

THE SEALED BOOK OF MORMON

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By the Gift and Power of God**

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FOREWORD

The value of words written in a book is determined somewhat by those who read them. Of the many books that I have read from time to time, I find value in some and no value in others. When the Book of Mormon came forth in the 1830s it was met with much criticism and cast aside even by those who were most eager to be engaged in the work of the Lord. Yet there were many who were very interested, mainly those who had come from Europe and had a foundation in the works of the Protestant Movement—those who had found a weakness in their doctrine that did not match with the Scriptures they had. To these students, the words of the Book of Mormon held much value and shed the momentum of light necessary in the Lord's quest for a people of perfection.

When Joseph Smith Jr translated the Book of Mormon from the golden plates, there was a portion that remained sealed. This portion was not to be opened until the Lord desired that work to come forth. That day has arrived. The words delivered in this translation will be considered to be of great value for those who study them with a pure heart—and who will step into the work of God's hand as He prepares a people in righteousness, worthy to be found in the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, in the land of Zion.

This sacred book will also be met with much criticism as was the Book of Mormon in my great-grandfather's time. Many have spoken out against this work, but they are unable to show any positive evidence to prove their claims. But I can testify of the truth of these things. I held those golden plates in my hands, and while they were in my hands I was engulfed in the Holy Spirit to the point of being almost completely overcome. Man cannot fake the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I was able to turn the very same plates that my great-grandfather had turned. I could recognize some of the very symbols that he had written for Martin Harris to deliver to the learned man. I was present when the top 42 plates of the sealed part were released in preparation for translation. Now this translation is available to the believers of the Book of Mormon!

It is a joy that I can be a part of the work of God that began in the hands of Joseph Smith Jr. It is a joy to see the hope of the city, New Jerusalem—the City of Zion—and to see that work roll on until all that God has purposed will be accomplished; this work of God includes the invitation to the descendants of Lehi and all the children of Israel. May God pour out His blessings as we join together for the cause of Zion.

Joseph Fredrick Smith

PREFACE

Given the nature and origin of this book, just as it was with the Book of Mormon, translated by the power and gift of God, but in two different languages, a brief explanation of the translator is needed in this preface, as described below.

It is very complex to try to explain how two transparent stones allowed me to see words, both in Portuguese which is my native language, as well as in English, a language unknown to me and with little understanding of the placement of words. But for the eight witnesses of the plates that came from the USA and the other three who are from Brazil, it is possible to have a vague idea of how this worked in my mind.

In order for the witnesses to have this vague perception of how the stones worked, I was allowed to shine a ray of light through the stones and get an image on the wall to show the witnesses the icons that were filled in my mind with the necessary information. However, although the stones showed me the words described in the characters, it was a great responsibility to translate this unknown language, whose words mostly do not exist anymore in the current dialect of humanity. Thus, I had to choose between the many words that the stones presented in these pictures that appeared in my mind, those that are current and understandable in our modern day, with the purpose of stating the text and its context in a reliable form, without there being any flaws in the understanding of that which Mormon and his son Moroni truly wrote for our understanding.

I now fully understand why some anachronisms exist in the Book of Mormon, like the word "steel," which is so commonly used by the critics of Joseph Smith Jr; since this word could not exist in the records of a people who lived before the word pronounced "steel"

properly be created among men. Certainly, among the many words that appeared through of the interpreting stones for Joseph to choose, with the purpose to describe the bow of Nephi, while translating the Book of Mormon, "steel" was selected by Joseph to portray then, a word non-existent in the nineteenth century, with the purpose of describing reliably the metal alloy described in the original Nephite record, but which, would be a dead word for the readers' understanding from the Book of Mormon, both in the first years of the restoration as well as for the future generations. This differs from a personal name for example, Mormon, whose pronunciation has long ceased to exist in the Americas, but which can be understood in reading the Book of Mormon as portraying a character in contrast to the description of an bow, whose original pronouncement never would be understood by readers of the Book of Mormon as a metal alloy, since, generally, the bows of antiquity are portrayed in history as being of wood and not of iron.

Another phenomenon caused by the reading of the plates through of the Nephite interpreters, occurred every time the record quoted texts of the scriptures, referring me to the context of the bibles, whether they were parts of the New World Translation or the João Ferreira de Almeida, version in Portuguese, the Book of Mormon LDS and any other scripture I had read before, making me write what already existed in my memory, but with slight changes in some passages. Certainly this was also the case with Joseph Smith Jr. that led him to rewrite part of the King James Bible in the passages of the Book of Mormon where he recites part of the scriptures, for certainly it should have been the only Bible he read before the translation of the Book of Mormon.

