
- ☐ Jaredite Golden Age during Kings Levi, Com, Kish & Lib
- ☐ Nation returns to wickedness
- ☐ Coriantumr last king, warned by prophet Ether
- ☐ Rejects warning, lone survivor found by Mulekites
- ☐ Lived 9 months with Mulekites
- ☐ Ether's abridgment found by Limhi's search party
- ☐ First translated by Mosiah
- ☐ Sealed vision opened when Christ appeared
- ☐ Included with Mormon's abridgment
- ☐ Moroni's instructions to translator in chapter 2; chapter 5 on faith

Message of the Book of Ether

*Keep the covenant in the
land of promise or
be swept off*

Ether 1:30

Two Nations Witness to Us

THE LAND OF PROMISE

means

THE LAND OF THE COVENANT

serve God or be swept off

Righteousness brings prosperity
Prosperity leads to pride
Pride leads to destruction

unless

YOU KEEP THE COVENANT

BOOK OF MORONI

TIME: about A.D. 420

Book of Moroni Summary

Chapters 1-6, 10 - Moroni's words

- ☐ how to give the Holy Ghost
- ☐ prayer and method of ordination
- ☐ bread and wine prayers
- ☐ baptism and conduct of the church
- ☐ exhortation to Lamanites/to all
- ☐ Moroni's farewell

Chapters 7-9 - Mormon's words

- ☐ treatise on faith, hope and charity
- ☐ infant baptism
- ☐ tells of hardness of those who have rejected the covenant

Moroni 3:1-3

The manner which the disciples who were called the elders of the church ordained priests and teachers.

After they had prayed unto the Father in the name of Christ,
They laid their hands upon them and said:

"In the name of Jesus Christ I ordain you to be a priest,"
Or if he be a teacher,
"I ordain you to be a teacher,
To preach repentance and remission of sins through Jesus Christ
By the endurance of faith on his name to the end.
Amen."

And after this manner did they ordain priests and teachers,
According to the gifts and callings of God unto men;
And they ordained them by the power of the Holy Ghost which was in them.

Moroni 6:9

And their meetings were conducted by the church after the manner of the workings of the Spirit and by the power of the Holy Ghost;
For as the power of the Holy Ghost led them,
Whether to preach or exhort, or to pray or to supplicate or to sing,
Even so it was done.

MINISTRY OF ANGELS

And the office of their ministry is to call men unto repentance
And to fulfill and **do the work of the covenants** of the Father
Which he hath made unto the children of men;
To prepare the way among the children of men
By declaring the word of Christ unto the chosen vessels of the Lord,
That they may bear testimony of him.

Moroni 7:32

Book of Mormon Begins With Covenant

Title Page:

- A ... written to the Lamanites who are a *remnant of the house of Israel*,
- B and also to Jew and Gentile; . . .
- A' ... to shew unto the *remnant of the house of Israel* . . . *that they might know the covenants* of the Lord . . .
- B' and also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ

Moroni

Book of Mormon Ends With Covenant

And again,
If ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ and deny not his power,
Then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God,
Through the shedding of the blood of Christ,
Which is in the *covenant* of the Father unto the remission of your sins,
That ye become holy without spot.

Moroni 10:30

Moroni's First Ending

And may the Lord Jesus Christ grant that their prayers
may be answered according to their faith;
And may God the Father remember the *covenant* which
he hath made with the house of Israel;
And may he bless them for ever, through faith on the
name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mormon 4:103

America: To Pray or Not to Pray, see p. 32

Message of the Book of Moroni

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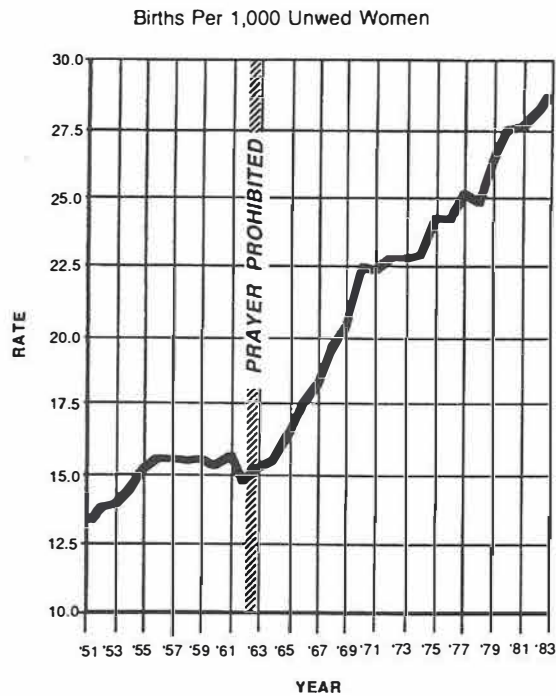
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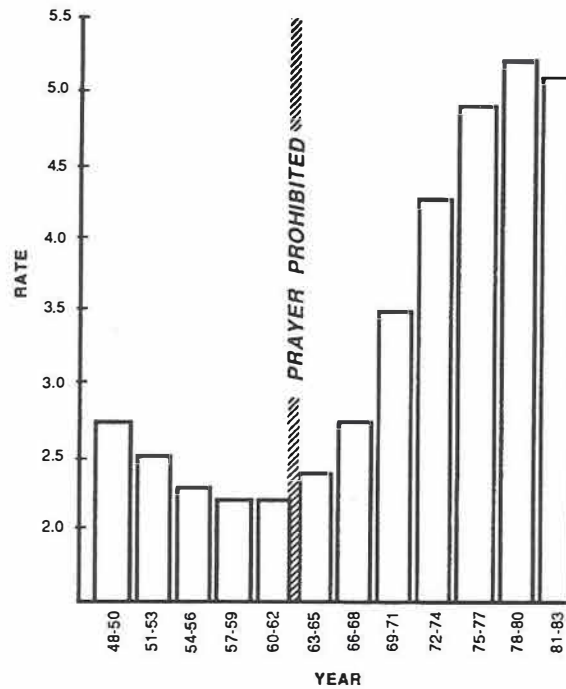
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Birth Rates For Unwed Women
15-19 Yrs. Of Age



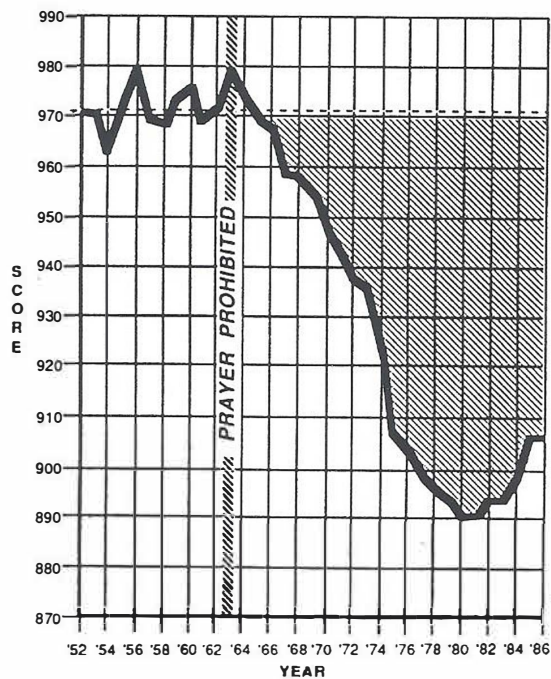
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Divorce Rates
Divorces Per 1,000 Total Population



"OUR TEACHERS"

SAT Total Scores
1952 - 1986



"OUR NATION"

Crime Rate: Violent Crime
Cases Per 100,000 Inhabitants

