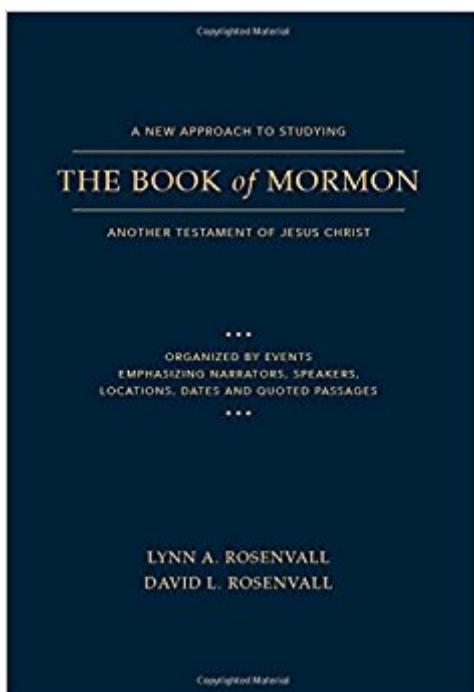


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# A New Approach To Studying The Book Of Mormon: Another Testament Of Jesus Christ



## **Synopsis**

The Prophet Joseph Smith declared a person would get nearer to God by abiding by the precepts of the Book of Mormon than by any other book. While considering ways of making the precepts of this divine book more readily available to the reader, a distinguishing format was devised to isolate the doctrinal precepts and at the same time render this rather complex volume of scripture more comprehensible for reading and pondering. Not one word, letter or even a punctuation mark of the actual text has been deleted or altered in the process. Only the formatting has been enhanced by adding wider margins for notes, two type sizes, and spaces between textual subdivisions. These contextual enhancements are designed to help the reader more readily visualize the context, speaker and doctrine of the Book of Mormon narrative. This edition of the Book of Mormon divides the text into 214 events or episodes. An event-based approach provides an alternate way to read the scripture text without the obvious intrusion of verse and chapter breaks which can obscure the narrative as it was originally written or even the continuity of doctrinal discourses. Short text headings in the margins indicate names of speakers, chronological dates, locational information and other scriptural references. These marginal annotations allow the reader to quickly and consistently place the Book of Mormon historical narrative within space and time.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This formatted edition provides a superior way to understand the settings and context of the Book of Mormon text. --Dr. R. Kent Crookston, Professor and Dean (emeritus), Brigham Young University highly recommend to all readers of the Book of Mormon, this innovative approach to studying the

doctrines of Jesus Christ. --Dr. John P. Livingstone, Church History and Doctrine Religious Education (Emeritus), Brigham Young University

Starting in the 1980s as a father and son team we developed and helped the Church publish the first online edition of the scriptures. Parallel to that project we considered ways to isolate the doctrinal precepts by reformatting the scriptures for easier reading and pondering. We also investigated ways to go beyond merely searching electronically for words in the text. We quickly discovered this reformatted edition emphasizing events rather than chapters was our preferred way to study. More than a decade in the making, *A New Approach to Studying the Book of Mormon: Another Testament of Jesus Christ* has been our labor of love. We are ever mindful of the long line of record keepers from Ether to Nephi to Mormon to Joseph Smith who have made this edition possible. We express appreciation to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for providing a license to publish the text of the 2013 edition of the scriptures. We add our testimony to the millions before us that The Book of Mormon is a true account of the Nephite, Lamanite and Jaredite people, and its translation came by gift and power of God. We also testify The Book of Mormon is another testament of Jesus Christ and contains the gospel doctrines of salvation that lead to joy and happiness. Lynn A. Rosenvall David L. Rosenvall

An excellent way to read and better understand the Book of Mormon. Thank you your families effort on this.

Formatting The Book of Mormon by event has changed everything for me and my kids! No changes to the text have been made at all. But reading and studying the book by event rather than chapter and verse and being able to easily identify now exactly who the speakers are and where geographically they are when they speak has helped me to place the record keepers in time and space. It reads like a play...divided up into the experiences the people of the Book of Mormon had. They were real people having real experiences and God asked them to record their experiences so people like you and me could learn from their strengths and weaknesses and their willingness and contrasted hardness in following God and His commandments. Try reading it with your kids or Sunday School class by speaker, each taking turns as one of the real characters in each event. Most of all reading and studying The Book of Mormon by event and speaker has helped me and my family of five kids develop a closer relationship with and understanding of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for this wonderful work that Lehi and his posterity will be proud of! I highly recommend

this wonderful book!

This book is the Book of Mormon with nothing taken out or moved around in terms of the text and flow of the content. I really like how it is chunked into Events in stead of chapters because the chapters do not always make sense. It feels like how Mormon would have put the original content together when he was compiling it. The name of the person speaking is listed on the left column and the location and date are listed in the right column so you feel like you always have the context of what you are reading. This has been a great tool for me personally and for my family. If you have children that are studying the Book of Mormon in seminary or institute, this will help them keep the context of what they are reading. I think everyone should have a copy of this format as they read the Book of Mormon!

So far enjoying this. Only had it for a few days but really am glad I got it. Before purchasing I looked at the picture to see the format with who is speaking and the geographic location and date information, and that has been great. I didn't realize how each event is separated like chapters and being able to lookup events at the beginning of the book. Very cool. The binding allows the book to lay open easily which is also really helpful and a good feature. Already I have seen benefits to reading the book of Mormon in a different format. The text for quotes is a little small but the normal sized text isn't bad. Recommended.

The way the Book of Mormon should have always been laid out! No words are changed, just formatted into paragraphs with helpful info added to the margins explaining who is speaking, where they are located and when. This has made the BofM much easier to read and understand. I will be buying one for my entire family as well.

Very excellent book helps me understand the Book of Mormon so easy. This book is hard to put down. Thank you so much Lynn A Rosenvall, and David. Wonderful work you are doing. Corinne Thomas

Thanks!

When they arrived, 5 of the 8 books were damaged. Very disappointed.

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