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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.'"

# BOOK OF MORMON STUDY GUIDE



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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 Latterday 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.

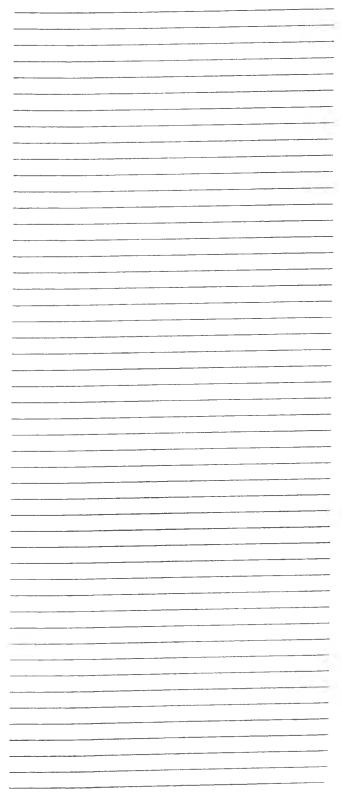
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INTRODUCTORY QUESTIONS

# THE BIBLE AND THE BOOK OF MORMON

- Read Genesis 11:1-9 in the Bible and then Ether, chapter 1, in the Book of Mormon (pp. 478-480). What interesting sidelights does the Book of Mormon contribute to the tower of Babel story?
- 2. Read Genesis 49:22-26 in the Bible and then 2 Nephi 3:3-5 in the Book of Mormon (p. 55). In view of the latter, what people must Jacob have been speaking about when he prophesied that Joseph's "branches" would "run over the wall" in verse 22 of the Genesis passage?
- 3. Read Isaiah 29:4 in the Bible and then 2 Nephi 26:15-16 in the Book of Mormon (pp. 93-94). What application did Isaiah's prophecy have to the group of Jerusalem's children, of whom the Book of Mormon speaks, that migrated to the New World about 600 B.C.?
- 4. Read Isaiah 29:9-11 in the Bible and then 2 Nephi 27:1-23 in the Book of Mormon (pp. 95-97) and Joseph Smith 2:63-65 in the Pearl of Great Price (pp. 55-56). In the light of the two latter passages how has Isaiah's prophecy of the learned man and the sealed book been fulfilled?
- Read Isaiah 29:13-14 (also verses 15-24) in the Bible and then 2 Nephi 27:24-35 in the Book of Mormon (pp. 97-98). What is the "marvelous work and a wonder" prophesied by Isaiah?
- 6. Read Ezekiel 37:15-20 in the Bible and 2 Nephi 3:12 in the Book of Mormon (p. 56). How do the Bible and the Book of Mormon together fulfill Ezekiel's prophecy?
- Read John 10:15-16 in the Bible and 3 Nephi 15:11-24 in the Book of Mormon (pp. 429-430). Who were the "other sheep" that Jesus was speaking about in the prophecy recorded by John?
- 8. Read Revelation 14:6-7 in the Bible and then Doctrine and Covenants 133:36-39 (p. 248) and also Joseph Smith 2:30-45 in the Pearl of Great Price (pp. 50-52). How did the Angel Moroni fulfill the two-fold requirements of John's prophecy in respect to bringing (a) the "everlasting gospel" (Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:34) and (b) a warning of divine judgment (Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:45)?

After answering questions 1 through 8, open the Book of Mormon to the title page. Then, after reading the title page, answer question number 9.



Follow the same procedure throughout your study. Read a segment (chapter) of the Book of Mormon first, and then answer the corresponding questions in the Guide.

# THE ANCIENT TITLE PAGE

9. Joseph Smith said of the title page: "I wish to mention here, that the title-page of the Book of Mormon is a literal translation, taken from the very last leaf, on the left hand side of the collection or book of plates, which contained the record which has been translated, the language of the whole running the same as all Hebrew writing in general; and that said title-page is not by any means a modern composition, either of mine or of any other man who has lived or does live in this generation . . ." Joseph Smith, *History of the Church*, Vol. 1, page 71. To whom and for what purpose was the Book of Mormon written?

## ORIGIN OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

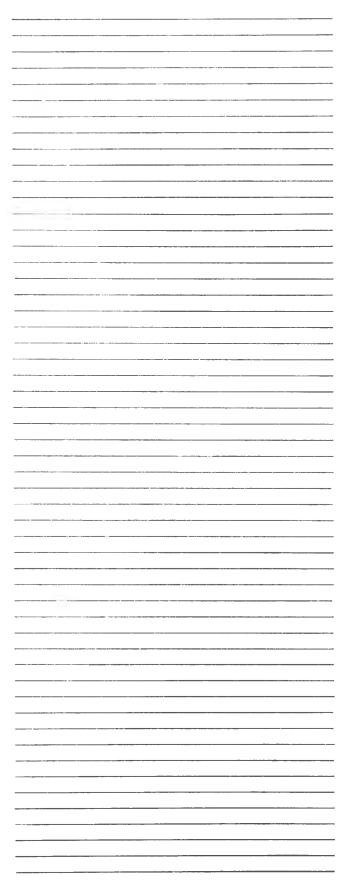
- When did the Angel Moroni first appear to Joseph Smith? (Indicate the day, month, and year.)
- 11. How did Joseph Smith describe the Angel Moroni?
- 12. What did the Messenger say constituted a "seer" in ancient times?
- 13. In your opinion, why was Joseph Smith not allowed to obtain the Book of Mormon plates the first time he went to the Hill Cumorah?
- 14. When did Joseph Smith finally receive the plates? (Indicate the day, month, and year.)
- 15. In what year was the Book of Mormon published?

# THE TESTIMONY OF THREE WITNESSES

- 16. Whose voice did the Three Witnesses say declared to them that the Book of Mormon was translated by the gift and power of God?
- 17. Who showed the Book of Mormon plates to the Three Witnesses?
- 18. What are the names of the Three Witnesses?

# THE TESTIMONY OF EIGHT WITNESSES

- 19. Who showed the Book of Mormon plates to the Eight Witnesses?
- 20. Did the Eight Witnesses actually feel and handle the Book of Mormon plates?
- 21. What are the names of the Eight Witnesses?
- 22. In your opinion, why did the Lord provide two separate groups of witnesses to the Book of Mormon plates and under such vastly different conditions?



# THE FIRST BOOK OF NEPHI

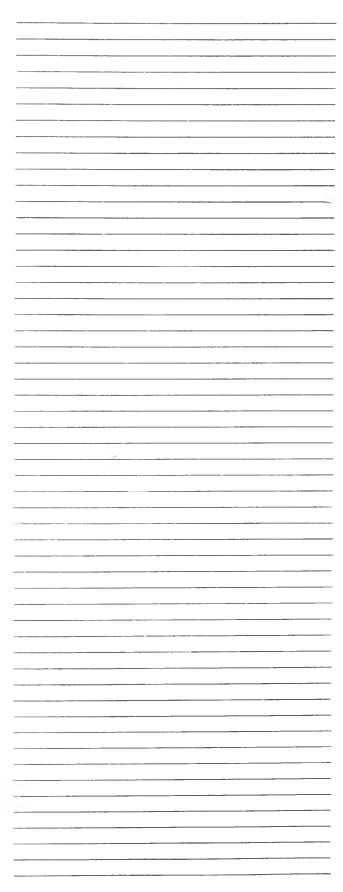
The First Book of Nephi is the first part of an ancient record known to us as the Small Plates of Nephi. This record was found by the Prophet Mormon one day while he was searching through a library of records that had come down from his ancestors. According to the dictates of the Spirit he later attached the Small Plates of Nephi to his own Plates of Mormon, upon which he had engraved a synopsis of the religious history of his nation. In their modern translated form the Small Plates of Nephi comprise the first 133 pages of the Book of Mormon.

# Chapter 1

- 23. When did Nephi begin writing this record? Consult 2 Nephi 5:28-31 for your answer.
- 24. W. J. Moulton, in "The Social Institutions of Israel," says of the early Hebrew literature, "The moral instruction of the children is emphasized as one of the weightiest obligations of the *father*." Although Nephi pays tribute to the goodness of both his parents to whom does he give the credit for his education (v. 1)?
- 25. In what languauge characters did Nephi write? Compare Mosiah 1:4 and Mormon 9:32-33.
- 26. According to 2 Kings 24:15-18, who was the Zedekiah of whom Nephi speaks (v. 4)?
- 27. What does 2 Chronicles 36:15-16 say in reference to Nephi's assertion that "there came many prophets, prophesying" during this period (v. 4)?
- 28. What two visions of Lehi's does Nephi relate in this chapter (vs. 6-16)?
- 29. Into what country were many of the Jews soon to be taken captive (v. 13)?
- 30. How does Lehi's prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem and of the Babylonian captivity square with Biblical history? Consult 2 Kings, chapter 25, for your answer.
- 31. Whose journal or record does Nephi use to help him clearly recall and accurately record details of his own early "proceedings" or experiences (v. 17)?
- 32. How does the persecution that Lehi experienced compare with the treatment accorded other prophets in the Old Testament era who prophesied of Christ? Consult Acts 7:51-52 for your answer.

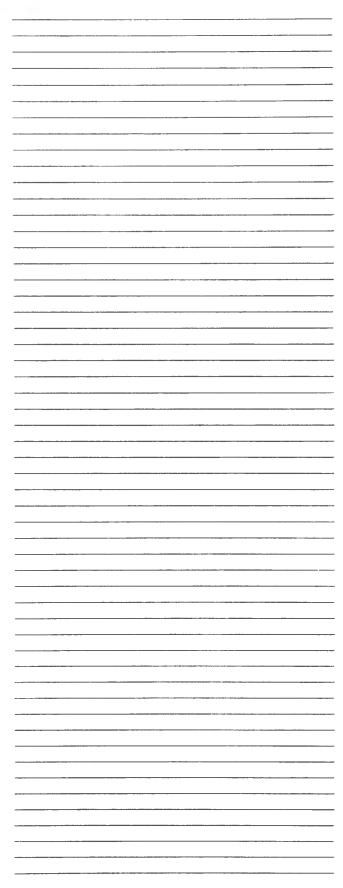
# **Chapter 2**

33. In your opinion, why didn't the Lord inform Lehi at first that his destination was a land of promise on the other side of the earth?



- 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?

- 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)?



49. What do we learn from the murmurings of Laman and Lemuel about the authority of the "mighty man," Laban (v. 31)?

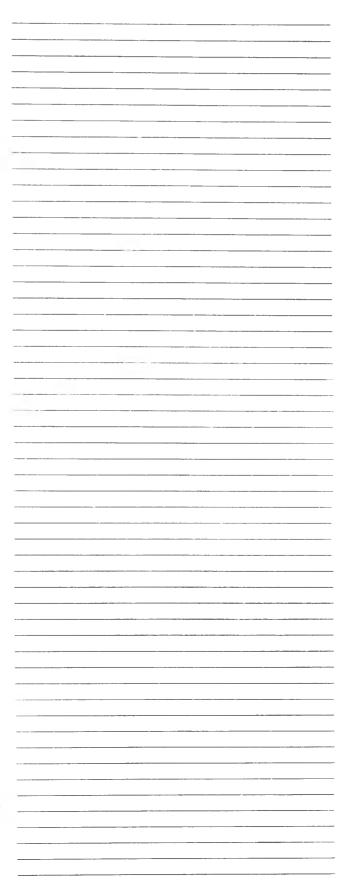
## **Chapter 4**

- According to the Bible has the Lord ever destroyed the wicked or commanded the righteous to destroy them? Explain. For your answer consult Genesis 6:5-13, Deuteronomy 7:2 and 9:4, Acts 5:1-11, and 1 Nephi 17:35.
- 51. What nation would "dwindle and perish in unbelief" (v. 13) without the scriptures that Laban possessed? (Compare the fate of the Mulekites, Omni, verse 17.)
- 52. In your opinion, if a nineteenth century American religious leader had written the Book of Mormon as a "pious fraud" to win converts to a new Christian sect would he have had Nephi slay Laban? Why or why not?
- 53. The fact that Nephi promised Zoram that "he should be a free man like unto us" (v. 33) sounds like Zoram was a bond servant or slave. Was slavery, involving Hebrew slaves, practiced during the reign of King Zedekiah? Consult Jeremiah 34:8-11 for your answer.
- 54. After Nephi and Zoram had exchanged oaths (vs. 32-35) Nephi says, "... our fears did cease concerning him" (v. 37). From the Hebrew standpoint was Nephi justified in placing full faith in Zoram's oath? Compare this with Joshua 9:1-21.

# Chapter 5

- 55. Lord Kingsborough found that many American Indian groups were acquainted with early Biblical events. What record provided their forefathers with such data (v. 10ff.)?
- 56. What did the Brass Plates of Laban contain (vs. 11-14)?
- 57. The Brass Plates of Laban—as also the records kept by Nephi and his descendants in the New World—dealt with the descendants of which of Jacob's sons (v. 14)?
- 58. What did Lehi prophesy concerning the Brass Plates of Laban (vs. 17-19)?

- 59. Nephi did not write the Small Plates of Nephi for the purpose of offering people a textbook of history or archaeology or anthropology or geography. What did he say was "the fullness" of his "intent," his real purpose for writing (v. 4)?
- 60. What kind or quality of reader did Nephi know his writings would not please, and what kind did he know they would please (v. 5)?

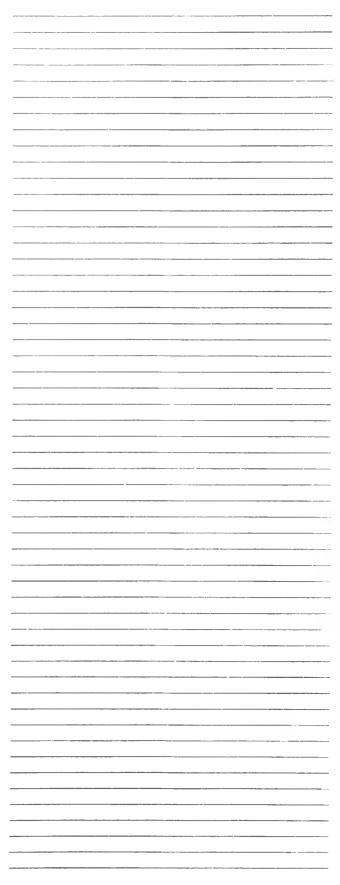


61. In your opinion (in connection with verse 5), would it be correct to say, "The Book of Mormon is not on trial; the world is"? Compare this with 2 Nephi 25:22, 33:14-15; and 3 Nephi 26:6-11, especially verse 11.

#### 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)?

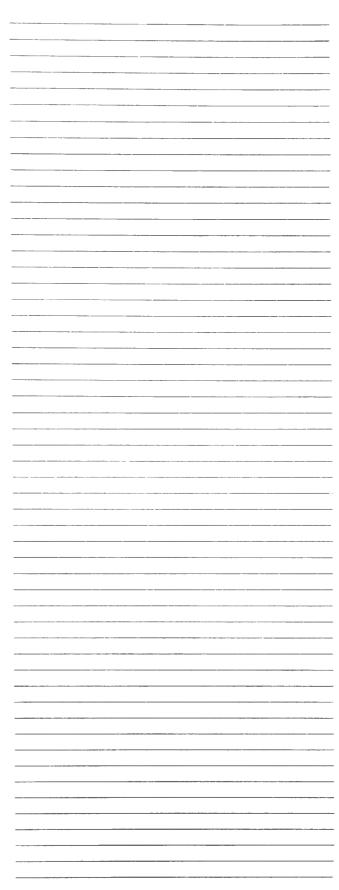
- 65. In Lehi's dream or vision he first of all found himself following a mysterious visitor through a "dark and dreary waste" for "many hours in darkness" (vs. 4-8). In your opinion, what was the Lord probably waiting for Lehi to do (v. 8) before unfolding to his view the vision that was to follow?
- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

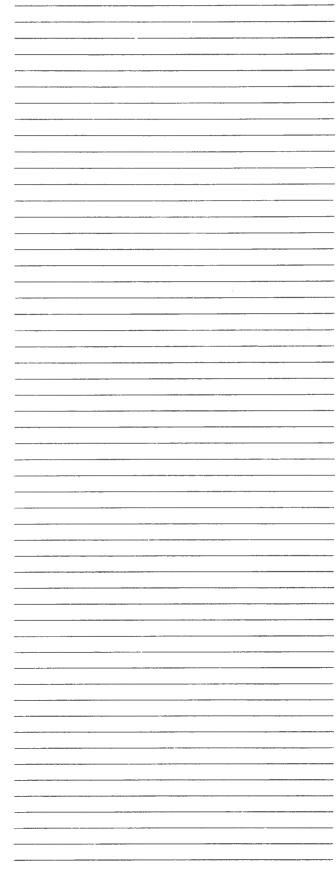


- 82. In Nephi's vision he first asked merely to see what his father had seen (v. 3) but soon asked for something more important (v. 11). What was the deeper inquiry that he was prompted to make?
- 83. What is the best example in history of the condescension and love of God toward man (vs. 16-33). Compare this with John 3:16.
- 84. At the close of chapter 11 Nephi momentarily foresaw the day when the worldly wise and proud, who opposed Christ and his apostles in the meridian of time, would fall (vs. 35-36). In your opinion, will a like fate befall those who oppose the work and resist the counsel of the latter-day apostles? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 1:11-14.

#### Chapter 12

- 85. When did the events transpire that Nephi speaks of in verses 4-6? Compare 3 Nephi, chaps. 8-11.
- Jesus chose twelve Nephite disciples. By whom are these twelve to be judged (vs. 8-9)? Compare this with Matthew 19:28.
- 87. In the midst of the angel's portrayal of war and bloodshed, that Nephi's descendants were to experience, Nephi was abruptly reminded of three symbols of his father's vision denoting (1) "the depths of hell," (2) "the temptations of the devil," and (3) "the pride of the children of men' (vs. 16-18). In your opinion, how are these three factors appropriate to the subject of war? Explain.
- 88. When did the events transpire that Nephi speaks of in verses 19-20? Consult Mormon, chapter 6, for your answer.

- 89. What condemnatory phrase does Nephi apply to apostate Christianity (v. 6)?
- 90. In your opinion, is an individual or a church that has apostatized from the truth more or less offensive to God than one that has never had the truth in the first place?
- 91. In a letter to the king of Spain Columbus once called himself "the emissary of the Holy Ghost." What does verse 12 say that shows he must have enjoyed some measure of inspiration?
- 92. Who were some of the "other Gentiles" (v. 13) who journeyed to the New World to escape the oppression of the Old World?
- 93. Does God ever take sides in war? If so, whose side was he on in America's revolutionary war (vs. 16-19)? (Read also at this point 3 Nephi 21:4.)

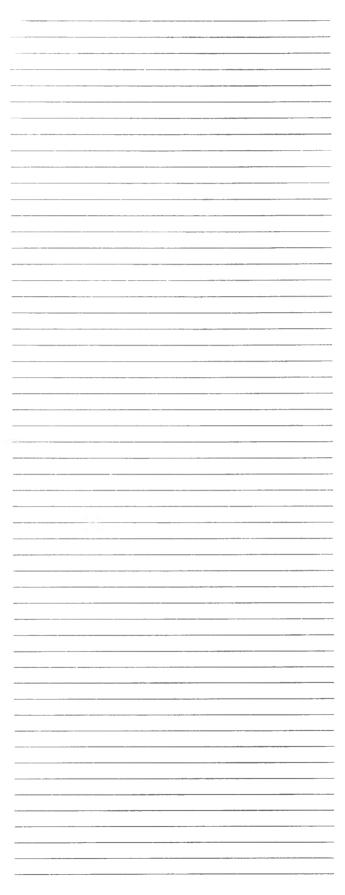


- 94. What was the book that "proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew" (vs. 20-25)?
- 95. Why is it that "an exceeding great many do stumble" in their attempts to understand the Bible (vs. 26-29)?
- 96. Have the American Indians been "smitten . . . by the hand of the Gentiles" (v. 34), as Nephi prophesied 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 latterday scripture to "establish the truth" of the Bible (v. 40)? Why?

- 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)?

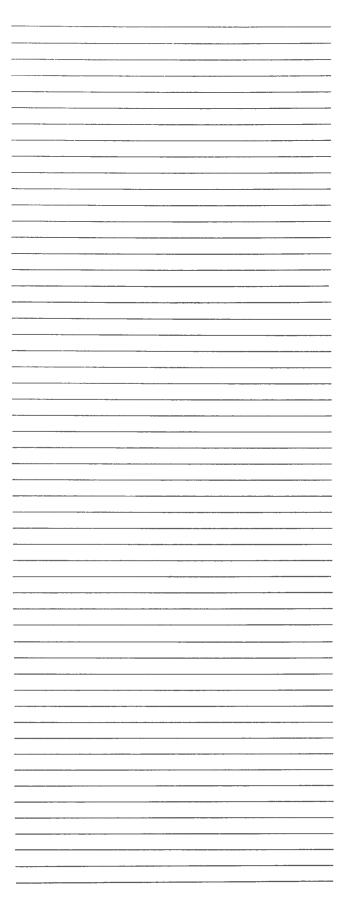
- 107. What other prophet does the Book of Mormon tell about who also appears to have seen the things that John the Revelator saw (v. 26)? For your answer consult Ether 3:25-28 and 4:4-7.
- 108. Apart from whatever Nephi may have seen in vision that his father did not see was he privileged to see what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

- 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 grafed 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.

