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Abstract: "Of all of Dad's credentials, the most important is this, Dad loved the scriptures. His passion was the Book of Mormon. He was a lifetime student of the scriptures. He devoted his life to teaching others to love - and to a greater understanding of - the scriptures.

As a young missionary in the 1930s, he began compiling the *Combination Reference* as a scripture reference tool for other missionaries. In 1945, as a chaplain in the U.S. Army, his missionary zeal led him to present a copy of the Book of Mormon to Pope Pius XII. After the war, in 1949, he joined the religion faculty at BYU, where he was instrumental in making the Book of Mormon a required class. This *Book of Mormon Study Guide* was developed at BYU as a personal study aid for all students of the Book of Mormon.

He hoped that this book would aid you in your personal scripture study. And, like Nephi of old, may 'your soul also delight in the scriptures.'"

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PREFACE

The Prophet Joseph Smith referred to the Book of Mormon as “the keystone of our religion” and declared that a man will get “nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book” (D.H.C. 4:461). The Lord has commanded members of the Church to teach it (D. & C. 42:12) and revealed that possessors of the volume shall be judged by its contents (2 Nephi 25:22; 33:14-15). In view of these pronouncements it is imperative that Latter-day Saints be diligent students of the Book of Mormon.

The *Book of Mormon Study Guide* is designed to promote a careful study of the Book of Mormon. (Ideally, its use will be preceded by a pre-reading of, at least, the narrative highlights of the volume.) The means provided to facilitate this detailed examination are questions running parallel with the text. Some readers may elect to use these questions merely to preview each chapter before studying it thoroughly and as a self-checking device afterwards to satisfy themselves that they have mastered the main elements of the chapter. It is anticipated that, in addition to following this procedure, most readers will utilize them to their full advantage and write out responses in the space provided for such purpose. Although writing must inevitably slow down one's reading the practice serves to insure retention of the things one has learned and also to build a valuable handbook for the subsequent teaching of the Book of Mormon to others. In group study this procedure has the additional advantage of providing an objective basis for the correction and clarification of responses by the group leader or instructor. It is understandable, of course, that in a class of very limited duration the instructor may feel the necessity of specifying in advance only certain questions to be answered in writing.

Ordinarily, the questions can be answered quickly, as the portion of the text upon which each question is based is cited in parentheses immediately after the question. This provides the reader with what constitutes, virtually, a built-in key to the answers. Some questions are preceded by a little commentary or supplementary material. Some direct the reader to other parts of the Book of Mormon or to other Standard Works of the Church for pertinent supporting facts or explanations. Still other questions—and this type constitutes the majority—are intended simply as road signs or pointers to items of importance within the immediate text.

Although this book of questions is designed, in the foregoing ways, to enrich the verse-by-verse reading of the Book of Mormon there is a larger purpose envisioned in its preparation. This more inclusive aim is to help students prepare more adequately to become teachers of the volume themselves in an age when doubt and agnosticism have left large segments of the human family bereft of faith in the divinity and saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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ABBREVIATIONS

With few exceptions sources cited are indicated in full. Occasionally P. of G. P. is used as an abbreviation for Pearl of Great Price and D. & C., for Doctrine and Covenants. The symbol *ff* means *and following*. A reference citation to Alma 12:2-4 *ff.* directs the reader to the Book of Alma, chapter twelve, verses two through four, *and following* verses.

34. A casual reading of verses four through six gives one the impression that Lehi traveled from Jerusalem to the Red Sea in three days. A closer inspection suggests the possibility that three days was the length of time he traveled in the vicinity of the Red Sea (probably along the coast) after reaching it. What is the basis of this latter interpretation (v. 5)?
35. What Hebrew custom did Lehi conform to shortly after pitching his tent at his Red Sea camp site (v. 7)?
36. In the highly significant and far reaching revelation that comprises verses 19-24 what did Nephi learn, first of all, was the reason for the Lords' blessing him with a direct answer to his prayers (v. 19)?
37. What did the Lord tell Nephi was the condition upon which he would prosper (v. 20)?
38. Lehi had been told by the Lord simply to get out of Jerusalem because his life was in danger. What larger purpose did the Lord now unfold to Nephi (v. 20)?
39. In what glowing words did the Lord describe the "land of promise" (v. 20)?
40. What was to be the fate of Nephi's brothers if they rebelled against him (v. 21)?
41. In early Hebrew society the eldest son usually succeeded his father in family leadership. How was this custom to be reversed in the case of Nephi and his brothers (v. 22)?
42. Upon what condition alone would the descendants of Nephi's brothers ever have power over Nephi's descendants (v. 23)?
43. In your opinion, what elements of the revelation comprising verses 19-24 are of present day value to the people of America and the world?

Chapter 3

44. When Nephi was asked by his father to go back after the *Brass Plates of Laban* what great statement did he make that eloquently expressed his faith (v. 7)?
45. When Laman attempted to obtain the *Brass Plates of Laban* simply by asking for them and, failing in the attempt, was ready to abandon the project, what fiery oath did Nephi utter to register his determination to succeed (v. 15)?
46. What new scheme did Nephi now propose for acquiring the plates (v. 16)?
47. What did Laman and Lemuel do when Nephi's scheme for obtaining the plates failed (v. 28)?
48. What did the angel say that indicated the ancient custom of the eldest son succeeding his father in the right to rule (the law of primogeniture) was going to be reversed in Lehi's family (v. 29)?

61. In your opinion (in connection with verse 5), would it be correct to say, "The Book of Mormon is not on trial; the world is"? Compare this with 2 Nephi 25:22, 33:14-15; and 3 Nephi 26:6-11, especially verse 11.

Chapter 7

62. What is the minimum possible number of people that could have been in Lehi's colony? (Note verse 6 and 1 Nephi 2:5 and 4:35.)
63. How many unmarried daughters did Ishmael have (v. 6)? How does this number compare with the number of unmarried sons Lehi had?
64. Nephi discovered early in his career the singular fact about God that He ". . . giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them" (1 Nephi 3:7). Explain how the Lord had prepared the way for Nephi and his brothers to convince Ishmael's family to forsake everything they had in Jerusalem for a life in the desert. Specifically, (a) what remarkable event occurred earlier that seemingly by coincidence now provided Nephi and his brothers with an unanswerable argument that the Lord was behind the venture (1 Nephi 3:29), and (b) what occurred earlier that seemingly by coincidence answered the problem of marriage for Ishmael's unmarried children (1 Nephi 4:35)?

Chapter 8

65. In Lehi's dream or vision he first of all found himself following a mysterious visitor through a "dark and dreary waste" for "many hours in darkness" (vs. 4-8). In your opinion, what was the Lord probably waiting for Lehi to do (v. 8) before unfolding to his view the vision that was to follow?
66. In addition to Lehi a later Book of Mormon prophet, Alma, said of the fruit of the precious tree, ". . . and unto those who do not belong to the church I speak by way of invitation, saying: Come and be baptised unto repentance, that ye also may be partakers of the *fruit of the tree of life*" (Alma 5:62). In the Church today what is the word (beginning with the letter *t*) that we are accustomed to using to designate this foretaste of divine life and love that brings men hope and enthusiastic conviction in the Lord's work?
67. Judging by your own experience or the experience of others who have partaken of the joyous testimony that the gospel brings, would you say that Lehi's desire to share the fruit with others was typical (v. 12)? Explain.

68. What did "the river of water" of verse 13 represent? Consult 1 Nephi 15:26-29 for your answer.
69. What did the "rod of iron" of verse 19 represent? Consult 1 Nephi 15:23-24 for your answer.
70. At what point does the vision extend beyond Lehi's family and become the story of the whole human family?
71. What did the "mist of darkness" of verse 23 represent? Consult I Nephi 12:17 for your answer.
72. What did the "great and spacious building" of verse 26 represent? Consult 1 Nephi 12:18 for your answer.
73. Who were the four groups of people that Lehi saw? Note (a) vs. 21-23 (b) vs. 24-28 (c) v. 30 (d) v. 31.

Chapter 9

74. For what special purpose does Nephi say he made "these plates"—the *Small Plates of Nephi* (v. 3)?
75. What kind of subject matter does Nephi say he inscribed on his "other plates"—the *Large Plates of Nephi* (v. 4)?
76. Did Nephi know the purpose the Lord had in mind when He commanded him to prepare the *Small Plates of Nephi* (v. 5)? Explain.

Chapter 10

77. At the beginning of the record that we are reading Nephi stated that he was going to give an account of his own proceedings or experiences; in doing so he would draw first from his father's record and after that proceed on his own (1 Nephi 1:17). At what point does it now appear Nephi ceases to use his father's history?
78. How many years before the birth of Christ did Lehi leave Jerusalem (v. 4)?
79. What are two of the several important facts that Lehi states concerning Christ (vs. 4-6)?
80. Was the migration of Lehi's colony part of the prophesied scattering of Israel (v. 13)?
81. In contrast with the popular idea that the Holy Ghost did not function in the affairs of men before Christ came into the world Nephi says the Holy Ghost has always been "the gift of God unto all those who diligently seek him" (v. 17). Is Nephi's doctrine verified by the Bible? Consult Acts 1:16 and 2 Peter 1:21 for your answer.

94. What was the book that "proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew" (vs. 20-25)?
95. Why is it that "an exceeding great many do stumble" in their attempts to understand the Bible (vs. 26-29)?
96. Have the American Indians been "smitten . . . by the hand of the Gentiles" (v. 34), as Nephi prophesied they would be? Explain.
97. What are three "other books" besides the Bible that have come forth "by the power of the Lamb, from the Gentiles" to the American Indians (v. 39)?
98. In your opinion, does the world need latter-day scripture to "establish the truth" of the Bible (v. 40)? Why?

Chapter 14

99. Nephi speaks repeatedly of certain covenants that the Lord made with the House of Israel (vs. 5, 8, 17). What is the primary covenant that the Lord made with Abraham and, through him, with Isaac and Jacob (Israel) and their posterity? Consult Abraham 2:6-11 (especially the latter part of verse 11) in the Pearl of Great Price for your answer.
100. In what sense is the gospel an "either or" challenge (v. 7)?
101. In what larger sense does the Heavenly Messenger now seem to use the term "church of the devil" (v. 10) in contrast with the seemingly quite specific reference to a single organization in 1 Nephi 13:4-6?
102. In your opinion, does the "larger sense" referred to in the foregoing question have any relationship to the Lord's instructions to Joseph Smith about the churches of the world being "all wrong" and their creeds "an abomination in his sight" (P. of G. P., Joseph Smith 2:18-19)? How so?
103. In your opinion, what does the devil expect to accomplish by fostering churches that teach many wonderful truths and some errors and attract many good people?
104. During the last days of wickedness that Nephi foresaw the restored church of Christ was to be a world-wide organization. Was it to be a relatively large or small organization (v. 12)?
105. What did Nephi foresee concerning the opposition that the restored church would face (v. 13)?
106. Where may one read the remainder of the things that Nephi saw but which was not permitted to write (vs. 18-27)?

107. What other prophet does the Book of Mormon tell about who also appears to have seen the things that John the Revelator saw (v. 26)? For your answer consult Ether 3:25-28 and 4:4-7.
108. Apart from whatever Nephi may have seen in vision that his father did not see was he privileged to see what his father saw (v. 29)?

Chapter 15

109. What troubled Nephi most about the things he had been shown in vision (v. 5)?
110. Why were Laman and Lemuel unable to grasp the great spiritual truths that Lehi and Nephi comprehended so well (vs. 7-10)?
111. What significant lesson relative to man's quest for truth does Nephi here restate (v. 11)?
112. In verse 12 Nephi explains that the term "olive-tree" stands for the House of Israel. Then in verse 16, he speaks of a day when a remnant of his colony's posterity (American Indians and such) "shall be grafted in, being a natural branch of the olive-tree [House of Israel], into the true olive-tree [House of Israel]. What is "true" Israel, as distinguished here from the "natural branch" of Israel?
113. In the light of the important distinction set forth by Nephi in verse 16, in your opinion what does the Apostle Paul mean when he says, "For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel"? (Romans 9:6).
114. When one becomes "grafted in" to "true" Israel he also becomes part of the spiritual family of Abraham, for Abraham was Israel's (Jacob's) grandfather. Based now upon Paul's epistle to the Galatians (Galatians 3:27-29), what is the specific ordinance by which Jews and Gentiles alike enter this family and become "heirs according to the promise"? Consult also Pearl of Great Price, Abraham 2:6-11, especially verse 10, then 2 Nephi 30:2 and 3 Nephi 21:6.
115. The Nephite prophets appear to have applied the term "Gentile" both to those who have no Israelitish blood and those who are of mixed Israelitish-Gentile extraction. It is undoubtedly in this latter category that most members of the Church find themselves. (Compare this with Joseph Fielding Smith, *The Way to Perfection* [9th ed.], p. 140.) In view of this, how has the gospel come forth "by way of the Gentiles" in these latter days (v 17)?
116. What remarkable prophecy of an event that is now current does Nephi tell us he taught his brothers (v. 19)?

117. If the Arabs of the Middle East were to read and believe the Book of Mormon, why would they cease trying to drive the Jews out of Palesine (v. 20)?
118. Nephi's vision of what his father had been shown in vision was so precise that he was able to point out a small detail that his father had overlooked but which was there all the time (v. 27). How does this interesting fact challenge the theory that revelation has no source beyond the mind of the prophet?
119. What would be wrong with the Kingdom of God if the filthy, meaning the wicked, could dwell in it (v. 33)?
120. What is the greatest of all God's gifts (v. 36)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 14:7 and 88:4.

Chapter 16

121. Why do people who are guilty of such infractions of divine law as, say, the law of chastity and the Word of Wisdom dislike hearing discourses on the subject (v. 2)? Compare this with John 3:19-21.
122. Where did the events transpire that are recorded in chapters 8 through 15 (v. 6)? Compare this with 1 Nephi 2:8-10, 14.
123. Whom did Ishmael's five daughters marry (v. 7)?
124. Nephi's testimony that "the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them" (1 Nephi 3:7) was again confirmed at the commencement of their great migration to the Land of Promise when the Lord provided them with a device that helped make their journey possible. What was this device (v. 10)?
125. Describe the device that Lehi received in verse 10. Compare with verses 26-29.
126. What name did Lehi give to the device that he received in verse 10? Consult Alma 37:38 for your answer.
127. What equally miraculous and far more spectacular device than the one provided Lehi's group did the Lord earlier employ to guide the Children of Israel to their Promised Land? Consult Exodus 13:21-22 for your answer.
128. How many days' journey was the second major encampment, Shazer, from the Valley of Lemuel, and what direction was it from the Valley of Lemuel (v. 13)?
129. What direction did the little band of emigrants travel to their third major encampment, the name of which is not mentioned in the record (vs. 14-17)?

