

Ezekiel 37:17

“They shall become one in thine hand” (Ezekiel 37:17)

Some people say they believe in the Bible but do not see a need for the Book of Mormon. Discuss your answers to the following question: Why is it important to have more than one book of scripture that testifies of Jesus Christ?

One way the Bible and the Book of Mormon are united is by footnotes that provide cross-references between the two books. Find a verse in the Book of Mormon that testifies of Jesus Christ (such as Helaman 5:12). Look in the footnotes of the verse you found, and identify a verse in the Bible that testifies of Jesus Christ.



Read aloud the following statement by President Boyd K. Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, who spoke of the blessings available because you can study the Bible and the Book of Mormon together.



“The stick or record of Judah . . . and the stick or record of Ephraim . . . are now woven together in such a way that as you pore over one you are drawn to the other; as you learn from one you are enlightened by the other. They are indeed one in our hands. Ezekiel’s prophecy now stands fulfilled.

“With the passing of years, these scriptures will produce successive generations of faithful Christians who know the Lord Jesus Christ and are disposed to obey His will . . .

“. . . The revelations will be opened to them as to no other in the history of the world. Into their hands now are placed the sticks of Joseph and of Judah. They will develop a gospel scholarship beyond that which their forebears could achieve. They will have the testimony that Jesus is the Christ and be competent to proclaim Him and to defend Him” (“Scriptures,” *Ensign*, Nov. 1982, 53).

Discuss your answers to the following question: How has studying both the Bible and the Book of Mormon helped you to feel prepared to proclaim and defend your testimony of Jesus Christ?

