

THE ROLE OF THE RESTORATION
IN THE LATTER DAYS

1. MUST PRESERVE THE RECORD (BOOK OF MORMON)

1 Nephi 1:82-83 & 170 - *“should never perish, neither . . . be dimmed . . . by time”*

2 Nephi 11:40-42 - *“shall be kept and preserved”*

Jacob 3:3-4 - *“beloved brethren, and our children, will receive them”*

Words of Mormon 1:13-17 - *“may be preserved, from this time henceforth”*

Mosiah 1:4-7 - *“kept and preserved”*

Alma 17:32-33 - *“kept and preserved by the hand of the Lord”*

2. BE AN ADDED WITNESS

a. More than one witness required in cases of judgment:

Deuteronomy 17:6 - No penalty of death without more than one witness

Deuteronomy 19:15 - Matters established by two or three witnesses

Numbers 35:30 - No penalty of death without more than one witness

Matthew 18:15-16 - *“every word may be established”*

John 8:17 - *“testimony of two men is true”*

2 Corinthians 13:1-2 - *“every word be established”*

1 Timothy 5:19 - No accusation received against an elder without more than one witness

Hebrews 10:28-29 - May die without mercy if multiple witnesses of conduct

Alma 8:18 - Convinced by the testimony of additional witnesses

Book of Commandments 47:5-7 - Additional witnesses are better

Moroni 6:7-8 - Condemned by three witnesses

b. Be the added witness to the truth of the Bible and that Jesus was the Christ and the Son of God:

2 Nephi 8:5-6 - *“God . . . proveth all his words”*

2 Nephi 12:59-62 - Testimony of two nations

1 Nephi 3:191-197 - *“shall establish the truth of the first”*

1 Nephi 3:238-256 - The record of John is true

2 Nephi 7:5-11 - *“none other nation . . . would crucify their God”*

3 Nephi 4:44-53 - *"I am Jesus Christ" "the people . . . did witness of it"*

3 Nephi 5:9-17 - *"did see with their eyes, and did feel with their hands"*

3 Nephi 12:25-35 - Sent by the Father

Mormon 1:82-89 - *"the Jews . . . shall have other witnesses"*

2 Nephi 11:29-34 - *"convincing them of the true Messiah"*

3. POSSESS A CLEARER AND MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING

1 Nephi 3:157-175 - Many *"plain and most precious"* parts are removed from the Bible

1 Nephi 3:179 - God will not permit the Gentiles to remain in ignorance

1 Nephi 3:183-186 - Shall come forth from the Gentiles

2 Nephi 2:19-23 - Confound false doctrines

2 Nephi 11:4 - *"may know the judgments of God"*

EXAMPLES:

3 Nephi 7:5-6 - Law of Moses has an end

Moroni 8:20-21 - Children do not need baptism

Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17, 3 Nephi 8:12-13,23 - Children are to be blessed

Matthew 5:22, 3 Nephi 5:70 - *"without a cause"* is not included in Book of Mormon

Matthew 5:6, 3 Nephi 5:53 - *"filled with the Holy Ghost"*

Mark 16:9-20, 3 Nephi 4:52-53, 5:13-17 - Many "modern translations" omit the verses in Mark trying to discredit the resurrection and ascension. The Book of Mormon confirms its accuracy.

3 Nephi 4:44-45 - Jesus Christ is the Son of God and creator of all things

4. UNDERSTAND THE BLESSINGS UPON THE AMERICAS AND THE GENTILES

1 Nephi 3:151-156 - *"were delivered by the power of God"*

1 Nephi 3:176 - *"above all other nations"*

1 Nephi 3:201-204 - *"they shall be a blessed people"*

1 Nephi 7:15-20 - *"the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles"*

2 Nephi 7:17-19 - *"a land of liberty . . . no kings upon this land"*

Alma 17:60 - There is a curse upon the workers of darkness of this land

Ether 1:30-35 *“this is a choice land”*

Ether 6:1-13 - *“a chosen land of the Lord”*

5. EXPECT ADDITIONAL RECORDS TO COME FORTH

2 Nephi 12:35-38 - *“I will give . . . here a little and there a little”*

3 Nephi 7:34-35

1 Nephi 3:248-250 - *“and also other . . . have written . . .”*

2 Nephi 12:58-72 - *“I command all men . . . that they should write”*

3 Nephi 12:1-4 - *“then shall greater things be made manifest . . .”*

Mormon 4:14 - *“shall know of greater things than these.”*

Ether 1:98-102 - Those that reject this record will not receive “greater things”

