



## Religion 121 – The Book of Mormon

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**TEXTS:** *The Book of Mormon, The Bible, Doctrine & Covenants, Pearl of Great Price;* (LDSEditions), *Book of Mormon - Student Manual*

**OBJECTIVE:** Our purpose is to help the youth and young adults understand and rely on the teachings and Atonement of Jesus Christ, qualify for the blessings of the temple, and prepare themselves, their families, and others for eternal life with their Father in Heaven.

### GENERAL CLASS SCHEDULE

#### Wednesdays

#### Chapter/Content

Aug.	26	Intro./Plan of the Family	Nov.	4	16 – Jacob 5
Sept.	2	1 – Keystone of Our Religion		11	16 – Jacob 6-7
	9	2 – 1 Nephi 1-5			17 – Enos - Words of Mormon
	16	3 – 1 Nephi 6-11		18	18 – Mosiah 1-3
	23	4 – 1 Nephi 12-15			19 – Mosiah 4-8
	30	5 – 1 Nephi 16-18		25	<b>No Class – Thanksgiving Break</b>
	7	6 – 1 Nephi 19-22	Dec.	2	20 – Mosiah 9-17
Oct.	7	7 – 2 Nephi 1-3			(Give out Exam)
	14	8 – 2 Nephi 4-8		9	21 – Mosiah 18-24
	21	9 – 2 Nephi 9-10		16	22 – Mosiah 25-29
	28	10 – 2 Nephi 11-16			Conclusion
		11 – 2 Nephi 17-24			(Paper, Exam, Reading Logs Due)
		12 – 2 Nephi 25-27			END OF SEMESTER
		13 – 2 Nephi 28-30			Have a Great Winter Break!!
		14 – 2 Nephi 31-33			
		15 – Jacob 1-4			
		16 – Jacob 5			

#### Grading:

**A** = 90% attendance, turn in **two** of the three: 1) Paper, 2) Final, 3) Reading Log

**B** = 80% attendance, turn in **one** of the three mentioned above.

**P** = 70 % attendance

- *If you want credit to transfer to any Church school you will need to achieve an A or B. Please make sure you note your desire for this on the roll in the beginning of the semester.*
- *Manuals can be downloaded for free at: [www.ldscs.org](http://www.ldscs.org) (look for the link “Institute Manuals”) or can be purchased from: [www.ldscatalog.com](http://www.ldscatalog.com) for \$6.00 with free shipping (but will take up to 2 wks.)*

## Questions to be answered throughout the course:

- How is the Book of Mormon truly another testament of Christ?
- What is the primary mission of the Book of Mormon and how does it fulfill it?
- What is a keystone and how is the Book of Mormon the keystone of our religion?
- When you come to know the Book of Mormon is true, what other truths will you also know?
- What is the law of witnesses and how does this affect the Book of Mormon?
- What is the difference between the Large and Small plates of Nephi?
- How is Lehi's experience similar to Joseph Smith's?
- How important is obedience in the plan of salvation and what did Nephi do that helped him to desire to be firmly obedient?
- What can you learn from Nephi's experience with obtaining the plates of brass and setting and accomplishing goals?
- What does "being led by the Spirit, not knowing beforehand the things he should do," mean to you and how can you develop the ability to sense and discern the Spirit?
- What do we learn from Nephi about adversity and how one can overcome?
- What does Lehi teach me about how to handle difficult moments in a relationship?
- How does the "Tree of Life" vision testify of Christ? Why is it important to see and understand that?
- The other 3 visions that Nephi saw were given to help him understand the "Tree of Life" vision. How did these visions accomplish this?
- What objects would be in your "Tree of Life" vision?
- Why does the Lord give revelation to His prophets?
- How does the Book of Mormon testify of the Bible?
- How was Lehi's family's journey similar to that of Moses and the Children of Israel?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach me about the following words mean and what do they have to do with me?:
  - Israel
  - Jew
  - Gentile
  - Zion
  - Last Days
- What was the Liahona and what can that be compared to in your life?
- Why was it important that Nephi go unto his father, Lehi to receive revelation in resolving the "broken bow" situation? What does that teach me?
- What was the repeated promise of the new land given unto Lehi and his family? What affect does that have on us today?
- What does "liken the scriptures unto me" mean to you?
- How can knowing more about Isaiah the person help to unlock his writings? What does the Book of Mormon add to help with Isaiah?
- Pick a verse from Isaiah and explain it in your own language.
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about the gathering of Israel?
- What are the essential elements that make up agency? What role did the Father, Christ, and ourselves play in bringing about agency?
- Why does it seem that the wicked prosper at times even more than the righteous?
- What does the word prosper mean? How has the Lord prospered you as you have been obedient?
- What does it mean when it says that the Lord answered the "ends of the law" for us? How did he do this?
- What are the 3 pillars of God's Plan of Salvation? What does the Book of Mormon teach about each one?
- What does the scripture "Adam fell that men might be, and men are that they might have joy," mean. How does that relate to you?

- What does Nephi's psalm teach me about overcoming negativity and depression?
- What is the difference between the following terms?
  - The Curse
  - The Sign of the Curse
  - Reason for the Sign
- What counsel does the Book of Mormon give on education?
- What would have happened if there wasn't an infinite and eternal atonement?
- How is Christ both a stepping stone and a stumbling block?
- What does the Book of Mormon reveal about Satan?
- Are we saved by works or grace? What is the true doctrine of grace and why must I completely understand it?
- What does the Book of Mormon reveal about itself?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about Christ and why he was baptized?
- What is the Doctrine of Christ? How can you tell that one truly understands it?
- What does it mean to speak with the tongue of angels?
- How can one truly feast upon the words of Christ?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about pride and how to overcome it?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about chastity? Why should I guard it?
- What is your role in Zenos' allegory?
- Why did the Lord of the Vineyard weep? What does this reveal about Him?
- How does one "wrestle" before the Lord? Why must all of us wrestle?
- What is the fruit of repentance? When does one know that they have been forgiven?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach me about how attitudes affect future generations?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about service?
- How does King Benjamin's discourse teach me about the Temple and Temple covenants?
- What is the natural man? Why is that an enemy to God?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about:
  - Judgment
  - Resurrection
  - Death
  - Repentance
  - Pre-mortal existence
  - Foreordination
- What can I learn from Zeniff?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about the meaning of prophet, seer, and revelator? Which one is the most important?
- How was Abinadi a type of Christ?
- If God blesses the righteous then what happen to Abinadi?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about the Law of Moses?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about Christ's atonement?
- How is Christ both the Father and the Son?
- Compare and contrast the People of Limhi and the People of Alma?
- Explain Elder Boyd K. Packer's statement that "an Apostasy is never more than one generation away?" What does the Book of Mormon teach me about the rising generation?
- How do I know that I am spiritually awake? What does that mean?
- How is Christ able to "succor" us?
- What does the Book of Mormon teach about missionary work?
- Why was Satan in the Garden of Eden?
- What are the mysteries of God and how does one come to know and understand them?
- What does the Book of Mormon reveal about Melchizedec?