

History 13

The American Covenant

One Nation Under God



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Objectives:

- To gain a more in-depth understanding of the purpose and mission of the United States of America and our role in fulfilling that destiny.
- To better appreciate the workings of God in the founding and history of our nation.
- To learn new concepts, people, vocabulary, etc.
- To prepare ourselves to be good citizens.

Course Format:

There are two texts for this course, both of great worth to our understanding of America's past *and* present. Each is to be read in order.

A suggested reading schedule is presented below to keep the student on track, time wise. However, he is welcome to read them all at once, if preferred.

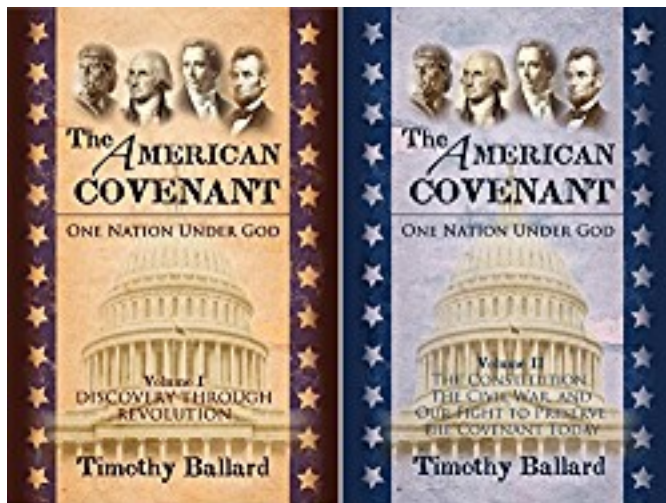
Required: The keeping of a course journal as illustrated below, plus two summary essays.

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Materials:

Course journal or journals, the number depending upon your "Ah-ha!" moments and insights.

Plus: the following two texts.



Amazon - \$22.95 & \$20.49
Deseret Book: \$22.95 each.

Note: Be sure to acquire the 2 Volume LDS version

Book Descriptions

Volume One - From Deseret Book

Have you ever wondered why similar spiritual feelings permeate your soul whether you are reading the prayerful words of the Hebrew military commander Joshua or General Washington? Or why your eyes get equally misty, and your heart similarly joyous, whether you are singing *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* or the *The Star Spangled Banner*? Yes, you know it is a “choice land” given by God, but have you ever considered that perhaps there is a deeper connection — even deeper than you ever imagined — between Heaven and America?

This book promises to open your eyes to this deeper connection. You will learn how and why ancient prophets — from Jacob (Israel), Joseph, Daniel, Jeremiah and Isaiah — foresaw the United States and knew of its divine ordination. Besides the advent of the Messiah, there were few things that almost all ancient prophets saw. America was one of them! More astonishing, perhaps, is the idea that the fathers of this nation — from the Pilgrims to the revolutionaries, to the patriots of the Civil War — knew they had been seen by the ancients!

Why else did the early settlers insist they were the “New Israel?” Why was George Washington’s scripture of choice an Old Testament prophecy about the gospel destiny of America? Why did John Adams seek a “Restoration,” and why did Jefferson directly prophecy that it would occur shortly after his death and that it would land upon the foundation of the Constitution? Why (and how) did Abraham Lincoln, like a prophet of old, fulfill ancient and modern prophecy? And how did God prepare him for the work he accomplished. You will learn why history has repeated itself in the founding of latter-day Israel, and why did the Founding Fathers feel such a profound connection (in life and death) to “temple” worship?

These are but samples of the many puzzle pieces that, when properly assembled, reveal the true nature and purpose of America. Other evidences include symbolic images on our dollar bill, miracles in war, a prophet’s warning, a president’s prayer, scriptures with cryptic meaning hiding in plain sight — pieces, clues, words and symbols that actually fit perfectly together. Upon finishing this book, you will ask, “How did I not see all this before?”

The key to assembling the pieces, to solving the puzzle, and to understanding the miracles, is found in an ancient promise from the God who created this nation. It is found in *The American Covenant*.

Volume Two – From Deseret Book...

The exciting and miraculous story of the American Covenant continues! With the Revolution drawing to a close, the nation-builders would need their national covenant with the Almighty like never before. Picking up where Volume 1 left off, Volume 2 will take you through the spiritually charged events surrounding the creation of the Constitution and the tragedy of the Civil War. You will also discover the undervalued events leading up to the present day, which shine further light on the covenant.