- 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 widerness (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)?

- 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)?

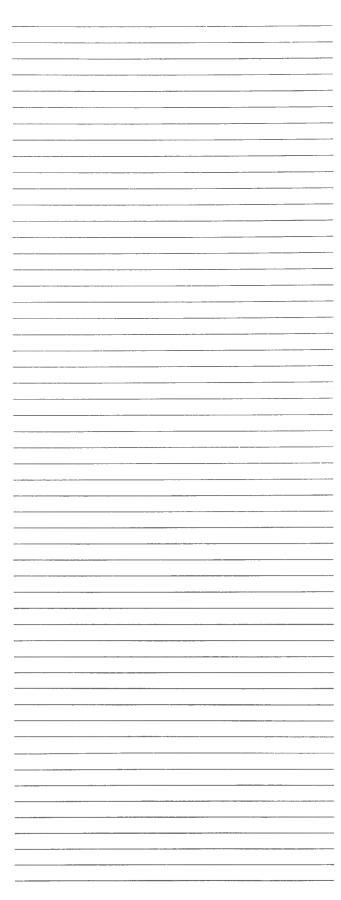
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- 143. Verses 23 through 47 comprise a masterful little discourse by Nephi—in which he compares his brothers to the recalcitrant and unbelieving followers of Moses of old—and is of unusual significance for the light it sheds on certain Biblical events. What four miracles of the Exodus does the discourse confirm? (Note (a) vs. 26-27 (b) v. 28 (c) v. 29 (d) v. 41.)
- 144. What does Nephi explain, in the above mentioned discourse, was the reason that the Lord commanded the Children of Israel to destroy the inhabitants of Canaan? Note vs. 32-40, especially v. 35.
- 145. In what verse does Nephi finally throw off all restraints and call Laman and Lemuel the murderers at heart that they were?
- 146. Judging by verse 45, whose fault is it if we fail to receive promptings and whisperings of the Spirit or if we receive them infrequently?
- 147. In your opinion or experience, what does it mean to "feel" the "words" of the "still small voice"?
- 148. What was the dynamic declaration that Nephi hurled at his brothers when they were about to throw him into the ocean (v. 48)?
- 149. In what statement does Nephi reveal the perefction of his faith (v. 50)?
- 150. When Nephi's brothers humbled themselves and were about to worship him what highly appropriate counsel did he quote them from the Ten Commandments (v. 55)? Compare Exodus, chapter 20.
- 151. In your opinion, after Nephi and his brothers had shared the same environment for many years (probably all of their lives) how could they possibly have been so far apart in their thoughts and attitudes?

- 152. Who was the architect of Nephi's ship (v. 2)?
- 153. What are the names of the children who were born to Lehi and Sariah in the wilderness (v. 7)?
- 154. What old grievance, harbored by Laman and Lemuel against Nephi, flared up anew to cause trouble aboard ship (v. 10)?
- 155. After Nephi had endured the suffering and indignity of being tightly bound with cords for four days what was his attitude toward God (vs. 11-16)?
- 156. What did Nephi and his fellow colonists call the Western Hemisphere (v. 23)?
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- 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)?

- 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 verse5, 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 scriptorian (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)?



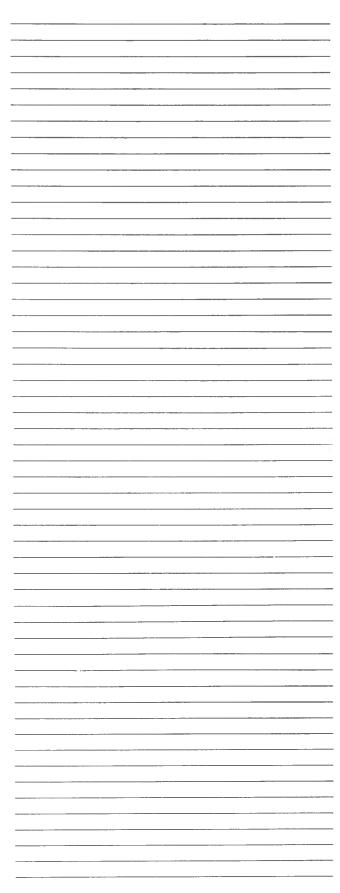
- 172. What indication does Nephi give us that certain ancient prophets of the Old World foresaw the colonization of the New World by Lehi's group (v. 21)? Compare Genesis 49:22, 26 and 2 Nephi 3:5.
- 173. Why did Nephi read to his people from the writings of the prophet Isaiah (v. 23)?

- 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 shouders" (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.

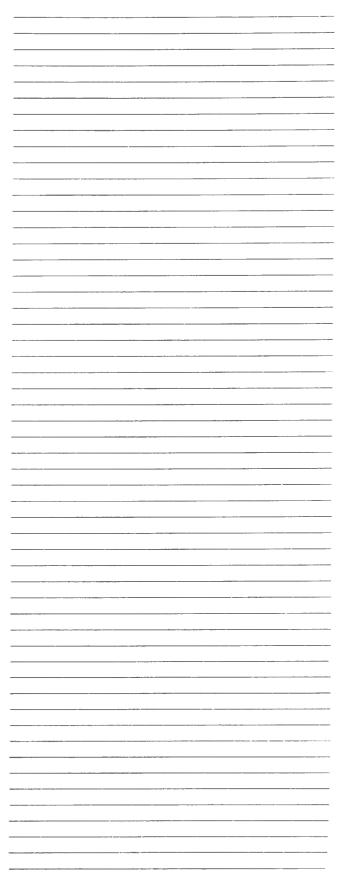
- 180. What does Nephi say that contradicts the theory that a prophet cannot see beyond the horizon of his own times (v. 2)?
- 181. What does Nephi say that indicates that a very large part of the earth's population has some Israelitish blood (v. 3)?
- 182. What is the "marvelous work" that Nephi predicts 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, in-fluence, 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)?

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- 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 establistment, 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.



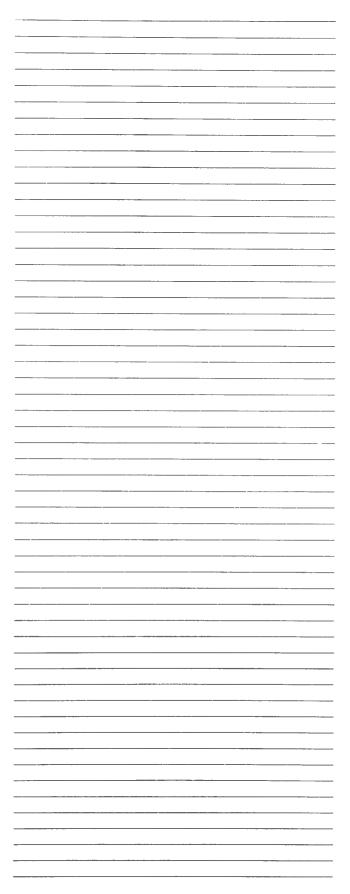
- 197. Why did the Lord keep "this land" so long hidden from the knowledge of Europe and the Orient (v. 8)?
- 198. If Lehi's posterity had kept the Lord's commandments from Lehi's time to the present how would the history of America (especially the part pertaining to the European conquest of America) 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)?

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

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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



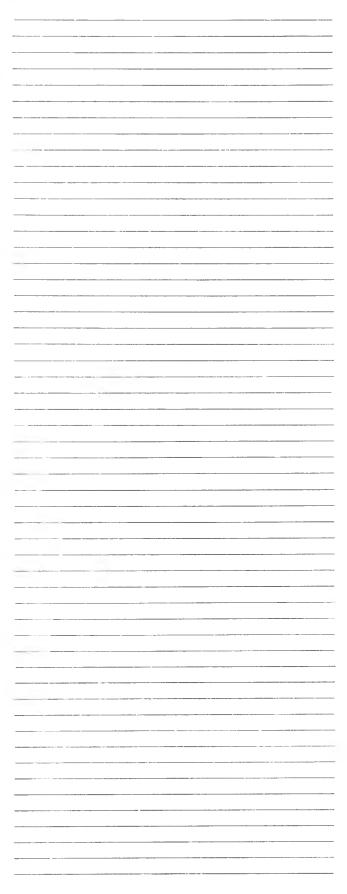
called sin or wickedness. What is the prize for winning and the penalty for losing (v. 13)?

- 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)?

- 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.



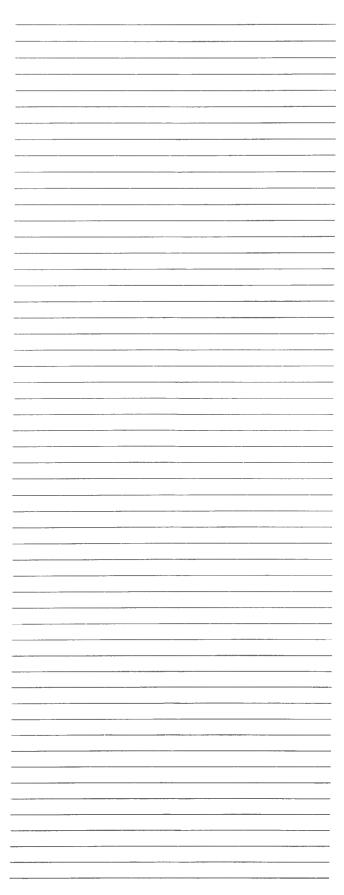
- 239. What is the purpose of the union of the writings of Judah's descendants (the Bible) and the writings of Joseph's descendants (the Book of Mormon) in these latter days (v. 12)?
- 240. Why must verses 13-15 have been a great source of consolation and strength to Joseph Smith?
- 241. Joseph Smith, 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?

- 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 Latterday 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.

- 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)?

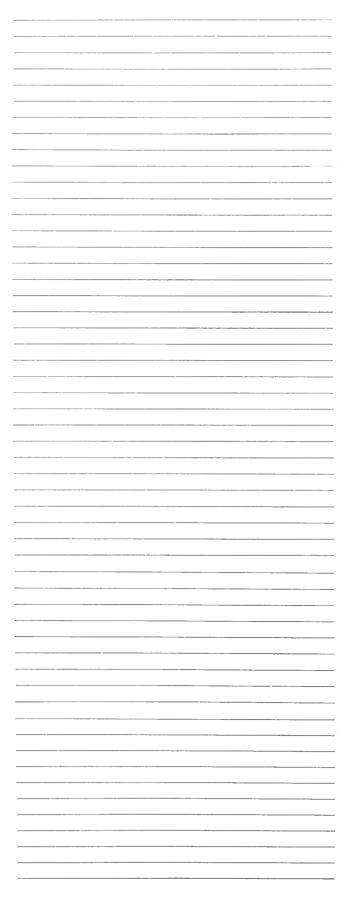


- 267. Nephi had been told by an angel of God that he would be a ruler and a teacher over his elder brothers (1 Nephi 3:29)? When was the prophecy fulfilled (v. 19)?
- 268. What curse befell the followers of Laman (v. 21)?
- 269. What curse did the Lord say would befall Nephites who intermarried with the Lamanites (v. 23)?
- 270. Whom did Nephi consecrate priests and teachers over his people (v. 26)?
- 271. Upon what set of plates did Nephi write exclusively from the time of his arrival in the New World down to 570 B.C. (vs. 28-29)? Compare this with 1 Nephi 19:1 ff.
- 272. Upon what set of plates did Nephi begin writing thirty years after leaving Jerusalem (vs. 28-31)?

- 273. Why did Jacob consider it proper to apply the prophecies of Isaiah to his people (v. 5)?
- 274. Jacob quotes Isaiah's prophecy regarding the "standard to the people" that the Lord would set up (v. 6). What is this standard? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 45:9 and 133:57 for your answer.
- 275. Jacob foretold the return of the Jewish captives from Babylonia (which began about 536 B.C.) and then foretold a later dispersion of the Jews. In the wake of what great event was this later dispersion to take place (vs. 9-11)?
- 276. What accounts for the preservation of the Jewish people to this day, notwithstanding the attempts that have been made at various times in history to destroy them (v. 11)?
- 277. What will be the fate of those "that fight against Zion and the covenant people of the Lord" (v. 13)?
- 278. Will those who do not believe in the Messiah ever know that "the Lord is God, the Holy One of Israel" (v. 15)? Compare verse 18 and Philippians 2:10-11.
- 279. How does verse 18 (which is a quotation of Isaiah 49:26) support the L.D.S. belief that the God of the Old Testament was Jesus Christ? Compare this with 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, Mosiah 7:27, and 3 Nephi 15:4-5.

# **Chapters 7-8**

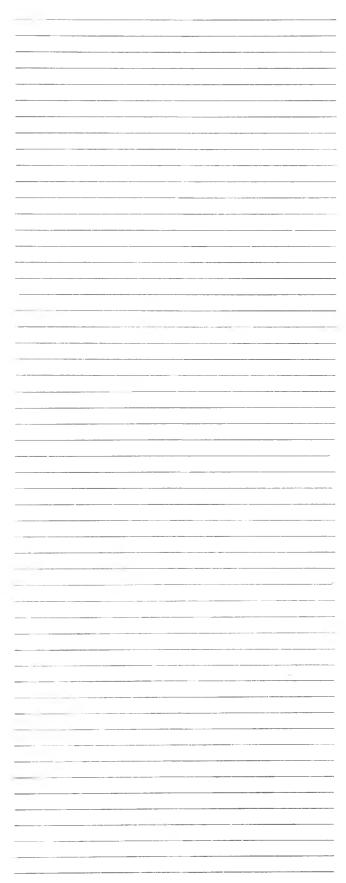
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- 280. What would be the fate of the human family "if the flesh should rise no more" (v. 8)?
- 281. In describing events concerning the final day of judgment John the Revelator said, ". . . and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: 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-caled 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 Galathians 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?

- 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

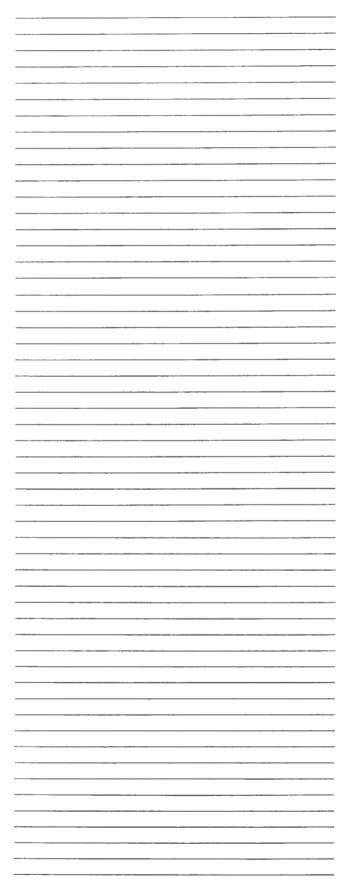
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- 307. Who does Nephi say will find the words of Isaiah easy to understand (v. 4)?
- 308. Nephi affirms that destruction never has been visited upon the Jews except for what (v. 9)?
- 309. What is the purpose of the Lord's bringing the Book of Mormon 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.

- 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)?

- 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.



- 330. The incident predicted in verses 15-18 may be interpreted as a symbolical rejection of the Lord's work by what class of people (v. 20)?
- 331. In what way do we limit God's work (v. 23)?
- 332. What do Latter-day Saints believe is the "marvelous work and a wonder" spoken of in verse 26 of this chapter and also in verse 14 of the twenty-ninth chapter of Isaiah?
- 333. Verse 28 of this chapter and verse 17 of the twenty-ninth chapter of Isaiah indicate that not long after the coming forth of the "marvelous work and a wonder" in the last days that Lebanon should become fruitful. Is the country called Lebanon, which is immediately north of Israel in the Middle East, today becoming fruitful? Explain.
- 334. What book is spoken of in verse 29 of this chapter and verse 18 of the twenty-ninth chapter of Isaiah?

- 335. In your opinion, do verses 3-9 provide an accurate description of some of the churches and church leaders of our day? Explain.
- 336. Has the "blood of the saints" (v. 10) been spilled in the cause of truth today? Explain.
- 337. How does Nephi's prediction that "they have all gone out of the way" (v. 11) correspond with the Lord's statement to Joseph Smith in the first vision? Compare this with Pearl of Great Price, Joseph Smith 2:19.
- 338. What indication is provided in this chapter that destruction need not actually befall our generation if people will repent (v. 17)?
- 339. What does Nephi prophesy about our day that should cause members of the Church to be on their guard against being too complacent and self-satisfied. (vs. 21-27)?
- 340. What statement seems to coincide with Emerson's assertion that "Truth comes only to the prepared mind" (v. 30)?

#### Chapter 29

- 341. What did the Prophet Nephi foresee would be the objection that many Bible believers would raise against the Book of Mormon (v. 3)?
- 342. What scriptural work does Nephi indicate will yet come forth (v. 13)?

- 343. Whereas all people who are of the House of Israel may be said to be potentially the cove-
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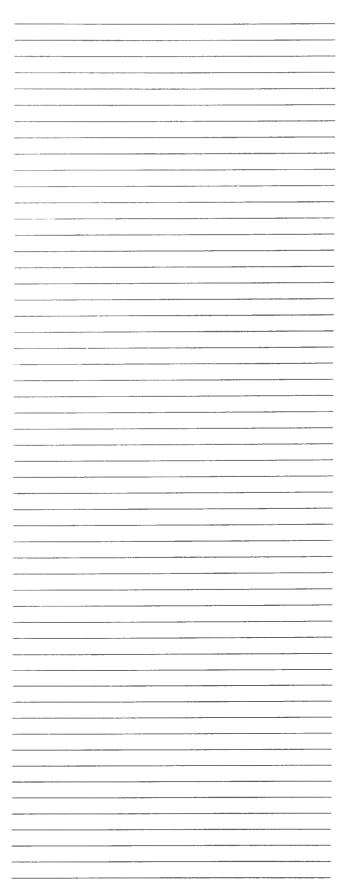
nant people of the Lord, who are actually covenant people (v. 2)? Compare Galatians 3:27-29.

- 344. Did Nephi consider himself and his people Jews (v. 4)? Compare Doctrine and Covenants 19:27.
- 345. What is the promise made to the American Indian remnant that is to be fulfilled within a few generations after they accept the Book of Mormon and the restored gospel (vs. 5-6)?
- 346. Will the Millenium come about simply through the process of the world's getting better and better or through sudden destruction of the wicked (vs. 9-10)? Compare this with 2 Peter 3:10 and Doctrine and Covenants 101:23-24.
- 347. Verses 11-15 are a quoted portion of the writings of Isaiah as drawn from the Brass Plates of Laban. (Compare Isaiah 11:4-9.) What will life on our planet be like during the Millennium? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 101:23-24.

# Chapter 31

- 348. Jesus insisted on John's baptizing him "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). Wherein did Jesus fulfill all righteousness in being baptized (vs. 5-7)?
- 349. What lessons for our benefit can we derive from the baptism of Jesus (vs. 9-10)?
- 350. What conditions must be complied with before one can receive the Holy Ghost (v. 13)?
- 351. What does the Lord say of those who deny Him after they have received the Holy Ghost (v. 14). Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 76:31-36.
- 352. Did Nephi actually teach that the people of his day and age-nearly six centuries before Christ-must be baptized (v. 17)? Explain.
- 353. Who do Latter-day Saints believe was the first person ever baptized? Consult Pearl of Great Price, Moses 6:64-68 for your answer.
- 354. Judging by verses 13-17 was the plan of salvation any different for the people who lived before Christ's time than it was for the people who lived after Christ's time? Explain.
- 355. Why may verses 17-21 be regarded as a great sermon for complacent Church members?

- 356. In harmony with what power do angels speak (v. 3)?
- 357. What does the Holy Spirit—in contrast with the evil spirit—teach one to do (v. 8)?
- 358. Why should one pray to the Lord, for example, before paying his tithing (v. 9)?



- 359. If a man wishes to be a convincing advocate of the gospel why should he strive diligently to speak in harmony with the Holy Ghost (v. 1)?
- 360. Nephi said that he could entertain hope neither for Nephites, Jews, nor Gentiles except they do what (vs. 7-9)?
- 361. What does Nephi say in verse 10 that should cause all people everywhere, who claim to believe in Christ and love Him, to want to read the Book of Mormon?
- 362. When Nephi speaks of his voice "crying from the dust" (v. 13), what prophecy was he probably thinking about? Compare this with Isaiah 29:4 ff.
- 363. Who will Nephi's writings condemn in the day of judgment (v. 14)? Compare verse 11.