Since this book does not reveal a new doctrine, but only a knowledge that was hidden from human understanding until now, the translator of this work recommends to the reader, whose desire is to obtain a

confirmation of its divine nature, in being an avid researcher, diligently following the references below each verse and reflecting carefully in their general context. It is therefore imperative to look a little beyond our traditions and finally to ask God in the name of Jesus Christ if these things are not true and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God will show you the truth.

In relation to the current rumors that the Lord retained part of the translation because of the hardness of heart of His people in these last days, of the forty-two plates that were released with the opening of the first seals, only nineteen are translated in this book. As for the amount of content of the other plates of this sealed set, it is important to emphasize that it will be unveiled only when the people of the church are living in accordance with these first teachings revealed here.

In addition, early on when the plates were announced by Brother Joseph Fredrick Smith and Brother Bob Moore, many were surprised by the translator's claim that the sealed portion would be divided in two parts. It seemed to contradict all that the Latter-day Saints had already understood on this issue, and many ridiculed their claims. The scriptures cite at least two passages that mention the sealed portion of the plates of the Book of Mormon, which together, claim that the sealed portion will be opened in two periods of time different from one another.

1 - The first refers to a rebellious and obstinate people who honor the Lord with their lips, but who turned their hearts away from Him because of the precepts of men. [RLDS 2Nephi 11:143-147 / LDS 2Nephi 27:21-26]

1a - And that these rebellious and obstinate people will be the people of Zion in the last days, for how much they boast that all is well in

Zion and deny these new scriptures. [RLDS 2Nephi 12:31-39 / LDS 2Nephi 28:25-31]

1b - Also, it refers to the man who is to read the sealed part as the one who will deliver his words to a rebellious and obstinate people. [RLDS 2Nephi 11:146 / LDS 2Nephi 27:24-25]

1c - And, it is to this rebellious and obstinate people that God intends to remind you "for the second time" of the covenants he made with his people in the opening of the fullness of times in the early days of the restoration. [RLDS 2Nephi 12:42 / LDS 2Nephi 29:1]

1d - After translating the part that concerns you, the translator of the sealed portion "will seal the plates again unto the Lord." [RLDS 2Nephi 12:79-80 / LDS 2Nephi 30:3]

2 - The second part, on the other hand, refers to a future time when the people of the covenant are pure in heart and exercise the same faith as the brother of Jared. [RLDS Ether 1:98-100 / LDS Ether 4:5-6]

2b - The second part also refers to Jesus Christ himself as the one who is to reveal the things that the brother of Jared saw, to a pure people in the final part of the fullness of times [RLDS Ether 1: 101 / LDS Ether 4:7]

The Sealed Book of Mormon, therefore, appears in these last days according to the revealed prophecies, both in the Bible and in the Book of Mormon.

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THE TESTIMONY OF THREE WITNESSES

By the power and mercy of our Heavenly Father and our Master and Redeemer, yes, Jesus Christ, we bear our witness to all nations.

The nature of this testimony is to briefly describe what we have seen, heard and touched:

After some time with Mauricio Berger, who told us about the events on Mount Agudo, we decided to accompany him to the mountain. We can say that everything we have seen there has an extraordinarily sacred character. The prayers and praises offered to the Lord in that place, seeking to do the will of the Father, resulted in the visit of celestial beings; the instructions received directly from the Angel Moroni, are events that have marked our lives forever and ever. We squeezed his hand and received from him the Golden Plates, the translating stones and the Sword of Laban, formerly in possession of the Prophet Joseph Smith Jr. This sublime circumstance had a powerful effect on our beliefs by enlarging our perception of this great and marvelous work.

We affirm that, by the power of God, the Sealed Book of Mormon will be translated, contained in the plates.

We know, therefore, that the translation will take place in two time periods. The first part that belongs to Mauricio Berger (in fulfillment of the prophecy of 2 Nephi 27: 21-26 LDS, or even 2 Nephi 11: 143-147 RLDS), with the intention of calling His people again to repentance. Upon completion of the translation, we understand that will be fulfilled what is written in 2 Nephi 30: 3 LDS, or 2 Nephi 12:80 RLDS – where it is clear this Record will be sealed back to the Lord in accordance with Ether 4: 7 LDS or Ether 1: 101 RLDS. Qualifying your people to receive the second part.

We place our witness at the disposal of the world, with a deep sense of gratitude and a total sense of responsibility towards God who directs this work. We solemnly affirm that by our fidelity to this testimony our garments will be clean at the last day.

In vain will be the one who stands up against the work of God. Honor and glory be for ever and ever, the Father, his son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, in whom we entrust the conclusion of this glorious work. Amen.

