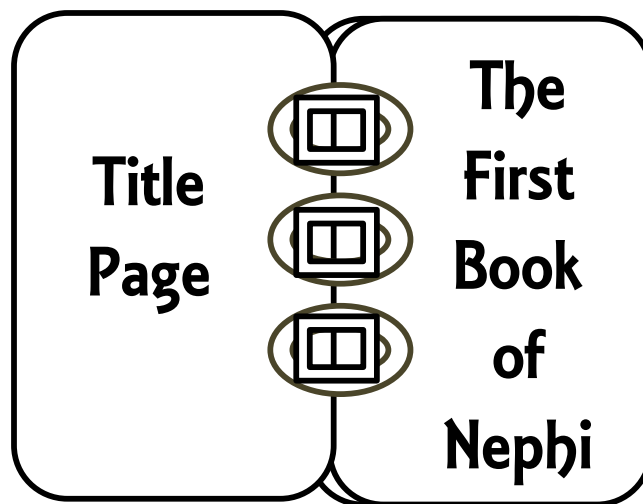


Book of Mormon Search Questions Handouts

Title page and 1 Nephi



Title Page: A Literal Translation (H.C. 1:71)

1. Of what is the Book of Mormon an abridgment? (Compare D&C 20:9)
2. To whom was this record written?
3. How was the record written? (Compare D&C 29:10)
4. How was the record to come forth?
5. Who sealed up the record and when was it to come forth?
6. Of what other people is this record an abridgment?
7. What is the purpose of this record? (Compare D&C 20:11-12)
 - a.
 - b.
8. Why should the reader not condemn this record?

1 Nephi 1, THE CALL OF LEHI

1. Of whom is this book an account?
2. What does Nephi say was the result of his being born of goodly parents?
3. Of what did the language of Nephi's father consist?
4. What happened in the first year of Zedekiah's reign?
5. For whom did Lehi pray? How?
6. What was the result of Lehi's Prayer?
7. Why did Lehi cast himself upon his bed?
8. What did Lehi see as he was carried away in the spirit?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
9. What did Lehi read in the book which he was given?
10. What did Nephi say he was going to include in his record?
 - a.
 - b.
11. What did Lehi do after the Lord had shown him these marvelous things?
12. What was the reaction of the Jews to Lehi's testimony?
13. What does Nephi say he will show unto the reader?

1 Nephi 2, NEPHI RECIEVES HIS OWN WITNESS

1. Why did the people of Jerusalem seek to take away Lehi's life?
2. What did Lehi take with him into the wilderness?
3. To where did Lehi travel?
4. What did Lehi do at the Valley of Lemuel?
5. What likenesses did Lehi wish upon his older sons?
6. Why was Lehi concerned about his sons?
7. Why were Lehi's sons impressed with their father's words?
8. Who appeared unto Nephi at this time? Why?
9. What promises were given to Nephi at this time
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

1 Nephi 3: THE RETURN FOR THE PLATES OF BRASS

1. What was Lehi's response to the murmuring about the trip back to Jerusalem?
2. What was Nephi's response to the return trip to Jerusalem?
3. What was Laban's response to Laman's request for the plates of brass?
4. What was Nephi's response to his brethren's desire to return to their father?
5. Why did Nephi say it was wisdom in God to obtain the records?
6. What was Laban's reaction when he saw the property of gold, silver, etc.?
7. According to the angel, why was Nephi chosen to be a ruler over his brothers?
8. Why did Laman and Lemuel doubt the angel's word?

1 Nephi 4: THE SLAYING OF LABAN

1. What was Nephi's response to the argument that Laban was a mighty man?
2. What example did Nephi use to convince Laman and Lemuel of their ability to accomplish the task?
3. What did Nephi rely upon as he returned to Laban's house?
4. What was Nephi's reaction to his being constrained to kill Laban?
5. As the Spirit told Nephi that the Lord had delivered Laban into his hands, what did Nephi say he also knew? (Compare D&C 98:23-32)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
6. Why does the Lord slay the wicked?
7. What did Nephi remember as he pondered over the whispering of the Spirit?
8. Why did Laban's servant think Nephi was his master?
9. Whom did Laban's servant suppose that Nephi referred to as his elder brethren?
10. Why was Zoram willing to go into the wilderness with Nephi and his brothers?
11. Why were Nephi and his brothers desirous for Zoram to go with them?

