

Writings of Moroni

Key Scriptures Mormon 8–9; Ether 12; Moroni 10

Explanation Sometime after A.D. 385, Moroni was left alone to “write the sad tale of the destruction” of the Nephite people (Mormon 8:3). His writings appear within the last three books of the Book of Mormon. Moroni recounted the final battle at Cumorah and abridged the record of the Jaredites. He also testified of Jesus Christ and preserved gospel ordinances for use in future generations. For example, Moroni’s record of the Nephite sacrament prayers is the historical source from which Joseph Smith received the prayers that are used today in administering the sacrament.

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Reference	Description of Text
Mormon 8–9	concerning nonbelievers; call to repentance; coming forth of the Book of Mormon
Ether 1:1–6	on abridging the book of Ether
Ether 1:6–3:28	early Jaredite history (Moroni frequently relies on Ether’s texts here, although only by memory; see Ether 5:1)
Ether 4–5	on the coming forth of sacred records
Ether 6:1–12:5	Jaredite history (Moroni again recites history by memory; see Ether 5:1)
Ether 12:6–41	on faith and overcoming weakness
Ether 13–15	final Jaredite history (again by memory)
Moroni 1	on his inclusion of the book of Moroni
Moroni 2	on ordination of apostles
Moroni 3	on ordination of priests and teachers
Moroni 4–5	on administration of the sacrament
Moroni 6	on baptism and church membership
Moroni 10	exhortation to the Lamanites and others
Title Page	contents of the Book of Mormon