Joni Batista, Valdeci Machado, and Wagner Zeppenfeld

THE TESTIMONIES OF EIGHT WITNESSES

We declare in the name of Jesus Christ that on Sunday, March 4, 2018, Mauricio Artur Berger, the translator of the first part of the sealed plates, showed to us the golden plates which are covered on both sides with fine engravings; that we held the plates and turned the pages; and we closely examined the plates, which have the appearance of gold, and are bound together by three rings, which are silver in appearance; and we examined the characters thereon, which are exceeding fine and intricately engraved. By our examination and the confirmation of the Holy Spirit we have the assurance that they are the plates of Mormon. And we give our names unto the world, to witness unto the world that which we did both behold and handle before each other, as God bears this our witness. We beheld and handled the interpreters, by which these engravings will be translated by the gift and power of God.

We further declare that in our presence the seals were removed which had tightly bound the greater portion of the plates. We beheld and examined the plates that were newly loosed, which have an exceeding luster with indented engravings.

Further, we bear record that the more part of all the plates remain sealed and are to come forth by the will of Jesus Christ in his own due time, and that we beheld and marveled to see the exquisite cover of the sealed book, that depicts upon the entire plate a carefully crafted and intricate image of the promised return of the heavenly city Zion, and that these things are to remain sealed until they are revealed by Christ to his people when they are prepared and found worthy.

We admonish all nations, kindreds, tongues and people to repent and come unto Christ and heed the words which he gives, that your souls may be found spotless at the last day.

Joseph F. Smith, Samuel S. Gould, Gary Metzger, Tyler Crowell, Kelvin Henson

In addition, in June 2018 another viewed and held these plates and is willing to give his name to the world to testify that the translator did in fact have these plates from which this record has come.

Amos Johnson

Because two of the original witnesses abdicated their right and opportunity to be promoters of this work, two substitutes were permitted in December 2018 to view the plates and are willing to testify and give their names to the world.

Melva Cackler, Roberta Chinnery

WORDS OF MORONI

1 And now behold, I desire to speak unto those who shall have the words of this book in their hands, after the Lord has stretched forth His arm upon the Gentiles in the latter days¹. For, behold there shall be many of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews, that shall not harden their hearts concerning the words of this book which Nephi prophesied, when this book shall be revealed unto the children of men, and written unto the Gentiles and sealed again to the Lord². ⁽¹⁾

RLDS - 2Nephi 12:40-41 / LDS - 2Nephi 28:32 | ⁽²⁾ RLDS - 2Nephi 12:79-80 / LDS 2 Nephi 30:3

2 But, behold, many shall believe the words of this book, and rejoice to know that it proceedeth out of the hand of God, and from their eyes will fall the scales of the darkness that prevents them from seeing in their fullness the truth sent from the heavens to the children of men, and before many generations pass, they will begin to coalesce in true knowledge, and they will become a pure and pleasing people in the sight of the Lord upon all the inhabited earth.

3 And it shall come to pass that the Lord God will again begin His work among all nations, tribes, tongues, and peoples, to effect in these times, already appointed by the Lord, the full Restoration of all things, of which God spake by His servants, the prophets¹. ⁽¹⁾

RLDS 2Nephi 12:83-86 / LDS 2 Nephi 30:6-7; Acts 3:19-21

4 Therefore it is in these days that the Lord invites His people: Come to Me O ye Gentiles, and I will show you things greater than these. Yea, the knowledge that is hidden because of the hardness of their hearts. Come to Me O ye house of Israel, and great things shall be revealed to you that the Father has reserved for you from the foundation of the world and have not come to you because of your unbelief.

5 Behold, the time has come for you to tear this veil that leads you to remain in this terrible state of iniquity and hardness of heart and blindness of mind, for the words that come from this record, *The*

Sealed Book of Mormon, are like the hard tip of the mallet that shatters the hardness of the rock that covers your hearts hardened by your traditions and as the fire of the refiner who refines and purifies the filth of his thoughts stained by the precepts of men¹. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS Ether

1:109-112 / LDS Ether 4:13-15; Jeremiah 23:29

6 In those days the Lord will stretch out His hand a second time in order to reclaim His people, who are of the house of Israel, and to do a marvelous work among them for the purpose of remembering the covenants which He made with the sons of men, and to fulfill the promises made to Nephi concerning the descendants of Lehi, his father, in order to recover the remnants of his seed and so that the words of this book, written by the seed of Nephi, come to the seed of his father in the last days and to the knowledge of the house of Israel¹. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS 2Nephi 12:42-44 / LDS 2Nephi 29:1-2

7 Behold, I am Moroni the son of Mormon, and my father was a descendant of Nephi, who was the son of Lehi our patriarch, who was the son of Shaphan, coming from a family of scribes of the kingdom of Judah, and of the tribe of Joseph, by the seed of Manasseh¹, just as one reads in the genealogy of Lehi by his own record described in the first part of these plaques that my father Mormon compiled. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS Alma 8:3 / LDS Alma 10:3

