

Religion 121: The Book Of Mormon I
1 Nephi – Alma 22
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STC 110

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Studying the Book of Mormon

The Prophet Joseph Smith said, “I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book.” (Introduction to the Book of Mormon.) That is the third reason for studying the book. It helps us draw nearer to God. Is there not something deep in our hearts that longs to draw nearer to God, to be more like Him in our daily walk, to feel His presence with us constantly? If so, then the Book of Mormon will help us do so more than any other book....It is not just that the Book of Mormon teaches us truth, though it indeed does that. It is not just that the Book of Mormon bears testimony of Christ, though it indeed does that, too. But there is something more. There is a power in the book which will begin to flow into your lives the moment you begin a serious study of the book. You will find greater power to resist temptation. You will find the power to avoid deception. You will find the power to stay on the strait and narrow path. The scriptures are called “the words of life” (D&C 84:85), and nowhere is that more true than it is of the Book of Mormon. When you begin to hunger and thirst after those words, you will find life in greater and greater abundance. Ezra Taft Benson, “The Keystone of Our Religion,” *Ensign*, Jan 1992, 2.

Course Requirements

Readings and Attendance

There will be daily reading assignments from the Book of Mormon. There will also be readings from the *Book of Mormon Reference Companion* (<http://library.byuh.edu/gospelink>) and Video clips which are available on Canvas. The *Book of Mormon Student Manual* can be accessed through Canvas. We will follow the reading schedule outlined in the syllabus.

Attendance will be marked each day at the beginning of class. Attendance will be worth 15% of your overall mark. 0-2 absences = all 15%; 3 = 12%; 4 = 6%; 5 = 3%; 6 = 0%

Being late can also affect your grade (2 = 1 absence). If you come in late and miss the reading of attendance you must come see me at the end of class to fix it, or it will be counted as a full absence. Once class is over each day the attendance status is final and will not be changed later.

******Absolutely do not use any electronic devices in class for purposes other than what we are discussing (email, texting, Facebook, assignments for other classes, etc.). If I catch you (or your classmates catch you) you will be asked to leave and be docked a full absence.******

Study Questions

For each class period there will be a series of study questions available on Canvas. These questions cover the reading material for the day and are to be turned in before the beginning of class. **The questions must be turned in at the scheduled time. I accept late work for up to half credit.** I will not accept late work after we have the exam which covers that material.

These questions will also act as a study guide for class discussions and for the examinations.

Application Journal

When you turn in your Study Questions you will also make an entry in your “Application Journal” at the bottom of the form. In this Journal you will describe how to apply what you have learned from the reading assignment. This can include character building doctrines, as well as how to apply these teachings and how they can help prepare us to live better lives in society. Be prepared to list specific scenarios as to how these teachings can help us in today’s world.

A Quiz and Examinations

Over the course of the semester there will be a **Syllabus** quiz (worth 5%), and 3 examinations (each worth 20%). These tests will consist of multiple choice, short and long answer, and essay questions.

Everyone is expected to obey the honor code.

Any form of cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated (this includes copying on tests and assignments).

Please update your email addresses as I will communicate with you through the University BYUH address system. You are responsible to ensure that those addresses are up and functioning properly.

Grading

The grading percentages will be as follows:

Attendance	15%
Study Questions	10%
Quiz	5%
Application Journal	10%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3	20%

The breakdown for the final grades will be as follows:

A 94-100%	B- 80-83%	D+ 67-69%
A- 90-93%	C+ 77-79%	D 64-66%
B+ 87-89%	C 74-76%	D- 60-63%
B 84-86%	C- 70-73%	F 00-59%

Department Outcomes

Factual Learning Outcome

Students will learn the ancient and modern settings of the scriptures and they will have the ability to recall the factual information sufficient for demonstrating a basic understanding of LDS scripture, doctrine, and history.

Conceptual Learning Outcome

Students will be able to analyze and interpret LDS scripture, doctrine and history.

Application of Learning Outcome

Students will be able to use the factual knowledge and conceptual understanding of LDS scripture, doctrine and history in problem-solving and life application tasks.

Spiritual Learning Outcome

Students will have developed a deeper testimony of LDS scripture, doctrine and history, and have a greater desire to seek the Holy Ghost as an aid in studying, pondering, and living the doctrine of the Church.

