

Feb. 24 – March 8:
2 Nephi 26–30, "A Marvelous Work and a Wonder"
2 Nephi 31–33, "This is the Way"



Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon

2Ne 26:16-17

How does the Book of Mormon fulfill Isaiah's description of a record “out of the dust”, and a voice “that hath a familiar spirit?”

Opposition to the Book of Mormon

2Ne 26:20-21

Why do the Gentiles build up many churches?

What is the stumbling block that has caused the Gentiles to stumble?

Opposition to the Book of Mormon

2Ne 26:29-31

How does Nephi relate priestcrafts and charity to the building of Zion?

Dallin H. Oaks

"Some may serve for hope of earthly reward. Such a man or woman might serve in Church positions... to achieve prominence or cultivate contacts that would increase income or aid in acquiring wealth....

"If our service is to be most efficacious, it must be accomplished for the love of God and his children....

"This principle—that our service should be for the love of God and the love of fellowmen rather than for personal advantage or any other lesser motive—is admittedly a high standard. The Savior must have seen it so, since he joined his commandment for selfless and complete love directly with the ideal of perfection." (CR, Oct 1984)

Book of Mormon Brought Forth During Wicked Times

2Ne 28:7-9

What two philosophies does the attitude of “eat, drink, and be marry” appeal to?

Book of Mormon Brought Forth During Wicked Times

2Ne 28:20-21,24-25

What reason does Nephi give for some members of the church saying, “all is well in Zion?”

Adam S. Bennion

“I am always interested in this one. 'Wo be unto him that is at ease in Zion! Wo be unto him that crieth: All is well.' If there is any one keynote that ought to be sounded from one end of the Church to the other, it is that we should beware the prosperity and peace that we enjoy. I fear that there may be many in Zion who are at ease. And this passage says: 'Wo be unto him that is at ease in Zion'.” (Young Woman's Journal, 3:436)

Brigham Young

"This people will stand mobbing, robbing, poverty and all manner of persecution, and be true. My greater fear for them is that they cannot stand wealth; and yet they have to be tried with riches, for they will become the richest people on this earth."
(Brigham Young, the Man and His Work, pg. 128)

Impact of the Book of Mormon

2Ne 27:24-26,29-30

What impact will the Book of Mormon have on our wisdom and understanding?

Another Testament of Christ

2Ne 29:3-4,8

Boyd K. Packer

"Some have been offended that anyone would assume that the Bible was incomplete or that there needed to be more. They have, indeed, said, 'A Bible! A Bible! We have got a Bible. What need have we for more Bible?'

"We are, nonetheless, inescapably faced with the fact that with the Bible only, well-intentioned men, as worthy as you today, with centuries of opportunity to seek their end, have devised such a multiplicity of churches that even the ecumenical movement seems hopeless to unite them." (CR, April 1967)

Another Testament of Christ

2Ne 29:12-14

Neal A. Maxwell

"Lost books are among the treasures yet to come forth. Over twenty of these are mentioned in the existing scriptures. Perhaps most startling and voluminous will be the records of the lost tribes of Israel. We would not even know of the impending third witness for Christ except through the precious Book of Mormon, the second witness for Christ! This third set of sacred records will thus complete a triad of truth. Then, just as the Perfect Shepherd has said, 'My word also shall be gathered in one (2 Ne 29:14). There will be 'one fold and one shepherd' (1 Ne 22:25) in a welding together of all the Christian dispensations of human history."

(CR, Oct. 1986)

First Four Principles of the Gospel

2Ne 31:13

Baptism

2Ne 31:6-11

What are the reasons that it was important for even Christ to be baptized?

The Holy Ghost

2Ne 31:12

Joseph Smith

"There is a difference between the Holy Ghost and the gift of the Holy Ghost. Cornelius received the Holy Ghost before he was baptized, which was the convincing power of God unto him of the truth of the Gospel, but he could not receive the gift of the Holy Ghost until after he was baptized. Had he not taken this sign or ordinance upon him, the Holy Ghost which convinced him of the truth of God would have left him. Until he obeyed these ordinances and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, by the laying on of hands, according to the order of God." (HC 4:555)

Joseph Fielding Smith

“I believe... that we have a great many members of this Church who have never received a manifestation through the Holy Ghost.... Therefore, a great many members of the Church do not have that guidance, Then some cunning, crafty individual will come along teaching that which is not true, and without the guidance which is promised to us through our faithfulness, people are unable to discern and are led astray. It depends on our faithfulness and our obedience to the commandments of the Lord if we have the teachings, the enlightening instruction, that comes from the Holy Ghost. When we are disobedient, when our minds are set upon the things of this world rather than on the things of the kingdom of God, we cannot have the manifestations of the Holy Ghost.” (BYU Speeches of the Year, 25 Oct. 1961)

Strait and Narrow Path

2Ne 31:17-18

What must we do enter the gate that leads to the strait and narrow path?

Bruce R. McConkie

"When we come out of the world and join the Church, when we become members of this kingdom, we get on a path which is named the 'strait and narrow path.'

Membership in the Church starts us out toward a goal which is called eternal life.

Baptism is not an end in itself; it is the beginning of the process of working out our salvation with fear and trembling before the Lord." (CR, Oct. 1955)

Strait and Narrow Path

2Ne 31:19-20

How must we live to progress along the path?

Neal A. Maxwell

"The... imagery of pressing forward suggests... earnestness and energy and not a passive stroll.... The imagery also emphasizes a direction-forward, not side trips and detours.... Pressing forward suggests an enthusiastic, relentless progress along the path, 'with a steadfastness in Christ'." (Wherefore Ye Must Press Forward, pg. 34)

Strait and Narrow Path

2Ne 32:1-5

How do we find out how to progress along the path?

Jorge F. Zeballos

“If we are to do God’s will, if we are to be responsible to Him, we must begin by learning, understanding, accepting, and living according to His will for us.... Having the desire to do what is right is not enough if we do not make sure to understand what our Father expects from us and wants us to do....

"Nephi teaches us that 'the words of Christ will tell you all things what ye should do.' Then he adds that 'the Holy Ghost ... will show unto you all things what ye should do.' Thus, the sources that allow us to learn our duty are the words of Christ that we receive through ancient and modern prophets and the personal revelation that we receive through the Holy Ghost."
(CR, April, 2015)

The Book of Mormon

2Ne 33:10

Ezra Taft Benson

“We hardly fathom the power of the Book of Mormon, nor the divine role it must play, nor the extent to which it must be moved....

“[God] has revealed to me the absolute need for us to move the Book of Mormon forward now in a marvelous manner. You must help with this burden and with this blessing which He has placed on the whole Church.” (CR, Oct. 1988)

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