

# How does the Lord's wisdom bless our lives?

600 BC

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hen Martin
Harris lost 116
manuscript
pages of the Book of
Mormon, the Lord told
Joseph Smith, "Remember
that it is not the work of
God that is frustrated, but
the work of men" (Doctrine
and Covenants 3:3).

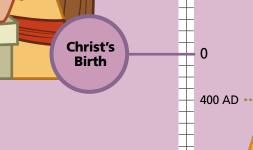
Take a look at this time line to see how the Lord had compensated for the pages He knew would be lost.

#### 600 B.C.— Nephi's Record

The Lord inspired Nephi to write a second record (the small plates of Nephi). He did not understand why, but Nephi had faith that it was "for a wise purpose" (1 Nephi 9:5).

## **400 A.D.—Mormon's Abridgement**The Lord inspired

Mormon to include
Nephi's small plates with
his abridgment of the
large plates of Nephi.
Although both plates
included much of the
same material, he also
had faith that it was "for
a wise purpose" (Words
of Mormon 1:7).



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#### DISCUSSION

How has the Lord's wisdom compensated for your weaknesses or mistakes? When have you seen His wisdom bless your life?

#### 1828-29— Revelation to Joseph Smith

The Lord told Joseph not to retranslate the missing 116 pages because "Satan hath put it into [wicked men's] hearts to alter the words" to discredit Joseph's work (see Doctrine and Covenants 10:10–13). The missing pages and the small

plates covered the same time period (600–130 B.C.)

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