8 Shaphan was the scribe secretary of king Josiah in the days when Hilkiah the high priest found under the altar of the temple in Jerusalem the ancient records of Moses¹, and among them the book of the law and the sealed book itself of the things that Moses saw when he was snatched to Heavenly Zion². ⁽¹⁾ 2 Kings 22:8 | ⁽²⁾ Hebrews 12:

20-23; RLDS 1 Nephi 6:3; D&C 22:1, 22:24a-25 / LDS 1 Nephi 19:23; Moses 1:1, 40-42

9 And it came to pass in the first days of the reign of Zedekiah, for how much Lehi returned from Babylon together with Gemariah, the son of Hilkiah, when they were jointly commissioned by the king of Judah to go to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and they took with them a letter from Jeremiah the prophet destined for the elders, the

priests and the prophets, and all the people exiled in the land of Shinar, that the LORD appeared to him in a pillar of fire and after that event he was no longer called by the birth name Elasah. But he became known by the name that God called him, Lehi, which corresponds to an abbreviation of Eliasib, whose meaning is, "by means of whom God restores¹". ⁽¹⁾ Jeremiah 29:1-3

10 Behold, I, Moroni, am the same as I told you before, that if possible I would make known all things, but I was instructed to seal my father's records and with it the record that the Lord asked me to write about what the brother of Jared saw, because the things he has seen are beyond the understanding of the Gentiles until they repent of their iniquity, and become pure before the Lord, and begin to exercise faith in the Son of God as did the brother of Jared.

11 Nevertheless I was commanded by the Lord to separate into three sets the whole record contained in the plates of Mormon in order to be revealed in three periods of times.

12 The first set is a preparatory appendix of the second, and the second of the third. The first serves to constitute an alliance between God and the Gentiles through repentance, and constitutes an open record, to be given in preparation for the people to understand the greater things when they will be revealed.

13 And if they do not harden their hearts when the second part comes, they will not only know the mysteries of God through the first part, but will receive more, a little here, another little there, line upon line; precept upon precept, until they know the mysteries of God through the revelation of the second part, to the understanding of all things concerning His church in the last days¹. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS Alma 9:15-

18 / LDS Alma 12:9-10

14 But the reverse will come to those who possess the first part of the records compiled by my father, Mormon, in the last days, yea in the days of the Gentiles, but who will not be willing to meditate upon it in their hearts, so little will avail themselves of the gift

superimposed on a promise transcribed by me, Moroni, and which corresponds to the first two parts of my father's writings, since I have registered "these my words as an exhortation," before even sealing 'these records,' corresponding to more than one sealed record, because at no time did I say 'this record' when I mentioned that I would be sealing 'these records' ¹. ⁽¹⁾ **Moroni 10:2** - RLDS and LDS

15 "And I exhort you again, if God deems it prudent for you to read these records, if you have only the desire to understand the truth about them and from your heart meditate on their words, then I exhort you to ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if you ask with a sincere heart and with a true intention to know, having faith in Christ, then He will manifest to you the truth of them by the power of the Holy Spirit, for through the Holy Spirit you may know the truth of all things ¹." ⁽¹⁾ **RLDS Moroni 10:4-5** / LDS Moroni 10:4

16 And it shall come to pass with those who harden their hearts to this second part, when it shall be revealed unto the children of men, that even the knowledge of the first part will be taken away from them and they will remain attached to the precepts of men ¹; they will honor the Lord with their lips but they will be far from His ways ²; they will be convinced of their faith in the first part previously revealed of these records saying, we have enough, and we are not ready for more scriptures. From this will be taken even what little of the knowledge they have until they have nothing left but their traditions ³. ⁽¹⁾ **RLDS Alma 9:17-21** / LDS Alma 12:10-11 | ⁽²⁾ **RLDS 2Nephi 11:143-146** / LDS 2Nephi 27:21-25 | ⁽³⁾ **RLDS 2 Nephi 12:30-38** / LDS 2Nephi 28:24-30

17 In turn, this set corresponding to the second part which I, Moroni, foretold in a double prophecy revealed to me from Jesus Christ, whose context exposes both the emergence of this *book sealed of Mormon* that must be revealed before the coming of our Lord in the sight of His disciples in the last days, as well as the record of the seven seals that my father, Mormon, foresaw in this record, that our

Lord alone is worthy to open the rest of the seals which he contains in the sealed set of these plates of Mormon, through the events which were foretold upon the nations of the earth ¹ after their coming upon Zion in the New Jerusalem and the seven events which will henceforth unfold with the children of men, all foretold in these records, which by it Jesus Christ will be revealed to those who will have the faith of the brother of Jared ², before the coming of Heavenly Zion and the Tent of God be established forever among the sons of man and the Kingdom of our Lord subdue all nations under His terms. ⁽¹⁾ **RLDS D&C 98:5a** / LDS D&C 101:23; D&C 77:6; **Revelation 5:5** | ⁽²⁾

