

# Understanding the Apostasy and the Need for the Restoration

NEW TESTAMENT SEMINARY MANUAL

Study the following scripture passages and the statement by President Russell M. Nelson, and then respond to the questions below.

1. 1 Nephi 13:24–28: Nephi sees in vision what would happen to important truths in the Bible.
2. Amos 8:11–12: Amos prophesies of a coming spiritual famine.
3. Acts 20:29–30: Paul warns that members of the Savior’s Church would be led astray from the gospel.
4. President Russell M. Nelson taught:



“Our living God is a loving God! He wants His children to know Him and Jesus Christ, whom He has sent! And He wants His children to gain immortality and eternal life!

“For this glorious purpose, our missionaries teach of the Restoration. They know that some 2,000 years ago, the Lord established His Church. After His Crucifixion and the death of His Apostles, men changed the Church and its doctrine. Then, after generations of spiritual darkness, and as predicted by previous prophets, Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ restored the Church, its doctrine, and its priesthood authority. Because of that Restoration, knowledge and essential ordinances for salvation and exaltation are again available to all people. Ultimately, that exaltation allows each of us to dwell with our families in the presence of God and Jesus Christ forever!” (Russell M. Nelson, “Catch the Wave,” *Ensign* or *Liahona*, May 2013, 46)

- What did you learn about the Great Apostasy from these scripture passages and President Nelson’s statement?
- What did you learn about Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ through these teachings?
- Based on what you learned, why was the Restoration necessary?