Please note the following from the University:

BYU-Hawaii's Honor Code

Everyone is expected to obey the honor code. Also, please do not wear hats into class.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sponsors Brigham Young University – Hawaii's Campus in order to provide a university education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of the Church. Honesty in academic conduct is expected of every student. Cheating, plagiarizing or knowingly giving false information are serious violations of the Honor Code.

Preventing Sexual Harassment

Title IX of the education amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination against any participant in an educational program or activity that receives federal funds, including Federal loans and grants. Title IX also covers student-to-student sexual harassment. If you encounter unlawful sexual harassment or gender-based discrimination, please contact the Human Resource Service at 780-8875 (24 hours).

Students With Disabilities

Brigham Young University-Hawai'i is committed to providing a working and learning atmosphere, which reasonably accommodates qualified person with disabilities. If you have any disability that may impair your ability to complete this course successfully, please contact the students with Special Need Counselor Leilani Auna at 293-3518. Reasonable academic accommodations are reviewed for all students who have qualified documented disabilities. If you need assistance or if you feel you have been unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of disability, you may seek resolution through established grievance policy and procedures. You should contact the Human Resource Services at 780-8875.

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CORRELATED READING AND DISCUSSION GUIDE **FOR THE BOOK OF MORMON**

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DATE		SCRIPTURE	Lesson	
JAN	7	INTRODUCTION TO 121		
Thurs	9	Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon Read Introduction to the Book of Mormon		BofM dictionary – “The Coming Forth of the Book of Mormon,” “The Structure of the Book of Mormon,” “Editions of the Book of Mormon,” BofM dictionary – “Old Testament, Historical Narrative Referred to”
Tues	14	1 Nephi 1-5	1	BofM dictionary – “Slaying of Laban” Videos 1-3
Thurs	16	1 Nephi 6-10	2	Syllabus Quiz BofM dictionary – “Nephi,” “The Tree of Life in Ancient Cultures”
Tues	21	1 Nephi 11-14	3	Videos 4-7; BofM dictionary – “Nephite Anticipation of Jesus Christ”
Thurs	23	CLASS CANCELLED	4	Read: The Kingdom of Judah: Politics, Prophets, and Scribes in the Late Pre-exilic Period p. 5-11
Tues	28	1 Nephi 15-17		BofM dictionary – “Journey of Lehi to the Promised Land,” Videos 8-12

Thurs	30	1 Nephi 18-22	5	BofM dictionary – “Isles of the Sea”; Videos 13-18 **Exam 1 Friday – Monday Feb. 3 in Testing Center****
FEB	4	2 Nephi 1-3	6	BofM dictionary – “Gentile” Video 19
Thurs	6	2 Nephi 4-7	7	BofM dictionary – “Book of Mormon Messages Concerning Gentiles”
Tues	11	2 Nephi 8-10	8	BofM dictionary – “Nations of the Gentiles”
		2 Nephi 11-16	9	BofM dictionary – “Purposes for Quoting Isaiah”
Thurs	13	2 Nephi 17-24	10	BofM dictionary – “Lost Tribes of Israel”
Tues	18	2 Nephi 25-27	11	Video 20
Thurs	20	2 Nephi 28-30	12	
Tues	25	2 Nephi 31-33	13	BofM dictionary – “Zenos”
Thurs	27	Jacob 1-4	14	BofM dictionary – “Jacob” *Exam 2 Friday – Monday March 3 in the Testing Center
MAR	4	Jacob 5-7	15	Video 22; BofM dictionary – “Allegory of Zenos”
Thurs	6	Enos, Jarom, Omni, Words of Mormon	16	BofM dictionary – “Words of Mormon”
Tues	11	Mosiah 1-3	17	BofM dictionary – “Mosiah,” “Book of Mosiah,” “Sons of Mosiah”
Thurs	13	Mosiah 4-8	18	BofM dictionary – “King Benjamin,” “Law of Moses”
Tues	18	Mosiah 9-17	19	BofM dictionary – “Noah,” “Priests of Noah”
Thurs	20	No Class – Empower Your Dreams		
Tues	25	Mosiah 18-24	20	BofM dictionary – “Ammon 1,” “Ammon 2”
Thurs	27	Mosiah 25-29	21	Video 25
APR	1	Alma 1-4	22	BofM dictionary – “Alma 1”
Thurs	3	Alma 5-7	23	BofM dictionary – “Alma 2”
Tues	8	Alma 8-12	24	
THUR	10	Exam 3		