130. In the apparently hopeless plight that the colonists found themselves at their third encampment, whose faith proved the stronger, Nephi's or his father's (vs. 18-22)?
131. How did Nephi display remarkable honor and respect toward his father in connection with the broken bow incident (v. 23)?
132. What direction did the travelers take to reach their fourth major encampment, Nahom (vs. 33-34)?
133. In your opinion, if the Lord always prepares a way for the accomplishment of tasks that He assigns His children (1 Nephi 3:7) was He "playing fair" to let Ishmael die (v. 34) after commanding Lehi's family to bring him and his family into the wilderness (1 Nephi 7:2)? Explain.
134. In your opinion, was the faith of any of the Latter-day Saints during their westward migration tried as severely as Lehi's group was in respect to the death of Ishmael (v. 34)? Explain.
135. Was the fear that Laman and Lemuel had that their younger brother, Nephi, would someday rule over them (vs. 37-38) based upon anything concrete, or was it entirely groundless? Consult 1 Nephi 3:29 and 2 Nephi 5:19 for your answer.
136. Laman and Lemuel had to admit that Nephi worked what seemed to be miracles, but by what means did they say he worked them (v. 38)?

Chapter 17

137. In what direction did Lehi's band travel after leaving Nahom, the site of their fourth major encampment (v. 1)?
138. In your opinion, would the average person of today be talking about the great "blessings of the Lord" if he were in Nephi's circumstances (vs. 1-2)? Explain.
139. How many years did it take Lehi's colony to get from Jerusalem to Irreantum (v. 4)?
140. What was Nephi's reaction when, after long tiresome years of travel in Arabia, the Lord commanded him to tackle the seemingly impossible task of building a home-made ship and crossing the ocean (vs. 7-9)?
141. Apart from the fact that fire might have attracted desert marauders, how might the limited use of fire on their overland journey (v. 12) have served to prepare Lehi's group for the dietary problem that would be presented on the long ocean voyage ahead by the necessarily limited fuel supply?
142. What was the reaction of Nephi's brothers to his ship-building plans (v. 15-18)?

157. Where must the animals have come from that Lehi's colony found in the New World (v. 25)? Consult Ether 2:1-3 and 6:4 for your answer.
158. What kinds of metal ore did the colonists find in the Promised Land (v. 25)?

Chapter 19

159. When Joseph Smith commenced the translation of Mormon's book-by-book summary of the *Large Plates of Nephi* he says he found that the first book was named the Book of Lehi. What could have been Nephi's reason for designating the first part of his record the Book of Lehi (v. 2)?
160. When Nephi made his *Large Plates of Nephi* he had no idea that the Lord would later command him to make the *Small Plates of Nephi* that we are now reading. What are some of the things, therefore, that Nephi engraved on the *Large Plates* that he didn't see fit to repeat on his *Small Plates* (v. 2)?
161. What kind of subject matter did Nephi include on his *Small Plates of Nephi* (v. 3)?
162. After preparing his second set of plates (the *Small Plates of Nephi*), what kind of subject matter did Nephi *thereafter* inscribe on his first set of plates (the *Large Plates of Nephi*) (v. 4)?
163. Based on the later account alluded to in verse 5, when did Nephi make "these plates." Consult 2 Nephi 5:28-31 for your answer.
164. What indication does Nephi give that Jesus was the God of the Old Testament (v. 10)? Compare 1 Corinthians 10:1-4.
165. What can we learn about the completeness or incompleteness of the Bible from the fact that Nephi quotes Zenock, Neum, and Zenos (v. 10)?
166. What record formed Nephi's source for the prophecies that he quotes in verses 10 through 17? Compare verse 22.
167. Does Nephi appear to have been a careful scribe (vs. 10-17)? Explain.
168. What impressive phenomena were witnessed by the House of Israel immediately after the crucifixion of Christ (vs. 10-11)?
169. What, basically, is the reason that the Jews have been subjected to so much sorrow and suffering since New Testament times (vs. 13-14)?
170. When will the afflictions of the Jewish people come to an end (v. 15)?
171. What are some of the great things in store for the Jews and the rest of the House of Israel when they repent and accept Jesus Christ (vs. 15-17)?

172. What indication does Nephi give us that certain ancient prophets of the Old World foresaw the colonization of the New World by Lehi's group (v. 21)? Compare Genesis 49:22, 26 and 2 Nephi 3:5.
173. Why did Nephi read to his people from the writings of the prophet Isaiah (v. 23)?

Chapter 20

174. What indication do we have that Isaiah was addressing members of the Church in his day (v. 1)?
175. What clues does Isaiah provide that show that the people he was addressing were in a state of apostasy (v. 1-4)?

Chapter 21

176. What great hope is held up to the scattered branches of the House of Israel in this chapter?
177. What is the "standard" predicted by Isaiah in verse 22? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 45:9 and 133:57 for your answer.
178. What is the two-fold meaning—the "spiritual" and the "temporal"—of Isaiah's allusion to the Gentiles bringing "thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters . . . upon their shoulders" (v. 22)? Consult 1 Nephi 22:8 and 2 Nephi 10:8 for your answer.
179. When God-fearing Hebrews learn who the Lord is (v. 23), what will they discover? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 45:51-52.

Chapter 22

180. What does Nephi say that contradicts the theory that a prophet cannot see beyond the horizon of his own times (v. 2)?
181. What does Nephi say that indicates that a very large part of the earth's population has some Israelitish blood (v. 3)?
182. What is the "marvelous work" that Nephi predicts in verse 8?
183. What does Nephi prophesy will be the fate of every nation that wars against the House of Israel (v. 14)?
184. During what period will Satan "have no more power over the hearts of the children of men" (v. 15)? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 43:29-31 for your answer.
185. What comforting promise to the righteous is stated and restated in this chapter? Note verses 17, 19, and 22.
186. When Nephi speaks of "blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke" is he speaking figuratively or literally (v. 18)?

187. What is going to be the fate of churches whose primary aim is to gain popularity, influence, and wealth (v. 23)?
188. In your opinion, what does it mean that "the righteous must be led up as calves of the stall" (v. 24)?
189. John the Revelator said he saw an angel with "a great chain in his hand" come down from heaven and bind the Devil for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-2). What appears to be the real "chain"—in contrast with the apparently figurative one spoken of by John—that will bind Satan during the Millennium (v. 26)?

THE SECOND BOOK OF NEPHI

Chapter 1

190. After the arrival of Lehi's colony in the New World the Lord gave Lehi proof in vision that Jerusalem had been destroyed (v. 4). How did this particular vision fulfill a promise that the Lord earlier had made to Nephi (1 Nephi 17:14)?
191. Apart from the material blessings that mark America "a land which is choice above all other lands" (v. 5), what are some of the spiritual blessings that have been (and will yet be) poured out upon this land? In formulating your answer consider Doctrine and Covenants 107:53-56 and Section 116; 3 Nephi chapter 11 ff.; Ether 13:4-8 ff.; Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2.
192. In your opinion, is it primarily the spiritual blessings or primarily the material blessings that denote America "a land which is choice above all other lands" (v. 5)?
193. In contrast with the popular conception that America's liberty can be safeguarded by a healthy economy and strong military establishment, what does Lehi explain is the only thing that can safeguard it (v. 7)?
194. If the people of America are ever brought into captivity what will be the reason (v. 7)?
195. Did the Nephites, and the Jaredites before them, fulfill the condition that is necessary for the preservation of liberty? Explain. Compare this with Ether 2:11-12 and Moroni 9:20.
196. Whether or not everybody in America fulfills the condition upon which liberty is based what is the reassuring promise that the Lord, nevertheless, makes to those who do fulfill it? (Note the latter part of verse 7.) Compare Doctrine and Covenants 45:66-71.

197. Why did the Lord keep "this land" so long hidden from the knowledge of Europe and the Orient (v. 8)?
198. If Lehi's posterity had kept the Lord's commandments from Lehi's time to the present how would the history of America (especially the part pertaining to the European conquest of America) have been vastly different (v. 9)?
199. What punishment did Lehi say would befall his descendants if they failed to keep God's commandments (vs. 11-12)?
200. As Lehi, a few days before his death (v. 14), beheld through the eyes of prophecy the tribulations that his posterity would undergo he was moved to make a final impassioned appeal to his wayward sons to keep faith with God (vs. 13-29). In your opinion, is it likely that an uninspired man could have originated the spontaneous burst of poetic eloquence that poured from the lips of Lehi on this dramatic occasion? Explain.
201. In what verse does Lehi restate the great secret of success and failure for men and nations? Compare this with Proverbs 14:34 and 1 Nephi 2:20-21.
202. How does Lehi's plea for unity in verse 21 compare with Jesus' great prayer in behalf of his disciples at the Last Supper? Consult John 17:11, 20-23.
203. How does Lehi's plea for unity in verse 21 compare with the counsel of the Lord to us today? In formulating your answer consult Doctrine and Covenants 38:27.
204. What, probably, was the "sore curse" that Lehi was alluding to in verse 22? Compare this with 1 Nephi 2:21-23 and 2 Nephi 5:20-24.
205. What high praise did Lehi heap upon Nephi (vs. 24-27)?
206. What old complaint of Laman's and Lemuel's did Lehi foresee would still be a source of trouble for Nephi (v. 25)? Compare 1 Nephi 3:29; 16:38; 18:10.
207. What clue does Lehi provide to the fact that Zoram held no grudge against Nephi for forcing him to leave Jerusalem (v. 30)?
208. What promise did Zoram receive in his patriarchal blessing from Lehi (vs. 31-32)?

Chapter 2

In Lehi's inspired and profound discourse that comprises chapter 2 we find the theological and philosophical core of the Book of Mormon. Within the limits of this single treatise the prophet explains (a) the hopelessness of man's plight without

a redeemer, v. 5 (b) man's dependence upon Christ for his salvation, vs. 6-9 (c) the legal demands of divine justice, v. 10 (d) the reason for God's allowing evil in the world, vs. 10-13 (e) the story of the fall of Adam and its purpose in opening the doorway to man's mortality in the midst of good and evil, vs. 14-25 (f) man's freedom to attain Eternal Life through the redemption of Christ, vs. 26-29. *Study the chapter carefully, and then answer the following:*

209. What remarkable vision had Jacob received in his youth (vs. 3-4)? Compare this with 2 Nephi 11:3 and Jacob 7:12.
210. In consequence of the fall of Adam, the human family came under the penalty of "the temporal law" and the "spiritual law" (v. 5). In your own words, what was this two-fold penalty? Compare Alma 42:6-9.
211. For whom did Jesus' sacrifice for sin answer the "ends" or requirements of divine law (v. 7)? Compare this with Alma 9:27.
212. Through whose merits will some members of the human family eventually gain life in the presence of God (v. 8)?
213. Does divine law provide that everyone finally shall gain happiness (v. 10)? Explain
214. What desirable results (can) come from the contest between good and evil, the "opposition" of which Lehi speaks (v. 11)?
215. What undesirable results (can) come from the contest between good and evil (v. 11)?
216. In your opinion, what determines whether one derives the desirable or undesirable results from the contest between good and evil?
217. In the latter half of verse 11 Lehi seems to be saying that the universal law of opposites that prevails in the moral realm has its counterpart in the biological or physical realm also. In what sense does the physical body have its opposite, without which "it must needs remain as dead"? Compare Doctrine and Covenants 88:15.
218. What actually is the root of the contest between good and evil, the root without which the opposites of sin and righteousness could neither be defined nor distinguished in the first place (v. 13)?
219. Why is an argument that "there is no law" also an argument that "there is no sin" (v. 13)? In formulating your answer consult 1 John 3:4 in the Bible.
220. In man's life and death struggle between good and evil the process of winning is called righteousness, and the process of losing is

- called sin or wickedness. What is the prize for winning and the penalty for losing (v. 13)?
221. In your opinion, why would it have been disastrous to God's *great plan of happiness* for the human family if Satan had been permitted to control the contest as he proposed "that one soul shall not be lost" (Pearl of Great Price, Moses 4:1 ff)?
222. Verse 16 seems to imply that in the Garden of Eden state, at first, Adam and Eve did not have true moral free agency because, although they had God's influence, they had no contrary influence that required them to make a choice. At what point in the Garden of Eden narrative, then, did they gain their free agency or freedom to choose between good and evil? Compare Doctrine and Covenants 29:39.
223. John the Revelator saw that after the war in heaven Satan was "cast out into the earth" (Revelation 12:9). In view of Lehi's discourse on the necessity of man's having opposition to overcome in order to gain happiness why can we be confident that it was no coincidence that the Lord consigned Satan to our earth rather than to some empty planet in outer space?
224. Why did God give the commandment that all men must repent (v. 21)?
225. What does Lehi say that indicates that the transgression of divine law by the human inhabitants of our planet brought a blight not only upon Adam and Eve but, somehow, also upon all of the plant and animal life of our planet (v. 22)?
226. What does Lehi say that indicates the spirit children of God wouldn't have gained mortality (and thus would have been deprived of the opportunity of gaining happiness through the process of overcoming opposition in a physical world) if Adam and Eve had not partaken of the fruit that caused their bodies to become mortal (vs. 22-23)?
227. Contrary to the popular supposition that the Garden of Eden state was an ideal existence for Adam and Eve, what does Lehi say that indicates it was a morally static vegetative life (v. 23)?
228. Why was it impossible for Adam and Eve, at first to know true happiness or true misery in the Garden of Eden state? Compare vs. 11 and 15.
229. In the grand summary of Lehi's discourse on opposition and the fall of Adam that constitutes verse 25, what does Lehi indicate was (a) the purpose of Adam's fall and (b) the

purpose of the mortal experience (with its life and death struggle between good and evil) that Adam's fall opened to the human family?

230. Could man attain a fullness of joy without the resurrection that Christ brought? Explain. Consult Doctrine and Covenants 93:33-34 for your answer.
231. The reader will recall that Lehi's discourse in verses 11-25 grew out of the prophet's remarks on the atonement of Christ and man's dependence upon Him for his salvation (vs. 3-10). At this point (vs. 26-27) the prophet now returns to his original discussion and reminds us that—despite the marvelous moral and physical laboratory, called mortality, that the Lord has provided man for his attainment of joy—man still would not be free to choose Eternal Life (which is the life of eternal joy, D. & C. 88:4; Mormon 7:7) without the redemption of Christ. What did Jesus do that enables us to choose Eternal Life? Compare vs. 6-8.
232. When the scriptures speak of man's "free agency" or freedom to choose, what do they mean, *finally*, that we are free to choose (v. 27)?
233. What clue does Lehi give to the fact that his discourse is based on the writings of some prophet earlier than himself (v. 30)?

Chapter 3

234. Joseph, who was sold into Egypt, was promised that his "branches" would "run over the wall" (Genesis 49:22). What does Lehi say that indicates the migration of his colony to the New World fitted this prophecy (vs. 4-5)?
235. How is the Messiah being manifested to Lehi's descendants—Joseph's branch in the New World—in these latter-days (v. 5)?
236. In a heretofore unpublished prophecy, uttered by Joseph who was sold into Egypt, we learn that Joseph spoke of a "choice seer" who would be raised up from among his descendants (vs. 6-7 ff.) What clues do we find to the fact that this prophesied seer was Joseph Smith (vs. 15, 18, 24)?
237. The ministry of what other prophet did Joseph of old foretell (vs. 9-10)?
238. What prophecy was made by the Biblical prophet, Ezekiel, who lived at the same time Lehi did, that harmonizes with Lehi's prophecy in verse 12? Consult Ezekiel 37:15-20 for your answer.