1 Nephi 5: THE CONTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE PLATES OF BRASS

1. What was Lehi's response to Sariah's accusation that he was a visionary man?
2. What did Sariah acknowledge upon her son's return?
3. What did they do upon the return of their sons?
4. What was contained upon the plates of brass?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. What did Lehi learn from the genealogy which was upon the plates?
6. What prophecy did Lehi make after reading the plates of brass?
 - a.
 - b.
7. Why did they consider it wisdom to carry the plates with them?

1 Nephi 6: NEPHI'S INTENT IN WRITING

1. What does Nephi say is sufficient regarding his genealogy?
2. Why did Nephi not give a full account of his father?
3. What was the fulness of Nephi's intent?
4. What did Nephi not write? What did he write? (See also 2 Nephi 5:30-32)
5. What commandment did Nephi say he would give to his seed?

1 Nephi 7: THE RETURN FOR ISHMAEL'S FAMILY

1. Why did the Lord command Lehi to return for Ishmael's family?
2. Why was Ishmael willing to go with Lehi's sons?
3. What did Nephi remind his brothers that they had forgotten?
4. What did Nephi say his brothers would know at some future time? Why?
5. What would happen if they returned to Jerusalem? How did Nephi know?
6. For what did Nephi pray? On what condition?
7. What was Nephi's response to his brothers' request for forgiveness?

1 Nephi 8: THE VISION OF LEHI

1. What does Lehi equate with his dream?
2. Why did Lehi rejoice in the Lord because of Nephi and Sam, and his wife?
3. Identify the imagery in Lehi's dream.
 - A. A large and spacious field (1 Nephi 8:9, compare 1 Nephi 8:20)
 - B. The tree of life (1 Nephi 8:10, compare 1 Nephi 11:25)
 - C. The fruit of the tree (1 Nephi 8: 10-11, compare 1 Nephi 15:36, D&C 14:7)
 - D. The river of water (1 Nephi 8:13, compare 1 Nephi 12:16, 1 Nephi 15:26-27)
 - E. The rod of iron (1 Nephi 8:19, compare 1 Nephi 15:23-24)
 - F. The great and spacious building (1 Nephi 8:20, compare 1 Nephi 11:35-36)
 - G. The mist of darkness (1 Nephi 8:32, compare 1 Nephi 12:16)
4. What was Lehi's desire after he had partaken of the fruit of the tree?
5. What happened to the first group which Lehi saw commence in the path?
6. How did the second group get through the mist of darkness?
7. Why was the second group ashamed after partaking of the fruit?
8. What did the third group do which Nephi saw?
9. What did the fourth group do which Nephi saw?
10. Why did Lehi fear exceedingly for Laman and Lemuel?
11. What did Lehi exhort Laman and Lemuel to do? How?

1 Nephi 9: NEPHI KEEPS TWO RECORDS

1. What has Nephi now completed abridging? (See 1:17 and 10:1)
2. Upon what plates did Nephi make a full account of the history of his people?
3. What commandment was Nephi given regarding the words of the plates that you are reading?
4. What was included upon the other plates?
5. What was Nephi's comment about the wise purpose of the Lord in commanding the words of the plates you are reading?

1 Nephi 10: THE PROPHECIES OF LEHI

1. What did Lehi prophecy concerning the Jews after their captivity?
2. What did Lehi say would happen 600 years after leaving Jerusalem?
3. How many prophets had testified of the Messiah?
4. What did Lehi say about all mankind?
5. What did Lehi say about the prophet who should come before the Messiah?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
6. What would the Messiah do after he had been slain and risen from the dead?
7. Unto what did Lehi compare the house of Israel?
8. When were the natural branches of the house of Israel to be grafted in?
9. How did Lehi receive the power of the Holy Ghost to know of these things?
10. What was Nephi desirous to know? How?
11. When are the mysteries of God unfolded by the power of the Holy Ghost?
12. What did Nephi ask us to remember?
13. By what authority did Nephi speak?

