

A Conference on
Third Nephi
New Perspectives on an Incomparable Scripture

September 26-27, 2008
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Conference Program

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Friday, September 26

Varsity Theater

6:30 PM

Welcoming Remarks

Paul Y. Hoskisson

Director of the Willes Center

6:35 PM

Opening Plenary Session

“New Insights Into the Temple Setting of the
Sermon on the Mount in Reference to the Sermon at the Temple”

John W. Welch

Professor of Law, BYU

7:00 PM-7:15 PM

Break

7:15 PM – 9:15 PM

Concurrent Sessions

Session One

Varsity Theater

“Preparing the Way for the Lord’s Coming”

Introductions

Frank F. Judd, Jr., Ancient Scripture, BYU

7:15 PM

“‘There Arose a Mist of Darkness’: The Narrative of
Lehi’s Dream in Christ’s Theophany.”

Daniel Belnap, Ancient Scripture, BYU

7:45 PM

“Third Nephi 9:19-20: The Offering of a Broken
Heart”

Dana Pike, Ancient Scripture, BYU

Session Two

Room 3222

“Experiencing the Lord”

Introductions

Gaye Strathearn, Ancient Scripture, BYU

7:15 PM

“Confirmation Bias and Contention”

Patrick R. Steffen, Clinical Psychology, BYU

7:45 PM

“‘They Came Forth and Fell Down and Partook of
the Fruit of the Tree’: Proskeynesis in Third Nephi
11:12-29 and 17:9-10 and Its Significance”

Matthew L. Bowen, Graduate Student

Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

8:15 PM
“The Savior’s Coronation in Third Nephi”
LeGrand Baker, Library Science (retired)
BYU

8:15 PM
“The Effects of the Manifestations of the Power of
Godliness through the Ordinances Performed by the
Savior and His Apostles”
Ron Bartholomew, Ancient Scripture, BYU

8:45 PM
“How oft Would I Have Gathered You As a Hen
Gathereth Her Chickens’: The Power of the Hen
Metaphor in Third Nephi 10:4-7”
Jane Allis-Pike, Ancient Scripture, BYU

8:45 PM
“Joy in Third Nephi”
Daniel McKinlay, Senior Resident Scholar
Maxwell Institute, BYU

Saturday, September 27

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Concurrent Sessions

Session Three
Varsity Theater
“The Lord’s Prayers”

Session Four
Room 3222
“The Lord’s Prophecies”

Introductions
Morgan Davis, Maxwell Institute, BYU

Introductions
Cynthia Hallen, Linguistics, BYU

8:00 AM
“The Praying Savior: Insights from the Gospels of
Luke and Third Nephi”
Robert L. Millet, Ancient Scripture, BYU

8:00 AM
“The Writings of Malachi in Third Nephi: A
Foundation for Zion in the Past and Present”
Aaron Schade, Religion, BYU Hawaii
David R. Seely, Ancient Scripture, BYU

8:30 AM
“Jesus Blessed Them. . .and His Countenance Did
Shine Upon Them’: Understanding Third Nephi 19 in
Light of the Priestly Blessing”
Matthew J. Grey, Graduate Student
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

8:30 AM
“Jesus’ Use of Isaiah to Teach the Doctrine of the
Gathering in Third Nephi 20:11-23:3”
Gaye Strathearn, Ancient Scripture, BYU

9:00 AM
“‘Nothing Upon Earth So White’: Third Nephi 19:25
and Becoming Like Christ”
Richard Dilworth Rust, Emeritus Prof. of English
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

9:00 AM
“‘And They Understood Me Not’: Third Nephi as
Fulfillment of Jesus’ Eschatological Prophecies”
Heather Hardy, Independent Scholar
Asheville, North Carolina

9:30 AM- 9:45 AM
Break

9:45 AM – 11:15 AM
Concurrent Sessions

Session Five
Varsity Theater
“Theological Implications”

Introductions
Daniel C. Peterson, Maxwell Institute, BYU

9:45 AM
“The Social Model of the Trinity in Third Nephi”
David Paulsen, Philosophy, BYU

10:15 AM
“Children of Light: How the Nephites Created Two Centuries of Peace”
*Robert Rees, Emeritus Professor
University of California, Santa Cruz*

10:45 AM
“The ‘Father’s Covenant People’ Sermon in Third Nephi 20:10-23:5”
Victor Ludlow, Ancient Scripture, BYU

Session Six
Room 3222
“The Written Record”

Introductions
Morgan Davis

9:45 AM
“Christ’s Use of Scripture in Third Nephi 19-26”
*Grant Hardy, History
University of North Carolina, Asheville*

10:15 AM
“Reading and the Menardian Paradox in Third Nephi”
George Handley, Humanities, BYU

10:45 AM
“‘So Great and Marvelous Things’: The Literary Message of Third Nephi”
Charles Swift, Ancient Scripture, BYU

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM
Break

11:30 AM
Concluding Plenary Session
Varsity Theater

Panel Discussion
“Third Nephi: An Incomparable Scripture”
Moderator: *Daniel C. Peterson*

Panelists
S. Kent Brown, Grant Hardy, Robert L. Millet, Richard Dilworth Rust, and John W. Welch