

Book of Mormon Search Questions Handout

3rd Nephi The book of Nephi The son of Nephi, who was the son of Helaman

3 Nephi 1 THE SIGN OF CHRIST'S BIRTH

- 1. Who is given charge of the records at this time? Why?
- 2. What began to be said and done in the 92nd year of the reign of the judges?
- 3, What was Nephi told in response to his prayer concerning the people being put to death who still believed in the prophecies of Samuel, the Lamanite?
- 4. Whose 'will' was Christ coming into the world to perform?
- 5. As the signs spoken of by Samuel were fulfilled, what began to take place?
- 6. What error of belief was corrected among the people?
- 7. What group increased and became stronger in the next two years?
- 8. What was the great sorrow to the Lamanites at this time?

3 Nephi 2 THE CURSE TAKEN FROM THE LAMANITES

- 1. What began to happen in the 96th year of the reign of the judges?
- 2. From what event do the Nephites begin to reckon time?
- 3. What happened to the Lamanites who united with the Nephites at this time?
 - a.
 - b.
 - с.
 - d.
- 4. Why were the Gadianton robbers gaining many advantages at this time?

3 Nephi 3 THE LEADERSHIP OF LACHONEUS AND GIDGIDDONI

- 1. After praising Lachoneus, why does the Gadianton leader pity him?
- 2. What does the Gadianton leader invite Lachoneus to do?
- What did Lachoneus do in response to Giddiah's epistle?
 a.
 b.
- 4. What was the response of the people to Governor Lachoneus?
- 5. What was the custom for appointing chief captains among the Nephites?
- 6. Why did Gidgiddoni say not to go out and destroy the Gadianton robbers?

<u>3 Nephi 4 THE NEPHITE PROVISION BRING VICTORY</u>

- 1. For how long did the Nephites lay up provisions, etc.? What was the effect?
- 2. What did the people do as the robbers began their attack?
- 3. Why was it impossible for the robbers to have any effect upon the Nephites?
- 4. After hanging Zermarihah, what did they do to the tree?
- 5. To what did the people attribute being delivered?

<u>3 Nephi 5 MORMON PROPHECIES OF THE LAST DAYS</u>

- 1. How united were the Nephites at this time?
- 2. How were the Gadianton prisoners treated?
- 3. What years are covered in chapters 1 through 5?
- 4. How much is Mormon including in this record?
- 5. Whose record is Mormon relying upon?
- 6. What geographic place and what persons are associated with Mormon's name?
- 7. What position does Mormon hold?
- 8. What did Mormon make a small record which was just and true?
- 9. What prophecy does Mormon make about a remnant of Joseph?
- 10. What prophecy does Mormon make about the remnant of all the seed of Jacob?
- 11. When will it be fulfilled?

3 Nephi 6 THE CHURCH BEGINS TO BE BROKEN UP

- 1. What was the only thing in the land to prevent continual prosperity?
- 2. What problems again crept into the church in the 29th year?
- 3. How did people begin to be distinguished?
- 4. What happened to the church in the 30th year?
- 5. What was the cause of this happening to the church?
- 6. How responsible were the people for their actions?
- 7. What did the Lord do to counteract the work of the devil?
- 8. What class of people became angry at this time? What was done secretly?
- 9. What covenants were entered into at this time?

3 Nephi 7 THE GOVERNMENT IS BROKEN UP

- 1. What happened to the government in the 30th year? Why?
- 2. How long had it taken for the people to turn from righteousness?
- 3. In what ways were the tribes united?
- 4. How did the people react to the prophets at this time?
- 5. Why were the people angry with Nephi? What did he do?
- 6. How many were converted unto the Lord and what evidence of this was shown?
- 7. What did Nephi ordain men to do at this time?

3 Nephi 8 THE STORM OF DESTRUCTION

- 1. When were men able to perform miracles?
- 2. When did the great storm commence in the land?
- 3. What happened to the whole face of the land because of the storm?
- 4. How long did the storm last?
- 5. What type of darkness followed the destruction? For how long?
- 6. Over what did the people lament?