1 Nephi 11: NEPHI'S VISION OF JERUSALEM

1. What did Nephi say preceded his being caught away in the Spirit of the Lord unto an exceeding high mountain?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. What sign was given unto Nephi and of what was Nephi to bear record?
3. What did Nephi behold about the Spirit?
4. After Nephi beheld the city of Nazareth and a virgin, what did the Angel ask?
5. What identification is given to the following by the Angel?
 - A. The Virgin
 - B. The Child
 - C. The Tree
 - D. The Rod of Iron
 - E. The Waters
6. As Nephi beheld the condescension of God, what was said about the following:
 - a. The prophet who prepared the way
 - b. The Holy Ghost
 - c. The multitudes who gathered
 - d. The Twelve
 - e. Angels
 - f. The sick and afflicted
7. What happened to the Lamb of God when he was judged of the world?
8. What two groups gathered to fight against the twelve apostles of the Lamb?
9. What was the great and spacious building and what happened to it?

1 Nephi 12: NEPHI'S VISION OF HIS SEED AND THE SEED OF HIS BRETHREN

1. After beholding the wars and destruction upon the promised land, what promise unto Nephi was fulfilled? (See 11:7 and 12:6)
2. What did Nephi see concerning twelve of the Nephites
3. Who was to judge the twelve Nephites and who were the Twelve Nephites to judge?
4. What were the two causes of Nephi's seed being overpowered?
5. What happened to the multitudes who remained upon the promised land?

1 Nephi 13: NEPHI'S VISION OF HIS SEED AND THE SEED OF HIS BRETHREN

1. Where was the foundation of the great church which Nephi saw?
2. What did Nephi see concerning the great church among the Gentiles?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
3. Who was the foundation of this great and abominable church?
4. What was the desires of this great and abominable church?
5. Why did the great and abominable church destroy the saints of God?
6. What did Nephi see happen to a man among the Gentiles?
7. What did Nephi see happen to other Gentiles?
8. What did Nephi see happen to his seed upon the land of promise?
9. How were the Gentiles delivered out of the hands of all other nations?
10. What were the contents of the book seen by Nephi among the Gentiles which made it of great worth unto the Gentiles?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
11. How did the record of the Jews compare with the plates of brass?
12. What did the record of the Jews contain when it proceeded forth from the mouth of a Jew?
13. By whose hand was the record of the Jews to go forth?

14. What was taken from the record of the Jews by the great and abominable church?
 - a.
 - b.
15. Why did the great and abominable church take away many things?
16. What was the result among the Gentiles of the loss of many plain and precious things taken out of the book?
17. Whom did Nephi see that the Gentiles would not destroy?
18. Who are the remnant of the house of Israel of which Nephi speaks?
19. Through whose writing were plain and precious things to be made known?
20. To whom and how were the writing spoken of in #19 to come forth?
21. How were those who seek to bring forth Zion to be blessed?
22. What book does Nephi first behold coming forth among the remnant of the seed of his brethren?
23. What were the other books which were to come forth to the seed of Nephi's brethren to accomplish?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
24. In what order will the Lamb of God manifest himself to all nations?

1 Nephi 14: THE TWO WORLD WIDE CHURCHES

1. What promises are given to the Gentiles who hearken to the Lamb of God when he manifests Himself unto them?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. What everlasting work was the great and marvelous work to accomplish?
3. What divided the two churches of the latter days which were seen by Nephi?
4. Where was the location of the whore of all the earth?
5. Where was the location of the church of the Lamb of God and how many were there?
6. How was the church of the Lamb of God able to defend itself from the mother of abominations?
7. When were the covenants which were made unto the house of Israel to commence their fulfillment?
8. Who was to write the things which Nephi saw but Nephi did not write?
9. Where were these written and how easy to understand were they?
10. What other persons have seen these things shown to Nephi?

