Scripture Study

Keys to getting the most out of scripture study:
- Seek the guidance of the Holy Ghost (see John 14:26 and JS-H 1:73-74)
- Keep a journal and/or take notes (write down questions, insights, and impressions)
- Use the LDS Gospel Library app tools: notes, tags, links, and notebooks
- Use additional resources (see below)

To better understand doctrine and Church history, use:
- Conference Reports
- Books and teachings by prophets and apostles
- JST / *Joseph Smith's New Translation of the Bible*
- Joseph Smith Papers
- Resources within Gospel Library app:
  - Institute Student Manuals
  - Revelations in Context
  - Gospel Topics Essays
  - Church History Topics
  - Answers to Church History Questions

To better understand history, culture, geography, customs, linguistics, etc., use:
- Dictionaries
  - *Websters 1828 Dictionary* is helpful for understanding words found in both the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants
- Bible Dictionaries (examples include: Vine's, Unger's, Eerdman's, etc.)
- *Clarke's Commentary on the Bible* (by Adam Clarke)
- *Commentary on the Old Testament* (by Keil & Delitzsch)
- *Strong's Concordance of the Bible*
- Works by Flavius Josephus, particularly *Antiquities of the Jews*
- *Legends of the Jews* (by Louis Ginzberg)
- *Life of Christ* (by Frederick Farrar)
- *Bible History OT* and *Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* (by Alfred Edersheim)
- Other Bible versions (see Handbook 38.8.41.1) — NIRV, NIV, NLT, ESV, NRSV, etc

Apps to download:
- LDS Gospel Library
- LDS Scripture Citation Index
- Bible Hub

Some things to remember:
- Google / AI is great for finding information; however, it should not be relied on for answers. Instead, use it to find trustworthy sources and links for further research. For example, AI will often direct you to the Church website or to BYU Religious Studies.
- LDS scholars and podcasters are not prophets. The counsel provided in D&C 91 regarding apocryphal writings could be properly applied to scholarly work as well.