

Symbols & Explanations

Bold Type

The use of **Bold Type** identifies significant words. These could be ‘more common’ 3+ word strings, synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, or interesting data (either singular or multi-word) which does not always match exactly but might otherwise fill a theme or motif in a different way.

Example: The 1 Kings 19:9 verse for 2 Nephi 5:19 has six words in common except “**words/word.**” It would be a complete string except for this. Therefore, you have two 3+ matching word strings on either side of “**words/word.**” The significance is still substantial even though it missed being a 7-word string by a single “**word.**”

Underlined Bold

All **underlined bold words** indicate the instance you’re reading is the *only* time it occurs in EITHER, or sometimes both, the Book of Mormon, Bible, or Apocrypha.

Example: During this same passage (above) from 2 Nephi 5:19, the words “**according to the commandments of the**” appears in the Book of Ecclesiasticus (29:11) from the Apocrypha. This six-word sequence appears no other time in the Bible. It is more common in the Book of Mormon since it surfaces in 2 Nephi 31:18, Jacob 5:74, and Alma 47:48. As such, these words are NOT underlined within the Book of Mormon column. *Note: By simply dropping the “s” from “commandments” you reduce the instance of this string to 3 (from 4) in the Book of Mormon and increase it from once to 13 times in the Bible.*

Underlined Bold-Red

All **underlined bold-red words** indicate the instance you’re reading is the *only* time it occurs in BOTH the Book of Mormon and Bible/Apocrypha.

Example: During this same passage (above) from 2 Nephi 5:19, notice “**according to the commandments **of the****” the last two words are **underlined in bold-red**. This is because they are part of the string “**of the Lord until the**” – matched with Joshua 7:6. This 5-word string never surfaces any other time in either the Bible/Apocrypha or the Book of Mormon.

[Brackets]

Words found within [brackets] are limited to the Book of Mormon side. These are words which are found in the original handwritten manuscripts but have since been changed or removed.

Example: During this same passage (above) from 2 Nephi 5:19, notice the word **[that]** is contained within [brackets]. When first dictated, the passage read “until the time that they sought to” It currently reads “until the time they sought to”; leaving out the sometimes-undesirable word “that.” However, its exclusion would also dismiss the 4-word string from First Maccabees; making the *very rare combination* of **underlined bold-red words** which currently exists in *neither* the Book of Mormon nor the standard KJV Bible.

/forward-slash/

Each verse in the Book of Mormon column has a sequence of words (normally three) found /within forward slashes/. The words within these slashes are the most common string matches in that verse to the Bible/Apocrypha.

Example: 2 Nephi 5:19 identifies the three words “/of the Lord/” within a pair of forward slashes. No other 3-string instance from the Bible/Apocrypha *within this verse* occurs more frequently. Indeed, “/of the Lord/” surfaces nearly 2,000 times between the Bible and Apocrypha. These examples are used to highlight the most common strings found between the books, in a singular verse from the Book of Mormon.

Italics

Words found in *italics* are limited to the Book of Mormon side. These words occur *only* in the Book of Mormon and are NOT Biblical.

~~Strikethrough~~

A ~~strikethrough~~ is used with Book of Mormon words, letters, or spaces identified as being ~~incorrect~~ or in ~~error~~ in some way. These are limited in being from the original handwritten manuscripts and are found within [brackets].

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An illegible character within a partially legible word is rendered with a hollow diamond. Repeated diamonds represent the approximate number of illegible characters. These are limited to being from the original handwritten manuscripts and are only found in the Book of Mormon column.

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This symbol separates chapters in the Book of Mormon column.