239. What is the purpose of the union of the writings of Judah's descendants (the Bible) and the writings of Joseph's descendants (the Book of Mormon) in these latter days (v. 12)?
240. Why must verses 13-15 have been a great source of consolation and strength to Joseph Smith?
241. Joseph Smith, whose time was largely employed in writing, was to be assisted by a "spokesman," who would help expound his prophetic writings to the world (v. 18). Who was this "spokesman"? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 100:9-11 for your answer.
242. How does the work of Joseph Smith serve to bring about "much restoration unto the house of Israel, and unto the seed of thy brethren" (v. 24)? Compare this with 1 Nephi 13:34-36 and Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:34.
243. What four Josephs does this chapter deal with or hint at? Consult vs. 1-3, 4-7, 15.
244. Would you say that Lehi's son, Joseph, had received a good name? Why?

Chapter 4

245. What does Nephi say that gives us reason for supposing that Joseph of old was a far greater prophet than the Bible (which mentions few of his prophecies) would seem to indicate (v. 2)?
246. On what set of plates could Lehi and Nephi read a copy of the prophetic writings of Joseph of old (v. 2)?
247. In your opinion, is Lehi's testimony concerning the rearing of children in verse 5 applicable today? Explain.
248. Lehi's observation on the rearing of children in verse 5 seems to be derived from his study of the Book of Proverbs on the Brass Plates of Laban. What does the original statement in Proverbs 22:6 say?
249. Lehi told Laman's children that if they were cursed it would be "answered upon the heads" of their parents (v. 6). According to Doctrine and Covenants 68:25-28, who is guilty in the eyes of God if children of Latter-day Saint parents have not been taught something of the first principles of the gospel by the time they are eight years old?
250. Did Lehi give every member of his colony a blessing (vs. 10-12)? Review chapters 1 through 4:12 for your answer.
251. Upon what set of plates did Nephi write more historical details than he did upon the *Small Plates of Nephi* that we are reading (v. 14)? Compare this with 1 Nephi 9:1-4.

252. In the beautiful "Psalm of Nephi," that comprises verses 16-35, Nephi recounts some of the unusual spiritual experiences of his prophetic career. What may have been the occasion, referred to in verse 21, of Nephi's being filled with the love of God "unto the consuming of my flesh"? Consult 1 Nephi 17:48 for your answer.
253. What may have been the occasion, referred to in verse 22, of the Lord's causing Nephi's enemies to quake before him? Consult 1 Nephi 17:53-54 for your answer.
254. Upon what single occasion was Nephi given knowledge in vision (as mentioned in verse 23), administered to by an angel (as mentioned in verse 24), and carried away upon a high mountain (as mentioned in verse 25)? Consult 1 Nephi chapter 11 ff. for your answer.
255. In your opinion or experience, what is "mighty prayer"?
256. Nephi prayed, "Wilt thou make me that I may shake at the appearance of sin" (v. 31)? In your opinion, should Latter-day Saints seek to develop the sensitivity to sin that Nephi's statement suggests, or should they seek to develop a broad-minded and tolerant attitude toward sin, to become shock proof as it were?
257. In your opinion, do we put our trust in "the arm of flesh" (v. 34) when we trust military power alone to guarantee peace?
258. The first principle of the gospel is not faith in "the arm of flesh" (v. 34) but faith in what? See *Articles of Faith*.

Chapter 5

259. What complaint of Laman's and Lemuel's finally led to their seeking Nephi's life (vs. 1-3)?
260. Who followed Nephi into the wilderness (v. 6)?
261. What did Nephi's followers call the place where they settled (v. 8)?
262. The judgments, statutes, and commandments of what legal code did Nephi and his people live by (v. 10)?
263. What precious items did Nephi take with him when the colony broke up (vs. 12-14)?
264. What sword did Nephi use as the pattern for the swords he made (v. 14)?
265. After what temple was the Nephite temple patterned (v. 16)?
266. Whom did Nephi's followers choose for their king (v. 18)?

Chapter 9

280. What would be the fate of the human family "if the flesh should rise no more" (v. 8)?
281. In describing events concerning the final day of judgment John the Revelator said, ". . . and *death* and *hell* delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works" (Revelation 20:13). In the light of Jacob's explanation, what is *death*, and what is *hell* (vs. 10-12)?
282. Exactly what will death deliver up, and what will hell deliver up (vs. 10-12)?
283. What will death and paradise deliver up (v. 13)?
284. What is the fate of those who are "filthy still," the so-called sons of perdition (v. 16)? Compare Doctrine and Covenants 76:31-36, 88:32-35, 102.
285. Does God know everything (v. 20)? Compare Doctrine and Covenants 93:26-28.
286. How much did Jesus suffer (v. 21)? Compare Doctrine and Covenants 19:16-18 ff.
287. What are the basic requirements for entrance into the Kingdom of God (vs. 23-24)? Compare this with John 3:1-5.
288. Is divine punishment and condemnation in store for people who have received no law (v. 25)? Explain.
289. To the members of what church may verse 27 be said to have a special application in our age?
290. What is the pitfall, according to the Prophet Jacob, that so often ensnares learned men (v. 28)?
291. Upon what condition is education a good thing (v. 29)?
292. What is wrong with the popular tradition that Saint Peter is the gate keeper at the entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven (v. 41)?
293. Why will the well-educated (who are proud because of their education) and the wealthy (who are proud because of their wealth) find it hard to get into the Kingdom of Heaven (v. 42)?
294. Will the wicked go on rationalizing and making excuses for their sins in the day of judgment (v. 46)?
295. What further praying should we do more than praying each night before going to bed (v. 52)? Compare this with Alma 34:18-27.

Chapter 10

296. How much time elapsed between the sermon given by Jacob in chapter 9 and his sermon in chapter 10? (Note the last verse of chapter 9.)

297. Why did the Savior come down among "the more wicked part of the world" (v. 3)?
298. What does Jacob prophesy that should give the inhabitants of America tremendous hope for the preservation of liberty in this land (vs. 10-12)?
299. Jacob prophesied that ". . . he that fighteth against Zion shall perish, said God" (v. 13). What is the basic meaning of the word *Zion*? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 97:21 ff. for your answer.
300. What clue does Jacob give that shows that the word *Zion* does not simply apply to the Jewish people (v. 16)?
301. What is the process by which Gentiles become "numbered among the house of Israel" (v. 18)? Compare 1 Nephi 15:16, and note the questions based thereon. See also Galatians 3:27-29.
302. To what people has the Lord promised the land of America (v. 19)?
303. What is an oddity about the last part of verse 20 that argues for an ancient rather than modern authorship of 2 Nephi?

Chapter 11

304. Why did Nephi quote extensively both from Isaiah and from his brother Jacob (v. 3)?
305. The law of Moses "and all things which have been given by God from the beginning of the world" pointed to whom (v. 4)?
306. What, above everything else, was Nephi trying to prove (v. 6)?

Chapters 12-24

(No questions)

Chapter 25

307. Who does Nephi say will find the words of Isaiah easy to understand (v. 4)?
308. Nephi affirms that destruction never has been visited upon the Jews except for what (v. 9)?
309. What is the purpose of the Lord's bringing the Book of Mormon to the attention of the Jews in these latter days (v. 18)?
310. Can salvation come through Confucius, Mohammed, or Buddha (v. 20)? Explain.
311. By what standard will people who possess the Book of Mormon be judged (v. 22)? Compare 2 Nephi 29:11.
312. What important statement does Nephi make about the role of grace and the role of works in the plan of salvation (v. 23)?

313. Nephi and his people believed in Christ, but what law did they keep (v. 24)?
314. Why did Nephi and his people speak to their children concerning the law (v. 27)?
315. Although we must bow down and worship Christ (and the Father) with all our "might, mind, and strength" (v. 29), do we formally address our prayers to Christ or His Father? Consult Ephesians 3:14 for your answer. Compare this with 3 Nephi 18:21.

Chapter 26

316. With what appearance of Christ do verses 1-9 deal? Compare 3 Nephi, chapters 8-11 ff.
317. In the light of verses 14-18 how do you interpret Isaiah 29:1-6?
318. What do we learn from the latter part of verse 22 about the way the devil works to enslave men and women.
319. Nephi testifies that the Lord ". . . doeth not anything save it be for the benefit of the world" (v. 24). In this connection, what did the Lord reveal to Moses concerning His work? Consult Pearl of Great Price, Moses 1:39 for your answer.
320. Does the Lord deny any member of the human family the right to become a candidate for salvation (vs. 25-28)? Explain.
321. What does Nephi mean by "priestcrafts" (v. 29)?
322. What is "charity"? Compare Ether 12:34 and Moroni 7:47.
323. Do members of the Church have an obligation to see that missionaries and other Church workers have the necessities of life (v. 30)?
324. What must the Church worker not make an object of his labors (v. 31)?

Chapter 27

325. With what chapter of the Bible does this chapter run in harmony? Compare Isaiah 29.
326. What one thing do we know the sealed portion of the Book of Mormon contains (v. 7)? Compare this with Ether 4:1-7.
327. Who were the three witnesses who beheld the Book of Mormon plates "by the power of God" (v. 12)? See *The Testimony of Three Witnesses* in the forepart of the book.
328. Who were the "few" additional witnesses, besides the three, who saw the plates "according to the will of God" (v. 13)? See *The Testimony of Eight Witnesses* in the forepart of the book.
329. What is the incident to which verses 15-18 allude? Consult Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:63-65 for your answer.

373. Do you get the impression from chapter 1 that Jacob began engraving his little book immediately after Nephi turned the *Small Plates of Nephi* over to him or a number of years afterwards?

Chapter 2

374. What did Jacob advise his people to do before seeking riches (vs. 18-19)?
375. Jacob taught that after one has obtained "a hope in Christ" he can gain wealth if he seeks it; but what does he say will then be his motive for seeking it (v. 19)?
376. Of the numerous notable polygamists of Hebrew history (including Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses), what two (alone) does Jacob condemn (vs. 23-24)?
377. According to the Bible what sins did David and Solomon commit in connection with their practice of polygamy that made God displeased with them? For your answer consult 2 Samuel 12:8-11, 1 Kings 15:5, and 1 Kings 11:1-8.
378. What does Jacob say that indicates God might command polygamy (in which case its practice would be righteous), but that unless it is divinely commanded people shall not practice it (v. 30)?

Chapter 3

379. What fate did Jacob prophesy would befall the Nephite nation if they did not repent (vs. 3-4)?
380. In the day of disaster, predicted by Jacob, what was to be the fate of the righteous (v. 4)? Compare Omni, vs. 12-13.
381. In what respect were the Lamanites more righteous than the Nephites (vs. 5-7)?
382. Is the term, "plates of Jacob," the name of a separate set of plates from the *Small Plates of Nephi* or merely Jacob's section of the *Small Plates of Nephi* (v. 14)? Compare this with Jacob 1:1-4.

Chapter 4

383. Why did the Nephite prophets keep some of their records on metal sheets (vs. 1-2)?
384. What was the intent that Jacob (and Nephi) had in writing "these things" (v. 4)?
385. Who, besides Jacob and Nephi, had a hope in Christ before the birth of Christ (v. 4)? Compare Luke 24:27.
386. In whose name did the ancient prophets worship the Father (v. 5)?
387. Why did the Nephites keep the law of Moses (v. 5)? Compare 2 Nephi 25:24-25.

402. It is apparent from Enos' three prayers that when he made contact with God his love for his fellowmen increased immeasurably. For whom did Enos pray the first time (v. 4), the second time (v. 9), the third time (v. 11)?
403. In what way is our generation indebted to Enos and other ancient Nephite prophets for their faith and prayers (vs. 12-19)? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 3:19 and 10:46-53 for your answer.
404. Why did the prophets of Enos' time use fear as a motivation to righteousness in their preaching and prophesying (v. 23)?
405. If the Prophet Jacob were born, say, about four years after Lehi left Jerusalem how much of Nephite history was spanned by his life and the life of his son, Enos (v. 25)?

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406. What relation was Jarom to Enos (v. 1)?
407. What did Jarom consider his primary reason for writing (v. 1)?
408. For whose benefit did Jarom say he was writing (v. 2)?
409. Who were the more numerous during this period, Nephites or Lamanites (v. 6)?
410. What ancient promise to Nephi was again verified in Jarom's generation (v. 9)? Compare 1 Nephi 2:20 and 2 Nephi 1:20.
411. When—in reference to the Christian calendar—did Jarom close his little entry (v. 13)?
412. Inasmuch as Jarom was not lacking for important things to write about (v. 2), why did he write so little (v. 14)? Compare Omni, verse 30.
413. In terms of the present printed edition of the Book of Mormon, Nephi wrote the first 107 pages of the Small Plates of Nephi; Jacob wrote a little over $17\frac{1}{2}$ pages; Enos wrote a little more than two pages; Jarom wrote approximately one and a half pages; and five writers crammed their writings into the last three pages of the metal book. (Compare Omni, verse 30.) In your opinion, does this progressive diminishing of space utilized by succeeding writers on the *Small Plates of Nephi* constitute an argument favoring the claim: (a) that Joseph Smith wrote the Book of Mormon himself or (b) that the Book of Mormon is the product of ancient writers? Why?

453. Why might the Book of Mormon have been classed as "abolitionist" or anti-slavery literature in the United States in 1830 (if someone had wished to strain a little to make an objection to it on that basis) (v. 13)?
454. What had the Prophet King Benjamin done in order that his people might not be "laden with taxes" (v. 14)?
455. What great lesson in practical everyday religion does King Benjamin provide for us in verse 17?
456. In what way are we dependent upon God from day to day and from moment to moment (v. 21)?
457. In return for all of the Lord's gifts to us, what alone does He require of us (v. 22)?
458. Do we have to wait until the final day of judgment for all of our rewards, or do we get some of them as we go along (v. 24)? Explain.
459. Judging by King Benjamin's example, what are some of the things a Latter-day Saint must do if he is to be found blameless before God in the day of judgment—and hence worthy of dwelling in His presence (v. 27)? Compare Jacob 1:19 and Doctrine & Covenants 4:2 and 88:81-82.
460. What clue does King Benjamin provide to the fact that the spirit world paradise—even though it is not the final heaven of the righteous—is, nevertheless, a heavenly state (v. 28)?
461. King Benjamin appears to have made no distinction between the obligation of the people to obey the commandments of his prophet son—who was to be their leader in both temporal and spiritual things—and their obligation to obey the commandments of God (v. 31). In our enlightened day and age does the Lord require that we obey the commandments of prophets, who, after all, are only human? In formulating your answer consult Doctrine and Covenants 1:14, 38.
462. What temporal blessing were the Nephites again promised if they would obey the commandments of God (v. 31)?
463. What is the fate of those, who, after knowing that the gospel is true, go contrary to it and so withdraw from the Spirit of the Lord (vs. 36-39)? Compare Doctrine and Covenants 76:31-36 ff.
464. Is the hell of the finally unredeemed merely a recognition of lost opportunities (vs. 38-39)? Explain.
465. Why may it be said that keeping the commandments of God is all gain and no loss (v. 41)?

Chapter 3

In chapter 3 King Benjamin announces sensational news. An angel from God has appeared to him to inform him and his people that Christ's earthly advent is "not far distant." Direct from the angel's lips he has learned of the Savior's forthcoming ministry and atonement and of the necessity of man's putting off the "natural man" and gaining sainthood through Christ. The words of the angel are quoted from verses 3 through 27 to form almost the whole of one of the most remarkable and important chapters of the Book of Mormon.

