The Fall 2014 course paper will answer the following statement: What does the Book of Mormon teach regarding one of its major themes: the scattering and gathering of Israel? The following is to help you put together this paper.

Title: The Literal Gathering of Israel

Introduction to the Paper:

I. The THESIS of the Course Paper: What does the Book of Mormon teach concerning the literal gathering of Israel?

A. Article of Faith 10 “We believe in the literal gathering of Israel and in the restoration of the ten tribes”. D&C 110:11

B. Moroni’s preface:
   At the beginning of the Book of Mormon, Moroni wrote a preface describing the three major purposes of the Book of Mormon. He said that the Book of Mormon was “Written to the Lamanites, who are a remnant of the house of Israel; and also to the Jew and Gentile” and “to show unto the remnant of the house of Israel what great things the Lord hath done for their fathers; and that they may know the covenants of the Lord, that they are not cast off forever—And also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that JESUS is the CHRIST”. The purposes given by Moroni are referring to the great covenant the Lord made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob which is the doctrinal basis of what the scattering and gathering of Israel, and major theme of the Book of Mormon. The purpose of the course paper is to reveal the various topics relative to the theme of the scattering and gathering of Israel.

B. The Allegory of the Scattering and Gathering of Israel (Jacob 5)
   Jacob wrote down an allegory found in the writings of Zenos on the brass plates that overviews the scattering and gathering of Israel.

Main Body:

II. The main body will answer the following questions/topics (using teachings from the Book of Mormon assignments and articles we have read):

What is meant by the phrase “the gathering of Israel?  
What are the purposes of the gathering of Israel?  
What consists of the gathering of Israel?  
What role does faith, repentance, baptism, gift of the Holy Ghost play in the gathering of Israel?  
What role does the temple play in the gathering of Israel?  
What are the various ways and places in which Israel literally gathers?  
What is the relationship between the gathering and Zion?  
What role do the gentiles play in the gathering of Israel?