

What Will You Find in the Book of Mormon?

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As you find time and a quiet place to read the Book of Mormon, I see you discovering answers, feeling guidance, and gaining your own testimony of the Book of Mormon and a testimony of Jesus Christ.

As you read, you will pore through the passages of this precious book and encounter your beloved Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, on nearly every page. It is estimated that some form of His name is used an average of once every 1.7 verses.¹ Even Christ Himself testified of its truthfulness in these the latter days, stating, “As your Lord and your God liveth it is true” (Doctrine and Covenants 17:6).

I am grateful for the invitation and promise that the Lord has offered through the prophet Moroni to each of you—and to everyone who reads the Book of Mormon: “And when ye shall receive these things [the Book of Mormon], I would exhort you that ye would ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of [Jesus] 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; see also verses 3, 5).

The truths you will find in the Book of Mormon will uplift and inspire you. They will strengthen your faith, fill your soul with light, and prepare you for a future you scarcely have the ability to comprehend.

Within the book’s pages, you will discover the infinite love and incomprehensible grace of God. As you strive to follow the teachings you find there, your joy will expand, your understanding will increase, and the answers you seek to the many challenges mortality presents will be opened to you. As you look to the book, you look to the Lord. **NE**

NOTE

1. See Susan Easton Black, *Finding Christ through the Book of Mormon* (1987), 16–18.

Has **four sons.**



Born on August 6, 1955, and raised in

Cache Valley, Utah.



Lived in Asia
for more than
nine years of his life.

Elder **GARY E. STEVENSON**



Married **Lesia Jean Higley**
in April 1979 in the Idaho Falls Idaho Temple.



Earned a bachelor's degree in **business administration** from Utah State University.



As a young man, he often went with his father to **visit and serve widows** in their ward.

Called to be an Apostle in **October 2015.**



Refers to his **wife** as the "sunshine in and of my life."



Said his call to the **Quorum of the Twelve** was a "knee-buckling experience."



Called to serve in the **Japan Fukuoka Mission** as a young missionary.



Cofounded an **exercise equipment** manufacturing company where he worked as president and chief operating officer until 2008.



When he was 11 years old, his father kept him safe from **stepping on a rattlesnake.**

Enjoys **skiing, snowboarding, and hiking.**



Served as president of the **Japan Nagoya Mission** from 2004 to 2007.