466. What were the "glad tidings of great joy" that the angel unfolded to Benjamin (vs. 1-5 ff.)?
467. According to the angel, how intensely would Jesus suffer "for the wickedness and abominations of his people" (v. 7)? Compare Luke 22:44 and Doctrine and Covenants 19:15-19.
468. What atones for those who die, "not knowing the will of God concerning them, or who have ignorantly sinned" (v. 11)?
469. What did the angel say that indicates other people than the Jews and the Nephites were informed of the coming of Christ and of His atonement (v. 13)? Compare this with Acts 3:18.
470. The angel said "the law of Moses availeth nothing except it were through. . ." what (v. 15)?
471. What did the heavenly messenger say is the fate of little children who die before they reach the age of accountability (v. 16)? Compare this with Moroni 8:10-20 ff.
472. Can salvation come through Confucius, Mohammed, Zoroaster, or Buddha (v. 17)? Explain.
473. In the words of the angel, "men drink damnation to their own souls" unless they do what (v. 18)?
474. Is man naturally good (v. 19)? Explain.
475. What clue does verse 22 provide us to the fact that Benjamin is still quoting the heavenly messenger?

Chapter 4

476. What was the reaction of the people to the marvelous message that the angel had brought to them through their prophet leader (vs. 1-2)?
477. Who receives salvation through the atonement (vs. 6-8)?
478. The principle is set forth in scripture that after one has gained a remission of his sins, "... unto that soul who sinneth shall the former sins

return, saith the Lord your God" (Doctrine and Covenants 82:7). What did King Benjamin tell his people that they must do in order to *retain* or keep a remission of their sins (vs. 11-12)?

479. What won't true Latter-day Saint parents allow their children to do, and what will they teach them to do (vs. 14-15)?
480. What should be our attitude about giving food and clothing to the beggar (v. 16)?
481. In what sense are we all beggars (v. 19 ff.)?
482. Who is the owner of our homes and automobiles, our farms and factories (v. 22)?
483. For what important personal reason should people, who have received a remission of their sins through baptism, impart of their substance to the poor and visit the sick, "administering to their relief, both spiritually and temporally" (v. 26)?
484. In verse 27 King Benjamin counsels his people, finally, to use common sense in their charitable endeavors. One should not try to "run faster than he has strength," he says, although everyone should be sufficiently "diligent, that thereby he might win the prize" (of Eternal Life). In your opinion, are the majority of us guilty of over-doing ourselves in helping the poor and the sick and the needy, or are we guilty of not being diligent enough in such matters?
485. What counsel does Benjamin give on borrowing that is applicable equally to the borrowing of a dollar, a paint brush, a book, or a cup of sugar (v. 28)?
486. Why didn't the Prophet Benjamin see fit to give his people a comprehensive check list of all the ways in which, if they were not careful, they might commit sin (v. 29)?
487. Inasmuch as Benjamin's people were looking forward to the (first) coming of Christ in their period of history and we are looking forward to His (second) coming in ours, verse 30 applies with peculiar force to Latter-day Saints. What must we do to keep from falling into transgression as we prepare for the coming of the Lord (v. 30)?
488. There are those who say that the Book of Mormon is a "pious fraud" written by a nineteenth century farm lad named Joseph Smith, who was twenty-one when he received the plates and barely twenty-four when the volume was published. In your opinion, does the foregoing chapter sound like the counsel of a youth in his twenties or of an aged and wise prophet of God?

509. Since 1938 discoveries have been made of the remains of what one news report calls "a lost race of giants" in Sonora, Mexico; in Lower California (Mexican territory); and in New Mexico. What clue do we have that the Nephites also discovered the physical remains of large men who dwelt in ancient America (v. 10)?
510. Why is the Lord very careful as to whom he allows the use of the "interpreters" or Urim and Thummin (v. 13)?
511. What is a seer (vs. 16-17)? Compare this with Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:35.

Chapter 9

512. With chapter 9 Mormon carries us suddenly back to the beginning of the southern colony's history. Chapters 9 and 10, in fact, are an inserted verbatim record of the writings of the colony's original leader, Zeniff. If the date of Zeniff's departure from Zarahemla were "about B.C. 200," as suggested by the (modern) footnote, then how many years had the southern colony been out of contact with the main Nephite body when Ammon's group arrived?
513. How many survivors returned to Zarahemla with the ill-fated party in which Zeniff served as a spy or scout (vs. 1-2). Consult Omni, verses 27-30 (at the end of the *Small Plates of Nephi*) for your answer.
514. As Zeniff recounts the brief history of his life, that comprises chapters 9 and 10, we detect a note of regret and self-deprecation in his remark, "And yet, I being *over-zealous* to inherit the land of our fathers. . . ." (v. 3). Explain how he must have gone contrary to the counsel of God in reestablishing a Nephite colony in the Land of Nephi (Omni, vs. 12-13).
515. Who probably had built the buildings and city walls that the Lamanites had let fall into decay (v. 8)? Compare this with Omni, vs. 12-13.

Chapter 10

516. What "secret weapon" did the Nephites have that the Lamanites were totally unacquainted with (vs. 10-11)? Compare this with Mosiah 9:17-18.
517. Verses 12-15 are particularly important to the student of the Book of Mormon, for they provide the key to the endless attempts of the Lamanites to subjugate their Nephite cousins. What were some of the distorted Lamanite traditions that served to keep alive their hatred of the Nephites from generation to generation?

518. Why was it that the Lamanites forever looked upon the Nephites as an illegal offshoot of their own people, who properly belonged under their rule (v. 15)? Compare this with 1 Nephi 16:38; 2 Nephi 5:3; Alma 54:17, 18, 24.
519. What priceless item did the Lamanites claim Nephi had stolen from their founding fathers (v. 16)?
520. At what stage of Zeniff's life do you suppose he wrote the memoirs that form chapters 9 and 10? (Note that the whole document is written in the past tense, up to and including verse 22.)

Chapter 11

521. How does Noah's taxation program compare with the modern U.S. income tax (v. 3)?
522. The unsuspecting members of the southern colony were probably quite unaware of the extent of Noah's betrayal of their trust. How might they even have been led to believe that they were following a religious-minded ruler (vs. 5, 10)?
523. In respect to his beautiful palace and temple and his wives and concubines, what Biblical character does Noah remind one of? Compare 1 Kings, chaps. 5-11.
524. What were the highlights of Abinadi's prophecy (vs. 20-25)?
525. What was Noah's reaction to Abinadi's message (vs. 27-28)?

Chapter 12

526. What did Aabinadi now prophesy about King Noah's life (v. 3)?
527. Abinadi's allusion to the devastation that would be wrought by the "east wind" (v. 6) serves to remind us that we are reading the work of a Hebrew people in the New World. Although the term probably only *symbolized* disaster among the Nephites, among their Palestinian ancestors the east wind brought, on occasion, crop destroying sandstorms. Judging by the geographical location of Palestine, why was it the east wind that brought destruction instead of the west wind?
528. What period of Nephite history is momentarily referred to in verse 8? Compare this with Mormon 8:1-6 ff.
529. Perhaps it was because Abinadi had been prophesying evil tidings of evil that one of the priests challenged him to explain the Prophet Isaiah's commendation of messengers "that bringeth good tidings of good" (v. 21). Whatever the motive of Abinadi's questioner, he

Articles of Faith, James E. Talmage [Twelfth Edition], Appendix 2, pp. 465-473.) In which of these three senses does Abinadi indirectly allude to Christ's fatherhood in verses 10-13?

539. Finally, in answer to the question put to him earlier by his priestly interrogator (Mosiah 12:21-24), Abinadi explains the identity of those who publish peace and bring good tidings of good, as prophesied by Isaiah. Who does he say they are (vs. 13-17)?
540. Who, above all others, is the bringer of "good tidings" (vs. 18-19)?
541. Who are they who come forth in the first resurrection (vs. 21-25)?

Chapter 16

542. Now that the atonement has been wrought, what is the fate of the man who "persists in his own carnal nature, and goes on in the ways of sin" (v. 5)?

Chapter 17

543. Immediately after the trial King Noah ordered Abinadi executed (v. 1) and then changed his mind and ordered his imprisonment while he conferred with his priests (vs. 5-6). What appears to have interrupted Noah's original determination to have Abinadi put to death at once (vs. 2-4)?
544. When and by whom was the address of Abinadi first recorded (v. 4)?
545. What was the official pretext that Noah gave for Abinadi's conviction and execution (vs. 7-8)?
546. What was Abinadi's final prophecy (vs. 15-19)?

Chapter 18

547. Each time we, as Latter-day Saints, partake of the sacrament of the Lord's supper we enter into a covenant: (a) to take upon ourselves Christ's name; (b) to always remember Christ, and (c) to always keep His commandments (Moroni 4:3). We speak of this as renewing our covenants, by which we mean the covenants that we entered into at the time of our baptism. What points of correspondence can you find between Alma's explanation of the meaning of baptism (vs. 8-10) and the above mentioned sacramental covenant? Compare this with Alma 7:15.
548. If we uphold the covenants that we renew when we partake of the sacrament of the Lord's supper, the Lord promises us that we shall always have His Spirit to be with us

(Moroni 4:3). Is it the same blessing or some other blessing that Alma implies comes in the wake of keeping the baptismal covenant (v. 10)?

549. Once while speaking of the Melchizedek priesthood among the Israelites *after the time of Moses*, Joseph Smith said, "All the prophets had the Melchizedek Priesthood and were ordained by God himself." (Joseph Fielding Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 181.) From whence does Alma say he got his priesthood authority (v. 13)?

550. Are we necessarily obliged to conclude that the Nephites lacked any semblance of a church before Alma's time (vs. 17-18)? In formulating your answer consult 3 Nephi 5:12; 2 Nephi 5:26; 2 Nephi 6:2; 2 Nephi 9:23-24; 2 Nephi 31:17 ff.

551. What very strict commandments did Alma give to those whom he ordained to the priesthood that restricted them from preaching anything to the people but the revelations of God (vs. 18-20)?

552. How did Alma's people become "the children of God" (vs. 16-21)? Compare this with Moses 6:64-68.

553. What were the priests to receive for their labor (v. 26)?

554. What was Alma's welfare and relief plan (vs. 27-28)?

Chapter 19

555. Why couldn't Noah possibly have been killed in a duel with Gideon (vs. 4-8)? Consult Mosiah 12:3, 10 and Mosiah 13:10 for your answer.

556. What disgraceful order did Noah issue when defeat appeared imminent (vs. 10-11)?

557. What were the ignominious terms of peace that the Lamanites imposed upon the conquered Nephites (v. 15)?

558. What interesting story did Gideon's men hear from the embarrassed and disgusted men who had followed Noah into the wilderness (vs. 19-23)?

Chapter 20

559. How did it happen that the Lamanites went to war against Limhi's people through a complete misunderstanding (vs. 1-7)?

560. What example is provided in this chapter of the tremendous respect that the Nephites attached to an oath (vs. 24-26)? Compare this with 1 Nephi 4:33-37.

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614. What indication does the narrator provide us to the fact that the name, "Nephite," had become almost synonymous with "Church member" (v. 11)?
615. By what means did Alma gain the victory over Amlici in personal combat (vs. 29-31)?

Chapter 3

616. Who, besides the blood descendants of Laman and Lemuel and the sons of Ishmael, were considered Lamanites (v. 10)? Compare this with verse 17.
617. How did the Amlicites unwittingly fulfill an ancient prophecy (vs. 13-18)?
618. Upon what basis will the Lord mete out rewards and punishments in the day of judgment (vs. 26-27)?

Chapter 4

619. Unlike the explanation that most Americans probably would give under similar circumstances, how did the Nephites account for the terrible calamity that had recently come upon them (v. 3)?
620. Was Nephiah formally approved by the people as the new chief judge or was he merely appointed by Alma II (v. 16)?
621. Why did Alma resign from the chief judgeship (v. 19)?

Chapter 5

622. What does Alma ask that serves to remind us that a person can be a member of the Church and yet never have been "born of God" (v. 14)? Compare this with Mosiah 27:25-26.
623. In view of verse 14, when the elders lay their hands upon the head of the individual who has just been baptized and confirm him a member of the Church, do they confer the Holy Ghost (which brings the birth of the Spirit), or do they confer the *right* to receive the Holy Ghost?
624. What does Alma say that tells us that without the atonement of Christ no amount of personal repentance or works of righteousness would be sufficient to save a man in the Kingdom of Heaven (v. 21)? Compare this with 2 Nephi 2:8 and Alma 21:9.
625. What does Alma ask that suggests that we can spiritually be "born of God" and afterwards slip away from the new spiritual life that we have entered (v. 26)?
626. In your judgment, if one has once been born of the Spirit and afterwards has drifted away from it, what may he do to be born again? In formulating your answer consult Mosiah 3:19, Mosiah 4:11-12, and Mosiah 5:5, 7.

627. What does Alma say that indicates there is a great deal more to gaining salvation than merely being baptized into the Church (vs. 27-31)?
628. To whom does the Lord extend the invitation to Eternal Life (vs. 33-34)?
629. What was "the holy order of God" to which Alma belonged (v. 44)? Compare this with Alma 13:6-7, 14.
630. Judging by Alma's experience, what must one do to obtain a strong testimony of the gospel (vs. 45-46)?
631. What doctrinal message was Alma called to preach to members of the Church and to everyone throughout the land (v. 49)? Compare this with verse 2.
632. Although Alma's discourse emphasizes the necessity of the spiritual rebirth, what does he say that shows he does not overlook the necessity of baptism (v. 62)?

Chapter 6

633. Who does Mormon mean by "the children of God" (v. 6)? Compare this with Mosiah 25:23-24.

Chapter 7

634. Does Alma say that the Savior, who was born in Bethlehem, would be born of Mary in the city of Jerusalem or in the land of Jerusalem (v. 10)?
635. What prize does Alma say is in store for the person who not only enters a covenant to obey God's commandments (and signifies it by baptism) but actually keeps the covenant thenceforth (vs. 15-16)?
636. What beautiful admonition does Alma impart to the Church members in Gideon that could almost be used as the definition of a true Latter-day Saint (vs. 23-24)?

Chapter 8

637. What clue do we glean from the latter part of verse 15 to the possibility that angels are assigned to watch over faithful servants of God? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 84:88.
638. What important information did the Lord impart to Alma regarding the nefarious plans of the people of Ammonihah (v. 17)?
639. What message had Amulek received in vision before Alma's arrival (v. 20)? Compare this with Alma 10:7-9.

Chapter 9

640. Why, according to Alma, would the Lord be more merciful to the Lamanites than to the Nephites (vs. 16, 23-24)?
641. Who, in brief, did Jesus come to redeem (v. 27)? Compare this with Alma 7:15-16.

Chapter 10

642. What interesting tidbit of information does Amulek provide concerning one of his forefathers (v. 2)?
643. Which branch of the House of Joseph did Lehi belong to, the Ephraimite branch or the Manassehite branch (v. 3)?
644. Amulek testified, ". . . I was called many times and I would not hear" (v. 6). In your opinion, how would Amulek probably compare with the average good member of the Church today?
645. What astonished the people about Amulek's testimony that, in principle, is both astonishing and bothersome to our generation about the coming forth of the Book of Mormon plates (v. 12)?
646. What force may we infer is saving America today from destruction (vs. 22-23)?
647. In view of verse 23, what wicked acts may we infer helped lay the groundwork for the American Civil War—the bloodiest war in American history? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 136:34-36 and 87:1-8.

