

# Names and Concepts Associated with Christ

## by Major Book of Mormon Authors

Author	Distinctive Name(s) for Christ	Topics Emphasized
Lehi	A Messiah, First-Fruits, Great Mediator, Holy Messiah, Lord God Almighty, Prophet	mercy, redemption
Nephi <sub>1</sub>	Son of the Most High God, Son of the Everlasting Father, Son of Righteousness, The Christ, Beloved Son, Very God of Israel, Mighty One of Israel	obedience and law, covenants to the house of Israel
Jacob	Mighty God, Maker, All-Powerful Creator, Great Creator	temple and priestly functions
Abinadi	Father, Son	innocent suffering, fatherhood and sonship
Benjamin	Heavenly King, Lord Omnipotent, Lord God Omnipotent	ceremonial and royal functions, atonement, blood
Alma <sub>2</sub>	Good Shepherd, Shepherd, Christ Jesus	mercy, conversion, judgment, joy, equity
Amulek	Christ the Son	atonement, arms of safety, sacrifice
Samuel	Great and Eternal Head, Lord of Hosts	destruction of evil
Mormon	His Son Jesus Christ, Holy Child, The Very God	God's love for his children
Moroni	Holy Being, Jehovah, Jesus	personal witness of Christ

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**Key Scripture** 2 Nephi 10:3

**Explanation** The writings of major Book of Mormon authors reflect a personalized understanding and testimony of Jesus Christ. This is evident in part by the unique names that they used to describe him. This chart highlights the names for Christ that are unique to each author. For example, Lehi is the only author who refers to Christ as “a prophet” (1 Nephi 10:4), while his son Nephi alone uses the name “Beloved Son” (2 Nephi 31:11) when quoting the words of God the Father. It may be that Lehi’s calling as a prophet allowed him to identify personally with Christ on that level and that Nephi’s position as a “beloved son” of Lehi helped him to readily understand Christ’s sonship. This chart also includes a column showing some of the major topics each author emphasizes in his discourses. Those topics are usually consonant with the names each author uses for Christ.

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