RLDS Ether 1:101 / LDS Ether 4:7

18 For it was revealed to me in this mixed vision that I obtained from these final events, that before the Lord came to unveil the fullness of His mysteries, that the revelations which the Lord had made to be written by His servant John, should be manifested in the eyes of all the people before His coming. And that these revelations, transcribed by my father, Mormon, in these sealed records, should serve as a reminder to the covenant children that the work of the Father truly began over all the inhabited land. It is at this time that the Lord calls His people to repentance a second time and invites them to come to Him in order to believe in His gospel ¹. ⁽¹⁾ **RLDS 2 Nephi 12:42** / LDS 2 Nephi 29:1

19 It is at this time that the word that the Lord revealed to me, Moroni, is fulfilled, when He said: "Behold, when you tear this veil of unbelief that leads you to remain in your terrible state of iniquity and hardness of heart and blindness of mind, the great and marvelous things which were concealed from you before the foundation of the world will be revealed to you - yea when the revelations which I have made to be written by My servant John were manifested before the eyes of My people before My coming, then shall ye know that the great and the wonderful work of the Father truly began on the whole face of the Earth ¹, so that all men

may for the last time repent, even to the ends of the earth if they so desire, and come to Me, Jesus Christ, and believe My gospel, before I come to My temple² and delineate the boundaries of My kingdom, where there will be those who are loyal to Me, and no one will be allowed to cross their borders.” ⁽¹⁾ RLDS Ether 1:111-114 / LDS Ether 4:15 -17 | ⁽²⁾

RLDS D&C 38:5b; D&C 42:10c; D&C 65: 1d / LDS D&C 38:22; D&C 42:35-36; D&C 65:5

20 On this day alone in Zion there will be protection, and in the New Jerusalem a refuge for the fellow citizens of the saints. Also in those days when the things I selected are revealed, about which I wrote that they should not be touched until such time as God judged it prudent to reveal these things in the future, then in that moment when they are brought to light by the one who is to read the words contained therein, it will occur just as in the previous days of times, that this other man of whom I have written, that he will have the privilege of showing these plates to those who will help bring this work to light. Initially they will be shown to three by the power of God, who will know with certainty that these things are true. And through the mouths of these three witnesses these things will be firmly established¹. And no one else will see, except a few, according to the Holy Spirit, and they shall testify together with the power of God, also by His word, first uttered by the mouth of the ancient prophets, of whom the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit will testify against the fallen and ruined world in the last days².

⁽¹⁾ RLDS Ether 2:1-3 / LDS Ether 5:1-4 | ⁽²⁾ RLDS Ether 2:3 / LDS Ether 5:4

21 As for me, Moroni, the Lord made me see when I was projecting the seals for these plates, which should contain two cylindrical metal pieces that would transpose all sealed set of plates. But with two internal heads to contain the remainder of the plates, where there will be another six heads of seal, according to the circumstances that Christ will reveal them in the times designated by Him, after His coming at the temple in Zion. Behold, this, come after this book of which I have spoken, which shall first be revealed to the Gentiles,

that they may repent of their abominations and sins, and so shall there be still other records in this set of plates which shall remain united by these two inner heads, and must be sealed again by the one who will write the record of this first part, because not everything will be revealed in his days with the opening of the first seals, in order to preserve its content¹ so that he will reveal the rest of the plates when the Lord finds it prudent in the future, when in the end, the children of the covenant, which will come after the translation of this first set to regroup in a single fold under the name given to His chosen ones, for which your church should be known in the last days². ⁽¹⁾ RLDS 2Nephi 12:79-80 / LDS 2Nephi 30:3 | ⁽²⁾ RLDS 3Nephi 12:16-18 / LDS 3Nephi 27:3-8

22 Then the Lord shall descend from the heavens with sounds of trumpets accompanied by a chariot entourage, and horses and wheels of fire, which shall cover the heavens as the clouds cover the earth and all the nations that have pierced Him shall feel ashamed, and the people of the world of mankind, being afraid, shall flee without direction from their dwellings, and as reptiles, shall hide themselves in their slits¹, and a storm will sweep the four corners of the earth as if by a strong wind that would fill the four corners of the sky, when finally the Lord comes down in His temple, not to bring peace among the nations, but to annihilate those who ruin the earth², yea, to set fire to the chaff, bound in bundles, which are churches in the field of the world, for His wheat shall be sheltered in His vineyard, in the harness of the Lord, in Zion. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS D&C 98:5a, 5g / LDS D&C 101: 23, 32; Micah 7: 15-17 | ⁽²⁾ Revelation 11: 18

23 After these days of great uproar among the nations of the earth, the Lord will come to His Temple¹ and redeem His church to make it a holy property and give it an eternal name — rescuing what was formerly lost, Church of Christ, and establishing His people perpetually upon His everlasting gospel². ⁽¹⁾ RLDS D&C 1:6c; D&C 42: 8b, 10c; D&C 108:1a / LDS D&C 1:36; D&C 42:36; D&C 133:2 | ⁽²⁾ Psalms 24: 8-10 IV.

