

Tennessee Knoxville Mission

Book of Mormon in 65 Days

President Russell M. Nelson taught, “Whenever I hear anyone, including myself, say, “I know the Book of Mormon is true,” I want to exclaim, “That’s nice, but it is not enough!” **We need to feel, deep in “the inmost part” of our hearts, that the Book of Mormon is unequivocally the word of God. We must feel it so deeply that we would never want to live even one day without it.** I might paraphrase President Brigham Young in saying, “I wish I had the voice of seven thunders to wake up the people” to the truth and power of the Book of Mormon” (“[The Book of Mormon: What Would Your Life Be Like without It?](#)”, Ensign, Nov. 2017, 62-63).

With Oliver Cowdery as principal scribe, Joseph Smith began translating on Tuesday, April 7, 1829. The task was completed about 85 days later. Not all of that time was spent working on the translation. Time was taken to receive the Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthoods, receive and record 12 revelations that are now sections of the Doctrine and Covenants, move from one state to another, apply for a copyright, and begin making arrangements for the publication of the Book of Mormon. Conservatively estimated, Joseph Smith translated the Book of Mormon in 65 days. With that in mind, as a mission we will be reading the Book of Mormon in 65 days! Here is the schedule:

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| 1 | 15-Apr | 8 |
| 2 | 16-Apr | 16 |
| 3 | 17-Apr | 24 |
| 4 | 18-Apr | 32 |
| 5 | 19-Apr | 40 |
| 6 | 20-Apr | 48 |
| 7 | 21-Apr | 56 |
| 8 | 22-Apr | 64 |
| 9 | 23-Apr | 72 |
| 10 | 24-Apr | 80 |
| 11 | 25-Apr | 88 |
| 12 | 26-Apr | 96 |
| 13 | 27-Apr | 104 |
| 14 | 28-Apr | 112 |
| 15 | 29-Apr | 120 |
| 16 | 30-Apr | 128 |

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| 17 | 1-May | 136 |
| 18 | 2-May | 144 |
| 19 | 3-May | 153 |
| 20 | 4-May | 162 |
| 21 | 5-May | 171 |
| 22 | 6-May | 180 |
| 23 | 7-May | 189 |
| 24 | 8-May | 198 |
| 25 | 9-May | 207 |
| 26 | 10-May | 216 |
| 27 | 11-May | 225 |
| 28 | 12-May | 233 |
| 29 | 13-May | 241 |
| 30 | 14-May | 249 |
| 31 | 15-May | 257 |
| 32 | 16-May | 265 |
| 33 | 17-May | 273 |

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| 34 | 18-May | 281 |
| 35 | 19-May | 289 |
| 36 | 20-May | 297 |
| 37 | 21-May | 305 |
| 38 | 22-May | 313 |
| 39 | 23-May | 321 |
| 40 | 24-May | 329 |
| 41 | 25-May | 337 |
| 42 | 26-May | 345 |
| 43 | 27-May | 353 |
| 44 | 28-May | 361 |
| 45 | 29-May | 369 |
| 46 | 30-May | 377 |
| 47 | 31-May | 386 |
| 48 | 1-Jun | 395 |
| 49 | 2-Jun | 403 |
| 50 | 3-Jun | 411 |

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| 51 | 4-Jun | 419 |
| 52 | 5-Jun | 427 |
| 53 | 6-Jun | 435 |
| 54 | 7-Jun | 443 |
| 55 | 8-Jun | 451 |
| 56 | 9-Jun | 459 |
| 57 | 10-Jun | 467 |
| 58 | 11-Jun | 475 |
| 59 | 12-Jun | 483 |
| 60 | 13-Jun | 491 |
| 61 | 14-Jun | 499 |
| 62 | 15-Jun | 507 |
| 63 | 16-Jun | 515 |
| 64 | 17-Jun | 523 |
| 65 | 18-Jun | 531 |

The Prophet Joseph Smith: “I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and **a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book**” (*Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Joseph Smith* [2007], 64).

President Ezra Taft Benson: “It is not just that the Book of Mormon teaches us truth, though it indeed does that. It is not just that the Book of Mormon bears testimony of Christ, though it indeed does that, too. But there is something more. **There is a power in the book which will begin to flow into your lives the moment you begin a serious study of the book. You will find greater power to resist temptation. You will find the power to avoid deception. You will find the power to stay on the strait and narrow path.** The scriptures are called ‘the words of life’ (D&C 84:85), and nowhere is that more true than it is of the Book of Mormon. **When you begin to hunger and thirst after those words, you will find life in greater and greater abundance**” (*Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Ezra Taft Benson* [2014], 141).

President Gordon B. Hinckley: “Brothers and sisters, without reservation I promise you that if you will prayerfully read the Book of Mormon, regardless of how many times you previously have read it, **there will come into your hearts an added measure of the Spirit of the Lord. There will come a strengthened resolution to walk in obedience to his commandments, and there will come a stronger testimony of the living reality of the Son of God**” (*Teachings of Presidents of the Church: Gordon B. Hinckley* [2016], 233).

