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They Shall Grow Together

The Bible in the Book of Mormon



PROVO, UTAH, AND SALT LAKE CITY—The ancient seer Joseph of Egypt prophesied that the Book of Mormon and the Bible would “grow together” for the good of people in the latter days (2 Nephi 3:12). One intriguing dimension of that intersection is the thousands of biblical allusions that interlace the Book of Mormon text, revealing points of common ground centered on language but also rooted in aspects of shared origins, culture, theology, and ritual.

Questions naturally arise about why these sacred records share wording and what might be learned from exploring the precise nature and extent of that affinity.

In this fourth volume in BYU’s Book of Mormon Academy series, sixteen scholars discuss a wide variety of ways in which we find the Bible in the Book of Mormon. Through the lens of culture and history—focusing on the *worlds* of the Bible and the Book of Mormon—readers will gain insight into the influence of Moses, Deuteronomy, the Tower of Babel, and certain biblical practices on the Book of Mormon. And by means of a textual and literary lens—focusing on the *words* of the Bible and the Book of

Mormon—readers will learn of other touchpoints, including the language of Paul, the Documentary Hypothesis, Lehi’s dream vis-à-vis John’s revelation, and how Nephi’s and Jacob’s writings can inform the study of Isaiah.

These studies offer insights, answers, and ultimately more questions for students of the Book of Mormon to ponder as they consider with new eyes the meaning of Joseph of Egypt’s prophecy of how the Bible and the Book of Mormon “shall grow together.”

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