24 I Moroni, I gave continuity in writing and compiling the records given to me by my father Mormon¹. It was then, when my father was sixty-five years old, that he found himself tired² to pursue his record, for how much his hands have lost the vitality and the fingers the sensitivity to carve the characters in the metal sheets, and at night, under the light of the lamp, his eyes weakened with the reflection of the plates. It was then that my father, Mormon, decided to hide the records on Mount Cumorah after taking them out of the library of the Shim, all records previously compiled by him from this place, except for these few plates that contain a summary made by my father, and the other twenty-four plates found by the people of Limhi in the days of Mosiah in regard to the Jaredite record, and that I have been entrusted to complete their work, for inasmuch as the other records assigned to him by the hand of the Lord³, beginning with the plates of Nephi, along with the books that my father examined⁴, and which constitute the records of the prophets, from Jacob to King Benjamin, among which my father had chosen to finish his resume, together with the records which were sealed by the ancient prophets and preserved by the hand of the Lord for a wise, future purpose. ⁽¹⁾

RLDS Words of Mormon 1:2-3 / LDS Words of Mormon 2 | ⁽²⁾ RLDS Mormon 3:7-8 / LDS Mormon 6:6 | ⁽³⁾ RLDS Mormon 3:7-8; 1:3-4; 2:25 / LDS Mormon 6:6; 1:3; 4:23 | ⁽⁴⁾ RLDS Words of Mormon 1:4-7 / LDS Words of Mormon 3, 4

25 Among the account made by my Father of the plates of Nephi, among them is the record of Lehi, the patriarch who came from Jerusalem; the records of Nephi, the son of Lehi; the record of Jacob, the son of Lehi; the record of Enos, son of Jacob; the record of Jarom, the son of Enos; and the record of Omni, the son of Jarom.

26 From the plates which were selected by my father in which the prophecies concerning the coming of Christ have been fulfilled even to our day, beginning with a brief introduction transcribed as 'The Words of Mormon,' is found condensed in summary the record of Mosiah; the record of Alma; the record of Helaman and other

records with the name of Nephi, and three other records which were employed by my father and me as the Book of Mormon; the book of Ether, which contains a record of the Jaredites, extracted by me, Moroni, from the twenty-four plates of the people of Limhi, except the part of the vision of the brother of Jared, which I have transcribed from the rest of the twenty-four plates, but which will not be revealed until the Lord comes to His temple to purify the sons of Levi¹, and the book I wrote soon after, which bears my name, as the Book of Moroni. ⁽¹⁾ Malachi 3:1-3; RLDS D&C 1:6c; D&C 108:1a / LDS D&C 1:36;

D&C 133:2

27 From the sealed records of the prophets, which were summarized and compiled on this set of plates by my father, Mormon, among them is *The Sealed Book of Moses*¹, written by the hand of Moses himself in scrolls of hides, and which had been sealed by his signet ring, and which was later compiled on the plates of the people of Nephi which contains the records of the prophets, containing the things he saw concerning this world and the prophecies concerning the judgments of God that would fall on the inhabited earth, each in their respective dispensations, for how much King Josiah himself did not endure these prophecies, whose record was found together with the book of the law, when Hilkiyah, the high priest in Jerusalem undertook the restoration of the temple, coming to consult Huldah², the prophetess, to know if any of these terrible events described in this sealed book of Moses would have to fall upon the chosen nation of his days. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS 1 Nephi 6:3; D&C 22:24a-25 / LDS 1 Nephi 19:23; Moses 1:40-42; 2

Kings 22:8-20 | ⁽²⁾ 2 Kings 22:14

28 But of all records of Moses, my father Mormon compiled only a summary, leaving aside the prophecies and pointing to a wise, future purpose, the issues related to the Melchizedek priesthood among the covenant people from the beginning to the end of all preconceived times, for how much the remaining content of this book of Moses

will be on the plates that will be revealed only when Christ comes to His temple in the last days.

29 Therefore, it was in the care of the family of Lehi, whose name was Elasa¹, before the Lord called him, for inasmuch as his father Shaphan, as well as his forefathers before him, was the secretary and scribe of the king of Judah, and with that he was acquainted with the language of his ancestors and also of the Phoenicians, as well as of the Chaldeans, from which Abraham proceeded, and also of the Egyptian writing², for how much the Hebrews were taken captive by Pharaoh after Joseph perished in Egypt, until Moses delivered them.

