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## Book of Mormon Studies

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**Abstract:** This is a series of articles intended for Relief Society course study. It discusses the importance of the Book of Mormon, its coming forth (i.e., the translation, the witnesses, the publication, Joseph Smith), brief overview of its contents, and explains the text from 1 Nephi 1 through Alma 58. Each article features several questions that are helpful in synthesizing and applying the Book of Mormon to daily life.

things, my soul was humbled within me, for I had now hundreds of brethren to whom I was united in bonds the most endearing and sacred, and who love me as their own souls, and whose prayers would be continually offered up for my welfare and prosperity.

#### HOMeward BOUND—THE FIRST PERIOD CLOSES

In about four hours—the ride of an hour to-day—they reached Liverpool, and found that because of storms the ship on which they had planned to sail would not leave as early as expected. The opportunity to counsel longer with Elders Fielding and Richards, who had accompanied them to Liverpool, was welcomed. But when word reached Preston that they had been detained, Elder Clayton and others hastened to Liverpool, and largely filled their time. Before embarking Brother Kimball wrote several letters of encouragement, counsel and warning to the branches.

On April 20th Elders Kimball, Hyde and Russell boarded the *Garrick*, the same sailing vessel that had brought the seven to British shores nine months before—Brothers Goodson and Snyder had previously departed; Elders Richards and Fielding were remaining.

The forepart of the passage was stormy. After twenty-two and one-half days at sea, during which time they preached on board again, the brethren landed in New York on May 12th—after an absence of nearly ten and one-half months. There they had left only one member of the Church. Returning, they found a large branch. There they found Elder Elijah Fordham, who had waved them farewell.

So ends the first period of the British Mission story. The Gospel seed was planted in British soil. It was cultivated by able gardeners of the Lord. In less than nine months it yielded a glorious harvest. It has borne fruit each succeeding year.

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#### BOOK OF MORMON STUDIES\*

ALMA the younger lived during the last century before Christ. Because of his righteousness he was permitted to understand and foretell the mission of the coming Redeemer of mankind. He testified that “the Spirit of God which is in me . . . hath said this much unto me, saying . . . Repent ye, and prepare the way of the Lord and walk in his paths . . . for behold the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and the Son of God cometh upon the face of the earth.”

Because of the teachings of this worthy man many who had lived in darkness were led to seek righteousness and to truly prepare themselves for the reception of the Redeemer of the world. Study Alma, chapters seven to sixteen.

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\*Lesson 18 of the Relief Society Course of Study—for use on the second lesson night in September.

## QUESTIONS

1. Tell of Alma's journey into the land of Melek. Why did he go and what were his experiences while there?
2. Read the ninth chapter of Alma, verses 14 to 25. What is the application of these words to the members of the Church of Christ to-day?
3. Relate in full the story of Amulek and give the substance of his teachings.
4. Who was Zeezrom? Tell all you can concerning him.
5. Report on the teachings of Alma and Amulek concerning the resurrection (Alma 11: 41 to 46; 12: 12 to 19).
6. Explain the meaning of the High Priesthood as related in Alma, chapter 13.
7. Tell of the punishments and deliverance of Alma and Amulek.
8. What was the condition of the people who lived in the land of Ammonihah after Alma's visit?

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Doings in the Districts:** *Leeds*—The Relief Society sisters of the Batley Branch held their conference on Sunday, August 12th. The program, dealing with charity, was well carried out.

*London*—A new branch, to be known as the West London Branch, was organized at a meeting held in Ivy Hall, Wellesley Road, Chiswick, London, on Sunday, August 19th, at which time a goodly number of members and friends were assembled. Following a Sunday School service and Sacrament meeting, a business meeting was called by District President Clinton L. Mills, and arrangements incident to organization were attended to. Elder Ralph J. Pugh was chosen and sustained in the position of Branch President. The meetings were inspirational. Special vocal numbers were rendered by Sister Thelma Tuson and by Brother Pugh. It is confidently felt that the newly organized branch will be an added source of strength in the Metropolis and in the District.

*Manchester*—A worthwhile Sunday evening was spent by the members of the Manchester District who attended the Annual M. I. A. Conference, held in the Oldham Chapel on August 19th under the direction of President J. Rulon Doxey, with the other missionaries of the District in attendance. The inter-branch competition banner for the most efficient organization during the past season was awarded permanently to the Manchester Branch, for having won it five months out of a possible eight. Inspirational talks by local M. I. A. workers and traveling missionaries were of a timely and edifying nature. The M. I. A. Manual—"The Gospel and Health"—was said to be well received, and to be having its effect upon the living habits of M. I. A. members. Splendid musical numbers, recitations, and appropriate songs were features of the gathering.

*Newcastle*—Three Branch Sunday Schools of the District have