# THE BOOK OF JACOB

- 364. How many years had passed away from the time Lehi left Jerusalem when Nephi prepared to turn the Small Plates of Nephi over to Jacob (v. 1)?
- 365. What event is Jacob alluding to in the latter half of verse 7? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 84:23-25 for your answer.
- 366. A later writer on the Small Plates of Nephi, whose name was Abinadom, indicated that the historical record of the Nephites (the Large Plates of Nephi) was "had by the kings" (Omni, v. 11). Does Jacob give the impression that he was a king—and hence custodian of the Large Plates of Nephi (vs. 9 and 15)?
- 367. Judging by verse 10 would you say that Nephi carried any guilt feelings through the years relative to the slaying of Laban? Explain.
- 368. What title was employed by the Nephite kings (of the first dynasty) (v. 11)?
- 369. What were some of the tribe or clan names used by the Nephites and Lamanites (vs. 13-14)?
- 370. The Doctrine and Covenants (42:14) says, "... and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach." What does Jacob say that tells us he practiced this principle (v. 17)?
- 371. Judging by Jacob's statement in verse 19 what does it mean to magnify one's office in the priesthood?
- 372. Judging by Jacob's statement in verse 19 do Latter-day Saints have an obligation to teach their neighbors and associates about the plan of salvation? Explain. Compare Doctrine and Covenants 88:81.

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?

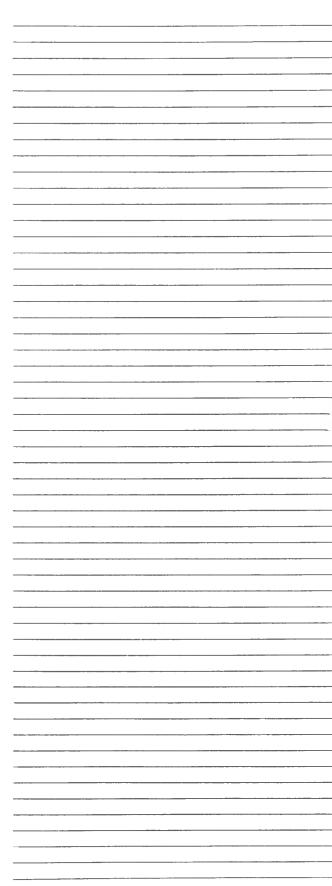
# Chapter 2

- 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.

- 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.



- 388. Abraham's offering of his son, Isaac, was a similitude of what other sacrifice of a father's son (v. 5)?
- 389. In the Doctrine and Covenants (50:29) the promise is made, "And if ye are purified and cleansed from all sin, ye shall ask whatsoever you will in the name of Jesus and it shall be done." How did the Nephite prophets measure up in respect to this promise (v. 6)? Compare this with 1 Nephi 17:50 and Matthew 17:19-20.
- 390. What is the only way, finally, that one can know the ways of God (v. 8)?
- 391. What is Jacob's argument for a belief in the principle of continuous revelation (v. 9)?
- 392. What is the "stone" that Jacob is talking about in verses 15-16? Compare this with Acts 4: 10-12.

393. What is the point of Zenos' allegory of the tame and wild olive tree? Compare 1 Nephi 10:12-14; 15:12-16; Romans 11:13, 17, 24.

#### **Chapter 6**

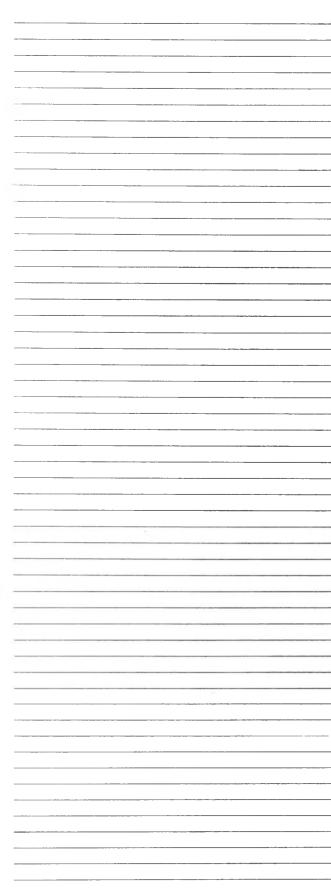
- 394. What day or period of history is "the day that he shall set his hand again the second time to recover his people" (v. 2)?
- 395. What does Jacob say will happen to the world soon after the vineyard is pruned for the last time (v. 3)?

#### Chapter 7

- 396. Why was it quite out of the question for anybody to shake Jacob from the faith (v. 5)?
- 397. Upon what theme have all the prophets of God prophesied from the beginning (v. 11)?
- 398. What did the Sherem episode cause the Nephite people to do (v. 23)?
- 399. With what success did the Nephites do missionary work among the Lamanites during this period (v. 24)?

# THE BOOK OF ENOS

- 400. How long did Enos continue in "mighty prayer" before he received a remission of his sins (vs. 4-5)?
- 401. Was Enos' guilt for past misdeeds swept away by the formation of a new set of habits alone, or was there something miraculous involved (vs. 6-8)? Explain.



- 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 preachind 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)?

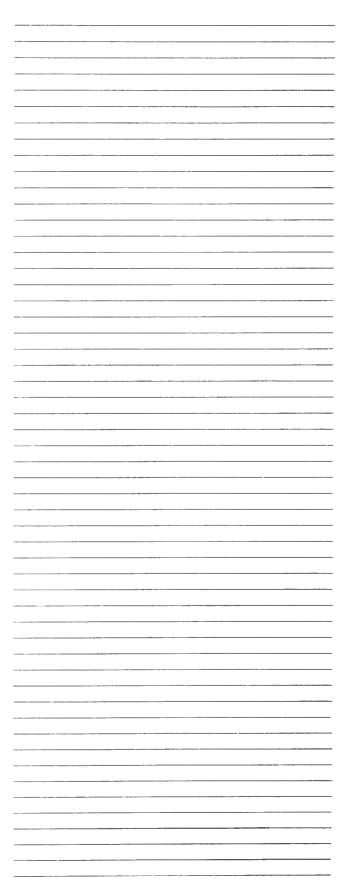
# THE BOOK OF JAROM

- 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?



# THE BOOK OF OMNI

- 414. Who succeeded Jarom in the custody of the Small Plates of Nephi (v. 1)?
- 415. Who succeedd Omni in the custody of the Small Plates of Nephi (v. 3)?
- 416. What ancient promise to Nephi was again verified in Amaron's generation (v. 6)? Compare 1 Nephi 2:20 and 2 Nephi 1:20.
- 417. Who is entitled to the distinction of making the briefest entry on the Small Plates of Nephi (v. 9)?
- 418. Who succeeded Chemish in the custody of the Small Plates of Nephi (v. 10)?
- 419. Who was the last recorder to write on the Small Plates of Nephi before the plates were "full" (vs. 12, 30)?
- 420. Verses 12 and 13 form an important turning point in Nephite history, for from this point on the Book of Mormon deals with only a portion of the Nephites (and their descendants) who placed their trust in God and followed a prophet named Mosiah away from civilization into the wilderness. What prophecy of Jacob's did this migration fulfill? Consult Jacob 3:3-4 for your answer.
- 421. The people of Zarahemla, whom Mosiah's people discovered and united with (vs. 14, 19), are commonly called Mulekites by Book of Mormon students. What is the reason for calling them Mulekites? Consult Mosiah 25:2 and Helaman 6:10 for your answer.
- 422. Inasmuch as Mulek, son of Zedekiah (Helaman 8:21), belonged to the tribe of Judah, what Israelitish tribes were represented by Mulekites and Nephites in the New World? Compare this with 1 Nephi 6:2.
- 423. Why were the people of Zarahemla and Zarahemla himself particularly happy to meet Mosiah's people (.v. 14)?
- 424. For centuries the Nephites had believed that Lehi was inspired of God when he prophesied that Jerusalem was going to be destroyed and that the survivors would be led away captive into Babylonia. What were Mosiah's people able to learn from the people of Zarahemla that finally proved to them that they and their forefathers had done right to "live by faith" (v. 15)? Compare Helaman 8:21.
- 425. What evidences of cultural and spiritual decline did Mosiah's people note among the people of Zarahemla (v. 17)?
- 426. What appears to have been one of the chief reasons for the cultural and spiritual decline of the people of Zarahemla (v. 17)?



- 427. How did Mosiah learn who the ancestors of Zarahemla were (v. 18)?
- 428. By what means did Mosiah translate the inscriptions on the stone that Zarahemla showed him (v. 20)? Compare this with Mosiah 8: 13-18.
- 429. What clue did the Nephites gain from the people of Zarahemla to the fact that a yet earlier civilization had existed in America than either the Nephite or Mulekite civilization (vs. 20-22)?
- 430. How long did Coriantumr live among the Mulekites (v. 21)?
- 431. In a later period a record of the fallen (Jaredite) civilization was discovered by the Nephites (Mosiah 8:7-9); and, later still, Moroni wrote a synopsis of it on the *Plates of Mormon*. What are a few pertinent facts about the identity and tragic career of Coriantumr that we glean from Moroni's synopsis (Ether, chapters 12-15)?
- 432. What disposition of the Small Plates of Nephi did Amaleki say he was going to make (v. 25)?
- 433. Why didn't Amaleki turn the Small Plates of Nephi over to a son or grandson (v. 25)?
- 434. What kind of a "sacrificial" offering does Amaleki urge all people to make to Christ, the Holy One of Israel (v. 26)?
- 435. In your opinion, what does it mean to "continue in fasting and praying, and endure to the end" (v. 26)?
- 436. Who was the scout or spy of the first party of dissatisfied Nephites that decided to move back to the Land of Nephi, and who was the leader of the second group (vs. 27-29)? Consult Mosiah 9:1-3 ff. for your answer.
- 437. What is one possible reason why some of the Nephites were dissatisfied with life in Zarahemla (vs. 27-29)? Consult Alma 46:40 for your answer.
- 438. With what personal note does Amaleki bring the Small Plates of Nephi to a close (v. 30)?

# THE WORDS OF MORMON

Sometime before the Hill Cumorah massacre of 385 A.D. the Prophet Mormon undertook the monumental task of making a one volume summary of the Large Plates of Nephi, which set of plates served as the principal record of the Nephite nation for nearly a thousand years. Mormon engraved his summary of this great history on a separate set of plates that he prepared with his own hands (3 Nephi 5:11), which we call the Plates of Mormon. It was while working on his summary that he rediscovered, among the national archives of his people, the Small



Plates of Nephi, that Amaleki had finished several centuries earlier (Omni, v. 30; Words of Mormon, v. 3). When Mormon examined the work he discerned that it was a prophetic record superior to his own abridged history of "wars and contentions and destructions" of early Nephite history. (Words of Mormon, v. 4; compare 1 Nephi, 19:4.) It is not surprising, therefore, that after his abridgment of the Large Plates of Nephi was completed he attached the Small Plates of Nephi to his own plates as a possible substitute for the early part of his abridgment or as an alternate introduction to Nephite history. (The Lord told Joseph Smith that this alternate introduction was ". . . more particular concerning the things which, in my wisdom, I would bring to the knowledge of the people in this account." D.&C. 10:40.) Before doing so, however, he added a little appendage to the Small Plates of Nephi: (a) in order to explain his reason for attaching the little metal book to his own volume of plates (vs. 1-8); and (b) in order to add a few historical notes necessary to bring the Small Plates of Nephi to the precise point at which his abridged Book of Mosiah began (vs. 9-18). This appendage is called the Words of Mormon.

- 439. What indication do we have that Mormon had finished his literary labors (meaning his entire abridgment of the Large Plates of Nephi) when he sat down to write his appendage to the Small Plates of Nephi (vs. 1-2)?
- 440. How far along with his abridgment of the Large Plates of Nephi had Mormon progressed when he ran across the Small Plates of Nephi (v. 3)?
- 441. Why was Mormon pleased with the contents of the Small Plates of Nephi (v. 4)?
- 442. What indication does Mormon give that, notwithstanding the fact that the Small Plates of Nephi were full (Omni, v. 30), he still actually appended his Words of Mormon to them (v. 5)?
- 443. What explanation does Mormon give as his reason for including the Small Plates of Nephi with his own Plates of Mormon (v. 7)?
- 444. In verses 9-18 Mormon finished his pre-Cumorah literary labors by forming a little historical bridge from the point where the Small Plates of Nephi ended (during the early part of King Benjamin's reign) to the point where his summary of the Book of Mosiah began (in the latter part of King Benjamin's reign). (a) What record formed Mormon's source material for this tiny historical bridge (v. 3)? (b) What elements of verse 16, especially, suggest that Mormon skimmed over the events of many years as he formed his historical bridge?

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## Mormon's Abridgment of THE BOOK OF MOSIAH

As we enter the Book of Mosiah we move into the second of seven book digests or summaries that Mormon wrote on the Plates of Mormon, the source of which was the Large Plates of Nephi (3 Nephi 5:10-12). The reason we refer to the Book of Mosiah as the second book digest and not the first is that the Prophet Joseph Smith indicated, in a special preface to the first edition of the Book of Mormon, that the first book he translated was Mormon's abridgment of the Book of Lehi. Martin Harris, the Prophet's secretary, lost the 116 page translation of this Book of Lehi (according to the foreknowledge of God), which covered Nephite history down to the reign of King Benjamin (Doctrine and Covenants 10:40-41). It was replaced by the Small Plates of Nephi that we have just completed.

The reader should keep in mind that the narrator of the ensuing synopsis of the Book of Mosiah is not Mosiah but Mormon. Mormon re-tells the story as he read in in the original Book of Mosiah on the Large Plates of Nephi.

## Chapter 1

- 445. In what way was the Mosiah (v. 2) of the Book of Mosiah related to the Mosiah of the Book of Omni? Compare Omni, verse 23.
- 446. In what language characters were the ancient Brass Plates of Laban written (v. 4)?
- 447. What did the Prophet King Benjamin teach his sons regarding the value of the scriptures that had come down from their forefathers (v. 5)?
- 448. Besides giving Mosiah II "charge concerning all the affairs of the kingdom," what tangible sacred items did King Benjamin pass on to him (vs. 15-16)?
- 449. Soon after their arrival in the New World the Nephites built a temple in the Land of Nephi (2 Nephi 5:8, 16). Where is the temple that is now mentioned (v. 18)? Note allusion to a third temple in 3 Nephi 11:1.

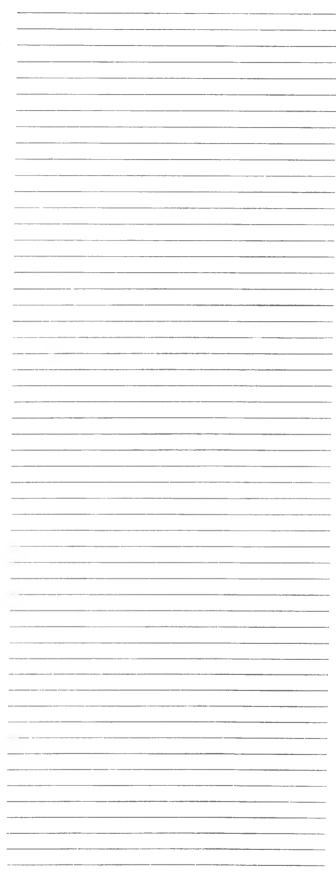
- 450. What indication do we have that the Nephites still lived the Mosaic law of sacrifice (vs. 3-4)?
- 451. What clue do we have to the fact that the Nephites, like their Hebrew ancestors, were a family centered society (v. 5)?
- 452. Mormon copied King Benjamin's address from the original Book of Mosiah that Benjamin's son, Mosiah II, wrote on the Large Plates of Nephi; but what possibly could have been the source of Mosiah's copy of the address (v. 8)?

- 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 reigion 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)?

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.

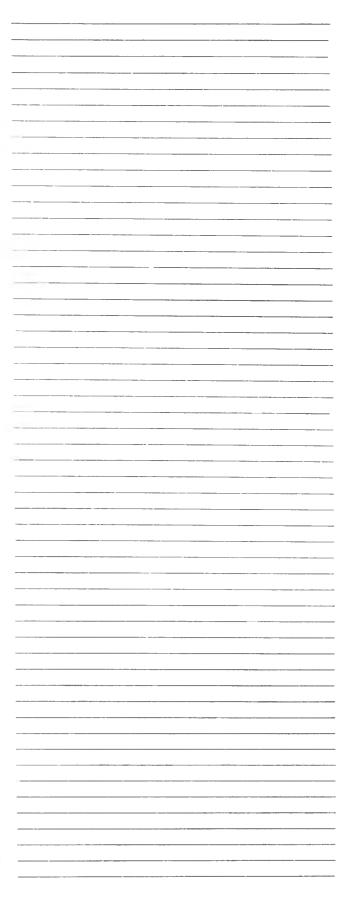
- 466. What were the "glad tidings of great joy" that the angel unfolded to Benjamin (vs. 1-5 ff.)?
- 467. According to the angel, how intensely would Jesus suffer "for the wickedness and abominations of his people" (v. 7)? Compare Luke 22:44 and Doctrine and Covenants 19:15-19.
- 468. What atones for 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?

- 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

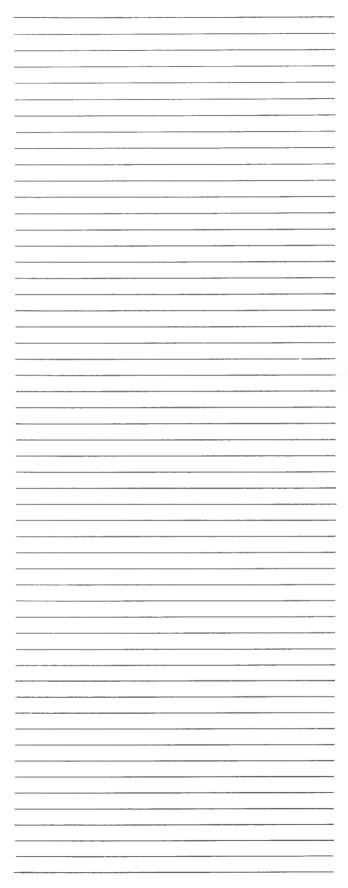


return, saith the Lord your God" (Doctrine and Covenants 82:7). What did King Benjamin tell his people that they must do in order to retain or keep a remission of their sins (vs. 11-12)?

- 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?



- 489. Why could King Benjamin's people say that they not only believed but knew that his words were true (vs. 2-3)?
- 490. How may one *know* that the Book of Mormon is true? Consult Moroni 10:4 for your answer.
- 491. Whose spiritual family did Benjamin's people become part of (v. 7)?
- 492. There can be little question but what Mosiah I, Benjamin, and Mosiah II, all three, were prophets, seers, and revelators. (Compare Mosiah 8:13-17 and Omni. v. 20). Inasmuch. then, as the priesthood authority to baptize was available (2 Nephi 6:2), and inasmuch as the Nephite people plainly understood that baptism was essential to salvation (2 Nephi 9:23-24) and practiced it from the beginning (2 Nephi 31:17), we conclude that 'Benjamin was addressing a people who had been baptized. Notwithstanding this, however, he talked to his people about the new birth. Is the doctrine of the new birth doctrine that should be taught to baptized members of the church? Explain. In formulating your answer consult Alma 5:14, 26 49.
- 493. What exactly does it mean to be "born of him" (v. 7)? Consult Mosiah 27:25 for your answer.
- 494. What parts of the covenant that Latter-day Saints make when they partake of the sacrament of the Lord's supper corresponds to Benjamin's admonition to "remember to retain the name written always in your hearts" (v. 12)? Compare Moroni 4:3.
- 495. On the night of the last supper Jesus prayed, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). What does Benjamin say that tells us that this priceless knowledge cannot be gained through intellectual inquiry alone (v. 13)? Compare this with Mosiah 4:11-12 and 2 Peter 1:5-8.
- 496. Benjamin speaks of living in such a manner that the Lord "may seal you his" (v. 15). What does he indicate is in store for the individual who is sealed? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 88:2-4.
- 497. The Apostle Peter, like Benjamin, urged the Saints to "give diligence to make your calling and election sure" and added, "for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" (2 Peter 1:10). Is it possible for one to gain, while still in mortality, the "seal" that Benjamin mentioned or the certainty of one's "calling and election" that Peter mentioned; or must one wait until the final day of judgment before he



can know whether he has made the grade? In formulating your answer consult Joseph Fielding Smith, *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, pp. 150-151; Mosiah 26:20; Doctrine and Covenants 88:3-4; and Doctrine and Covenants 131:5.

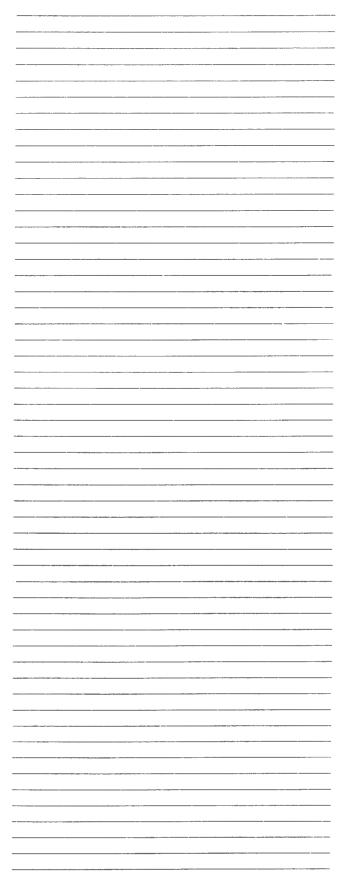
#### Chapter 6

- 498. How old was Mosiah II when he began to reign (v. 4)?
- 499. When—in reference to the Christian calendar —did King Benjamin die (v. 5)?
- 500. How did Mosiah II keep from being burdensome to his people (v. 7)?

