The 40 Scriptures Given Joseph Smith by Moroni

at Rosh Hashanah, the first of seven consecutive visits to the Prophet Joseph on this specific Hebrew Holy Day tied to Repentance

The Angel Moroni appears to have quoted forty scriptures to Joseph Smith the night of his first visit to the young Prophet. God chose Moroni to come to Joseph on the Hebrew Holy Day known as Rosh Hashanah, sometimes incorrectly called the Feast of Trumpets. This was the civil New Year’s Day as marked by the fall equinox. Moroni came to instruct the Prophet Joseph on this same date for seven consecutive years, the first four were in preparation for him to receive the gold plates leading to the Book of Mormon. The number 40 is associated with repentance throughout scripture, a time period of reflection and refinement. Teshuvah is the name of the 40-day period of repentance prior another fall Holy Day, the most sacred and serious of them all, the Day of Atonement. Rosh Hashanah occurs on day 30 of this 40-day repentance period (day 1 of the 7th month of Tishri), with a 10-day countdown following it prior to the Day of Atonement. The 40 scriptures given Joseph Smith by Moroni on ancient Israel’s civil New Year’s Day were designed to help prepare him for his mission - that of restoring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Earth prior to our Lord’s Second Coming. These scriptures are of great importance in understanding what is coming prior to our Lord’s return – and of our need for repentance.

Only five of these 40 scriptures are listed in Joseph Smith History 1, verses 36 to 41. They are quoted hereafter in the first part of this paper, Part I. The remaining thirty-five scriptures are presented in the second portion of this paper, Part II. They are unknown to most and thus overlooked by those seeking greater wisdom relative to our Lord’s return. All are tied to last-days events, including the coming of the Lord’s servant to prepare the way before Him - His Elias (D&C 77:9&14). What did Moroni say in these 40 scriptures to Joseph Smith the night of His first visit in 1823? Hereafter, I have color-coded all 40 scriptures to reflect their unique content. Those tied to judgment are in red. Those tied to hope and mercy are in blue. Those in green are tied to the Davidic Servant, the preparer of the way before Christ. The words of Joseph Smith are provided in quotation marks [“ ”].

Part I: The Five Scriptures of Joseph Smith History 1:36-41

According to the Prophet Joseph, "He [Moroni] first quoted part of the third chapter of Malachi.”

Malachi 3:1-7

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap:

3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. [This may be the rebuilding of the new temple in old Jerusalem before the Lord’s return.]

5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts.

6 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts...

“And he [Moroni] quoted also the fourth or last chapter of the same prophecy, though with a little variation from the way it reads in our Bibles. Instead of quoting the first verse as it reads in our books, he quoted it thus:
Malachi 4:1-2

1 For behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall burn as stubble; for they that come shall burn them, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch (Malachi 4:1).

In 3 Nephi 24:1, the Lord expounded upon the words of Malachi chapters 3 and 4 to the people of the Book of Mormon, and thus to us. He changed Sun to Son and righteousness to Righteousness in Malachi 4:2:

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings, and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves in the stall. [Christ is "the Righteous" or "Righteousness," one of His many name-titles, see Moses 42 & 45.]

"And again, he quoted the fifth verse thus:"

Malachi 4:5

Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

"He also quoted the next verse differently:"

Malachi 4:6

And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers. If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming.

"In addition to these, he quoted the eleventh chapter of Isaiah, saying that it was about to be fulfilled."

Isaiah 11:1-16 The Robert Smith version of Gileadi's re-translation of Isaiah 11 states:

1 A Shoot will spring up from the Stump of Jesse and a Branch from his Root bear fruit.
2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him—the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of valor, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
3 His intuition will be guided by the fear of the Lord; he will not judge by what his eyes see, nor establish proof by what his ears hear.
4 He will judge the poor with righteousness, and with justice arbitrate for the lowly in the land; he will smite the earth with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips slay the wicked.
5 Righteousness will be as a band about his waist, faithfulness a girdle round his loins.
6 Then shall the wolf dwell among lambs and the leopard lie down with young goats; calves and young lions will feed together, and a youngster will lead them to pasture.
7 When a cow and bear browse, their young will rest together; the lion will eat straw like the ox.
8 A suckling infant will play near the adder’s den, and the toddler reach his hand over the viper’s nest.
9 There shall be no harm or injury done throughout my holy mountain, for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the oceans are overspread with waters.
10 In that day the Root of Jesse, who stands for an Ensign to the peoples, shall be sought by the nations, and his residence shall be glorious.
11 In that day my Lord will again raise his Hand to reclaim the remnant of his people—those who shall be left out of Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the islands of the sea.
12 He will raise the Ensign to the nations and assemble the exiled of Israel; he will gather the scattered of Judah from the four directions of the earth.
13 Ephraim’s jealousy shall pass away and the adversaries of Judah be cut off; Ephraim will not envy Judah, nor Judah resent Ephraim.
But they will swoop on the Philistine flank toward the west, and together plunder those to the east; they will take Edom and Moab at hand’s reach, and the Ammonites will obey them.

