

- A And ye will also know that ye are a remnant of the seed of Jacob;  
therefore ye are numbered among the people of the first covenant;  
and if it so be that ye  
believe in Christ,  
and are baptized, first  
with water, then  
with fire and  
with the Holy Ghost,  
following the example of our Savior, according to that which he hath  
commanded us,  
it shall be well with you in the day of judgment. Amen.

**MORONI TO THE READER**

Mormon 8-9

Behold I, Moroni, do finish the record of my father, Mormon. Behold, I have but few things to write, which things I have been commanded by my father.[1] 2

- A And now it came to pass that after the great and tremendous battle at Cumorah,  
 B behold, the Nephites who had escaped into the country southward  
 C were hunted  
 D by the Lamanites,  
 E until they were all destroyed. 3  
 F And my father also was killed by them,  
 G and I even remain alone  
 H to write the sad tale of the destruction of my people. But behold,  
 they are gone,  
 I and I fulfil the commandment of my father.  
 J And whether they will slay me, I know not. 4  
 K Therefore I will write and hide up the records in  
 the earth;  
 J and whither I go it mattereth not. 5  
 I Behold, my father hath made this record, and he hath written  
 the intent thereof.  
 H And behold, I would write it also if I had room upon the plates, but  
 I have not; and ore I have none,  
 G for I am alone.  
 F My father hath been slain in battle,  
 E and all my kinsfolk, and I have not friends nor whither to go; and how long the Lord  
 will suffer that I may live I know not. 6 Behold, four hundred years have passed  
 away since the coming of our Lord and Savior. 7  
 D And behold, the Lamanites  
 C have hunted  
 B my people, the Nephites, down from city to city and from place to place,  
 A even until they are no more; and great has been their fall; yea, great and marvelous is the destruction of  
 my people, the Nephites. 8 And behold, it is the hand of the Lord which hath done it.

And behold also, the Lamanites are at war one with another; and the whole face of this land is one continual round of murder and bloodshed; and no one knoweth the end of the war. 9 And now, behold, I say no more concerning them, for there are none save it be the Lamanites and robbers that do exist upon the face of the land. 10