## Chapter 7

- 501. What group of people, that we have earlier read about, were Mosiah's people anxious to locate (v. 1)? Consult Omni, vs. 27-30 for your answer.
- 502. As Ammon's searching party arrived on the outskirts of Lehi-Nephi, which appears to have been merely part of the Land of Nephi, what kind of reception did he receive (vs. 6-8)?
- 503. Judging by King Limhi's relationship to Zeniff, the original leader of the southern colony, would you say that Limhi's people were the people who had come with Zeniff; were they the children of Zeniff's settlers, or were they their grandchildren (v. 9)?
- 504. Why had the prophet of the southern colony been put to death (vs. 27-28)?

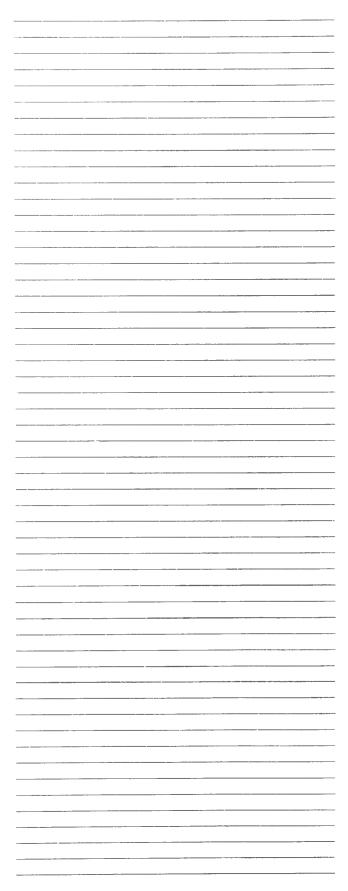
- 505. Who is the narrator of the story that we are reading (v. 1)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 5:11-12.
- 506. What indication do we have that the people of the southern colony had carefully kept a permanent history of their activities from the time of Zeniff to the time of Limhi (v. 5)?
- 507. What interesting archaeological discovery had been made by a forty-three man expedition that was trying to reestablish contact with the main body of the Nephites in Zarahemla (vs. 7-11)?
- 508. Several centuries after the discovery of the Jaredite artifacts, narrated in this chapter, Moroni, son of Mormon, made a thumb-nail sketch of the "twenty-four plates" (v. 9) and inscribed it in his father's metal book. What is the name of this sketch? Turn to page 478 for your answer.



- 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.

- 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.

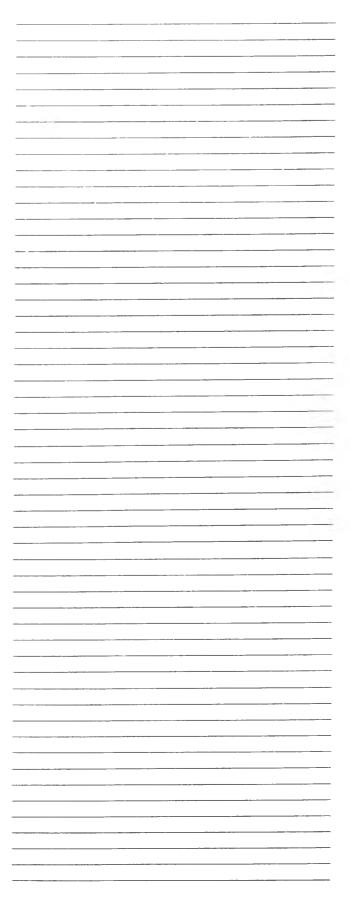
- 516. What "secret weapon" did the Nephites have that the Lamanites were totally unacquainted with (vs. 10-11)? Compare this with Mosiah 9:17-18.
- 517. Verses 12-15 are particularly important to the student of the Book of Mormon, for they provide the key to the endless attempts of the Lamanites to 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.)

- 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)?

- 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



served to provide Abinadi with an ideal text for his message; and the question proved the turning point of the trial. How did Abinadi now promptly and neatly seize the initiative in the proceedings (vs. 25-28 ff.)?

530. By what means did Abinadi seek to emphasize the fact that Noah's priests, who posed as experts in the interpretation of the law of Moses, didn't know the ABC's of the law of Moses (vs. 34-36 and 13:13-24)?

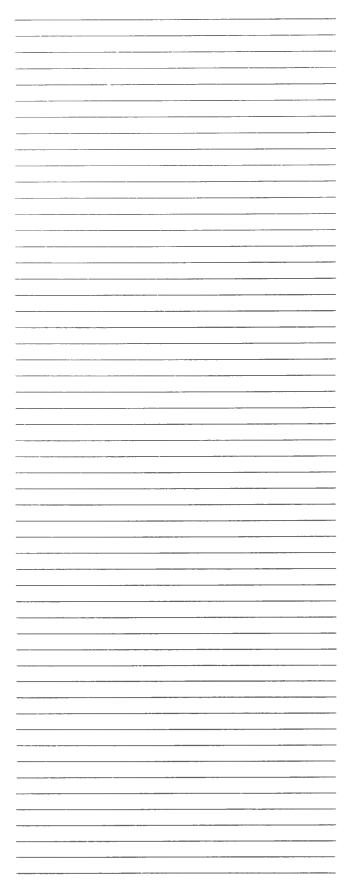
#### Chapter 13

- 531. What Biblical prophet (other than Moses) appears to have experienced a manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord similar to that experienced by Abinadi (v. 5)? Consult Acts 6:9-15 for your answer.
- 532. In the Bible the Ten Commandments are set forth in the twentieth chapter of Exodus and repeated in the fifth chapter of Deuteronomy. Where are the Ten Commandments found in the Book of Mormon?
- 533. Why did the Lord give the Israelites a "law of performances and of ordinances" (vs. 29-31)?
- 534. What did many of the Children of Israel fail to comprehend relative to the limitations of the law of Moses (v. 32 ff.)?
- 535. What one important matter did Moses and all other prophets of God in all ages predict (vs. 33-35)?

## Chapter 14

536. Some Biblical critics today are saying that the Old Testament contains no prophecies of Christ. Judging by Abinadi's use of Isaiah, what is one passage of the Bible (among many) that Latter-day Saints can confidently say foretells Christ's ministry and atonement? Compare this with Acts 8:26-35.

- 537. Christ is "The Father, because He was conceived by the power of God. . . ." (v. 3). How many beings in the Godhead does this account for?
- 538. In a statement entitled, "The Father and the Son: a Doctrinal Exposition by the First Presidency and the Twelve," published in 1916, we read that Jesus is referred to as "Father," in the scriptures, in three distinct senses. These are (1) The "Father" as Creator, (2) The "Father" of Those Who Abide in His Gospel, and (3) The "Father" by Divine Investiture of Authority. (For the complete statement see



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)?

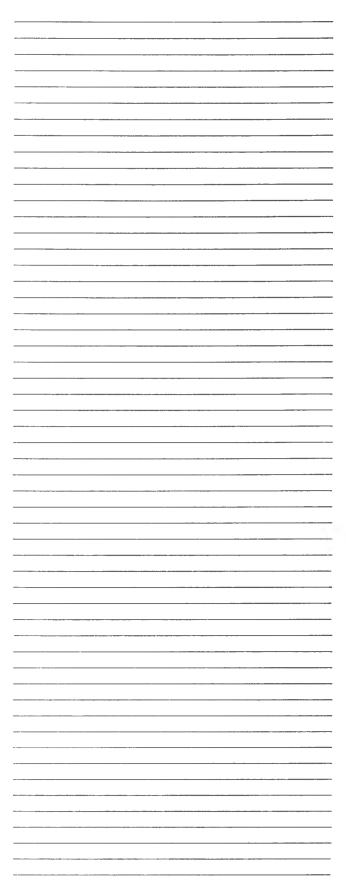
#### Chapter 16

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)?

- 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



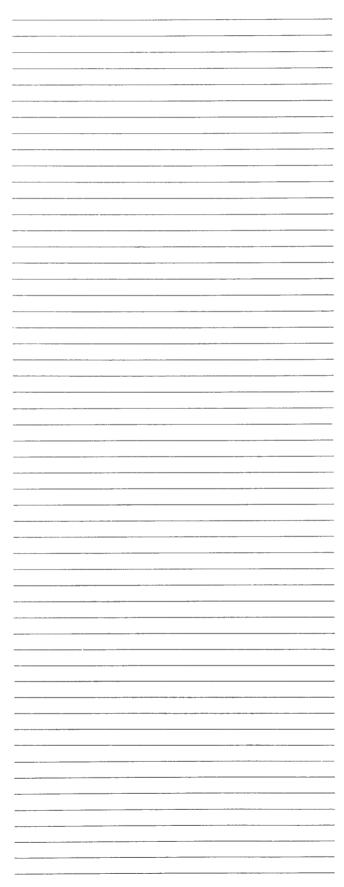
(Moroni 4:3). Is it the same blessing or some other blessing that Alma implies comes in the wake of keeping the baptismal covenant (v. 10)?

- 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)?

- 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.



- 561. How did the Lamanites hold to the letter of their oath but violate it in spirit (v. 3)?
- 562. How was the Lamanite treatment of the Nephites a partial fulfillment of Abinadi's prophecy (v. 3)? Consult Mosiah 12:5 for your answer.
- 563. To whom did Limhi's people turn earnestly for help after three unsuccessful battles for independence (v. 14)?
- 564. At this point (v. 22) chapters 7 and 8 should be reviewed in order to fit together the details of Ammon's epoch-making arrival in the Land of Nephi. Why were Ammon and his brethren imprisoned by Limhi upon their arrival (v. 23)?
- 565. Why did Ammon decline to baptize Limhi's humbled people (v. 33)?

#### Chapter 22

- 566. By what stratagem did Limhi's people manage to escape to Zarahemla (vs. 1-13)?
- 567. What records did Limhi's group present to Mosiah II (v. 14)?

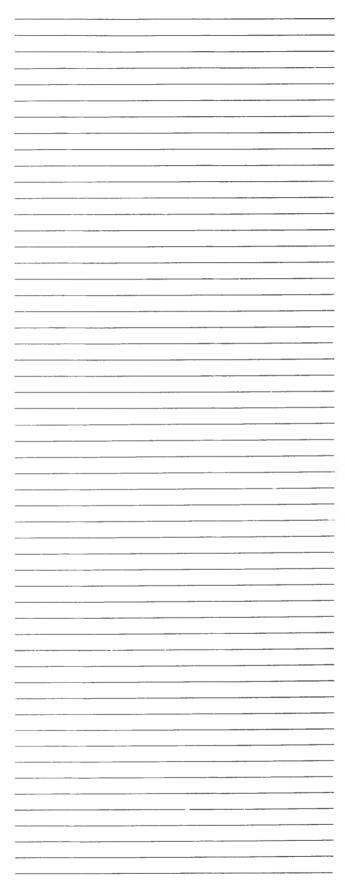
#### **Chapter 23**

- 568. Upon what condition would a monarchy be as good as a democracy (v. 8)?
- 569. The Lamanite army lost track of Limhi's people but accidentally discovered two other groups. Who were these two other groups (vs. 30-35)?

#### **Chapter 24**

- 570. How did the Nephite language come to be taught among the Lamanites (vs. 1-4)?
- 571. What indication do we have that the Lamanites kept records (v. 6)?
- 572. What covenant had Alma's people made with the Lord (v. 13)? Consult Mosiah 18:10 for your answer.
- 573. Judging by the fact that "the burdens which were laid upon Alma and his brethren were made light" as the result of their prayers, should we, if we feel overburdened, necessarily pray for easier work and fewer responsibilities (v. 15)? Explain. Compare this with Mathew 11:28-30.
- 574. Who stopped the Lamanites in their pursuit of Alma's people (v. 23)?

- 575. How did the Nephites compare in number with the Mulekites and Lamanites (vs. 1-3)?
- 576. Who were the children of Amulon and his brethren who determined that "they would no



longer be called by the names of their fathers" (v. 12)? Consult Mosiah 20:3 for assistance in formulating your answer.

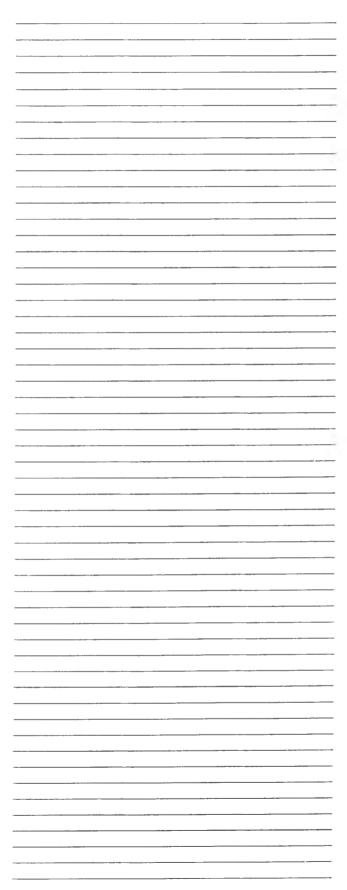
- 577. Why were the people of Zarahemla (the Mulekites) counted as Nephites (v. 13)?
- 578. Is it your impression that Mosiah II was acting in his capacity as civil ruler or in his capacity as a prophet, seer, and revelator (Mosiah 8: 12-18) when he gave Alma "power to ordain priests ands teachers over every church" (v. 19)? Compare this with Mosiah 26:8.
- 579. What clue do we find in verse 23 to the fact that the Book of Mormon is telling the story of only part of the original Nephite nation (v. 23)? Compare verses 1-4. Consult also Jacob 3:4 and Omni, vs. 12-13.

#### Chapter 26

- 580. In what state or condition were non-church members who, after having every opportunity to accept the gospel, "would not be baptized; neither would they join the church" (v. 4)? Compare this with Mosiah 16:5.
- 581. Alma was blessed because of his "faith in the words alone" of the Prophet Abinadi (v. 15), and his original converts were blessed because of "their exceeding faith in the words alone" of Alma (v. 16). In your opinion, why is it commendable to believe the truth of the gospel without being overwhelmed with evidence? Compare this with John 20:29 and 3 Nephi 12:1-2.
- 582. What remarkable promise did the Lord give to Alma I in his old age (v. 20)? Compare this with 2 Peter 1:10 and Doctrine and Covenants 88:4.
- 583. How should the Church deal with the repentant sinner (v. 29)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenant 42:25-26.
- 584. What does the Lord say of the person who "forgiveth not his neighbor's trespasses when he says that he repents" (v. 31)?
- 585. Will the Lord's true Church cause unrepentant sinners to undergo physical torture for their sins or force them to recant their unauthorized views on penalty of death (v. 32)? Explain. Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 134:10.
- 586. In your opinion, what does it mean to "pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in all things" (v. 39)?

#### Chapter 27

587. Verse 14 teaches another of the truly great lessons of the Book of Mormon. Inferentially,



it unfolds to our view the singular fact that just as Christ's perfection and faith enabled Him to become a Savior for all mankind, if we are faithful we may be the means of miraculously helping others get on the road that leads to salvation. Who, in a sense, was the savior of Alma II, or whose faith and prayers opened heaven's doorway to his conversion? Compare this with Enos, vs. 11-18 and Doctrine and Covenants 10:46-53.

- 588. In the light of verse 14, why should we pray for Church leaders, missionaries, the sick and afflicted. speakers in sacrament meeting, teachers, parents, children, and for one another generally? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 50:29.
- 589. What does it mean to be "born of God" (v. 25)? Compare this with Mosiah 3:19.
- 590. Without the spiritual rebirth, that everyone is entitled to experience through the Holy Ghost, what goal or destiny is denied him even though (like Alma II, presumably) he may have been a member of the Church all of his life (v. 26)? Compare this with Alma 5: 14, 26.
- 591. At the final day of judgment everyone, including those "who live without God in the world," shall confess that the Lord is God (v. 31)? Who does Alma mean by those "who live without God in the world?" Consult Alma 41:11 for your answer.

- 592. What did the four sons of King Mosiah now feel was the most important thing that they could do in life (v. 3)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 18:15-16.
- 593. When the sons of Mosiah II continued to plead for permission to go on a mission, to whom did their father go for counsel (v. 6)?
- 594. What comforting assurance did Mosiah II gain regarding the success and physical safety that his sons would enjoy among the Lamanites (v. 7)?
- 595. When the four sons of King Mosiah informed their associates in Zarahemla that they were going on a mission to the Lamanites, what was the popular reaction to the news? Consult Alma 26:23-25 for your answer.
- 596. What was the name of "the plates of gold which had been found by the people of Limhi" (v. 11)? Consult Ether 1:2 for your answer. Compare this with Mosiah 8:7-9.
- 597. Who succeeded Mosiah in the custody of the sacred records and "the interpreters" or Urim and Thummim (v. 20)?



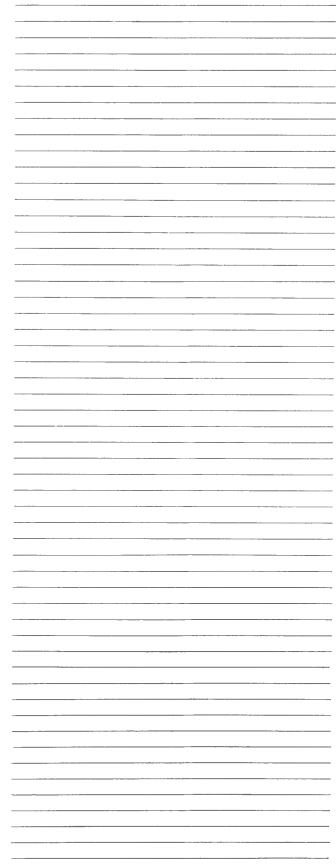
- 598. What provoked a crisis in the government over the problem of kingly succession (vs. 1-3)?
- 599. Judging by Mosiah's wise counsel on kingcraft we can see that there is a more basic question in government facing the world today than the mere question of democracy versus autocracy. What is this more basic question (v. 13)?
- 600. What horrible example of kingly mis-rule was still fresh in the minds of the Nephite people (vs. 17-18)?
- 601. Why does government by popular consent ordinarily mean good government (v. 26)?
- 602. What happens in a democracy when the majority of people choose iniquity (v. 27)?
- 603. What system of checks and balances did Mosiah II propose for the new republic (vs. 28-29)?
- 604. Who was elected the first chief judge of the Nephite republic (v. 42)?
- 605. What two great Nephite personalities died in ancient America ninety-one years before the birth of Christ (vs. 45-46)?

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## Chapter 1

- 606. Why were the Nephite people obliged to abide by the legal code of their deceased king (v. 1)?
- 607. How "broad-minded" was Nehor on the subject of salvation (v. 4)?
- 608. What is priestcraft (v. 12)? Consult 2 Nephi 26:29 for your answer.
- 609. Was the maximum penalty for murder among the Nephites life imprisonment or death (vs. 14-15)?
- 610. Did Nephite law seek to impose "thought control" or only control over men's wrong actions (vs. 17-18)? Compare this with Alma 30:7-11.
- 611. Why did Church members become wealthier during this period than non-Church members (vs. 29-32)?

- 612. If Amlici had gained control of the government, what would he have done that Communism in modern times seems bent on doing (v. 4)?
- 613. Apparently there was nothing illegal about Amlici's initial campaign to reestablish the monarchy nor even in his aspiring to become king. At what point did his illegal actions begin (vs. 7-10)?



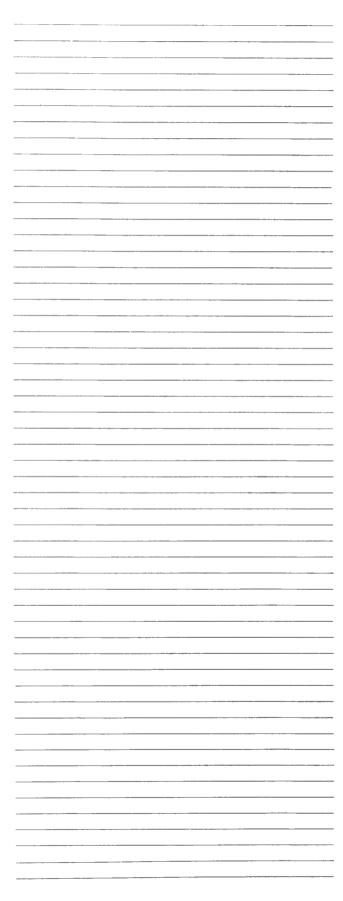
- 614. What indication does the narrator provide us to the fact that the name, "Nephite," had become almost synonymous with "Church member" (v. 11)?
- 615. By what means did Alma gain the victory over Amlici in personal combat (vs. 29-31)?

- 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 Nephihah 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)?

- 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.