⁽¹⁾ Jeremiah 29:1-3 | ⁽²⁾ 2 Kings 22:3; RLDS 1Nephi 1:1 / LDS 1Nephi 1:2

30 Thus, Lehi had been commissioned by the Lord to protect this record of Moses, and directed to cross the great waters soon after returning from Babylon, when in the early days of the reign of Mattaniah, which had been given the name of Zedekiah, he was sent with Gemariah, son of Hilkiah, to Nebuchadnezzar with a message from the king of Judah. It was at this time that Jeremiah the prophet sent to the care of Elasa¹, that is, by Lehi, a letter to the chief elders of Judah and Jerusalem who were exiled in the land of Babylon.

31 And it came to pass, therefore, that this record of Moses was again sealed by Shaphan, the father of Lehi, after the order of Josiah, the king of Judah, for the posterity of Israel, and his seed, as set forth in the record of Lehi, for insomuch that his writings were hidden by him and his brethren, in a cave that lay between the mountainous plain of Meara, east of Sidon, and which was later required of Lehi to bring with him to this land of promise.

32 And it came to pass, when Lehi was commissioned, that when he was overpowered by the Spirit of the Lord, he was shown the sealed book of Moses, which he would have to protect, and that he was required to read his pages, thus coming to understand that which his father Shaphan had read years before to King Josiah concerning the destruction of Jerusalem, when he rent his garments before the

prophecies described by the great Moses, which were to occur in all ages until the coming of the Messiah, and after Him, to the consummation of the fullness of times. Thus, with the other records on the brass plates from the beginning to Jeremiah, they were required by the Lord that Lehi should bring them from Jerusalem to this land of promise¹. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS 1Nephi 5:262-264; 1Nephi 1:9-12 / LDS 1Nephi 19:21-23; 1Nephi 1:11-B

33 Nevertheless, over time, the very book of the law, except for the sealed book of Moses' prophecies, had been transcribed in many brass books with a wise purpose of the Lord for the days of King Benjamin, which were distributed among the priests of the people of the Nephite nation, that they might remember the law of the Lord, and might teach the people to keep themselves holy before the heavens.

34 For this reason, it was that my father, Mormon, summed up among the two books of Moses, only the one that had been sealed and which had never been revealed to the children of the covenant because of their iniquities¹. In turn, only those who truly believed and sought to know the mysteries of God, and received Him, received this knowledge, however, it was forbidden to divulge them². ⁽¹⁾ RLDS D&C 22:16 / LDS Moses 1:23 | ⁽²⁾ RLDS Alma 9: 15-21 / LDS Alma 12:9-11

35 And now, that record which in ancient times had been sealed by the great prophet Moses, is summed up in these sealed plates of Mormon, to be revealed only at the appointed time of the Lord.

36 In addition to the *Sealed Book of Moses*¹, there is the record of the *Acts of the Three Nephites*², written by Jonah, one of the sons of Nephi, who had been chosen by Jesus to be the chief disciple of the twelve whom He called³; also, there is a summary of the *Prophecies of Samuel the Lamanite*, which were fulfilled among my people, written by Nephi, at the command of Jesus⁴ for the purpose of reminding the people of the covenant in the last days, before the coming of the Lord into His temple⁵. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS D&C 22:24a-25 / LDS Moses

1:40-42; 2 Kings 22:8-20 | ⁽²⁾ RLDS 3Nephi 13:29-30 / LDS 3Nephi 28:18 | ⁽³⁾ RLDS 3Nephi 9:4-5 / LDS 3Nephi 19:4 | ⁽⁴⁾ RLDS 3Nephi 10:34-41 / LDS 3Nephi 23:7-13 | ⁽⁵⁾ RLDS D&C 38:5b; D&C 42:10c; D&C 65: 1d / LDS D&C 38:22; D&C 42:35-36; D&C 65:5

37 Lastly, one-third of the record of the *Revelations of John*¹, written by the three Nephites, for insomuch that they saw these things revealed by an apostle of the Lord, whose name was John, when they were caught up and transfigured before the throne of God were shown unto them all things unspeakable from the mysteries of Heaven²; but because of the commandment which they received in heaven, to keep this knowledge sealed, they did not report it because they ministered among all the inhabited earth, but recorded the things which they saw and heard to be revealed, when finally, these things begin to occur again among the sons of men³. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS Ether 1:113-114; 1Nephi 3:238 -251 / LDS Ether 4:16-17; 1Nephi 14:18-27 | ⁽²⁾ RLDS 3Nephi 13:24-27 / LDS 3Nephi 28:12-15 | ⁽³⁾ RLDS 3Nephi 13:28 / LDS 3Nephi 28:16

38 Lastly it was left for me, Moroni, to make a record of the ancient inhabitants who here on this earth came before us and who were dispersed in the course of the fall of that great tower, at the time when the Lord confounded the language of the people in the days of Nimrod, which are recorded in the record of the twenty-four plates found by the people of Limhi, among which, I gathered a part with the plates that were selected by my father, in relation to the record of this people which I called the people of Jared, for how much I briefly summarized his history as the book of Ether, who had been the last Jaredite prophet who existed on the face of the earth.