President Russell M. Nelson: “**When I think of the Book of Mormon, I think of the word power. The truths of the Book of Mormon have the power to heal, comfort, restore, succor, strengthen, console, and cheer our souls.** My dear brothers and sisters, **I promise that as you prayerfully study the Book of Mormon every day, you will make better decisions—every day. I promise that as you ponder what you study, the windows of heaven will open, and you will receive answers to your own questions and direction for your own life. I promise that as you daily immerse yourself in the Book of Mormon, you can be immunized against the evils of the day, even the gripping plague of pornography and other mind-numbing addictions**” (“[The Book of Mormon: What Would Your Life Be Like without It?](#)” *Ensign or Liahona*, Nov. 2017, 62–63).

TEACHES ABOUT PROPHETS 187 TIMES

2 Nephi 31: The Importance of Baptism

CHARITY IS THE PURE LOVE OF CHRIST MORONI 7:45, 47-48

6,000 verses in the Book of Mormon, and those verses refer to Jesus Christ nearly 4,000 times

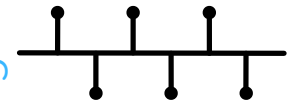
STRENGTH TO ENDURE TRIALS Mosiah 23:20-24; 24:13-15

TEACHES THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST 39 TIMES

The Savior's visit to America: He teaches His gospel Heals the sick Blesses their children ❤️ 3 Nephi 11-28

King Benjamin's Sermon Mosiah 2-5

Confirms the truths of the Bible



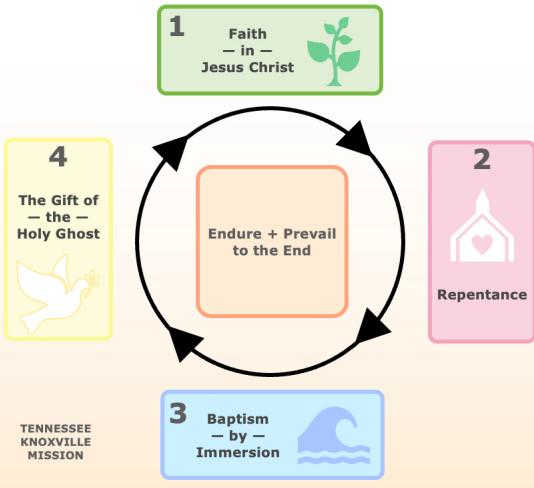
3 complicated timelines intertwined and maintained with accuracy through 1,000 years

Moroni 4-5: The prayers for the sacrament

3 Nephi 11: The Savior speaks of baptism 16 times

WICKEDNESS NEVER WAS HAPPINESS ALMA 41:10

THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST



ALMA 32



DESIRE TO BELIEVE

Faith 262 times
Repentance 361 times
Baptism 145 times
Holy Ghost 94 times

65 DAYS

Joseph Smith was 23 years old with the equivalent of a 4th grade education 50 "Questions of the Soul" in Alma 5

LEHI'S DREAM - 1 NEPHI 8

HEAVENLY FATHER'S PLAN DESCRIBED IN THE BOOK OF MORMON

- THE GREAT AND ETERNAL PLAN OF DELIVERANCE (2 NEPHI 11:5)
- THE PLAN OF RESTORATION (ALMA 41:2)
- THE GREAT AND ETERNAL PLAN OF REDEMPTION (ALMA 34:16)
- THE GREAT PLAN OF MERCY (ALMA 42:31)
- THE PLAN OF SALVATION (JAROM 1:2, ALMA 24:14, ALMA 42:5)
- THE PLAN OF HAPPINESS (ALMA 42:16).

AVERAGE OF 4,125 WORDS A DAY. NO BREAKS FOR RESEARCH, NO DAYS FOR EDITING - BECAUSE THERE WAS NO RESEARCH OR EDITING. THERE WAS JUST ONE DRAFT: DICTATED, TRANSCRIBED AND DONE.

OVER 100 NAMES OF JESUS CHRIST

"The interpretation thereof by the gift of God."

REFERS TO JESUS CHRIST EVERY 1.7 VERSES

The Book of Mormon, combined with the Spirit, is your most powerful resource in conversion.

"And if ye shall believe in Christ ye will believe in these words, for they are the words of Christ." 2 Nephi 33:10

Several prophets in the Book of Mormon saw Christ personally:

- The brother of Jared, Nephi, and Jacob saw the premortal Christ
- Multitudes were present during the Savior's ministry among the Nephites
- Mormon and Moroni saw the resurrected Christ

ANOTHER TESTAMENT OF JESUS CHRIST

MORONI 10:3-5

AND WHEN YE SHALL RECEIVE THESE THINGS, I WOULD EXHORT YOU THAT YE WOULD ASK GOD, THE ETERNAL FATHER, IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, IF THESE THINGS ARE NOT TRUE; AND IF YE SHALL ASK WITH A SINCERE HEART, WITH REAL INTENT, HAVING FAITH IN CHRIST, HE WILL MANIFEST THE TRUTH OF IT UNTO YOU, BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST.