Chapter 11

648. Under the legal code of Mosiah, what was the basis upon which judges were paid (v. 1)?
649. How did the corrupt judges of Ammonihah take advantage of the Nephite system of judicial compensation (v. 20)?
650. What indication does verse 22 provide that Amulek was determined to live in harmony with the Spirit of the Lord every single moment?
651. In what sense is there but one God (vs. 28-29)? In formulating your answer consider the latter part of verse 44 and John 17:11, 20-22.
652. Whose transgressions did Jesus take upon Him (v. 40)? Compare this with Alma 9:27.
653. The Doctrine and Covenants says of the "sons of perdition" that they are "Yea, verily, *the only ones who shall not be redeemed* in the due time of the Lord, after the sufferings of His wrath. For all the rest shall be brought forth by the resurrection of the dead, *through the triumph and the glory of the Lamb . . .*" (D. & C. 76:38-39). Although "sons of perdition" are not redeemed from the devil and

although their resurrection in nowise reflects the triumph and glory of the Lamb, what does Amulek say that necessarily indicates that they, too, will be resurrected (v. 41 ff.)? Compare this with Alma 12:18 and Doctrine and Covenants 88:27-32.

654. What does Amulek say that indicates the resurrected body will be a perfect body in every particular (v. 43 ff.)?
655. What vivid recollections will flood across our minds when, after the resurrection, we stand before the judgment bar of God (v. 43)?
656. Upon what basis will God judge us (v. 44)?
657. Did Amulek mean that when we are resurrected we will step back into the self-same body that we had in mortality or receive a different body (v. 45)?
658. What does Amulek say that indicates there is no such thing as a separation of body and spirit, which we call death, again possible after the resurrection (v. 45)?
659. The Bible tells us that Jesus had a solid tangible body of "flesh and bones" after His resurrection (Luke 24:39). In what sense was it also "spiritual," as Amulek terms the resurrected body (v. 45)?

Chapter 12

660. What restriction is placed upon one who may have had a revelation or dream or otherwise have been permitted to gain special insight into the mysteries of God (v. 9)?
661. What does Alma say that indicates that there actually is such a thing as knowing the mysteries of God completely (v. 10)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 93:26-28.
662. What is meant by "the chains of hell" (v. 11)?
663. What does Alma contribute to the subject of the judgment (v. 14) that serves to enlarge upon Amulek's brief explanation of it in Alma 11:44?
664. When is the time that the "second death" will gain complete mastery over the souls of the wicked (v. 16)? Compare this with verse 12.
665. The Doctrine and Covenants says that the "sons of perdition" are ". . . the only ones on whom the second death shall have any power" (D. & C. 76:37). The second death that comes to them is a "spiritual death," meaning a death pertaining to what (v. 16)? Compare this with verse 32.
666. Why can't the wicked die after their resurrection and so find merciful release from their misery (v. 18)?
667. What condition or fate came upon all mankind through the fall of Adam (v. 22)?

680. What does Alma say of the destiny of the martyrs that reminds us that death is no tragedy to righteous members of the Church (v. 11)?
681. What remarkable and important explanation does Alma give as to why the Lord sometimes allows the innocent to suffer and die at the hands of the wicked (v. 11)?
682. Why didn't the Lord let Alma and Amulek join the ranks of the martyrs on this occasion (v. 13)?
683. What story of sublime faith (that every Latter-day Saint child should be taught) is provided by this chapter (vs. 14-29)?

Chapter 15

684. What excellent illustration of the Latter-day Saint concept of a "burning hell" does this chapter provide (vs. 3, 5)? Compare this with Mosiah 2:36-39.
685. Zeezrom was healed through his faith in whose power (vs. 6-11)?
686. What losses had Amulek suffered for the gospel's sake (v. 16)?

Chapter 16

The destruction of Ammonihah, narrated in this chapter, brings to an end an episode that is packed with meaning for our times. In an age when both Russia and the United States are stockpiling hydrogen bombs and the question of national survival is the leading question of government, this compelling Book of Mormon story (which comprises chapters 8 through 16) tells in convincing terms that the Lord will be the Watchman and Defender of the people that put their trust in Him and keep His commandments.

To appreciate the power of the lesson that the story conveys, let us picture ourselves as citizens of Zarahemla during this period. The people of Zarahemla, it will be recalled, had caught the spirit of religious reform preached by Alma and were striving to obey the commandments of God (Alma 7:3-4). Soon afterwards, when Alma was leaving Ammonihah in discouragement, the Lord sent an angel to tell Alma to return to Ammonihah and that the people were plotting to destroy the nation's liberty (Alma 8:17). This news meant that they were planning war against their countrymen, and in modern parlance, was "military intelligence" of prime importance. At this same juncture, we learn subsequently, the Lamanites were furious over the conversion of a considerable number of their people by a band of Nephite missionaries and were plotting a sneak attack upon some Nephite city in retaliation (Alma 25:1-2).

687. How did the Lord use one enemy of the people of Zarahemla to destroy another of Zarahemla's enemies at this time (vs. 1-2, 10)?
688. When the Lamanites retreated with Nephite captives (who were not citizens of the corrupt city of Ammonihah), what valuable "military intelligence" did the Lord give the Prophet Alma that enabled Nephite soldiers to regain every captive (vs. 3-8)?
689. In your opinion, if the people of America would obey God, how might the Lord ward off enemy attacks for us as He did for the people of Zarahemla?
690. The Book of Mormon provides the people of America (and all nations) with "a foreign policy" that is guaranteed to make them "free from all other nations under heaven." According to Ether 2:11-12, what is this policy?

Chapter 17

691. The italicized superscription that appears above the chapter heading is part of the original text. It introduces the account that follows and informs us that it is "according to the record of Alma." Who, necessarily, is the author of the superscription? In formulating your answer consult 3 Nephi 5:10-12.
692. Through the experience of Mosiah's four sons we learn the priceless secret of how ordinary members of the Church, who will apply themselves, can grow spiritually to the point where they can have the gift of prophecy and revelation. What are three things that they did to qualify for this gift (vs. 2-3)?
693. During the years of separation for Alma and the four sons of King Mosiah, Alma, likewise, had become a prophet of God. What was the secret of his transformation? Consult Alma 5:44-47 for your answer.
694. In your opinion, is the purpose of fasting (v. 3) solely to give one's digestive system a rest and to save money to donate to the poor, or is there some other reason also? Explain.
695. Chapters 1-16, which deal with the experiences of Alma among the Nephites, cover the same period of history as chapters 17-28, which deal with the experiences of the four sons of King Mosiah among the Lamanites. How many years do these accounts cover (v. 4)?
696. What indication do we have that idol worship was prevalent among the Lamanites (v. 15)?
697. What was Ammon's social status among the Nephites that properly made him eligible to marry a king's daughter (v. 24)? Compare this with Mosiah 27:34-35.

698. What was Ammon's motive for wanting to show forth his power to his fellow servants (v. 29)?
699. Notwithstanding the fact that Ammon was aided by the Lord in his miraculous feat of swordsmanship (vs. 37-38), what training would he certainly have received as the son of his father that might have helped prepare him for this moment?

Chapter 18

700. What was the Lamanite (and also American Indian) name for God (vs. 2-5)?
701. Although the Lamanites had something of a concept of God, they didn't let it interfere with their conduct (v. 5)? How does this attitude compare with the attitude of many people today?
702. An article in the *Popular Science Monthly* for January, 1954, p. 148, says of the work of certain excavators in California, "Already they have discovered the remains of prehistoric men, horses, and camels lying together, thus proving for the first time that they lived in the same time and in the same place." What might scientists have learned on the subject of horses in ancient America more than a hundred years ago from the Book of Mormon (vs. 9-12)?
703. Conybeare and Howson, in their *Life and Epistles of Paul*, p. 47, say of Gamaliel, under whom Paul studied before his conversion, "His learning was so eminent, and his character so revered, that he is one of seven, who alone among Jewish doctors have been honoured with the title of 'Rabban'." What strikingly similar title was applied to Ammon (v. 13)? Compare this with John 20:16.
704. Why, in your opinion, was Ammon very wise to begin teaching Lamoni from the scriptural record that their joint forefathers had brought from Jerusalem (v. 36)? Compare this with Alma 37:3, 9.

Chapter 19

705. What remarkable exhibition of faith did the Lamanite queen display (v. 9)?
706. What joyful announcement did Lamoni make immediately upon regaining consciousness (vs. 12-13)?
707. How had Abish (the only Lamanite woman mentioned by name in the Book of Mormon) become converted to a belief in the Nephite God (v. 16)?
708. Ammon could not be slain because of his father's faith (v. 23). What other example

does the Book of Mormon afford of a righteous parent being the means of saving a son? Consult Mosiah 27:14 for your answer.

709. What indication do we have that the Lamanite queen was evidently blessed with the gift of tongues (v. 30)?
710. Why was it necessary for King Lamoni and his wife to submit to baptism after being so richly endowed spiritually (v. 35)? Consult 2 Nephi 9:23-24 for your answer.

Chapter 20

711. Ammon, who had formed the habit of listening to the promptings of the Spirit, was told to decline Lamoni's invitation to go to the Land of Nephi, and, instead, to go to the Land of Middoni. Can you cite an example of a divine warning being received by someone in modern times?
712. What was the basis of the old Lamanite complaint that Nephi had robbed their fathers (v. 13)? Consult Mosiah 10:15-16 for your answer.
713. Why is it less tragic for a good man to die than for a bad man (vs. 17-18)?
714. What convinced the old Lamanite king that Ammon had no sinister designs (vs. 24-27)?

Chapter 21

715. All that we know of the Amalekites (vs. 2-3) is that they appear to have been one of a number of groups of Nephite dissenters that joined the Lamanites. (Compare Words of Mormon, v. 16.) Who, however, were the Amulonites? Consult Mosiah 23:30-39 and 24:1-5 ff. for your answer.
716. What did the Amalekites, like many people in our day, seem to feel was proof of their spirituality (v. 6)?
717. There could be no redemption for mankind save it were through what (v. 9)?

Chapter 22

718. What had really "disarmed" the old Lamanite king, the power of Ammon's sword or the power of his love (v. 3)? Compare this with Alma 20:20-27.
719. Why does death have no real sting or hold no real terror to the true Latter-day Saint (v. 14)?
720. Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26). What was the old king willing to give in exchange for his soul's well-being (v. 15)?

732. The Prophet Mormon, who relates this great story of wartime non-resistance, was himself active in the defense of the Nephite nation in his generation (Mormon, chapters 1-7). Why do you suppose he didn't try to persuade his people to follow the non-resistance policy of the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi? In formulating your answer consider Alma 43:46-47 and Alma 61:10-14.
733. What may be the origin of the American Indian custom of burying the hatchet (v. 17)?
734. How does Mormon soften the impact of the death of the one thousand and five Anti-Nephi-Lehies (vs. 22, 26-27)?
735. What moral does Mormon discern in the fact that the Amalekites and Amulonites were more bitter in their opposition to the gospel than the Lamanites were (v. 30)? Compare this with Alma 23:14, Hebrews 6:4-6, and Doctrine and Covenants 76:31-35.

Chapter 25

736. How does the Lamanite destruction of Ammonihah (v. 2) serve to illustrate one possible meaning of the Lord's prediction that "the wicked shall slay the wicked" in the last days (Doctrine and Covenants 63:33)? (Remember that this was the same destruction of Ammonihah as that mentioned in Alma 16:1-11).
737. What atrocity did the half-breed descendants of Amulon's priests and their Lamanite wives commit that finally caused the Lamanites to reject their leadership forever (vs. 6-8)?
738. What sentence shows that Mormon, in writing his summary of the Book of Alma, sometimes quoted Alma's original account verbatim (v. 9)?
739. How was the prophecy of the martyred Prophet Abinadi fulfilled during this period (vs. 10-12)?
740. What was the value of the law of Moses to the converted Lamanites (v. 16)?

Chapter 26

741. In the course of what may have been a missionary testimony meeting Ammon burst forth into spontaneous poetry as he reviewed the amazing accomplishments of his group of missionaries. What was Aaron's first reaction to this recitation (v. 10)?
742. How did Ammon justify his glorying in the accomplishments of the missionary party (vs. 11-16 ff.)?
743. To whom is it given to know the mysteries of God (v. 22)?

- of a psalm. What unforgettable experience of Alma's youth is recalled by verses 1 and 2? Compare this with Mosiah 27:11-18.
758. How does Alma's explanation of the way human sorrow could be eliminated (v. 2) compare with some of the cure-alls proposed in our day?
759. What is the process by which non-members of Christ's Church may "come unto God" (v. 2)? In formulating your answer consult Galatians 3:27 and 3 Nephi 27:20.
760. Why did Alma feel that he was actually sinning a little even to wish he had greater ability and power to preach the gospel than he had (v. 3)?
761. How does God regard infant children and mentally incapacitated individuals, who are incapable of knowing the difference between good and evil (v. 5)?
762. Alma says that people who know good and evil are given according to their desires (v. 5.) Does this mean that without their putting forth any effort, "wishing will make it so"? Compare this with James 2:14-20 and Mosiah 4:30.
763. What indication does Alma give that God is fair and just to all the people of the earth in His dispensing of gospel truths to them (v. 8)?
764. To what "captivity" does Alma probably have reference in verses 11-12? Consult Mosiah 24:11-25 for your answer.

Chapter 30

765. If we receive no monetary compensation for our efforts in the Church, "what doth it profit us to labor in the church" (v. 34)?
766. What, according to Alma, bears witness of the fact that there is a Supreme Creator (v. 44)?
767. How did Korihor know from personal experience that the devil is no myth (v. 53)?
768. What important moral does Mormon see in the tragic fate of Korihor (v. 60)?

Chapter 31

769. What had Alma discovered had a "more powerful effect upon the minds of the people than the sword, or anything else" (v. 5)?
770. What was the Rameumpton, and how did it figure in the Zoramite synagogue worship (vs. 13-23)?
771. Analyze and contrast the two prayers in this chapter, the one uttered by the Zoramites (vs. 15-18) and the other uttered by Alma (vs. 26-35).

772. What does Alma say of the Zoramites that serves to remind us that we make a mockery of prayer if we address God while our hearts are set on the vain and superficial things of life (vs. 27-28)?
773. What clue do we have to the fact that a good many members of the true Church had become members of the Zoramite cult (v. 35)?

Chapter 32

774. What misconception did the expelled synagogue worshippers have that many people in our day and age also have (vs. 5, 8-11)?
775. Upon what condition does forced humility prove a blessing (vs. 12-13)?
776. Who is more blessed, the man who is humbled because his crop or business fails or the man who humbles himself "because of the word" (vs. 14-15)?
777. Why is a person who has been converted to the gospel by a miracle in a more precarious position than one who "only believeth, or only hath cause to believe" (vs. 16-19)?
778. What is faith (v. 21)?
779. Is the privilege of receiving visits from angels restricted to men (v. 23)? Explain.
780. What are the first steps in the process of acquiring faith in (or a testimony of) the gospel (v. 27)?
781. How may one know that the gospel brings richness of life and illumination of the mind and, hence, that it is genuinely good (v. 28)?
782. To what extent is the "knowledge perfect" of the person who has experienced only a small measure of the joy the gospel brings (vs. 33-36)?
783. How does a testimony of the gospel grow or else diminish (vs. 37-38)?
784. What besides the "seed" must be good if the tree of testimony is to bear fruit (v. 39)?
785. In connection with Alma's description of the tree in verse 42, how did the Prophet Lehi describe the tree of his vision? Consult 1 Nephi 8:10-12 for your answer.