3 Nephi 9 THE VOICE SPEAKS TO THOSE WHO WERE SPARED

- 1. Why did the voice which was heard say that the devil laugheth?
- 2. Who caused the cities to be sunk, burned, covered, etc?
- 3. Why were those various cities destroyed?
- 4. What were the more righteous invited to do? With what results?
- 5. What scriptures were now fulfilled?
- 6. What was and will be given to those who receive Christ?
- 7. How does Christ identify himself?
- 8. What sacrifice does Jesus Christ now require? What blessing follows?
- 9. Who does Christ use as an example of being baptized with fire?
- 10. How must we come unto Christ?

<u>3 Nephi 10 THE VOICE SPEAKS FOLLOWING THE THREE DAYS OF</u> DARKNESS

- 1, What does the voice declare about the gathering of the house of Israel?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- What two categories of the more righteous were spared?
 a.
 .
 - b.
- 3. How many of the prophets had foretold these events? What happened to them?
- 4. What two specific prophets had testified these happenings among the Nephites who were a remnant of their seed?
- 5. Who else had testified of a remnant of the see of Joseph?
- 6. What happened in the ending of the 34th year?

3 Nephi 11 THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST

- 1. Where were the people gathered around about? What were they doing?
- 2. How is the voice which they heard described? When did they understand?
- 3. What did the voice declare unto them?
- 4. What did they see as they looked toward heaven?
- 5. What were they now told?
- 6. What were the people now invited to do?
- 7. What did the people now know?
- 8. What power was given to Nephi and others?
- 9. How were they instructed to baptize?
- 10. What were they told about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost?
- 11. What were they told should not be among them?
- 12. How is Satan designated at this time?
- 13. What is the doctrine of Christ?
- 14. How is record born of the doctrine of Christ?
- 15. How must one become to inherit the kingdom of God?
- 16. What promise and warning is given concerning building upon the rock?

3 Nephi 12 THE BEATITUDES

- 1. What promise is given to those who will believe and be baptized with water?
- How does one come unto Christ? (Compare 3 Nephi 21:6; 27:20; D&C 84:49-51)
- How does one receive comfort from mourning? (Compare Isaiah 61:1-2; John 14:15-18)
- Who was considered the most meek man upon the earth at one time? (See Numbers 12:1-8)
- 5. How may one who hungers and thirsts after righteousness be filled? (See Alma 32:42 and 3 Nephi 20:8)
- 6. Whose mercy shall the merciful obtain? (Compare Alma 12:33-34)
- 7. Who are the real peacemakers? (Compare Mosiah 15:13-18 and Roman 10:15)
- 8. What persecutions must Christ's disciples endure? (Compare Matthew 10:16-23 and Alma 5:30, 54)
- 9. Who are considered to be the salt of the earth? (see D&C 101:39-40; 103:10; 3 Nephi 16:14-15)
- 10. What is the light which Christ's disciples are to hold up and to whom should it be held up? (See 3 Nephi 18:24; 3 Nephi 15:11-12)

3 Nephi 13 NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS

- 1. What were Jesus' instructions regarding alms? Why?
- 2. What instructions did Jesus give regarding where to pray?
- 3. What did Jesus say not to use in praying? Why
- 4. What differences are there in the Bible and the Book of Mormon account of the Lord's prayer?
- 5. Why should men forgive other men's trespasses?
- 6. What instructions did Jesus give regarding fasting?
- 7. Where should we lay up treasures? Why?
- 8. What is the promise given for having one's eye single 'to the glory of God'?
- 9. To whom are verses 25-34 of chapter 13 directed?
- 10. Upon what condition would God feed and clothe the Twelve?
- 11. What was to be the Twelve's priority? The results?
- 12. Why were the Twelve to take no thought for the morrow?

3 Nephi 14 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MULTITUDE

- 1. How may one judge righteously? (See John 7:24 and Moroni 7:12-19)
- 2. What should be done before casting out the mote from thy brother's eye?
- 3. What should not be taught to various types of people?
- 4. What assurance is there that God will give good things to those who ask?
- 5. What is the real message of the law and the prophets?
- 6. What is the way to eternal life and how many will find it?
- 7. How may one recognize a true prophet?
- 8. Who will eventually be able to enter into the kingdom of heaven?
- 9. What will Christ say to those who profess to have prophesied, etc?
- 10. Unto what does Christ liken his sayings?