1 Nephi 15: UNDERSTANDING THE THINGS OF GOD

1. Why were Lehi's words hard for Laman and Lemuel to understand?
 2. Of what words of the Lord did Nephi remind his brothers?
 3. What was the meaning of the natural branches being grafted in through the fulness of the Gentiles?
 4. At the day of grafting, what would the remnant of their seed know?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 5. At the day of grafting, where will the branches get their strength? (Compare John 15:1-5)
 6. What time period did father Lehi say the grafting would take place? Why?
 7. Who else would be grafted in and according to what covenant?
 8. Why did Nephi rehearse unto them the words of Isaiah?
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1 Nephi 15: 21-26

9. What was Nephi's declaration concerning holding to the iron rod?
10. What had Lehi not observed about the water?
11. What did Nephi say the awful gulf did?
12. Were the things of which Nephi spake temporal or spiritual?
13. What would happen if people died in their wickedness?
14. Why was it necessary to prepare a place of filthiness? What is that place?
15. What is the final state of the souls of man?
16. How is the fruit of the tree described?

1 Nephi 19: 1-6 THE CONTENTS OF THE TWO RECORDS

1. What was engraven upon the plates of ore which Nephi first made?
2. For what two purposes was Nephi commanded to make another record?
 - a.
 - b.
3. When was Nephi commanded to write this record? See 2 Nephi 5:28
4. How were the first plates to be handed down?
5. What did Nephi include on both sets of plates?
6. What excuse does Nephi make? Why?

1 Nephi 19: 1-6 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

3. How does Nephi say that people trample the God of Israel under their feet?
4. When did the angel tell Nephi that the God of Israel would come?
5. What was the world going to do at this coming?
6. What two titles or designations are given unto Christ in Verse 10?
 - a.
 - b.
11. What three prophets foretold of Christ and what did they foretell?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
12. In what different ways did the prophet (Isaiah) say the Lord God would visit all the house of Israel?
 - a.
 - b.

1 Nephi 19: continued

13. What did the prophet Zenos say concerning the gathering of Israel?
14. Why did Nephi write these things?
15. What does Nephi say the Lord had shown unto the prophets of old?
16. Why does Nephi read the book of Moses unto his brothers?
17. Why did Nephi liken the scriptures to themselves?

1 Nephi 20 ISAIAH'S MESSAGE TO JUDAH

1. What is the meaning of the waters of Judah?
2. How is Judah's condition described?
3. Why does the Lord tell the end from the beginning?
4. How does the Lord say he will refine Judah?
5. From where does the Lord tell Judah to go forth and flee?

1 Nephi 21 ISAIAH'S MESSAGE TO THE ISLES OF THE SEA

1. To whom is Chapter 21 addressed?
2. When was the subject of the chapter called? (Compare Jeremiah 1: 4-5)
3. What was the subject's mouth likened unto? (Compare D&C 6:2)
4. Where has the subject been hidden? (Compare D&C 86:8-9)
5. Who is the servant spoken of in verse 3?
6. What is the mission of that servant?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
7. What was the servant to do for the isles of the sea?
8. Why will the heavens sing and the earth be joyful?
9. What has Zion said?
10. What was the Lord's answer to Zion to show he had not forgotten her?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
11. What were the children who were to be in Zion after Zion had lost her first children going to say?

1 Nephi 21 continued

11. In answer to Zion's question of "who hath begotten me these", what does the Lord God say he will do?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
12. Why or how will the prey be taken from the mighty?
13. With what will the Lord feed those who oppress Israel?

1 Nephi 22 NEPHI INTERPRETS ISAIAH

1. Did Nephi consider Isaiah to be literal or spiritual?
2. Where did Nephi say that Israel was scattered? (Compare 2 Nephi 10:20)
3. What is the temporal meaning of being nursed by the Gentiles?
4. Where was a mighty Gentile nation to be raised up by the Lord?
5. What is the spiritual meaning of being nursed by the Gentiles?
6. Unto who will the marvelous work also be of great worth? How?
7. How will the Lord God make his arm bare in the eyes of all Nations?
8. What will happen within the great and abominable church?
9. What will happen to those nations who war against Israel?
10. What time is speedily coming according to the prophet?
11. How does the prophet say the righteous will be preserved?
12. Who is the prophet spoken of by Moses?
13. Who must needs fear and tremble?
14. Why will Satan have no power?
15. What is Nephi's testimony concerning the plates of brass?