Chapter 33

786. When the poor among the Zoramites wanted to know how to plant the seed or how to start exercising faith Alma reminded them of the earlier problem that they had raised of how they could worship God outside the synagogue. What did he offer as the single solution to both problems (vs. 3-11)?

787. Evidently because Alma felt that his message pertaining to the technique of developing faith would not be complete without making very clear what people should have faith in, he concluded with his testimony of man's dependence upon Christ for his redemption (vs. 12-23). In passing, what does he say that Moses' brass serpent in the wilderness typified (v. 19)? Compare this with Helaman 8:14-15.

Chapter 34

788. Why is the sacrifice of Christ called "a great and last sacrifice" (v. 13)?
789. What was "the whole meaning of the law" of Moses (v. 14)?
790. What does Amulek mean by the statement that "he that exercises no faith unto repentance is exposed to the whole law of the demands of justice" (v. 16)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 19:15-17 ff.
791. Amulek says, "therefore only unto him that has faith unto repentance is brought about the great and eternal plan of redemption" (v. 16)? What else is necessary besides "faith unto repentance"? Compare this with Alma 9:27.
792. Where should we pray (vs. 18-26)?
793. When should we pray (vs. 18-26)?
794. What are some of the things for which we should pray (vs. 18-26)?
795. The Apostle Paul admonished members of the Church in his day to "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). How is this possible (v. 27)?
796. What exceptionally practical counsel does Amulek give on keeping prayer free from vanity and hypocrisy (v. 28)?
797. If the sinner truly repents (and is baptized) how soon does he begin to reap the benefits of Christ's "plan of redemption" (v. 31)?
798. What is the main thing that this life is given us to prepare for (v. 32)?
799. How much of our eternal future depends upon the way we conduct ourselves in "this day of life" that we call mortality (v. 33)?
800. Amulek taught the Zoramites that they now had the opportunity of repenting and accepting the gospel (vs. 30-31) and implied that if they postponed accepting it until death they would never be able to rectify their neglect and never be able to dwell with God (vs. 32-33). In seeming contrast with this, isn't it the Latter-day Saint belief that those people who were indifferent to the message of the Prophet Noah while they were upon the earth and who afterwards received the gospel from Christ in the

spirit world (1 Peter 3:18-20) will inherit the celestial kingdom and so dwell with God? In formulating your answer consult Doctrine and Covenants 76:71-78.

801. If a person gains the testimony of Jesus in mortality (which implies being baptized) and fails to serve Christ valiantly, can't he do something after death (in spite of verse 33) that will enable him to dwell with God, along with friends and family associates who were valiant? In formulating your answer consult Doctrine and Covenants 76:77-79.
802. What is the fallacy of so-called death bed repentance, as also the fallacy of supposing that one can change his status after death (v. 34)?
803. How many times a year should a Latter-day Saint observe "thanksgiving" day (v. 38)?
804. How do we place ourselves in spiritual jeopardy if we revile against those who mistreat us (v. 40)?

Chapter 35

805. Where did the humble among the Zoramites find refuge after their expulsion (v. 6)?
806. Why did the people of Ammon move out of the Land of Jershon and let others move in, in the face of the oncoming battle (v. 13)? Consult Alma 24:15-19 and Alma 27:21-26 for your answer.

Chapter 36

807. In what sense did Alma feel that he had been a murderer in his youth (v. 14)?
808. What did Alma discover that hell is like after spending three days in it (vs. 12-16)?
809. How was it vividly brought home to Alma that Christ is man's miraculous Savior from sin and the devil (vs. 17-23)? Compare this with Alma 38:8 and Enos, vs. 1-8.

Chapter 37

810. Only a few extracts of the *Brass Plates of Laban* appear in the Book of Mormon. How long will the Lord continue to keep and preserve the original work (vs. 3-5)?
811. What ancient promise—in relation to which the Nephite prophets interpreted the ups and downs of history—was reaffirmed by Alma to Helaman (v. 13)?
812. What does Alma say that indicates the prophet custodians of the *Large Plates of Nephi* depended on the Spirit every step of the way in the preparation of their record for us (vs. 15-16 ff.)?

842. Alma says "the soul could never die" and, in the same breath, says that the fall brought upon the human family "a spiritual death." What is a spiritual death, if it isn't death of the soul (v. 9)?
843. Why would all men be miserable after death if it were not for the plan of redemption (v. 11)? Compare this with 1 Corinthians 15:19 ff.
844. Divine justice demands that the plan of redemption from sin should not be extended to men "only on conditions of . . ." what (v. 13)?
845. Even with the aforementioned change in course from sin to righteousness, men could not be recipients of divine mercy (which brings forgiveness of sin and Eternal Life in God's presence) except for what (v. 15)?
846. Alma indicates that the happiness of the redeemed will last forever. How long will the punishment of the unredeemed (sons of perdition) last (v. 16)?
847. What kind of punishment comes in the wake of transgressed law (v. 18)?
848. If God were merciful to the exclusion of being just and, hence, determined to forgive all men instead of punishing sinners, what, besides justice, would be dethroned (v. 22)? Compare verses 13 and 25.
849. It is fashionable today to speak of the love and mercy of God without mentioning His wrath and justice. Judging by Corianton's inclination to "deny the justice of God" (v. 30) what probably accounts for the modern de-emphasis of the doctrine?
850. What must we teach our fellowmen to do in order "that the great plan of mercy may have claim upon them" (v. 31)? Compare this with Alma 9:27.

Chapter 43

851. Why did the Lamanites appoint apostate Nephites to be their wartime military leaders (vs. 6-7)? Compare this with Alma 48:5.
852. What indication do we have that the Nephite-Lamanite wars were, fundamentally, religious wars (vs. 9-12, 30, 45-49)? Compare this with Alma, chapters 24-25 and 35:1-12.
853. Seventy-four years before the birth of Christ the Nephite military leader, Moroni, introduced into the army protective armor as a new type of defensive weapon of war (vs. 19-21, 38). To what "handbook" of "military history" may his idea be traced? Consult Ether 15:15 for your answer, and compare Mosiah 28:12-17.

854. What excellent example is provided in this chapter of (a) one man's willingness to conduct his affairs in harmony with the counsel of a living prophet and (b) the Lord's willingness to assist those who will put their trust in Him in their problems of national defense (vs. 23-26 ff.)?
855. Why didn't the Nephites, who were guided by prophets of God follow a policy of military non-resistance, as has been advocated by certain modern religious societies (vs. 46-47)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 98:23-32 ff.

Chapter 44

856. Why did the question of religion prove such an important one in the truce talk (vs. 1-5, 9)? In formulating your answer consider the issue that had brought on the war (Alma 35:1-13).
857. What indication do we find that Zarahemnah, wicked as he was, didn't want to be an oath breaker (v. 8)?
858. How did Zarahemnah lose his scalp or skull skin (vs. 12-15)?

Chapter 45

859. According to the superscription, whose writings formed Mormon's source from chapter 45 through 62?
860. What curse awaits the people of America "when they are fully ripe" (v. 16)?
861. What saying went abroad in the Church concerning Alma's mysterious disappearance (v. 19)?

Chapter 46

862. When Moroni, who had helped win the war, saw that his people were in danger of losing the peace, what was the slogan under which he rallied them (v. 12 ff.)?
863. How did Moroni signify that he was willing to fight to preserve the Nephite republic from the poisonous doctrine of autocratic government being spread by Amalickiah (v. 13)?
864. What nickname were the believers in Christ given by those outside the Church (vs. 13-16)? Compare this with Acts 11:26.
865. What did Moroni name all the land north and south of the Land of Desolation (v. 17)?
866. What was the significance of the fact that they "rent their garments" (vs. 21-22)?
867. What interesting prophecy of Jacob's, that is not found in the Bible, is quoted here by Moroni (vs. 24-26)?

868. What application did Moroni make of Jacob's prophecy (v. 27)?
869. What indication do we have that Moroni was not disposed to mollycoddle traitors who refused to renounce their intention to overthrow the government (v. 35)?
870. Why was the climate of Zarahemla not particularly favorable to good health (v. 40)?

Chapter 47

871. By what acts of perfidy and treachery did Amalickiah become king of the Lamanites (vs. 1-35)?
872. Why, in your opinion, was a marriage between Amalickiah and the Lamanite queen politically advantageous to both?

Chapter 48

873. What new city defense system or device did Moroni institute in preparation for the war with Amalickiah (v. 8)? Compare this with Alma 50:1-5.
874. What timely lesson in national defense planning does the Nephite record provide the people of America today (vs. 14-16)? Compare this with Ether 2:11-12.
875. Why is it not surprising that the Prophet Mormon named his own son, *Moroni*, (possibly) after the great Nephite military leader of this period (vs. 11-13, 16-17)?

Chapter 49

876. It is virtually an axiom in modern warfare that whenever one side introduces an improved technique or device for battle the other side will soon adopt it. How does this apply to the Lamanites (v. 6)? Compare this with Alma 43:19-20 ff.
877. How was Moroni's inspiration verified in respect to the defense of Ammonihah and Noah (vs. 1-25)?

Chapter 50

878. What aggressive action did Moroni take to strengthen the military position of the Nephites (vs. 7-16)? Compare this with Alma 22:29.
879. What ancient promise does Mormon observe was again verified during this period of Nephite history (vs. 19-23)?
880. In your judgment, why would it have been a major military setback to the Nephites if Morianton had united with the people of Bountiful, as Moroni feared he would try to do (v. 32)? Compare this with Alma 52:9.

881. How did it happen that the *Large Plates of Nephi*, which during the early part of Nephite history formed a secular record kept by the kings, shifted from the hands of the government heads to the prophets (v. 38)?
882. Who succeeded Nephiah in the judgeship (vs. 39-40)?

Chapter 51

883. Nothing less than the aim to reestablish what system of government was behind the simple request that "a few particular points of the law should be altered" (vs. 2-5)?
884. What was the primary reason that the "freemen" or republicans were opposed to the governmental changes advocated by the "kingmen" or royalists (v. 6)?
885. Why was the dispute, engendered by descendants of the old royal line, so ill-timed (vs. 8-9)?
886. How did Amalickiah meet his death (vs. 33-34)?

Chapter 52

887. What action did Ammoron take to divide the Nephite forces (vs. 12-13)?
888. How was the city of Mulek retaken and the army of Jacob defeated (vs. 16-40)? Compare this with Joshua 8:3-7 in the Bible.

Chapter 53

889. What dilemma did the former Anti-Nephi-Lehies face, and how did they solve it (vs. 10-19)?
890. What does Mormon say that indicates Helaman's troops possessed a quality that is much needed today among employees and employers, students and teachers, parents and church workers (v. 20)?

Chapter 54

891. What Lamanite-type reasoning did Moroni cast into Ammoron's teeth in support of his (Moroni's) threatened war of extermination against the Lamanites (v. 13)? Compare this with vs. 23-24.
892. What hackneyed old complaint did the "naturalized" Lamanite citizen, Ammoron, offer as the Lamanite interpretation of the issue at stake in the Lamanite-Nephite wars (vs. 16-24)? Compare this with Mosiah 10:15-17.

Chapter 55

893. How did Moroni engineer the escape of the Nephite prisoners without having to exchange Lamanite prisoners for them (vs. 1-24)?

933. Judging by Helaman's reason for naming his sons after illustrious prophet ancestors (v. 6) what do you think may have been the Lord's purpose for calling imperfect members of His Church, "Saints"? Compare this with Ephesians 4:12.
934. In your judgment, what is the difference between the idea that Christ redeems men "in their sins" and the idea that He redeems men "from their sins" (v. 10)?
935. Why is it all-important that we build our faith "upon the rock of our Redeemer" and not upon the philosophies and theories of men (v. 12)?
936. What lesson in (true) repentance does verse 17 provide?
937. How many Lamanites were converted by Lehi and Nephi in Zarahemla (v. 19)?
938. In what prison were Lehi and Nephi incarcerated after their arrest (v. 21)? Compare this with Mosiah 7:6 ff.
939. What did Lehi and Nephi discover the voice of God sounds like (vs. 31-32 and 46-47)?
940. When had the Nephite dissenters in the crowd heard Alma, Amulek, and Zeezrom, all three, preaching the gospel (v. 41)? Consult Alma 31:6-7 ff. for your answer. Compare this with Alma 43:4.
941. What portion of the Lamanite nation was converted by the testimony of the three hundred converts (vs. 49-50)?
942. Explain how two men and God quickly and simply brought thousands of souls to Christ and, incidentally, won as great a military victory as Moronihah's army had done during a two year military campaign (vs. 51-52).

Chapter 6

943. Who were the more righteous during this period, Nephites or Lamanites (vs. 1-2)?
944. What new group of missionaries now began to appear on the Nephite scene (vs. 4-6)?
945. What names came to designate the entire "land north" and the entire "land south" of the narrow neck of land (v. 10)?
946. What portion of the Nephites became members of the Gadianton society (v. 21)?
947. Inasmuch as Helaman obeyed his father's injunction not to make public the secret oaths and signs of the ancient Jaredites, how did the founders of the Gadianton band gain access to them (vs. 25-30)?
948. What indication do we have that many of the Nephites worshipped idols during this period (v. 31)?

949. What method did the Lamanites employ to root out the Gadianton society from among them (v. 37)?
950. How did the Gadianton band gain control of the Nephite government (vs. 38-39)?

Chapter 7

951. Why did Nephi cut short his missionary labors among the Nephites in the land northward (vs. 1-3)?
952. What very human tendency does Nephi display in verses 7 through 9?
953. Upon what fair and equitable basis does the Lord dispense His strength to men and nations (v. 23)?
954. When was the prophecy of verse 24 fulfilled? Consult Mormon, chapters 1-8, for your answer.

Chapter 8

955. What basis did the judges have for accusing Nephi of reviling their laws (v. 3)?
956. What argument does Nephi offer in support of the claim that the Lord confers tremendous power on human agents (vs. 11-12)? Compare this with Matthew 16:19.
957. The Bible has not preserved a certain important lesson that Moses taught his people concerning the brazen serpent episode of Numbers 21:6-9. What does the Book of Mormon tell us was that lesson (vs. 14-15)? Compare this with Alma 33:19-22.
958. What is meant by "the order of God; yea, even . . . the order of his Son" (v. 18)? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 107:1-4 for your answer.
959. From what record did the Nephites get the prophecies of such prophets as Zenos, Zenock, and Ezias (vs. 19-20)? Consult 3 Nephi 10:14-17 for your answer.
960. By way of review, what Israelitish tribes were represented by the Mulekites and Nephites in the New World? Compare this with Omni, verse 14 and questions based thereon.
961. What indication do we find in verse 23 to the fact that Nephi knew that the Saviour (who had not yet been born) and his own ancestors (who had died) were all very much alive?
962. What revelation actually came to Nephi during his public address (v. 27)?