Ether 1:109-117 - *“when you receive this record . . . the work . . . has commenced . . .”*

3 Nephi 10:1-4

6. THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL

a. The Americas are a land of inheritance for the tribe of Joseph

1 Nephi 1:53-54 - *“a land which I have prepared for you . . .”*

1 Nephi 3:176-178 - *“the Lord God hath covenanted . . . the land for their inheritance . . .”*

2 Nephi 2:1-8 - *“the inheritance of thy seed with thy brethren . . .”*

Genesis 49:22 - *“whose branches run over the wall.”*

3 Nephi 7:13-14 - *“the Father hath given it unto you.”*

b. Authors of the Book of Mormon are of the tribe of Joseph

1 Nephi 1:164-166 - *“Lehi . . . was a descendant of Joseph . . .”*

Alma 8:1-3 - *“a descendant of . . . Joseph . . .”*

c. Know of the importance of the House of Israel

2 Nephi 12:44-54 - *“have ye remembered the Jews . . .”*

Mormon 2:37

d. Recover the House of Israel and bring to the knowledge of Jesus Christ

1 Nephi 3:190-191 - *“it came forth from the Gentiles . . .”*

1 Nephi 4:14-29 - *“shall . . . know that they are of the House of Israel . . .”*

Isaiah 60:1-5 - Israel restored

1 Nephi 7:6-25 - *“And they shall know that the Lord is their Savior . . .”*

Isaiah 60:15-22 - *“ thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Savior . . .”*

2 Nephi 5:17-40 - *“ they shall know that the Lord is God . . .”*

2 Nephi 12:80-86 - *“ restored unto the knowledge . . .”*

Isaiah 49:22-23 - *“ set up my standard to the people . . .”*

2 Nephi 6:1-4 - *“ They shall be restored . . .”*

2 Nephi 7:3-4 - *“ shall be restored . . .”*

2 Nephi 7:9-15 - *“ the Gentiles shall be nursing fathers unto them . . .”*

2 Nephi 11:24-34 - *“ convincing them of the true Messiah . . .”*

Helaman 5:101-104 - *“ they shall again be brought to the true knowledge . . .”*

3 Nephi 2:103-109 - *“ they shall know their Redeemer . . .”*

Isaiah 11:11-13 - *“ the Lord shall . . . recover the remnant of his people . . .”*

Ezekiel 39:22-29 - *“then shall they know . . .”*

3 Nephi 7:20-31 - *“ brought to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer.”*

3 Nephi 9:65-68 - *“ give unto them again the land . . .”*

3 Nephi 9:86-95 - *“ begin to know these things . . .”*

3 Nephi 13:54-62 - *“ their restoration to the lands . . .”*

Book of Mormon 2:35-54 - *“ restoring the Jews . . .”*

e. Warn the Gentiles that if they do not repent, they shall be trodden under the feet of the House of Israel in their return.