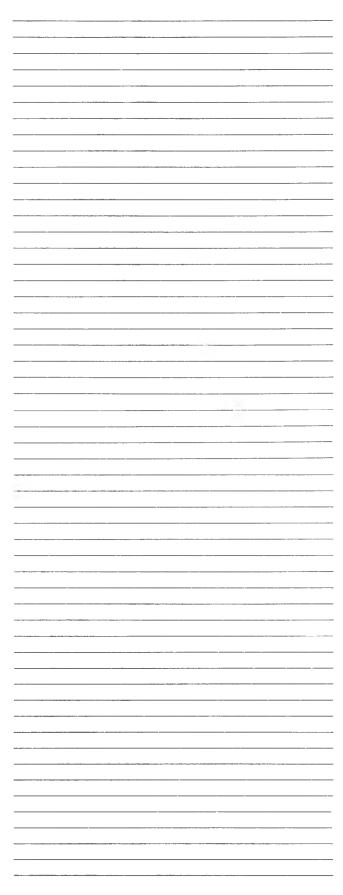
- 627. What does Alma say that indicates there is a great deal more to gaining salvation than merely being baptized into the Church (vs. 27-31)?
- 628. To whom does the Lord extend the invitation to Eternal Life (vs. 33-34)?
- 629. What was "the holy order of God" to which Alma belonged (v. 44)? Compare 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)?

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)?

- 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.

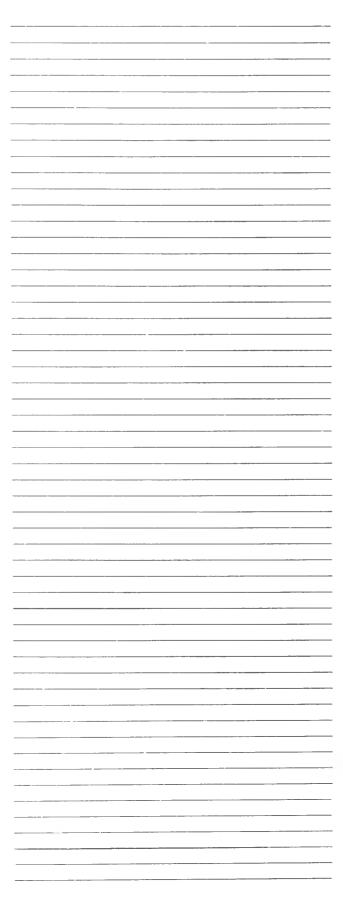


- 640. Why, according to Alma, would the Lord be more merciful to the Lamanites than to the Nephites (vs. 16, 23-24)?
- 641. Who, in brief, did Jesus come to redeem (v. 27)? Compare this with Alma 7:15-16.

## 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.

- 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)?

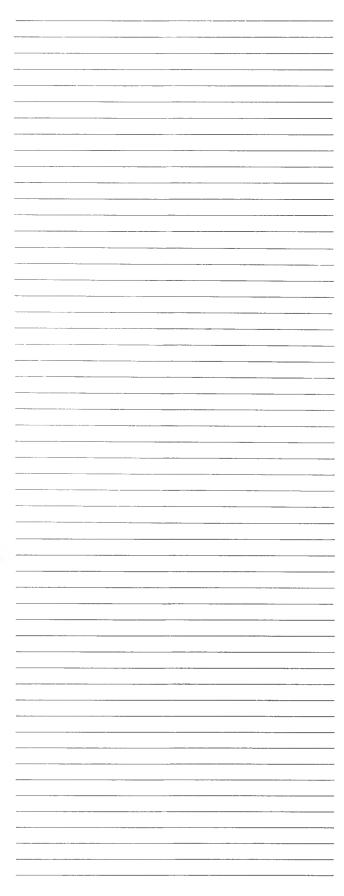
- 660. What restriction is placed upon one who may have had a revelation or dream or otherwise have been permitted to gain special insight into the mysteries of God (v. 9)?
- 661. What does Alma say that indicates that there actually is such a thing as knowing the mysteries of God completely (v. 10)? 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)?



- 668. In what sense is mortality "a probationary state" (v. 24)?
- 669. What does Alma say that indicates men did not have to wait until the time of Jesus to first hear the plan of redemption (vs. 28-30 ff.)?
- 670. What is meant by the "rest" of the Lord (vs. 35-37)? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 84: 24 for your answer.

- 671. What does Alma say that indicates the Lord has foreknown from the beginning who would prove worthy in mortality of holding the priesthood (v. 3)?
- 672. For whom has the calling to the priesthood been prepared from the foundation of the world (v, 5)?
- 673. The Apostle Paul refers to the high priesthood as being "after the order of Melchizedek" (Hebrews 7:17, 21). Why is it equally correct to call it "after the order of His Son" (v. 7 ff.)? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 107:1-4 for your answer.
- 674. The writer of Hebrews (King James text) speaks of Melchizedek as being "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life" (Hebrews 7:3). In the light of Alma's explanation in verse 8, would you say that Paul was speaking of Melchizedek, the man, or of the Melchizedek priesthood? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 84:16.
- 675. What group of people appears to have "entered into the rest of the Lord their God" (v. 12) very early in human history? Consult Pearl of Great Price, Moses 7:18-21, for your answer.
- 676. At least how far back in history does the principle and practice of tithing extend (v. 15)? Compare this with Genesis 14:18-20.

- 677. In what cruel manner did the bloodthirsty mob at Ammonihah decide to wipe out all traces of the despised Nephite religion in their midst (v. 8)?
- 678. What clue do we find, incidentally, to the fact that, besides the records that the Nephites kept on metal plates, they also had manuscript copies of the scriptures (v. 8)?
- 679. What indication do we have to the fact that, notwithstanding the terrible turn of events that their mission had taken, Amulek's faith in the Lord was still unshaken (v. 10)?



- 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 Latterday Saint child should be taught) is provided by this chapter (vs. 14-29)?

- 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?

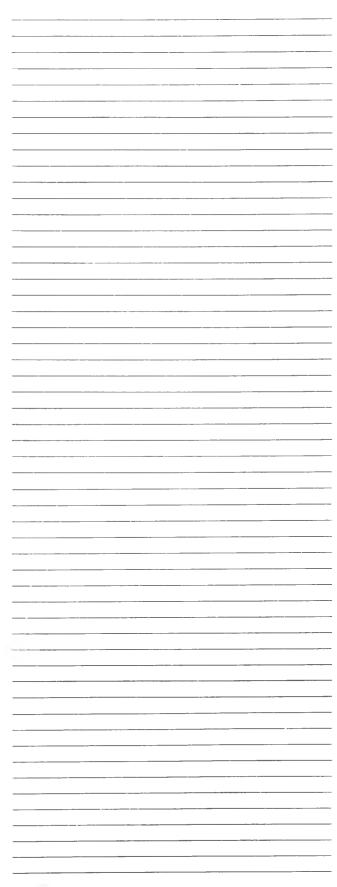
- 691. The italicized superscription that appears above the chapter heading is part of the original text. It introduces the account that follows and informs us that it is "according to the record of Alma." Who, necessarily, is the author of the superscription? In formulating your answer consult 3 Nephi 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.

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- 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?

- 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.

- 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.

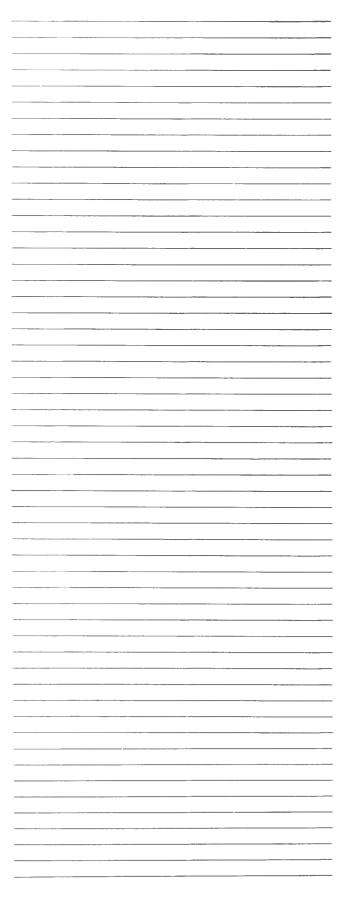
## Chapter 20

- 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)?

- 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)?



- 721. What are a few examples of some of the little sacrifices that the Lord calls upon His Saints to make in these last days—sacrifices which many would-be seekers of Eternal Life say are too hard? Contrast these with Genesis 22:1-14, Matthew 10:34-38, and Luke 18:18-23.
- 722. What did Aaron tell the Lamanite king he must do in order to gain a hope in Christ (v. 16)?
- 723. Inasmuch as verse 16 says nothing about baptism, are we to conclude that the Nephite missionaries did not teach the Lamanites that baptism was necessary? Consult Alma 19:35-36 for your answer.
- 724. What indication do we have that there were two classes of Lamanites during this period, one more primitive than the other (v. 28)?
- 725. Why were the Nephites quite vulnerable, militarily, during this period (v. 29)?
- 726. What was the Nephite name for the region immediately north and the region immediately south of the narrow neck of land (vs. 31-32)?

- 727. What proclamation was made by the Lamanite king at this time that served to make the task of the Nephite missionaries a great deal easier (vs. 2-3)?
- 728. What indication do we have that the conversion of the Lamanites was thorough (v. 6)?

- 729. According to Professor Hugh Nibley there is a Semitic and common Indo-European root corresponding to "anti" that means "in the face of" or "facing," as of one facing a mirror, and by extension either "one who opposes" or "one who imitates." If the latter be the meaning of "anti," in its usage as a prefix to "Nephi-Lehi," what would be the connotation of "Anti-Nephi-Lehi" (vs. 1-2)?
- 730. Consider the system of naming cities and peoples in Mosiah 23:31-32, Alma 8:7, and Alma 30:59, and then explain what appears to have been the reason why the new king (who was quite mature, v. 5) had his name changed to correspond to the name adopted by his people (v. 3)?
- 731. Only this once in the entire course of Nephite-Lamanite history is it recorded that Church members refused to defend themselves when attacked. What accounted for this unusual behavior on the part of the converted Lamanites (vs. 11-16)?



- 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.

- 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)?

- 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)?

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- 744. What does Ammon say (v. 25) that shows that some of the Nephites of his day were as unwise as some Americans of our day in their advocacy of a "preventive war"?
- 745. What tribute does Ammon pay to God's power, wisdom, and understanding (v. 35)?
- 746. What does Ammon say that serves to remind us that God has not forgotten the people of Czechoslovakia, Poland, China, Russia, and the rest of the "iron curtain" countries (v. 37)?

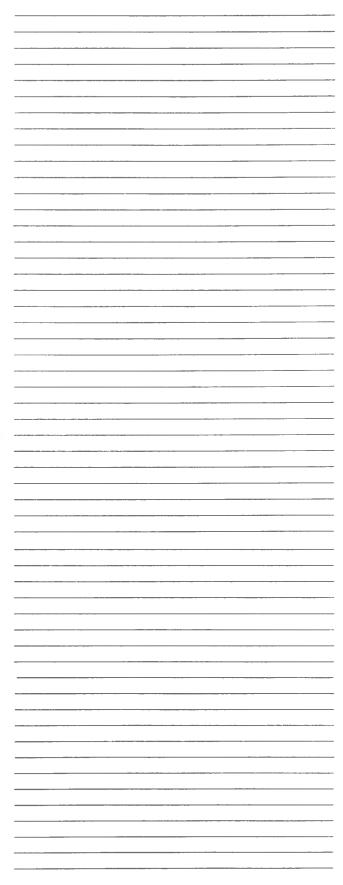
- 747. Who was the chief judge to whom the four sons of Mosiah reported their adventures when they returned from their Lamanite mission (v. 20)? Consult Alma 4:17-20 and Alma 50:37 for your answer.
- 748. What area or territory did the Nephites turn over to the converted Lamanites (v. 22)?
- 749. Upon what generous condition did the Nephites give the converted Lamanites a place to live and also the promise of military protection (v. 24)?
- 750. What name did the Nephites use to designate the people of Anti-Nephi-Lehi (v. 26)?
- 751. In your judgment, what does it mean to have a "zeal towards God and also towards men" (v. 27)? Compare this with 1 John 4:20-21.
- 752. For what qualities did the converted Lamanites gain distinction among the Nephites (vs. 27-28)?

#### Chapter 28

- 753. At the end of verse 8—if not before—it appears that Mormon interrupts his narrative to quote the reflections and observations that the original writer, Alma, had recorded on the Large Plates of Nephi. Inasmuch as there are no quotation marks (which are a relatively modern literary device) how can you tell that Mormon is quoting (vs. 9-14)?
- 754. Why were many thousands of the Nephites able to rejoice in the midst of their mourning for lost loved ones (v. 12)?
- 755. In what sense are men quite unequal in the eyes of God (v. 13)?
- 756. Why are diligent missionaries "in the vineyards of the Lord" urgently needed (v. 14)?

#### Chapter 29

757. Mormon's quotation from Alma's writings, that appears to have started in chapter 28, continues through chapter 29, where it rises to the level



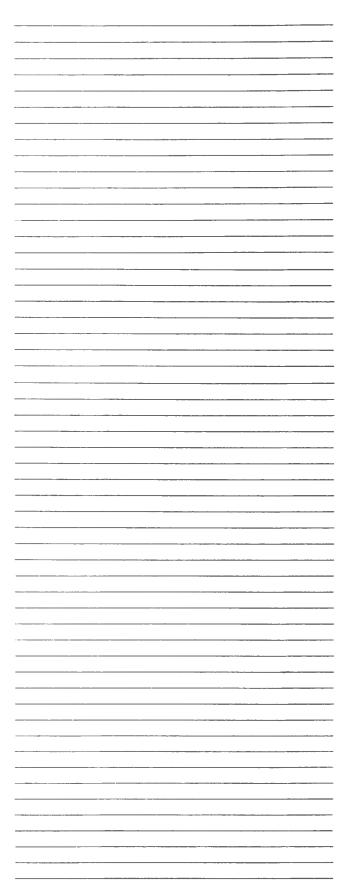
of a psalm. What unforgettable experience of Alma's youth is recalled by verses 1 and 2? Compare this with Mosiah 27:11-18.

- 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)?

- 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).

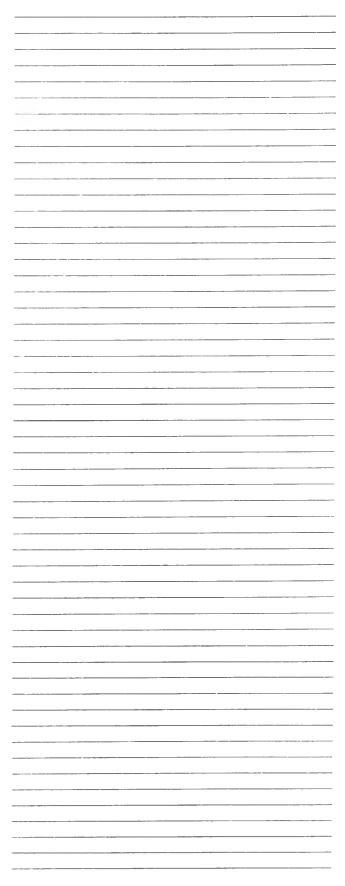


- 772. What does Alma say of the Zoramites that serves to remind us that we make a mockery of prayer if we address God while our hearts are set on the vain and superficial things of life (vs. 27-28)?
- 773. What clue do we have to the fact that a good many members of the true Church had become members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

- 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.

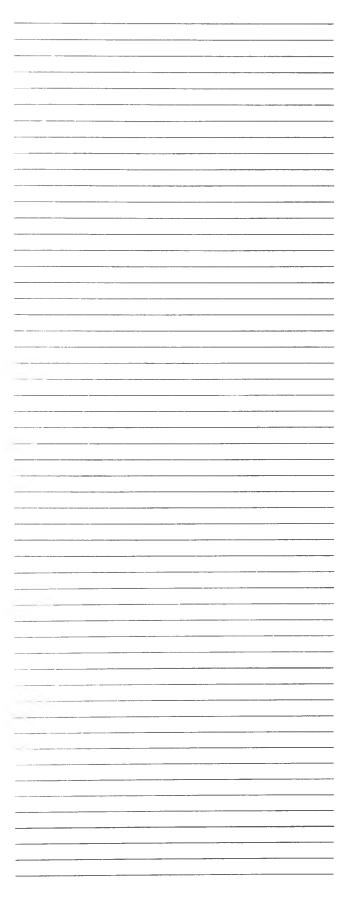
#### Chapter 33

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.

- 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 Latterday 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)?

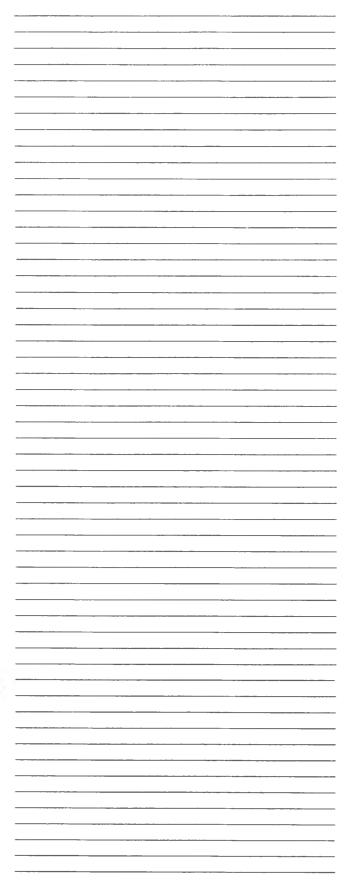
## Chapter 35

- 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.

- 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.)?



- 813. It is not clear whether "Gazelem" refers here (v. 23) to the brother of Jared, the first prophet of the destroyed Jaredite civilization (Ether 3:23-24), or to Mosiah II, who translated the Jaredite record into the Nephite language by means of the Urim and Thummim (Mosiah 28:11-17). It appears to be a title, synonymous with Seer, that applies to any possessor of the sacred interpreters. Who do we know has borne this title in modern times? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 104:26, 43 for your answer.
- 814. What particular part of the Jaredite writings did Alma command Helaman to withhold from the Nephite people (vs. 27-29)?
- 815. What did Alma instruct Helaman to teach (vs. 32-34)?
- 816. In your opinion, why is it extremely important to learn in one's youth "to keep the commandments of God" (v. 35)? Compare this with Proverbs 22:6.
- 817. If the word, "state," were substituted for "God" and "Lord," each time they appear in verse 36, what modern political philosophy would be pretty well described?
- 818. Why it is to one's own advantage to counsel with the Lord in all of his doings (v. 37)?
- 819. How did the Liahona work (vs. 38-42)?
- 820. What moral or lesson did Alma see in the workings of the Liahona (vs. 43-45)?
- 821. Do you agree with Alma's thought that there is grave danger of one's being "slothful" and indifferent to the gospel "because of the easiness of the way" of salvation (v. 46)? Explain.

- 822. What had Shiblon suffered for the gospel's sake on his mission to the Zoramites (vs. 3-4)?
- 823. How did Alma really know that if Shiblon were faithful he would be "lifted up at the last day" (vs. 5-6)?
- 824. What wise parental counsel did Alma give to Shiblon for his own personal conduct (vs. 10-13 ff.)?
- 825. What excellent advice did Alma give Shiblon against self-righteousness in prayer (v. 14)?

- 826. How does Alma describe the enormity of the sin of unchastity (vs. 1-5)?
- 827. What is the unpardonable sin (v. 6)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 76:31-36 ff.

- 828. As in the case of Corianton's transgression (v. 11), the misconduct of Church members today often has what kind of an effect upon non-members?
- 829. Why is it pointless to spend all of one's time and energy in the pursuit of financial success (v. 14)?

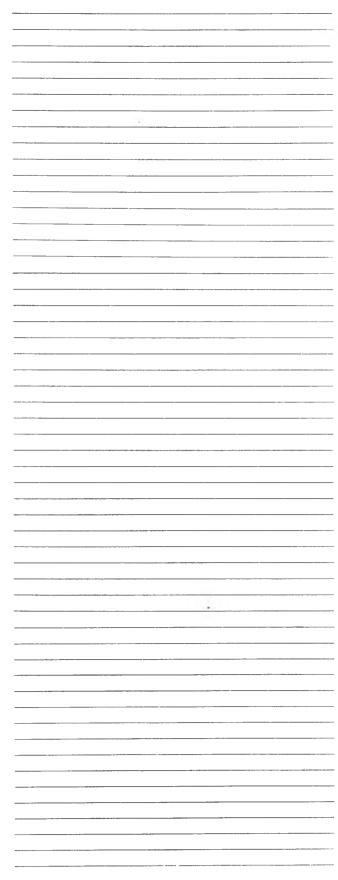
- 830. Alma prophesied that there would be no resurrection until after what (v. 2)?
- 831. What is the state of the soul between death and the resurrection (vs. 11-14)? Compare this with 2 Nephi 9:10-13.
- 832. What physical restoration comes with resurrection (vs. 22-24)?

