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Mormon was given responsibility for the plates in 321 AD, and actually got them 14 years later, in 335. He died about 385 AD, so he labored on the plates for about 50 years. Moroni got the plates in 385 AD and completed his record in 421 AD—36 years later. Between them, these two had responsibility for the record for 100 years, and worked on it for 86 years.

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Chapter 7 = counsel to descendants of Lehi

Chapters 8 & 9 = counsel to all people in latter

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Mormon 7:3-10	What instructions did Mormon give us?Why important for descendants of Lehi to know ancestors?	
Supplement #1	Mormon's instructionsHow does BofM help people believe the Bible?	
D&C 49:24	How is this prophecy being fulfilled today?Mexico and South America and right here in Salt Lake Valley	

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Mormon 8:1-5	What emotions do you sense from Moroni?What can we learn from Moroni's diligence despite being alone?
Mormon 8:14-16	Moroni prophesied of whom?What role did Moroni have in bringing the BofM to light?
Supplement #2	President Ezra Taft BensonWhat can we do to bring BofM from darkness into light?
Mormon 8:21-22	How can these words strengthen us?Can anything stop the work of the Lord?
Mormon 8:26-32	What did Mormon prophesy about today?Can we see these things today?
Mormon 8:34-35	What did Mormon say about us?Why was Moroni able to prophesy so clearly about last days?
Mormon 8: 36-41	How does pride affect attitude toward needy?What else did Moroni see about us as a society?
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Mormon 9:6	How can we dwell in God's presence?	Can we of ourselves be made worthy?
Mormon 9:7-8	What people do not believe in gifts?	Is this people within or without the church?
Mormon 9:11-17	How is God a God of Miracles?	Have you witnessed miracles in your life?
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