Chapter 9

963. How did the judges try to account for Nephi's knowledge of the murder of the chief judge (v. 16)?

964. What appears to have proved more impressive to the majority of the people, Nephi's prophetic power or his message (vs. 40-41)?

Chapter 10

965. It is said that self-preservation is the first law of nature. What was more important to Nephi than self-preservation (v. 4)?

966. Why could the Lord safely promise Nephi unlimited power (v. 5)?

967. After Nephi's refreshing contact with God his discouragement was gone (v. 12). What lesson does his experience offer us?

Chapter 11

968. How did Nephi use his great power to provide his people a blessing in disguise (vs. 4-5)?

969. In your opinion, does the Lord have anything to do today with drought and war and depression? Explain.

970. Who, besides Lehi and Nephi, received revelations during this period (v. 23)?

971. How did it happen that the Nephites and Lamanites, who had been enemies for centuries, now found themselves fighting side by side against a common foe (vs. 24-32)?

Chapter 12

972. What does Mormon say that indicates that when a people are righteous God sometimes causes their prospective enemies to drop their war plans in favor of peace (v. 2)?

973. What usually happens when people get too prosperous and comfortable (v. 2)?

974. Unless the Lord chastens His people with afflictions what does it seem that they will not do (v. 3)?

975. In what sense does Mormon mean that human beings are "less than the dust of the earth" (vs. 7-8)?

976. What does Mormon say in the latter part of verse 15 that shows he possessed a correct understanding of a one-time, much-disputed principle of astronomy?

Chapter 13

977. Who is the best known of the Lamanite missionaries who labored among the Nephites during this era (v. 2 ff.)? Compare this with Helaman 6:4-6.

978. What would have caused God to countermand or defer the prophesied destruction of the Nephite nation (vs. 10-11)?

1005. What qualifications did the Nephites look for in men whom they desired for their military commanders (v. 19)?
1006. What was Gidgiddoni's attitude toward a "preventive war," such as has been advocated by certain individuals in our day (vs. 20-21)?
1007. From the standpoint of its strategic location why was it expedient that the Nephites strengthen the military defenses of Bountiful, as well as the defenses of Zarahemla (v. 23)? Compare this with Alma 22:33-34.

Chapter 4

1008. Why were the bandits virtually compelled to attack the Nephites, notwithstanding the fact that the Nephites were militarily stronger than they were (vs. 5-6)?
1009. Why did the robber warriors look grotesque to the Nephites (v. 7)?
1010. What act on the part of the defenders gave the bandit army an unjustified feeling of overconfidence (vs. 8-10)?
1011. Why was Zemnarihah obliged to lift the siege (vs. 16-23)?
1012. How did Gidgiddoni's forces steal a march and win the war (vs. 24-27)?
1013. To what fact did the Nephites attribute their victory (v. 33)?

Chapter 5

1014. What was the nature of the prisoner indoctrination program carried on by the Nephites among their captives of war (v. 4)?
1015. Mormon pauses in his narrative to remind us that his record of the events of the first twenty-five years of the Christian era (v. 8) is "according to the record of Nephi" (v. 10). Which Nephi does he mean? Compare this with 3 Nephi 1:3.
1016. What does Mormon say that indicates he wrote his abridgement upon a set of plates (which we call the *Plates of Mormon*) that was entirely separate and apart from the plates (the *Large Plates of Nephi*) that formed his source (vs. 11-12)?
1017. Why does Mormon say it was expedient that he "make a record of these things which have been done" (v. 14 ff.)? Compare this with Enos, vs. 13-18 and Doctrine and Covenants 10:46-49 ff.
1018. What record is referred to in verse 17? See footnote *l*.
1019. Mormon says he was "a pure descendant of Lehi" (v. 20). How could he have been anything else than a pure descendant of Lehi? In formulating your answer consult Omni, vs. 12-19.

1020. How is verse 23 being fulfilled in our day? Compare this with 2 Nephi 3:12.

1021. What prophecy does Mormon utter regarding the whole House of Israel in the last days (vs. 24-26)?

Chapter 6

1022. What group of converts proved immovable in the faith (v. 14)?

1023. What enormous judicial crimes were committed during this period (vs. 22-24)?

1024. How did it happen that a secret combination was once more established in the land (vs. 26-30)?

Chapter 7

1025. How did it happen that a tribal form of government suddenly replaced the Nephite republic (vs. 1-6)?

1026. Who was designated king of the anti-government, anti-Church forces (vs. 9-10)?

1027. What great miracle did Nephi perform in behalf of his martyred brother (v. 19)?

1028. What does Mormon say that serves to remind the reader who has not been baptized that repentance must be coupled with baptism to be effective (vs. 23-26)?

Chapter 8

1029. Mormon says, "there was not any man who could do a miracle in the name of Jesus save he were . . ." what (v. 1)?

1030. According to the Nephite reckoning of time when did the calamities take place (v. 5 ff.)?

1031. What was happening in Jerusalem when the disaster, here narrated, struck the Western World (vs. 5-18)? In formulating your answer consult Helaman 14:20-21 and Matthew 27:45-51.

1032. Although the scriptures predict that worldwide disaster will attend the second coming of Christ and the ushering in of the Millennium (Isaiah 40:3-5; Zechariah 14:1-7; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 16:15-21; Doctrine and Covenants 45:48; 88:87-91; 101:23-25; 133:20-35; Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:37), there are many people who believe that the Millennium will come by gradual evolution. How gradual were the changes in America that preceded the Savior's coming to the Nephites (v. 19)?

1033. In your judgment, why was it appropriate that darkness prevail at the time of Christ's death (v. 23)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 1:19 and 11:11.

Chapter 9

1034. If verses 1 through 11 were a song, what impressive words would constitute the refrain?
1035. In spite of the fact that the prophecies indicate that at the time of the second coming of Christ the earth's population generally will be corrupt (and only a relatively small handful be prepared to receive Him) there are those who say that Christ will not come until the human family (as a whole) is ready for him. Judging by verses 1 through 12 would you say that the majority of the Nephites were ready or not ready to receive Christ?
1036. There are those who say that when Christ comes again He will not destroy the wicked because He is a God of love. How would you answer this in the light of verses 1 through 13?
1037. Who are we again reminded "created the heavens and the earth, and all things that in them are" (v. 15)?
1038. In your judgment, what is meant by the statement, "I am in the Father, and the Father in me . . ." (v. 15)? Compare this with John 17:20-21.
1039. To whom is it given to become "the sons of God" (v. 17)? Compare this with Pearl of Great Price, Moses 6:64-68.
1040. What takes the place of the Mosaic law of sacrifice (vs. 19-20)?

Chapter 10

1041. The prophecies repeatedly assert that the righteous will be preserved in the day of Christ's future coming (1 Nephi 22:17, 19; Doctrine and Covenants 63:33-35; Pearl of Great Price, Moses 7:61). How does this promise square with what took place at the time of Christ's coming to the Nephites (vs. 12-13)?
1042. What Old World scriptural record contained prophecies of Christ's coming to the Nephites (vs. 16-17)?
1043. Mormon, who was writing of these events several hundred years after their occurrence, spoke of Christ's appearing to the Nephites "soon after the ascension" (v. 18). Approximately how much time appears to have elapsed from the time of the calamities in 3 Nephi 8:5 until the Savior's personal visit (v. 18)?

Chapter 11

1044. When Jesus first appeared to the Nephites it was an assembly of approximately 2500

people (3 Nephi 17:25). This gathering must have been a special convocation of some kind, for all twelve of the men that Jesus was to choose to lead His Church were in attendance. On the temple grounds of which Nephite temple were the people gathered (v. 1)?

1045. How does the record describe the voice of God (v. 3)? Compare this with Helaman 5:30-31, 46-47.
1046. The Father introduced His Son to the multitude (v. 7). Upon what other recorded occasions has the Father introduced the Son? In formulating your answer consult Matthew 3:17; 17:5; Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:17.
1047. What was the "bitter cup" from which Christ drank (v. 11)? Compare this with Mark 14:32-36.
1048. What unmistakable identification marks did Jesus preserve in His resurrected body (v. 14)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 45:51-52.
1049. What important and authoritative information did the Savior provide the Nephite people on the subject of baptism that should interest all men everywhere (vs. 23-26)?
1050. What did Jesus say regarding the propriety of theological "disputations" or arguments (vs. 28-30)?
1051. What did Jesus say that indicates baptism is essential to salvation and applicable to all men (vs. 32-35)?
1052. What does it mean to "become as a little child" (vs. 38-39)? Consult Mosiah 3:19 for your answer.
1053. In your opinion, who in the world today is declaring "more or less than" the doctrine of salvation that Jesus enunciated to the Nephites (v. 40)?

Chapter 12

1054. Joseph Smith refers to the Nephite disciples, that Jesus appointed to lead His Church, as apostles. (*Documentary History of the Church*, Vol. 4, page 538.) How many did Jesus select (v. 1)?
1055. Who were the more blessed, those who saw Jesus and believed in Him or those who were afterwards converted through the testimony of those who saw Him (v. 2)?
1056. In harmony with God's perfect program of justice Jesus taught the Nephite branch of the House of Israel the same truths that He taught the Jewish branch in Palestine. (Compare 3 Nephi 15:1). To both groups he presented the discourse known as the Sermon

on the Mount. The Book of Mormon rendition of this discourse should be read alongside the Bible rendition in Matthew, chapters 5 through 7. It will be observed that the Book of Mormon version sheds important light on the Biblical version. At the outset, in contrast with the popular view that the Sermon on the Mount constituted Jesus' teachings on the good life to all men everywhere—the unbaptized as well as the baptized—the Book of Mormon shows that it was directed specifically to those who were or were to be baptized members of Christ's Church. What preliminary instructions, given by Jesus to His Nephite listeners, show that the Sermon presupposes baptism (vs. 1-2)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 11:21-41.

1057. What evidence can you find in Matthew 5:1-2 (supplemented by Matthew 5:25) that supports the claim that Jesus was not addressing the world at large but, instead, was simply instructing a group of His disciples while seated informally upon the ground?
1058. Verse 3 of the Book of Mormon text appears to be a virtual restatement of the latter half of verse 2. What, then, is meant by the "poor in spirit *who come unto me*"?
1059. All they that mourn (who have first come down into the depths of humility and been baptized and received the Holy Ghost, verse 2) shall be comforted (v. 4). Why is the mourning of the Saints (for the loss of loved ones, for example) invariably swallowed up in comfort?
1060. The meek (who have first come down into the depths of humility and been baptized and received the Holy Ghost, verse 2) shall inherit the earth (v. 5). When will this be so? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 88:17-20 for your answer.
1061. All they that hunger and thirst after righteousness (who have first come down into the depths of humility and been baptized and received the Holy Ghost, verse 2) shall be filled with the Holy Ghost (v. 6) and enjoy its constant companionship. How does this coincide with the injunction and promise that one receives at the time he is confirmed a member of the Church?
1062. The merciful (who have first come down into the depths of humility and been baptized and received the Holy Ghost, verse 2) shall obtain mercy (v. 7). In what form is Christ's mercy manifested? Consult Alma 12:33-34 for your answer.

1063. The pure in heart (who have first come down into the depths of humility and been baptized and received the Holy Ghost, verse 2) shall see God and dwell with Him (v. 8). How does this harmonize with latter-day revelation? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 76:51-62 for your answer.

1064. All the peacemakers (who have first come down into the depths of humility and been baptized and received the Holy Ghost, verse 2) shall be called the children of God (v. 9). Who are the peacemakers? Consult Mosiah 15:11-18 for your answer.

1065. Who are they who are given to be "the salt of the earth" (v. 13)? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 101:39-40 for your answer.

1066. What did Jesus mean by the "light" that his hearers should cause to "shine" before their fellow men (v. 16)? Consult 3 Nephi 18:24 for your answer.

1067. Jesus commended the setting of a good example (v. 16)? Is that all we are obliged to do, or are we also supposed to teach the gospel with words? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 88:81 for your answer.

1068. When Jesus addressed His disciples in Palestine, as is recorded in Matthew 5:18, He told them that the Mosaic law *would be* fulfilled, whereas He told the Nephites in America that it *had been* fulfilled (v. 18). How do you account for the difference in tense? Compare this with Alma 34:13.

1069. Who gave the law of Moses to the Children of Israel (v. 19)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 15:5.

1070. In your judgment or experience, if someone harbors ill-will toward you (vs. 23-24) why is it important that you seek his goodwill before approaching the Lord in prayer?

1071. What did Jesus evidently mean when He instructed His people not to swear but rather let their words be "Yea, yea; Nay, nay" (vs. 33-37)?

1072. Is Christ perfect, or is He constantly working toward perfection (v. 48)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 93:26 ff.

Chapter 13

1073. Upon what condition is one *not* rewarded for contributing to the welfare of the needy (v. 1)?

1074. In your opinion, if the Lord knows what we need before we ask what is the purpose of our asking (v. 8)? Compare this with Revelation 3:20.

1075. What does the Lord require of those who would obtain forgiveness of their sins (vs. 14-15)?
1076. In your judgment, why is secrecy such an emphatic part of Jesus' teachings on fasting and prayer and charity (vs. 1-18)?
1077. In your judgment, how do we lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven (vs. 19-21)?
1078. Whom did Jesus single out for the instruction that begins with verse 25? Compare this with Matthew 6:25.

Chapter 14

1079. In your judgment, what did Jesus mean by the injunction. ". . . neither cast ye your pearls before swine . . ." (v. 6)?
1080. What did Jesus say constitutes "the law and the prophets" (v. 12)?
1081. The word "strait" (vs. 13-14) means narrow. (Note that both the "gate" and the "way" are narrow.) What is the "gate" through which each must pass to get on the way to Eternal Life? Consult 2 Nephi 31:17 ff. for your answer.
1082. Did Jesus teach that many people or few find the way to Eternal Life (v. 14)? Compare this with 2 Nephi 31:19-20.
1083. How can we detect false prophets (vs. 15-20)? Compare this with Moroni 7:16-18.
1084. What does Jesus say that indicates that mere lip service will never make a man eligible to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven (vs. 21-27)?

Chapter 15

1085. Who was the God of the Old Testament (v. 5)? Compare this with 1 Corinthians 10:1-4.
1086. Who was Jesus speaking about when He referred to "other tribes of the house of Israel, whom the Father hath led away out of the land" (v. 15)?
1087. Where in the Bible do we find the prophecy to which Jesus alludes in verse 17? Note footnote *q*.
1088. Whose mission was it to preach the gospel to the Gentiles (v. 22)?

Chapter 16

1089. Who did Jesus say He was going to visit after leaving the Nephites (vs. 1-3)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 17:4.
1090. Knowledge of what people could Christ's followers at Jerusalem have received if they had but asked (v. 4)?

1091. How is the gospel today serving to gather the House of Israel from the four quarters of the earth (v. 5)?
1092. Orson Pratt believed that Christ's prophecy that the gospel would be taken from the Gentiles if they should reject it (v. 10) was fulfilled when the Church migrated to the Indian territory of the West (at which time the missionaries were temporarily called home). If his interpretation be correct what would be the probable explanation of the promise in verse 11 that the gospel would then be taken to the House of Israel? Compare *Masterful Discourses of Orson Pratt*, pp. 316, 318.
1093. What passage in this chapter has caused some people to suppose that Indians and Mexicans of North and South America may some day rise up against the Gentiles of America (vs. 14-15)?