3 Nephi 15 THE OTHER SHEEP

- 1. What did Jesus say the Nephites had now heard?
- 2. What was the meaning of the saying that 'old things had passed away and that all things had become new'?
- 3. Who gave the law of Moses and covenanted with Israel?
- 4. What had not been fulfilled or destroyed but shall all be fulfilled?
- 5. How did the Savior instruct the Nephites to obtain eternal life?
- 6. What is the law and the prophets? Why?
- 7. To whom were the words in the rest of Chapter 15 and 16 spoken?
- 8. To whom and by whom was this land given?
- 9. Who had not been told of this gift? What else had they not been told?
- 10. What were those at Jerusalem told and why did they not understand it?
- 11. Of whom did those at Jerusalem suppose Jesus was speaking and what didn't they understand?
- 12. Who did Jesus say the Nephites were?

3 Nephi 16 THE FULNESS OF THE GENTILES

- 1. To whom was Jesus going to show himself?
- 2. Why were the Nephite commanded to write these saying?
- 3. Why were the Gentiles blessed then and in the latter-days?
- 4. What warning is given to the Gentiles?
- 5. When will the covenant with the house of Israel be fulfilled?
- 6. What promise is given to the Gentiles?
- 7. What warning is given to the Gentiles who do not turn unto Christ?
- 8. What prophecy is fulfilled in the giving of this land (America) to Joseph?

3 Nephi 17:1-4 PREPARE FOR THE MORROW

- 1. Why did Jesus tell the multitude to go home and ponder and pray over what he had said?
- 2. Where did Jesus say he was now going?

3 Nephi 17:5-25 THE MULTITUDE BRING THE SICK AND AFFLICTED

- Jesus had compassion upon the people and desired to heal them, What two things did he perceive about them?

 a.
 b.
- 2. Why was Jesus' prayer to his Father not recorded?
- 3. Why did Jesus weep on this occasion?
- 4. What did the multitude behold after Jesus blessed the little children? (Compare 3 Nephi 26:14; Alma 32:23; Psalms 8:2 and Matthew 21:16)
- 5. How many people were assembled at this time?

3 Nephi 18 THE SACRAMENT INTRODUCED

- 1. To whom was the bread and wine to be given by one having authority?
- 2. What is the purpose of administering the bread?
- 3. What is the purpose of administering the wine?
- 4. What is the promise to those who always remember Him?
- 5. How may one build upon the rock of Christ?
- 6. Why should one watch and pray always?
- 7. How were the Nephites instructed to pray?
- 8. What stipulations were given for the answering of prayers?
- 9. Why were they to pray in their families?
- 10. Who were to be allowed to come to the Nephite meetings and what should be done for those who came?
- 11. What does one suffereth (allow) himself to do if he does not hold up the light of Christ?
- 12. Who was responsible for not allowing someone to partake of Christ's flesh and blood unworthily? Why?
- 13. What was to be done for those who were unworthy to partake of Christ's flesh and blood?
- 14. Why had Jesus given the disciples these commandments?
- 15. Why did Jesus ascend to His Father?
- 16. What did He do before He ascended? (Compare Moroni 2:1-3)

3 Nephi 19 THE SECOND DAY OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY

- 1. What did the people do after Jesus ascended?
- 2. What did the Twelve do on the morrow as the people assembled?
- 3. For what did the Twelve pray?
- 4. What happened to the Twelve after they were baptized?
- 5. What happened while angels were ministering to the Twelve?
- 6. Why had the disciples been given the Holy Ghost?
- 7. Why did the disciples pray unto Jesus? (see verse 22)
- 8. For what did Jesus pray at this time?
- 9. How were the disciples able to pray without ceasing and not multiplying words?
- 10. What happened to the disciples as his countenance smiled upon them?
- 11. What did Jesus pray for the second time?
- 12. What did Jesus pray for the third time?
- 13. How did Jesus compare the Jews with the Nephites?