The Lord will dry up the Tongue of the Egyptian Sea by his mighty Wind; he will extend his Hand over the River and smite it into seven streams, to provide a way on foot.

And there shall be a pathway out of Assyria for the remnant of his people who shall be left (Isaiah 11:1-16, Smith's reworking of Gileadi's re-translation of Isaiah).

D&C 113:1-10 is a revelation given Joseph Smith explaining Isaiah 11, It states:

1 Who is the Stem of Jesse spoken of in the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th verses of the 11th chapter of Isaiah?
2 Verily thus saith the Lord: It is Christ.
3 What is the rod spoken of in the first verse of the 11th chapter of Isaiah, that should come of the Stem of Jesse?
4 Behold, thus saith the Lord: It is a servant in the hands of Christ, who is partly a descendant of Jesse as well as of Ephraim, or of the house of Joseph, jon whom there is laid much power.
5 What is the root of Jesse spoken of in the 10th verse of the 11th chapter?
6 Behold, thus saith the Lord, it is a descendant of Jesse [see verse 4] as well as of Joseph, unto whom rightly belongs the priesthood, and the keys of the kingdom, for an ensign, and for the gathering of my people in the last days. [See D&C 77:9&14, John is a translated being [D&C 7, John 21:22-23], the Lord's faithful witness, a member of the First Presidency in the meridian of time, the Senior Apostle on earth today, ordained under the hands of His potential Father. His mother Mary Magdalene may be of the tribe of Ephraim. We are told in D&C 77:9A that he possesses 'seal of the living God'.]
7 Questions by Elias Higbee: What is meant by the command in Isaiah, 52d chapter, 1st verse, which saith: Put on thy strength, O Zion—and what people had Isaiah reference to?
8 He had reference to those whom God should call in the last days, who should hold the power of priesthood to bring again Zion, and the redemption of Israel; and to put on her strength is to put on the authority of the priesthood, which she, Zion, has a right to by lineage; also to return to that power which she had lost.
9 What are we to understand by Zion loosing herself from the bands of her neck; 2d verse?
10 We are to understand that the scattered remnants are exhorted to return to the Lord from whence they have fallen; which if they do, the promise of the Lord is that he will speak to them, or give them revelation. See the 6th, 7th, and 8th verses. The bands of her neck are the curses of God upon her, or the remnants of Israel in their scattered condition among the Gentiles.


Acts 3:22-23

For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

"He said that that prophet was Christ; but the day had not yet come when “they who would not hear his voice should be cut off from among the people,” but soon would come. He also quoted the second chapter of Joel, from the twenty-eighth verse to the last."

Joel 2:28-32

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.
30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of
the Lord come.

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

"He [Moroni] also said that this was not yet fulfilled, but was soon to be. And he further stated that the fullness of the Gentiles was soon to come in."

Part II: Thirty-Five More Scriptures Given the Prophet Joseph Smith

In addition to the modified scriptures of Malachi 3 and 4 provided in Part I, and the scriptures as we presently have them in Isaiah 11, Acts 3:22-23, and Joel 2:28-32, “many other passages of scripture," were given Joseph with "many explanations” on the night of Moroni’s first visit. What are they and what do they express? Oliver Cowdery, writing in 1835, recalled that Moroni tutored the Prophet on some thirty-five additional scriptures, making 40 total (the number tied to repentance). Once again, those tied to judgment hereafter are in red, those to hope and mercy are in blue. The remaining scriptures are in green. They are tied to the Davidic Servant, he who prepares the way before the coming of the Lord. They include: Deut. 32: 23-24, 43; 1 Sam. 3:11; Ps. 50:5; Ps. 91:6; Ps. 100:1-2; Ps. 107:1-7; Ps. 110:3; [Ps. 114:1-37]; Ps. 146:10; Isa. 1:7, 23-26; Isa. 2:1-4; Isa. 4: 5-6; Isa. 13: 10, 13; Isa. 24:20; Isa. 28:21; Isa. 29:11-14; Isa. 35:10; Isa. 43:6; Isa. 51:3, 11; Isa. 59:20; Jer. 16:16, 20; Jer. 30:18-21; Jer. 31:6, 8, 27-28, 31-33; Jer. 50:4-5; Matt. 19:30; John 10:16; Rom. 11:25; 1 Cor. 1: 27-29; 1 Thes. 4:17; 1 Ne. 22:24-25; 2 Ne. 3:24; Mosiah 3:3; 3 Ne. 16:4-7; 3 Ne. 20:25-27; Moro. 7:12-19. (M&A, 1835, vol. 1, February, April; vol. 2, October; known as Letters IV, VI, and VIII to W. W. Phelps, Esq. See scripture list, Joseph Fielding Smith, Scriptural Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith (2012-10-29).