#### Chapter 41

- 833. An American general in World War II told his men that if they died fighting for democracy they would never have to worry about going to hell for their sins because they would have known enough of suffering on earth. How does this square with the Prophet Alma's explanation (vs. 3-5 ff.)?
- 834. If a sinful person has repented (and been baptized, Alma 9:27) and thereafter "desired righteousness until the end of his days" what will be his lot in the day of judgment (v. 6)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 19:16 ff. and Matthew 20:1-16.
- 835. In what sense is each of us now the judge of his own destiny (v. 7)?
- 836. Why is it unthinkable that the term, "restoration," could mean that people will be "restored from sin to happiness" (v. 10)?
- 837. Who does Alma say is proceeding "contrary to the nature of God" and "contrary to the nature of happiness" (v. 11)?
- 838. What is the meaning of "restoration" in reference to the resurrection (v. 13)?
- 839. Why should we "deal justly, judge righteously, and do good continually" (v. 14)?
- 840. What, in a nutshell, will return to us in the day of judgment (v. 15)?

#### Chapter 42

841. Why would it have been tragic if Adam, after his transgression, had been allowed to put forth his hand immediately and partake of the tree of life (vs. 2-8)? Compare this with Alma 12:23-26.



- 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.

- 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.

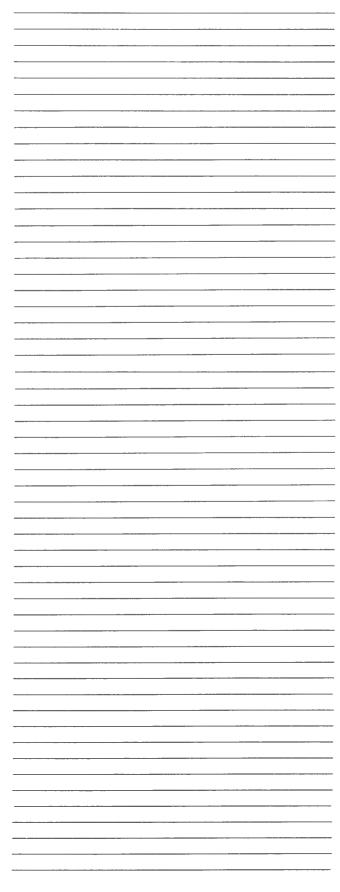
- 854. What excellent example is provided in this chapter of (a) one man's willingness to conduct his affairs in harmony with the counsel of a living prophet and (b) the Lord's willingness to assist those who will put their trust in Him in their problems of national defense (vs. 23-26 ff.)?
- 855. Why 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.

- 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)?

- 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)?

- 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)?

- 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 Nephihah in the judgeship (vs. 39-40)?

- 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

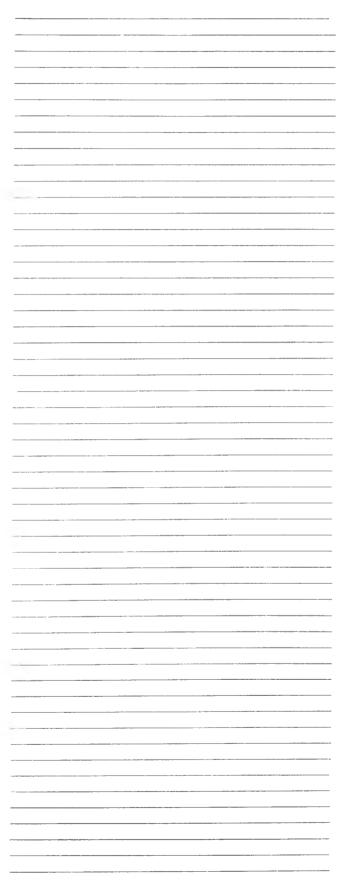
- 889. What dilemma did the former Anti-Nephi-Lehies face, and how did they solve it (vs. 10-19)?
- 890. What does Mormon say that indicates Helaman's troops possessed a quality that is much needed today among employees and employers, students and teachers, parents and church workers (v. 20)?

#### 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)?



- 894. What sublime example of faith did the two thousand sons of the former Anti-Nephi-Lehies display (vs. 30-48 ff.)?
- 895. How was the faith of Helaman's two thousand young Ammonite warriors (as well as the faith of their parents) substantiated in the outcome of the first battle (vs. 55-56)?

#### Chapter 57

- 896. What further confirmation of the faith of the Ammonite boys (and their parents) came in the second engagement with the enemy (vs. 19-27)?
- 897. What circumstance brought about the providential and timely return of the prisoner guards (vs. 28-35)?

#### Chapter 58

- 898. From what source did Helaman's troops gain assurance of ultimate victory (vs. 10-11)?
- 899. What variation of their earlier decoy trick did the Nephites use to gain possession of Manti (vs. 13-29)? Compare this with Alma 56:30-54.

### Chapter 59

900. What bad news did Moroni receive concerning the city of Nephihah that served to offset, in a measure, the good news from Helaman (vs. 5-13)?

#### Chapter 60

- 901. Why does the Lord allow Latter-day Saint boys and others, who are seeking to live virtuous upright lives, to be killed in battle (vs. 12-13)?
- 902. What does Moroni ask that shows our generation that dependence upon the Lord for national defense does not remove the necessity of putting forth our own efforts (v. 21)?

#### Chapter 61

- 903. How had the royalist "fifth column" shown its true colors when it finally got control of the Nephite capital and installed its own king (v. 8)?
- 904. Does the Lord expect His people to use passive or active resistance against aggressors (vs. 10-14)? Explain. Compare this with Alma 43: 46-47.

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- 905. What prompt action did Moroni take to rid the government of traitors and thus bring about a united war effort (vs. 3-11)?
- 906. By what device did Moroni regain possession of Nephihah (vs. 18-26)?
- 907. What request were many of the Lamanite prisoners granted (vs. 27-28)?
- 908. How did the valiant Teancum and the wicked Ammoron meet their end (vs. 35-36)?
- 909. What does Mormon say was the reason the Nephite nation had been spared destruction in the long drawn-out war that Amalickiah had started (v. 40)?
- 910. What significant observation on the two fold effect of war does the writer make in verse 41?

#### Chapter 63

- 911. Whose writings necessarily formed Mormon's literary source for the events recorded in this chapter (vs. 1, 17)?
- 912. In your opinion, what recurring disaster were the emigrants to the land northward probably trying to escape (v. 4 ff.)?
- 913. Who was Hagoth (v. 5 ff.)?
- 914. What provides Book of Mormon students the basis for supposing that some-perhaps many -of the Pacific Islanders are of Nephite extraction (vs. 7-9)?
- 915. To whom did Shiblon pass the sacred records before his death (vs. 11, 13)?

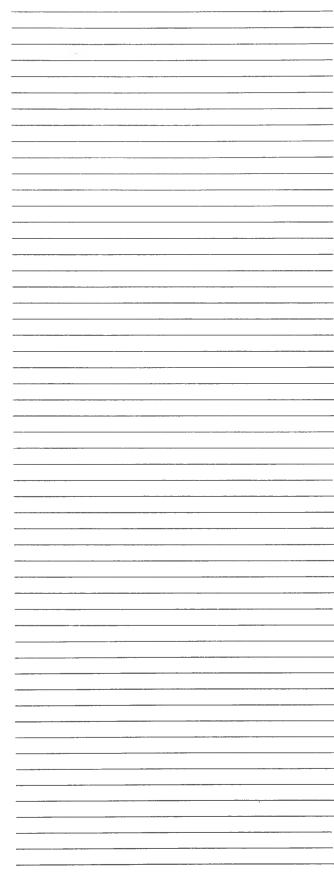
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#### Chapter 1

- 916. How did Pahoran II, Paanchi, and Pacumeni, respectively, come to an untimely death (vs. 1-22)?
- 917. How did Coriantumr's bold seizure of the Nephite capital prove his undoing (vs. 23-32)?

- 918. Only two family lines had occupied the chief judgeship since its inception, the family of Alma and the family of Nephihah. To which family line did Helaman II, the new chief judge, belong (v. 2)?
- 919. Who appears to have been the master mind of the secret society to which the assassin, Kishkumen, belonged (vs. 4-5)? Compare Helaman 6:18.



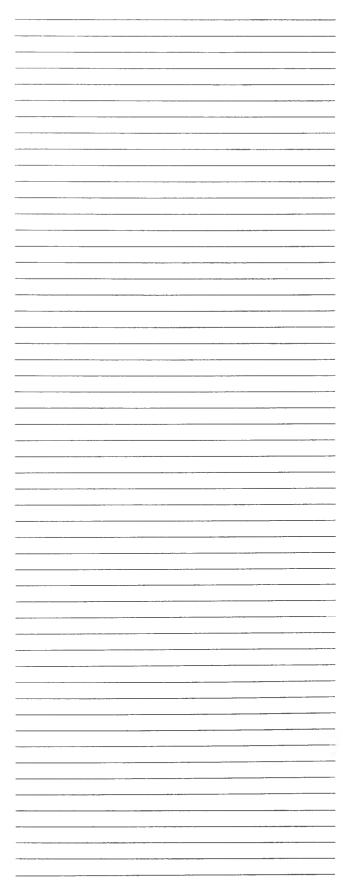
- 920. How was the scheme to assassinate Helaman II foiled (vs. 6-9)?
- 921. Who is the narrator who refers to himself in the first person in verse 14? Compare this with 3 Nephi 5:11-12.

- 922. Why was the land northward called "desolate" (vs. 5-6) or "Desolation" (Alma 22:30)?
- 923. What simple and practical reforestation program did the Nephite settlers in the land northward inaugurate (v. 9)?
- 924. From whence did the Nephites in the land northward obtain lumber (vs. 10-11)?
- 925. How was it that the people of Ammon, who were Lamanites by birth (v. 12), were dwelling among the Nephites? Consult Alma 27:21-26 for your answer.
- 926. What indication does Mormon give us that the Nephites kept many records and that the Lamanites also kept some records (vs. 13-16)? Compare this with Mormon 1:3-4.
- 927. What reassuring thought does Mormon offer people who might be inclined to feel that the prospect of dwelling with God in heaven is restricted to the educated or the talented or the brilliant or the well-born (vs. 28-30)?
- 928. The Prophet Joseph Smith admonished the Latter-day Saints to "Sanctify yourselves that your minds become single to God, and the days will come that you shall see him. . ." (Doctrine and Covenants 88:68). How does one become sanctified (v. 35)?
- 929. Who succeeded Helaman as chief judge (v. 37)?

#### Chapter 4

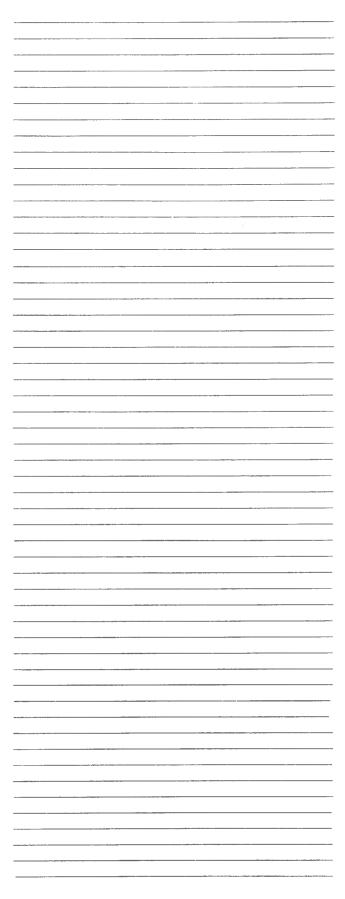
930. In view of Mormon's explanation of the reason for the Nephite losses sustained in war, what may very well be the underlying reason for the extensive suffering and losses sustained by the United States and her allies in World War II and in the Korean conflict (vs. 11-13)?

- 931. The Nephites, who had a democratic form of government, were "ripening for destruction, for the laws had become corrupted" (v. 2). Who does this imply is responsible (in a democracy) if the country has bad laws?
- 932. Whose example was Nephi evidently following when he retired from the judgment seat to preach (v. 4)? Consult Alma 4:20 for your answer.



- 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).

- 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)?

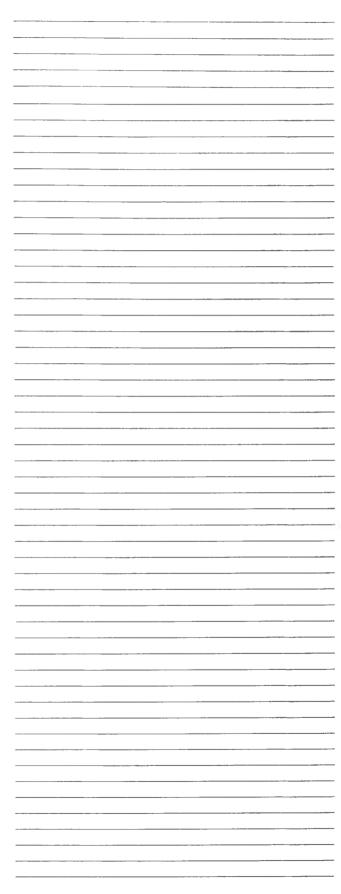
- 951. Why did Nephi cut short his missionary labors among the Nephites in the land northward (vs. 1-3)?
- 952. What very human tendency does Nephi display in verses 7 through 9?
- 953. Upon what fair and equitable basis does the Lord dispense His strength to men and nations (v. 23)?
- 954. When was 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 means 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?

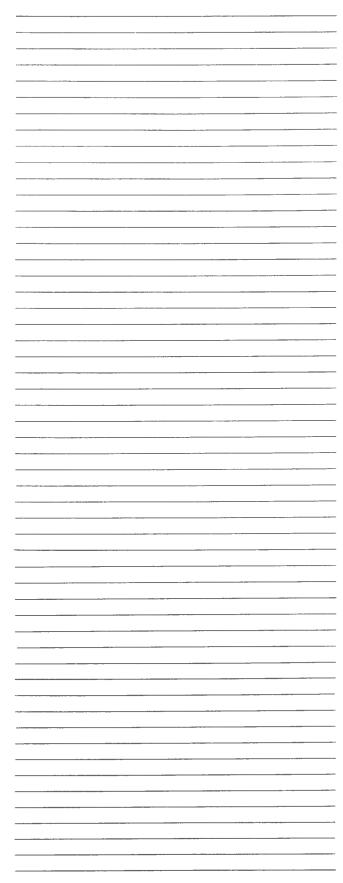
## Chapter 11

- 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?

- 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)?



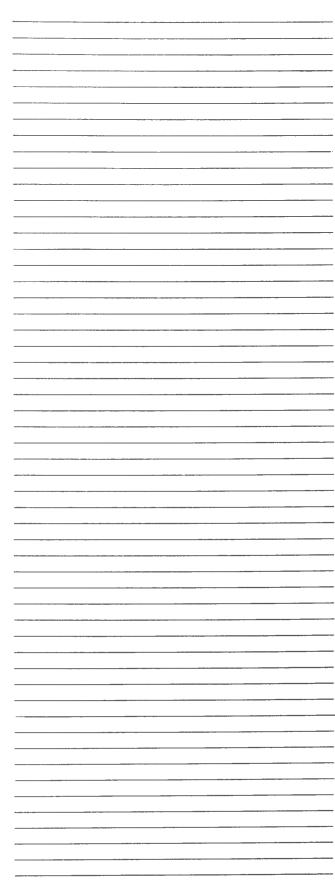
- 979. Judging by verses 12 and 13, upon what basis or condition might the Latter-day Saint people be instrumental in saving America from destruction?
- 980. When was Zarahemla to be destroyed (v. 14)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 9:1-3 ff.
- 981. What strange curse did Samuel, the Lamanite, predict would one day befall the Nephite people (vs. 17-20)?
- 982. In your opinion, are the people of America close to or far from the conditions described in verse 22?
- 983. In what way were the people of Zarahemla, at this time, worse than many of their ancestors had been (vs. 25-26)?

- 984. What signs were to announce Jesus' birth (vs. 3-6)?
- 985. How would you answer the person who concludes, on the basis of verse 8, that a mere acceptance of Christ is sufficient to carry men to salvation? In formulating your answer consult verse 13 and also Alma 7:15-16 and 9:27.
- 986. Who does Samuel say was "the Creator of all things from the beginning" (v. 12)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 38:1-3.
- 987. In what sense does the resurrection of Christ redeem all mankind from spiritual death (vs. 16-17)?
- 988. What does Samuel say that indicates there will be a class of unrepentant souls who will not *remain* redeemed from spiritual death after the final day of judgment (v. 18)?
- 989. What were to be some of the signs of Christ's death (vs. 20-27)?
- 990. There is a theory held by certain psychologists that sin is an outmoded concept, that no one is really responsible for his actions since we are the product of our environment. What does the Prophet Samuel say that contradicts this view (vs. 30-31)?

#### Chapter 15

991. Why were the Lamanites to be preserved and the Nephites to be destroyed (vs. 4-17)?

- 992. To whom did the converted Nephites go for baptism (v. 1)?
- 993. What manifestations were given to wise men in the period shortly before Christ's birth (v. 14)?
- 994. As an example of the inadequacy of human reason to cope with the things of God, what did many people argue was "not reasonable" about the prophesied coming of Christ (vs. 17-19)?



## Mormon's Abridgment of

# THIRD NEPHI<sup>1</sup> THE BOOK OF NEPHI

## Chapter 1

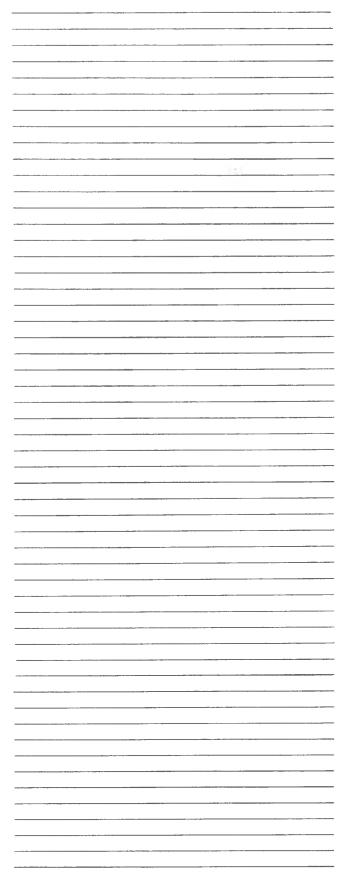
- 995. How does the mysterious disappearance of Nephi, the son of Helaman (vs. 2-3), compare with the disappearance of Alma II? See Alma 45:18-19.
- 996. Who were the five immediate ancestors of the new custodian of the sacred records (v. 3)? Consult the superscription for your answer.
- 997. What public miracle occurred the night enemies of the Church planned to massacre the believers (vs. 9-21)?
- 998. If the law of Moses was not fulfilled when Christ was born (vs. 24-25) when was it fulfilled? In formulating your answer consult Alma 34:13.

#### Chapter 2

- 999. What were the three successive bases for the reckoning of time used among the Nephites (vs. 5-8)?
- 1000. What physical change came over the Lamanites who accepted the gospel and united with the Nephites (vs. 14-16)?

- 1001. Wherein does the bandit army chieftain's letter betray his attempt to (a) flatter (b) belittle (c) bluff Lachoneus into submission (vs. 1-5)?
- 1002. What was the Gadianton robber leader's bold ultimatum (vs. 6-8)?
- 1003. What explanation did the Gadianton chief offer as the justification for his incredible demand (v. 10)?
- 1004. In a very realistic move to bolster the Nephite defenses Lachoneus not only called upon his people to gather together into one central body but also asked them to do what other important thing—something that few modern military leaders would think to suggest (vs. 12-16)?

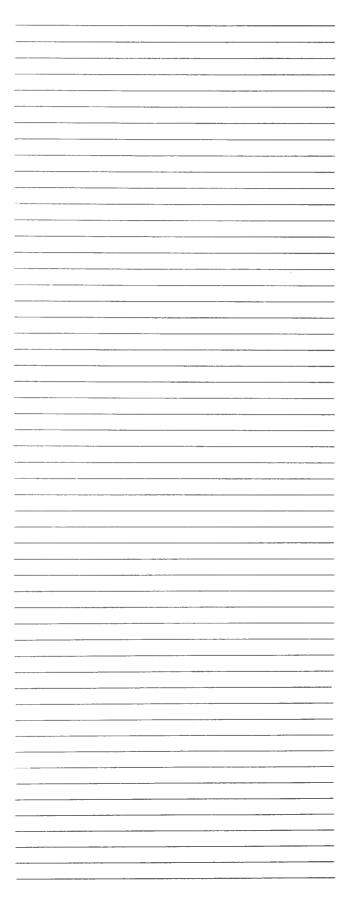
<sup>1.</sup> Third Nephi is a modern caption; it is not part of the original text. It was first employed in the 1879 Edition as an aid to reference work to distinguish it from the two books of Nephi (pp. 1-107) on the Small Plates of Nephi and the later book of [Fourth] Nephi on the Plates of Mormon (pp. 456-459).



- 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.

- 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)?

- 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.