39 The other part, which regards the writings of the brother of Jared, which also appear in these twenty-four plaques selected by my father Mormon, had originally been made similarly to Nephite writing, in which one can read more than one word per character, which allows to occupy the full space of the plates, however, made according to the Jaredite writing. It was then that I, Moroni, compiled the remainder of these plates in Nephite writing, using

them to transcribe the rest of the report in the same pattern, to which, the Lord commanded it to be clustered to the sealed records of my Father. However, I did it with a mixture of letters, both Nephite and Jaredite.

40 So I did according to what the Lord showed me, to remain some symbologies of His holy and sacred order among all the writing of this book, that in later days of times, will serve as signs to understand the power of that faith that I, Moroni, would like to show the world¹, but which will only be possible according to the decrees of the heavens, to be revealed only after the coming of Christ in His temple², when finally, men exercise their faith equal to that of the brother of Jared. ⁽¹⁾ RLDS Ether 5:6-7 / LDS Ether 12:6 | ⁽²⁾ RLDS D&C 38:5b; D&C 42:10c; D&C 65: 1d / LDS D&C 38:22; D&C 42:35-36; D&C 65:5

41 Notwithstanding, although the writing of this record, which bears the name of the brother of Jared, being *The Book of Morian-Cumer*, should remain sealed, together with the rest of the *Revelations of John* in the sight of the seer when these things begin to occur, after the first seals are opened.

42 Being that among these few things that will be drawn from the first sealed set, before being every book put together in a later period of time, will be sufficient to awaken the faith in the followers of Christ who will proceed from this great and marvelous work that will take place when these things begin to take place among the covenant people in the fullness of times, that the Lord may stretch forth His hand for the last time, that He may redeem His people that are of the house of Israel.

43 Will happen then, that the Book of Mormon will be, as prophesied by the prophets, opened in three periods of time, to begin with the arrival of the time of the end, when then, the prince of darkness was ruling the earth in those days, but will have no power over this land of promise, so that there will be on this earth the opening of the first determined time and a light shine in the darkness

forever upon the sons of men and from there on, many will seek true knowledge.

44 And having passed a thousand two hundred and ninety days since the continual sacrifice was removed before the altar, then, as regards the remnant of darkness, a light from distant lands will shine from afar on the holy people of God with the opening of the first seal, and a period of appointed times will begin, when many will be cleansed and whitened and approved, but the wicked will certainly continue to act wickedly, and none of them will understand, but the insightful will understand.

45 Blessed are those who will remain faithful until the arrival of the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days when the third and last book is opened by our Lord and our advocate together the Father, yea, Jesus Christ¹ - Amen! ⁽¹⁾ RLDS D&C 38:5b; D&C 42:10c; D&C 65: 1d / LDS D&C 38:22; D&C 42:35-36; D&C 65:5

THE SEALED BOOK OF MOSES

CHAPTER 1

And these words were spoken unto Moses in the mount, whose name shall not be known among the children of men: and now I, Mormon, will make according to the Lord's command only a summary concerning the Priesthood of the Son of God, to the believers in the first set of books I wrote and that was open in the records of these plates which were compiled by me as being the Book of Mormon, for Moses bore testimony of this to the chosen nation of his time: but because of iniquity, it is not found among the children of men, for it was sealed by Moses, and in later days of time were concealed by the Levites in a place called the Most Holy, under the altar that sustained the ark of the covenant, when at last they were found before the destruction of Jerusalem and brought to this land of promise by our patriarch Lehi.

1 Now I, Mormon, I make an account of the records that were found in the days of Josiah king of Judah; of which the prophets of ancient times spoke, that these words would be sealed until the time of the end; for how much many would be tried and purified, so that the presumptuous in the faith will not be able to understand, coming to become stubble for the great burning of the last day; for behold, the Lord shall pour upon all the proud a spirit of deep sleep, and again, He will close the understanding of His priests, so that they shall walk like the drunken of Ephraim, staggering, but not of intoxicating drink, but by becoming drunk with the wine of obstinacy, in carrying out their own counsel, because of his hard heart condition by bearing in greatness the lofty crown which in former times was laid upon the house of Ephraim.