Deuteronomy 32: 23-24, 43

23 I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them.

24 They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heart, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

1 Samuel 3:11

11 And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

Psalm 50:5

5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

Psalm 91:6

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Psalm 100:1-2

1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

Psalm 107:1-7

1 Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.
3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.
4 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.
5 Hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted in them.
6 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.
7 And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Psalm 110:3
3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of they youth.

[Psalm 114:1-3?] Note: There is some question as to whether this scripture was quoted to Joseph Smith
1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

Ps. 146:10
10 The Lord shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

Isaiah 1:7, 23-26
7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge no the fatherless, neither doth the cause of widow come unto them.
24 Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies.
25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin,
26. And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, the city of righteousness, the faithful city.

Isaiah 2:1-4
1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.
3 Any many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 4: 5-6
5 And the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have p urged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.
6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

Isaiah 13: 10,13
10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD
of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Isaiah 24:20

20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

Isaiah 28:21

21 For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

Isaiah 29:11-14

11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:
12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.
13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men;
14 Therefore, behold I will proceed to do a marvelous work among this people, even a marvelous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

Isaiah 35:10

10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 43:6

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth

Isaiah 51:3, 11

3 For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and he voice of melody.
11 Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Isaiah 59:20

20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 16:16, 20

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, an out of the holes of the rocks.
20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods.

Jeremiah 30:18-21

18 Thus saith the Lord; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob’s tents, and have mercy on his
dwelling places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.

19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

20 Their children also shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

21 And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? Saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:6, 8, 27-28, 31-33

6 For there shall be a day, that the watchman upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God.

8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.

27 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.

28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the Lord.

31 Behold, the days come saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hears; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 50:4-5

4 In those days, and in that time, saith the Lord, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the Lord their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the Lord in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

Matthew 19:30

30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

John 10:16

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Romans 11:25

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

1 Cor. 1: 27-29

27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, had God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.
29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Nephi 22:24

24 And the time cometh speedily that the righteous must be led up as calves of the stall, and the Holy One of Israel must reign in dominion, and might, and power, and great glory.
25 And he gathereth his children from the four quarters of the earth; and he numbereth his sheep, and they know him; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd; and he shall feed his sheep, and in him they shall find pasture.

2 Nephi 3:24

24 And there shall rise up one might among them, who shall do much good, both in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith, to work mighty wonders, and do that thing which is great in the sight of God, unto the bringing to pass much restoration unto the house of Israel, and unto the seed of thy brethren.

Mosiah 3:3

3 And he said unto me: Awake, and hear the words which I shall tell thee; for behold, I am come to declare unto you the glad tidings of great joy.

3 Nephi 16:4-7

4 And I command you that ye shall write these sayings after I am gone, that if it so be that my people at Jerusalem, they who have seen me and been with me in my ministry, do not ask the Father in my name, that they may receive a knowledge of you by the Holy Ghost, and also of the other tribes whom they know not of, that these sayings which ye shall write shall be kept and shall be manifested unto the Gentiles, that through the fullness of the Gentiles, the remnant of their seed, who shall be scattered forth upon the face of the earth because of their unbelief, may be brought in, or may be brought to a knowledge of me, their Redeemer.
5 And then will I gather them in from the four quarters of the earth; and then will I fulfil the covenant which the Father hath made unto all the people of the house of Israel.
6 And blessed are the Gentiles, because of their belief in me, in and of the Holy Ghost, which witnesses unto them of me and of the Father.
7 Behold, because of their belief in me, saith the Father, and because of the unbelief of you, O house of Israel, in the latter day shall the truth come unto the Gentiles, that the fullness of these things shall be made known unto them.

3 Nephi 20:25-27

25 And behold, ye are the children of the prophets; and ye are of the house of Israel; and ye are of the covenant which the Father made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham: and in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.
26 The Father having raised me up unto you first, and sent me to bless you in turning away every one of you from his iniquities; and this because ye are the children of the covenant -
27 And after that ye were blessed then fulfillleth the Father the covenant which he made with Abraham, saying: In thy seed shall the kindreds of the earth be blessed – unto the pouring out of the Holy Ghost through
me upon the Gentiles, which blessing upon the Gentiles shall make them mighty above all, unto the scattering of
my people, O house of Israel.