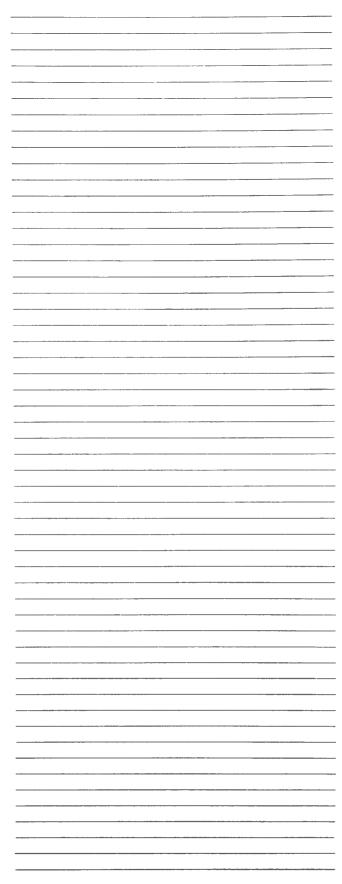
- 1020. How is verse 23 being fulfilled in our day? Compare this with 2 Nephi 3:12.
- 1021. What prophecy does Mormon utter regarding the whole House of Israel in the last days (vs. 24-26)?

- 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)?

- 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.



- 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

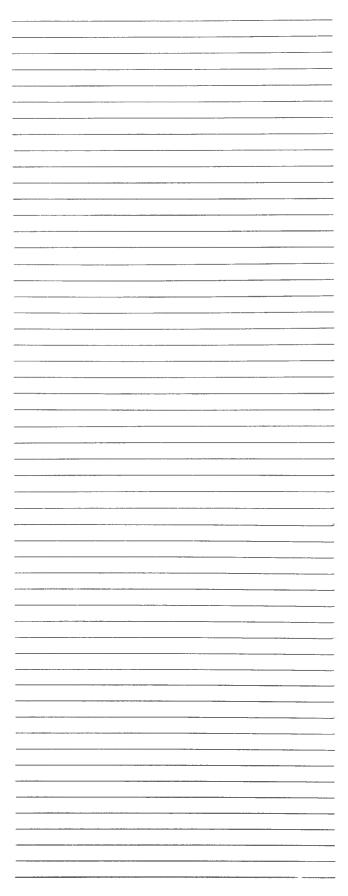
- 1041. The prophecies repeatedly assert that the righteous will be preserved in the day of Christ's future coming (1 Nephi 22:17, 19; Doctrine and Covenants 63:33-35; Pearl of Great Price, Moses 7:61). How does this promise square with what took place at the time of Christ's coming to the Nephites (vs. 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)?

- 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

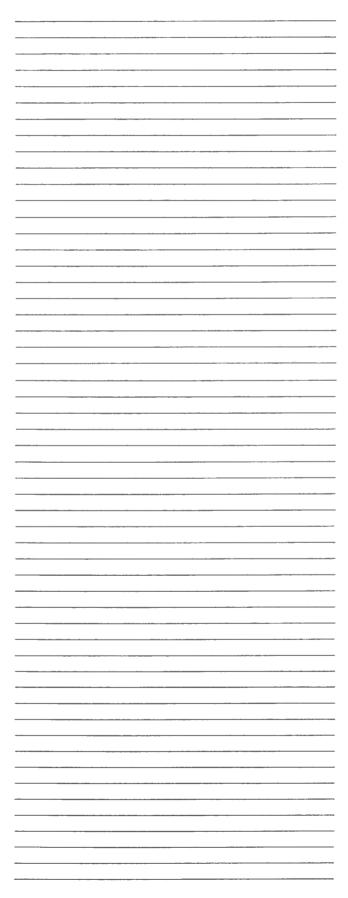


on the Mount. The Book of Mormon rendition of this discourse should be read alongside the Bible rendition in Matthew, chapters 5 through 7. It will be observed that the Book of Mormon version sheds important light on the Biblical version. At the outset, in contrast with the popular view that the Sermon 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.

- 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.



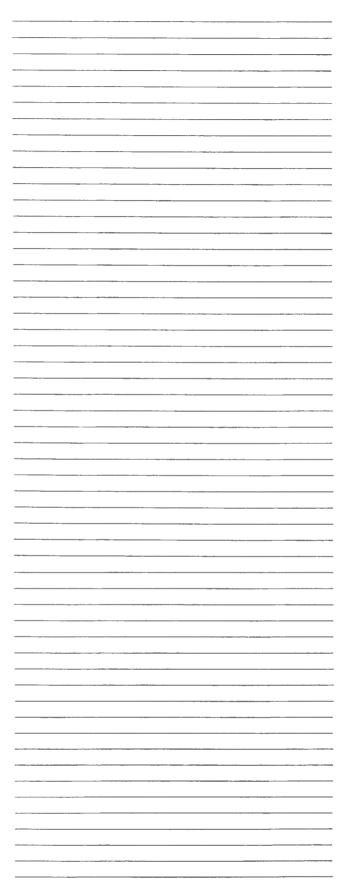
- 1075. What does the Lord require of those who would obtain forgiveness of their sins (vs. 14-15)?
- 1076. In your judgment, why is secrecy such an emphatic part of Jesus' teachings on fasting and prayer and charity (vs. 1-18)?
- 1077. In your judgment, how do we lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven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

- 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)?

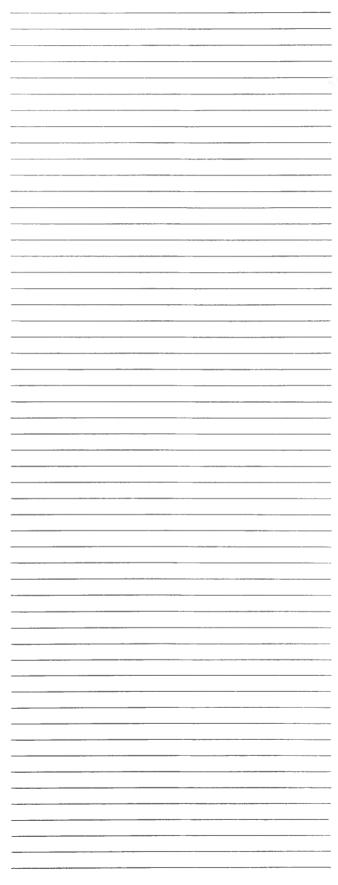
- 1089. Who did Jesus say He was going to visit after leaving the Nephites (vs. 1-3)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 17:4.
- 1090. Knowledge of what people could Christ's followers at Jerusalem have received if they had but asked (v. 4)?



- 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)?

- 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?

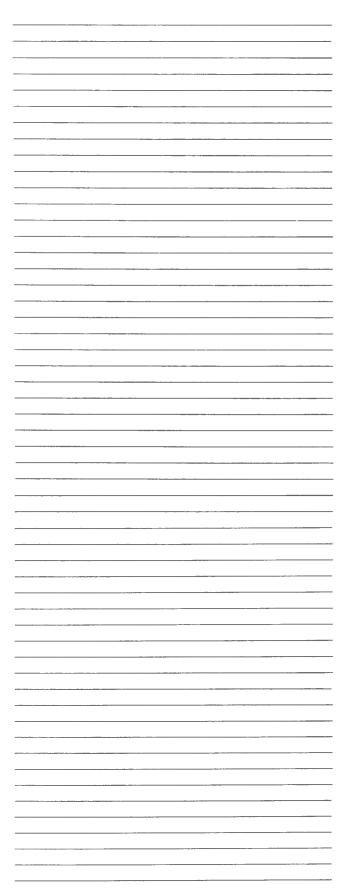
- 1096. When the disciples and the multitude partook of the sacrament of the Lord's supper they were "filled" (vs. 4-5, 9). With what were they filled? Consult 3 Nephi 20:9 for your answer.
- 1097. In your opinion, what is wrong if one partakes of the sacrament and is not "filled"?
- 1098. For whom is 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.



- 1104. What is the danger of partaking of the sacrament unworthily (v. 29)?
- 1105. What did Jesus say that indicates that under no condition must the names of unbaptized persons be entered on the records of the Church as members (vs. 30-31)?
- 1106. What were the words that Jesus uttered when He touched His disciples (vs. 36-37)? Consult Moroni, chapter 2, for your answer.

- 1107. How did some of the people who had seen Jesus during the first day's visit employ their time during the night that followed (vs. 1-3)?
- 1108. When the twelve disciples taught the people in Jesus' absence did they specualte and enlarge upon His teachings, or did they teach exactly what Jesus had taught (v. 8)?
- 1109. What did the multitude most desire (v, 9)?
- 1110. Why, in this instance, did the people address their prayers to Jesus instead of to His Father (v. 22)?
- 1111. In what sense are Jesus and His Father "one" (v. 23)? Compare this with John 17:11, 20-23.
- 1112. In your opinion, how may we be one with Christ and He be glorified in us (v. 29)?
- 1113. A review of the chapter makes clear that Jesus acknowledged His Father and paused to pay homeage to Him every step of the way (vs. 19-23, 27-29, 31-34). What lesson does this hold for us?

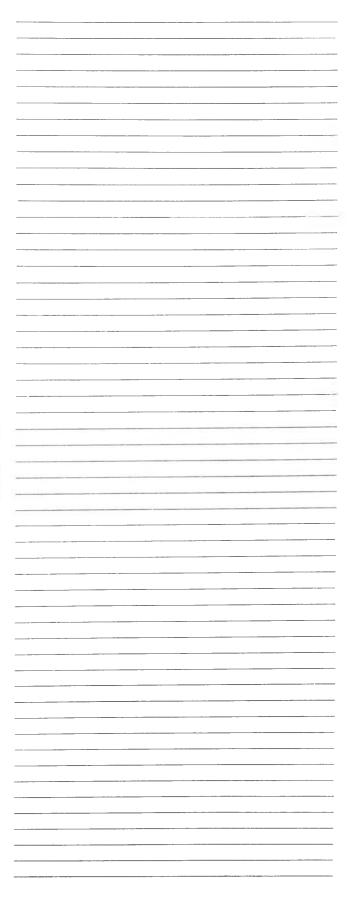
- 1114. What miracle did Jesus perform in relation to the sacramental emblems (vs. 3-7)?
- 1115. What promise did Jesus make to the multitude in connection with their partaking of the sacramental bread and wine (v. 8)?
- 1116. The writings of which Old Testament prophet did Jesus especially recommend that the Nephites study (v. 11)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 23:1-3.
- 1117. The Prophet Joseph Smith, who claimed divine knowledge that the gathering of Israel (v. 13) was to be an event of our day and age (Doctrine and Covenants 110:11), bore witness of his prophetic fore-knowledge by directing Orson Hyde to Jerusalem in 1841 to dedicate Palestine to the return of the Jews. Would you say that Joseph Smith's prophetic foresight pertaining to the gathering has or has not been sufficiently verified to date?



- 1118. What portion of the earth's surface did the Lord promise the descendants of the Book of Mormon people (American Indians) (v. 14)?
- 1119. What punishment did Jesus predict would befall the Gentiles of America if they failed to repent after the gospel had been brought to them (vs. 15-19)?
- 1120. What does America (and the world at large) have hanging over its head today (v. 20)? Compare this with Alma 45:16 and Doctrine and Covenants 1:11-14.
- 1121. To what covenant with Jacob (that Jacob, in turn, passed on to Joseph) does verse 22 probably refer? Consult Genesis 49:22-26 and 2 Nephi 3:5 for your answer.
- 1122. Where will the city of the New Jerusalem be built (v. 22)? Compare this with Ether 13:4-8 ff. and Doctrine and Covenants 84:2-4.
- 1123. In your judgment, how have the Gentiles been "a scourge unto the people of this land" (v. 28)?
- 1124. What important knowledge or belief is yet in store for the Jewish people (vs. 31, 39)?

- 1125. Why was it God's will that a free people should be established in America (v. 4)?
- 1126. Gentiles who repent and are baptized into the restored Church of Christ are numbered among what people (v. 6)? Compare 2 Nephi 30:2.
- 1127. The coming forth of the Book of Mormon is a sign to the descendants of Lehi that the Father has commenced what (v. 7)?
- 1128. In your opinion, who is the servant of the Lord referred to in verses 9 and 10?
- 1129. Verses 12-19 and 21 form a quotation of a revelation that the Lord had given earlier to the Prophet Micah (in Micah 5:8-15.) Who does the prophecy state will be chastened by the remnants of Jacob unless they repent?
- 1130. What intriguing project will be undertaken jointly by the (converted) remnant of Jacob and the converted Gentiles (vs. 22-23)?

- 1131. What is meant by the statement, "For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee" (v. 7)?
- 1132. In your judgment, when will it be that, "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" (v. 13)? Compare this with 2 Nephi 21:6-9.



- 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?

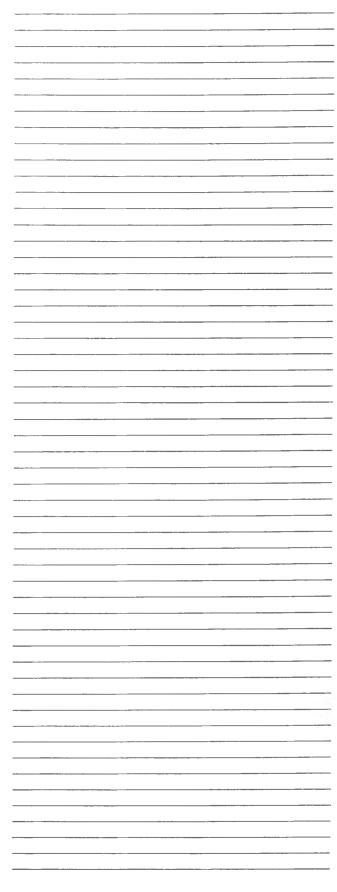
#### Chapter 24

- 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.

- 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)?



- 1142. Upon what condition shall "the greater things" that the Lord has in store for us be revealed (v. 9)? Compare this with Ether 4:7.
- 1143. Upon what condition shall "the greater things" be forever withheld from us (v. 10)?
- 1144. The Prophet Nephi wrote an account of Christ's teachings in considerable detail on the Large Plates of Nephi. Why didn't Mormon copy these teachings in their entirety on to the Plates of Mormon (v. 11)?
- 1145. What does Mormon tell us concerning the number or frequency of Jesus' visits (v. 13)?
- 1146. What spiritual gift was even poured out upon the children (vs. 14-16)?
- 1147. What indication do we have that after Christ's coming to the Nephites they began to live the "United Order". (v. 19)? Compare this with 4 Nephi, v. 3.

- 1148. Why was missionary work necessary after Christ's visit to the Nephites (v. 1)?
- 1149. What plain and simple explanation did Jesus give concerning the name of His Church (vs. 3-8)?
- 1150. What is the gospel (vs. 13-22)? Compare this with Doctrine and Covenants 76:40-42.
- 1151. Who will the Lord hold guiltless in the day of judgment (v. 16)?
- 1152. What is the fate of those who have been baptized into Christ's Church and then failed to live the teachings of the gospel to the end of their lives (v. 17)?
- 1153. How do we wash our garments in Christ's blood, and why is it necessary that we do so (vs. 19-20)?
- 1154. If Church records are incomplete how can God's judgment "out of the books" be just (vs. 25-26)?
- 1155. By what standard were the Nephite Twelve to judge the Nephite people (v. 27)?
- 1156. What great promise regarding prayer did the Lord restate (vs. 28-29)?
- 1157. How many of the Nephites then living did Jesus say would eventually be lost (vs. 30-31)?
- 1158. Which Nephite generation did Jesus say would be like "the son of perdition" (v. 32)?
- 1159. Who was Jesus evidently referring to by "the son of perdition" (v. 32)? Compare this with John 17:12-13.



- 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 Docrtine 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)?

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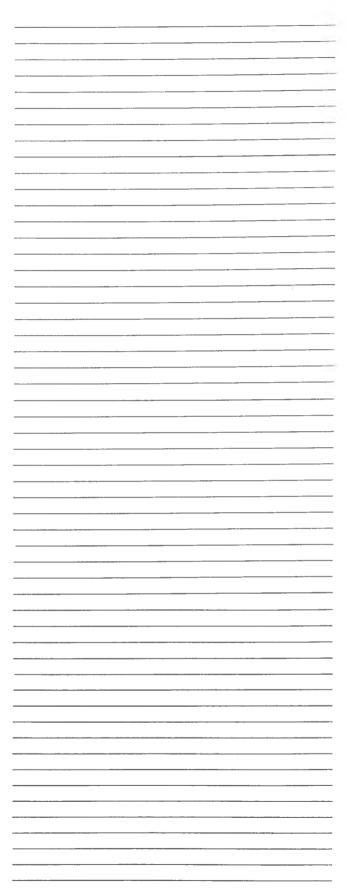
# MORMON'S ABRIDGMENT OF 4 NEPHI

# Mormon's Abridgment of FOURTH NEPHI<sup>1</sup>

# THE BOOK OF NEPHI

- 1174. What relation was the Nephi of the Book of Fourth Nephi to the Nephi of the Book of Third Nephi? Note title heading.
- 1175. There are those who say that when Christ comes again very few people will be likely to accept Him. What percentage of the Nephite-Lamanite peoples were converted to the gospel within two years after Jesus' visit (v. 2)?
- 1176. What evidence do we again have that the Nephites, after Christ's visit, lived a form of the "United Order" (v. 3)? Compare this with Acts 4:32 ff., Doctrine and Covenants, Section 78, and Pearl of Great Price, Moses 7:18.
- 1177. What important landmark of Book of Mormon geography was restored after the coming of Christ to the Nephites (v. 8)?
- 1178. Did the Quorum of the Twelve cease with the death of the original Nephite Twelve or were new disciples ordained to replace those who died (v. 14)? Compare this with Acts 1:21-26.
- 1179. Using the year of Christ's coming to the Nephites as the beginning date and the year when their "United Order" broke up as the ending date (v. 24), how long did the "short term Millennium" last among the Nephites?
- 1180. What is meant by the statement that (in the year 231 A.D.) "there arose a people who were called the "Nephites" (v. 36)? Compare this with verse 17.
- 1181. During the Nephite "short term Millennium" the people achieved the "classless society" that later constituted Karl Marx's ideal. In your judgment, what is the difference between the way the Nephites achieved it and the way Communist dominated countries today seek to achieve it?

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# Mormon's Abridgment of THE BOOK OF MORMON

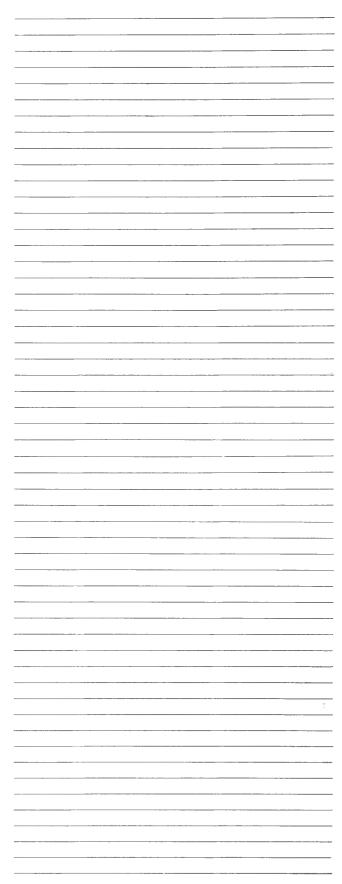
## Chapter 1

- 1182. Upon what set of plates did Ammaron instruct young Mormon to write when he reached the age of twenty-four (vs. 3-4)?
- 1183. What was the name of Mormon's father (v. 5)?
- 1184. In your opinion, why does Mormon refer to Nephites and Lamanites, in this record of history, as "two parties" instead of two nations (v. 9)?
- 1185. How did Mormon distinguish himself at the age of fifteen as a youth of tremendous moral and spiritual force (vs. 15-16)?

#### Chapter 2

- 1186. If you had written the Book of Mormon as a work of fiction, with the intention of palming it off as a work of history, why would you have avoided saying that Mormon assumed the leadership of the army in his sixteenth year (v. 2)?
- 1187. Why wasn't Mormon's appointment to the leadership of the army in his sixteenth year as unusual as it sounds? Consult 3 Nephi 3:19 and Mormon 1:15-16 for your answer.
- 1188. Upon what set of plates did Mormon make a "full account of all the wickedness and abominations" of his people (v. 18)?
- 1189. Upon what set of plates did Mormon make an abbreviated or abridged account of the wicked acts of his people (v. 18)?
- 1190. Why were the Nephites, in their final stages, weak like the Lamanites (v. 26)?
- 1191. What were the terms of the peace treaty of 350 A.D. (vs. 28-29)?

- 1192. How long did the peace last following the treaty of 350 A.D. (v. 1.)?
- 1193. What indication does verse 4 afford that the Lamanites had not yet forsaken all ethics of battle?
- 1194. Why did Mormon resign his command (vs. 8-16)?
- 1195. Who will judge the whole House of Israel (v. 18)?
- 1196. Who will judge the descendants of Lehi in America, and who will judge their judges (v. 19)?
- 1197. For what cause did Mormon write to the world of the latter days (vs. 20-22)?