As with Volume 1, upon finishing this second volume, you will ask, How did I not see all this before? As you explore these (and many other) powerful insights, the back story of American history will, once again, open your eyes to the many stunning and miraculous events, signs, tokens, and revelations pertaining to the Promised Land. The key to understanding it all is found in an ancient promise delivered by the Almighty to the inhabitants of this very land; it is found in the American Covenant.

About the author – From Deseret Book

Timothy Ballard

Timothy Ballard graduated cum laude from Brigham Young University in Spanish and political science, then went on to receive and MA (summa cum laude) in international politics from the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Tim has worked for the Central Intelligence Agency and as a Special Agent for the Department of Homeland Security. He is the founder and CEO of Operation Underground Railroad, which rescues children from child-trafficking organizations throughout the world. The best-selling author of *The Lincoln Hypothesis*, he recently received the distinguished George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Tim is a devoted husband and the father of six children.

History 13 – The American Covenant **Suggested Reading Schedule**

Reading Notes:

The LOAD – Is light in comparison to the previous three levels of history.

This is because we really want our students to “get” this class and its message.

Why are there so many references in the Book of Mormon to the fact that this is a promised land and that whosoever possesses it must serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, or be swept off when fully ripe in iniquity? (Ether 2:8)

Timothy Ballard takes us through the literal making of the American Covenant and what our founding fathers knew so well: the ancient roots and the fulfillment of prophecy that is America.

PLEASE, take your time and digest this information. We believe you will be richly rewarded if you do, and you'll never be the same again.

The FORMAT – You will be reading two texts. The first, Volume One is scheduled over 15 weeks, with a summary essay of what you discovered taking a sixteenth week. Volume Two's reading schedule is over eighteen weeks, with another summary essay detailing what you learned in the second volume and what you are going to do with this knowledge.

The COURSE JOURNAL – Immensely important, if you want credit and proof you read the materials. At least one composition book or the like is required, annotated and marked in each page as illustrated on the preceding page above.

It is to hold your thoughts, insights, inspirations and “Ah-Ha!” moments while reading your assignments. As expressed earlier, just because we have suggested a reading schedule does NOT mean you have to follow it. If you would prefer to read it all in a few weeks, no problem. Just make sure you record your journal. A 100 page composition book filled journal = passing. No journal or very little in your journal = not passing. So, pray for insight and discernment, read, contemplate, mark and write. Your summary essays should be your final entries for each volume.

Above all, enjoy your journey through *The American Covenant*.

Reading Grid Follows

Schedule for Readings in The American Covenant

| Week | Assignment |
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| 1 | <i>The American Covenant, Vol. I - Preview</i> |
| 2 | Chapter 1 – The Covenant |
| 3 | Chapter 2 – The Covenant Makers |
| 4 | |
| 5 | Chapter 3 – Divine Discovery |
| 6 | Chapter 4 – Sacred Settlement |
| 7 | Chapter 5 – A Heaven-Sent Revolution |
| 8 | Chapter 6 – The Spirit of Independence |
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| 10 | Chapter 7 – Miracles at War |
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| 12 | Chapter 8 – Signs & Blessings in War's Aftermath |
| 13 | Chapter 9 – Ancient Orders, Founding Fathers, and the Temple of God |
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| 15 | Chapter 10 – The Declaration of Independence as Covenant |
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| 17 | Write Your Summary Essay for Volume I |
| 18 | <i>The American Covenant, Vol. II - Preview</i> |
| 19 | Chapter 1 – The Constitution: A Heavenly Banner |
| 20 | Chapter 2 – The Constitution as Covenant |
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| 22 | Chapter 3 - A Broken Covenant and a Godly Solution |
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| 24 | Chapter 4 – A War-torn Nation Turns Toward the Covenant |
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| 27 | Chapter 5 - A Humbled Nations Converts to the Covenant |
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| 29 | Chapter 6 – A Fight Between God and the Devil |
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| 32 | Chapter 7 – Saints, Symbols and Sacrifices: An Epilogue to War |
| 33 | Chapter 8 – The Covenant Redeemed |
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| 35 | Chapter 9 – A Charge to Keep: Living the Covenant Today |
| 36 | Write Your Summary Essay for Volume II |

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