Moroni 7:12-19

12 Wherefore, all things which are good cometh of God; and that which is evil cometh of the devil; for the
devil is an enemy unto God, and fighteth against him continually, and inviteth and enticeth to sin, and to do that
which is evil continually.
13 But behold, that which is of God inviteth and enticeth to do good continually; wherefore, every thing
which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve him, is inspired of God.
14 Wherefore, take heed, my beloved brethren, that ye do not judge that which is evil to be of God, or that
which is good and of God to be of the devil.
15 For behold, my brethren, it is given unto you to judge, that ye may know good from evil; and the way to
judge is as plain, that ye may know with a perfect knowledge, as the daylight is from the dark night.
16 For behold, the Spirit of Christ is given to every man, that he may know good from evil; wherefore, I show
unto you the way to judge; for every thing which inviteth to do good, and to persuade to believe in Christ, is sent
forth by the power and gift of Christ; wherefore ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of God.
17 But whatsoever thing persuadeth men to do evil, and believe not in Christ, and deny him, and serve not
God, then ye may know with a perfect knowledge it is of the devil; for after this manner doth the devil work, for
he persuadeth no man to do good, no, not one; neither do his angels; neither do they who subject themselves
unto him.
18 And now, my brethren, seeing that ye know the light by which ye may judge, which light is the light of
Christ, see that ye do not judge wrongfully; for with that same judgment which ye judge ye shall also be judged.
19 Wherefore, I beseech of youo, brethren, that he should search diligently in the light of Christ that ye may
know good from evil; and if ye will lay hold upon every good thing, and condemn it not, ye certainly will be a
child of Christ.

End Notes

1 Moroni’s Visits over Seven Consecutive Years The angel Moroni visited the Prophet Joseph Smith five times in
the same 24-hour period. This was during the evening and morning hours of Sept. 21-22 of 1823. Moroni then come again
over seven consecutive years on this same night to further instruct the young Prophet, all on the fall equinox. It marks the
Hebrew Holy Day Rosh Hashanah, the civil New Year’s Day, also known incorrectly as the Feast of Trumpets (it is not a
“feast” period, but a day tied to repentance at the end of one year and the start of another). This Holy Day has unique ties to
trumpeting in connection with repentance and preparation for the coming of the king (Solomon was washed and anointed
to become king on this day, then enthroned as Israel’s king publically, 21 days later on the 7th day of the Feast of Tabernacles). Since this eventful day in 1823, extensive missionary effort by the LDS church has gone forth worldwide “as with the
sound of a trump,” calling all to return to the Lord and repent, for the Bridegroom is coming soon.

Moroni’s purpose in this first visit was to prepare Joseph Smith (then 17 years old) to restore Christ’s gospel on the earth
through the receipt of the gold plates. He would receive the plates four years later on this same day in 1827. They would later be translated into the Book of Mormon, a second witness for Christ with the Bible. During Moroni’s first visit on Rosh Hashanah of 1823, he shared 40 scriptures with Joseph, repeating his overall message three times that night, and one more
time the next morning, the fourth visit - as Joseph tried to cross a fence after he found he could no longer work with his
father. Later that afternoon, Moroni showed Joseph where the plates were buried at the hill Cumorah. This represents five
visitations in one 24-hour period (technically the evening of the preceding day and the daylight hours of the next day are the
“same day” on the Hebrew calendar, the 22nd).

Moroni’s message was centered on coming judgment and deliverance in the last-days (5 of these 40 scriptures are found
in JSH 1:36-41). Emma went with Joseph to the Hill Cumorah by command 1827 (their first child was born nine months
later). Moroni would come again on this same date for three more years thereafter (seven consecutive years total). Because of
the later loss of the 116 pages of the translated manuscript of the Book of Mormon to that point in time (the Book of
Lehi, D&C 10) by Martin Harris, the gold plates and the Urim and Thummim were taken from Joseph Smith. Moroni
promised that they would be returned (after repentance). This happened on Rosh Hashanah of 1828. Joseph Smith, wrote, “I
went at the end of each year, and at each time I found the same messenger there, and received instruction and intelligence
from him at each of our interviews, respecting what the Lord was going to do, and how and in what manner his kingdom
was to be conducted in the last days” (JS-H 1:54). Joseph then returned all sacred implements to Moroni in 1829, making a
total of seven consecutive visits on Rosh Hashanah - judgment day (1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828 & 1829). The important revelation on the Oath and Covenant of the Priesthood was also given on Rosh Hashanah in 1832 (see the heading for D&C section 84). Joseph Smith’s second patriarchal blessing by Oliver Cowdery was also given to him on this same day (Sept. 22) in 1835. The first was from his father. It should be noted that Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball (nonmembers at this time) and others reported seeing a vision of a great army advancing in the heavens from east to west in perfect order on the night of Moroni’s first visit, Sept. 22 of 1827. (See Orson F. Whitney, The Life of Heber C. Kimball (1945), 16 & General Church Minutes 1839–1877, Jan. 8, 1845, Archives, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.)