3 Nephi 20:1-9 SACRAMENT MIRACULOUSLY PROVIDED

- 1. In what way were the disciples commanded to continue to pray?
- 2. What great miracle did Jesus perform at this time?
- 3. What promise was given to those who ate and drank of Christ's body and blood?
- 4. What happened to the disciples at this time?

3 Nephi 20:10-46 THE COVENANT TO ISRAEL

- 1. What commandment concerning Isaiah is given? (Compare 3 Nephi 23:1-5 and Mormon 8:23)
- 2. What will happen on this land (America) when the covenant with the house of Israel is fulfilled?
- 3. What will happen if the Gentiles do not repent? (See Micah 5:8-9 and 4:12-13)
- 4. What covenant was made with father Jacob?
- 5. Who was the prophet spoken of by Moses?
- 6. How many of the prophets spoke of Christ?
- 7. How was the covenant of Abraham to be fulfilled a.
 - b.
- 8. When will the covenant with Christ's people (the Jews) be fulfilled?
- 9. What was included in that covenant?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

3 Nephi 20 cont.

- 10. What will their watchmen cry? (See Isaiah 52:1-2 and 3 Nephi 16:17-20)
- 11. What other prophecy of Isaiah will now be fulfilled? a. Zion—Isaiah 52:1-2 (Compare D&C 113:7-10)

b. Jerusalem—Isaiah 52:1-2; (Compare D&C 113:7-10)

- c. My people—Isaiah 52:6
- d. My people shall say—Isaiah 52:7
- e. The cry to go forth—Isaiah 52:11-12; (Compare D&C 113:12-15)
- f. My servant—Isaiah 52:13-15
- 12. What two peoples covenants will then be fulfilled?

3 Nephi 21 THE SIGNS TO THE LAMANITES

- 1. What was the sign given to the Nephites for the beginning of the establishment of Zion?
- 2. Why were the Gentiles established in this land (America)?
- 3. Why did the Nephite record come forth from the Gentiles?
- 4. What other sign would follow the coming forth of the Nephite record? (see Isaiah 52:15 and 3 Nephi 20:45)
- 5. Who is the servant that will be in the hand of the Christ and how would he be marred? (See 3 Nephi 20:43-44; and D&C 43; Isaiah 52:13-14)
- 6. What will happen to those who will not believe the words of Christ brought forth through the servant?
- 7. What will the remnant of Jacob do unto the Gentiles if they do not repent? (See Micah 5:8-9)
- 8. What will be cut off or plucked up if the Gentiles do not repent? (See Micah 5:10-15)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
- 9. What will happen to the Gentiles who do repent?
 - a.
 - b.

3 Nephi 21 cont.

- 10. What will the repentant Gentiles assist in building?
- 11. Who will the repentant Gentiles assist in gathering?
- 12. What will then be among the gathered people?
- 13. What work of the Father will then commence?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
- 14. How shall the people go out from all nations?

3 Nephi 22 THE CHILDREN OF THE DESOLATE

- 1. Why will the barren break forth into singing?
- 2. What will be enlarged, lengthened, and strengthened?
- 3. What will the desolate children inherit and inhabit?
- 4. Why will the desolate not remember the reproach of widowhood anymore?
- 5. The Lord's remembering the desolate is as sure as what other covenant?
- 6. How will the Lord lay their foundations, gates, borders, etc.
- 7. How will the children be treated?
- 8. What will happen to those who gather against Israel? Why?

3 Nephi 23 WHY STUDY ISAIAH?

- Why did the Savior give a commandment to search Isaiah?
 a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
- 2. What other words were to be given heed?
- 3. What was to be searched? Why?
- 4. What had Nephi forgotten to record?
- 5. What further commandment did Jesus give?

3 Nephi 24 THE WORDS OF MALACHI

- Why were the words of Malachi commanded to be written? (See 3 Nephi 26:2)
- Who was the messenger to prepare the way before Christ? (See D&C 45:9)
- 3. Where was the Lord to come? How?
- 4. Why will many not abide the day of His coming?
- 5. What will the Lord do to the sons of Levi? Why?
- 6. What will be pleasant unto the Lord as in days of old?
- 7. Unto whom will the Lord be a swift witness?
- 8. What is the first way that the sons of Jacob had strayed?
- 9. What promises are extended to the tithe payer?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- 10. What is the second way in which the sons of Jacob have strayed?
- 11. Who will be in the Lord's book of remembrance when He makes up His jewels?
- 12. How are the righteous determined from the wicked?

