



Gathered in One

How the Book of Mormon Counters Anti-Semitism in the New Testament

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Since the Holocaust, a growing consensus of biblical scholars have come to recognize the unfair and misleading anti-Semitic rhetoric in the New Testament—language that has arguably contributed to centuries of violence and persecution against the Jewish people.

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