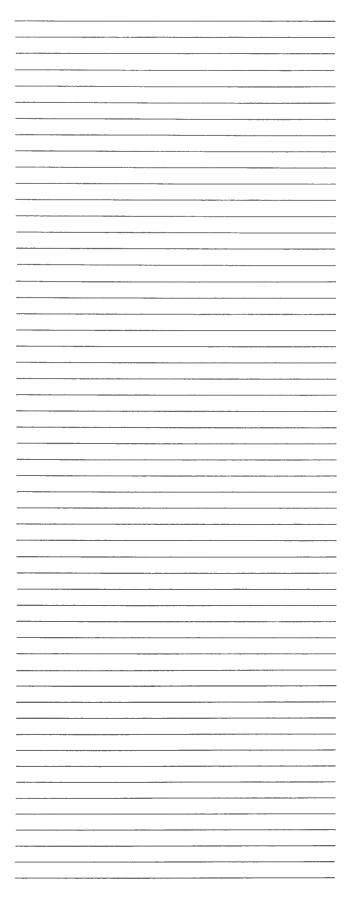


- 1198. Why did the Nephites suffer heavy military reverses in the year 363 A.D. (vs. 1-4)?
- 1199. On what authority did Mormon say of his generation that "there had never been so great wickedness among all the children of Lehi, nor even among all the house of Israel" (v. 12)?
- 1200. What indication do we have that the Lamanites, in their last stages of degeneration, practiced human sacrifice and idol worship (vs. 14, 21)?
- 1201. Why did Mormon remove the Nephite archives from the hill Shim (v. 23)?

## Chapter 5

- 1202. What does Mormon say that betrays the fact that in their final stages the Nephites had ceased to be a praying people (v. 2)?
- 1203. What clue does Mormon provide that (most of) the little Book of Mormon is an abridgement or synopsis of a more extended account that he had written earlier on the Large Plates of Nephi (v. 9)? Compare this with Mormon 2:17-18.
- 1204. Who did Mormon say would sorrow for the downfall of his people (vs. 10-11)?
- 1205. For what intent or purpose will the Book of Mormon go to the unbelieving of the Jews (v. 14)?
- 1206. What people did Mormon mean would become a loathsome people (v. 15)?

- 1207. What was the year of the battle of Cumorah (v. 5 ff.)?
- 1208. Mormon implies that he made "this record" (p. 460 ff.) while waiting for the oncoming Lamanite attack (v. 6). Since chapters 6 and 7 were written by him after the Hill Cumorah massacre, how much of the little section or book that bears his name does he evidently mean he wrote before the battle?
- 1209. Which plates did Mormon bury in the Hill Cumorah, and which did he give to his son Moroni (v. 6)?
- 1210. How many thousand Nephites fell in the Hill Cumorah massacre (vs. 10-15)?
- 1211. How many people survived the massacre (v. 15)?
- 1212. Which verses of this chapter would you label "Mormon's lamentation"?

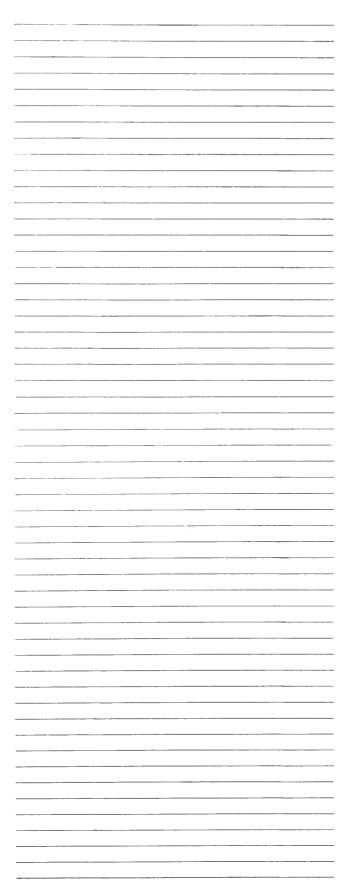


- 1213. To whom does Mormon address the discourse that comprises chapter 7 (v. 1)?
- 1214. If one has a genuine belief in the Bible what does Mormon testify he will also believe (vs. 8-9)?

# **Chapter 8**

- 1215. Who is the author of chapter 8 (v, 1)?
- 1216. Why does Moroni say he was unable to write a discourse on "the intent" of the plates (v. 5)?
- 1217. In the final analysis who brought about the downfall of the Nephites (v. 8)? Compare this with 1 Nephi 17:35-38.
- 1218. What indication does Moroni give us that the destruction of the Nephites did not bring peace to ancient America (v. 8)?
- 1219. What famous personages did Moroni and his father see (vs. 10-11)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 28:25-26 ff.
- 1220. What verse of this chapter appears to have marked the end-for a time-of Moroni's addition to his father's record?
- 1221. Moroni advises a study of the prophecies of Isaiah (v. 23). What prophecy did Isaiah make concerning a people crying "from the dust" and the coming forth of such a work as the Book of Mormon in the last days? Compare this with Isaiah 29:4-14 ff.
- 1222. How has "the blood of saints" been caused to "cry unto the Lord" since the coming forth of the Book of Mormon (v. 27)? In formulating your answer consider Doctrine and Covenants 135 and also 136:34-36.
- 1223. Why could Moroni speak with such certainty and power concerning our era (v. 35)?

- 1224. What does Moroni say sinners would feel like if they were consigned to dwell in the presence of God (vs. 4-5)?
- 1225. In what sense will all men be redeemed through Christ (v. 13)?
- 1226. If God ceases to perform miracles among men what is the reason (v. 20)?
- 1227. In what language characters did Moroni and his father, Mormon, write (v. 32)?
- 1228. If some of the Hebrew used in the day of Mormon and Moroni were found today why should we expect it to vary somewhat from any known Old World form of Hebrew (v. 32)?

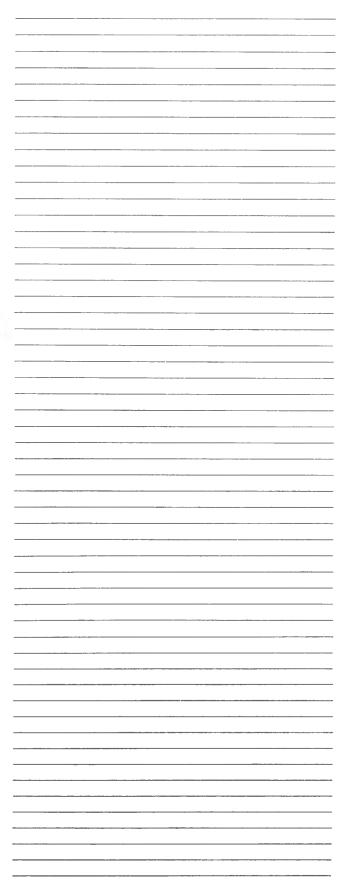


# Moroni's Abridgment of THE BOOK OF ETHER

#### Chapter 1

- 1229. Moroni says he takes his account from twenty-four plates "found by the people of Limhi, which is called the Book of Ether" (v. 2). What were the circumstances surrounding that discovery in the year 121 B.C.? Consult Mosiah 8:7-9 for your answer.
- 1230. Josephus, Jewish historian who lived at the time of Christ, in chapter 5, book I, of his Antiquities of the Jews, says of the Tower of Babel episode, "After this they were dispersed abroad, on account of their languages, and went out by colonies everywhere; and each colony took possession of that land which they lighted upon, and unto which God led them; so that the whole continent was filled with them, both the inland and maritime countries. There were some also who passed over the sea in ships, and inhabited the islands..." What interesting connection does this have with the Book of Ether (v. 33)? Compare this with Genesis 11:1-9.
- 1231. Judging by the Lord's promise concerning the future greatness of the Jaredite nation (v. 43) how must it have compared, at its height, with such nations as Babylonia, Persia, Greece, China, and Rome.

- 1232. Josephus says the king of the people who built the Tower of Babel was one Nimrod, a grandson of Ham. What was the name of the valley northward into which the migrating colony traveled (v. 1)?
- 1233. Dr. Hugh Nibley, in his Lehi in the Desert and the World of the Jaredites, p. 188, says, "The founders of the Second Civilization of Egypt had the bee as the symbol of their land, their king, and their empire, to all of which they applied the designation deseret or something [dsrt] very close to it. What meaning did the Jaredites attach to the word "Deseret" (v. 3)?
- 1234. Moroni pauses in his account of the Jaredites to discuss the promises that the Lord has made concerning the Western Hemisphere and the obligations that residence in it entails (vs. 7-12). How did the Lord describe the land of promise (v. 7)?
- 1235. What did the Lord tell the brother of Jared, that should be of keen interest to all the inhabitants of America today, relative to the



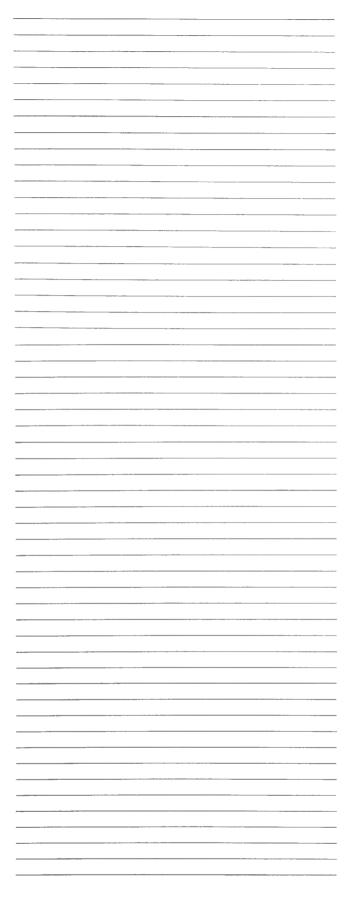
price of residence in the New World and the penalty for failure to pay this price (vs. 8-10)?

- 1236. Why did Moroni see fit to acquaint latterday America with the reasons for the downfall of the ancient inhabitants of this land (v. 11)?
- 1237. Whatever nation dwells in America will be "free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, *if* . . ." the people will do what (v. 12)?
- 1238. For what grave sin did the Lord rebuke the brother of Jared during the course of a three hours' visitation (v. 14)?
- 1239. What preliminary training in the art of ship building, that the Jaredite colony had had, now stood them in good stead as they prepared for the ocean crossing (v. 16)? Consult verse 6 for your answer.
- 1240. Judging by Moroni's description of the vessels in verse 17 what would you say they looked like?
- 1241. The brother of Jared was told to make a hole in the top of the vessels and another in the bottom. Although the hole in the top was to be left open, except in stormy weather when "the water come in upon thee" (v. 20), no mention is made of the hole in the bottom being opened at any time. It is quite possible that the bottom hole was merely a small drainage device, such as is used by modern craft. Which of the brother of Jared's questions remained unanswered (v. 19 ff.)?
- 1242. In your opinion, when the brother of Jared prayed again for instructions why did the Lord urge him to propose a solution to his own problem (v. 23, 25)?
- 1243. Notwithstanding the fact that the brother of Jared was informed that there would be times when they would be "swallowed up in the depths of the sea" (v. 25) during storms (v. 23), what evidence is there that the voyage actually was a surface crossing and not an underwater crossing? In formulating your answer consult Ether 6:5-8.

- 1244. How many vessels did the Jaredite emigrants have (v. 1)?
- 1245. When the brother of Jared came to realize that the only possible solution to his problem would have to be a miraculous one what amazing and bold request did he have the faith to make (vs. 1-5)?
- 1246. Why did the brother of Jared fall to the earth in fear (vs. 5-8)?

- 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.

- 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?

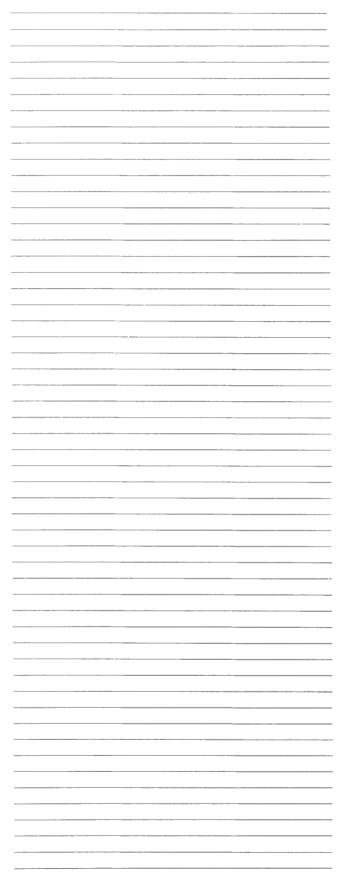
#### **Chapter 6**

- 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)?

- 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)?

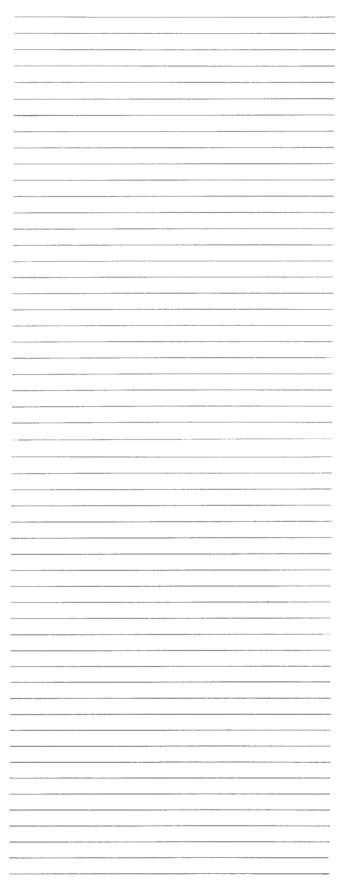
## Chapter 9

- 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.

- 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

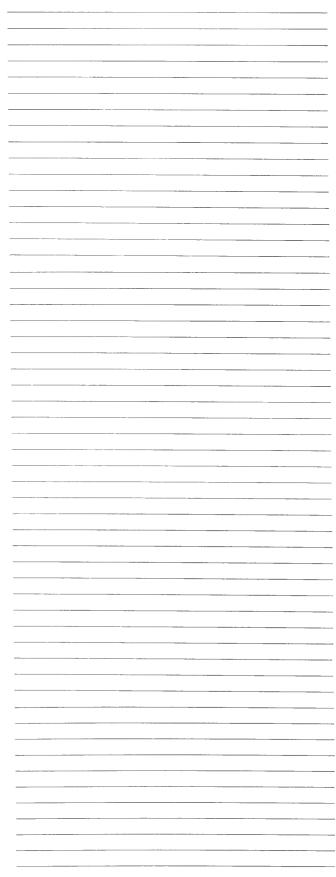


completely—as a matter of no consequence —the names of actual kings (vs. 9, 15-22)? Consider verse 23 as the probable key to the answer.

#### 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.

- 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) Jersusalem 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?



- 1297. In the desperate scramble for much needed weapons and tools in the late stages of the Jaredite decline it was every man for himself. To what does Moroni attribute the widespread thievery of the panic-stricken people people (vs. 1-2)?
- 1298. What hint do we have to the probable fact that a corrupt priest class was part and parcel of the Jardiete decline (v. 9)?
- 1299. What extremely realistic sidelight on war is provided at this point in Moroni's narrative vs. 22-23)?
- 1300. What was the two fold aspect of Shiz's oath (v. 24)?

#### Chapter 15

- 1301. How many of Coriantumr's people had been slain by the sword when Coriantumr began to repent (vs. 1-3)?
- 1302. What was Shiz's amazing reply to Coriantumr's offer to abdicate the throne in his favor (vs. 4-5)?
- 1303. Coriantum had been promised that he should see another people receive the land for their inheritance and that he would receive a burial by them (Ether 13:21). How was this prophecy fulfilled after he "fell to the earth and became as if he had no life" (v. 32)? Consult Omni, vs. 20-22 for your answer.
- 1304. What was Moroni's purpose of telling in considerable detail the tragic story of the destruction of the Jaredites? Consult Ether 2:11-12 for your answer.
- 1305. Is the reader left with the impression that Ether hid his record in a secret place so nobody would find it or in some obvious place where a later people would be sure to find it (v. 33)? Compare this with Mosiah 8:7-9 ff.

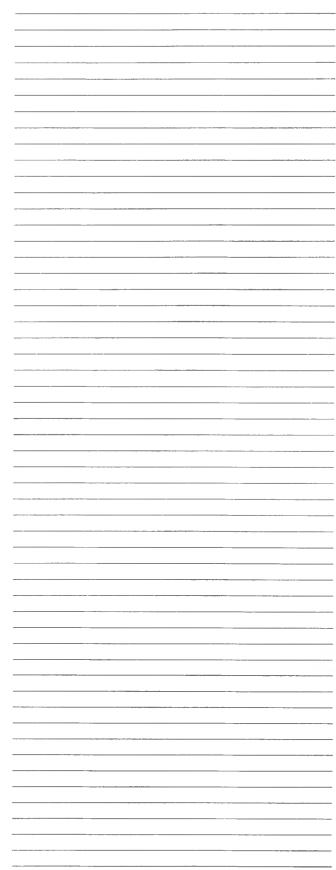
## THE BOOK OF MORONI

## Chapter 1

1306. Why did Moroni again take up his literary labors after having twice previously announced that he was ending them (vs. 1, 4)? Compare this with Mormon 8:13 and Ether 12:38-41.

#### Chapter 2

1307. What interesting supplementary detail concerning Christ's visit to the Nephites does Moroni here provide (vs. 1-3)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 18:36-38.



1308. How did the disciples of Christ ordain priests and teachers in the Church (vs. 1-4)?

## Chapter 4

1309. What three things do we witness or covenant with God that we will do when we partake the sacrament (v. 3)?

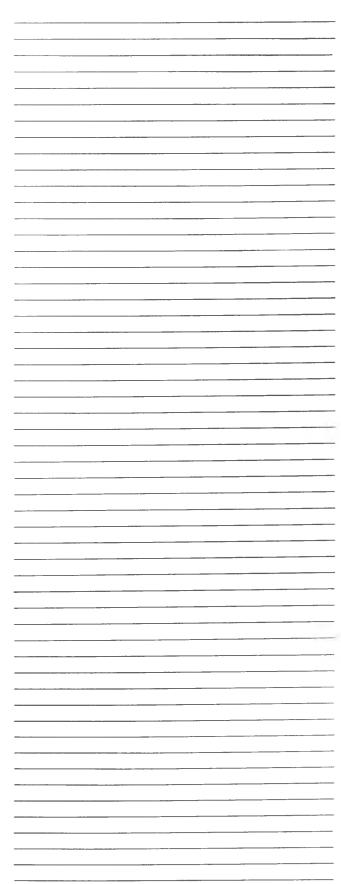
# Chapter 5

- 1310. The Nephites used wine in their sacrament (v. 1). Why do we use water? Consult Doctrine and Covenants 27:1-4 for your answer.
- 1311. Of the three things that we witness or covenant with God when we partake of the bread (Moroni 4:3), what single promise (that is fundamental to the other two) do we re-make when we partake of the water or wine (v. 2)? Compare this with 3 Nephi 18:7, 11.
- 1312. The Lord's part of the sacramental contract or covenant is the promise (based on the condition that we keep our part of the bargain) that He will give us the constant companionship of His Spirit (v. 2). Why, in your opinion, should we earnestly desire this companionship?

## Chapter 6

- 1313. What were the qualifications for baptism in the Nephite Church (vs. 1-3)?
- 1314. Upon whose merits did the Nephite Church members rely for their salvation (v. 4)?
- 1315. Why did Church members meet together often (vs. 5-6)?
- 1316. How were problems of misconduct handled in the Nephite Church (vs. 7-8)?

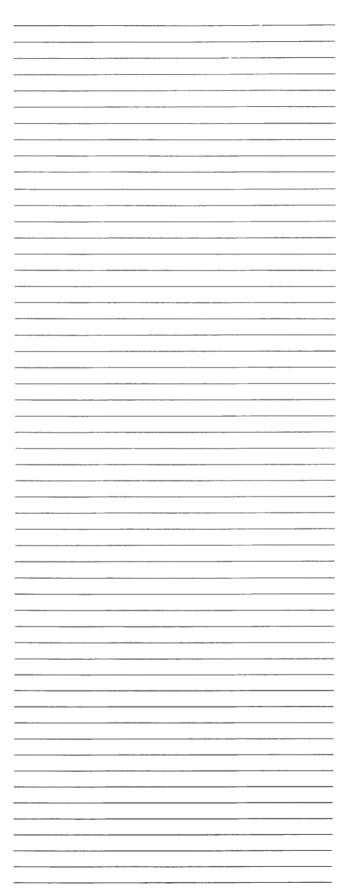
- 1317. To whom did Mormon address his great sermon on faith, hope, and charity—to Church members or non-Church members (v. 3)?
- 1318. What does Mormon say that indicates anything less than whole-souled giving or wholesouled praying is meaningless to God (vs. 6-7 ff.)?
- 1319. How does the Lord count the contribution of the man who donates to a worthy cause out of a feeling of social pressure but who inwardly resents parting with his money (v. 8)?
- 1320. In the midst of conflicting ideologies of our time how can Latter-day Saints tell the difference between good and evil (vs. 15-17)?



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- 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)?

- 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)?

- 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 Coyenants 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.

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