

Moroni Hides the Plates in the Hill Cumorah

Mormon 6:6; 8:1, 3–4; Moroni 1:1; 10:2, 4–5

And when ye shall receive these things, I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. Moroni 10:4

The Lord commanded Mormon not to let the sacred records fall into the hands of the Lamanites. Mormon took most of the records that had been handed down from generation to generation and hid them in the Hill Cumorah. Then Mormon gave his son, Moroni, the rest of the plates so he could finish the record. (See Mormon 6:6.)

After the final battle, the Lamanites killed all the Nephites except Moroni (see Mormon 8:3). While Moroni hid from the Lamanites, he abridged the history of the Jaredite people (see Moroni 1:1). He also wrote more upon the plates his father had given him (see Mormon 8:1).

Moroni wanted those who read the teachings

from these records to know how to find out that they are true. He wrote:

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“And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things” (Moroni 10:4–5).

After writing this testimony, Moroni sealed the records and hid them in the Hill Cumorah (see Mormon 8:4; Moroni 10:2).

Summary

After Mormon hid most of the sacred Nephite records in the Hill Cumorah, he gave his son, Moroni, the rest of the plates. Moroni finished the record of his father and told of the destruction of the Nephites. He also included a shortened history of the Jaredite people. Near

the end of his record, Moroni described how a person who prays with real intent can know through the Holy Ghost that the record is true. Moroni then sealed the plates and hid them in the Hill Cumorah.

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