

# Jesus' Final Words to the Nephites 3 Nephi 29-30

Lesson 135

Suggested Hymn:  
#135 I Know That My  
Redeemer Lives



# Fill in the Correct Answer

1. Gentiles C
  - a. Two meanings:
    1. the descendants of the Old Testament Prophet Jacob (Israel), with whom the Lord made covenants
    2. True believers in Jesus Christ who have made covenants with God
  - b. A promise to the faithful that included gospel blessings, priesthood authority, eternal families, and a land of inheritance
  - c. Two meanings:
    1. People of non-Israelite or non-Jewish lineages
    2. People without the gospel
  - d. Deep sadness and regret
  - e. To disregard or reject with disdain or contempt
2. House of Israel a
3. Spurn e
4. The Lord's Covenant with Israel b
5. Wo d

# Divine Promises

After Mormon wrote about the Savior's visit to the Nephites, he prophesied of the fulfillment of the Lord's promises in the last days.

Have you ever experienced the fulfillment of a divine promise, whether given in the scriptures, by a prophet, through the Holy Ghost, or through a priesthood blessing?

**The coming forth of the Book of Mormon is a sign that the Lord is fulfilling His covenant to gather Israel in the latter days.**



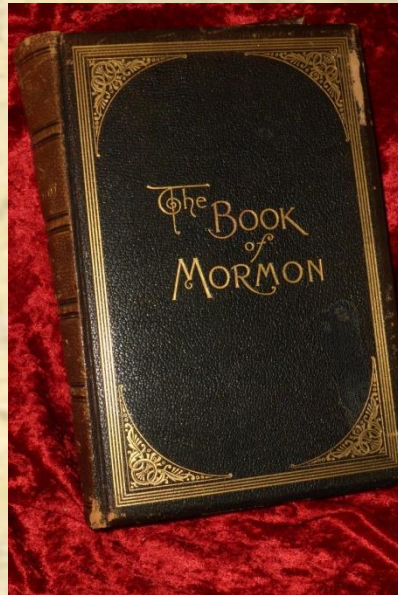
Why do you think some people might doubt that God will keep His promises?

How do you know that God keeps His promises?

# The Fulfillment

This is the fulfillment of Mormon's prophecy

We can be assured that the Lord is preparing His people for His coming.



“The Book of Mormon is a tangible sign that the Lord has commenced to gather His children of covenant Israel. ...

“Indeed, the Lord has not forgotten! He has blessed us and others throughout the world with the Book of Mormon. ...

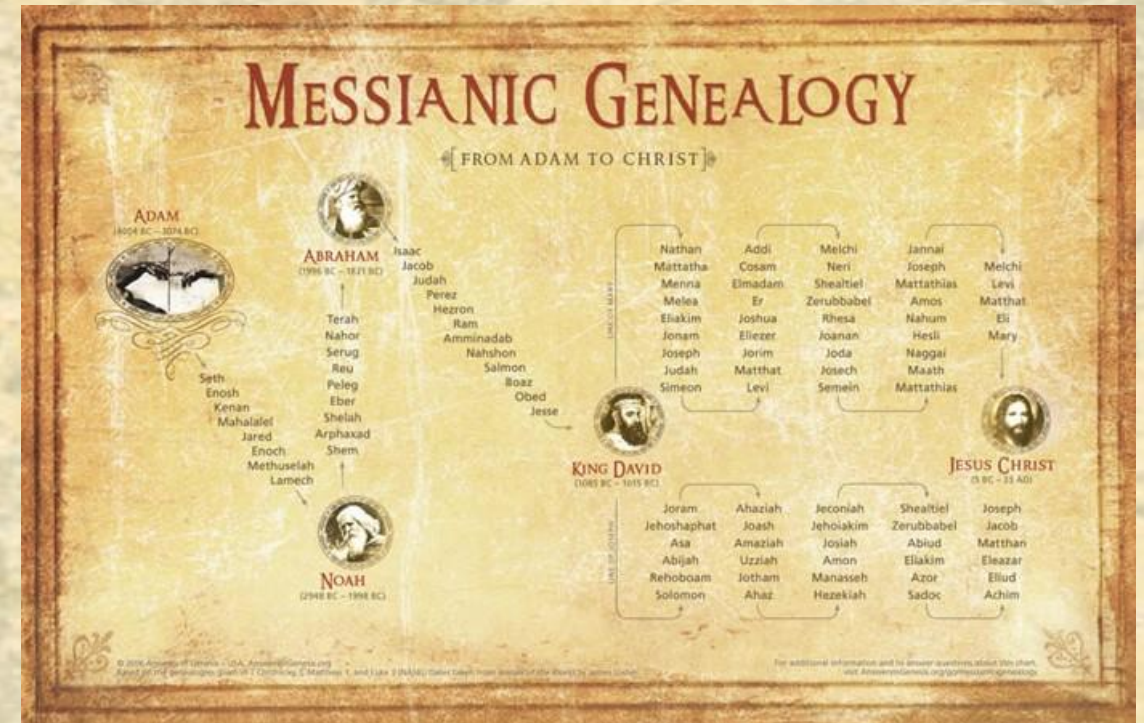
It helps us to make covenants with God. It invites us to remember Him and to know His Beloved Son. It is another testament of Jesus Christ”  
Elder Russell M. Nelson