3 Nephi 25 MALACHI'S WORD CONTINUED

- 1. What day is the day which shall burn as an oven? (See D&C 64:62-62; 101:23-25)
- 2. Who shall be burned? What shall 'then not be left'? (Compare D&C 64:23-24)
- 3. What is the meaning of growing up as calves in a stall? (See D&C 45:58-59)
- 4. What law will be remembered at this time? (See D&C 84:19-27)
- 5. When was Elijah to come?
- 6. What was the mission of Elijah? (See D&C 2)
- 7. What would be the result had Elijah not come?

3 Nephi 26 TRY THE FAITH OF MY PEOPLE

- 1. Unto what period did Christ expound the scriptures?
- 2. How much of Jesus' teaching did Mormon write? Why did he write?
- 3. Why did Mormon not write more?
- 4. If the things which Mormon wrote are believed, what is promised?

What if they are not believed?

- 5. What did Jesus do among the Nephites following his three day ministry?
 - a.
 - b.
- 6. What did the disciples (Twelve) do following Jesus' ascension?
- 7. What happened to those who were baptized?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
- 8. What were those who were baptized called?

3 Nephi 27 THE CHURCH AND THE GOSPEL

- 1. Why should the Church be called in Christ's name?
- 2. What should be asked of the Father?
- 3. What two requirements are needed for a church to be Christ's church?
- 4. Upon what condition will the Father show His works in the church?
- What will follow the churches of men or of the devil?
 a.
 b.
- 6. What is the gospel in one sentence?
- Why did the Father send Jesus into the world?
 a.
 - b.
- 8. Whom will the Father hold guiltless at the last day?
- What is the gospel in a four step process?
 a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

3 Nephi 27 cont.

- 10. What should be done in the church (to be sanctified)?
- 11. What blessing will follow the following of Christ's example?
- 12. What will be the criterion for judgment at the last day?
- 13. Why should the Nephites be the manner of man that Christ was?
- 14. What promise was given to the disciples (Twelve)?
- 15. Why was Christ's joy full?
- 16. Why was Christ sorrowed?
- 17. What was Christ's conclusion about those who travel the broad way?

3 Nephi 28 THE DESIRE OF THE TWELVE

- 1. What desire of nine of the disciples was granted unto them?
- 2. The three disciples desired the same thing as whom?
- 3. What was the blessing given to the three disciples?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - d.
- 4. As Jesus departed, what happened to the three who were permitted to tarry?
- 5. After Jesus departed, what happened to the three as they ministered to the people which showed the power within them?
- 6. What was the result of the ministry of the disciples?
- 7. Why didn't Mormon write the names of the three who never tasted death?
- 8. To whom does Mormon say the three had or would minister?
 - a.
 - b.
 - с.
 - d.
 - e.
- 9. Unto what are the three likened and unto whom may they appear?
- 10. What shall be wrought by the three? When?

3 Nephi 28 cont.

- 11. What does Mormon say about those who reject the words of Jesus?
- 12. What further information was reveled to Mormon about the three who did not taste death?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- 13. How long were the three to remain in that state?

<u>3 Nephi 29 THE COVENANT OF ISRAEL TO BE FULFILLED</u>

- 1. When these word (Book of Mormon) come unto the Gentiles, what may one know?
 - a.
 - b.
- 2. What will soon overtake those who spurn the Lord's doings?
- 3. What warnings does Mormon give the reader?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- 4. What shall those who deny the miracle of Christ become like unto?
- 5. Why should one no longer hiss or make game of any of the house of Israel?

<u>3 Nephi 30 THE INVITATION TO THE GENTILES</u>

- 1. From what are the Gentiles commanded to repent?
- 2. Why should the Gentiles come unto Christ and be baptized?

a.

b.

c.