



Type: Magazine Article

---

## Let's Read the Book of Mormon

Author(s): A. Hamer Reiser

Source: *The Instructor*, Vol. 98, No. 9 (September 1963), p. 339

Published by: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

---

**Abstract:** Suggests a method of study for the Book of Mormon: read to learn only the story; reread marking every reference to Jesus Christ; read the third time looking for passages that expound doctrine, principles, ordinances, and ideas.

---

# LET'S READ THE BOOK OF MORMON

Fascinating, exhilarating adventure and inspirational revelation await you if you read The Book of Mormon this way:

1. Note that it is divisible into 12 more or less equal parts.\*\*
2. Resolve to read one part a day and to complete the whole book within two weeks.
3. Read first mainly to get the story—the chronology—the events and happenings. Push yourself with vigor, looking only for the story. Pass over everything else this time. Do not try to understand the details of other things yet.
4. Next start through a second time; and this time find and mark every reference to Jesus Christ in all synonym forms, such as: the Son of God, the Messiah, Immanuel, the Saviour, the Redeemer, the Lamb of God, as well as any passages which clearly refer to Him using the pronoun forms.
5. Having completed the reading thus the second time, read it again under pressure looking for and marking all passages where there are expositions of doctrine, principles, ordinances, and ideas.

If you will do this with a resolute, steadfast, and persistent purpose, as people of character make them-

(For Course 24, lesson of November 10 and 17, "Living with Books"; for Course 15 generally; for Course 29, lesson of December 15, "Contributions of Joseph Smith"; and for all who wish to read The Book of Mormon.)

selves work, you will make most exhilarating and amazing discoveries.

Then you will know why The Book of Mormon is of major importance to the Restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You will also know why The Book of Mormon is such a friendly and congenial companion to the Holy Bible.

Furthermore you will love the Lord Jesus Christ with even greater wonder, awe, and fervor.

You will know that He is indeed the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and that The Book of Mormon is verily the word of God.

You will agree with tens of thousands of others that these things are true and that The Book of Mormon came to mankind in these important days of history upon the earth, through the gift and power of God.

And you will heartily agree that Joseph Smith, the human instrument in the hands of the Lord in restoring The Book of Mormon, is truly a prophet of God.

Read The Book of Mormon this way, and in a month and a half you will have enriched yourself forever.

—A. Hamer Reiser.

\*Reiser, A. Hamer, "Read The Book of Mormon," *Millennial Star*, Vol. 117, No. 4 (April, 1955), page 97.

\*\* (1) Pages 1-49; (2) 49-107; (3) 107-152; (4) 152-194; (5) 194-237; (6) 237-273; (7) 273-318; (8) 318-359; (9) 359-399; (10) 399-455; (11) 455-478; (12) 478-522.

Library File Reference: Book of Mormon.

## The Deseret Sunday School Union

GEORGE R. HILL, *General Superintendent*

DAVID LAWRENCE MCKAY, *First Assistant General Superintendent*; LYNN S. RICHARDS, *Second Assistant General Superintendent*;  
WALLACE F. BENNETT, *General Treasurer*; PAUL B. TANNER, *Assistant General Treasurer*; RICHARD E. FOLLAND, *General Secretary*

### MEMBERS OF THE DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION BOARD

George R. Hill  
David L. McKay  
Lynn S. Richards  
Wallace F. Bennett  
Richard E. Folland  
Lucy G. Sperry  
Marie F. Felt  
Gerrit de Jong, Jr.  
Earl J. Glade  
A. William Lund  
Kenneth S. Bennion  
J. Holman Waters  
H. Aldous Dixon  
Leland H. Monson  
Alexander Schreiner  
Lorna C. Alder  
A. Parley Bates

William P. Miller  
Vernon J. LeeMaster  
Claribel W. Aldous  
Eva May Green  
Melba Glade  
Addie L. Swapp  
W. Lowell Castleton  
Henry Eyring  
Carl J. Christensen  
Hazel F. Young  
Florence S. Allen  
Beth Hooper  
Asahel D. Woodruff  
Frank S. Wise  
Clair W. Johnson  
Delmar H. Dickson  
Clarence Tyndall

Wallace G. Bennett  
Addie J. Gilmore  
Camille W. Halliday  
Margaret Hopkinson  
Mima Rasband  
Edith M. Nash  
Minnie E. Anderson  
Alva H. Parry  
Bernard S. Walker  
Harold A. Dent  
Paul B. Tanner  
Catherine Bowles  
Raymond B. Holbrook  
Joseph Fielding Smith, Jr.  
Lorin F. Wheelwright  
Fred W. Schwendiman  
Lewis J. Wallace

Clarence E. Wonnacott  
Lucy Picco  
Arthur D. Browne  
J. Roman Andrus  
Howard S. Bennion  
Herald L. Carlston  
O. Preston Robinson  
Robert F. Gwilliam  
Dale H. West  
Bertrand F. Harrison  
Willis S. Peterson  
Gredon L. Nelson  
Thomas J. Parmley  
Jane L. Hopkinson  
Oliver R. Smith  
G. Robert Ruff

Anthony I. Bentley  
Mary W. Jensen  
John S. Boyden  
Golden L. Berrett  
Marshall T. Burton  
Edith B. Bauer  
Elmer J. Hartvigsen  
Donna D. Sorensen  
Calvin C. Cook  
A. Hamer Reiser  
Edgar B. Brossard  
Robert M. Cundick  
Clarence L. Madsen  
J. Elliot Cameron  
Bertrand A. Childs  
John R. Halliday  
James R. Tolman

RICHARD L. EVANS, HOWARD W. HUNTER, *Advisers to the General Board*