Chapter 17

1094. What beautiful illustration does this chapter provide of the Lord's responsiveness to the prayerful yearnings of His people (vs. 4-5 ff.)?
1095. What kind of a picture of God's love for man does this chapter portray?

Chapter 18

1096. When the disciples and the multitude partook of the sacrament of the Lord's supper they were "filled" (vs. 4-5, 9). With what were they filled? Consult 3 Nephi 20:9 for your answer.
1097. In your opinion, what is wrong if one partakes of the sacrament and is not "filled"?
1098. For whom is the sacrament intended (vs. 5, 11)?
1099. Partaking of the sacrament of the Lord's supper signifies that the partaker vows (a) to take upon himself Christ's name, (b) to always remember Him and (c) to always keep His commandments (Moroni 4:3). What, besides merely making the vow, is necessary to gain the constant companionship of the Holy Spirit (vs. 7, 11)?
1100. Why did Jesus say we should "pray always" (v. 18)?
1101. In whose name should we pray (v. 19)?
1102. What did Jesus say of family prayer (v. 21)?
1103. What did Jesus say that indicates the Church should maintain an "open door policy" toward unbelievers (v. 22)? Compare this with verses 30 and 32.

Chapter 23

1133. Why did Jesus again admonish the Nephites to make a careful study of the words of Isaiah (vs. 1-3)?
1134. What does the Bible say concerning the resurrection of others besides Jesus at the time that the Savior came forth from the grave (vs. 9-10)? Consult Matthew 27:52-53 for your answer.
1135. What lesson might ward clerks and secretaries gain from Nephi's experience (vs. 11-13)?
1136. Judging by Jesus' concern that the Nephite scriptural records be accurate and complete (vs. 11-13) do you consider it probable that some of the New Testament may be based on records made while Jesus was still alive?

Chapter 24

1137. How did ancient Israel rob God (vs. 8-9)?
1138. What economic or material blessings did the Lord promise tithepayers in ancient times (vs. 10-11)?

Chapter 25

1139. When the Angel Moroni came to Joseph Smith he restated, among other prophecies, the part of Malachi's prophecy that appears in verse 1; but he made one interesting change that seemingly meant that Christ and His heavenly hosts will be the Source of the fire that will burn up the wicked. What was this change? Consult Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:37 for your answer.

Chapter 26

1140. What explanation did Jesus give as to why He had quoted the scriptures that we know of as the third and fourth chapters of Malachi (v. 2)?
1141. Mormon, who lived at the end of nearly a thousand years of Nephite history, was the heir to many sacred records (Mormon 1:3); the bulk of these he buried in the earth, "save it were these few plates which I gave unto my son Moroni" (Mormon 6:6). On two occasions Joseph Smith was shown this great library of Nephite records, but he was not permitted to translate them. Neither was he permitted to translate the sealed portion of the Book of Mormon plates (Ether, chapters 4 and 5). Why has the Lord given us such a small part of the Nephite writings (v. 9)?

Chapter 28

1160. What was the desire and request of nine of the twelve disciples (v. 2)?
1161. At what age of life were the nine disciples promised that their request would be granted (v. 3)?
1162. What desire was John the Beloved granted (v. 6)? Consult John 21:21-25 and Doctrine and Covenants, Section 7, for your answer.
1163. What desire did Jesus say would be granted three of the Nephite disciples (vs. 6-10)?
1164. What change came over the "three Nephites" (vs. 13-17)?
1165. What does Mormon tell us of the later career of the "three Nephites" (vs. 18-24)? Compare this with 4 Nephi, vs. 30-33.
1166. Why didn't Mormon write the names of the "three Nephites" (v. 25)?
1167. How did Mormon, who lived during the fourth century A.D., know for sure that the "three Nephites" were still alive (v. 26)? Compare this with Mormon 8:10-11.
1168. What did Mormon prophesy concerning the future labors of the "three Nephites" (vs. 27-32)?
1169. After writing that he did not know whether the three Nephite disciples "were mortal or immortal, from the day of their transfiguration" (v. 17) Mormon took the question to the Lord and received a revelation on the subject. What did he learn about their status or condition (vs. 36-40)? Compare this with Joseph Fielding Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, p. 170.

Chapter 29

1170. Mormon prophesied that the coming forth of the Book of Mormon would be the signal that what great event was underway (v. 1)?
1171. What does Mormon say to those who would spurn the works of the Lord in the day of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon (v. 4)?
1172. What does Mormon say to those who would ridicule or "make game" of the Jews or "any of the remnant of the House of Israel" (v. 8)?

Chapter 30

1173. What is the promise in store for the Gentiles if they will repent and be baptized (v. 2)?

1247. Inasmuch as the Lord knew that the brother of Jared had seen no more of His Person than the finger that He had shown him, why do you suppose He asked him whether he had seen any more (vs. 9-10)?
1248. What final display of faith did the Lord ask the brother of Jared to make before admitting him into His presence (vs. 11-12)?
1249. How does one become a member of the spiritual family of Christ (v. 14)? Compare this with Mosiah 15:10-13 and Pearl of Great Price Moses 6:64-68.
1250. What statement gives us the basis for supposing that our mortal body is patterned after our pre-mortal body (v. 16)?
1251. Some people say that revelation is merely the product of an individual's best thinking and involves God not at all, while certain others say the individual has nothing to do with it but that it is all up to God. How does the experience of the brother of Jared in chapters 2 and 3 show, rather, that revelation involves a partnership between the earnest seeker and his Heavenly Father?
1252. Is it possible for members of Christ's Church, while still in mortality, to see God? In formulating your answer consult Doctrine and Covenants 67:10 ff. and Joseph Fielding Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, pp. 150-151.

Chapter 4

1253. When the Prophet-king Mosiah II translated the Jaredite record into the Nephite language in the year 92 B.C. (Mosiah 28:11-17), why did he refrain from publishing the glorious vision of the brother of Jared (v. 1)?
1254. During what golden age of Nephite history did the Nephites have access to the details of the vision of the brother of Jared (v. 2)? Compare this with Ether 3:21, 28.
1255. What one thing, at least, do we know the sealed plates of the Book of Mormon contain (v. 4 ff.)? Compare this with 2 Nephi 27:7 and Ether 3:25-26.
1256. What were the interpreters that Moroni sealed up with the plates (v. 5)? Compare this with Ether 3:23-24 and Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:34-35.
1257. Judging by verse 6, why has the Lord not yet seen fit to give the Church today the account of the brother of Jared's vision?
1258. When will we be privileged to have access to the detailed vision of the brother of Jared (vs. 6-7)?

1259. The coming forth of the Book of Mormon is a sign that the revelations of which apostle of Christ are about to be fulfilled (v. 16)?

Chapter 5

1260. What instructions pertaining to the sealed vision did Moroni leave on record for the benefit of the latter-day translator, Joseph Smith (v. 1)?

1261. How many witnesses were to see the Book of Mormon plates "by the gift and power of God" (vs. 2-4)? Compare this with 2 Nephi 27:12-13.

1262. In your opinion, does the testimony of eye witnesses to the Book of Mormon plates condemn men and women of our generation (a) for not believing the Book of Mormon or (b) for not investigating the book of Mormon?

Chapter 6

1263. What did the brother of Jared and his people do that served to prevent the boredom of the journey from getting the best of them (v. 9)?

1264. How long did the ocean voyage last (v. 11)?

1265. How many people would you estimate were in the Jaredite colony by the end of the brother of Jared's life (vs. 14-16, 20)?

1266. It is apparent that the brother of Jared and not Jared was the recognized leader of the New World colony, for when the people wished to establish a monarchy they offered the kingship to his sons. When the sons of the brother of Jared declined the kingship who finally was chosen to be their king (v. 17 ff.)?

Chapter 7

1267. The brother of Jared predicted that setting up a kingship would lead to captivity (Ether 6:23). How was this fulfilled during Shule's lifetime (vs. 7-18)?

1268. What did King Shule do to protect the prophets (vs. 24-26)?

Chapter 8

1269. What insidious plan did Jared and his daughter devise (vs. 8-12)?

1270. The oaths that Akish administered to his secret band of conspirators had been handed down from whom (v. 15)?

1271. What does Moroni say will be the fate of any nation that tolerates secret societies until they have spread over the nation (v. 22)?

1272. Who is the real originator of secret combinations (v. 25)?

Chapter 9

1273. How did Omer escape assassination (v. 2)?
1274. How did Akish gain the throne for himself (vs. 5-6)?
1275. What indication do we have that the downfall of the Jaredite nation in the age of Akish was probably due to the corruption of the people as much as to the corruption of their leaders (vs. 11-12)?
1276. The Jaredites had horses (v. 19). What have excavators discovered relative to the existence of horses in ancient America? In formulating your answer consult question number 702.
1277. What two animals did the Jaredites use domestically that are unknown to us today—at least by the Jaredite names (v. 19)?
1278. What urgent reminder (for America today) does Moroni again repeat (v. 20)?
1279. What glorious manifestation was vouchsafed to Emer in his old age (vs. 21-22)?
1280. How does Corianton's length of life (v. 24) compare with the length of life of some of the Biblical patriarchs, who may have lived during this period of history? Consult Genesis 25:7; 35:28; and 50:22.
1281. What terrible disaster came upon the Jaredite nation in the days of King Heth after the people had rejected the warnings of the prophets of God (vs. 28-35)?

Chapter 10

1282. It is likely that over half of Moroni's thumbnail sketch of Jaredite history is covered by this chapter. Starting with Shez (v. 1), how many generations does it deal with? Compare this with Ether 1:13-25.

Chapter 11

1283. What does Moroni appear to be saying was the reason for Com's prosperity in his later years (vs. 1-3)?
1284. After the revolting brother of Shiblom caused the prophets to be put to death, what old story was reenacted (vs. 5-8)?
1285. In your opinion, why does the Book of Ether follow the fortunes of one particular family line on and off the throne so persistently that, at times, while mentioning the names of exiled claimants to the throne, who belonged to this family, it seems to overlook

completely—as a matter of no consequence—the names of actual kings (vs. 9, 15-22)? Consider verse 23 as the probable key to the answer.

Chapter 12

1286. What wise counsel does Moroni give those who would demand eyewitness proof of spiritual phenomena as the price of their belief (v. 6)?
1287. In view of Moroni's discourse on faith (vs. 6-22), what may be concluded was (a) the reason that the resurrected Savior appeared only to certain special witnesses instead of to the world at large and (b) the reason that the Lord allowed the Book of Mormon plates to be shown only to a few? Compare this with Acts 10:39:41.
1288. In the light of verses 24 and 25 what is the probable reason that the brother of Jared whose name, (Joseph Smith learned by revelation, was Mahonri Moriancumer) is always referred to in Moroni's writings as the brother of the less distinguished Jared?
1289. What reference do we have in the Book of Mormon to a mountain literally being moved by faith (v. 30)? Compare this with Matthew 17:20 and Pearl of Great Price, Moses 7:13.
1290. What latter-day martyr used Moroni's farewell in verses 37 and 38 as his own? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 135:4-5 for your answer.

Chapter 13

1291. What hint do we have that the flood covered the Western Hemisphere (v. 2)?
1292. What did Ether prophesy concerning the future destiny of the Biblical city, Jerusalem (v. 5)?
1293. What surprising information does this chapter provide concerning the site of the New Jerusalem (v. 6)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 84:2-3.
1294. What Israelitish tribe can rightfully voice a claim to dwell in America (v. 8)?
1295. At the end of the Millennium the New Jerusalem and the rebuilt city of (old) Jerusalem will be caught up into heaven and returned to the celestialized earth. Who will then inhabit the holy cities (vs. 10-11)?
1296. In your opinion, was the promise that Coriantumr would survive his people (vs. 20-21) meant to be a blessing or a curse?

1321. What is the "light" by which we may distinguish between good and evil (v. 18)?
1322. What, in a word, must Church members first have in order to become possessors of every good (spiritual) gift (vs. 20-26)?
1323. If miracles and the appearance of angels cease in the Church what is the reason (vs. 35-38)?
1324. For what sublime gift may faithful members of Christ's Church have hope—through the atonement of Christ (v. 41)?
1325. What is the meaning of the word "charity," as used by Mormon, without which one is nothing in the eyes of God (vs. 43-47)? Compare this with Ether 12:34.
1326. What, finally, does Mormon urge members of the Church to pray for with all the energy of their hearts (v. 48)?

Chapter 8

1327. What important event had just transpired in Moroni's life when, as a youth, he received the letter from his father that comprises this chapter (vs. 1-2)?
1328. What beautiful parental prayer did Mormon offer constantly in behalf of his son (v. 3)?
1329. What did Mormon say in his letter that indicates his views on the subject of infant baptism and damnation were not based on personal opinion (vs. 7-8)?
1330. In what strong words did Mormon condemn the practice of infant baptism (v. 9)?
1331. What did Mormon admonish his son to teach the people (v. 10)?
1332. Mormon told his son that the doctrine of infant baptism implies what false notion concerning God (v. 12)?
1333. What, actually, is the fate of infants who die without baptism (vs. 17, 22)?
1334. What brings a remission of sins (v. 25)?
1335. How can the hope and love that the Holy Ghost brings be perpetuated in the daily lives of those who receive it (v. 26)?

Chapter 9

1336. What great lesson does Mormon's second epistle to Moroni provide Church members today in their fight for righteousness in the midst of a world of evil (v. 6)?
1337. What war-time atrocities were the Lamanites guilty of (vs. 7-8)?
1338. What war-time atrocities were the Nephites guilty of (vs. 9-10)?
1339. Mormon mentions an enemy military leader, named Aaron (v. 17), by whom his army had just been beaten (v. 2). At what period in

- Mormon's career could this have taken place? Consult Mormon 2:9-21 for your answer.
1340. Who were the more wicked in the era of the Nephite downfall, the Nephites or the Lamanites (v. 20)?
1341. Why didn't Mormon dare recommend his soldiers to God (v. 21)?
1342. What does Mormon say that shows he was thinking of the Book of Mormon benefiting descendants of the Nephites as well as descendants of the Lamanites (v. 24)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 3:16-17 ff.
1343. In the midst of the numerous distracting influences of his day what did Mormon urge his son, Moroni, to think about (v. 25)?

Chapter 10

1344. What appears to have been the year of Moroni's final entry on the plates (v. 1)?
1345. How may one know for himself that the Book of Mormon is true (vs. 3-4)?
1346. Upon what basis does the Lord show forth His power to men (v. 7)?
1347. What are some of the spiritual gifts that the Lord pours out upon the faithful (vs. 9-17)?
1348. Moroni's declaration that he was "as one crying from the dead, yea, even as one speaking out of the dust" (v. 27) recalls what Biblical prophecy? Consult Isaiah 29:4 ff. for your answer.
1349. How may we become perfect in Christ and become sanctified in Him (vs. 32-33)? Compare this with Helaman 3:35.
1350. Where and when will we meet the resurrected Moroni (v. 34)? Compare this with verse 27.