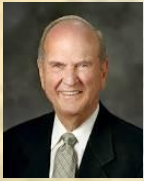


# Why are Latter-day Saints interested in the Lord's covenant with the house of Israel?

“The covenant God made with Abraham and later reaffirmed with Isaac and Jacob ... contained several promises, including:

- Jesus the Christ would be born through Abraham's lineage.
- Abraham's posterity would be numerous, entitled to an eternal increase, and also entitled to bear the priesthood.
- Abraham would become a father of many nations.
- Certain lands would be inherited by his posterity.
- All nations of the earth would be blessed by his seed.
- And that covenant would be everlasting—even through 'a thousand generations.'





“Some of these promises have been fulfilled; others are still pending. ...

“Some of us are the literal seed of Abraham; others are gathered into his family by adoption. The Lord makes no distinction. Together we receive these promised blessings—if we seek the Lord and obey His commandments. ...

“... Brigham Young said: ‘All Latter-day Saints enter the new and everlasting covenant when they enter this Church.’”  
Elder Russell M. Nelson



**Latter-day Saints are part of the Lord’s covenant people, and we carry the responsibility to bless all nations**



“The gathering of Israel consists of joining the true church and their coming to a knowledge of the true God. ...

Any person, therefore, who has accepted the restored gospel, and who now seeks to worship the Lord in his own tongue and with the Saints in the nations where he lives, has complied with the law of the gathering of Israel and is heir to all of the blessings promised the Saints in these last days”

President Spencer W. Kimball



Jerry Anderson

“Gathering of Souls on the Other Side of the Veil. Mercifully, the invitation to “come unto Christ” can also be extended to those who died without a knowledge of the gospel. Part of their preparation requires earthly efforts of others. We gather pedigree charts, create family group sheets, and do temple work vicariously to gather individuals unto the Lord and into their families.”

Russell M. Nelson



# Spurn and Wo

Mormon knew that in the last days there would be those who would spurn the Book of Mormon and other evidences of the fulfillment of the Lord's covenant with His people.



**Sorrow will come to those who deny Jesus Christ and His works.**

Why is sorrow a natural consequence of spurning the Savior and His works?

How would you respond to someone who says that the Lord does not speak to man or perform miracles?

How can we better recognize and appreciate the Lord and His works in our lives?





# Gentiles Repent

Mormon fulfilled a commandment from the Lord to record an invitation from Jesus Christ specifically to the Gentiles, or people without the gospel.



Which of these invitations do you think could be a summary of all the others?

The invitation to come unto Christ includes repentance, baptism, the reception of the Holy Ghost, and being numbered among the Lord's people.



What blessings does Jesus Christ promise to the Gentiles if they will come unto Him?

Remission of sins, being filled with the Holy Ghost, and being numbered among His people.

Why is it a blessing to be numbered among the Lord's people?

*If we come unto Christ, we will be numbered among His people.*

# How Often Do I Do This?

Lying and deceiving

Leading someone to believe something that is not true



Secret abominations

Private actions that are sinful or offensive to God

Idolatries

Giving priority to the things of the world over the things of God



Priestcrafts

Participating in religious activities to glorify oneself rather than to serve God and others



Envy

Being jealous or resentful of what someone else has

Strife

Contention, fighting, or quarreling



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## Sculpture---Spilsbury Mortuary in St. George Utah

An internationally-renowned artist and bronze sculptor, Jerry Anderson, had a desire to magnify his talent in a spiritual environment. The original life-size bronze sculpture of 'Come Unto Me' came forth with the expectations of being a comfort to grieving families experiencing the loss of a loved one. Before commissioned by Ted Spilsbury, Jerry Anderson shared his desire to present an inspirational piece of art that would touch the hearts of all who gazed upon it. Together, Jerry and Ted discussed various ideas. It was strictly in the planning stages with no real indication that the monument would ever be realized. Jerry mentioned to Ted that he prays for inspiration in all of his art. It was agreed that after prayerful consideration they would meet again.

Two weeks passed quickly. As Jerry discussed his vision of what the sculpture should be; Ted, with tears in his eyes, knew that he had received divine confirmation. The 'Come Unto Me' bronze sculpture took more than a year to make its first appearance. Unveiled in the year 2000; today, the original life-sized bronze monument stands in the grand foyer of the Spilsbury Mortuary in St. George Utah, it has become a scenic attraction, in addition to a comfort to countless families at a most tender time of their lives. It portrays the spiritual journey from mortality to immortality. It is a portrayal of an aged woman's body, returning to its symbolic prime, and back to the arms of our Saviour. It is our prayer that it's divine destiny will be portrayed and preserved according to our Heavenly Father's mind and will; revealing to all mankind that we all live eternally; that death is not the end. We all, as 'Come Unto Me' portrays, "have an eternal destiny." 'The Come Unto Me' crystals that are now available through Inspirational Good works are more than either Jerry or Ted dreamed possible. Truly the manifestation of deity...profound in beauty, most sacred and comforting; coming forth in the latter days in hopes to lift the hearts of all mankind.

