

November 4–10

Mormon 7–9

“I Speak Unto You As If Ye Were Present”



Mormon's Final Message

Mormon 7:1-5

What message does Mormon want to impress on the latter day descendants of Lehi?

Jeffrey R. Holland

“In a soliloquy of death, Mormon reached across time and space to all, especially to that 'remnant of the house of Israel' who would one day read his majestic record. Those of another time and place must learn what those lying before him had forgotten - that all must 'believe in Jesus Christ, that he is the Son of God,'.... To 'believe in Christ,' especially when measured against such tragic but avoidable consequences, was Mormon's last plea and his only hope. It is the ultimate purpose of the entire book that would come to the latter-day world bearing his name.” (Christ and the New Covenant, pg. 321-3)

Mormon's Final Message

Mormon 7:8-10

What will the descendants of Lehi know to be true if they believe the Book of Mormon?

Russell M. Nelson

"The Bible and the Book of Mormon are both witnesses of Jesus Christ. They teach that He is the Son of God, that He lived an exemplary life, that He atoned for all mankind, that He died upon the cross and rose again as the resurrected Lord. They teach that He is the Savior of the world.

"Scriptural witnesses authenticate each other.... Each book refers to the other. Each book stands as evidence that God lives and speaks to His children by revelation to His prophets.

"Love for the Book of Mormon expands one's love for the Bible and vice versa.... [The Bible] establishes the everlasting nature of the gospel and of the plan of happiness. The Book of Mormon restores and underscores biblical doctrines." (CR, Oct. 2007)

Moroni Sees the Latter Days

Mormon 8:1,14-16

When Moroni states “blessed be he that shall bring this thing to light,” who do you think he is referring to?

Ezra Taft Benson

“I commend you faithful Saints who are striving to flood the earth and your lives with the Book of Mormon. Not only must we move forward in a monumental manner more copies of the Book of Mormon, but we must move boldly forward into our own lives and throughout the earth more of its marvelous messages”. (CR, April 1989)

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Mormon 8:12,17

In what ways have faults or mistakes made their way into the Book of Mormon?

Why do you think God allows mistakes to be made in bringing about His work?

Boyd K. Packer

"Of course there have been changes and corrections. Anyone who has done even limited research knows that. When properly reviewed, such corrections become a testimony for, not against, the truth of the books..

"Now, I add with emphasis that such changes have been basically minor refinements in grammar, expression, punctuation, clarification. Nothing fundamental has been altered...

"There has, over the years, been an endless procession of those who would examine these revelations by every formula save the right one. Each becomes evidence, as Paul said, 'the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned' (1 Cor 2:14).

"These scriptural diamonds, as we have described them, will stand the test." (CR, April 1974)

Ether 12:26,28

26 And when I had said this, the Lord spake unto me, saying: Fools mock, but they shall mourn; and my grace is sufficient for the meek, that they shall take no advantage of your weakness;

28 Behold, I will show unto the Gentiles their weakness and I will show unto them that faith, hope and charity bringeth unto me -- the fountain of all righteousness.

Neal A. Maxwell

"Who is more conscious of the imperfections in their writings than the writers of God's word?...

"And who, more than the Lord, knows what it costs to process His eternal truths through mortals? 'Behold, I am God and have spoken it; these commandments are of me, and were given unto my servants in their weakness, after the manner of their language, that they might come to understanding' (D&C 1:24)." (CR, April 1982)

Moroni Sees the Latter Days

Mormon 8:33-35

How does Moroni know what the world be like during our time?

Ezra Taft Benson

“If they saw our day, and chose those things which would be of greatest worth to us, is not that how we should study the Book of Mormon? We should constantly ask ourselves, 'Why did the Lord inspire Mormon (or Moroni or Alma) to include that in his record? What lesson can I learn from that to help me live in this day and age?'...”

“Can anyone doubt that this book was meant for us and that in it we find great power, great comfort, and great protection?” (Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Ezra Taft Benson, pg. 140)

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Mormon 8:26-33

How does the Book of Mormon help us to recognize and overcome the evils of our day?

Ezra Taft Benson

"From the Book of Mormon we learn how disciples of Christ live in times of war. From the Book of Mormon we see the evils of secret combinations portrayed in graphic and chilling reality. In the Book of Mormon we find lessons for dealing with persecution and apostasy. We learn much about how to do missionary work. And more than anywhere else, we see in the Book of Mormon the dangers of materialism and setting our hearts on the things of the world. Can anyone doubt that this book was meant for us and that in it we find great power, great comfort, and great protection?" (CR, Oct. 1986)

Moroni Sees the Latter Days

Mormon 8:36-41

According to Moroni, where are those living in the latter days positioned in the pride cycle?

L. Tom Perry

"Many of us are more concerned about our fine apparel, the size of our homes, and our cars and their gadgets than we are about the needs of the poor and the needy. We also have seen the threat of legalized abortion, gambling, pornography, and challenges to public prayer undermining the values that bind us together as a community of Saints....

"Despite the challenges we face, I plead with each one of you to stand firm in your convictions. There is no way to escape the whirlwinds of the judgments of God that He will unleash on the heads of His children who choose to pursue a course that is against His will. We need to heed Moroni's warning to avoid the fate which destroyed his people." (CR, Oct. 1992)

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Mormon 9:7-11

How do the teachings of the Book of Mormon correct the false belief that God has ceased revelations?

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Mormon 9:15-17

What evidence does Moroni sight that God is still a God of miracles?

Alma 30:44

... all things denote there is a God; yea, even the earth, and all things that are upon the face of it, yea, and its motion, yea, and also all the planets which move in their regular form do witness that there is a Supreme Creator.

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Mormon 9:27-28

L. Tom Perry

"Who would not want to heed the voice of warning of one who has witnessed such heartache and misery? Is it any wonder that his words are to declare that there is a better, happier, and more fulfilling way to live?

Moroni's words are not just a voice of warning, but also a voice of hope, as he lets us know that every one of God's children are precious to Him. He desires that every soul enjoy immortality and eternal life." (CR, Oct. 1992)

Next Week:

November 11–17

Ether 1–5

“Rend that Veil of Unbelief”