1 Nephi 3:210-216 - *“ whoso repenteth not, must perish . . .”*

2 Nephi 12:40-42 - *“ I will be merciful . . . if they will repent . . .”*

3 Nephi 7:32-45 - *“ tread them down . . .”*

3 Nephi 9:48-59 - *“ . as a lion among the beasts of the forest . . .”*

3 Nephi 9:98-106 - *“ they shall be cut off . . .”*

Book of Mormon 4:26 - *“ hewn down and cast into the fire . . .”*

f. Assist the House of Israel

1 Nephi 6:52-53 - The Gentiles will carry the House of Israel

3 Nephi 10:1-8 - “ *then shall they assist my people . . .* ”

g. Promise the covenants to all who will repent and accept God’s plan

1 Nephi 3:197-204 - “ *they shall all be numbered among . . .* ”

2 Nephi 7:26-32 - “ *blessed and numbered among the House of Israel . . .* ”

3 Nephi 10:1 - “ *shall come into the covenant . . .* ”

3 Nephi 14:1-3 - “ *be numbered with my people . . .* ”

2 Nephi 12:76-78 - “ *covenanteth with none, save it be with them that repent and believe in his Son . . .* ”

7. UNDERSTAND THE GENTILES ROLE (IN THE LATTER DAYS)

a. Gentiles must repent

1 Nephi 3:210-216 - “ *if the Gentiles repent, it shall be well with them . . .* ”

2 Nephi 12:40-41 - “ *I will be merciful . . . if they will repent . . .* ”

2 Nephi 12:76-78 - “ *the Lord covenanteth . . . with them that repent . . .* ”

b. Will be blessed if they restore Israel

Jacob 4:2-4 - “ *blessed are they who have labored diligently . . .* ”

c. Shall be adopted heirs to the covenants with Israel

1 Nephi 3:197-204 - “ *they shall be numbered among the House of Israel . . .* ”

2 Nephi 7:26-32 - “ *shall be numbered among thy seed . . .* ”

3 Nephi 9:92 - “ *they may be numbered among my people . . .* ”

3 Nephi 10:1 - “*they shall come in unto the covenant . . .* ”

3 Nephi 14:1-3 - “ *that ye may be numbered with my people . . .* ”

Galatians 3:26-29 - “ *then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs . . .* ”

Mormon 3:31-33 - “ *ye are numbered among the people of the first covenant . . .* ”

8. GO FORTH TO ALL NATIONS, KINDREDS, TONGUES AND PEOPLES

1 Nephi 1:169-170 - “ *these plates of brass should go forth . . .* “

Mosiah 8:66-69 - “ *the salvation of the Lord shall be declared . . .* “

Alma 17:33 - “ *go forth unto every nation, kindred, tongue and people . . .*”

2 Nephi 12:87-88 - “ *among all nations, kindred, tongues and people . . .*”

9. EXPECT TO BE JUDGED AGAINST THE WORDS OF THE BOOK OF MORMON

2 Nephi 15:16-18 - “ *shall be brought against you . . .* “

Words of Mormon 1:13-17 - “ *shall be judged at the great and last day . . .*”

3 Nephi 13:1-4 - “ *out of the books . . . shall this people be judged . . .*”

2 Nephi 11:40-42 - “ *the nations which shall possess them, shall be judged of them . . .*”

10. MAINTAIN THE “TRUE” CHURCH FOR THE LAMB OF GOD

1 Nephi 3:219-237 - “ *one is the church of the Lamb of God . . .* “

2 Nephi 11:90-97 - “ *there are many churches built up . . .* “

3 Nephi 10:1 - “ *I will establish my church among them . . .* “

3 Nephi 12:16-24 - “ *ye shall call the church in my name . . .* “

1 Nephi 3:157-179 - “ *that they might pervert the right ways of the Lord . . .* “

2 Nephi 12:1-17 - “ *they do err, because they are taught by the precepts of men.*”

Mormon 4:33-56 - “ *a few only . . .* “

EXAMPLES:

The true church must have these elements

Accept Jesus Christ as the son of God and personal savior

Repentance required

Baptism by immersion

No baptisms for children

Believe in revelations and miracles

Believe in judgment, resurrection and eternal life

Believe in an unchangeable God

11. LABOR FOR ZION

1 Nephi 3:187-189 - “ *blessed are they which seek to bring forth my Zion . . .*”

1 Nephi 7:26-64 - “ *the righteous shall not perish . . .* “

2 Nephi 5:30-34 - “ *the people of the Lord shall not be ashamed.*”

2 Nephi 7:20-25 - “ *I the Lord . . . will be their king . . .* “

2 Nephi 8:15-20 - “ *we will walk in his paths . . .* “

2 Nephi 9:101-137 - “ *O my people, that dwellest in Zion . . .* “

Mosiah 8:66-69 - “ *the Lord shall bring again Zion . . .* “